

# Amberley Village NEWS

FALL 2009

## Tennis Courts at Amberley Green

By Sally Neidhard

Photo courtesy of Peg Conway



The tennis court refurbishment at Amberley Green results from an agreement reached in September between Mount Notre Dame High School (MND) and Amberley Village. MND is completing the resurfacing and net post reinstallation of five tennis courts and will maintain priority use of the courts for their tennis team.

Amberley residents will be able to use the courts other than when MND is practicing or hosting a match. MND's official tennis season presently runs approximately August through October, but they will utilize the courts during other times of the year as needed; schedules will be posted on the Village website.

Work on the courts was expected to be completed by late October. As part of the project, many MND freshmen and their parents spent a day cleaning up sticks that had fallen on the walking paths and also pruned several bushes, forming piles of the sticks that were later cleaned up by the Village Maintenance Crew. Steve Rasfeld, Village Public Works Supervisor, expressed appreciation for their efforts. "Having the piles ready to be picked up made our work much faster and more efficient."

The agreement with MND results from the efforts of the Amberley Green Citizen Advisory Committee, appointed by Village Council in March 2009 to research options for use of the site while maintaining green space and without incurring additional costs to the Village. 🌱

## Amberley Green Walking Paths

By Sally Neidhard

The Village staff has created a map of the walking paths at Amberley Green that is available in a box at the path entrances on the west side of the parking lot, to the right of the building. Three paths have been identified on the map as well as their



approximate length to give walkers an idea of a path's distance. Additionally, colored arrows that correspond with the map have been painted on the paths. Residents are asked to return the maps after using them. The map is also available on the Village website, [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org) under Parks and Recreation/Amberley Green. 🌱

Photo courtesy of Peg Conway

## Advisory Committee Update

By Scott Wolf, Chair

The Amberley Green Citizen Advisory Committee is very excited about the progress made on the tennis courts located on the property. The Committee continues to meet with other potential partners in an attempt to determine what will be the best use of this property in a financially responsible manner. Currently, there is a letter which explains the process to make

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THE MAYOR’S DESK

My Last Term

By Chuck Kamine, Mayor



After 12 years on Council, the last six as Mayor, I have decided not to run for reelection. I also served 21 years on the Planning Commission and have greatly enjoyed my service. Through the years, your encouragement has fueled my efforts, and I am grateful for your consistent support and many kind words. In this last column, I would like to recap a few of the achievements that make me most proud.

First, of course, is the acquisition of the Amberley Green and our conviction to keep that beautiful property open space for all residents to enjoy. Whatever the final decision on the use of the property, it will be made by the Village for the greater good. As we discuss various options, we can dream of a centerpiece that will further enhance the prestige of the Village.

I am proud of the role we played in helping to establish Pleasant Ridge Montessori School as the public neighborhood elementary school for all of Amberley Village. When I started, Amberley was districted into four elementary schools that were little used by our residents. We helped petition the school board to consolidate Amberley into one elementary school and to push to make it one of the few public

neighborhood Montessori schools in the country. The school is attracting many Amberley families and bringing new vitality to our community.

I am proud that we were able to support and help facilitate the construction of the Jewish Community Center in Amberley Village. This state of the art facility has added great value to the quality of life in Amberley. We are blessed to have such a top-notch institution in our community.

I am pleased that we were able to pass a property maintenance code which has been helpful in encouraging property owners to maintain their properties at a level commensurate with the first-class neighborhood we are.

I am pleased that we passed legislation establishing Amberley Village as a Tree City USA community and creating our energetic Beautification Committee that has done much to enhance our Village with programs like Arbor Day and tree planting.

I am delighted that our most popular social event, the annual Ice Cream Social, has continued to expand and grow, drawing several hundred people this last August.

As I return to my private law practice, I am happy to pass the gavel to the next Council. I look forward to the great things they will do to continue to make Amberley Village the premier place to live in this region. 🌱

# 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).

## Community Volunteers



Mathew Heldman

**Matthew Heldman**, a student at Walnut Hills High School, received a proclamation from Mayor Kamine at the August

Council meeting in recognition for the assistance that he provided as an e-waste recycling volunteer for the Village during the Arbor Day celebration.

