

Amberley Village NEWS

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Council Forms Advisory Committee on Amberley Green

By Peg Conway, Council Member

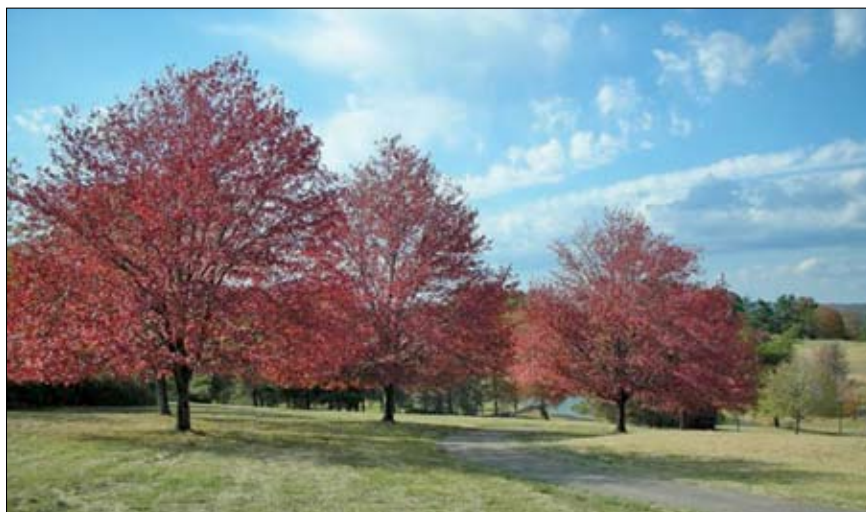


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A Citizen Advisory Committee on Amberley Green has been hard at work for the past month exploring possible uses for the property as a public green space and/or recreational space. Formed by Council in March to provide broader input on decision making, the Committee's timeframe is six months.

Scott Wolf, a member of the Village Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals, was appointed as the Chair. Wolf is an attorney who served on the JCC board for 19 years and was instrumental in guiding the planning process for the new J.

The following residents were selected as Committee members based on their diversity of experience, viewpoints, demographics and geography as representative of the community: Robert Bardach, J.K. Byar, Stan Cohen, Clyde Henderson, Gary Albert, Michael Gerson, Michael Heines, Rick Lauer, Mary Lennard,

Tom Neuman, Wayne Signer, Dave Stang, Dianna Thiel, Ronna Willis, and Dara Wood.

"The Committee looks forward to a thorough review of the available options regarding the use of the Amberley Green. The process will also involve gathering input from the residents of the community," said Wolf.

Specific parameters were given on the scope of their work:

- Amberley Green will maintain current green acreage with same or approximate built footprint (i.e. clubhouse, parking, maintenance building, tennis and pool).
- Operation and maintenance (excluding standard Village services) of Amberley Green will be cost neutral to the Village.
- Usage will be complementary to other entities in Amberley such as the JCC, synagogues, Village amenities.

- Usage/operation will be consistent with the Amberley Village Long-Range Plan.
- Amberley Green will be accessible to all Amberley residents, either exclusively or with priority status if the usage is otherwise open to the public.

"Council established these parameters in response to the consistent and overwhelming desire of residents to maintain Amberley's identity as a green oasis and to provide recreational opportunities while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Council is very grateful to these residents who have volunteered their time and energy to help guide Council in determining the long term uses for this property," said Mayor Chuck Kamine. ☑

Ice Cream Social Volunteers Needed

Date: August 23, 2009

Plans are underway for Amberley's annual Ice Cream Social. It will be held once again at Village Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on August 23, 2009. Volunteers are needed to scoop ice cream, direct parking and other tasks. Please contact Nicole Browder at NBrowder@AmberleyVillage.org or 531-8675 if you can assist. High school students are encouraged to volunteer. ☑



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THE MAYOR’S DESK

Going Even Greener

By Chuck Kamine, Mayor



If you travel the turnpike near Somerset, Pennsylvania you are familiar with a spectacular wind farm next to one of the service plazas. Six, sleek, towering turbines along the top of a ridge produce enough electricity for 3,000 homes. Seeing these turbines prompted me to wonder how Amberley can become more active in reducing our carbon footprint and controlling costs for our Village and our residents. While Amberley has always been fiercely devoted to protecting our natural environment, we are trying to do more to conserve energy and enhance our green oasis.

