



Village staff educating local youths on the importance of staying safe at the recent Safety Village event

Photograph by Ben Guenther

Manager's Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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Light Up Navajo

From Thursday, July 18 through Monday, July 29, I will be out of the office as part of a mutual aid effort with members of our Electric Crew. Lane Dykman, Alex Kraus, Ben Sparks, and I will be traveling to the Navajo Nation to participate in the Light Up Navajo initiative. As members of the American Public Power Association, we will be working in partnership with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to help bring electricity to homes that have never had power.

I want to sincerely thank Village Council and American Municipal Power for their continued support, which allows our Electric Crew to take part in this important project for a second year.

Thank You, YS Branding

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mark Heise and YS Branding for generously providing t-shirts at no cost for myself and the Electric Crew members to wear during our time at the Navajo Nation. This is the second time Mark has done this, having also supplied shirts for our last trip. His continued support is greatly appreciated and reflects the strong spirit of our local business community.



This year's Light Up Navajo t-shirts. Thank you YS Branding!

Village Grapevine

I'm pleased to share that the Summer 2025 edition of the Village Grapevine will be arriving in mailboxes next week. As in previous editions, all residents of the Village of Yellow Springs and Miami Township (that is, everyone within the 45387 ZIP code) will receive a copy. The Grapevine is also available free of charge at locations throughout town, including the John Bryan Community Center.

4th of July Community Celebration

This year's 4th of July Community Celebration was a great success. The parade and fireworks display were well-attended and reflected the strong community spirit of Yellow Springs. I want to thank all the residents who came out to celebrate. Your participation is what makes this event so meaningful each year.

I also want to express my appreciation to everyone who helped make the celebration safe, smooth, and enjoyable. Special thanks go to the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Yellow Springs Police Department, Miami Township Fire-Rescue, and the Village Public Works staff for their support and coordination.

Finally, thank you to Samantha Stewart, our Parks and Recreation Coordinator, along with the Gaunt Park Pool staff, for organizing and working the midnight swim following the fireworks.



Residents and visitors alike enjoyed the recent 4th of July celebration. Thank you to all who helped!

Police Update: 7/2/25-7/16/25

Calls for Service	737
9-1-1 Calls	27
Non-emergency Calls	538
Noise Complaints	(1) Unfounded; music from private residence
Traffic Stops	21

Safety Village Recap

The Yellow Springs Police Department was proud to host Safety Village during the week of July 14–18, welcoming 14 local youth participants for a week of hands-on learning and fun!

Throughout the week, kids learned essential safety skills — from pedestrian and bike safety to fire prevention, stranger awareness, and more — through interactive lessons and engaging activities. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, promote responsibility, and strengthen connections between our youngest community members and local first responders.

Thank you to all the families who participated and to our sponsor Mill’s Park Hotel who helped make this week a success. A special thank you also goes out to our internal Youth Outreach Team, specifically Dispatcher Daysi Cusick, who organized and hosted this year’s event. We’re already looking forward to next year!



Chief Burge and YSPD officers at this year’s Safety Village event.

Community Outreach Officer Update: 7/2/25 -7/16/25

Bus Tokens	5
Case Follow-Ups	2
COS Referrals	20
Food Vouchers	25
Gas Cards	1
Homeless / Housing	3
Mental Health Needs	12
Rent Assistance	1
Utility Assistance	2
Use of Phone	2
Welfare Check	7
Victim Advocate	8

YS or Township Residents Served	68
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	8
Homeless or At-Large Served	12
TOTAL SERVED	88