In recognition of her dedicated efforts at creating the vision for the Ice Cream Social and organizing it for seven years,

**Nancy Moran**

received a proclamation from Mayor Kamine at the September Council meeting. The Morans have decided to pass the ice cream scoops and aprons on to new leadership. 📧



Nancy Moran

## Awards and Accomplishments



Jen Stein

Amberley resident **Jen Stein** was elected to serve on The Seven Hills School Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Investment Committees of the

Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and Isaac Wise Temple. She is a former Institutional Investment Consultant and has a B.A., Duke University, and

an M.B.A., Harvard University.

Congratulations to **Dale Dawson**



Dale Dawson

who achieved A Honor Roll status at Indian Hill Elementary during the first quarter of the 2008-09 school year and was also on the A-B Honor Roll for the remainder of the school year. His mother, Kathy Thomas-Brown, resides on Apple Ridge Lane in Amberley.

**Kirsten Rissover**, a member of the Blue Ash YMCA swim team, made her fourth trip to the YMCA Senior Long Course National Championships in College Park, MD, in late July, where she competed in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 200 & 400 free relays, and the 200 & 400 medley relays. A senior at Walnut Hills High School, she is a four-year member of the Walnut varsity swim team and has been swimming year round at the Blue Ash Y for seven years. 📧



Kirsten Rissover

## Employee Awards



Bernard Boraten

Village Manager **Bernie Boraten** was recognized by the International City Management Association at its annual conference for his 35 years

of local government service.

Congratulations, Bernie!

Police **Officer Tim Schmidtgoessling**

received the Hamilton County OVI Task Force Gold Agency award for the Amberley Village Police Department. The OVI (Operating a Vehicle under the Influence) Task Force is a county-wide group whose goals are to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and increase the use of seatbelts. Congratulations on outstanding work! 📧



Officer Tim Schmidtgoessling

## New Officer

The Amberley Village Public Safety Department is proud to announce the hiring of **Andrea Alt** as its newest



Andrea Alt

member. Alt was sworn in at the Council meeting on October 13. A native of Shelby, Ohio, she graduated from Shelby Senior High. She has an associate's degree in Computer Engineering from ITT Technical College. She served two years in the U.S. Army and has worked for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department in Corrections, where she held the rank of Sergeant, for the past five years. Andrea loves animals and enjoys running and staying physically fit. 📧



Congratulations to Betty Hammergren, who entered four quilted items into the Needlework Category at the Hamilton County Fair, held August 11-15, and received blue ribbons on all four items. She also received a Best of Show in the Appliqué Category for her Wild Flowers quilt. It was the first time she had entered.





## Why Fertilize Trees

By Dave Stang

It is often asked "Why should I fertilize my trees? Trees seem to grow quite well in the woods without any fertilizer." This thought process is slightly amiss. Trees do alright in the woods on their own, but when one of many dies it is not missed. When a tree in a landscaped area dies, it is missed.

Trees in the woods are actually fertilized by the decaying leaves, branches and other organic matter. A homeowner might reduce the need to fertilize trees by not raking the leaves; however your lawn would suffocate and the neighbors might not

be very happy. Speaking of grass, there is no sod under trees in the forest. Grass is a heavy user of nitrogen and almost all the fertilizer applied to the turf is used by the grass plant. Very little gets to the tree roots. The grass plant is a heavy competitor with the tree for nutrients and water. The trees would do better without a lawn; however what would the suburbs be without our lawns?

This season has been a very good one for growth. Cool temperatures and plenty of rain have helped correct but not solve problems from 2007 and 2008 drought. Environmental stress placed on the trees can be lessened by tree fertilization. The application of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash will not necessarily save a dying tree but can create improved growth and leaf color in a weakened tree. Helping the tree cope in a tough environment is about all we can do. 🌱



## Garden Speaker

By Leslie McIntosh, Council member

Scott Beuerlein, owner of Heritage Gardens landscaping company, will speak at 10:00 a.m. on November 21 at Village Hall. He will discuss diversity in both cultivated and wild landscapes, focusing especially on high-reward gardens that are easy on the environment and beneficial to wildlife. He will also demonstrate the positive impact gardeners can play in furthering diversity in the ecosystem

and how unsustainable deer numbers are causing harm.

