



Residents and visitors alike enjoying the new Community Space @ Short Street during the YS Pride Festival.

Photograph by Cameron Fortin.

Manager's Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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Work Session: Considering Population Growth – What Kind of Community Do We Want to Be?

On Monday, June 23, Council and staff convened in Rooms A & B for a work session focused on the topic of potential village growth. The discussion explored Council members' priorities and concerns related to population growth, including the community's overall interest in growth and the types of development that may or may not be desirable.

Staff provided background on relevant planning considerations, including zoning regulations, the urban service boundary, and the potential impacts on infrastructure and municipal services. The session concluded with a list of action items for staff, who will conduct further research to help inform the next steps in this ongoing conversation.



Village Council and staff members participating in the recent work session.

Home, Inc. Cascades Tour

On Monday, June 16, I joined Council President Kevin Stokes and staff members Elyse Giardullo, Meg Leatherman, Aaron Arellano, and Cameron Fortin for a site visit and tour of the Cascades, a 32-unit rental housing project for seniors currently under construction by local nonprofit Home, Inc. We were invited to learn more about the development and see the progress firsthand. Thank you to Executive Director Emily Seibel and Alexandra Scott for hosting the tour and giving us a first-hand look at the progress made so far.



Council President Kevin Stokes and staff at checking out the Cascades by Home, Inc.

Dayton Area Managers Association – June Meeting

On Friday, June 27, I attended the Dayton Area Managers Association meeting, accompanied by Elyse Giardullo, Project Lead. The meeting was hosted by the City of Miamisburg and featured Bevan Schneck, Director of Public Affairs, as a guest speaker. Mr. Schneck provided an update from the Ohio Municipal League, highlighting recent state budget provisions and several proposed House bills with potential impacts on local government operations.

Parks T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the official Village of Yellow Springs booth at Street Fair. If you didn't get a chance to visit, there's still time to pick up a Parks T-shirt. With a donation of \$25 or more, you'll receive a free t-shirt designed by Village staff. All proceeds directly support the Youth Center.

To make a donation and pick up your shirt, stop by the Utilities window at the John Bryan Center, the Administration office on the second floor, or visit us at Gaunt Park Pool.

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Police Update: 6/12/25-7/2/25

Calls for Service	1039
9-1-1 Calls	42
Non-emergency Calls	1026
Noise Complaints	(5) Advised; ukelele music, contractors playing music while working x3, music from residence
Traffic Stops	36

4Paws for Ability Update

As we highlight a bittersweet milestone for our department as we celebrate the graduation of our most recent service dog in training (SDiT), Porter. Porter brought joy, comfort, and connection to our community and will now go on to serve in his permanent placement. While we'll miss him, we're thrilled to welcome our newest SDiT, Zurg! Zurg is a 1.5-year-old Golden Retriever/Labrador/Newfoundland mix from the Disney Villains litter. With a love for water, toys, and everyone he meets, Zurg is already making a splash. We look forward to the many ways he'll enrich our department's engagement and be a part of the strong tradition our past SDiTs have helped build.



Congratulations to Porter (left) and welcome Zurg! (right)

Community Outreach Officer Update: 6/26/25 -7/1/25

Bus Tokens	0
Case Follow-Ups	5
COS Referrals	2
Food Vouchers	15
Gas Cards	2
Homeless / Housing	10
Mental Health Needs	13
Rent Assistance	3
Utility Assistance	3
Use of Phone	1
Welfare Check	13
Victim Advocate	12

YS or Township Residents Served	55
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	1
Homeless or At-Large Served	23
TOTAL SERVED	79

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Yellow Springs Development Corporation (YSDC)

This past week, the Yellow Springs Development Corporation (YSDC) met on July 1st. The meeting focused on a productive discussion around the review of existing marketing materials and how they can be refined and repurposed to better support the YSDC's mission to support, incentivize, and attract economic development in Yellow Springs. Members emphasized the need for more vibrancy and clearer messaging in future materials. Michael Slaughter noted that he has additional marketing assets available via Google Drive, which he will share with the group to support ongoing brainstorming and development efforts. Lastly, Aaron provided regional business updates, including news that Miguel's Tacos has opened a new location in Xenia, while Phillip shared local business updates specifically tied to Yellow Springs.

