

Police Calls for Service Increase

In 2013, the Amberley Village Police Department was extremely active with 28,320 calls for service covering a wide variety of complaints and emergencies. This is an additional 4,423 calls for service over 2012 while operating with fewer officers on the road. Emergency 911 calls represent 6,622 for the year. Data trends shown reflect a steady increase in calls for police services.



Calls for Police Service

2010	17,857
2011	18,983
2012	23,897
2013	28,320

Arrests

2010	313
2011	267
2012	320
2013	343

Major Offenses for 2013

Theft.....	47
Burglary	15
Drugs.....	11
Rape.....	1
Other Offenses	13

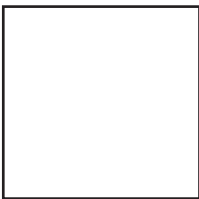
With crime activity reflecting an increase over last year following an upward trend overall, crime prevention efforts are the focus for the department and for residents. The Village has replaced 2 vacant police officer positions that will provide improved visibility on Village streets. Working toward targeted capacity for staffing levels directly serves as a crime deterrent and crime prevention tool. The department’s current staffing of 16 sworn full-time police officers reflects staffing levels from 10 years ago in 2005.

HOME SECURITY

As the warmer weather approaches and you are preparing to spruce up your home and landscape, now is a good time to get professional advice on your home security and personal safety. Crimes against your home, vehicle and even you are most often one of opportunity. The harder you make it for the bad guys the likely they will go somewhere else to commit their crimes. Small and inexpensive updates and repairs to your home can greatly reduce the chance of being a victim.

Call the Amberley Village Police at 531-2040 for a free crime prevention analysis of your home by one of our certified officers.

You are also encouraged to attend the next Amberley Village **Block Watch meeting on April 9th at 7 p.m.** at the Municipal Building to learn more.



Community Calendar:

One Stop Drop: Amberley Recycles

When: April 6 Noon – 4 p.m.
Where: Amberley Green Parking Lot
Electronics recycling, secure document shredding and more!
This is a great opportunity for Spring Cleaning. Consult the Village website for further details.

Earth Day-Arbor Day Celebration

When: April 22 at 6 p.m.
Where: TBD
A celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, details coming soon!

April Council Meeting Date Change

Village Council has rescheduled the April 14 regular council meeting to Thursday, April 10.

Taking Root in Amberley Village

When: April 28 at 7 p.m. Where: Amberley Village Community Room
The Environmental Stewardship Committee is hosting an event that will feature a presentation by Scott Beuerlein who is a horticulturalist from the Cincinnati Zoo. This is sure to be an informative event.

Amberley Village NEWS



2014 Road and Storm Water Repair Program

The 2014 Stormwater program is in the final planning stages and has gone out to bid. This program consists of three pipe linings on Section Road and one on Arborcrest Court which will repair deteriorated sections of storm pipe and prevent further sink holes. The program will also replace a deteriorated, steel corrugated, 12-inch storm pipe and catch basin on Verger Lane. Modifications to the Amberley Green dam will also be completed in response to the mandates from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Lowering the dam will relieve the Village from its requirement to maintain it as a Class I dam, thus saving the significant cost of bringing the dam into compliance with state standards. Throughout the construction

phases of these projects, traffic will be maintained. Watch for updates in the Village’s E-News at www.amberleyvillage.org.

Road Construction Projects

- **Paving (entire street)**
Locations for road paving include Fontaine Court and Frontenac. This project will include total curb replacement.
- **Pavement Repair**
Locations for road repair (patching) include Fairhaven Lane and Sagamore Drive.
- **Curb Repair**
Limited repairs to curbing and other miscellaneous fixtures for areas on Springvalley Drive (south of Galbraith), Gardener Avenue and Fairhaven Lane.

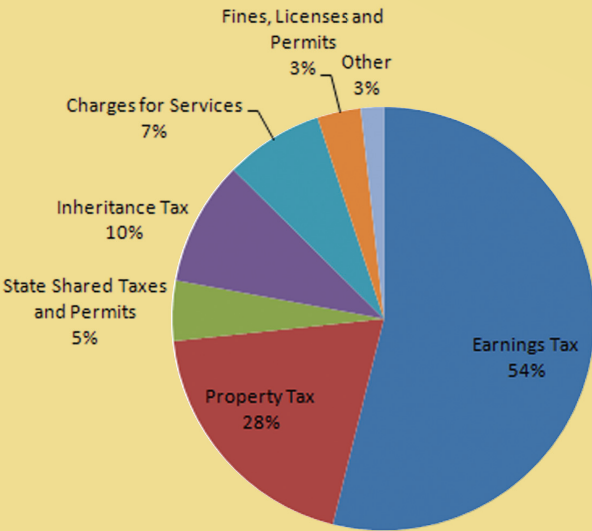
2013 Year-End Financial Summary

While the Village has faced a multitude of financial challenges, 2013 saw financial progress stemming from our collective efforts of a multipronged approach. The Village’s cost savings efforts, additional revenue sources, expenditure containment and control measures, doing business differently than in the past, sharing services, and government collaboration have all contributed to the Village improving its financial position. The Village remains debt free and has stabilized the budget bringing revenue and spending into balance with no forecast of deficit spending. The Village prepared a Financial Sustainability Report that expands our fiscal planning horizon to improve upon mechanisms to facilitate financial forecasting plans. The result is a document that includes projections which can be made with a reasonable degree of certainty while providing insight into the future impact of today’s decisions.

