



VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

 FALL 2023 

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KESSLER

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Autumn is quickly taking over the village and with it the crisp promise of chillier days, comforting smells, and beautiful sights our fair hilltop affords. As everyone moves about the village on their way to work, class, or wherever the day takes them, I encourage you to pause and let your senses take in all that Gambier has to offer.



Shared reflection and enjoyment will not only connect you with those walking the same paths but will stick with you long after the season has passed.

As a village with unique offerings for visitors and residents alike, we do ourselves a disservice to view the streets, paths, and sidewalks as just a temporary conveyance from here to there instead of as wholly a part of our shared lived experience in their own rights. The work will wait but

the season will not and so take the time to reflect on what brings you here and how you can best enjoy all this village is. That shared reflection and enjoyment will not only connect you with those walking the same paths but will stick with you long after the season has passed.

I personally want to reiterate the sheer gratitude I feel getting to share this village with all of you and to serve as mayor. We anticipate a great deal of work in the next few months as we strive to improve the safety and livability of this community but in the meantime, it's good to pause, breathe, and remember just who that work is all for. Thank you for continuing to entrust me and everyone on Council and on village staff with that profound duty.

Leeman Kessler, Mayor of Gambier, Ohio

For more news and events visit our website villageofgambier.org. Did you know you can attend our committee meetings by zoom? Under Upcoming Events, click the committee to see their agenda (once it's available) and zoom into the meeting using the provided link.

Village Photo Gallery

Gambier Citizen of the Year 2023

This year's Citizen of the Year has been described as "an extraordinary force for good in the community." During her decades in the village, she has worked tirelessly to advocate for students at Kenyon and in the broader Knox County community. When she sees a need in the community, she just does the work, and invites others to join her. In doing so, she makes us all better citizens. For more than 15 years, she has organized a school supply drive raising thousands of dollars, collecting backpacks, calculators, crayons, pencils, clothes, period supplies, and notebooks, for students at Wiggin Street Elementary, Mount Vernon Middle School, Knox County Career Center, and Knox County Head Start. Her porch has become a drop-off zone for both the Mount Vernon Free Pantry and the Source at Kenyon, and just about every other community fundraiser. On an individual level, she is always feeding people and creating a chosen family within the community. Many Kenyon students have enjoyed home cooked meals at her home, and alumni who graduated decades ago still consider her family. During COVID lockdown she cooked dinner twice a week for neighbors with a newborn and no childcare. And she befriends neighborhood children so that they'll always know there's a safe adult nearby. On behalf of Gambier Village Council, I am honored to present this year's Citizen of the Year: Liz Keeney.



NATURE PLAY AREA



Village Council authorized an improvement to the Community Park by adding a nature play area which includes new hills, tunnels, and slides. McDaniels Construction of Columbus performed the improvement under the architectural design of Implement LLC. Knox Community Foundation provided much of the funding for the design element while the village used park improvement funds to pay for the construction. Kenyon provided the topsoil from previous construction projects which helped reduce the cost of the project.

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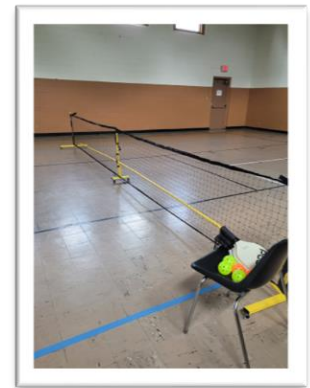
SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM



This summer the Village of Gambier partnered with Job and Family Services to tackle many small projects in the community. Students involved in the program painted the parking blocks, the Community Center, they mulched, planted flowers, created bulletin boards, and made bound copies of the new zoning code. The students were very helpful with these projects and worked very hard to make our Village a little brighter this summer.

NEW PICKLE BALL COURT

Come play! A new portable pickle ball court has been added to the Community Center Gym. It is easy to set up and take down if necessary for events in the gym. Many people have already enjoyed playing here. The gym is open for play Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 7pm, Friday 8:30am to 5pm, and Saturdays 10am to 2pm. Unless the gym has been reserved for an event or the building is closed for holiday observance.



SIDEWALK PROJECT

Workers from Smith Paving in Norwalk, OH constructed a sidewalk on parts of Brooklyn, Ward and Kokosing this summer to help fill in the gaps where pedestrians still had to use the public street to walk through the village and campus. This new sidewalk will make it much safer for these pedestrians.

CONGRATULATIONS

Join us in congratulating Jeremiah Denuit once again this fall. Jeremiah began working in the Village Maintenance Department in 2006. He was promoted to Operator of Record for our Water Department last year. Jeremiah has broadened his horizons by earning a Wastewater Operator 1 license. He is now dually licensed in water and wastewater. This accomplishment will be very valuable to our community. We join only a handful of Ohio communities that have in-house operators ensuring the safety of both our water and wastewater system. Thanks to this commitment we will experience faster response times to issues, reduced dependence on outside companies for testing and maintenance, and more efficient communication with the Ohio EPA.



Village News

FALL DUMPSTER DAY and ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

OCTOBER 7, 2023, 8AM to 12PM

No Hazardous Waste items will be collected.

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.

Dumpsters will be located at the Gambier maintenance Barn at 141 Meadow Lane.

Please note that recycling items, brush, and small limbs can be brought to Dumpster Day.

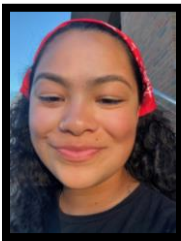
Items should be separated as follows:

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

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 of any size and \$5.00 per computer monitor or laptops. Drop offs for most other items are free of charge with interest in participation.