2025 YSPD COMMUNITY SURVEY



Scan QR Code with your phone camera
OR

**visit www.yellowsprings.gov
to take this important survey!**

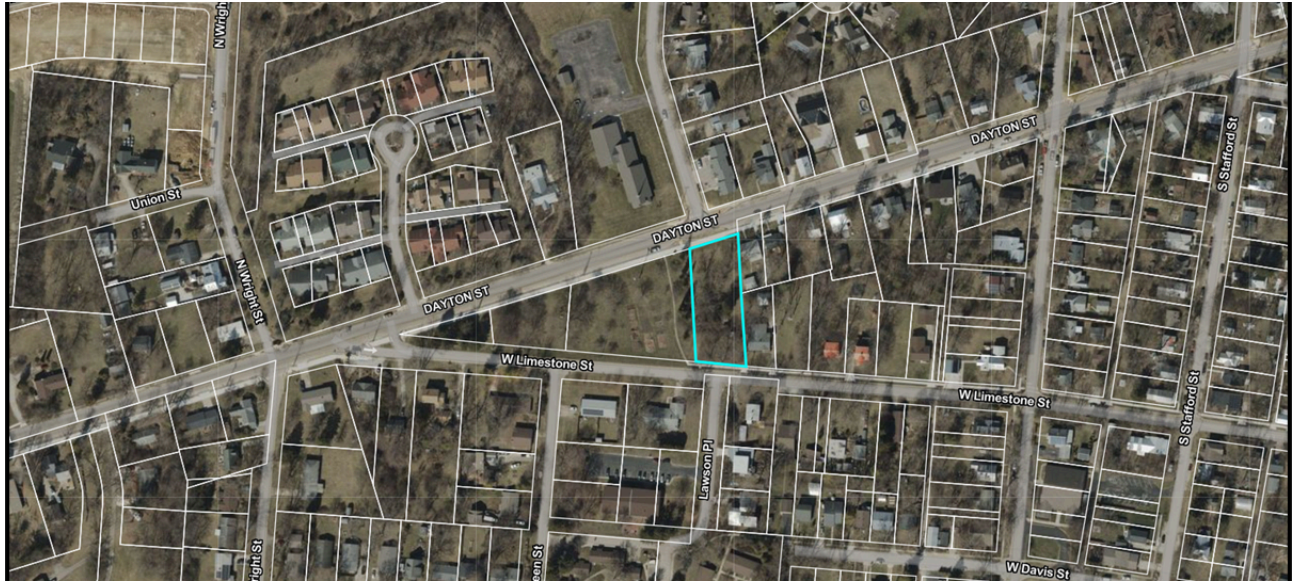
The 2025 YSPD Community Survey is completely confidential and is proxied by an employee outside of YSPD, and it will help us improve our services, processes, and community relations.

This survey is available until 5PM on Monday, September 1, 2025.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission (PC)

On Tuesday, July 15, PC approved a Conditional Use at 545 Dayton Street for Acupuncture Use. Leslie Roeth is a licensed acupuncturist and will be moving her practice to this location.



Approved location for the new acupuncturist office at 545 Dayton St.

Permits

Since last reported:

6 Zoning permits: 2 deck, 1 zoning compliance, 1 single-family home, 1 sign, 1 fence.

12 Building permits: 4 electric, 2 deck, 1 porch, 1 revision, 1 tent, 1 single-family home, 1 boiler, 1 gas line.

RITA Meeting

The Administration staff met with our RITA government liaison for RITA for an introductory and informational session.

2024 Audit

Administrative staff and Council Member Housch participated in a pre-audit planning meeting with the State Auditor's office for our 2024 audit.

Utility Office Cross-Training

The Utility Office staff is engaged in cross-training to enhance teamwork and ensure seamless operations during staff absences or peak workload periods.

Utilities Department

Summer Sewer Program

The last day to sign up for the summer sewer program is August 15th. If you garden or water your lawn, please make sure to sign up to receive a sewer credit for water that does not enter the sewer system!

Water Plant Update

Completed	• 20 Lead and copper samples from residential houses around the Village. Waiting for the results to deliver to residents. • Jeff H. repaired leaking water pipe on HSP valve.
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	7.188	2.29	24.16%
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	58.05	38.284	19.766	34.05%

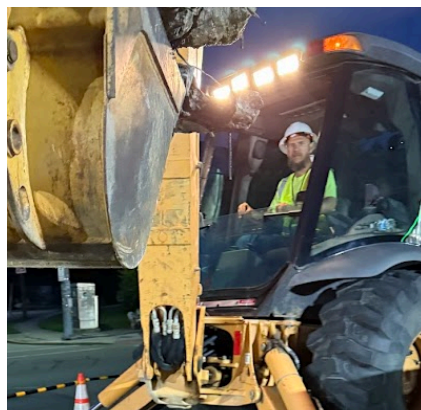
Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 17.184 million gallons in June. • 6.79 inches of rain in June. • Safety training at the Bryan Center. • Reomved trash pump from West clarifier. • Clean build up rags off level transducer in south digester. • 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	• 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. • Painting hydrants. • Replace module at Friends Care meter pit. • Installed 100 ALFX sensors. • Water main break at Xenia Ave. and Corry St.
Ongoing	• Keeping up with locates. • Finding the rest of the curb stops for meter changeout. • Installing the rest of the water meters (approximately 23). • Reading the ALFX sensors once a week.
Upcoming	• Working with ALFX to deploy monitors on fire hydrants to find active leaks to lower our water loss. ◦ Installed and ready to start collecting data. • 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. ◦ This has begun and have completed 5.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Recent water department projects including repairing a water main break at Xenia Ave. and Corry St.

