

Brush Pick-Up Suspended

Continuing with streamlined operations and limited staff, the Village's Maintenance Department crew will concentrate on bulk leaf collection during mid-October through December. Brush pick-up will resume in January. In the meantime, residents interested in yard trimming drop-off sites can find locations listed at www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org or call the County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766.



Leaf Collection Starts October 17

The Village's annual leaf collection program will begin on Monday, October 17 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 January 6, 2017.

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:

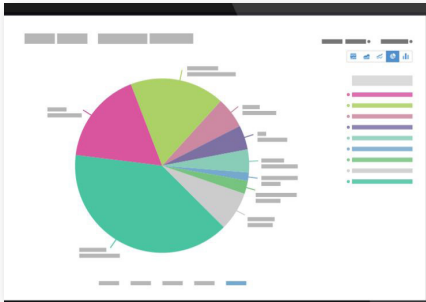
- Please avoid placing leaves in the street to keep gutters and storm drains from clogging.
- Please avoid parking in front of leaf piles; crews are not able to pick up piles with access issues.
- Never place leaves around fire hydrants, mailboxes, sign posts, utility poles or guy wires.



Open Access to Financial Data

The Village is pleased to announce the launch of a new digital platform powered by OpenGov that provides residents, elected officials, and staff unprecedented access to the Village's finance information and enables greater understanding through an interactive, digital format. The intuitive design makes it easier to explore how taxpayer money is collected and utilized. The financial data portal can be accessed on the village website.

The financial data portal through OpenGov displays expenses and revenues in a user-friendly format where users can view historical trends over time and explore multiple views of financial data, including by fund, department, expense or revenue type.



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Community Calendar

Fire Prevention Week

October 9-15, 2016 is fire prevention week: Don't Wait – Check the Date! Amberley Village Police-Fire Department encourages residents to replace smoke alarms every 10 years from the date of manufacture found on the back of the alarm.

2015 Extended Tax Returns Due

If you filed an extension for your 2015 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.

Council Meeting

WHEN: October 10 at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Council Chambers, Amberley Village Municipal Building

Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEN: October 24 at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Community Room, Amberley Village Municipal Building

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!

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Amberley Village NEWS

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K9 Creed Reporting for Duty

After spending 14 weeks training with K9 handler Officer Andrea Alt, K9 Creed is on patrol in Amberley Village as our first ever K9 unit.

Creed was born in January 2015 in Slovakia and brought over to the United States in February 2016 by Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania. During his training Creed learned commands in different languages, obedience skills, narcotic detection, human odor for detection of articles and weapons, building searches, and criminal apprehension.

New for our community and as a first-time handler, Officer Alt shared some insights on becoming the Village's first K9 Officer and only the second female handler in Hamilton County:

Why did you apply to become a K9 Officer?

I've wanted to become a K9 Officer from the time I started my police career in 2004, when I worked for the Sheriff's office. I love working with dogs because it is both challenging and rewarding. After I learned what a great and useful tool it would be to have a K9 in Amberley, I began attending trainings and talking to K9 officers in my off time to learn as much as I could about being a K9 handler.

Have you ever owned a dog as a pet?

Yes. I have always had a dog. I currently have a maltipoo named Daisey at home. She pays no attention to K9 Creed as he tries to play with her!

Who will be responsible for feeding, brushing and taking Creed out?

I will primarily and I have individuals trained to assist with caring for Creed. We also have a boarding kennel when I to go out of town for vacation or other training.

What is the biggest adjustment you anticipate you will need to make related to being a K9 handler?

A lot of time. I dedicate a lot of time to K9 Creed, by making sure his basic needs are met. We spend a lot of time together learning each other's behavior and working as a team.

Residents may notice the K9 cruiser patrolling the Village as it is plainly marked as a K9 unit. The primary mission for this team, in addition to patrol operations, is to perform narcotic detection, search for evidence and suspects, and locate missing persons. K9 Creed will perform a valuable service for the Village. His presence and physical abilities serve as a deterrent and may prevent violent confrontations as well as back-up for our patrol officers.



