



Law Committee Agenda

March 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Law Committee

Rich Bardach, Chair
Natalie Wolf
Tom Muething

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: April 27, 2021

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Legal Expenses
2. Property Maintenance Code Enforcement for 2022

ADJOURNMENT

APRIL 27, 2021 LAW COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Attendees: Richard Bardach, Natalie Wolf, Scot Lahrmer, Tom Muething, Elida Kamine and Andy Kaake.
- The minutes of the November 23, 2020 law committee meeting carried unanimously.
- The Law Committee periodically reviews the legal costs incurred by the Village. The Committee unanimously agreed that the legal costs incurred by the Village since our last review were customary, although higher than normal due to review of the Village legislation associated legal work.
- The Law Committee reviewed revisions to the Amberley Village Code of Ordinances regarding temporary uses. The committee discussed updating the Village code to streamline the process for approving temporary events. Staff believed that temporary events for a period of 7 days or less should be approved by the Village Manager. Events with a duration of 7 days or longer would still be required to get approval from the BZA. A motion to recommend the revision was carried unanimously.

Wood and Lamping invoices

<u>thru</u>	<u>2016</u>	N Site Title	M. Gerson	<u>2017</u>	N Site Title	Duke Pipeline	<u>2018</u>	Duke Pipeline	<u>2019</u>	Duke Pipeline	<u>2020</u>	Duke Pipeline	<u>2021</u>	Duke Pipeline
		<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>
January	\$3,310.00			\$7,134.00	**		\$7,831.56	\$147.20	\$2,172.73	\$332.20	\$ 4,448.00	\$47.50	2375.00	95.00
February	2081.00	160.00		2169.00			3354.50		3033.60	792.60	2928.00	285.00	1254.00	
March	2432.00			6638.92	100.00		4450.77		2000.00	684.00	7398.00	237.50	2945.00	
April	1430.00		\$ 2,008.00	5615.48			1500.00	312.80	1856.00	152.00	8816.00	237.50	2698.00	
May	3487.00		258.00	2340.55		1380.00	1500.00		4064.00				4408.00	
June	4197.00	*		1362.50		2304.60	650.00	184.00	1407.40	38.00	6944.00	76.00	6153.72	
July	2468.00	341.00		2949.60		1784.80	800.00		2240.00		5984.00	95.00	2610.00	
August	4847.00	316.00		1958.20		1913.60	2302.50		2352.00		9429.00		3382.00	
September	5205.00			3923.30			1594.80		2000.00		12978.54		1615.00	
October	5982.00			6581.75			6176.80	147.20	3680.00		2888.00		2688.00	
November	10556.00	**		3159.00			2982.60	110.40	3664.00		4009.00		2480.00	
December	10321.00	**		6003.90			4423.00	92.00	2145.90	712.5	2888.00	133.00	1872.00	
Total	\$56,316.00	\$817.00	\$2,266.00	\$49,836.20	\$100.00	\$7,383.00	\$37,566.53	\$993.60	\$30,615.63	\$2,711.30	\$68,710.54	\$1,111.50	20800.72	
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											\$20,800.00	TOTAL BILLED SINCE LAST REVIEW		
											\$14,143.32	TOTAL PAID SINCE LAST REVIEW		



