

# Amberley Village NEWS

SUMMER 2009

## Amberley Green to Open for Residents

By Tracy McMullen



The Amberley Green property has been approved for use by residents for walking, jogging and dog walking and will soon open for these activities. Check the Village website, [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org), for the exact date in August when necessary maintenance has been completed and the property is officially open to residents.

"This is a short-term opportunity for residents to use and enjoy this lovely property," said Mayor Chuck Kamine. "Our maintenance staff has put in many hours clearing downed branches, repairing damaged asphalt, filling holes and removing fixtures that might cause an injury. We hope

that many people in the Village will be able to benefit from the recreational opportunities it offers."

The Mayor noted that only cars displaying an Amberley Village sticker may be parked in the Green's lot and that the clubhouse building remains closed until it is safe for use. He said that maintenance staff will be posting signage on the pathways denoting their configuration and distances.

An Amberley Green Citizens Advisory Committee has been appointed to give input to Village Council and officials on a final determination of how the property will be used. The Committee is scheduled to conclude its work in the fall. 🍁

## Update from Amberley Green Committee

By Scott Wolf, Chair

The Amberley Green Citizens Advisory Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to determine how to best use this property within the guidelines set forth by Council on both a short- and long-term basis. Our committee enthusiastically endorsed Council's plan to open the property as a park for the residents of Amberley to use until a long-term plan is ultimately decided upon.

There are presently three subcommittees that have been formed which include a golf committee chaired by Richard Lauer, a park committee chaired by Dianna Thiel, and a development committee chaired by J.K. Byar. All residents are welcome to attend our meetings. Any suggestions or thoughts regarding this project can be sent to my attention at [scottawolf@aol.com](mailto:scottawolf@aol.com). Understanding the importance of this project to Amberley Village, the Citizens Advisory Committee remains dedicated to finding the best possible plan for the use of this most beautiful property. 🍁



## Ice Cream Social

**August 23 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Village Hall**

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THE MAYOR'S DESK

Eco-Advocacy

By Chuck Kamine, Mayor



Last month my wife and I attended a destination wedding at an eco-resort in Colorado. The mountain ranch had geothermal heating and intensive recycling programs. Of course all light bulbs were compact florescent. The soap in the hotel room shower had a hole in the center so less would be thrown away after each visitor left. The bride and groom were committed environmentalists who requested no gifts, only donations to the Nature Conservancy.

As we drove across the country, examples of sustainability and new green technologies surprised us at almost every turn. At the Arbor Day Foundation's Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, the entire resort complex was heated, cooled and electrified by a biomass generation plant on site that used wood chips from their extensive tree farming operation. (And as part of their organic and "locavore" culture, they even had a decent wine bottled from grapes grown on their farm - imagine wine from Nebraska!)

Popping out of the cornfields along I-80 in Adair, Iowa, we were amazed by miles of towering white wind turbines, part of a booming new

industry in Iowa which is changing both their landscape and economy. On the campus of Colorado State University all of the science buildings are crowned with solar panels. We shared the road out and back with trucks carrying wind turbine blades and many hybrid cars.

The federal stimulus funding includes large block grants for energy efficiency and conservation. Hamilton County will be distributing up to \$4 million for energy audits of most public buildings and for selected projects. Amberley is in talks with the County about energy efficiency options for our Village Hall including the possibility of solar panels.

Last month I toured the Rumpke Recycling Plant with other Council members. We learned that we can easily step up our efforts to be more environmentally responsible. I recently traded in my old broken recycling bin for two new ones, each of which turned out to be about 50% larger. Rumpke now accepts junk mail and cereal boxes along with newspapers, plastic bottles, cans and glass, and next January will expand their plastics capability. As Amberley gets a small credit for the tons we recycle, I'm helping our environment and the Village. Call Rumpke and ask for a free new recycling bin. It's a step in the new green direction! 🌱

# 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).

## High School Grads

Congratulations to the following Class of 2009 High School Graduates:

