



VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

Spring 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

Snow has returned to Gambier as a reminder that we can't count winter out just yet. With the college on break, there is a quiet in the village as we prepare ourselves for the bustle of excitement and energy that is the spring. The seasonal ebb and flow of village life is one of the many natural gifts with

which Gambier is blessed. We are a community that grows busy and still with regularity and that helps us appreciate where we are and anticipate what comes next.

Three years ago, all sense of expectation and regularity was broken and we had to come to grips with that most dreaded of terms - The New Normal. While the village



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and surrounding community rose to the challenge, linking arms to take care of each other even in the midst of confusion and contention, it was no easy task and each subsequent March since 2020 is a reminder of how precarious and precious our established rhythms are.

This year brings with it a familiarity to those of us who have lived here for longer than four years and for those new to village life, we hope you are able to appreciate what a gift it is to live in this community and be a part of its rhythms and life. Thank you to all who make Gambier a unique home and destination and I look forward to many more years of both staid and steady rhythms and the occasional unexpected changes. Through it all, what matters is that we experience our communal life together, taking care of each other and celebrating the gifts we all share.

Leeman Kessler, Mayor of Gambier, Ohio

Village Photo Gallery



SWEET TREATS AT THE LIBRARY

The Valentine's Day Sweet Dessert Contest at the Library was a delectable event. Contestants were asked to bring in their best desserts to be judged and shared with library guests. 3 Winners were chosen and rewarded with gift cards. A sweet time was had by all, especially the judges and library staff.



NEW VILLAGE INTERN

Khue Tran joins the Village of Gambier team this spring for a special storm water project. At Kenyon on a music scholarship, she is a double major in Mathematics and Music. She is from Vietnam and plays piano and cello. She serves on Student Council as the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion and as the Vice President of the Association for Women in Mathematics. She is a dog lover that enjoys traveling, cooking, and being outdoors. We are happy to have the opportunity to work with Khue this semester.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The award-winning Community Garden will be bustling with activity as soon as the danger of frost has passed. Gambier's maintenance team has improved the irrigation method this year by adding more hoses and allowing gardeners from the various sections the ability to water their garden simultaneously. Despite the increase in plots recently, the Village still has a waiting list from residents who would like an opportunity to have their own spot.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TeachSpin will bring their Physics Food Truck for the Physics Mind to the Village on March 21st. Their hard-to-miss 44-foot trailer features 20 different Physics instruments and a space for hands on learning about physics. This will be a wonderful experience for those who are inspired by Physics.

Village Events

MARCH 25, 2023

COUNCIL SETS SPECIAL MEETING ON ZONING PROPOSAL

This meeting scheduled from **1pm to 4pm** to review the Village zoning changes. In 2020 our village adopted a strategic plan to establish a cohesive vision for the future. One of the goals of this plan was to update the zoning ordinances. During this meeting Council Members will review the documents submitted to make note of their clarity, consistency, and actionability. This will ensure that we are both in line with law and the strategic plan. Proposed updates can be viewed by date on our website at www.villageofgambier.org/planning-zoning/pages/village-ordinance-update-project



APRIL 14, 2023

STORYBOOK TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING

April 14, 2023, from **11am to 1pm**, a ribbon cutting for the storybook trail just outside the Gambier Public Library at 115 Meadow Lane. This popular attraction located along the dog park encourages family activity and reading time. The permanent page holders were added to make the trail both sturdier and more resistant to weather. The event will include a children's craft at the library and refreshments.

APRIL 27, 2023

ARBOR DAY PLANTING

On April 27 at the Dog Park there will be a planting of trees for Arbor Day. Mayor Kessler will make his Annual Arbor Day Proclamation and talk to Wiggin Street Elementary school students about the importance of planting trees. Pictured above is last year's celebration. Village staff interacted with students and gave them a take and plant tree.



APRIL 29, 2023

43022 DAY

Last year's celebration of 43022 Day was such a success that the village has decided to make it an annual Spring event, a day of community celebration the last Saturday in April. This year, the village invites you downtown on April 29th from noon-2 for fellowship, food, live music, face painting and a chance to interact with village neighbors and students, alike. This year's gathering will take place downtown on Gaskin Avenue (the street will be closed between Wiggin and Brooklyn streets). Any service club or student organization is welcome to set up a table at the event. Eventually, our hope is that villagers will spend the afternoon volunteering for community service projects. Any project suggestions can be forwarded to village administrators. We hope you will join us to celebrate what makes Gambier such a great place to live!



Spring cleaning is upon us! Here is your guide to the services offered to help you spruce up.



APRIL 24, 2023

STICK IT TO THE VILLAGE DAY

Stick it to the Village Day, April 24, 2023

The Gambier Maintenance Dept. will pick up bundled piles of sticks. Residents can place them by the road. These piles should only be the sticks and limbs that have fallen from your trees over the winter.

Please **DO NOT** place flower bed cleanings, leaves, pine needles or other debris. Small manageable piles only!

Please **do not trim** the trees of large limbs and branches and place them out by the street. Trimmed branches and brush should be brought to the Spring Dumpster Day on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**.

MAY 6, 2023

SPRING DUMPSTER DAY

Spring Dumpster Day, May 6, 2023 8A-12P

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**.

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 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.

No Hazardous Waste items will be collected.

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.