Scott is a member of the Ohio Nursery and Landscapers Association, Professional Grounds Maintenance Society, and several other organizations. In 2006, he was part of a group that won a Gold Medal, the Governor's Award, and the Bole Horticultural Award for displays at the Cincinnati Flower Show. 🌱

## International Walk to School Day

By Leslie McIntosh, Council member

These Amberley Village and Pleasant Ridge students and parents participated in the International Walk to School Day on October 7. The group walked home from Pleasant Ridge Montessori School on a truly beautiful afternoon.

Walkers from 5,000 schools around the US observed the day with children and adults from 40 countries around the world. Walk to School events are supported by the USEPA, Federal Highway Administration, Institute of Transportation Engineers, National Safe Routes to School and Centers for Disease Control and



Photo courtesy of Jayme Klosterman

Prevention. The occasion works to emphasize the importance of physical activity, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and connections between families, their schools and the community. 🌱

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## Advisory Committee Update

By Scott Wolf, Chair

a proposal for the use of this property at [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org).

The progress of the project can be followed on Facebook under "Fans of Amberley Green." Feel free to join the page! All residents are invited

to submit their photographs of Amberley Green on this site. Send any thoughts or suggestions regarding the Amberley Green project to [scottawolf@aol.com](mailto:scottawolf@aol.com).



## Ice Cream Social Tradition Continues

By Peg Conway, Council member



Photo courtesy of Peg Conway

Despite cooler than usual temperatures, a crowd of several hundred turned out at Village Hall to enjoy the Ice Cream Social on Aug. 23. Amberley police officers were on hand that evening for safety information and demonstrations, as well as volunteers from other jurisdictions,

members of the Hamilton County Police Association, who provided the ever-popular SWAT team and underwater rescue displays. Music, dance and a clown were part of the entertainment as well. Community groups like Pleasant Ridge Montessori and Kennedy Heights Arts Center provided informative displays, and the Beautification Committee presented the 2009 Garden Awards. 📷

Special thanks to:

- Amberley public safety and maintenance employees, especially Officer Chris Fritsch and Chief Jack Monahan
- Village Manager Bernie Boraten and administrative employees Nicole Browder and Anna Shaw
- Golf Manor Life Squad and Medics - Mike Mullins and Joe Farthing
- Hamilton County SWAT Team - Chief Tom Synan, Lt. Milt Proctor, Sgt. Mark Rankin and P.O. Jay Griffith.
- Nancy Moran - overall coordinator
- Joe Conway, Ted Moran, Bill Lennard - parking attendants
- Jim Kelly, Rick Kay, Michael Moran, Darlene Kamine, Bill Lennard - ice cream scoopers
- Amberley Village Beautification Committee

View many more photos of this fun community event at [AmberleyVillage.org](http://AmberleyVillage.org)!! 📷

## Volunteer Needed

The Ice Cream Social needs a new coordinator or two in 2010. If you enjoy organizing events, please consider getting involved. Contact Councilmember Peg Conway at [ConwayOnCouncil@aol.com](mailto:ConwayOnCouncil@aol.com) to express interest. 📷

## Have you seen me? Where in Amberley am I?

By Leslie McIntosh,  
Council member

This white pine totem pole is the first chain-saw sculpture of Tim Boone of Longmeadow Lane. Tim and his wife Jana are both artists. When their white pine tree deteriorated in May of 2009, Tim took the opportunity to create this unique work of art and new addition to Amberley's landscape. 📷

## Amberley on the Road

Traveling Tote

Louis Stillpass brought Amberley along when he visited the Kruse Auto Auction Museum in Auburn, IN and posed beside "the Fonz's" motorcycle. Send in your own Traveling Tote pictures! Submit to Nicole Browder at [nbrowder@AmberleyVillage.org](mailto:nbrowder@AmberleyVillage.org); be sure to include the names of the people in the picture, the location, and the name



Photo courtesy of John Stillpass

of the person who took the photo.

