



# VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

May 2021

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**Mayor Kessler presents the 2020 Citizen of the Year plaque to Bruce M. Dingman, Gambier Postmaster. Postmaster Dingman gave sincere thanks to the Mayor and the Village of Gambier residents for all the support the post office has received during this challenging year.**

The Gambier Post Office was named Citizen of the Year at the Sesquicentennial Ceremony and modified Fourth of July Celebration on July 3, 2020. Mayor Kessler made the announcement at the ceremony:

*“For months now when businesses, offices and school rooms had to close their doors, these doors have remained open. The Post Office has helped keep us connected, helped us to pay our bills, and helped us to vote. They have helped us stay connected to those we have been separated from and they continue to do so day in and day out. So today, it is my absolute honor to recognize the Post Office and all who work therein as Gambier’s Citizen of the Year...”*

# A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

The last few months have been a journey for Gambier as we've watched in relief how infections have fallen and vaccinations have been distributed. We're going into summer with greater hopes and more confidence than last year and while there will still be some safety mitigations, we look forward to having a more active village and a hopefully full and lively fall.

Throughout all these difficulties and adjustments, we remain grateful to all our community partners. Kenyon College and Wiggin Street Elementary have been exemplary in protecting their staff and students and communicating with us so we can all coordinate efforts. Knox County's Department of Health has moved mountains to keep our community safe and informed.



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All of our local businesses have faced seemingly insurmountable odds to continue providing services that enrich our communal lives. It's been my distinct pleasure to be able to stand witness to all these efforts and be able to sing their praises.

There will no doubt be new challenges and difficulties in the coming months and years, especially as we navigate new uncertain realities but this village and all who live, work, visit, and play here have shown we have the compassion, creativity, and sense of common good to see each other through. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this. I'm eager to see what comes next.

**Leeman Kessler**

**Mayor of Gambier, Ohio**

# FISCAL OFFICER UPDATE

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## Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator

Our tenured Fiscal Officer and Tax Administrator Kathi Schonauer officially retired April 30 after twenty-seven years with the village. We wish Kathi a healthy and happy retirement and are so grateful for her years of service to the village.



The Village is happy to welcome our new Fiscal Officer and Tax Administrator Diane Steinmetz. Diane was appointed by Mayor Kessler and confirmed by Village Council on March 15.

## Diane Steinmetz, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator



Diane Steinmetz comes to us from the Auditor of State's office where she was an Assistant Auditor for just over five years. Diane resides in Mount Vernon and has many close ties to Gambier. While working at the Kenyon College Bookstore in 1999, she met her husband, Troy, who has worked for the college for 25+ years. Her two younger daughters both attended Wiggin Street elementary, and her grandson is a current student. Diane earned her Associates in Accounting Technology from Central Ohio Technical College in 2002, and then earned her Bachelor's in Accounting from Western Governors University in 2015.

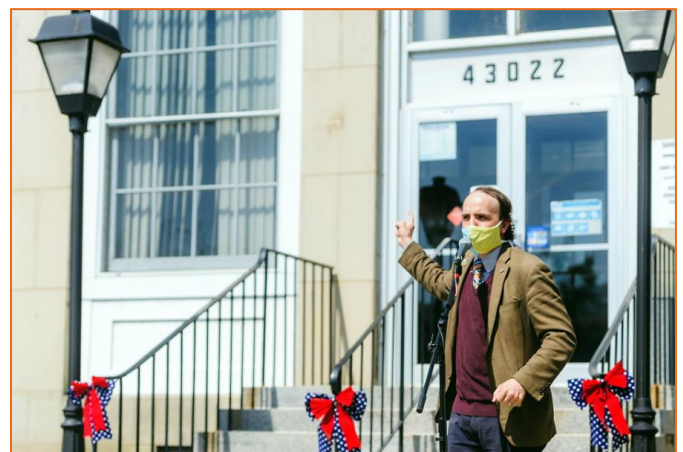
Diane finds plenty of ways to keep busy in her spare time. She is the mother of three amazing young ladies and an Oma to a grandson and granddaughter. She is the Treasurer/Secretary for the local nonprofit Knox County Kids Succeed (KiCKS). Diane also enjoys kayaking and hiking with her husband and spoiled rotten min pin, Enzo.

# JULY FOURTH UPDATE

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Village residents Mary and Phil Samuell, along with Council President Betsy Heer, Councilmember Alison Furlong, and Councilmember Alec Wood are organizing this year's Fourth of July parade.

The parade will take place on Sunday, July 4 at 12:00 noon. At the parade, Citizen of the Year will be announced. More details forthcoming.



*Mayor Kessler addresses village residents during Gambier's Sesquicentennial Ceremony and modified Fourth of July Celebration on Friday, July 3, 2020.*



# UTILITY PAYMENTS AND PARKING TICKETS



The Village of Gambier is now accepting online payments for parking tickets and utility bills through nCourt. Go to [www.GAMBIERPAYMENTS.com](http://www.GAMBIERPAYMENTS.com) or visit our website at [villageofgambier.org](http://villageofgambier.org) and click the "Payments" tab on the home page. If you have any questions, please call 740-427-2671.

## ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE SURVEY

The Village of Gambier is currently working with a zoning consultant to assess the need for changes to the existing Gambier Zoning Ordinance, and we are seeking input on how the residents and business owners would like those regulations revised to address ongoing needs and concerns.