Property Maintenance Violations
by Street 2021

Street Name	Specific Violation(s)
Ambercreek Drive	Intersection visibility
Arborcrest Dr	Above ground pool
Arborcrest Dr	Bus in driveway
Arborcrest Dr	Camper in driveway
Burning Tree Lane	High grass and weeds
Burning Tree Lane	High grass and weeds
Burning Tree Lane	Weeds
Crestdale Court	Trailer parking
Davis Lane	Inoperable vehicle in driveway
Davis Lane	Inoperable vehicle in driveway
	High grass and no visible house numbers from the street
E Galbraith Road	
E Galbraith Road	High grass and weeds and debris
E Galbraith Road	High weeds and dilapidated fence in front yard
E. Galbraith Road	Brush pile
E. Galbraith Road	Grass cutting expense
E. Galbraith Road	High grass
Elbrook Avenue	Broken deck and high weeds
Elbrook Avenue	Gutter, soffit, and trailer
Elbrook Avenue	Repeat offender
Elbrook Avenue	Sagging eaves & gutter
Elbrook Avenue	Tall grass & weeds
Elbrook Avenue	Unrepaired storm damage
Fair Oaks Dr	Debris in yard
Fair Oaks Drive	High grass
Fairhaven Ln	Debris in yard
Fernwood Drive	Stop sign visibility
Hudson Parkway	Rubbish in yard
Hudson Pkwy	Rubbish & debris
Kincaid Road	High grass and overgrown shrubbery
Kincaid Road	High grass and overgrown shrubbery
Knoll Rd	High grass & debris
Lamarque Dr	Boat in driveway
Lamarque Dr	High grass
Laurel Oak Lane	High grass
	High grass & weeds
	bagged mulch in
Laurel Oak Lane	yard for months
	High grass & weeds
Laurel Oak Lane	Debris
Longmeadow Lane	Motorcycle parked grass
Meadowridge Drive	High grass
Meadowridge Lane	Debris in yard
Meadowridge Lane	Downed tree
Meadowridge Lane	High weeds, debris, & trash bins

Property Maintenance Violations
by Street 2021

Street Name	Specific Violation(s)
N. Farmcrest Dr.	Fence height
Rollman Estates Drive	Dead & leaning tree
Rollman Estates Drive	Intersection visibility
S. Whitetree Circle	High grass
Section Road	Kayak trailer in the driveway
Section Road	Overgrown shrubbery
Section Road	Overgrown shrubbery
Section Road	Overgrown shrubbery & inoperable vehicle
Section Road	Trash and debris
Twigwood Lane	Debris under awning
Twigwood Lane	Tall grass
W. Aracoma Drive	Bricks in driveway
W. Farm Acres	High grass
Willowbrook Dr	Trailer parking

Recycling Materials Expanded to Include Fruit and Yogurt Cups & Butter Containers

Rumpke recently announced the expansion of its recycling program beginning on January 4, 2021. Those participating in curbside recycling will now be able to recycle plastic tubs, including yogurt cups and butter tubs! Look for additional information to be shared by Rumpke and Amberley Village as we continue to partner to keep Amberley Village a top recycling community in Hamilton County!



BUTTER

dairy farm products



Keeping Trash Out of the Landfill



Amberley Village residents are reminded that an estimated 25% more trash will be discarded between Thanksgiving and the New Year than at any other time.

When preparing your trash and recycling, remember to break down your cardboard, remove packaging materials, ensure that all of the contents of your recycling are accepted in Rumpke's recycling stream, and place your cans at the curb.

Check out the additional resources at right for green alternatives to throwing items in the trash. Together we can create a greener and more sustainable Amberley Village!

Other Local Recycling Resources:

NEW! Address-Specific Info Search

Recycle Holiday Lights

Unwanted Holiday Decor

Recycle by Material

Food Scrap Drop Off

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Please Keep Roadways & Cul-de-Sacs Clear for Snow Plows

When snow is in the forecast, residents are asked to move all vehicles into driveways and off Village streets to allow for the efficient removal of snow. This not only assists in efficient snow removal by our Maintenance Department, but enables emergency vehicle

access to residential properties in the event of an emergency.

As we head into the snowy winter months, we're committed to upholding our reputation for strong services! Please be respectful of your neighbors and assist in keeping Amberley Village streets clear and safe for all residents. Questions? Call Amberley Village at 531-8675



Thanks for doing your part to keep Amberley Village safe!

Amberley Angels' Identities Revealed!

As a follow up to last month's story on the Amberley Angels who left messages of encouragement for residents, we received an e-mail from one of their moms. Read on!

"The blocks are the work of Ruby Gilles & Grace Cotton. The girls call themselves the "AOK Club" (for Acts of Kindness.) In addition to their painted blocks to cheer up neighborhood walks, they collaborated with Ruby's family this summer to hold a bake sale with donations going to the Dragonfly Foundation."

Thanks for celebrating these girls,
Laurie Cotton (proud mom)



The "Amberley Angels" are Acts of Kindness (AOK) Club members Grace Cotton (age 11) of Patrisal Court and Ruby Gilles (age 10) of Longmeadow Drive.

Register Your Trees!



Amberley Village Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) reminds residents to register trees planted since 2013 with Taking Root, a local non-profit organization comprised of individuals, governmental entities, businesses and parks committed to the restoration of our local tree canopy.