General Fund Revenue 2013 Total = \$4,851,772

General fund revenues are used to fund services of Village government like snow and ice control, emergency medical response, brush and leaf collection.

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Earnings Tax	\$2,614,329
Property Tax	942,645
State Shared Taxes and Permits	222,936
Inheritance Tax	461,460
Charges for Services	363,886
Fines, Licenses and Permits	161,444
Miscellaneous	85,072
Total	\$4,851,772



General Fund Expenses 2013 Total = \$3,914,868

Services paid from the General Fund include fire fighting, mowing, traffic signals, brush chipping, and 36% of the police budget that was not covered by the police levy.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Police	\$903,809
Fire	236,583
Service/Maint./Land/Bldgs.	1,036,468
Administration	377,635
Legislative/Committee	
/Treasurer	66,313
Earnings Tax	58,916
Legal	84,837
Public Health	140,091
Refuse	193,519
Tax Refunds	313,725
Transfers	502,972
Total	\$3,914,868

2014 Budget

Village Council approved the 2014 Budget at its December meeting, a balanced budget reflecting a conservative approach making sound financial sense. It also illustrates how the Village must be vigilant in identifying opportunities to contain expenses in order to continue the highest level of service in these financially challenging times.

To provide police and fire, administration, maintenance and zoning services to the Village residents, the staffing funded in the 2014 Budget includes 32 full time positions, three positions below 3 years ago:

Highlights of some of the items included in the 2014 Budget:

- 3 replacement cruisers
- Renewed EMS contract (3 year)

Dump Truck Replaced with Corrosion Resistant Technology



The Village’s Maintenance Department prides itself on extending the service life of equipment. As replacement of aging equipment has been deferred during the past several years while operating in austerity, the department’s 1998 dump truck, after 16 years of service, had to be removed from service. Increased vehicle down time for repairs and high maintenance costs with no significant improvement in performance of the unit proved it had served more than its useful service life to the Village. A ten-year service life from this type of truck is typical and the Village was pleased to have gained years of service beyond that expectation.

Working with the State bid process to achieve cost efficiencies for the acquisition of a replacement dump truck, the department continued in its efforts to find ways to make the Village trucks last longer. The new 2014 International Dump Truck will be the first truck purchased with a corrosion resistant stainless-steel body, salt spreader, fuel tank and wheels. The stainless-steel will stand up to the rigorous conditions of the day-to-day duties, require less maintenance, and will be less impacted by the deterioration from the road salt that notoriously rusts truck beds and components. While the cost of a stainless-steel bed is higher, the low maintenance and life span of the bed are pluses toward cost savings long term.

Amberley Green Status

Development on the Amberley Green property continues to be a priority for the Village. Most recently, the Village entered into an agreement with JDL Warm Construction to submit Amberley Green as a potential site for Catholic Health Partners. Catholic Health Partners was reported as seeking a property that could accommodate their 350,000 square foot office building. The Village has been notified by Catholic Health Partners the Amberley Green site did not make the short list for their search however, the Village will continue its development efforts.

The Long Range Plan for Amberley Green includes a mixed used development incorporating institutional/corporate use; agricultural; community/civic/green space; and residential. Village Council recognizes the uniqueness of this beautiful property and while it could be turned over to a broker for development, there are some factors which impede its development such as no infrastructure in place and the property is zoned residential. Since Amberley owns the property, the Village wants to control the development. The Village will continue to pursue development of the property in conjunction with the Long Range Plan.

- Increased training in Fire and uniforms for replacement hires
- Ballfield renovation and tennis court repair
- Contracted magistrate for Mayor’s court
- Contracted mowing and tree removal
- Backhoe and dump truck replacement
- Street program
- Police levy anticipated at \$1,578,700 for personnel costs
- Amberley Green Dam repair and storm water program

The 2014 Budget serves the public interest in describing and providing the resources for the provision of Village services and projects. It also represents a fiscally prudent approach to Village finances and is backed by a Village Council and workforce that are committed to cost savings, efficiency and effectiveness.

Challenging Snow Season

Experiencing one of our snowiest winters this season, most communities, including the Village, ran low on salt and looked for other alternatives to effectively manage the winter storm events. Salt was in very high demand and there was very little salt to supply to the communities. The Village, through contacts made throughout the year with other communities, was able to obtain a few hundred tons of road salt to help with the Village’s salt shortage.

When responding to snow and ice events, the goals of the Maintenance Department are to keep all roads open and passable for emergency vehicles and the traveling public during the storm and have all of the streets cleared as soon as possible after the storm. This winter season has been one of the busiest winters with the maintenance department having responded to 24 events. The measure of snow at the maintenance facility totaled just over 55.25 inches, which resulted in utilizing 941 tons of road salt and 12,930 gallons of salt brine/beet juice to maintain safe roadways. The salt supply, brine and beet juice solutions, together with personnel time cost the Village approximately \$79,033 with the salt, brine and beet juice supplies representing the majority of the cost.

