



# VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

AUTUMN 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

With fall returning to Gambier, we are experiencing that sense of change and excitement that for many represents the deep and persistent magic of Gambier. Fall is tied to the academic cycle that brings with it new and returning villagers and the life

and animating force that comes with them. It is a time of activity but also a reminder of the coming of colder months and the pause and reflection they bring. It is a period of contradictions and spaces in-between and those are some of the most overlooked and yet enriching elements of this village.



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*Walk the trails or sit in the parks and remind yourself just what brought you here and what keeps you in this village.*

The changing of the leaves, the bustling back and forth along Middle Path, the establishing of rhythms over the course of the next few months are all part of the hum and the scenery that surrounds us. Regardless of where we are in our lives, fall reminds us of where we all are physically in this shared home, we call Gambier and if we're fortunate, we are reminded not only of this place with its immense beauty but also of the people with whom we share this village.

As we enter this new yet familiar season, I urge you all to connect or reconnect with the people around you. Take a pause from the never-ending stream of large-scale concerns and worries as you are able and share a moment over coffee or tea with those in your vicinity. Walk the trails or sit in the parks and remind yourself just what brought you here and what keeps you in this village. We're grateful you're here and excited for what the next seasons hold.

**Leeman Kessler, Mayor of Gambier, Ohio**

# Village News

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## FALL DUMPSTER DAY

**OCTOBER 1, 2022 FOR GAMBIER VILLAGE & COLLEGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY,** Dumpsters will be placed at the Village Maintenance Building on the South end of Meadow Lane from **8 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

**No Hazardous Waste items will be collected.**

**Items should be separated as follows:**

1. Appliances, steel and other metal items
2. Trash i.e. items that do not fit the above description

**Recycling items will also be collected at Dumpster Day. The drop-off bins are located at the Gambier maintenance Barn at 141 Meadow Lane all year round**

**Please note that brush and small limbs can be brought to Dumpster Day.**

Dumpster Day is funded by and open to residents of the Village of Gambier and College Township **ONLY.** Please bring some form of identification showing your address.

## 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.

## TRICK OR TREAT

Monday October 31, 2022, from 5 pm to 7 pm, Gambier will host our local trick or treat activities. Many of our local “haunts” are hosting events to welcome your little ghouls and goblins, including The Gambier Community Center Library which will extend their hours that day.

## POLLING PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

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*Knox County, Ohio*

Knox County Board of Elections will use the Community Center gym for the Gambier and College Township polling location for the general election on **November 8.** More election information can be found online at [www.boe.knoxcounty.oh.gov](http://www.boe.knoxcounty.oh.gov).

# Village News

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## Don't mow me over!

Village water pit meters were installed throughout the village to allow monthly readings to be taken without coming onto a resident's property or into their home. The meters, located primarily in the front yard, are susceptible to being hit by a lawnmower or careless driver. Ordinance 1977-4 authorizes the Village to charge for meter repairs or replacement if damaged.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### NEW OPERATOR OF RECORD



The Village of Gambier recognizes hard work and commitment. Join us in congratulating Jeremiah Denuit. Jeremiah began working in the Village Maintenance Department in 2006. He was promoted to Operator of Record for our Water Department this month. This accomplishment required continuing education and many hours of hard work outside of business hours to achieve. Jeremiah's new duties include daily reporting of usage and water quality, record keeping and submitting reports to the Ohio EPA. He will work closely with the EPA to ensure operational safety and quality of our Village Water Supply.

### NEW VILLAGE CREW MEMBER

The Gambier Maintenance Department welcomes Ian Carney to the Village. He is a temporary resident and worker. You may see him working on multiple projects. Help us extend a warm welcome to him as he provides much needed support to our team and Village.



### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Village of Gambier would like to recognize and congratulate Betsy Heer as the Citizen of the Year. In a ceremony held on July 4, 2022, Mayor Kessler introduced Betsy to say a few words to the audience. It was a beautiful day to honor someone whose work with the community has been exemplary. Her name was added to the plaque in the Community Center among the other honorees dating back to 1974.

# PHOTO GALLERY

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## INSPECT THE UNEXPECTED

V 3 Companies has been hired to update the Survey of Oak Grove Cemetery as the Village has started to sell lots in the next section row. The surveyor's received an unexpected inspector that day.