Taking Root and its members, including the Amberley Village ESC, have set a goal of reaching 2 million new tree plantings. Help them reach their goal by registering yours!

Amberley Village Community Garden Now Accepting Plot Applications for 2021!



Amberley Village Community Garden now has plots available. Amberley Green hosts 36 garden plots for the April – November growing season, complete with deer fencing, access to a garden cart and water, and friendly gardeners to share in the experience. Plot size is 9 x 15, and rental cost for the season is just \$50. Organic practices are utilized, so no pesticides or other chemicals are permitted. As a

hub garden of the Civic Garden Center, monthly demonstrations of garden techniques and cooking ideas for produce are planned. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference given to returning gardeners through year's end. Be sure to check back early next year for your opportunity to grab a plot and get gardening!

2021 Amberley Green Organic Community Garden Application

Wildlife in Winter

*Please think twice before feeding wild animals -
you may be doing them more harm than good!*

Winter wildlife is beautiful to watch, but residents are warned to be wary of interfering by feeding or interacting with wild animals. The Village has seen an increase in visibility by wild coyotes, and much of the problem arises from residents feeding and drawing out deer, which are attractive to packs of coyotes.

Residents should understand the negative implications to the animals, neighbors and those driving through the Village. Wildlife breeds to match its food source. Human feeding causes an unnatural imbalance, and causes overpopulation. This not only results in danger to people and animals, but it also upsets the natural ecosystem.

A Coyote is in Your Backyard. What Should You Do?



1. Understand that coyotes are common throughout Ohio's 88 counties in both rural and urban settings. They are not wild animals living in Ohio.
2. Identify that the coyote is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. Due to the lack of this one tip, if you determine that the animal is a stray dog, contact your local dogcatcher.
3. If you do have a coyote on your property, remove all "attractants" to possibly deter the coyote from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around the grill. Coyotes prey primarily on small mammals such as rabbits and mice. Small pets may also be taken. Keep small dogs and cats inside, or away from them at night when coyotes are most active. Coyotes are curious and generally fearful of humans. Keep your hands and chest to scare off coyotes that are investigating your yard.
4. If the coyote enters your yard, avoid to talk a dog of human to be preventing a coyote's entry about removing attractants from your yard, contact a wildlife trapper. You can locate a trapper near you by calling the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3545). Coyotes in rural areas can be controlled through legal hunting and trapping methods. Consult the county Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for more information. Go to wildlife.state.oh.us to view more information online.

Read more

Winterize Your Home & Vehicle!

If you have not already, winterize
your home and vehicle before

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winter weather hits, so you are prepared for winter conditions. Follow these tips to make sure your home and vehicle are ready for the cold, ice, and snow:

- Clean out gutters and downspouts, and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Replace damaged roof shingles and fix loose gutters.
- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned before use.
- Insulate pipes exposed to cold. Drain any piping not required during the winter months.
- Have a professional inspect your furnace to ensure efficiency - replace the filter in your furnace.
- Have a professional take a look at your vehicle. If needed, get an oil change, fill up windshield washer fluid, and have your battery checked.
- Check your headlights, taillights, and turn signals. Replace foggy, hazy, or damaged lens covers to improve visibility.
- Check your windshield wipers. Replace wipers if they leave streaks of water on the windshield or if wiper blade rubber shows signs of cracking.
- Check the exhaust – replace or repair leaks and crimped pipes.
- Prepare winter emergency preparedness kits for your car. Add items such as blankets, an ice scraper, a cell phone charger, and plenty of food.



Always be aware, prepared, and notified so as not to be caught off guard by severe weather. Sign up for Alert Hamilton County to receive weather updates and emergency information via text, call, and email. To sign up for Alert Hamilton County, you must also sign up for Smart 911. This life-saving technology allows you to give vital information to 9-1-1 dispatch before an emergency.

Sign up today at alerthc.org.

Source: Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Distracted Driving: Phone Down Increases Safety

Residents are reminded to keep phones down while driving. If you **text and drive**, you're 23 times more likely to have a car crash.

Texting while driving has become the number one **driving** distraction for many people. Drivers need to be aware of the dangers and keep their attention on the road, not on their cell phones or other mobile devices.