One serious environmental problem for all of us is the disposal of heavy metals contained in electronic equipment in discarded computers, televisions and other old technology. Driving to the few sites designated for proper disposal adds some insult to injury as we need to burn gasoline to get to the sites. An electronics recycling collection for residents took place at this year’s Arbor Day, to allow residents to responsibly dispose of their electronic waste. In addition, as we approach the renewal date for our trash pickup contract, we are investigating options that would increase the size of everyone’s recycling bins as a way of helping the environment and getting additional cash back for the Village.

The Village administration is looking for opportunities to conserve energy and reduce costs wherever possible through measures such as motion-activated light switches and motion-controlled toilets and faucets in our rest rooms. To address the issue of stormwater runoff, a rain garden was installed in the rainwater runoff swale along the walking path at Village Hall, designed to slow the flow of stormwater into our creek system and to help purify the water.

As we discuss the future use of the Amberley Green (former country club), options for solar, wind and geothermal energy production on the site are being researched. The possibility that any structures built on that site would be LEED-certified or even “off the grid” is being considered.

Amberley already has earned recognition for green leadership. We celebrated our 5th year as a Tree City USA community and our 3rd year growth award honoring our stewardship in planting trees and managing our urban forest. Pleasant Ridge Montessori, our neighborhood school, earned national accolades as the first silver LEED-certified public school in Ohio.

You can do your part to make Amberley greener by improving the energy efficiency of your own home. Duke Energy offers a free energy audit with recommendations for cost savings. You can contact them at duke-energy.com/ohio/savings/home-energy-house-call.asp. ☑

IN THE NEWS

If you have news to share about Amberley residents, please send it to Nicole Browder at nbrowder@AmberleyVillage.org (with a photo if possible).

National Recognition

Amberley's neighborhood public school, **Pleasant Ridge Montessori**, was featured as the cover story in the American Federation of Teachers'



national magazine. The school's unique status as the first LEED-certified school in Ohio

is the focus of the article, which also describes the community engagement process used to create the school, its current green initiatives such as recycling and using nontoxic products and materials, and the enthusiastic response to the school since its opening in August 2008.

Recycling Results Rise

Once again **Amberley residents** have saved resources and reduced pollution by recycling 27 more tons in 2008 than in 2007 and received kudos from the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District. On average, each household in the Village recycled 494 pounds in 2008, or nearly 16% of the total waste generated. This compares favorably with other communities! To see results around the area, visit hamiltoncountyrecycles.org, click on "residents", then "recycling" and

scroll down to "community recycling rates." To recycle even more this year, check out the list of eligible materials later in this issue.



Apple Award Winners

Rhoda and Manuel D. Mayerson

will receive the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati's Apple Award for 2009 at the Foundation's annual gala slated for May 7. The Apple Award, established by Alice and Harris Weston Apple, recognizes outstanding contributions to the city's building environment and the enhancement of historic buildings, landscapes and urban spaces. Cited as the city's Best Philanthropists by *Cincinnati Magazine*, the Mayersons have underwritten the construction or renovation of numerous structures that benefit the Greater Cincinnati community. The new JCC in Amberley is among them, as is Mayerson Hall at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.



Brett Schwartz (Youth Director), **Nina Schneider** (Adath Israel Chapter President), and **Jacob Hutt** (Regional President)

Youth Group of the Year

The **Adath Israel** United Synagogue Youth chapter has been named "Chapter of the Year" for 2008-09 in the Central Region. The

award is presented to the chapter that has excelled in recruitment, programs, member participation, fundraising for social action and leadership development. The Adath Israel group was chosen from among 26 chapters in IN, MI, KY, OH and western PA. The award was presented at the annual convention in Cleveland. Well done!!