Don't have an Amberley tote bag yet? They're available at Village Hall for \$3 each or two for \$5. 📷





## Village Leaf Collection Reminders

By Nicole Browder

The Village began leaf collection on October 15 and will continue this service until December 31. Please note the following procedures:

1. Pile leaves on your property just behind the curb, extending no more than 10 feet into your yard. Leaves placed in the street clog gutters and storm drains, and may constitute a road hazard. Do not pile leaves in the street.
2. Keep grass, brush clippings and other debris (rocks, gravel, trash, metal, etc.) separate from leaves. Such debris can damage leaf collection equipment. Brush material is picked up by a separate Amberley crew. Leaf piles containing brush and other debris will not be picked up.
3. Provide clear access to leaf piles. If leaves are blocked by parked cars or low hanging tree limbs, they will not be picked up because the leaf collection equipment cannot reach into such tight areas.
4. Do not place leaves for collection around fire hydrants, mailboxes, sign posts, utility poles, and wires.



Every effort is made to collect leaves in each area of the Village weekly, but many factors, including weather, make it impossible to guarantee weekly pick-up or have a firm schedule for collection. Collection is monitored daily to assure that each area of the Village is serviced as often as conditions permit. Residents may call the Administration office at 531-8675 to find out approximately when they may expect to have their leaves picked up. 📞

## Pleasant Ridge Montessori News



The year began with enthusiasm and energy that led to two successful events to raise funds to supplement classroom materials.

At Molly Malone's on August 28, where a portion of the evening's receipts were donated to the school, \$1,500 was raised, with one-quarter of the attendees being community members who do not have children enrolled in the school, said Amberley resident Susanna Goering, one of the

organizers.

More than 500 people attended a spaghetti dinner event at the school on September 25 which included face painting, clown entertainment and a silent auction. The line went out the door! The event netted nearly \$12,000 and brought together people from several communities served by the school.

Thanks to all who participated!! It makes a difference! 📞

## Are you a Pleasant Ridge School Alum?

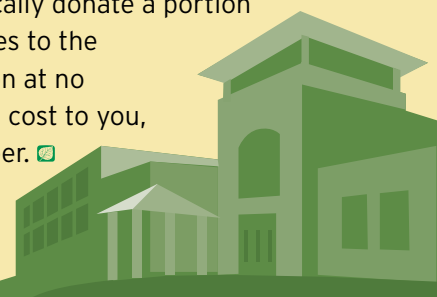
By John Stillpass, Pleasant Ridge '68, Foundation Board

If you are an alumna or alumnus of Pleasant Ridge School, please complete the online alumni survey at [supportprm.org/alumni.html](http://supportprm.org/alumni.html). The Pleasant Ridge School Foundation would love to hear from you! If you know of other alumni, please forward this information to them.

The Foundation has been formed with a mission to support and promote high standards in all aspects of the new Pleasant Ridge Montessori School above and beyond the programming supplied by the Cincinnati Public Schools. Because the school's alumni play a vital role in maintaining school traditions and preserving continuity, the Foundation looks to us to help

strengthen the school for the future.

Please visit the Foundation's website at [supportprm.org](http://supportprm.org) to learn about upcoming opportunities to connect or re-connect with the school. The website also allows you to provide financial support via online shopping sites, such as Amazon.com. By utilizing the Foundation's link, these online merchants will automatically donate a portion of the sales to the Foundation at no additional cost to you, the shopper. 📞





## Super Senior Meal Deal at the J

By Lauryn Moore



A new menu of items especially for senior adults, ages 60 and older, is now available at the J Café, located near the main entrance. This new menu, called the "Super Senior Meal Deal," is offered on a daily basis at a price of \$3 each, including coffee or tea. Interested senior adults can register for the Super Senior Meal Deals, either at the J Café or the JCC

Senior Center. Following registration, a senior adult can choose one Super Senior Meal Deal per day. The J Café

is open to the public for breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week.