*Walnut Hills High School* - **Kyle Dallman** (Beloit College), **Robert Dixon III**, **Mckenzie Earley**, **Kelly Findley**, **Jill Glazer** (University of Cincinnati School of Nursing), **Thea Heiman** (Tulane University), **Maya Isaacsohn** (Tufts University), **Victor Kamesar** (Oklahoma State University), **Arthur Kurtzman**, **Andrew Lennard** (University of Cincinnati to study engineering), **Erik Stillpass** (Arizona State University), **Michal Washofsky** (has been accepted into Young Judea's year abroad in Israel program and will continue her education the following year at Ohio University), **Frederick Wolf** (University of Maryland)

*Cincinnati Country Day School* - **Matthew Eichel** (Colgate University), **Carly Knue** (Emory University), and **Samantha Nadler** (Tulane University)

*St. Ursula Academy* - **Hillary Doyle**, **Andrea Carlson**, graduated with honors, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society, as well as a Varsity rower for the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club. She will attend Ohio University's Scripps School for Journalism.

*Moeller High School* - **Dan Lacey**,



**Andrea Carlson**

(The Ohio State University to study Chemical Engineering)

*Mount Notre Dame High School* - **Kayla Bell** (Indiana University) *St. Xavier High School* - **Kevin Daugherty** (Indiana University), **Tom Muething** (Miami University)

*The Summit Country Day School* -



**Kylie Kathryn Lipa**

**Kylie Kathryn Lipa** will attend Johns Hopkins University. She was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Research Fellowship and will receive \$10,000 from the college to conduct research in the field of cognitive science.

*The Seven Hills School* - **Michael Fink** (University of Arizona), **Michelle Moss** (Marietta College)

*Gow School of Buffalo, NY* - **Jonah Guttman** (University of Arizona)

## College Grads

**Katherine Horwitz** received a Bachelor of Arts in Theater from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will be appearing as Mary Todd Lincoln in a new outdoor production about Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Amphitheater in Lincoln City, Indiana this summer.

**Oren Constantini**  
The Ohio State University

**Andrew Friedman**  
Indiana University

**Melissa Glazer**  
The Ohio State University

**Jeremy Kreines**  
Vanderbilt University

**Jessica Royer**  
University of Cincinnati

**Julia Schneider**  
University of Michigan

**Daniel Schott**  
University of Michigan

**Louis Stillpass** received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies with a minor in Global Health from Emory University. This summer he is the quartermaster at Camp Nebagamom in Wisconsin.

## Award Winners

**Julie Berger**, a sophomore, received the Seven Hills Personal Achievement Award. The award honors students in each grade "whose contribution to the life of the school and presence in our community have made Seven Hills a better place."



**Julie Berger**



**Rachel White**

**Rachel White**, an eighth-grader at Seven Hills School, was awarded the Patricia Howard Award of Distinction.

This merit scholarship recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement, breadth and scope of interests beyond the classroom, leadership, citizenship, and character.



## Honor Roll Students

Students from Pleasant Ridge Montessori School who were on the A honor roll at least two of the four quarters were recognized by the Marvin Lewis Foundation. Pictured (from left): **Max Simon**, **Emmett Kaufman**, **Andrew Goering**, **Devin Garber**

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If you know of any other 2009 graduates from Amberley who are not listed here, please submit their names to Nicole Browder (NBrowder@AmberleyVillage.com) by September 30 for the fall issue.





## Resident Accomplishments



**Jay Shatz**

**Jay Shatz** was honored as Ohio's Big Brother of the Year in May. Shatz has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ohio

organization for 20 years. He has participated as a volunteer, board member, board chair, and donor.

To mark his twenty-year anniversary with the program, he and his partner of 18 years, Stan Elliott, donated \$20,000 to the cause.

**Alvin Z. "Bunny" Meisel** and his daughter, Karen M. Hoguet, were recognized for distinguished service



**Alvin Z. "Bunny" Meisel & daughter**

by BRIDGES for a Just Community at its 59th Annual Awards Dinner held in June for making significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in the Greater Cincinnati community.

