



VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

❄️ Winter 2022 ❄️

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

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As we go into the holidays and prepare for the new year, it's useful to sit back and reflect on the year. We've had great celebrations and opportunities to come together as a community from the novel 43022 Day, the Independence Day parade, co-hosting Tree City USA, and passing out donuts and cider from the renovated Post Office Park on Halloween. Our hope is to continue that trend and work with our partners throughout this village and across the county to reaffirm our bonds of community and fellowship.

We are so grateful for everyone who calls Gambier home or chooses to visit our hill for any amount of time.



You've made 2022 a fantastic year and we're excited for all that 2023 will bring.

Leeman Kessler, Mayor of Gambier, Ohio

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Village Photo Gallery



POCKET FULL of TREATS

Monday October 31, 2022, Gambier children had a new place to trick or treat as Village Council purchased cider and donuts to pass out to Villagers at the new pocket park by the Post Office. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all who dropped by.



HERE COMES THE SUN

Third Sun Kokosing workers install the solar panels at the village wastewater treatment plant this fall. Once the final inspection is passed, the solar energy will be activated and will produce about 20 percent of the electricity needed to power the sewer plant. The village used \$180,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds and another \$35,000 from sewer capital funds to pay for the project.

Village Plans



Ohio Department of Transportation has released the Stage 1 plans for a roundabout at the intersection of SR 229, SR 308 and Laymon Road. 2LMN was hired by ODOT to do the design work on the intersection improvement that is planned for the summer of 2024.

The project is expected to cost more than \$2 million in highway funding and plans call for a full closure of the intersection while the work is completed.

The 2LMN illustration of how the roundabout will be constructed is on the back page of the newsletter.

In a related project, the village received a \$77,200 allocation to hire an engineering firm to begin designing a shared use path from the roundabout to the Ward/Wiggin Street crossing.

The allocation for the design grant was awarded by the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization.

The 2LMN illustration shows how the shared use path can be built along SR 308 although the final plans have not been determined by Verdantas, the engineering firm hired to do the design.



*See back page for full illustration.

GAMBIER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am-5pm

Tuesday, Thursday 11am-7pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

Sunday Closed



Family Story Time

On January 3, 2023, story time will feature snowmen from **6pm-7pm**. We will have one story and one craft during this time.



Take and Make Monthly Children's Craft

Stop by and pick up your craft, available while supplies last. January's activity will be a hanging pinecone birdfeeder. The craft and coloring pages make great snow day activities. We enjoy seeing pictures of these crafts. Drop in with your children's or even your own creations. While you're in warm up and pick out lots of books for cozy reading time this season. It's the perfect way to end a winter day.



Winter Bingo Is Back

Our favorite cold weather activity is back. Winter Bingo is about to begin! Bingo goes from January 16-30. Come in for Bingo sheets and more details. Once it starts you can drop by for your numbers or call the library 740-427-2665. Snow much fun!

Storybook Trail News

If you haven't stopped by lately, you may have missed that the trail has new permanent fixtures installed. The new posts and page holders are more weather resistant. Thanks for loving the storybook trail like we do. We are eagerly awaiting a new story for you to discover.

Village News

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

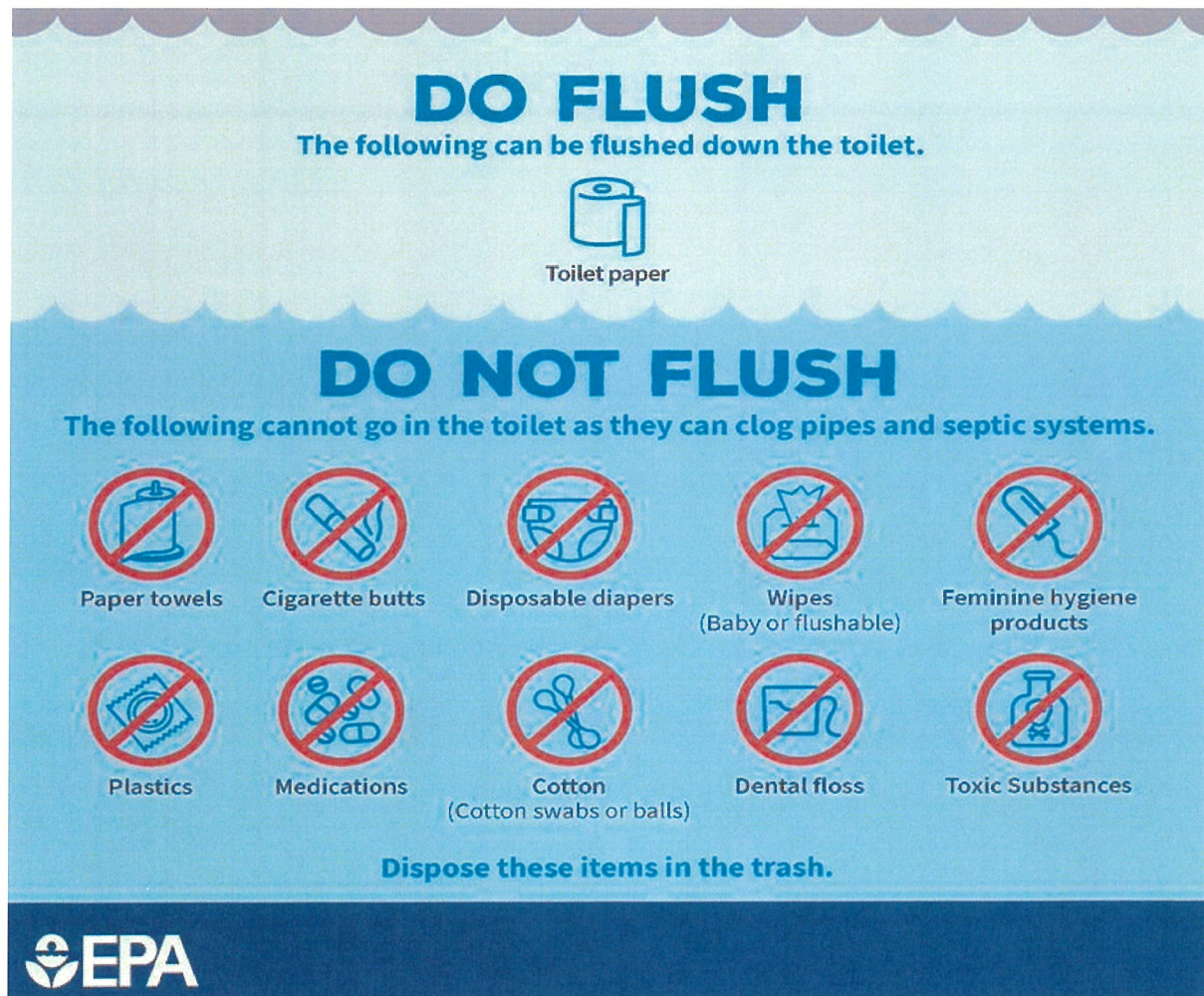
Co-hosted by Kenyon College, electronics recycling takes place the first Saturday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop off is located near the dog park in a shipping container. There is a charge of \$20.00 per television any size and \$5.00 per computer monitor or laptops. Drop offs for most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