Planning Commission (PC)

After passing through Planning Commission the application for a Preliminary PUD for both the Old Student Union property and Kettering Building on Antioch campus had its first reading to Council on June 16th. The owner committed to reducing the total number of units from 128 to 96 for the student union property. The 2nd Reading will be held on July 7th for a council vote. Looking ahead to the next Planning Commission scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, a Conditional Use request for 545 Dayton Street will be taking place. This hearing request is for Acupuncture Use in the R-B (Medium Density Residential) Zone.



Rendering of the Student Union project.

Permits

Since last reported:

20 Zoning permits: 8 working in the ROW, 5 fence, 2 single family home, 1 addition, 1 shed, 1 porch, 1 temp ramp, 1 replat.

12 Building permits: 4 HVAC, 2 revisions, 2 electric, 2 single family homes, 1 addition, 1 fire suppression

New Time Keeping System

Lynda and Michelle are working biweekly with EPNB Solutions on updating and checking the employee data that EPNB has installed for our new time-keeping software. We have moved the start date for the new time-keeping software to the first payroll in August. It will be a staggered roll out with training first for the manager and supervisors. Then training with each department with the supervisor and employees.

Utility Office Cross-Training

The utility office staff is cross-training to better support one another and ensure smooth operations during absences or busy periods.

Utilities Department

Trash and Recycling Pickup

Rumpke trash and recycling pickup will be earlier than usual to help the drivers stay safe in the summer heat. Please set your receptacles out the night before to avoid any misses.

Yard Waste Bags

Rumpke yard waste bags are now ONLY available at the Utility Office. They are \$3.96 each. You must use Rumpke bags because you are paying for the pickup when you buy them! Pickup is the last Friday of every month from April through November.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Yearly acid wash on softener #2. Added new sand and returned to service. • Removing spent sand from blowdown containment. • Repaired plumbing fittings on HSP #1.
Ongoing	• Visit the link below to view the 2024 Water Quality Report. To request a hard copy please call 767-7208. https://www.yellowsprings.gov/egov/documents/1744898163_02282.pdf • Blew down softener and added sand to the other one. • Noticed caustic leak on transfer pump from storage tank into day tank. Waiting for a quote to purchase repair parts. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling.
Upcoming	• Working with OEPA to start the process of drilling new monitoring wells outlined in the Village Source Water Protection Plan. • Acid washing softener #1 to remove buildup hardness scaling. • Yearly lead and copper sampling throughout the Village.

Water Plant and Billing Totals (2025)

MONTH	WTP TOTAL (MG)	BILLING TOTAL (MG)	WATER LOSS (MG)	WATER LOSS %
JAN	10.019	6.064	3.955	39.47%
FEB	9.027	6.185	2.842	31.48%
MAR	9.768	5.948	3.82	39.11%
APR	9.428	6.754	2.674	28.36%
MAY	10.33	6.145	4.185	40.51%
JUN	9.478			
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	58.05	31.096	17.475	35.98%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 17.184 million gallons in June. • 6.79 inches of rain in June. • Purchased new effluent sampler, staff installed and works great. • Enoch's tree service out to cut up fallen tree. • Ran sludge press to remove over 64,407 gal of liquid sludge. • Completed weekly sampling for Covid-19.
Ongoing	• Looking to replace ORP probes in aeration tanks. This will help us better monitor the phosphorous treatment process. • Cutting grass at the plant. • Waiting for quotes to repair seals on LS pump, Phosphorous supernatant pumps. • Continuing to run microscopic bug counts on MLSS. Microorganisms look good. • Running daily samples of aeration to check operation/effectiveness of biological phosphorous removal. Adjusting treatment based on results. • Conduct daily tests to determine plants detention time, treatment time and F/M ratio to monitor plant performance and operation. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling.
Upcoming	• Trimming up trees around the plant to complete mowing. • Besco sales are coming out to look at malfunctioning pressure relief valve and flow meter at Spring Meadows lift station.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Street Fair prep, Street Fair, Street Fair tear down. • Keep up with locates. • Keep up with GIS. • Keep up with meter change out project. • Leak detection study. • Mow Sutton Farm twice. • Mow solar field paths. • Repair hydrant at 660 Keystone. • Backfill curb stop at 687 Omar Cr. • Repair hydrant at 917 Xenia Ave. • Asphalt 3 main break patches. • Repair hydrant at 121 Kenneth Hamilton Way. • Reconnect water at 1232 Corry St. • Power wash hydrants and prep for paint. • Start painting hydrants.
Ongoing	• Keeping up with locates. • Finding the rest of the curb stops for meter changeout. • Installing the rest of the water meters (approximately 23).
Upcoming	• Working with ALFX to deploy monitors on fire hydrants to find active leaks to lower our water loss. ◦ Started installing the sensors on hydrants. • Valve exercising (Springtime). ◦ This is on hold at this time. • Changing out fire hydrants. ◦ Have one more scheduled. • GIS more of our water system. ◦ Crew is GISing all assets street by street making maps more accurate. • Painting fire hydrants all over Village.