**Sherri Friedman** was one of the 30 "All-Stars Among Us" who was recognized by Major League Baseball and People magazine at the All-Star Game on July 14 in St. Louis. The contest recognizes one person for each Major League team who is doing

"extraordinary things" for their community. Friedman is the founder of Most Valuable Kids of Greater Cincinnati - an organization that has distributed unused tickets to live sports and cultural events to more than 22,000 underserved children. 📧

## Former Treasurer Dies

Robert Chaiken, who served as Village Treasurer from June 1999 through December 2000, died on April 30, 2009, at the age of 75. Mr. Chaiken founded and served as the managing partner of Aronowitz, Chaiken & Hardesty, a leading independent regional public accounting firm in Greater Cincinnati, until his retirement in 1997. Over the years he was an active volunteer and advisor to many regional and national nonprofit organizations. His son Jon, a current member of Village Council, said his dad was "a mentor's mentor, always offering pertinent advice and counsel to his friends, his clients, and his community." 📧



**Robert Chaiken**

## Village Launches New Website

By Tracy McMullen

Amberley launched a new website on June 5 with the twin goals of creating a more interactive format and featuring the many positive aspects of the Village. Using the same web address, AmberleyVillage.org, visitors will now discover a new and changing photo display, streamlined navigation, and user-friendly links for communicating with staff and Council members.

Nicole Browder, Executive Assistant to the Village Manager and webmaster, noted three features in particular that make information more accessible:

1. Really Simple Syndication (RSS) is available on the calendar and allows residents to receive instant



notification of meetings and events on their computer or hand-held device. To subscribe, go to the

Community Calendar section of the website.

2. The Forms and Documents page is a centralized location for residents to access public records in Adobe file format. These include Council and committee minutes, ordinances, resolutions, permit forms, Village code, newsletters and tax forms.
3. The Contact page makes it easy to request and submit information to Village staff.

"The website is a continual work in progress," said Councilmember Peg Conway, Chair of the Public Outreach Committee. "We encourage residents to give their feedback as they use its features so it can become even more effective." 📧



## Galbraith Road Project — Water and Gas Main Replacement

By Sally Neidhard

Amberley Village has been approved for \$1,000,000 dollars in federal stimulus funds for work on the entire length of Galbraith Road in the Village, a project that began in late July with preliminary work by Duke Energy. They are managing the repair and replacement of gas mains under the road. Replacement of water mains by Cincinnati Water Works is expected to follow.

"There will be a significant amount of water main and gas main replacement," Boraten said. "This will be along the entire length of the road in Amberley and will be completed during 2009."

Following this preliminary work, replacement of weak base asphalt below the pavement and then

of curbs and surface will begin in the spring of 2010. The road will incorporate Strain Alleviating Membrane Interlayer (SAMI), which will extend the life of the roadway.

"Because of the SAMI product that will be used on the roadway, there should be a better survivability of the roadway," Boraten said. "This will ensure a better roadway for the public for many, many years to come. Galbraith Road gets a lot of traffic and therefore a lot of wear and tear. This will restore the road and also make it more capable to

withstand the heavy traffic."

CDS Engineering, Inc., Village engineers, has been contracted to prepare engineering plans for the roadwork, and the Ohio Department of Transportation will act as project administrator for the construction. Both will be working to keep traffic inconveniences to a minimum. Boraten said there will be some flagging involved in the construction, but because

Galbraith Road is three lanes in many places, there will not be a great need for detours or changed traffic patterns.

Specific dates regarding the length of the project have not yet been determined, but initial work is on schedule, as is the preliminary improvement to gas and water mains. "This is a comprehensive job giving us an opportunity for the future stability of the road," Boraten said. ☑



**Bernie Boraten**

## Intern Gains Insight

By Sally Neidhard

Photo courtesy of Peg Conway



As an intern this summer with Amberley's Public Safety Department, resident Brittany Wood has enjoyed a behind-the-scenes view of their operations. Wood is a senior at Vanderbilt University pursuing a double major in sociology and psychology. She wants to pursue a career in law enforcement with the ultimate goal of someday working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She has spent most of her internship participating in ride-alongs with the Amberley officers, and observing. Wood says that her experience here has completely changed her perspective of law enforcement. "I've learned so much. I used to think that police officers were catching speeders, but I had no idea that the job was so service-oriented. Police officers make house calls and serve members of the community."

Though she is not carrying one, Wood's favorite experience during her internship has been learning how to fire a gun from one of the lieutenants in the Public Safety Department.