Check out the 10 Pragmatic Reasons That Will Make You Stop Texting and Driving Today via the Learn More button below. While geared more toward beginning drivers, the truth is, we could all use a healthy reminder of the dangers of this all-too-tempting activity that takes our attention away from the road. You can even print out a free certificate for taking the quiz!

[Learn More](#)

[Take the Distracted Driving Quiz](#)

Amberley Village MASK UP Campaign & Vaccine Update

The five-member commission has been appointed in accordance with the [ordinance](#) and had its first meeting on March 13, 2019. The commission is deeply committed to addressing any instances of discrimination that might occur in Amberley. It also seeks to enhance education about discrimination and demonstrate that Amberley is an open and welcoming community. Meetings of the commission are public and the commission encourages residents to be involved. We want to hear your stories about living in Amberley so we can celebrate our successes and address any concerns.

The Human Rights Commission can help resolve any complaints with the consent of the complainant. Please attend our meetings and/or contact us at humanrights@amberlevillage.org.



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

If you are interested in serving on the Human Rights Commission, submit the application (available via the link below) to slahrmer@amberlevillage.org by Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Download Application Now!

No Posting on Utility Poles in the Village: Even for Lost Pets

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Amberley Village Police Department has recently received several complaints regarding flyers being posted on utility poles throughout the Village, particularly with regard to lost pets.

Please remember that utility poles are the property of the utility companies, and are not authorized posting places. Social media outlets are more effective resources for locating lost pets, with Nextdoor leading the pack for Amberley Village neighbor interaction.

Kindly leave the utility poles to the utility companies, and utilize services such as those linked below.

Lost pets can also be reported to Amberley Village Police-Fire at 531-2040.



[Pawboost](#)
[Cincinnati SPCA](#)
[Nextdoor Amberley](#) (search Amberley Village)
[Tri-State Lost Pets on Facebook](#)

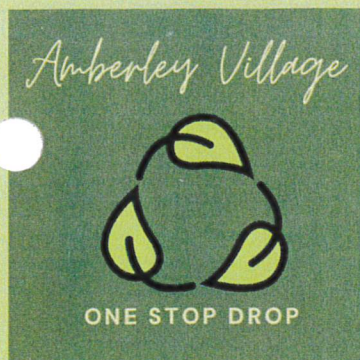
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Safety Tip: Porch & Outdoor Lights Prevent Crime

Outdoor lights help make for an easy crime deterrent at night. While motion-sensing lights are by far the best option, simply leaving a porch light on along with the back door or side door lights works very well. Criminals don't usually like to break down a door or bust out a window if they can be seen. Leaving on an outdoor light is one way to draw attention to them.



[More Residential Crime Prevention Tips](#)



One Stop Drop

The Amberley Village Environmental Stewardship Committee has been meeting monthly to determine the best way to proceed to ensure the strongest recycling outcome with a priority on the safety of our residents. For these reasons, the annual One Stop Drop will be moved to the fall months to ensure adequate time for the COVID vaccine to reach its fullest effect.

Look for information to come in subsequent E-News and print newsletter editions. And be sure to check out the Amberley Village website, as well as sign up for emails to receive regular updates!

Tax Due April 15

Amberley Village will follow Ohio filing deadlines, which as of this printing were still April 15. While there is no in-person tax preparation assistance available due to COVID-19, Jenny West is available by phone at 531-0130 or via email at taxoffice@amberleyvillage.org. Staff has also set up a new Tax page on the Village website, which consolidates important tax information in one place and is accessible from the top menu on the home page. In addition, a new secure e-mail service has been set up to allow for the safe digital submission of tax forms. Check the new tax page for updates to filing and payment deadlines.

Residents are also invited to utilize the Village Tax Drop Box when submitting forms in person. The Drop Box is monitored 24/7 and emptied regularly to ensure security.

Please remember to:

- Include 1040 pages 1 & 2
- Enclose W-2 showing tax withheld
- Sign your return
- Remit payment



Cincinnati Tax Rate Change

Residents should be aware that the earned income tax rate for the City of Cincinnati decreased in October 2020 from 2.1% to 1.8%. For residents who reside in Amberley and work in Cincinnati, this means important changes in filing.