NEW VILLAGE CREW MEMBER

The Gambier Maintenance Department welcomes Zach Wright. Zach will be taking on many duties including snow removal and assisting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Give him a warm winter welcome when you see him out and about working. We are excited to have the opportunity to grow our staff in our busy Village.

RUMPKE PICK-UP & VILLAGE RECYCLING

The holiday will not change during the Christmas or New Year holiday.





Preventable and avoidable expenses to our sewer collection system and to the main sewer plant itself can be avoided by only flushing toilet paper down your toilet. Flushing anything other than toilet paper, including disinfecting wipes, can damage your internal plumbing, our local sewer systems including grinders, pumps and other mechanical equipment that moves your sewage to the plant for processing. Fixing these backups and repairing or replacing damage equipment is costly and takes time and resources away from ensuring that wastewater management systems are otherwise working properly. Our goal is not to add any costs on to our residents, and we are asking for your help:

- **ONLY Toilet Paper Goes in Your Toilet!** All wipes, facial tissues ('kleenex'), paper towels, napkins and feminine products should be thrown in the **garbage** and not the toilet.
- Toilet paper is designed to break down and dissolve. All other paper products are made of sturdy, non-woven fibers that don't break down like toilet paper and cause costly impacts to our wastewater systems, environment and sewer backups at residences.
- Many wipes, even ones that are labeled "flushable" clog sewer lines, pump stations, increase utility maintenance, and create environmental concerns.
- "Do Not Flush" labeling and disposal instructions on packaging for wipes NOT intended for flushing (i.e. baby wipes, cleaning wipes) are widely inconsistent among brands (Ryerson 2019).
- Even if a wipe breaks apart into fragments, the microscopic, long fibers are not removed in wastewater.
- Only flush the 3Ps: "poo, pee, and toilet paper."
- Clogs from wipes cause equipment damage are costly and can compromise the safety at our lift stations and wastewater treatment plant.

Only flush toilet paper, not disinfecting wipes or other non-flushable items that should be disposed of in the trash. Flushing only toilet paper helps ensure that the toilets, plumbing, sewer systems components will continue working properly to safely manage our Village's wastewater process.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Village Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Public Hearing January 23, 7p.m.

Zoning Code Revision *see inset for details

***Monday, January 30, 5 p.m.**

Committee Meetings (tentative)

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS



Monday, December 26 – Christmas Observed

Village Offices Closed

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

Monday January 2 – New Year's Day

Observed

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Monday January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Village Offices Closed



Village Council has set a public hearing for January 23, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center to take public comments on a proposed revision of the zoning code.

Planning Commission members have been working with a zoning consultant since March 2021 to review and propose changes to the village code that was last overhauled in 1999 and most recently revised in 2014.

Wendy Moeller, of Compass Point Planning in Blue Ash, was hired by the Area Development Foundation to work with the Commission on the code at no cost to the village.

Commission members completed their work on the proposal in November and voted to send the draft document to Village Council.

Council set the public hearing at their December meeting. Wendy is planning to go over the proposed changes at the hearing.

The 110-page draft proposal can be reviewed on the village website at

https://www.villageofgambier.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf7496/f/news/gambier_zoning_ordinance_public_hearing_draft_11-15-22.pdf

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LEGEND:

- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY
- CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
- PROPOSED ASPHALT PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CURB
- PROPOSED SHOULDER (AGGREGATE)
- PROPOSED TRUCK TURNING APRON
- PROPOSED RETAINING WALL
- PROPOSED GRADING LIMITS
- PROPOSED FUTURE LOCATION OF SHARED-USE PATH (TO BE COMPLETED BY OTHERS)

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