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Replacement of Salt Barn

The Village’s long-term planning for its sustainability financially and operationally includes investing in its infrastructure. The salt barn at the maintenance facility located at 8601 Ridge Road has been showing signs of deterioration for several years. While the Maintenance Department staff had been researching options to expand its salt storage capacity from 400 tons to 750 tons, the expansion was not pursued due to budget restrictions and the increase in availability of salt.

In 2014, structural deterioration of the salt barn prompted inspection which reaffirmed the need to pursue replacement. Staff continued to study several options for the replacement including replacing with a similar structure, a monolithic structure, a standard octagon dome, and a concrete/steel/fabric structure. However, these options would only marginally increase capacity, at costs ranging from \$140,000 to \$275,000. New facility construction was also investigated and the costs were ranging from \$176,000 to \$335,000, which would have increased capacity two to three fold.

Through staff’s pursuit to find a cost-effective option for the replacement of the salt barn and diligence in researching the best solution, it was recommended the Village pursue a steel and fabric structure featured at the American Public Works Association training conference as a modern, economical approach for communities to increase salt storage. The Britespan steel and fabric system will be procured for \$38,750, which includes a 100-year warranty on the structure. Related demolition, walls and footers will be contracted locally for a total project cost of \$122,180. The combination concrete and fabric system will utilize the existing rear retaining wall and floor of the current structure and expand the storage capacity for road salt to 1,000 tons.

This significant cost savings carried forward by staff showcases our commitment to doing business differently, staying budget-minded while achieving forward progress, and being resourceful with residents’ tax dollars.



2016 Road Repairs

The road program approved by Council in May reinvested \$641,288 into the Village’s infrastructure. Rejuvenation of the roads this summer included total pavement replacement, curb repair, and storm water catch basin repairs in several areas throughout the Village. Completion of all projects is anticipated to conclude in October.

ROADS SCHEDULED FOR IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR					
Street	Mill and Pave	Asphalt Repairs	Curb & Catch Basin Repair	Curb Replacement	Curb Repairs
Springvalley Drive	✓		✓		
Kincaid Road (Section to N. Farmcrest)	✓	✓			
Patrisal Court	✓		✓		
Kentland Court	✓		✓		
Longmeadow Lane (Ridge to Lamarque)				✓	
Longmeadow Lane (Lamarque to Springvalley)					✓
Arborcrest Drive				✓	

The oldest road replaced was Kincaid which last received total pavement replacement 26 years ago. Springvalley Drive was replaced 22 years ago, and Patrisal and Kentland Courts were replaced 19 years ago. With the application of the new materials and technologies, the Village expects the new roads to last 20 to 25 years.

Excellent infrastructure encourages reinvestment into our community and is essential in providing services that support economic growth. Infrastructure has a direct impact on our personal and economic health but more importantly, is directly related to the services that it provides. Transportation systems and public utilities are essential for the economic vitality of our businesses and neighborhoods, the conservation of fuel and other natural resources, and the comfort and safety of residents and visitors.



Repairs to Tennis Courts

The tennis courts located next to the Municipal Building will receive much needed repairs. This amenity in our community has provided a place for residents to play with friends and family for many years and is among our options for exercise, leisure and recreation in the Village. The courts, from time to time, require crack sealing and coloring, over and above the regular minor maintenance performed by the Maintenance Department to help ensure the courts are safe for play.



The Public Buildings & Parks Committee recommended repair of the cracks and recoloring of the entire courts to improve surface issues. In 2013, the courts were pressure washed, cracks were repaired and the repaired areas were recolored. The last time the courts were recolored completely was in 2004. Harry Ewers & Sons has been awarded the contract in the amount of \$17,500 to pressure wash the surface, repair cracks, apply three coats of textured decocolor and re-stripe the courts to meet the U.S. Tennis Association regulations for double play. The work is underway and will be completed by the end of September.