## WALKING ON SUNSHINE



Workers from Smith Paving of Norwalk install a new sidewalk on Wiggin Street from Meadow Lane to Quarry Chapel. Council approved the sidewalk extension project which came in at just under \$70,000. The project included concrete aprons for residents whose driveway intersected with the new sidewalk. The Village also hired the crew to repair a sidewalk damaged on E. Woodside

## NEW RRFB

The Village received a Highway Safety Improvement Grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation this summer. Here, workers from Greenwich Electric install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the Ward/Wiggin Street intersection. The push-button device allows motorists to be alerted when there is a pedestrian crossing. Village Council authorized the company to install another RRFB on Meadow Lane across from the Gambier Child Care Center.



## POCKET PARK

Council member Kaitlin Sockman has been working with community volunteers to improve the pocket park located between the Post Office and the Village Market. The park was completed just in time for sun dappled fall daydreaming. The convenient location and expanded hours of the Village Market make it a convenient and safe place for picnics after work and class. We hope you get to enjoy the new space.







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**Village of Gambier**

**2022 Hydrant Flushing Schedule**

- **October 3 – October 7**
  - Acland St
  - Allen Dr
  - Chase Ave
  - College Dr
  - College Park
  - College Rd
  - Lepley Ln
  - Hydrant next to Art Barn
  - Meadow Ln
  - Rand Dr
  - W. Brooklyn
  - W. Woodside
  - Ward St
  - Wiggin St
- **October 10 – October 14**
  - Duff St
  - E. Brooklyn
  - E Woodside Dr
  - Gaskin Ave
  - Kokosing Dr
  - (Any left over hydrants)
- **October 17 – October 21**
  - As needed to finish up



# GAMBIER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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## Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am-5pm

Tuesday, Thursday 11am-7pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

Sunday Closed



## Family Story Time

On October 4, 2022, the fall story “**Leaves**” is featured from **6p-7p** there will be one story and one craft during this time.



## Take and Make Monthly Children's Craft

This month's fun “take and make” is a popsicle stick scarecrow. Stop by and pick up your craft, available while supplies last. Just ask for a craft bag at circulation. Enjoy! We enjoy seeing pictures of these crafts, stop back in with your picture and don't forget check out some more fall children's book titles.



## New Storybook Trail Story

Do you want to take reading with your child off the page? A good story is just a hop, skip and a jump away at the storybook trail. The best thing about our trail is that the whole family, even your furry friends are invited to become part of the story. Our featured title is, “Invasion of the Unicorns.” The book is changed quarterly, so be on the lookout, a new adventure awaits.



## Pick a Pumpkin Contest

Beginning on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**, come in the library and pick up a pumpkin take it home to decorate. Bring your decorated pumpkin back by **October 24<sup>th</sup>** to be entered in the contest judged by guest judges.

# Important Dates and Events

## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, September 27, 4:00 p.m.**

Buildings & Grounds Committee

**Thursday, September 29, 5:00 p.m.**

Safety & Personnel Committee

**Thursday, September 29, 5:30 p.m.**

Streets & Utilities Committee

**Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.**

Village Council Meeting

**Monday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Village Council Meeting

**Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Village Council Meeting

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**Monday, October 31 – Halloween**



5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat!



**Tuesday, November 8 – Election Day**

**Friday, November 11 – Veterans Day**

Village Offices Closed Nov. 11

*Garbage will be picked up on schedule, Saturday, Nov. 12*

*Recycling will be picked up Thursday, Nov. 10*

**Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving**

Village Offices Closed Nov. 24 and Nov. 25

*Garbage pick up will be delayed to Saturday, Nov. 26*

*There will be no recycling pick up this week.*



**Friday, December 26 – Christmas Observed**



**Village Offices Closed at 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 23**

*Recycling and garbage will remain on schedule for Thursday and Friday.*

**Monday January 2 – New Year's Day Observed**

Village Offices Closed

*Recycling and garbage will remain on schedule for Thursday and Friday*



## LEAF PICK-UP ROTATION

Please note this is a basic plan, times and dates will be determined by weather. The rotation will begin in October and conclude November 23.

### Monday, week 1

Meadow Lane

Center Street

Duff Street

Wiggin Street



### Tuesday, week 1

E. Brooklyn Street

W. Brooklyn Street

Quarry Chapel

### Wednesday, week 1

N. Acland Street

S. Acland Street

Scott Lane

Chester Lane

### Monday week 2

Ward Street

Kokosing Drive

Rand Drive

### Tuesday week 2

W. Woodside Drive

Chase Avenue

Gaskin Avenue

### Wednesday week 2

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.



*"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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## AREA BUSINESSES

### **Campus Auto & Tire—740-233-3015**

101 W. Brooklyn Street

### **Gambier Deli—740-233-3031**

110 Gaskin Avenue

### **Gambier House (B&B)—[gambierhouse.com](http://gambierhouse.com)**

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