Some items on the Super Senior Meal Deal menu include a bagel and lox, soup and sandwich combos, pizza, an eggplant melt, sandwich and salad combos, and much more. You may view the Super Senior Meal Deal menu online at [www.JointheJ.org](http://www.JointheJ.org) or at the J Café.

This inexpensive meal offer has been extremely well received by local residents. "I purchase an item off the Super Senior Meal Deal menu almost every day," said Bernice Blatt. "The food and staff are great, and my friends and I love that we can get anything off the new Super Senior Meal Deal menu for only three dollars." 🍵

### "Authors Out Loud"

The Mayerson JCC offers their "Authors Out Loud" Speaker Series over five evenings, November 8 - 12, in celebration of Jewish Book Month. Ticket sales are open to the public, with prices ranging from \$5 - \$15/night. Five different authors cover a broad range of topics. For details of each evening or to buy tickets, visit [JointheJ.org](http://JointheJ.org) or call 761-7500. 🍷

## District A Opportunities

By Maria Kreppel

An Arts, Business, Community Service Directory has opened at the District A website. If you're a musician, painter, woodworker, entrepreneur, or a community service provider, you can register your business, promote your products and services, and upload calendar information for instant publicity. This community resource is free for all.

When 2010 begins, our Playhouse Season picks up again with four more neighborhood performances from January through April.

### JAN 23

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5950 Montgomery Rd.

CYRANO, with surprising music and a plot to love-on love.

### MAR 6

Nativity Church and School, 5936 Ridge Rd.

WORLD of WONDER, Leland Faulkner is just that, a must see.

### MAR 20

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy Ave.

ETH-NOH-TEC mixes music,

dance and 'kinetic story theater'.

### APR 17

Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, 5945 Montgomery Rd.

RIKKI TIKKI TAVI, the child's tale, recast for everyone's delight.

All performances are Saturdays from 7 - 8:30 PM. Tickets sales at the door: \$5/adults; children under 14/free. All venues are accessible and parking is free. For more details, visit, [district-a.org](http://district-a.org). 🍷







## 2009 Garden Awards

By Jim Kelly and Pam Hessler

The Amberley Village Beautification Committee (AVBC) is pleased to announce the 5th Annual Garden Award recipients. Certificates and commemorative vases were presented at the Village Ice Cream Social in August.

The judges reviewed the nominations according to specific criteria such as plants used proportionally in scale with the site and architecture, overall layout of gardens and planting beds, hardscape design and function, appropriate selection of plant material, general maintenance and if applicable, design of water features.

The judges were very complimentary and impressed with all the nominees' passion and expertise as reflected in their comments below:



### Best Backyard Haven by Homeowner - Terry & Paul Hogan

This relaxing backyard haven is perfect for entertaining. At the poolside patio a spa-inspired atmosphere is achieved by installing stone pavers and a sitting wall. Plants of varied color, texture and height enhance the natural design of the pool and a variety of grasses have been used to provide privacy. The integration of reused tree stumps supporting pots of dramatic annuals provide a unique feature to this backyard haven.



### Best 'Green' Curb Appeal by Owner & Professional – Judy Young

What is most appreciated about this garden is the location of the curbside planting bed. The view to the main entry is successfully announced, discretely integrating an existing manhole cover and drip-line irrigation system. A variety of native plant cultivars abound supporting regional wildlife.



### Best "Genre/Overall Theme" Award by Owner - Ginny Wright

A former pool and pool house have been repurposed into a lovely garden and guesthouse. Colonial garden inspiration and recycled brick pavers, in addition to antique garden furniture have been integrated to create a truly memorable ambience. Carefully placed garden statues surrounded by a variety of traditional plant varieties including boxwoods, Russian sage, and flowering perennials add to the dramatic effect.



### Best Backyard Haven by Professional - Stephen Cushard

Well-executed terraced spaces tame a steep back yard to be an aesthetically pleasing functional space for entertaining. Hardscape material selections of appropriate size minimize the impact to the beauty of the natural setting.