Electric Update

Completed	• Maintain vegetation at switch yard. • Finished up with 3- 4/0 terminations on Kenneth Hamilton Way. • Installed all the new banner poles and hung banners at two locations. • Pulled old poles from banner locations. • Removed temp service from 314 Dayton St. • Installed new 750 kva transformer at Mills Lawn and took out the old one. • Made new terminations for Mills Lawn transformer. • Participated in Safety Village.
Ongoing	• Center circuit build out of switch station. ◦ Received drawings and reviewing now • Poly phase and Demand meters are being changed. • This is on pause until VCs get installed. ◦ Received delivery and installing next week.
Upcoming	• 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). • 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. • 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 such as the new Center Circuit build and Mills Lawn upgrades as well as Safety Village activities.

Metering Update

Water Meter Replacement Update

- 26 meters have not been upgraded.
- 5 customers have opted out (one outside in a pit).
- 4 meters with bad valves, (all inside, one village owned).
- 17 inside water meter customers have been unresponsive and made no contact to schedule their meter changeout.

Ongoing

- Water Reads – both manual and electronic
 - Daily checks of high reads and potential water leaks and datalog high usage and contact customer.
- Electric reads:
 - We have received three new Collectors, reprogramming them in the office and installed them with the Electric Department on poles on Tuesday the 8th. Working with MVECA and Tech Advisors 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 and issues with connectivity.
- Replacing 5/8" and 1" water meters – final punch list is 26 meters, either opted out, bad valves, or no contact.
- 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.

METERING



Sneak peak of the new Short Street barricade mural by metering staff member Travis Hotaling.

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed	• Replaced all flush valves in public restrooms at JBC & Train Station. • Installed new ceiling tiles in 1st floor men's restroom at JBC. • Regraded alley between Elm & W. Whiteman. • Mowed municipal properties 2 times. • Repaired outdoor drinking fountain at Gaunt Park. • Jetted large sanitary sewer backup on in Omar Circle. • Ordered/ installed new trashcan lids for downtown. • Picked up Jacobsen from engine replacement. • Repaired Dodge dump truck. • Picked up large dead deer. • Assisted police in pickup of evidence. • Prepared diamonds for league play 2 times. • Performed grade work for concrete & fence install for softball diamonds. • Removed curb & gutter for apron install for Mary's Way. • Ordered/installed umbrellas & bases for Short Street pilot project. • Filled potholes in various locations around town. • Patched utility cut at Xenia & Corry. • Removed fallen tree on Gardendale .
Ongoing	• Street sweeping. • Utility locates. • GIS information gathering. • Empty trash/ litter pickup every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. • Problematic sanitary sewer checks every Friday. • Began grade work at the 106 Dayton St. parking lot.
Upcoming	• Install concrete for softball dugouts. • Install concrete & edging at 106 Dayton St. Parking lot. • Hot patch potholes.

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION



Asphalt repair after the water main break at Xenia Ave. and Corry St., grade work and island update at 106 Dayton St., and fallen tree removal by the streets and sewer crew.

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. • Had a rainy-day pizza and craft session. • Replaced broken filters in big pool. • Took kids to Bentino's for dinner. • Utilized sunny weather and outdoor spaces. • Hosted the final home swim meet for swim team. • Guard staff in-service . • Midnight swim was successful with over 244 guests in attendance. • Youth center designed their own re-useable bags. • Swim lessons will wrap up with some of our younger attendees learning new skills like floating and going under the water.
Ongoing	• Craft nights will be any night the kids want this summer. • Movie nights will continue to be on Thursday from 5:30-8pm. • John Bryan Youth Center will have pool days on Wednesdays from 1-5. • Lifeguard staff attends bi-monthly in-service training to keep up skills and work on techniques to keep our pool safe.

YOUTH CENTER & PARKS



Recent activities at the Youth Center and Gaunt Park Pool.

Digital Media Update

Completed	• Covered Village Council meeting on Monday, 7/7. • Provided camera equipment and edited final video for information session with local officials on Tuesday, 7/8. • Attended AMP Safety Training on Wednesday, 7/9. • Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, 7/15. • Finalized summer edition of the Village Grapevine newsletter. • Photographed daily activities for YSPD's annual Safety Village.
Ongoing	• 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

6,089

+40 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

326

+40 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

797

+433 Users



YouTube Subscribers

760

+3 Subscribers

