



On the Roadways

Whether walking, jogging, or driving on the roadways in Amberley Village, the Public Safety Department expresses the importance for everyone to think about others on the roadway, children on bikes, pedestrians, joggers and motorcycles. Please slow down, be cautious, and practice the following safety measures:

WHEN YOU ARE WALKING

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic along the side of the roadway and in the grass if possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions – including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Wear some type of reflective tape, reflective vest and/or lighter colored clothing.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.

WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.
- If weather causes you to use your windshield wipers, headlights should be in use too.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up – pedestrians can move into your path.



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Community Calendar:

September 9	September 27
Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Environmental Stewardship Committee 7:30 p.m.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER: Amberley Green Fall Festival

Plans are being made for outdoor family fun!
(watch for details at www.amberleyvillage.org)

2012 Extended Tax Returns Due

If you filed an extension for your 2012 Tax Return, it is due on October 15. Filing and paying on time can save you a late filing penalty as well as interest. To contact the tax office, call Patty Meiers at 531-0130. The tax office is now staffed part-time. Please leave Patty a message and she will return your call.

Election Day - Voter Information

Voter registration is handled by the Hamilton County Board of Elections. The County's redesigned website provides faster access to answers for voter questions. Quick links help you find out where to register, polling place locations, voting hours and dates, precincts, and a sample ballot for your precinct during the election season are all at your fingertips! Visit <http://boe.hamilton-co.org/>.

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Police Department Achieves Re-Accreditation

The Amberley Village Police Department received re-accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) on August 3 at the CALEA Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

As part of the process to maintain its accreditation, the Amberley Village Police Department undergoes an on-site assessment by the CALEA Assessment Team, which is comprised of out-of-state law enforcement personnel, every three years.

During the on-site earlier this year, the CALEA Assessment Team reviewed compliance with 177 standards and the Village demonstrated that it met professionally recognized criteria for excellence in its management operations and its delivery of service to the public it serves.



What does accreditation mean for the Amberley Police Department and the Village? It helps establish a set of comprehensive, well thought-out policies and procedures that are in accordance with the nationally recognized CALEA standards (best practices). It improves and strengthens the agency's accountability and it assists the agency in its pursuit of excellence.

Brush Pick-Up Suspended for October, November, December

As of part of the Village's on-going efforts to streamline its operations with a reduced staff, the Maintenance Department staff will concentrate on bulk leaf collection during this period.

Brush pick-up will resume in January. The last pick-up for residents will be their regularly scheduled pick-up day during the week of September 30 through October 4, 2013. To find out the last day of brush pick-up on your street, please visit the News section at AmberleyVillage.org.



Financial Sustainability Report

The long term financial health of the Village was the driving force behind the recent preparation of the Financial Sustainability Plan, adopted by Village Council in June. Long term financial planning was the focus after Village Council adopted a balanced 2013 Budget that brought revenue and spending into balance, however, it does not include allocation of funding for significant costs that have been postponed or delayed which must be factored into future budgets. The Village used the services of Silverton Finance Director Tom Peterson to prepare the plan working with staff and the Council Finance Committee. The services of Mr. Peterson were negotiated as part of the Village providing dispatch services for Silverton.

The Financial Sustainability Plan provides guidance for policy decisions related to the financial health of the Village. Forecasting was one tool utilized to maintain financial balance as there was a strong linkage between delivery of services and financial planning. The plan projects Village revenues and expenses to 2020 and shows various financial scenarios of best, medium and worst-case. Overall, it shows the Village's financial condition is good but it reinforces our program of seeking productivity, efficiencies and evaluating the effectiveness of operations. Action steps and implementation plans will follow in order to secure and enhance our financial future. The full report can be viewed by visiting amberleyvillage.org>Forms and Documents>Committees>Finance.

Amberley Green Development Update

The Amberley Green property was acquired by Amberley Village almost five years ago and since that time the Village has been exploring the best use of the property. The Long Range Planning Committee of the Village (a committee comprised of residents and council members), met from September 2010 through March 2011 to explore the options for the property. The Committee's findings were presented to a group of more than 150 residents at a public meeting and to Council in the first half of 2011. The Long Range Planning Committee's recommendations for Amberley Green included a mixed used development incorporating institutional/ corporate use; agricultural; community/civic/green space; and residential.



Over the past couple of years, Council has explored ways to take the next step for the property and at its April meeting Village Council approved a development agreement with The Walnut Group. The Walnut Group presented a concept plan that proposed land uses including an office campus, universal lifestyle living, community park, retail town center and an arboretum. The concept was consistent with the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee. The Walnut Group sought to explore the viability of the plan over a 10-month period.

On June 24, the Village was given notice by the Walnut Group it was withdrawing from the Amberley Green project. Village Council will consider the next steps to take in development of the site.