Woman of the Year

Jacqueline

Mervis Mack was honored as one of the 11 Cincinnati Enquirer Women of the Year at a luncheon on March 25. She has served in leadership roles in many organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Jewish Family Service, and Isaac M. Wise Temple. Her most recent work has been with the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. First with her husband and then on her own after his death, Mack operated Magellan Travel from 1978 to 2002. Congratulations!



Photo Credit: Cincinnati Enquirer

Man of the Year

The Mayerson JCC will honor **Scott Wolf** at their annual golf outing on June 4, in appreciation of his outstanding leadership and service to the JCC, and in the larger community. He served for 18 years on the JCC board of directors (3 years as president and 7 years as vice president) and 3 years on the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. Currently he is chair of the Amberley Green Citizen Advisory Committee and a member of the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals. He and his wife Natalie have three children, Freddie, Adam, and Sarah. For information about the golf outing and to purchase tickets, contact LMoore@mayersonjcc.org by May 22.



In the News continued on page 4

Attention, Class of 2009 Please tell us who you are so that we can list your name in the Summer issue of the newsletter. Email to nbrowder@AmberleyVillage.org.



Officer of the Year

Police Officer **Mike Koenig** has been named the Hamilton County Police Honor Guard Officer of the Year for 2008. The Honor Guard is comprised of police officers from every jurisdiction in

Hamilton County and serves current and retired police officers at funerals as a color guard, pall bearers, and buglers, and by standing guard at coffins. They also participate in ceremonies on Police Memorial Day locally and in Washington D.C. Koenig is being honored for his leadership, dedication and for going over and above the call of duty for the Honor Guard. He is a Squad Leader and is now being considered for the role of Commander.

Welcome and Farewell

The Amberley Village Beautification Committee (AVBC) welcomes **Scott Heizman** as its newest appointed member. Scott has lived in the Village for 20 years with his wife, Jenny, and their pets. He works at Humana in the corporate real estate department and has been involved with the AVBC for the past three years.



Leaving the AVBC is **Regina Radin**, a founding member of the Committee. Heartfelt thanks for her service and dedication, especially in organizing the many details associated with the Beautification Award program. Regina and her family are 8-year residents

of the Village. She is employed by Whittelsey Architectural Wood Sales.

Law Firm President

James Heldman

has been elected president of the law firm of Strauss & Troy in downtown Cincinnati, where he has served as chair of the Management Committee for 15 years. A graduate of George Washington University Law School, he currently serves on the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Federation's Finance and Administration Committee, and is Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association. Heldman was recently named an Ohio Super Lawyer for the sixth year and previously was recognized as a "Hometown Hero" by the Cincinnati Enquirer. ☑



Photo courtesy of Ramona Mellin



Winter Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Ramona Mellin of Springvalley Drive, for her winning entry in the Winter Wonderland photo contest. Honorable Mentions were awarded to entries submitted by Ron Meyer, Natalie Wolf, April Vogt, and Ruth Groene. Thanks to all who participated! ☑

Fall Soccer for Amberley Youth

The City of Reading invites the young people of Amberley (age 4 by Aug. 1 through age 18) to participate in their fall soccer program. Sign up in person on May 16 at the Haffey Field House or online at readingsoccer.org by May 16. Cost is \$55 or \$35 with candy sales and includes uniform. More information: Contact Dave Menker at readingsoccerleague@hotmail.com or 680-1174. ☑



New Tennis Key Cards

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice Mayor

It's time to renew your tennis keycards. The Public Buildings and Grounds Committee met and decided that the fee would remain the same. The two-year card for the 2009-10 seasons costs \$40 and may be purchased at the Public Safety Department service window at Village Hall. ☑





Nominations Sought for 2009 Amberley Village Beautification Awards

By Jim Kelly, Beautification Committee

The Amberley Village Beautification Committee (AVBC) is pleased to announce the commencement of the 5th annual Amberley Village Beautification Awards. These awards recognize key elements of gardening and landscaping undertaken by residents to maintain and enhance the natural beauty that surrounds their homes and our Village.