When the tax rate for the City of Cincinnati was 2.1%, the tax liability for Amberley Village was met in full. Beginning with tax year 2021, the change in the earnings tax rate for the City of Cincinnati means .2% of Amberley Village tax liability will be due with Village tax returns in April 2022.

Each resident who works in the City of Cincinnati may be impacted differently based on whether their employer withholds Amberley Village tax. If your employer does not withhold Amberley tax from your paycheck, then .2% is due for Amberley Village. Residents in this situation may want to consider paying quarterly taxes or ask their employer to change their withholdings to offset taxes due for tax year 2021 and beyond. Questions? Contact Jenny West at 531-0130 or jwest@amberleyvillage.org.

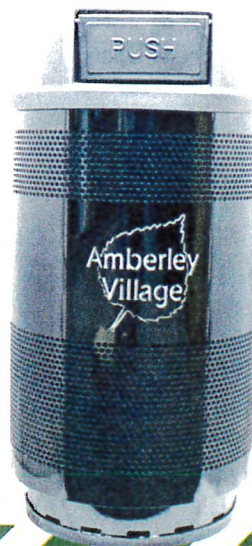
Litter-ally Speaking

Litter pickup in the right-of-way is an ongoing struggle for Amberley Village Crews. While our mowing contractor collects litter weekly during mowing season, the responsibility falls to the Maintenance Department in winter. However, when streets are covered in snow for extended periods, litter collects en masse. Crews walked Ridge, Section and Galbraith after the snow melt, and gathered 88 30-gallon bags of litter totaling 96 bags for the month of January.

While much of the trash in our right-of-ways comes from motorists passing through the Village, residents are asked to refrain from littering on our roads. Thanks to Village Crews for keeping Amberley looking beautiful!



Can It!



As part of the Village commitment to keeping our environment both clean AND green, Amberley Village will be installing new trash and recycling receptacles throughout the park at the Municipal Building. These are 55-gallon stadium cans with custom logos and a plastisol dipped finish. Look for them on Municipal Building grounds this coming Spring!

For more information about the new receptacles and how they're made locally, visit our website at www.amberleyvillage.org/

So, yogurt eaters rejoice! Bring on the butter tubs and toss in those fruit cups! All of these items will find new life through Rumpke's enhanced recycling program.

Simply rinse your containers, reattach lids and toss them into your bin loose with the rest of your recycling items!

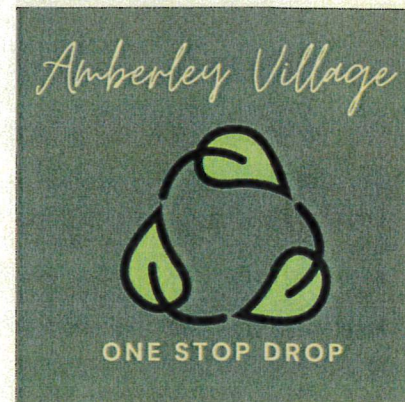


Planning Ahead: One Stop Drop Update

Amberley Village has remained constant in its commitment to recycling. Even in the face of a world pandemic, this remains true - but with strong consideration to the safety of our residents.

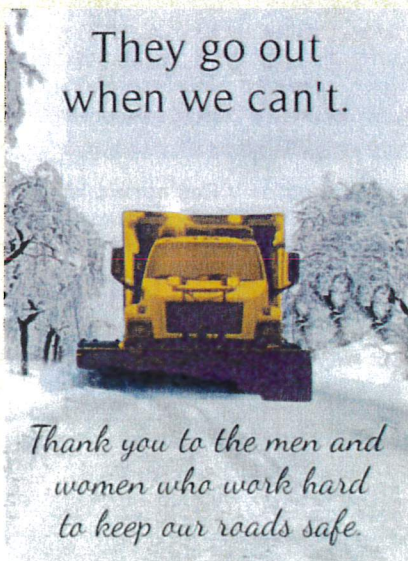
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March 2021 E-News

Spring Thaw in Amberley Village: How You Can Help



A special thanks to our Maintenance Crew for their quick and effective efforts during our recent snowstorms! In the aftermath, the quick melt and spring rains promise plenty of challenges for all of us.