Electric Update

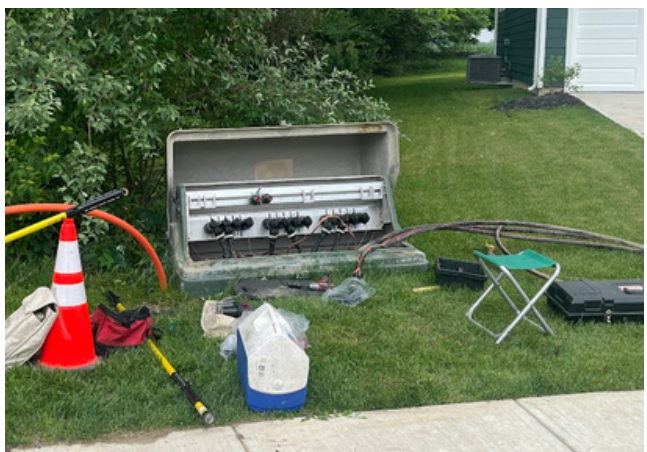
Completed

- Maintain vegetation at switch yard.
- Obtain regulator readings at switch station.
- Pull wooden pole and rear property of Glenview and backfilled hole with soil.
- Lane Dykman line school for one week.
- Dug in several temporary services and permanent services. Made connections and verified voltage. Installed meters at houses and temporary panels in Spring Meadows.
- Street Fair barricades, panels on Walnut Street, banners and removed all of them after Street Fair.
- Frame poles at Short Street, strung lights across poles and made connections to energize. Moved barricades and other obstacles around to do the aerial lift work.
- Put circuit in one shot for tree trimming, and reset back to normal.
- Transferred service to new location and made connections at Spillan residence, installed meter.
- Outage at corner of 68 and Fairfield Pike property. Put new fuse in and energized
- spliced neutral and re-sagged wire due to tree at 100 Fairfield Pike.
- Installed YS Pride banners.
- Worked on 4/0 terminations at LBC in Spring Meadows.
- Made 1/0 primary terminations at transformer to isolate single phase riser at Dayton Street.
- Switching at solar field to isolate three-phase primary going down Fairfield Pike.

Electric Update

Ongoing	- Center circuit build out of switch station. - Encompass will be getting drawings soon. - Received drawings and reviewing now - Still in process on this. - Poly phase and Demand meters are being changed. - This is on pause until VCs get installed. - It should be done by the end of July. - Had meeting with Tunenet and we will be installing two new VCs in town to gather the meter information. - Delivery date for materials is June 20th.
Upcoming	- Set new Three Phase pole at corner of Dayton and Kenneth Hamilton for new center circuit. - To be scheduled July 10th. - Keep working with AT&T on new poles on Dayton St. - Will be completed week of July 21. - Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets). - Installation of 4 new poles on Fairfield Pike to feed new center circuit - Work will be done week of July 10-12. - Installing reclosers at switch station. - Installing reclosers on main line. - Received shipment on these - Engineers are designing best locations for these - Installing voltage regulators in switch station. - Get prices for concrete pads. Waiting on engineers. - Installing new controls in the switch station. - Installing banner poles. - Installation of transformer on Brookside. - Need to finish up on second pole. - To be completed week of July 21. - Working with ATT on bad poles from section 5. - AT&T will be changing out 9 bad poles.

ELECTRIC



Recent electric department projects.

Metering Update

Water Meter Replacement Update

If you haven't yet had your inside water meter changed out, you can expect the Water Dept. to knock on your door and leave a notice to schedule a time to come change your meter at no cost to you. The Water Department will be turning off the outside "curb stop" valve and will quickly change out your inside meter.