The Green Landscape award category returns this year, with nominees featuring elements such as a sustainable garden or functional features such as a rain garden, native plants, drought-resistant plants and vegetable gardens. Judging will be done by Sharon Floro, landscape architect principal of GroundWork Design Collaborative, LLC, and another judge yet to be named.

Each of the four award categories listed below will each be divided into "Professional" and "By Owner" classifications for judging:

- Best Curb Appeal
- Best Overall Landscape
- Best Backyard Haven
- Best Green Landscape

A 2009 nomination form is below. They are also available at Village Hall and at AmberleyVillage.org. Completed forms should be submitted to Nicole Browder in the

administration office by Friday June 19th. All nominees will then be asked to complete a brief questionnaire to assist in the judging.

Judging will conclude by July 19, 2009, typically the peak landscape and flower display month for Cincinnati. Winners will be announced at the Ice Cream Social in August. 🌱



AMBERLEY VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS BALLOT FOR GARDEN NOMINATIONS

Garden being nominated: *please print*

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please select one of the following award categories for this nomination:

Additional comments: *(if desired):*

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Curb Appeal | AND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Overall Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> By Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Green Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Backyard Haven | |

Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____



Judging will occur by
July 19, 2009

Awards will be presented
in August at the Ice Cream Social

**Return Nomination Form
no later than June 19 to:**

Nicole Browder
Village Hall
7149 Ridge Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237



Village Continues Tree City USA Awards

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice Mayor

Amberley is honored to receive the Tree City USA designation for the 5th consecutive year and, recognizing activities beyond the minimum required, the Growth Award for the 3rd consecutive year. These nationally recognized awards are presented annually to communities that have met maintenance standards for trees growing along their streets and in their parks. Created in 1976, the Tree City USA award originates from the National Arbor Day Foundation, an organization dedicated to tree planting, conservation and the promotion of community forestry.

The Beautification Committee's ongoing efforts that resulted in this award include implementation of the Heritage Tree Program to identify and preserve trees deemed to be important based on their age, size, species, quality, or historical significance, and introduction of a regular column in the Village newsletter by arborist Dave Stang, as well as continuing the annual Arbor Day event at Village Hall and French Park. 🌱



Making Plant Choices

By Dave Stang

Many of us use plants in the landscape to create screening around our yards. The first pick is usually a White Pine or Spruce. If there is plenty of room these plants will work, but there are other varieties of evergreens to choose. Consider one of the following:

- Southern Magnolia
- Juniper Hetzii
- Taxus Hicksii
- Viburnum Willowwood
- Arborvitae

Don't discount deciduous plants. Most outside living is done during warm weather when there are leaves. Consider one of these ornamentals:

- Chinese Dogwood
- Cornus mas
- Ornamental Pear (not Bradford)
- Viburnum Spp.
- Carpinus Spp. (American Hornbeam)

The best way to choose the correct plant is to know the planting area. Is the area wet or dry; shade or sun; heavy



clay or well drained? Know your site and find a plant that will do well in the environment that you have. Too many times, a person likes a certain plant and tries to make the plant fit the site instead of making the choice based on the environment of the area.

A Tree Owner's Manual has been created by the U.S. Forest Service that can help you maximize the life of your landscape trees. To download a copy, visit treeownersmanual.info. 🌱

Windstorm Reimbursement Received

By Peg Conway, Council Member

Photo courtesy of Chief Jack Monahan



Amberley Village has received \$106,609 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement of storm-related cleanup expenses following the September 14 windstorm that left some residents without power for a week and downed many trees and branches. This payment represents 75% of eligible costs incurred by the Village as a result of the storm and was obtained by the Village staff through an extensive application process. 🌱



Brush Pick-Up Reminders

By Nicole Browder, Village Clerk

Photos courtesy of Wes Brown



Help our Village crews work efficiently by following these simple steps. Remember that contractors you hire are to remove any waste they generate.