"I've had a wonderful experience," she said. "It has solidified in my mind that law enforcement is what I want to do." ☑

## Amberley Tote Bags

Show your Village pride by purchasing this attractive tote bag with the Amberley logo to carry your groceries, library books, etc. They cost \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and are available at the Administration window in Village Hall. They will also be sold at the Ice Cream Social on August 23. ☑



Photo courtesy of Nicole Browder



### 2009 Garden Award Nominees

By Pam Hessler

The ballots are in, and the Amberley Village Beautification Committee (AVBC) is pleased to announce that nine residents were nominated for the 2009 Beautification Awards.

These residents were recognized by their friends and neighbors for their outstanding efforts to maintain and enhance their properties:

Stuart Holman  
Stephen Cushard  
Dave & Dianna Tibbetts  
Judy Young  
Jacob & Ella Moskovich  
Chris Bierman & Keith Luckett  
Ginny Wright

Terry & Paul Hogan  
Jean & John Wood

The judges for the 2009 awards are Landscape Architects Sharon Flora with "The Groundwork Design Collaborative" and Emalee Ridgeway with "Meisner & Associates". The review process is proceeding with winners to be selected among the following "By Owner & By Professional" categories:

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



The AVBC will announce the winners on August 23 at the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to all who participated! The AVBC applauds your collective efforts to preserve the natural beauty of our village and your commitment to Amberley as a great place to live. 🌱

### Arbor Day Recap

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice-Mayor



Amberley's first-ever electronics recycling event collected enough items to nearly fill the truck brought for this purpose. Twenty-five residents dropped off items from cell phones to TVs to fax machines to computer equipment, and even a record turntable. 🌱



More than 80 volunteers from Amberley Village, local scout troops and congregations, UC and a city-wide youth collaborative participated in Arbor Day activities. Sgt. Rock entertained as green-up projects were underway around the track, rain garden and French Park. Beautification Award signs were distributed to the 2008 winners, and many toured the exhibits in the Amberley History room while others participated in a plant swap. The Mayor made the Arbor Day Proclamation, and the Liberty Elm Memorial Tree was planted and dedicated.

Visit [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org) and click on "News and Happenings" to view more photos of Arbor Day. 🌱

### Tree Purchase Program

Watch the website and visit the Beautification Committee table at the Ice Cream Social to find out whether the Cincinnati Parks ReLeaf program or another opportunity to purchase trees will be available this season. 🌱







## Rain Garden Receives Grant

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice-Mayor

Photo courtesy of Daniel Allen



The Amberley Village Beautification Committee received a \$250 grant from the Jimmy F. New Foundation to purchase supplemental native plants for the rain garden. The mission of the non-profit is to provide resources to increase knowledge, awareness, and conservation of our

native habitats and natural communities. Projects are judged and selected in order to make the greatest impact with their financial resources.

Thank you to Michael Adams of J.F. New Company who has been assisting the Village

with the rain garden and introduced us to the grant opportunity.

Signs were recently installed along the rain garden and rain barrel garden to educate the viewer, or visit the website (Click on Green Initiatives) for links on how these practices can be implemented in your yard. 🌱

## Rumpke Recycling Tour

By Leslie McIntosh, Council Member

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recyclables after they leave your driveway? A group of Amberley officials recently toured the Rumpke facility in St. Bernard where materials are sorted by type, size, shape, and weight using a conveyor system with disc screens and magnetic separators reclaim materials by metal content. It's an amazing process to behold! Imagine all the stuff from all the recycling bins around the city dumped in one place at the same time. The facility can process 25 tons per hour, and 97% of these products are reclaimed for reusable purposes. Newspaper can flow through the system in 14 minutes and be immediately loaded to a truck heading for Franklin, KY, for reuse in the next day's paper. 🌱



From left, Public Works Supervisor Steve Rasfeld, Mayor Chuck Kamine, Councilmember Peg Conway, Vice Mayor Merrie Stillpass, Councilmember Leslie McIntosh pause before a bound parcel of crushed aluminum cans on their tour of the Rumpke Material Recovery/Recycling facility.

## Tree Pruning FAQ's

By Dave Stang

*When can I prune my tree, do I have to wait until after the sap is down?"*

Most pruning such as removal of dead wood, general thinning and removal of lower branches to give more head room when mowing can be done at any time.