To help reduce the problem and alleviate spring flooding, the Amberley Village Maintenance Department has begun clearing catch basins, opening stormwater cross culverts, and moving snow from areas in the Village more prone to spring flooding. As the snow melts, please make sure your driveway culvert is clear and free of debris. Clogged, frozen driveway culverts impact not just your property, but your entire block or neighborhood.

Please do your part and make sure your driveway culvert is clear and free of debris. Thanks in advance for your assistance as we work to ensure a continued high level of service!

Chief Wallace's Citizen of Excellence Awards

Each year, Chief Wallace, on behalf of the Amberley Village



Amberley
Village

You're Invited to a
Tree Dedication



Please join us in honoring
the memory of
Council Member Ed Hattenbach

Sunday
May 16, 2021
11:00 AM

Amberley Village Municipal Building

Residents are invited to a special Tree Dedication honoring the memory of Councilmember Ed Hattenbach on Sunday, May 16 at 11 am. The Dedication will take place at the end of the Municipal Building Driveway, where a lacebark elm tree will be planted overlooking the tennis courts toward the rear entrance of the building. In addition to the Tree Dedication, a memorial brick has been added to the Plaza in front of the Municipal Building.

Spring Spruce-Up & Property Maintenance



Replacing shingles at Fair Oaks



Repainting poles at the North Site



Planning for updates



Composting chipped wood



Installation of new trash cans



Close-up of shingle replacement

Spring is fully upon us, and Village Maintenance Crews are taking full advantage of the weather to ensure facilities and services are prepped for maximum summer enjoyment! Residents are encouraged to do the same with their properties, and many homeowners have begun making plans to enhance their use of the lush outdoor space afforded them here in the Village.

A number of activities require that you obtain a permit from the Village before you undertake them, including:

Garage sales
Block parties
Alarm systems
Zoning approval

Sheds
Fences

Spring is also a time where the Village sees more Property Maintenance violations. The following are just a few of the recommended activities residents can perform to ensure Amberley Village remains pristine and green:

- Mow/trim high grass and noxious weeds
- Repair chipped paint and weathered/moldy surfaces
- Trim shrubs in line of sight on roads to ensure visibility
- Sweep up grass clippings and debris from gutters and catch basins
- Place brush at curb in perpendicular, straight lines (see additional guidelines below)

*Together, we can keep Amberley Village
a beautiful neighborhood in which to live!*

Permits

View Village Spruce-Up Gallery!

Brush Collection Reminders

Working Together Can Increase Brush Removal for Everyone!



As always this time of year, residents are asked to "brush

up!" on their brush collection knowledge to increase the Maintenance Crew's ability to reach all residents in a timely manner. Mixed piles, tangled brush and improper placement can slow Crews down, and even cause injury. Piles left by contractors, which are not eligible for pickup, steal resources from taxpayers and take advantage of this service.

Take a moment to review the informative video at left, and always call the Administrative Offices at 531-8675 with any questions.

**Stronger
Together**

If you know someone who is currently not receiving our emails, they may contact Clerk of Council Tammy Reasoner at treasoner@amberleyvillage.org with their name and email address, and we'll be happy to add them to our mailing list!

Chief Wallace to be Honored at Reds Jewish Community Night!

The Jewish Community has named Chief Wallace this year's recipient of the Cincinnati Reds Community Advocate Award. Chief will be honored at the Cincinnati Reds Jewish Community Night on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

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In response to resident concerns, Council adopted the Property Maintenance Code in 2007 that establishes standards for home maintenance as well as provides for enforcement of Code violations.

The Village requires properties to appear neat and uncluttered when viewed from the street, and to in no way present a nuisance or health hazard to neighbors or the public. For complete definitions and details, read through the Property Maintenance Code.

Reporting Violations

If you observe a poorly kept house or yard in your neighborhood, contact the Village Administration via email or call 531-8675, and they will handle it from there. For additional information regarding Amberley Village's Property Maintenance procedures, visit our website.

They're HEEERE! Brood X Cicadas Have Arrived!

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) emphasizes importance of trees to cicadas

"Cicada egg-laying behavior can kill plant branches from the egg-laying site to the tips of the twigs, often resulting in wilted and discolored foliage becoming apparent in mid-summer," said Macy. "Although this branch tip dieback may look like a major plant health concern, for most plants the damage is inconsequential."



