



Little Art Theatre marquee reveal held at the Community Space @ Short St.

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Manager's Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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Recent Power Outages – Causes and Updates

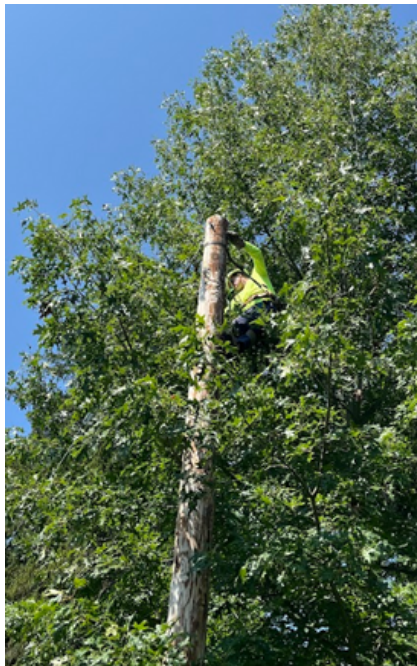
A few weeks ago, while several Village team members, including myself, were away in Navajo Nation, the Village experienced multiple power outages. During this time, AES also lost power to the Village twice due to external power interruptions.

We understand these outages were frustrating, and we sincerely appreciate your patience. Our Electric Department worked diligently to restore power as quickly as possible each time.

To address a common concern, our system was not being pushed beyond its capacity. Most outages were caused by weather, tree limbs, and squirrels. In fact, squirrels were responsible for over half of last year's outages.

To help reduce these interruptions, our team regularly trims trees near power lines. Tree trimming is currently underway in Inspection Area 3 and other hot spots around the Village where trees frequently interfere with power lines. Additionally, to maintain reliable service and support future growth, we are adding a new central circuit to strengthen our system.

We are proud to provide award-winning, 100 percent renewable electric service and remain committed to keeping the lights on for our entire community. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you, Electric Department, for your hard work and dedication.

Community Outreach Coordinator – Danielle Steck

On Tuesday, September 2nd, Danielle (“Dani”) Steck will join the Village of Yellow Springs as our second Community Outreach Coordinator. A longtime Yellow Springs resident, Dani brings extensive experience from her previous role as Program Manager with the NCCJ of Greater Dayton. She will be working closely with Florence Randolph as she transitions into her new role. Please join us in giving Dani a warm welcome to the team.

Greene County Educational Service Center

On August 20, I, along with Elyse Giardullo, Meg Leatherman, and Michelle Robinson, visited the Greene County Educational Service Center to gain a deeper understanding of their operations and programs. Superintendent Terry Graves-Strieter led us on a tour of the facility, highlighting the important services they provide to schools and students throughout the county. The visit offered valuable insights into how the ESC supports education in our region.



The Greene County Educational Service Center.

Police Update: 8/14/25-8/28/25

Calls for Service	1121
9-1-1 Calls	21
Non-emergency Calls	251
Noise Complaints	(4) Advised; (3) Permitted events, (1) Private residence
Traffic Stops	20



2025 YSPD COMMUNITY SURVEY



Scan the QR code with your phone camera

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to take this important survey!

This 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.

Community Outreach Officer Update: 8/14/25 - 8/27/25

Bus Tokens	5
Case Follow-Ups	6
COS Referrals	8
Food Vouchers	16
Gas Cards	3
Homeless / Housing	4
Mental Health Needs	10
Rent Assistance	3
Utility Assistance	4
Use of Phone	2
Welfare Check	5
Victim Advocate	15

YS or Township Residents Served	70
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	3
Homeless or At-Large Served	8
TOTAL SERVED	81

Greene County Educational Services Center Tour

Superintendent Terry Strieter, provided Village staff a tour of the ESC facilities in Yellow Springs to gain a deeper understanding of the wide range of programs offered. The ESC employs more than 100 staff members and delivers services to school districts both within and beyond Greene County.