We are asking that the public take a few minutes of your time to help identify any significant issues or concerns you may have regarding the current regulations.

Please take a moment to complete the survey linked at [villageofgambier.org](http://villageofgambier.org).



## RESULTS OF THE VILLAGE OF GAMBIER AUCTION NOVEMBER 4 – NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Ohio Revised Code allows for an internet auction as one of several ways for a municipality to dispose of surplus items. The Village of Gambier held an online auction for its surplus items through GovDeals. Thirty-one items were sold in the auction, bringing in \$10,366.81 profit to the general fund. Another auction will be held later this year. Residents will be informed when this does take place and where they can go to participate.

## RECYCLING GRANT



The Village of Gambier has been rewarded a grant from DKMM to improve the efficiency, participation, and cleanliness of the village's recycling program. Grant money was used to purchase recycling totes and covers. The new totes and covers will be dropped off at participating resident's homes in the coming weeks. Totes will have a Village of Gambier decal with each address noted. If you have not participated in the program previously and would like to request a recycling tote, please call 740-427-2671.

# GAMBIER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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## NEW LIBRARY HOURS!

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:**

**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY:**

**11:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**SATURDAY:**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**CLOSED SUNDAY**

Welcome back! The Gambier Community Library is now open to the public, offering a full range of services. Masks are required and social distance guidelines must be followed. Currently the library is fine free. This does not apply to items not returned. Curbside is still available.

The Summer Reading Series will kick off on May 28! Call (740) 427-2665 for details. Be on the lookout for Family Bingo and Story Time on the Grass coming soon!

## ROADWAY RESURFACING 2021

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Bids for the resurfacing of Meadow Lane, parts of Kokosing and Brooklyn streets and the public parking lot were publicly opened on March 25, 2021. The Village of Gambier received one bid from Small's Asphalt Inc. V3 Companies, the engineering firm hired by the Village of Gambier, recommended the Village award the contract to Small's Asphalt Paving Inc. On April 5, 2021, Ordinance No. 2021-03 was passed, authorizing Village Administrator Wise to enter into contract with Smalls for the resurfacing project.



### Helping seniors live safely and well at home

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A Hand at Home (AHAH) is a nonprofit volunteer organization that offers practical everyday services to older adults in the Village of Gambier and College Township.

If you need help, want to help, have questions, or would like to receive their newsletters and notices by email, please contact [ahah.gambier@gmail.com](mailto:ahah.gambier@gmail.com) or call of the volunteers: Marilyn 740-427-4510; Jill 740-233-3032.



*Extreme Vac LCT 600 replaced the Village's aging leaf vacuum, which was sold in the online auction.*



75-inch computer monitor/TV installed in Council Chambers purchased with CARES Act money.

## ZOOM CALL IN INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96123550372?pwd=VjNQeksxWlhVTUVBSnQydEtIblRkUT09>

Meeting ID: 961 2355 0372

Password: 43022

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,96123550372#,,#,

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

### Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day

Village Offices Closed

Garbage will be delayed one day to Saturday, June 5

### Monday, July 5 – Independence Day Observed

Village Offices Closed

Garbage will be picked up on schedule, Friday, July 9

### Monday, September 6 – Labor Day

Village Offices Closed

Garbage will be delayed one day to Saturday, September 11

# Upcoming Dates and Reminders

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

**Tuesday, May 18, 7:45 p.m.**

Planning & Zoning Commission

**Monday, May 24, 5:00 p.m.**

Technology & Communications Committee

**Monday, May 24, 5:30 p.m.**

Public Safety & Personnel Committee

**Monday, May 24, 6:00 p.m.**

Buildings & Grounds Committee

**Monday, May 24, 6:45 p.m.**

Streets & Utilities Committee

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

Village Council Meeting



Village staff assist Wiggin Street Elementary students at the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021.

# 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. Until the new totes are distributed, please 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 (rinse, flatten)
- Cardboard (flatten)
- Milk and Juice Cartons (rinse, flatten)
- Glass food/drink containers (rinse)
- Magazines, newspapers, office paper (no hardcover books)
- Plastic bottles/jugs (rinse, flatten)
- Steel & bi-metals – food cans (rinse, flatten)

## 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.

## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDE KNOX COUNTY 2021

For detailed recycling information for Knox County go to:

[https://www.co.knox.oh.us/images/recycling/2020/2020\\_Residential\\_Recycling\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.co.knox.oh.us/images/recycling/2020/2020_Residential_Recycling_Guide.pdf)

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

## TRASH COLLECTION

### BULK ITEMS

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

The Village renewed its contract 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.





*"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*

## VILLAGE STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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[clerk-treasurer@villageofgambier.org](mailto:clerk-treasurer@villageofgambier.org)

### **Courtney DeCosky, V.A. Assistant/ Utility Clerk**

740-427-2061

[utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org](mailto:utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org)

### **Maintenance:**

**Jeremiah Denuit**

**Josh Miller**

**Randy Wells**

### **After Hours Emergency**

740-397-3333

### **Gambier Community Center**

115 Meadow Lane

Post Office Box 1984

Gambier, Ohio 43022

740-427-2671

740-427-2073 fax

[www.villageofgambier.org](http://www.villageofgambier.org)

## AREA BUSINESSES

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

101 W. Brooklyn Street

### **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