The so-called "Brood X" cicadas emerge when the soil eight inches beneath the ground reaches 64 degrees Fahrenheit. Shortly after emerging, cicadas climb a vertical surface, like tree trunks, shed their exoskeletons, and develop into winged adults.

"Periodical cicadas make themselves known with their sheer numbers and their constant cricket-like noise, which is the male 'singing' to attract female cicadas," said Tom Macy, manager of the ODNR Division of Forestry Forest Health Program. "Cicada chorusing is the loudest natural noise in the world."

After mating, female periodical cicadas use their saw-like ovipositors, or egg-laying appendages, to cut slits into the stems and branches of trees and shrubs. They will deposit dozens of eggs into the openings. Several weeks later, the tiny newly hatched nymphs drop to the ground and burrow into the soil, where they feed on tree and plant roots, and develop for 17 years.

Periodical cicadas are actually beneficial to wildlife as an excellent food source, especially for wild turkey and many other bird and mammal species. Pesticides and repellents are largely

deductible. For more information, click the program links below, or contact Carolyn Wallis at 531-8675 or at cwallis@amberleyvillage.org.

Learn More About the Village Commemorative Brick Program!

Learn More About the Village Tree + Bench Donation Program!

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Property Maintenance in the Village

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Property Maintenance

The Village's Property Maintenance Code reinforces the high standard for which Village homes have come to be recognized.

While the Village responds proactively and follows through on complaints received about the exterior condition of homes and yards, the number has been on the rise. The Village has handled more property maintenance issues in recent years and is asking for assistance from all residents.

The Village has provided the summer checklist at right as a reference for homeowners. These represent the most common property maintenance violations in our community.

Maintaining your property's overall condition contributes to the overall aesthetics of Amberley Village, and helps strengthen property values.

Amberley Village



Mow grass weekly and be sure to plan for mowing services while out of town. Bag clippings for proper disposal; please do not blow clippings into the street.



Clear away toys and games from the yard after each use to keep things looking neat and prevent theft or damage.



Trash and recycling bins should be stored out of sight, and be placed at the curb no more than 24 hours before and after pickup.



Plan to store boats and RVs off-site. Recreation vehicles are only permitted for 24 hours for loading and unloading.



Remove dying and/or dead landscaping and trees. Overgrown and dying vegetation are unsightly, hazardous and lower property values.



Scrape peeling paint from the exterior of your home and shed and repair any damage.

Minor maintenance now can prevent major repairs in the future. Village staff and neighbors appreciate your cooperation!

Postcards were recently mailed out to residents regarding the increasing number of Property Maintenance violations, which included a summer checklist of some of the most reported violations throughout the Village. Residents are reminded that the Village requires properties to appear neat and uncluttered when viewed from the street, and in no way present a nuisance or health hazard to neighbors or the public. For complete definitions and details, see the [Property Maintenance Code](#).

Reporting Violations

While direct communication with neighbors is always encouraged, if you observe a poorly kept house or yard, you can also contact the Village Administration via email or call 531-8675, and they will handle it from there. For additional information regarding Amberley Village's Property Maintenance procedures, [visit our website](#).

July - August 2021 postcard

Property Maintenance



Summer Check List

The Village's Property Maintenance Code reinforces the high standard for which Village homes have come to be recognized.

While the Village responds proactively and follows through on complaints received about the exterior condition of homes and yards, the number has been on the rise. The Village has handled more property maintenance issues in recent years and is asking for assistance from all residents.

The Village has provided the summer checklist at right as a reference for homeowners. These represent the most common property maintenance violations in our community.

Maintaining your property's overall condition contributes to the overall aesthetics of Amberley Village, and helps strengthen property values.



Mow grass once a week. Make arrangements for mowing if you'll be out of town. Clippings should be bagged and properly discarded, not blown into the street.



Toys cleaned up from yard after each use.



Trash cans neatly stored, placed at curb no more than 24 hours prior to and removed 24 hours after collection.



Boats and RVs cannot be stored on your property. Make arrangements for them elsewhere.



Remove dying and/or dead landscaping and trees. These are not only unsightly but could also pose a hazard to you and your neighbors.