BusinessFirst! Business Walk Meeting

On August 26, Aaron, Meg, and Elyse met with Montgomery County Economic Development Specialists Gwen Eberly and Brianna Wolfe to begin planning a Business Walk for later this year. A Business Walk focuses on a target area where regional professionals volunteer to meet with local companies. The goal is to gather insights on opportunities and challenges businesses are facing while connecting them with resources to support their needs.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

On August 27, the BZA held a public hearing regarding a variance request for fence height at 624 Tulip Ct., a corner lot in the Spring Meadows subdivision. Property owner Guy Glass sought relief from code requirements limiting front yard fences to four feet. The request for a two-foot variance, allowing a six-foot fence, was approved.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Webinar

Meg attended an MVRPC webinar on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, MVRPC updates the plan every five years to guide public investment across all modes of transportation, including roads, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian networks. The process is collaborative and identifies projects that reflect the shared priorities of regional stakeholders. Yellow Springs may be able to pursue future funding for arterial roads, including Dayton Yellow Springs Road and Fairfield Pike/Yellow Springs-Fairfield Road, through MVRPC. More information is available about the LRTP at plan2050.mvrpc.org.

Local Low Carbon Pathway Meeting

On August 22, Meg and Aaron attended the Local Low Carbon Pathway Meeting, which reviewed modeling results and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Yellow Springs. Three scenarios were considered: Business as Usual, Business as Planned, and Low Carbon, with the Low Carbon pathway aiming for a 90% reduction in emissions by 2050. Implementation strategies included building retrofits, home electrification, EV adoption, and renewable energy initiatives. One highlighted program was SolSmart, a national designation that helps communities lower the “soft costs” of solar energy by making local permitting and zoning processes more transparent and user friendly, ultimately supporting broader solar adoption. For next steps they encouraged Yellow Springs to consider creation of a Climate Action Plan using the data they provided as a foundation.

Permits

Since last reported:

9 Zoning permits: .3 working in ROW, 2 sign, 1 single-family home, 1 fence, 1 zoning compliance, 1 solar

9 Building permits: 2 roof replacement, 2 electric, 1 single-family home, 1 revision, 1 remodel, 1 basement egress, 1 solar.

FINANCE & UTILITIES

2024 Audit – The Ohio Auditor of State

The State Auditors are in the final stages of gathering information for the 2024 audit. The audit report is expected to be completed by mid-September.

2026 Budget Planning

Johnnie, Elyse, and I finished meeting individually with each Department Head regarding their 2026 budget requests, and we are currently reviewing the proposals.

Time Keeping System

Lynda and Michelle are completing the final training and setup of the new timekeeping system. Training sessions will begin soon, starting with supervisors and followed by department-level employee training. We are anticipating a go-live date of October 6th.

Life Insurance

With the help of Cameron and Elyse, we are finishing up the transition of our group life insurance policy and enrollment of the voluntary life and AD&D insurance policy. The new policy will take effect on September 1st.

Utilities Department

Summer Sewer Program

Yard waste pickup is only available the last Friday of the month from April to November. You must purchase Rumpke yard waste bags at the Utility office. Rumpke will only pick up biodegradable Rumpke bags purchased from the Utility office, not bags purchased from any other vendors or stores. Thank you for your understanding.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Yearly ambient sample collected by OEPA from well #2. • Larry Laymaster out to repair check valve on backwash pump. • Trimming of sides of backwash basins and other overgrown areas around plant.
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. • Mowing and weed trimming around plant. • Received permission from Tecumseh Land Trust to drill 2 monitoring wells outside of well fields. Working with Moody's to complete the drilling. • Working with Ben Sparks on water loss. Created a new spreadsheet taking into consideration the total amount of unbilled water. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling.
Upcoming	• Complete yearly calibration of flow meters and level sensors. • Acid washing softener #1 to remove buildup hardness scaling. • TEC water meeting on PFAS treatment with EPA on 8/28/25.

WATER PLANT

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	9.772	6.623	3.149	32.22%
AUG				
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	67.822	44.907	22.915	33.79%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 14.08 million gallons in July. • 5.57 inches of rain in July. • Ohio EPA visited the wastewater plant for NPDES inspection. • Yearly oil change/maintenance on mixers in tank D and tank C. • Weed-eated hill side and overgrown areas. • 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 and trimming weeds around 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. • Silco replacing failed front gate access control. • Yearly calibration on flow meters and level sensors.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Keep up with locates. • Continue with GIS. • Continue meter changeout project. • Read AFLX sensors weekly • Paint fire hydrants. • AMP safety. • Burn brush pile at Sutton Farm and grade out dirt. • Find curb stop and exercise so plumber can do internal work 248 Whitehall Dr. • Assist electric crew with two pole removals and back fill at train station. • Mow Sutton Farm weekly • Mow solar field and paths weekly. • Trim branches that overhang path at solar field. • Water pressure check 380 Spring Glen. • Hang film festival banners. • Wreck out poles and wire at Mills Lawn. • Water leak at 555 Fairfield Pike. • Pull pole at 314 Dayton St. • Water pressure check 1730 Southview Dr.
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.