The economics of the development for Amberley Village will be a critical factor in determining the way forward. It is necessary for whatever is developed on the site to "maximize economic benefit to the Village while also providing value to residents" per the Long Range Planning Report. This piece of property needs to generate dollars for the Village in order to minimize our reliance on residents' taxes.

If you want to be informed about development of Amberley Green, please go to the Village website at www.amberleyvillage.org and scroll down to subscriptions to sign up for meeting notifications.

2013 Road Repair Program Update

The Village budget for 2013 reflects the austerity measures implemented in 2011 and 2012 to align Village spending with available revenues. The 2013 Budget for street improvements reflects what the Village can afford but falls short of addressing our infrastructure needs.

While rehabilitating entire roadways is the preferred method of a comprehensive approach to repaving Village streets, these repair programs are attempting to address the more severe issues in the road infrastructure inventory. After years of postponing and delaying street needs due to financial constraints, the Village must take proactive efforts to develop financial plans to address our street needs.

Council authorized assembling bid packages that included pavement patching, curb and gutter replacement and intersection improvements. These various projects were bundled together with like items to create attractive projects for the bidding companies, a strategy that has resulted in favorable pricing again this year. The lowest and best bid for the road improvements came in below the engineer's estimate. This enabled the Village Council to authorize repairs to two other alternate locations and still remain below the estimate for the base program.



Summer Construction Projects

Micro-Surfacing a Segment of Ridge Road

This project is located on Ridge Road near the Village Municipal Building. Bid in collaboration with the City of Montgomery.

Pavement Repair

Locations for road repair (patching) included Elbrook Avenue north of Section Road, Rolling Ridge Court, Appleridge Lane and Section Road at various locations.

Curb Repairs

Limited repairs to curbing and other miscellaneous fixtures have been completed on Appleridge Lane, Laurel Oak Lane, Longmeadow Lane, Kentland Court, Patrisal Court, Hudson Parkway, and Twigwood Lane.

Traffic Signal at Ridge & Section Roads

Improvements to the intersection at Ridge and Section Roads were mandated handicap ramps, guy wires and underground conduits that have been installed along with the pole bases that will support the crosswalk hardware where utility poles are not readily available proximate to the intersection. **This project included a new controller and housing, new signal heads, loop detectors, and the crosswalk hardware.**

The Village is managing these repairs while still operating within the established austerity budgets in an attempt to maintain the alignment of expenditures with the revenues available when the 2013 budget was adopted.

Leaf Collection Starts October 15

Amberley Village's Maintenance Department is pleased to serve the community through the annual leaf collection program beginning on Tuesday, October 15 through January 3.



Again this year, the black and white advisory signs will be posted at the entrance to your neighborhood in advance, projecting the estimated collection day for your area. Crews will stay on schedule as much as possible. Weather, equipment, parking on the street, and debris mixed with leaves all affect the Village's ability to collect leaves.

Tips When Raking Your Leaves for Pickup:

- Please avoid placing leaves in the street to keep gutters and storm drains from clogging.
- Please avoid parking in front of leaf piles; crews are not able to pick up piles with access issues.
- Never place leaves around fire hydrants, mailboxes, sign posts, utility poles or guy wires.

Recycle Carts Increase Recycling Rates

Residents have once again increased the Village's recycle rate! When comparing the 2nd quarter of 2012 to the 2013 2nd quarter, the curbside recycling tonnage is up from 94.38 tons to 118.26 tons—an increase of 24.5%! This compares favorably with other communities who elected to utilize the larger recycling carts.

To see results around the area, visit hamiltoncountyrecycles.org, click on "residents", then "recycling". To recycle even more this year, check out the list of eligible materials.

Electric and Gas Aggregation

The Village began its gas aggregation program in the fall of 2012. As with the electric aggregation program, most residents were automatically enrolled in the program with the choice to opt-out.

The gas rate initially established was a variable rate that changed monthly; however the Village has since negotiated a locked-in rate to secure the best deal for the residents. Interstate Gas Supply (IGS) is the Village's gas supplier with a rate of \$0.543 ccf through March 2014.

Since inception, the aggregation programs have been very successful in reducing energy bills for the residents. The electric savings for 2012 was \$231,978 and for 2013 (January through June) the savings was \$100,208. The natural gas program has saved \$30,101 so far this year. That is a total program savings of \$367,387! The Village is pleased to facilitate this savings program for our residents.

If you are with another provider and would like to switch, contact the suppliers below.

Natural Gas

IGS Energy
P.O. Box 9060
Dublin, OH 43017
1-800-280-4474 (8 am – 8 pm weekdays)
www.IGSenergy.com

Electric

DP&L (Dayton Power & Light)
1065 Woodman Drive
Dayton, OH 45432
1-888-674-3753
www.dpandl.com