1. The length of the limbs for removal should be as long as possible. One 30-foot long limb is easier to chip than ten 3-foot limbs.
2. Do not stack or pile limbs; lay them at the curb with the thick end pointing toward the street, side by side. Limbs may be up to but not exceeding 10 inches in diameter.
3. Vines and limbs with thorns should be cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled and tied with string (no wire).
4. Separate different types of materials (i.e., limbs in one area, vines, thorns, and logs in another). Our crews do not have the time to untangle big piles of various types of material at each residence. Please use your entire road frontage if necessary, and form a second row if required.
5. Dispose of materials such as rocks, bricks, pipes, wire, fencing material, lumber, etc., with your regular trash according to Rumpke's regulations.
6. Village brush crews do not pick up sticks smaller than a broom stick, twigs, leaves, and other such small debris. These may be bagged or placed in cans for Rumpke or transported to a yard waste drop-off facility.

Help Prevent Crime in Amberley

By Officer Mark Roeseler



The Amberley Public Safety Department wants to start Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the Village. This community-based crime prevention program is a simple and direct approach; it aims to reduce criminal opportunity through citizen awareness. It involves regular meetings to discuss various topics, which might include: internet crimes, crimes against the elderly, or when and how to report suspicious activity to the police. To start this program in your neighborhood, please contact Officer Mark Roeseler or Officer Tim Schmidtgoessling at crimeprevention@amberleyvillage.org or call 531-2040.

Home Security While on Vacation

By Officer Mark Roeseler

When you go on vacation this summer, the Public Safety Department can direct special attention to your home while you are away. For your convenience, you may notify the department via fax or phone or email. Call 531-2040 or visit AmberleyVillage.org and click on Resident Services.

Mailboxes Present Easy Theft Target

By Det. Jeff Norton


Leaving mail sticking out of your mailbox or putting the red flag up on your box alerts not only the postal carrier, but also any would-be thief looking for potential targets.

With identity theft being such a commonly reported crime, you should not leave your outgoing bill payments in your home mailbox for pickup. That type of mail should be taken to the post office or handed directly to a postal carrier.

Other safety tips on mail:

- When reordering checks, request the ones designed to make alterations difficult.
- When writing checks, use pens with ink that doesn't dissolve easily. Thieves can use chemicals to erase the names and amounts written on checks.
- Promptly remove mail after delivery to your home mailbox.
- Hold delivery of mail if you plan to be out of town. You can order a mail hold at a post office or online at www.usps.com



If you see someone other than a letter carrier take items out of a mailbox, call the Amberley Village Police at 531-2040 right away. 


Public Health Emergency Volunteer Training: June 9, Village Hall

By Leslie McIntosh & Peg Conway, Council Members

Officials in Amberley and Hamilton County take seriously the need to be prepared for public health emergencies like pandemic flu outbreak or biological attack. Such situations could require that the entire population receive medications or vaccines within a 24-48 hour period. To be ready, Points of Dispensing (POD) sites are being identified in each community and volunteers trained to assist.

POD volunteers would handle specific tasks such as paperwork, directing lines,


answering questions or, if medically trained, administering vaccines, for an 8-12 hour time slot. A volunteer training program will take place at Village Hall on June 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please contact Carter Pittman at Hamilton County Public Health at 946-7889 to reserve a spot at the meeting. Follow-up training exercises will also be held.

Volunteers and their immediate family members will be among the first to receive medications in the event of an emergency. Amberley's POD is Deer Park High School. 

Phone Service During Power Outage

By Peg Conway, Council Member

Being able to communicate by phone takes on new importance during a power outage, when schedules are adjusted or family members need to get in touch with one another. Following are a few recommendations from Amberley's Department of Public Safety:

- Add your cell phone to Amberley's Community Safe alert system so that if your home phone is down you'll stay up to date.
- Keeping cell phones charged can be challenging when the power is out. Two options are to purchase a charger cord that can be used in your car or a portable cell phone charger that plugs directly into the phone. 



RECYCLING

What Can Be Recycled

By Peg Conway, Council Member

Photos courtesy of Tim Carter




Our recycling efforts make a difference! Check over the list of recyclable materials to make sure that you are

including all possible items. If you don't have a bin, call 242-4600 to request one.

