

Drug Take Back Day

Bring your pills for disposal to the Amberley Village Police-Fire Department, 7149 Ridge Road. Please adhere to the drop off times of 10 am-2 pm when staffing is available. No early or late drop-offs are permitted.

- ✓ No liquids, needles or sharps accepted.
- ✓ Free and anonymous service. No questions asked.



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Community Calendar

Fire Prevention Week

October 8-14, 2017 is fire prevention week: Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out! Amberley Village Police-Fire Department advises residents to have a home fire escape plan and practice it. Free smoke detectors available October 8-14 only, limit 1 per story, per household. Contact Amberley Village Police-Fire Department at 531-2040.

Council Meeting

WHEN: October 9 at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Council Chambers, Amberley Village Municipal Building

Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEN: October 23 at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Community Room, Amberley Village Municipal Building
Interested in volunteering as a member? Come join us!

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

October 31 between 6-8 p.m. Police-Fire Officers will have candy to pass out to children as they patrol the Village on this spooky occasion!

2016 Extended Tax Returns Due

If you filed an extension for your 2016 Tax Return, it is due on October 15. Filing and paying on time can save you a late filing penalty fee as well as interest. Questions? Call the tax office at 531-0130.



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Amberley Village NEWS

FALL 2017

Leaf Collection Starts October 16

The Village's annual leaf collection program will begin on Monday, October 16 this year. The Maintenance Department has readied its equipment and the crews will make regular routes throughout the Village to provide leaf collection to residents until December 29, 2017.

As the volume of leaves increases, the black and white advisory signs will be posted at the entrance to your neighborhood in advance of the crews, projecting the estimated day of collection in 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:

- 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.

Brush Pick-Up Suspended

The Village's Maintenance Department staff will concentrate on bulk leaf collection from mid-October through December 29. The last pick-up day for residents will be their regularly scheduled pick-up day during the week of October 2 through October 6. For a street listing of the pick-up schedule, visit amberlevillage.org. If you need to dispose of brush before collection resumes in January, Rumpke allows residents to place brush with their trash, as long as it is bundled and cut into four-foot lengths, or cut the brush and place it into a garbage can or yard waste bag for collection. Residents interested in yard trimming drop-off sites can find locations listed at hamiltoncountyrecycles.org or call the County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766.



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Sale Sign on 2100 Section Road

Residents may notice the sale sign that has been placed on the property located at 2100 Section Road. The redevelopment of this 56-acre parcel has moved into its next phase which will be marketing as site readiness comes to completion.

The property is currently owned by the Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati, recently renamed Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority, who acquired the parcel in 2016 as part of implementing its strategic plan and redevelopment mission to focus on repurposing real estate that does not yield maximum return to the community. The organization announced its new name in an effort to better align with their mission and focus to repurpose and revitalize underperforming properties in our region.

The Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority will market the 56-acre industrial site in partnership with REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative) to attract a suitable end user in the area of advanced manufacturing. The Village looks forward to this opportunity to produce a highly attractive manufacturing site that will benefit our community and become the anchor for our industrial zone for many years to come. Interested parties can inquire directly to the commercial real estate company Cushman & Wakefield at (513) 421-4884.



Speed Signs

Two speed signs have been installed along Section Road to help the Amberley Village Police-Fire Department slow drivers in an area where residents are frequently walking. The yellow, solar powered speed signs have a digital display that also lights up to catch the attention of drivers, and collects data on the speed vehicles are traveling along with the day and time.

The Amberley Village Police-Fire Department now has four speed signs that will rotate for extended periods of time throughout the community to reduce speeding on our streets. The current locations of the solar speed signs are Section and Farmacres, and Section and Aracoma. If you are concerned about speeding on your street, please contact the Police-Fire Department at 531-2040.



Coming Soon - Options for Alarm Monitoring Services

The option for residents to have their home alarm monitored through the Amberley Police Department has long been a valuable service for the Village and its residents. The Village is pleased to announce that additional options in alarm companies will become available during the first quarter of 2018. Details will be shared with residents once the service is available.

2017 Road Program

The road program approved by Council in April reinvested \$322,900 into the Village's infrastructure. The entire Aracoma neighborhood was repaved over the summer as a joint project between the Village and Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) following their water main replacement project.

Aracoma Drive, East and West Aracoma Drives, Aracoma Forest Drive and Fernwood Drive received asphalt base repairs, were milled and paved, and curb repairs were completed on East Aracoma and Fernwood. The collaboration with GCWW on this project provided reimbursement to the Village for approximately \$83,107 of the street repaving and restoration expenses.