DIGITAL MAPPING PROJECT BEGINS

The Village received a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to inventory and digitally map every water service line for each property in the village. Applying for the grant was a pro-active move for early compliance with the US EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revision that takes effect Oct. 16, 2024. To map and catalog every service line and its composition will require us to visit every home to verify this information. We have hired two Interns to help with the project, we would like to introduce them to you.



Sidney Plummer is a sophomore religious studies major and studio art minor at Kenyon College. She enjoys volunteering with local organizations, trying new foods, and thrift shopping in her free time.

Junaid Yeasir Fahim is a senior Mathematics and Economics double major at Kenyon from BD Bangladesh. I love the outdoors and adventures that come with it. I also love spicy foods and cooking them. I play squash, badminton, and tennis at Kenyon.



You will see them around the village mapping, and they will eventually be collecting information from residents about their service lines. If you have questions or want more information the service line survey we are about to complete, feel free to call the office at 740-427-2671 or e-mail me at villageadministrator@villageofgambier.org

Village News



Gambier Hydrant Flushing Schedule

OCTOBER 9-13

ACLAND
ALLEN DR.
CHASE AVE.
COLLEGE DR.
COLLEGE PARK
COLLEGE RD.
ART BARN
MEADOW LN
RAND
W. BROOKLYN
WARD
WIGGIN

OCTOBER 16-20

DUFF ST.
E. BROOKLYN
E. WOODSIDE DR.
GASKIN AVE.
KOKOSING DR.
OTHER LEFT-OVER HYDRANTS

OCTOBER 23-27

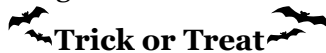
AS NEEDED TO FINISH UP

GAMBIER GHOSTS AND GOODIES

Visit the Village for Fall Fun!

5 p -7 p, October 31, 2023

Village Festivities include:



and

CIDER AND DONUTS

hosted by the Village Council in
the Pocket Park by the Post
Office.

The **Halloween Party**
at the Gambier Public Library

BEWARE! Be aware of our
littlest "goblins" crossing
streets during the Village's Halloween celebrations.



HOLIDAYS ON THE HORIZON

Join us on Sunday, **December 3rd** from **6-8PM** downtown as the Village of Gambier hosts its first annual **Gambier Village Lights**. Follow the luminarias as you sip, stroll, shop and hear musical sounds of the season. Join us for community fellowship while sampling warm refreshments or visit the Makers Market for gifts from local artisans.

Are you a maker with a handmade ware to sell? Email Village Utility Clerk, Norita Hissong at utilityclerk@villageofgambier.org

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GAMBIER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Hours:
Monday through Thursday 10am-7pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Sunday Closed



Family Story Time

On **October 3, 2023**, a fall story will be featured from **10:30 am to 11 am** and **4pm to 5pm**. There will be one story and one craft during this time.



Gambier Public Library Pumpkin Contest

Beginning Tuesday, **October 10, 2023**, visitors are urged to pick up a pumpkin to decorate. The deadline for returning your decorated pumpkin is **10 am, Friday, October 20, 2023**. The pumpkins will be judged, and the winners announced that afternoon.

Library Family Bingo

BINGO! Tuesday, **October 24, 2023**, from **5p to 7p** in the Community Center Gym. This is one of our most popular events. Refreshments will be served. Winners will enjoy gift card prizes. Register for bingo beginning on October 10, 2023.



Take and Make Monthly Children's Craft

This month's fun "take and make" has a fun fall theme. 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.



Halloween Party

Stop in for some spooky fun, **October 31, 2023**, from **5p to 7p**. In the library and Community Center gym there will be games, crafts, and treats.

New Storybook Trail Story

The best thing about our trail is that the whole family, even your furry friends are invited to become part of the story. The book is changed quarterly, a new adventure awaits. The new weatherproof story boards make it easy to enjoy a story even when the rainy weather is best suited for ducks, so splash through the trail and experience a fall story surprise!

<u>LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE</u>	Regular Pick-Up Route Weekly Rotation	Final Pick Up November 13-17	Final Pick Up November 20-22
<p>Please note this is a basic plan, times and dates will be determined by weather. The rotation will begin in October and conclude November 22.</p> <p>Please rake your leaves to the edge of the road in piles free of sticks and other debris.</p> <p>Please, do NOT place leaves in bags.</p>	<p>Meadow Lane E. Wiggin E. Woodside E. Brooklyn Quarry Chapel</p> <p>W. Wiggin W. Brooklyn Chester Lane North & South Acland East & West Woodside</p> <p>Allen Chase Rand Kokosing Ward</p>	<p>Monday -Wednesday Week 1</p> <p>Meadow Lane Center Street Duff Street Wiggin Street</p> <p>E. Brooklyn Street W. Brooklyn Street Quarry Chapel</p> <p>N. Acland Street S. Acland Street Scott Lane Chester Lane</p>	<p>Monday -Wednesday Week 2</p> <p>Ward Street Kokosing Drive Rand Drive</p> <p>W. Woodside Drive Chase Avenue Gaskin Avenue</p> <p>E. Woodside Drive Allen Drive</p>

Important Dates and Events

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing for Variance application

Monday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Village Council Meeting


Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, October 30, 5:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings

Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.
Village Council Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 5p-7p
Cider and Donuts at the Pocket Park during Trick or Treat

Tuesday, November 7, all day. 
Election Day

Veterans Day Observed, Friday, November 10
Village Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Break, November 23-24 
Village offices Closed

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Josh Miller
Randy Wells**

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Roundabout Update

Ohio Department of Transportation states that June 1, 2024, will be the official start date of this project. The intersection of State Routes 229 and 308 will be closed for three to four months. Begin planning now for this change, as it will affect your commute especially those who enter Gambier from Laymon Road.

For updates on this project and others, follow Village Council discussion in the minutes at the link below <https://www.villageofgambier.org/minutes-and-agendas>