- No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and jugs (remove lids)

- Glass bottles and jars (remove lids)
- Empty aerosol cans (remove lids and tips)
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Office paper
- Brown grocery bags

To learn more about recycling, visit hamiltoncountyclecycling.org and click on "residents." 



In Your Own Backyard: Composting

By Peg Conway, Council Member

Composting is nature's way of recycling organic materials such as food scraps and yard waste, which reduces the amount of these items that go into landfills. And it's the only way to get good soil, explained John Duke, presenter in the Green Gardening series co-sponsored by Amberley in March.

Composting is easy to do. Although you can follow "recipes" for how much of various materials to put in the composter to achieve optimal results, it's also true that "compost happens" even if all you do is start a pile of grass or leaves in your yard. A variety of composting containers are available (see sidebar).

Do NOT Compost:

Oils/fats/grease

Dairy products

Bones

Meat

Cat or dog manure (or any other animal that eats meat)

What Can Be Composted

"Browns"—provide carbon

Leaves

Wood chips

Straw

Bark

Shredded paper

"Greens" - provide nitrogen

Fruit and vegetable scraps

Coffee (with the filter is fine)

Cow manure

Horse manure

Weed seeds

Diseased plants or weeds

Inorganic material (i.e., plastic)

The composting process can take as little as a month or up to 12-24 months, depending on balance of browns and greens, moisture level and seasonal temperatures. Moisture and warmth enhance the process, and a balance of materials produces a higher temperature compared to all of one or the other. Periodic turning of the mixture also facilitates decomposition.

Uses of Compost

Once finished, compost is very beneficial in the garden:

- Dig it into planting areas to improve the health of the soil. It loosens up the clay, letting in more air and water as well as providing essential nutrients.
- Spread it around shrubs, flowers and trees as mulch. It helps hold moisture and warms the soil.
- Use it in potting mixes for indoor and outdoor plants. ☑

Village Composting Activity

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice Mayor

The collection and composting of the leaf and brush debris generated within the Village amounted to 8,019 cubic yards of logs, brush chips, and leaves in 2008. In addition, some composted materials were hauled via contractor to be further processed and marketed as mulch and soil amendments, and about 2,200 cubic yards of brush chips were generated and offered to residents for use as mulch and utilized as mulch on Village grounds. Amberley Maintenance Foreman Tony Chesney secured an agreement with an Evendale business to provide the wood chips generated by brush collection to provide biomass boiler quality wood chips for use in power generation. ☑

Composter Types and Tips

By Tracy McMullen

A compost bin is not required but it helps retain heat and moisture. Also a container with a lid will discourage pests when composting food items. The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services website (hcdoes.org) lists local sources for purchasing composters, as well as instructions for constructing one out of woven galvanized wire or snow fence.

Just Googling 'composting in Hamilton County Ohio' yields a number of websites offering bins, drums, tumblers and wire cages at prices ranging from under \$40.00 to more than \$400 for commercial-sized units that promise usable compost in 14 days. Several varieties are available through Sears and Target's websites. Whatever type of composter you decide on, composting is easy, satisfying, and a boon to the things you grow. Besides, it's a great excuse for grownups to play in the dirt! ☑





Mayerson JCC News

By Lauryn Moore



Summer Fun for Kids

On June 15, Camp at the J will start its second summer with camps for J Member and Program Member youth. There are camps for many age groups, from ages 18 months to teens entering tenth grade. Summer Camp at the J offers 6-week, 3-week, and 1-week sessions to help families accommodate work, vacations, and sleep-away camp schedules. All camps offer extended day options, and programs are available

through August 14. After the traditional day camp sessions, campers of any age can enjoy 1-week specialty camps, July 27 through Aug. 14.

The JCC Early Childhood School provides year-round education for children 6 weeks old up to 5 years of age. This program has been recognized by the state of Ohio for excellence in preschool education and childcare. The full day JCC program, available all year, runs Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. -

6:00 p.m. Half-day morning programs for toddlers and preschoolers are available for the 2009-10 school year on weekdays, from 9:15 - 11:45 a.m., with additional extended day options.