ROADS IMPROVED THIS YEAR					
Street	Mill and Pave	Asphalt Repairs	Curb & Catch Basin Repair	Curb Replacement	Curb Repairs
Aracoma Drive	✓				
East Aracoma Drive	✓	✓			✓
West Aracoma Drive	✓	✓			
Aracoma Forest Drive	✓	✓			
Fernwood Drive	✓				✓

The roads in the Aracoma neighborhood were last paved over 25 years ago. Aracoma Drive and East Aracoma Drive were 27 years old and West Aracoma Drive and Aracoma Forest Drive were 26 years old. Although Fernwood Drive was only 12 years old, the pavement was heavily cracked which scored it much lower on the street condition rating scale. With the new materials and technologies, the Village expects the roads to last another 20 to 25 years.

Electric Aggregation Program Renewed

The Village's electric aggregation program with IGS Energy will conclude in October 2017. IGS Energy has presented an offer to extend the existing rate to guarantee residents a 7.3% savings. The new electric aggregation rate is \$0.0527 per kilowatt hour for a three year term from September 2017 through August 2020. The new rate is 8.5% lower than the current rate of \$0.0576 and 14% lower than the current Duke Price-To-Compare of \$0.0615.

The service agreement also conditions that the rate cannot exceed \$0.0576 per kilowatt hour. Residents can also choose from a green power rate option that will be \$0.002 higher per kilowatt hour. The green power option can be requested by residents after enrollment into the Village's aggregation program and contacting IGS directly.

Residents currently enrolled in the Village electric aggregation program with IGS Energy should have received a letter in July to choose to opt-out of the program. Unless you are with an alternative electric supplier, you will become part of the Village electric aggregation program and begin saving money. If you are with another supplier and would like to switch to the Village's aggregation program, contact IGS Energy at 1-877-353-0162 (8 am – 8 pm weekdays) to sign up. There are no additional fees associated with the Village's aggregation programs, but before you switch you should check with your existing supplier for related cancellation fees.

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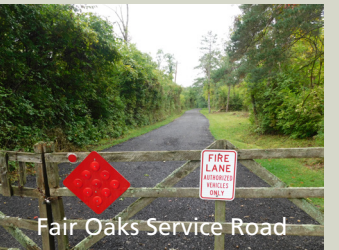
Ingenuity Saves Village Tax Dollars

Grinding down a road to prepare it for new pavement is accomplished through a process referred to as milling. The road can be milled to different levels including full depth removal. The old road is removed, ground up and becomes an aggregate to generate new pavement.

The Village's Maintenance Department reclaimed the road grindings from the recent milling of Aracoma as it was prepared for total pavement replacement this summer. The Department applied truckloads of the grindings to its service drives on Fair Oaks and Beechlands.

The utilization of the old Aracoma road grindings on these one lane access drives gives the Village's emergency response vehicles a more dependable surface for the fire trucks and police vehicles to use when responding to an emergency. While the grinded material will not perform exactly like an application of new pavement intended for high volume vehicle traffic, it will serve in good form on the service drives which are kept closed by a gate and meant for emergency access situations.

The ingenuity of the Maintenance Department to identify this opportunity saves significant dollars for each time the Village would have purchased gravel for the drives which was the previous method over the years to maintain these and other areas. The reclaimed material on the service drives is the first application of this method by the Maintenance Department and will become another cost-effective tool in the Village's approach to continuously seek cost savings and bring strategic changes to its operations for highly effective services for our community's tax dollars.



Village Engages Planning Firm for Amberley Green

At its August 14 meeting, Village Council approved a contract with MKSK Landscape Architecture for planning services related to the Amberley Green property. The scope of work in the amount of \$15,500 directs MKSK to conduct a two-phase planning review beginning with the Jewish Community Center's (JCC) conceptual plan to redevelop the former clubhouse and the surrounding land which would include their outdoor camp. The JCC's conceptual plan involves 27 acres or about 20% of the property.

In keeping with the Village's due diligence on identifying options for the property, the residual land use for the remaining 100 acres will also be reviewed by MKSK as part of Phase 2 which will explore how the JCC's potential investment will affect the property including its value, identify what would complement such a development, and explore how the property can be made more valuable and useful to all of the Village's residents.

This process will provide the Village with current insights that will vet the potential uses of the property given the topography of the site, constraints associated with its location, limitation for additional traffic, adjacent land uses, high visibility from Ridge and Galbraith Roads, current use of the property and what residents would like to see in the future.

The Land Development Committee will interact with MKSK and hold public committee meetings as this step in the process unfolds. Resident engagement will occur once there is a better understanding of the property from a planning perspective. To stay updated on this project, sign up to receive meeting notices of the Land Development Committee by clicking on Subscriptions at www.amberleyvillage.org.



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