### **Best Overall 'Established' Landscape by Professional and Owner - Ella & Jacob Moskovich**

A well-manicured and lush garden for a difficult site. Well-chosen plants for sunny, semi shaded and deeply shaded areas in addition to an exciting integration of contrasting groundcover varieties. Groundcovers soften the driveway edge and a wonderful wood sculpture accentuates the arrival experience.

### **Honorable Mention: Backyard Haven by Homeowner - Jean & John Wood**

A work in progress for nearly thirty years, these homeowners have created a backyard haven incorporating a fountain, sitting areas, an established wisteria vine covered arbor, a perennial garden walkway and side yard shade garden. A large number of plants are well established demonstrating many years of consistent care.



### **Honorable Mention: Backyard Haven by Homeowner - Dave & Dianna Tibbetts**

A well-designed gazebo incorporates the artful use of wood trim and is accented with beautifully colored groundcover rocks. A wonderful perennial garden was created along the fence line, incorporating several layers of plant material of coordinated color, size, and texture.

### **Honorable Mention: Curb Appeal by Professional - Stuart Holman**

Exquisitely installed massive and neutral-colored flagstone pavers announce the front entry. Broad bands of groundcover massing help define sculptures and enhance the mid-century horizontal aesthetic of the architectural. An exceptional example of how the texture and earth tones of a 'tar and chip' driveway can look so appealing. 🌿



## **About Our Judges**

By Sally Neidhard

Many thanks to our Garden Award judges who donated their time to Amberley's beautification program!

Sharon Floro is the owner of GroundWork Design Cincinnati LLC, a landscape architecture firm, where she works to enhance natural materials and help people enjoy nature. Floro received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Santa Clara University and a master's in landscape from the University of Illinois. She has spent her whole career in landscape architecture. Floro was excited to see so many Amberley Village residents making a very invested and personal connection to their residential landscaping. "I loved seeing how very passionate people are with their residential work," Floro said. "It was great to see that other people found the work to be so rewarding."

Emalee Ridgeway is a Project Manager at Meisner + Associates/Land Vision, a landscape architecture and planning firm located in O'Bryonville where she manages both design and planning projects. She received a bachelor's in landscape architecture from the University of Kentucky and a master's of Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati. Ridgeway enjoyed serving as an Amberley Village Beautification judge and loved seeing the work of so many homeowners. "Each home garden was very original," Ridgeway said. "Every design had clearly taken much time and talent to create, and had its own unique form and function." 🌿

**Interest in the Beautification Awards has grown since its inception. Watch for the details for the 2010 AVBC Awards in the Spring Newsletter!**



### Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. Wins Waste Collection Bid

By Mayor Chuck Kamine

At the October meeting, Council passed a resolution to accept the Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. bid for solid waste removal and recycling collection and disposal for Amberley Village for the term beginning January 1, 2010. The current contract was set to expire at the end of 2009. The new contract is for a three-year term with the option to renew for a fourth year. The rate is approximately 8% higher than this year with additional, smaller increases in the succeeding years.

The Education, Health and Welfare Committee, chaired by Councilmember Leslie McIntosh, conducted an extensive survey of optional approaches to solid waste disposal. In the end, a bid specification was prepared that met the Village needs with the least amount of increase in cost. The Committee took a tour of the

Rumpke Recycling facility in St. Bernard to better understand the process. To see a video of the recycling process should go to [rumpkerecycling.com](http://rumpkerecycling.com).

The new contract includes a provision for Rumpke to notify each resident in writing of the offer to sell to the resident a special 65 gallon waste and/or recycling cart at a cost of \$65.00. These carts on wheels are designed with twice the capacity of the standard garbage can.

In addition, the Village receives a small rebate for the weight of recycled materials that are collected from residents. If you are currently filling up your recycling bin, call Rumpke at 242-4600 to order a replacement or new larger bin. Putting more recyclable materials into the bins instead of the trash benefits the Village and the environment. ☑

### Snow Removal

The Village Maintenance Department prides itself on its response to winter storms. Our goals are to keep the main roads and priority routes passable and then to clear all streets as soon as possible after the storm has subsided.

