



# VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

*Celebrating 150 Years*

*Summer Newsletter 2020*



Gambier ca 1907

## **General Ordinance of the Village of Gambier, Knox County, Ohio**

Gambier, Knox County, Ohio. A Village Incorporated for special purposes.

The petitions there for, signed by Mr. White and fifty-six others, was filled with the commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, at a regular session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 1869. And afterwards, to-wit: at a regular session of the County Commissioners, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 1870, the petition came on to be heard, and said commissioners being satisfied that the same ought to be granted, they ordered that the Corporation, as named and asked for in said petition, might be organized.

The record of the proceedings for the incorporation of the Village of Gambier may be found in the Corporation Book, number one, pages 80-87, inclusive, in the office of the Recorder of Knox County, Ohio, at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

When we waved goodbye to students for Spring Break, the village had little idea what sort of farewell we were issuing. The following months have presented crisis after crisis from the pandemic itself and its economic impact to national conversations about law enforcement and racial justice. Hidden up on this hilltop, surrounded by such natural and architectural beauty, it is tempting to feel cut off and isolated from these larger issues but we can not afford those illusions. Gambier is and always has been part of a larger ecosystem and our interdependence has been highlighted starkly these last few months.



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As we have worked to address each of these crises in turn, I have been consistently proud of our staff, our residents, and those who work in our village. Gambier has risen to the challenge, determined to take care of our most vulnerable and not get caught up in that illusion of isolation. We've stepped up and linked arms with partners near and far to find real answers to these challenging questions, from quickly adopting mask-wearing and social distancing and working to get the village's wastewater tested for signs of the coronavirus to supporting our local businesses and institutions. I have seen remarkable dedication again and again since taking office and despite these current circumstances, it has not waned.

This fall we will see a new school year like none before as Kenyon College and Wiggin Street Elementary both employ the lessons they learned from this tumultuous spring and brave new measures and

policies to keep their staff, students, and all of us safe. My hope is that we will continue seeing that same spirit of cooperation and dedication to one another as we navigate the return of students to our village. We each of us have a duty and a responsibility to one another and that communal obligation will be tested immensely in the coming months.

Thank you all for your work, your dedication, and your support. I am confident we will face any new challenges with equal aplomb and remain proud to be your mayor.

Leeman Kessler

Mayor of Gambier, Ohio



# THE VILLAGE OF GAMBIER SESQUICENTENNIAL



*Chase Avenue, c1870*

February 12, 2020 marked the Village's 150th year as a corporation! To help pay tribute to this momentous occasion, the Village would like to create an online photo gallery to share with the public on our website later this year. If you have any historical photographs or mementums you would like to share, please contact Courtney DeCosky at 740-427-2061 or [utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org](mailto:utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org).

A special thanks to Kenyon College & Digital Collections Archivist Abigail Tayse for the historical village photographs included in this newsletter.



*Gambier, c1860*



*Gambier, c1880*



*Gambier, c1890*



*Chase Avenue, c1919*



# Upcoming Dates and Reminders

*Railroad Station  
Gambier, Ohio*

## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Community Center  
115 Meadow Lane**

**Monday, July 6, 6:45 p.m.**

Public Hearing – Presentation of 2021 Budget

**Monday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Village Council Meeting

**Tuesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.**

Planning & Zoning Commission

**Monday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.**

Police & Personnel Committee

**Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.**

Buildings & Grounds Committee

**Monday, July 27, 6:45 p.m.**

Streets & Utilities Committee

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**Friday, July 3 – Independence Day observed**

Village Offices Closed Friday, July 3

Garbage will be picked up on schedule

**Monday, September 7 – Labor Day**

Village Offices Closed Monday, September 1

Garbage pickup will be delayed one day to Saturday, September 12

## VILLAGE EVENTS

**Friday, July 3**

Village Ceremony

11:00 a.m.

Please join us at the post office for a short outdoor ceremony to celebrate Gambier and the community. We request that attendees wear masks and practice physical distancing for the safety of all. Please note, the ceremony will be livestreamed for those not able to attend in person.

**Saturday, July 4**

Electronics Recycling

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Behind the Community Center  
115 Meadow Lane

**Saturday, October 3**

Dumpster Day

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Maintenance Building  
141 Meadow Lane

# 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 resumes the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. rain, shine, or holidays. Note, hours are 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. October thru March. Drop off is located near the dog park in a shipping container. There is a charge of \$20.00 per television any size and \$10.00 per computer monitor or laptops. Drop offs for most other items are free of charge.

Covid – 19 Precautions:

- Please be prepared to unload your own material at the specified location
- Checks (payable to Kenyon College) or EXACT CHANGE only for TVs, laptops, and monitors
- Maintain social distancing at all times

## TRASH COLLECTION

### BULK ITEMS

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

Residential trash service is provided through **Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services** 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 call the Village at 740-427-2061.



## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDE KNOX COUNTY

For detailed recycling information for Knox County go to:  
[https://www.co.knox.oh.us/images/recycling/2020/2020\\_KNOX\\_COUNTY\\_RESIDENTIAL\\_RECYCLING\\_GUIDE.pdf](https://www.co.knox.oh.us/images/recycling/2020/2020_KNOX_COUNTY_RESIDENTIAL_RECYCLING_GUIDE.pdf)

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



# VILLAGE NEWS

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The Village welcomes new Council Member Alison Furlong.

Alison was appointed at the June Council meeting to fulfill former Council Member Barbara Kakiris's unexpired term.

## Alison Furlong, Village Council

Alison Furlong is excited to join Village Council, having followed local politics closely for many years. By day she is a project manager and computer programmer at Ohio State University, where she works on a variety of digital humanities projects. She graduated from OSU with a Ph.D. in music in 2015 and continues to do research on music in the former East Germany. When not working - and especially during the current round of quarantine - she can often be found in her garden. She has been a resident of Gambier since 2001.



## ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES GAMBIER TREE CITY USA AGAIN

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The Village of Gambier has received the Tree City USA status for the 13<sup>TH</sup> consecutive year by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. City achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita

and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like City make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits." Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained.



They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA). ABOUT THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

# VILLAGE PROJECTS



## ***Community Garden Expansion***

College Township was awarded a grant thru the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County to expand the Community Garden. The ground was donated by the Village and the College Township Trustees donated the labor. In total, seven new plots were successfully completed.

## ***Eagle Scout Project***

Scout Real Comfort approached the Village early this spring about the possibility of creating an eco-friendly area around the flagpole at the Community Center. Since approved, he has been busy designing and planting new beds.



## ***Electric Vehicle Charging Station***



The Village of Gambier received a \$91,000 grant from AEP Ohio to install a fast-charging station for electric vehicles. The new charging station, located in the 100 block of West Brooklyn across from Village Market and Campus Auto, is considered a “fast charging” station in that it can re-charge an electric vehicle to 80 percent charge in about 20 minutes. EV United assisted the village in the grant application and with the purchase of a ChargePoint station. On-line reports can be accessed by the village showing usage, financial information and the impact on the environment. As of last report, ChargePoint estimates the village has avoided 180 kilograms

of greenhouse gas emissions which is the equivalent of planting five trees and letting them grow for 10 years.

## ***Office Renovation***

Village Council approved the renovation of the administrative offices at the Community Center this spring. The contract was awarded to DeZign Unlimited of Galena for \$38,919 to re-configure the offices to make better use of the existing space. When the work is completed in July, the offices will have modern work spaces, occupancy sensor lights, a shared small conference room and a new entrance for the sheriff deputy's office.



# LOCAL BUSINESS - HOURS AND UPDATES

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*Village of Gambier, c1880*

**KENYON HAS  
ANNOUNCED PLANS  
TO RESUME IN-  
PERSON  
INSTRUCTION FOR  
FALL SEMESTER.  
GO TO KENYON.EDU  
FOR DETAILS**

## **Chilitos Tex Mex**

108 Gaskin Avenue

Opening when students return

## **Gambier Deli—740-233-3031**

[gambierdeli.com](http://gambierdeli.com), 110 Gaskin Avenue

Opening August, date to be determined

## **Gambier House (B&B)—740-427-2668**

[gambierhouse.com](http://gambierhouse.com), 107 E. Wiggin Street

Open for reservations

## **Kenyon Bookstore—740-427-5652**

106 Gaskin Avenue

Monday – Friday from 8am-6pm, Saturday/Sunday from 10am-5pm

Will resume normal hours when students return

## **Kenyon Inn—740-427-2202**

[kenyoninn.com](http://kenyoninn.com), 100 W. Wiggin Street

Restaurant and rooms open July 6

The restaurant will be open Monday - Sunday for dine in and carry

out from 11am – 7pm, reservations recommended

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

[roganhouse.net](http://roganhouse.net), 401 Chase Avenue

Call for reservations prior to August 1

Full operations on August 1

401 Chase Avenue

## **The Village Inn—740-427-2112**

[villageinnngambier.org](http://villageinnngambier.org), 102 Gaskin Avenue

Thursday from 4pm – 8pm, Friday/Saturday from 4pm – 9pm for

dine in and carry out

Closed from July 4 – July 22

Will resume normal hours early August

## **Village Market—740-427-2801**

109 Chase Avenue

Monday – Saturday from 10am – 6pm

Will resume normal hours when students return

## **Wiggin Street Coffee—740-233-3009**

101 E. Wiggin Street

Monday – Sunday from 8am – 5pm

Will resume normal hours when students return

## **The Weather Vane—740-427-3636**

103 Scott Lane

Monday – Saturday from 11am – 5:30pm





*"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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### **Gambier Community Center**

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740-427-2073 fax

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