Severe pruning (i.e. reducing the crown back 1/3) should not be done but if absolutely necessary, do not do this June through August. Exposing the center of the tree to a hot sun can cause sun scald on the main branches. Leaves normally shade the branches and when

removed, sun exposure can kill a portion of the bark especially on thin barked trees.

*Do I need to put a dressing on the cuts after a branch is removed?*

You can if you want to, but it is not necessary. Often if the cut is large, it will look better if a light coat of approved tree paint is applied. In the past it was thought that an application of tree paint was needed to prevent moisture from causing decay on the exposed wood. Research has shown that there is as much moisture inside the tree as could be prevented from applying a sealer. Therefore don't waste your money on tree paint. 🌱



### JCC Fall Programs Open to Public

By Lauryn Moore

This fall, the Mayerson JCC will launch a new expanded program lineup with most programs open to the public. Fall programs start in September, and advance registration is in August. Opportunities that are open to the public include:

*"After School at the J" for grades K - 6:* Working parents appreciate this weekday after-school program that provides much more than supervised homework time and crafts projects. They also utilize the JCC facilities like the indoor waterpark, two-court gym, game room, and multi-faceted outdoor play areas. The J provides after-school transportation from over 13 local elementary and middle schools and offers flexible schedule options (1 - 5 days/week).

*Arts programs led by local and nationally recognized organizations:* Teachers with Young Rembrandts will instruct children ages 3 - 13 in several new drawing classes. Cincinnati



Playhouse in the Park as well as the popular Children's Theater of Cincinnati will offer drama, acting, and improvisation classes for ages 3 and older (including teen and adult

acting classes).

*Dance Classes:* Dancers and DJs from Cincinnati Entertainers will teach fifth through seventh-graders the latest dance moves in Party Dancing



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Fire Safety

By Peg Conway

There are many steps you can take to prevent fires and to reduce the chance of injury or damage should one occur in your home. More safety tips are provided on the website, [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org). Under Public Safety on the left, click on Fire Prevention.

#### Prevention

- Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers on every level of your home. They should be tested and cleaned monthly and the batteries replaced twice a year.
- Store matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or run cords under rugs.
- Replace any damaged or frayed electrical cords.
- Place space heaters at least three feet from furniture and drapes.
- Clean the lint screen on your clothes dryer before each use.
- Have your furnace inspected each year. Change filters as recommended.
- Store flammables and chemicals away from heat sources.
- Clean fireplace and chimney every year.

#### In Case of a Fire

- Create a family fire escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and a family meeting place outside. Practice it twice a year.
- In a fire, get out fast and stay out. Crawl low under smoke.
- Call to report a fire only after exiting the building. ☑





classes. Other popular JCC dance classes that are open to the public in the fall are preschool ballet and tap (ages 3 - 5), hip hop (ages 7 - 12), teen dancing, and some adult dance programs.

The complete Fall 2009 JCC Update program guide is available at the JCC and online at JointheJ.org in August. For more information, call 761-7500. 📞

## Member Incentives

- JCC Members will receive special perks like discounted program rates and early registration privileges as their "Member Advantage" benefits.
- Those who are not yet members can join the JCC before August 31 and save up to \$100 off the enrollment fee, with an additional \$50 savings for the first 100 who join by then. 📞

## Fire Safety Inspections

Amberley's Public Safety Department has three certified Fire Safety Inspectors whose primary responsibility is regular inspections of public and/commercial establishments in the Village, but they are also available to do home fire inspections at the request of a resident. Please call 531-2040 to arrange an inspection of your home or business. 📞



## Pleasant Ridge Montessori Event Update

By Peg Conway, Council Member

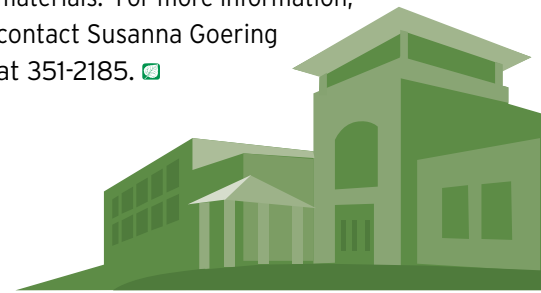
Amberley residents Susanna Goering and Katie Burroughs and other PRM parents have been busy over the summer planning events to raise funds in support of the school. The entire community is invited to attend, especially alumni of the school.