Duke Pipeline Update

At its September 12 meeting, Council authorized the Village Manager to intervene in the proposed Duke Pipeline Central Corridor Project. This allows the Village to participate as a party of record objecting to the proposed pipeline.

As most know through media coverage, Duke filed its project application on September 13 to the Ohio Power Siting Board. The submitted plan eliminated the proposed route that would have come directly through the heart of the Village. The submitted plan reduced the pipeline size from 30 inches to 20 inches and changed the pressure from 600 pounds per square inch to 400 psi.

The selected route submitted with the project is referred to as the “orange route” that is 13.4 miles that would start north of I-275 and traverse south through the communities of Blue Ash, Sycamore Township, Montgomery, Deer Park, Silverton, Madisonville and Fairfax.

While the Village is pleased that the route directly through the Village has been dropped from the options, there remains an alternate route that would affect our southwest border. Village officials will continue to monitor the plan going forward.

The Ohio Power Siting Board currently has the application under review for completeness. There will be additional public hearings held by the Ohio Power Siting Board within 60-90 days. To follow the status of the case and learn more about public participation, visit www.opsb.ohio.gov and view Case Number 16-0253-GA-BTX.

Update on Re-Development Plan for 2100 Section Road

The Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati acquired the 56-acre site at 2100 Section Road in June 2016 as part of implementing its strategic plan and redevelopment mission to focus on repurposing real estate that, in its current condition, does not yield maximum return to the community. The Port Authority’s investment of over \$13 million into the property to acquire the land, demolish the 593,000 square foot former Gibson building, remediate the floodplain and restore its vitality to our community with advanced clean manufacturing is a significant economic development success for the Village and Hamilton County. This is a tremendous opportunity for new development and the Village is very excited to see the economic benefits this transaction brings. The Port Authority is to be commended for creating a pathway for redevelopment and bringing this strategically-located site back to productive use.

The Village has recently worked with the Port to vacate paper streets on the property and re-zone 17 of the 56 acres to create a uniformly zoned industrial parcel to enhance the ability to attract a suitable end user. This occurred after informational meetings for nearby residents were held in July, a public hearing by our Planning Commission in August, another public hearing by Village Council in September in addition to notification of residents and property owners. As a result of public input, the Port has listened to the concerns of residents and modified different aspects of redevelopment including its stormwater infrastructure plans to include a green buffer for property owners along its border.

Historically utilized to house the Village’s largest employer, the 56 acre tract of land at 2100 Section Road housed Gibson Greeting Cards when they moved onto the property in 1957. The property, while in active use, contributed a great deal of financial support as the industrial anchor to our community for many years. In order to prepare the site for a new vibrant industrial manufacturer, the site readiness steps for the Port Authority include demolition, asbestos abatement, storm water infrastructure modifications, site clearing and grading. This will occur over the next 9 months and will be sensitive to the upcoming religious holidays to minimize any inconvenience to our residents. Once the site is ready, the Port will partner with REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative) to market the site for a prospective business. The Port and REDI are acutely aware of the need for further manufacturing developments in our area.

The Village is delighted and looks forward to this rare opportunity of a re-development project that will eliminate an abandoned building, produce a highly attractive manufacturing site, attract significant interest from prospective manufacturers, benefit our community and bolster the significance of the industrial nature of this strategic property. This site is poised for economic rebirth and the Village is appreciative of the Port Authority choosing Amberley for this investment and their plan to revitalize this complex and underutilized site.

Residents in the area will be invited to another information meeting once the Port Authority has awarded contracts for their site readiness. Communication about the redevelopment has been a critical component of the Port and Village’s objective. For information about this project, please visit www.amberleyvillage.org and click on the Port Authority Redevelopment under Business in Amberley.