- Ongoing daily checks of high reads and potential water leaks and datalog high usage and contact customer.
- Potential high water use causes: Toilets, spigots left on, water softeners, whole house humidifiers, back-up sump pumps, service line leaks.
- Electric reads: There may be a red light visible temporarily on the face of your meter while we wait for the repaired card to associate with electric meters.
- Installed and reprogrammed repaired card in collector with help from the Electric Crew, each of the 8 cards we have installed can read 250 electric meters.
- We have two new collectors on order, ETA end of June – working with MVECA to do the fiber connections.
- Residential electric meter change-outs on hold pending more collector capacity.
- Commercial/demand electric meter change-outs on hold pending more collector capacity.
- Replacing 5/8" and 1" water meters – Water Dept. changing inside water meters. Meter Dept. updating work orders and billing records and decode values for decimal place.
- Working with Mapped Out to update and streamline Water Meter - Service Line Inventory map.
- EPA Service Line Inventory – send "Galvanized Requiring Replacement" letters and make inventory available to the public with new GIS company Mapped Out.
- GIS new water and electric meters.
- Inspect and install new water services in Spring Meadows neighborhood.
- Commercial water meter change-out – Size and lay length list on commercial water meters to order new inventory.
- Data import files are having issues and not updating on Tunet. I am working with TechAdvisors, Civica, and Tantalus to resolve this issue.
- Travis has been working on painting some hydrants in town.

METERING



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Water colors

This week, Village worker Travis Hotaling took a momentary break from meter reading to beautify some more downtown fire hydrants. Though his work is pictured here in black and white, his newest hydrant in front of Urban Handmade is a kaleidoscopic tie-dye. Forthcoming hydrants the Village tasked Hotaling with painting include one adjacent to Peach's — which he said he will turn into a hamburger — and one near the YS Firehouse comedy club — on which Hotaling plans to, naturally, add flames.

Staff member Travis Hotaling's hydrant project featured in Yellow Springs News.

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed	• Setup/ cleanup for Street Fair. • Setup/ cleanup from July 4th fireworks. • Setup/cleanup from July 4th parade. • Setup/cleanup from Pride. • Setup of Short Street Pilot Project. • Removed fallen tree at Cemetery Parking Lot. • Regraded walking path between JBC & Cemetery Lot. • Cleared brush from E. Enon ditch. • Cleared vegetation from street signs. • Hot patched utility cuts. • Mowed municipal properties 3 times.
Ongoing	• Street sweeping. • Utility locates. • GIS information gathering. • Empty trash/ litter pickup every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. • Problematic sanitary sewer checks every Friday.
Upcoming	• Install concrete for softball dugouts. • Install concrete & edging at 106 Dayton St. Parking lot. • Hot patch potholes. • Regrade alley between Phillips & Stafford.

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 16 youths were served per day, with 9 dinners provided each night. • Accepted donation of lunch from the Beloved Community project for Wednesday pool outing. • Averaging 8 kids per John Bryan Youth Center pool day. • Pool staff participated in a SeaDog relay race. • Youth center had a Super Smash Bros. game night with the Nintendo Switch. • Midnight swim will take place on the 4th after fireworks. • Lifeguard staff attends bi-monthly in-service training to keep up skills and work on techniques to keep our pool safe.
Ongoing	• Craft nights will be any night the kids want this summer. • Movie nights will continue to be on Thursday from 5:30-8pm. • The Yellow Springs Aquatic club (SeaDogs) will be using our facility again for their upcoming season. • John Bryan Youth Center will have pool days on Wednesdays from 1-5.

YOUTH CENTER & PARKS



Recent activities at the Youth Center and Gaunt Park Pool.

Digital Media Update

Completed	• Covered Village Council meeting on Monday, 6/16. • Covered Village Council Work Session on Monday, 6/23. • Photographed Porter's graduation from 4 Paws For Ability on Friday, 6/27. • Covered show for GravityWorks Circus Ensemble on Friday, 6/27, to be broadcast on Yellow Springs Community Access / Channel 5 at a future date. • Recorded video and photographed YS Pride celebration on Saturday, 6/28. • Recorded video and photographed YS Community Celebration on Friday, 7/4.
Ongoing	• Continuing work on summer edition of the <i>Village Grapevine</i>. • Beginning preproduction on Economic Development video.
Upcoming	• Producing various internal and external videos. • Creating a photographic database of physical Village assets.

Digital Media Stats: Since 6/16/2025

Village Facebook Followers

6,049

+93 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

286

+150 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

364

+229 Users



YouTube Subscribers

757

+3 Subscribers