The curriculum integrates social development, large and fine motor skills, cognitive skills, and language development. All toddlers and preschoolers enjoy fitness, music, and other enrichment activities with specialty teachers, as well as intergenerational programs with senior adults. ☑



Info, Sign-Ups, Appointments

- Visit JointheJ.org
- Camps or Early Childhood School: Courtney at 722-7226 or ccummings@mayorsonjcc.org
- Spa: Fitness desk at 761-7500



Spa and Café Open to the Public

The Mayerson JCC offers everyone ways to relax as well as work out. Both the J Spa and J Café are both open to the public, seven days a week.

The J Spa offers a full spectrum of hydrating and therapeutic services including an array of massages and body care treatments, as well as facials, waxing, and body wraps. Two special offers are available during the month of May. If you purchase a Ginseng and Pearl Facial in May, you'll also get a free eye lash or eye brow tint. And receive 10% off J Spa retail products when you get a facial the same day.

As the only food service business in Amberley Village, the J Café has quickly gained popularity with residents and business employees. The spring menu includes a daily



special, smoothies, wraps, salads, soups, Caribou Coffee, hot chocolate, breakfast items, sandwiches, pizzas, as

well as kid-friendly choices and take-away dinners. Free WiFi is available.

Long-Range Plan Adopted

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice Mayor

Village Council has approved the Long-Range Plan developed by the Long-Range Planning Committee in meetings throughout 2008. It's a Vision of Amberley in the year 2018 supported by three Pillars, Economy,

Environment and Community, that are mutually supporting and braided together to provide a framework for future decision-making by Council and Village staff. The Plan includes supporting Goals, Objectives and

Strategies for realizing the Vision of enhancing Amberley Village. View the complete plan at AmberleyVillage.org. If a link does not appear on the opening page, click on "Committees," then on "Long-Range Planning."



Council Actions

January

- Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-27, passed December 10, 2007, to provide for supplemental appropriations

February:

- No legislation passed

March:

- Resolution forming an ad hoc advisory committee on the Amberley Green property
- Ordinance Requesting the County Auditor to make advance payment of taxes

Village Hall Contact Info

Administration - 531-8675 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Police/Fire Non-emergency - 531-2040 24 hours a day/7 days a week

EMERGENCY - 911

Website: AmberleyVillage.org,
 click on the Contact link

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Community Calendar

May

3	Arbor Day/ Green Day Celebration	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
4	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
11	Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
18	AVBC Meeting Community Room	7:30 p.m.
25	Memorial Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>

June

1	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
8	Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
22	AVBC Meeting Community Room	7:30 p.m.

July

3	Independence Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>
6	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	7:00 p.m.
13	Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
27	AVBC Meeting Community Room	7:30 p.m.

Spring and Summer Photo Contests

The Spring Contest, with the theme of "Architecture in Amberley," runs through June 20. Capture something of the diverse styles in the Village with your camera!

Enjoy exploring Amberley's natural beauty for the "Creeks and Trails" theme of the Summer Contest. It runs June 21 to September 20, 2009.

Submitted photos should be color, no smaller than 3" x 5" and no larger than 8" x 10". They must be taken somewhere in Amberley Village during the contest period. Submit your digital photo (preferred) to the Village Clerk, Nicole Browder, at NBrowder@AmberleyVillage.org. Or you can bring a print copy to Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road, by the deadline stated above. Entries will be judged by the Village Manager, Bernie Boraten, and members of the Outreach Committee of the Council.

Winning photos are framed and displayed in Village Hall.

All photos submitted for consideration will not be returned, and the contributor grants to Amberley Village an unrestricted license to use the photos in the newsletter, on the website, or in other promotional materials for the Village. One entry per resident, please.

Members of Council, employees of Amberley Village and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate. 📷

ICRC Council Meeting Schedule

Monthly Amberley Village Council meetings can be watched on Time Warner Cable channel 4 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. You can also view them online at icrcvtv.com. 📺