*PRM Night at Molly Malone's* - On Friday, August 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., the restaurant, located on Montgomery Road near Ridge, will donate 15% of all sales to the neighborhood school.

*Spaghetti Dinner* - On Friday, September 25, at the school, from

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$6/adult and \$3/child. It will be a great opportunity to visit the school and meet students and families. The evening will include raffles, a split the pot, silent auction and entertainment for the kids.

Funds raised will be used to purchase additional classroom materials. For more information, contact Susanna Goering at 351-2185. 📞



## VILLAGE NEWS



## Second Engineering Instrument Donated

By Tracy McMullen

Photo courtesy of Tracy McMullen



**Stan Cohen, left, Steve Rasfeld, Public Works Supervisor**

Stan Cohen, a professional engineer and longtime Amberley resident, has donated to the Village a precision engineer's transit that he purchased in 1978 and used extensively throughout the country for many types of building and layout projects.

"This transit allows for extremely accurate determination of building corners and alignment of bridge

joinings and pipelines," Cohen said. "It allows an experienced engineer to use trigonometry to set a point on target, within a few thousandths of a foot."

The transit is equipped with a 32-power telescope, plumb bob, magnifying glass and adjusting tools as

well as a protective wood carrying case. Last December, Cohen donated a dumpy level to the Village, which Public Works Supervisor Steve Rasfeld said will be used with the transit to facilitate road and sewer projects for the Village.

"We're grateful to Stan for these instruments and for the expert advice he's provided to us on many engineering projects," Rasfeld said. 📞



### Concealed Carry Class

By Chief Jack Monahan

The Public Safety Department will offer a class on the Ohio Concealed Carry Law for interested residents on August 28, 6 to 10 p.m., and Aug. 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Successful completion of the class will provide eligibility for a Concealed Carry Permit. Please register by calling 531-2040. You must provide your own weapon.

Class size will be limited to 10-15 people. Sessions will be conducted in the Amberley Village Police Training room and firing range; 10 hours of classroom and 2 hours on the range. Cost is \$150. A valid Ohio Driver's License is required to enroll. 📞

### District A Street Festival

By Maria Kreppel

What is District A? It's a catalyst for local collaboration and commerce through the arts, initiated by our neighbors in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge, whose reach extends beyond those boundaries. In fact, a number of Amberley residents are actively involved.

District A will celebrate its first birthday with a street festival from noon to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, along



Montgomery Road from Losantiville to Kennedy Avenue. Programs will be offered at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, at ballet tech cincinnati and the new Green Corner Studios and Marketplace, as well as musical performances, an art show at Ridge and Montgomery and children's activities at the library.

Visit [district-a.org](http://district-a.org) for more information. If you'd like to volunteer to help on October 10, call Amberley resident Rick Kay at 794-9097. 📞



## POLICE HOST MEETINGS

### Crimestoppers

By Chief Jack Monahan and Lt. Rich Wallace

The Amberley Village Police Department hosted the July Crimestoppers meeting on July 10, 2009, which is an opportunity for police departments in the region to collaborate and communicate with this organization and its goals. Crimestoppers is an organization in the Cincinnati area that provides a means of communication for members of the public to anonymously provide law enforcement agencies with information on crimes or suspects. Special guests at this meeting were two Tuskegee Airmen. These aviators fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe during World War II. These African American flyers were credited with 275 air kills, 325 additional aircraft destroyed on the ground and even an enemy destroyer that was sunk with gun fire during a strafing mission.

