



VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

November 2019

AN OUTGOING MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KIMMELL

Hello.

Four years as Mayor of the Village of Gambier. The beginning of my term seems long ago, and simultaneously I can't believe my term is coming to an end.

I've taken being Mayor very seriously because in Gambier Village government, we are the stewards of a place that is significant to many thousands of people. Taking care of this town does not mean preserving any particular version of Gambier, fixed in time. It can't be done, and everyone wants that version to be their own. Our responsibility is to look forward, informed by the past, and manage the Village's operations into and through the 21st Century. Gambier will be here much longer than any of us reading this.



*Courtesy of Evey Weisblat,
Kenyon Collegian*

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I am glad I've helped steward the Village during these four years for all those thousands of people who've been captivated by this place. I've felt proud and happy every time I've had the occasion to say "I'm Kachen Kimmell, Mayor of the Village of Gambier".

Most sincerely,

JKachenKimmell

Mayor Kachen Kimmell
Village of Gambier, Ohio

ELECTION NEWS

The Village welcomes Mayor Elect Leeman Kessler and new Council Members Morgan Giles and Barbara Kakiris. All will be sworn in January 2020.

Mayor Elect Leeman Kessler

Leeman Kessler is a Nigerian-born actor who graduated from Kenyon in 2004. After acting and teaching in Toronto, he returned to Gambier in 2015 when his wife Rachel became priest-in-charge at Harcourt Parish and chaplain at the college. In 2017, he joined Gambier's Planning and Zoning commission and was elected to Village Council. He was elected mayor in 2019 and can be seen around the village with his daughter Amanda, son Martin, and dog Bilbo.



A Message from the Mayor Elect

It is my absolute honor to announce that I will be the next mayor of Gambier, Ohio. I am grateful for everyone's support and humbled by the task at hand and the responsibility which is to be entrusted to me. To my wife Rachel and our delightful children, I want to offer up my profound gratitude. I want to thank mayor Kimmel as well as everyone I've been fortunate enough to work with on council and in the village. I want to thank my neighbors and fellow villagers. Thank you all for your support, your encouragement, and your trust.

My time in Gambier has had two beginnings, two orientations. The first was when I arrived in the fall of 2000 as a 17-year-old, clueless of what was to come and then again 15 years later, older but still relatively clueless. Both of those sets of 4 years have been an education but this most recent course of study, while not requiring sitting in the Olin stacks, jogging to Ascension, or staying late rehearsing at the Bolton has nevertheless been transformative. My new classrooms have been the dog park, the coffee shop, the late-night roads to the ER at KCH, and countless others.

I've come to learn not just about this community but about how people live in community. How we share space with one another and come together to break bread, which challenges lead to disagreement and which ones bring us closer.

Gambier is a village like no other, set apart both physically and at times mentally but we are inextricably bound not only to each other but to the wider community around us and as we look to our future, we ignore our neighbors at our own peril. One of the occupational hazards of being both a missionary kid and clergy spouse is constantly having to consider "who is my neighbor?" And I've found over the years that the wider my definition, the more satisfying the world is.

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As I look to the next four years, I have no doubt that I have an even more challenging education in store but I am eager to get started and honored to have this opportunity to serve this village and her amazing people. Thank you all.



Morgan Giles, Village Council

Morgan E. Giles is an attorney and the managing member at Giles Law Group, LLC, a law firm he owns with his wife, Alysse. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Ohio University, and Capital University Law School. He has lived in Gambier since 2012.

Giles became interested in local politics after participating in the Gambier Planning and Zoning Commission for two years. He is also on the Village Strategic Plan committee, a group tasked with developing the trajectory of the Village in the next few years. Giles plans to focus on the goals of the Strategic Plan and believes that fostering a cooperative relationship between the Village and Kenyon is a vital part of building a strong community.

Outside of work Morgan is a husband, father, and enjoys outdoor recreation and live music.

Barbara Kakiris, Village Council

Barbara Kakiris is associate director of campus events and summer conferences at Kenyon College. She is a seasoned professional in Public Relations, Event Management, and Protocol, working at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Glenn Research Center for nearly 20 years before returning to Gambier. She is a Kenyon graduate and earned her master of studies degree from the University of Oxford in England. She holds certifications from the Brookings Institute,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management, and the Protocol School of Washington. Barbara is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the Association of Collegiate Conference and Event Directors-International (ACCED-I) Outstanding Individual Achievement Award, NASA's Public Service Medal, *Inside Business* magazine's ATHENA Award, Greek America Foundation's Forty Under 40 Award, and Kenyon College's Distinguished Service Award and Anne J. Robinson Award. She also was bestowed a Congressional Achievement Award and was inducted into Lakewood High School's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. She serves on the board of directors for the Knox County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and New Directions, and is a member of Women United.



On being elected to Village Council, Barbara stated: "I'm excited to dedicate my time and talent to this village in which I live because I believe a lot of rewarding service is done close to home. I plan to bring my holistic, broad views to the table with hopes of creating strong networks amongst Gambier and other communities, stakeholders, and partners, while striving to make the village a fantastic place to live for all residents."

In her spare time, Barbara enjoys traveling, reading, and practicing hot yoga, and she is a proud mother to three Standard Poodles.



New Signage, Community Center

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COMMUNITY CENTER 115 MEADOW LANE

Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, November 25, 5:15 p.m.

Police & Personnel Committee

Monday, November 25, 6:00 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Monday, November 25, 6:45 p.m.