The roads are treated in order of priority with the predicted weather in mind:

- Main roads, hills.
- Access to Village buildings to enable police/fire, maintenance and administration employees to do their jobs.



### Council Actions

#### July:

- Ordinance appropriating funds for the fiscal year 2009
- Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to award a contract to Sunesis Construction for a storm sewer replacement project on Aracoma Forest Drive
- Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to award Prus Construction Company the 2009 Road Resurfacing and Repair Program
- Resolution approving budget of estimated available funds and estimated required expenditures for the general and non-general funds for the calendar year 2010 and authorizing the Village Manager to submit the tentative budget to the County Auditor with recommendations for continuation of the present tax levy
- Resolution to provide for village employees a renewed and updated health insurance plan, a contribution of funds to employees' health savings accounts, contribution of funds for health reimbursement, and renewing the dental plan for employees
- Ordinance amending a section of the Village Zoning Code as to conditional use permits in the Village

#### August:

No legislation passed

### 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





- Subdivision streets, low-volume, no outlet, dead-end street and private roads with no other access for emergency services.

Every winter storm is different. Some of the variable factors include existing weather conditions, expected volume of snow, temperatures, length of the storm, effectiveness of de-icing agents, volume of traffic and availability of manpower and equipment.



### September:

- Ordinance amending sections of the Amberley Village Code of Ordinances
- Ordinance fixing compensation to be paid to the Village Manager
- Ordinance fixing compensation to be paid to the Village Police/Fire Chief
- Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$6,220,000 of renewal notes, by the Village of Amberley, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a final judgment.
- Resolution adopting preliminary legislation in connection with obtaining financing from the Ohio Department of Transportation for Galbraith Road project

Here are some things you can do to help the crews' work most efficiently:

- Park in your driveway, not in the street, especially not in cul-de-sacs or near intersections.
- When you plow or shovel your driveway, keep it on your property. Don't plow it into the road.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

If you must go out in snowy conditions, follow these precautions:

- Clear all snow and ice off your car to

increase visibility.

- Allow more space than usual between your car and the car in front of you.
- Stay behind plow trucks. Do not pass them or pull out in front of them.

With residents' assistance in these matters, plow crews will be able to get the streets cleared with less interference from traffic and parked or stranded vehicles. They'll be able to cover their routes more quickly.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



### Winter Storms

This is the final article in a series. Periods of extreme cold and snowfall present challenges for which preparation can be made:

- Stock up on food, water and medicines.
- Buy bags of rock salt and sand for use on walkways.
- Weather-strip windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Wear several layers of clothing and a hat outdoors.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling along with paleness in tip of nose, fingers, toes and ear lobes.

- Beware of hypothermia. Signs include uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech, drowsiness, memory loss and disorientation.

If you are stranded in your vehicle, pull off the road and turn on your hazard lights. Do not start walking unless you can see a building where you can take shelter. If no buildings are in sight, stay in your vehicle and take the following precautions:

- Wrap yourself in blankets, or use seat covers, floor mats and maps
- Run the engine for 10 minutes each hour to keep warm, opening a window slightly for ventilation.
- Balance use of the heater and lights to conserve the battery.



**EMERGENCY - 911**

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

**CHECK OUT THE NEW PHOTO CONTEST THEMES FOR 2009!  
SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER.**

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## Community Calendar

### November

<b>2</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9</b>	Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>21</b>	Garden Speaker Community Room	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>23</b>	AVBC Meeting Community Room	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>26</b>	Thanksgiving Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>

### December

<b>7</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>14</b>	Council Meeting No AVBC Meeting this month	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve	<i>Administration Offices Close at Noon</i>
<b>25</b>	Christmas Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>

### January

<b>1</b>	New Year's Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>
<b>4</b>	Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>11</b>	Council Meeting	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>18</b>	Martin Luther King Jr Day	<i>Administration Offices Closed</i>
<b>25</b>	AVBC Meeting Community Room	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## Fall Photo Contest

Keep in mind the fall contest theme, "At Play in Nature," as you continue to enjoy the fall colors and cooler temperatures. It will take place until 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. 📷

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