Their awards and decorations included 715 Air Medals, 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses and one Silver Star. 📞

**Pictured left: Jim Shaw, President of The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Dave McPheeters with Chief Jack Monahan**



Photo courtesy of Lt. Rich Wallace

### Hamilton County Police Association

By Chief Jack Monahan

The Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) held its monthly meeting in the Amberley fire house in June. Attendance was more than 180, the highest in the previous 12 months. The HCPA consists of all the local law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County as well as all the federal agencies and Hamilton County prosecutor's office. It provides services such as SWAT, underwater search and rescue, clergy teams, and honor guard teams. 📞



## New Elm Tree at Village Hall

By Peg Conway, Council Member

An American Liberty Elm tree was planted on Village Hall grounds, just south of the building and along Ridge Road, at Arbor Day 2009. Donated by the New Hampshire-based Elm Research Institute (ERI), it is named for an elm in Boston known as the "Liberty Tree" that became a symbol of protest against the Stamp Act in the 1760s. A plaque was provided with the tree to explain the memorial and will be installed next to it.

The tree also exemplifies dedication to Elm trees. ERI was founded in 1967 as a response to the devastation of Dutch Elm disease. Since then their efforts have led to development of a preventive injection for American elms and the introduction of this disease-resistant American Liberty Elm, which has been street-tested for more than 20 years and has proved resistant to Dutch elm disease. Since 1983, over 300,000 of these trees have been planted in more than 1000 communities. Amberley Village is proud to participate! 🌳



## Meadowland Beauty

By Merrie Stillpass, Vice Mayor

Throughout July, a brilliant field of color could be seen across Section Road from the walking track. The purple flower is Bergamot (Monarda fistulosa), and it's a member of the mint family and should do well there for years to come. The scattered yellow is senna, and grey headed coneflower.



The meadowland contains species that have not yet matured enough to flower. They should start to show in a couple of years and will add some more diversity. Patience is the key while the plants are getting established.

Photos courtesy of Steve Rasfeld



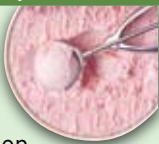
Area resident Anne Donelan created the meadowland in 2007 as a project for Girl Scouting's prestigious Gold Award.

The Cincinnati Park Board began developing a meadowland program for many parks in 1991. Prairie wildflowers and grasses increase plant and animal diversity, attracting butterflies, pollinating insects and songbirds. Most of the plants are well adapted to the growing conditions and require little maintenance. 🌼

## Ice Cream Social

August 23 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Village Hall

Enjoy Ben & Jerry's, mingle with other residents, and visit the safety fair so graciously provided by our Public Safety Department. The 2009 Garden Awards will be presented, with musical and dance entertainment adding to the evening. If you'd like to volunteer to help direct parking or scoop ice cream, contact Nicole Browder at nbrowder@AmberleyVillage.org or 531-8675. 🍦



## COUNCIL ACTIONS



### April

- Resolution establishing the fee for Tennis Key Cards for the 2009 and 2010 seasons
- Ordinance amending sections of the Amberley Village Income Tax Code

### May

- Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract through Hamilton County for road salt for the 2009-2010 winter season
- Ordinance making appropriations for the FEMA funds to Amberley Village for the expenses related to emergency response for the 2008 windstorm

### June

- Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Manager to continue to participate in the Center for Local Government's investigation of the possible conversion of local governments to a self-insurance pool for employees' healthcare
- Ordinance amending appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2009



## 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](http://AmberleyVillage.org),  
click on the Contact link



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## Community Calendar

### August

<b>3</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10</b>	Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>23</b>	Ice Cream Social	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>24</b>	AVBC Meeting Community Room	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

### September

<b>7</b>	Labor Day Holiday	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>
<b>TBA</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>14</b>	Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>28</b>	AVBC Meeting Community Room	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

### October

<b>5</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>12</b>	Columbus Day Holiday	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>
<b>TBA</b>	Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>26</b>	AVBC Meeting Community Room	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## Summer and Fall Photo Contests

Our summer contest, with the theme "Creeks and Trails of Amberley," runs until September 20. Photos taken in the Village from June 21 to September 20 are eligible for submission. Enjoy Amberley's natural beauty and snap a photo for the contest! The winner will be notified by October 20.

When the season begins to change, keep in mind the fall contest theme, "At Play in Nature," when you're enjoying the fall colors and cooler temperatures. It will take place from September 21 to December 20, with the winner notified by January 20, 2010.

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. Entries will be judged by the Village Manager, Bernie Boraten, and members of the Public Outreach Committee of 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. 📺