Water Distribution Update

Upcoming

- Fire hydrant flushing will be week of September 15th.
- Working with ALFX to deploy monitors on fire hydrants to find active leaks to lower our water loss.
 - Meeting with them to discuss how to correlate leaks
- 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 at this time.
 - Still ongoing and will continue as time permits.

Electric Update

Completed	• Completed multiple service releases. • Removed old wire and pulled poles at Mills Lawn School. • Cleaned up old wire at High School. • Finished up on Fair Acres single phase pole. • Finished up on Kahoe Alley three phase pole. • Removed pole at 314 Dayton St. • Assisted IT in getting the fiber hooked up for Tunenet metering. • Unboxed all the line reclosers. • Outage at Spring Meadow due to bad wire in transformer. • Alex is finishing third year apprenticeship this week.
Ongoing	• Tree trimming continues on the South side of Village. • Center circuit build out of switch station. ◦ Encompass will be getting drawings soon. ▪ Received drawings and reviewing now ▪ Still in the process on this. • Received all drawing and making plans for installation ◦ 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. ◦ The delivery date for the materials is June 20th. ▪ Received delivery and installing next week. ▪ Installed and waiting for fiber connections to be made
Upcoming	• Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets). • Installing reclosers at switch station. • Installing reclosers on main line week of September 8th • Installing voltage regulators in switch station. • Installing new controls in the switch station. • This is scheduled for next week. • Encompass engineering will be on site doing programming. • Working with ATT on bad poles from section 5.

Metering Update

Water Meter Replacement Update

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

Ongoing

- Add remotes to the large meters that have wires. First one installed today.
- Water Reads – both manual and electronic
 - 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.
 - Spigots have been a particular issue this month, at least 5 customers, 51k gallons, 11k gallons, 5k gallons, 3k gallons.
- Electric Meter Infrastructure Update: We have received three new Collectors, programed them in the office and installed them with the Electric Department on poles. Waiting on response from Thor at 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 and issues with connectivity.
- 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. List complete, will get quote.

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed

- Mowed municipal properties 3 times.
- Trimmed bushes at JBC.
- Edged sidewalks at all municipal properties.
- Drained boiler system at JBC.
- Began elbow replacement in boiler system at JBC.
- Removed large fallen tree on Fairfield Pike.
- Finished brush cutting retention basins at Water Treatment Plant.
- Cleaned up Short Street for Little Art Event.
- String trimmed curb & gutter downtown.
- Filled in for janitorial staff while staff was on vacation.
- Trimmed branches causing visual obstructions.
- Met with EPA.
- Prepared diamonds for league play 2 times.
- Towed unit 112 to repair shop.
- Prepared basketball courts for seal coating & striping.
- Built silt fence & installed 6 yards of topsoil, seed, and straw.
- Rebuilt hydraulic motor on Jacobsen.
- Installed new headlights on all pickup trucks.
- Repaired Z950R & Z970R mowers.
- Jetted storm line on E. Enon Rd.
- Mowed ROWs throughout town.
- Full depth asphalt repairs in 7 locations (Dayton, Xenia, S. High & Wright).
- Inspected driveway & sidewalk installs at Spring Meadows.
- Met with engineering firm for force main inspection.
- Installed digital message boards to assist start of school.

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION

Streets & Sewer Update

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 retaining wall at 106 Dayton St. Parking lot. • Install fence around softball dugouts • Install hardscape adjacent to Pottery Shop



Recent Dayton St. parking lot project as well as large tree removal on Fairfield Pike.

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 25 youths were served per day, with 17 dinners provided each night. • Accepted 1 donations of lunch from the Beloved Community. project for our final Wednesday pool day. • Guard staff attended final in-service training of the season • Limited hours began at pool. • Free tutoring will begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5pm on September 2nd.
Ongoing	• Craft nights will be any night the kids want this summer. • Movie nights will continue to be on Thursday from 5:30-8pm.

Digital Media Update

Completed	- Covered Village Council meeting on Monday, 8/18. - Covered Village Council work session on Wednesday, 8/20.
Ongoing	Editing content for new Village website.

Digital Media Stats: Since 8/19/2025

Village Facebook Followers

6,186

+47 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

392

+9 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

1,366

+22 Downloads



YouTube Subscribers

768

+0 Subscribers