Streets & Utilities Committee

Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Public Presentation: Gambier Strategic Plan

Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Village Council Meeting

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving

Village Offices Closed Nov. 28 and Nov. 29

Garbage pick up will be delayed one day to Saturday, Nov. 30



Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas

Village Offices Closed at 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25

Garbage pick up will be delayed one day to Saturday, Dec. 28

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Village Offices Closed Jan. 1

Garbage pick up will be delayed one day to Saturday, Jan. 4



FINAL LEAF PICK-UP

Monday, November 25

Meadow Lane

Center Street

Duff Street

Wiggin Street

Tuesday, November 26

E. Brooklyn Street

W. Brooklyn Street

Quarry Chapel

Wednesday, November 27

N. Acland Street

S. Acland Street

Scott Lane

Chester Lane

Monday, December 2

Ward Street

Kokosing Drive

Rand Drive

Tuesday, December 3

W. Woodside Drive

Chase Avenue

Gaskin Avenue

Wednesday, December 4

E. Woodside Drive

Allen Drive

Please rake your leaves to the edge of the road in piles free of sticks and other debris. Please, do NOT place leaves in bags.

RECYCLING AND WASTE INFORMATION



RECYCLING CURBSIDE PICK-UP

The Village's recycling pick-up is on Thursday mornings. Your recycling must be curbside by 8:00 a.m. It does not need to be sorted. Please rinse out aluminum cans, cartons, glass food and drink containers, plastic bottles, and food cans. Place them in a container with holes at the bottom, allowing for drainage. Cardboard should be flattened.

If you miss pick-up, materials may be dropped off in the bins at the Gambier Maintenance Barn located at 141 Meadow Lane.

Recyclable Items

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Cartons (milk and juice)
- Glass food/drink containers
- Magazines, newspapers, office paper (no hardcover books)
- Plastic bottles/jugs
- Steel & bi-metals (food cans)

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Co-hosted by Kenyon College, electronics recycling takes place the first Saturday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop off is located near the dog park in a shipping container. There is a charge of \$20.00 per television any size and \$5.00 per computer monitor or laptops. Drop offs for most other items are free of charge.

TRASH COLLECTION

BULK ITEMS

To arrange pick up of any bulk item, call RUMPKE Waste and Recycling Services at 800-828-8171.

The Village contracts with **RUMPKE Waste and Recycling Services** to collect residential trash. This service is provided at no cost to the residents. Your trash should be curbside by 8:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. Large bulk items may be placed curbside for an additional charge, which will be billed to the resident directly from RUMPKE. Please call RUMPKE at 800-828-8171 to arrange pick up of any bulk item. Note, upholstered items must be wrapped in plastic. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give the Village a call at 740-427-2061.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDE KNOX COUNTY 2019

For detailed recycling information for Knox County go to:

<https://www.co.knox.oh.us/images/recycling/2019/2019-Residential-Recycling-Guide.pdf>

This will include information on recycling batteries, cell phones, bulbs, carpeting, and much more.

PHOTO GALLERY



*Arbor
Day,
April
2019*



*Community Park Chip and Seal Project,
September 2019*



*Wiggin Street School Halloween Parade,
November 1, 2019*



*21 Gun Salute, Veterans Day Program at
Wiggin Street, November 15, 2019*



*Raising the Flag, Veterans Day Program at Wiggin
Street, November 15, 2019*

GAMBIER PUBLIC LIBRARY DATES AND INFORMATION



GAMBIER COMMUNITY LIBRARY STORYTIME 115 Meadow Lane

Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Free and open to all children

Storytime will be co-led by library clerk Daniella Atzinger and volunteer Kelley Atzinger.

November

15th: Food

Little Chef

Nanette's Baguette

22nd: Thanksgiving

This is the Turkey

Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving

29th: NO STORY TIME

December

6th: Opposites

The Hueys in What's the Opposite?

Big Bear, Small Mouse

13th: Dr. Seuss and Rhyming

The Sneetches

(read by Officer Mark Perkins)

20th: Snow

Snowflakes Fall

Snow

Last story time until January 10th

FOOD FOR FINES NOV 12 – DEC 14

Pay your library fines with food. All proceeds go to the Knox County Food for the Hungry drive. All Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County libraries will be accepting food donations of non-perishable, non-expired, and unopened food items as well as pet food and supplies, November 12-December 14. We can make a difference in Knox County.

#LibrariesChangeLives

Library Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 10 – 5

Tuesday and Wednesday 11 – 8

Saturday 10 – 4

Sunday Closed



"That you need a village, if only for the pleasure of leaving it. Your own village means that you're not alone, that you know there's something of you in the people and the plants and the soil, that even when you are not there it waits to welcome you."

Cesare Pavese, The Moon and the Bonfires

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Josh Miller

Randy Wells

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Gambier Community Center

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

115 Meadow Lane

Post Office Box 1984

Gambier, Ohio 43022

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740-427-2073 fax

www.villageofgambier.org

AREA BUSINESSES

Chilitos Tex Mex

108 Gaskin Avenue

Gambier Deli—740-233-3031

110 Gaskin Avenue

Gambier House (B&B)—740-427-2668

107 E. Wiggin Street

Kenyon Bookstore—740-427-5652

106 Gaskin Avenue

Kenyon Inn—740-427-2202

100 W. Wiggin Street

The Rogan House (B&B) - 740-427-3203

401 Chase Avenue

The Village Inn—740-427-2112

102 Gaskin Avenue

Village Market—740-427-2801

109 Chase Avenue

Wiggin Street Coffee—740-233-3009

101 E. Wiggin Street

The Weather Vane—740-427-3636

Women's Clothing Store

103 Scott Lane