Ohio Outdoor Fire Laws: What You Need to Know

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

O.R.C. 1503.18 is under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

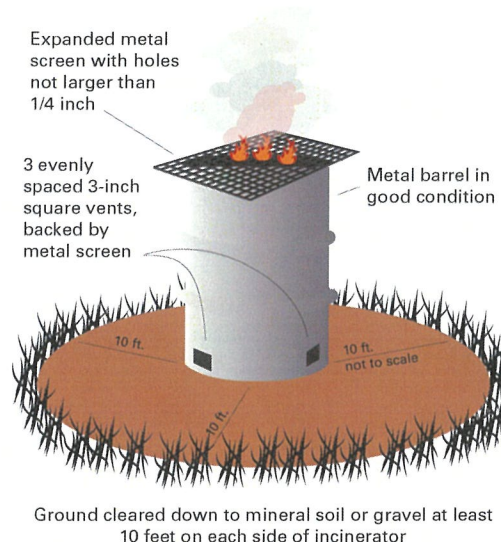
This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.

Call ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 with questions.



Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 Regarding Outdoor Burning



O.A.C. 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA
EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.

EPA Basics for Homeowners

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

- Food Waste
- Dead Animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- Fires must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas



Ohio

Department
of Commerce

Division of State Fire Marshal



Village News



COMMUNITY CENTER

Council member Liz Forman explains to members of A Hand at Home (AHAH) village plans to improve the community park by adding some natural play areas. Mayor Kessler and Village Administrator R.C. Wise also attended the session and updated residents on the status of the roundabout and shared use path (pictured on the video monitor).

Our Community Center has been very busy this year with 52 reservations. The picnic shelters and sports fields held 28 events. Did you know you can reserve

the picnic shelters, ball fields, Village Council Chambers or the Community Center Gym for personal events? This year the Chambers held the knitters' group, AHAH meetings and events, and acupuncture with Dr. Allan Bazzoli. The Gym hosted library events, birthday parties, showers, and even a play. Local individuals or Non-profit organizations are welcome to reserve these spaces for free. The small fees apply if the group is not local or for profit. Rental Rates for after-hours or non-residents are \$25.00 per hour, per room with a minimum of three hours which totals \$75. Additional fees or deposits may apply including property damage fees or cleaning expenses. For more details reach out to utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org.



FROM GAMBIER TO THE GATEWAY

Since 2009, Gateway Regional Arts Center in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts to create a distinct contribution to rural arts and culture. On March 10, 2023, the Center hosted the **Kenyon College Chamber Singers** while they were on National Tour. Their concert featured a wide variety from Brahms to Tsonga folk songs.

On March 4, 2023, the GRAC's "Good Golly Miss Dolly!" gallery exhibition, celebrated the "Queen of Appalachia, Dolly Parton." Over 100 individual art pieces were reviewed for show acceptance. Fourteen artists from across the country were selected to exhibit.

Norita Hissong, Gambier's Utility Clerk, was one of only two artists to have five separate pieces accepted to the exhibition. Her work included a small sculpture, two wood burnings with pastels, an etch-a-sketch, and a gouache miniature painting. Norita participated in the Gallery's Artist Talk, sharing that her inspiration from Dolly started in childhood. The song "9 to 5", which at age five she would sing at the top of her lungs was her first memory of Dolly Parton. The show runs in the Gilley Frye Gallery through April 4, 2023.



NEW GENERATOR

Wallace Chapin of Howard completed the final installation of a natural gas-powered generator for the village maintenance barn. Gambier employees often get called out after hours because of incidents related to a power outage and their ability to effectively respond to the emergency has been limited without the back-up power supply. Buckingham Electric was the general contractor and Mickley Plumbing assisted on the \$30,000 capital improvement project Council approved last year.

GAMBIER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am-5pm

Tuesday, Thursday 11am-7pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

Sunday Closed



Family Game Night

On **March 21, 2023** from **4pm to 6 pm**, The Community Center Gym and the Library will host Family Game Night. Drop in after school for yard games in the gym and smaller games in the library. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Family Story Time



On **April 4, 2023** from **6p-7p** there will be one story and one craft during this time. If you love crafts you can also take advantage of the monthly take and make craft. Drop in anytime and pick up your craft, available while supplies last. Just ask for a craft bag at circulation. Enjoy! They make great snow day activities. We enjoy seeing pictures of these crafts. Drop in with your children's or even your own creations.

Family Bingo

Family Bingo will be held on **April 18, 2023**, from **5pm to 7pm**. Families can come enjoy an exciting night of bingo with fun prizes, refreshments and more.



Earth Day Celebration

Everything is coming up sunny on Earth Day in the Gambier Public Library. Sunflowers are one of the most loved flowers. Did you know their blooms follow the sun? You can pick up a sunflower on **April 21** during regular library hours.

New Storybook Trail

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on **April 14, 2023**. The new posts and page holders are more resistant to the elements, just in time for a splashy spring. The library will be filled with fun, crafts, and refreshments from **11a-1pm**. You don't want to miss all the fun this spring. Make a picnic, walk the trail with friends, family and even pets and enjoy the stories!

Summer Reading Program



Summer will be buzzing with activity in the library. Brad the Magician, Columbus Zoo animals, The Works Science Center will all visit at the Community Center. There will be weekly crafts and lots of prizes. You don't want to miss out. The fun kicks off in June, stop by the Library for more information.

Important Dates and Events

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Wednesday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.
Shade Tree Commission

Saturday, March 25, 1:00pm - 4:00 p.m.
Special Session Review of Zoning Code

Monday, March 27, 5:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings

Friday, April 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Storybook Trail Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, April 24, 8 a.m.
Stick it to the Village Day

Monday, April 24, 5:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings

Thursday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.
Arbor Day Planting at the Dog Park

Saturday, April 29 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
43022 Day Celebration

Monday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.
Village Council Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Spring Dumpster Day and Electronics Recycling

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

March 17, 2023 St. Patrick's Day



April 1, 2023 April Fools



April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday



April 28, 2023 Arbor Day



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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
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