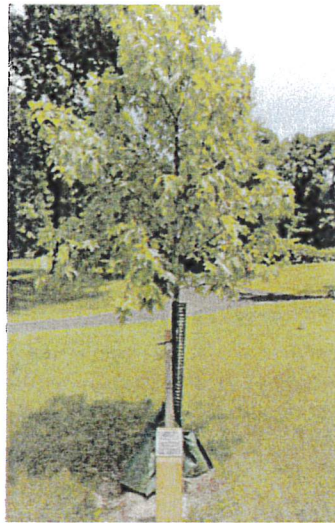
Scrape peeling paint from the exterior of your home and shed.

Village staff - and your neighbors - appreciate your cooperation in these efforts. By maintaining our properties, we also maintain the ambience for which Amberley Village has come to be recognized.

Since the introduction of the Tree + Bench Donation Program, three trees have been added to Amberley Village vistas near the Municipal Building:



Mr. Jerry Pabst of Lynnehaven Drive honored his wife and soulmate, Phyllis Followell, who passed away in February 2020 with a Silver Linden on the hillside near the playground. This tree has heart-shaped leaves that match the heart Mr. Pabst included on the plaque.



Ms. Betty Whitaker of Longmeadow Lane donated a tree in memory of her late husband, Arthur Whitaker, and his service to the Navy in WWII. An Autumn Fantasy Red Maple was chosen for installation along the Upper Walking Track.



Current and former members of Council and Village employees donated a Lacebark Elm in memory of Council Member Ed Hattenbach to commemorate his social nature. This tree is beautiful all year long and attracts both birds and butterflies.

Contributions to the Amberley Village Tree + Bench Donation Program are tax deductible, help expand the park-like feel of the Village and contribute to our continued efforts as a Tree City USA community!

Learn More About the Village Tree + Bench Donation Program!

If you know someone who is currently not receiving our emails, they may contact Clerk of Council Tammy Reasoner at treasoner@amberlevillage.org with their name and email address, and we'll be happy to add them to our mailing list!

Property Maintenance in the Village

*July 2021
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The Village requires properties to appear neat and uncluttered when viewed from the street, and in no way present a nuisance or health hazard to neighbors or the public. For complete definitions and details, see the [Property Maintenance Code](#).

Reporting Violations

If you observe a poorly kept house or yard, contact the Village Administration via email or call 531-8675, and they will handle it from there. For additional information regarding Amberley Village's Property Maintenance procedures, [visit our website](#).



Amberley Village COVID-19 & Vaccine Update



Effective July 1, all public meetings will be held in person. This is because the authority for Ohio local governments to hold virtual public meetings will expire on July 1 as stated in HB 404 from the 133rd General Assembly.

Residents are invited to attend public meetings, and masks will be required only for those not fully vaccinated. Amberley Village will continue its deep cleaning protocols, as well as provide hand sanitizer throughout the building. In addition, residents will notice several changes in our facilities to promote touchless access, including restrooms, water fountains and door entries.

Questions or concerns? Please contact the Administration Office at 531-8675.

Recent Updates from Hamilton County Public Health



**Call 211 for registration
information & transportation
assistance**

All Ohio residents age 12 and up are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit the link above for information regarding vaccine availability and scheduling.

Additional COVID-19 Resources

Hamilton County Public Health

Ohio Department of Health

Leaf Litter & Disposal

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It's now officially fall and leaves are falling! Did you know yard debris including leaves are a significant source of stormwater pollution? Piles of leaves and grass clippings overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion. These conditions make it difficult for critters to survive in the stream!



There are several things homeowners can do to reduce the negative impact of leaf litter to local creeks and streams:

1. Do not pile leaves near streams or drainage channels. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.
2. Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.
3. Recycle leaves and their nutrients on your lawn. Use a mulching lawnmower to help breakdown the leaves and benefit from the natural fertilizer.
4. Compost leaves. Select a location away from streams, ponds and drainage swales.

DEA National Drug Takeback Day

Got Drugs?



The DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, and Amberley Village residents dropped off 24 pounds of unused or expired prescriptions. National Take-Back Day is a nationwide effort to promote safe, convenient, and responsible disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs.

Amberley Village is a year-round collection site, and accepts unused or expired prescriptions, vaping devices and cartridges 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit the Public Safety window or call 513-531-2040 for more information.

Amberley Village Thanks Our Veterans!