



Pups enjoying the last day of pool season at the Doggie Swim at Gaunt Park Pool

Photograph by Ben Guenther

Manager's Report

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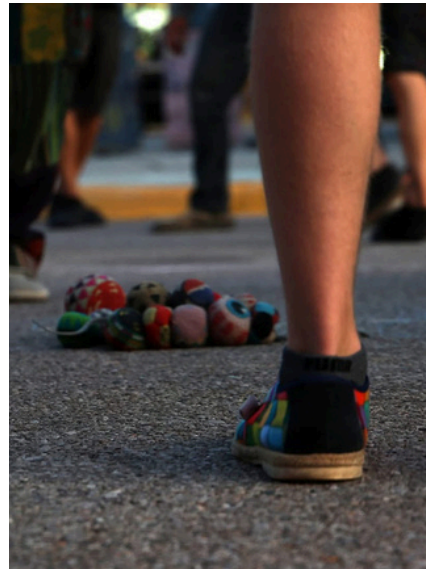
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Hack Day – Community Space @ Short Street

September 6 was officially declared Hack Day by Mayor Pam, and the Yellow Springs Hackysack Group celebrated with a lively gathering at the Community Space @ Short Street. The event featured music, hacky sack games, and a chance for the community to come together and enjoy this playful tradition. Hack Day was a fun and spirited reflection of the creativity and energy that make Yellow Springs special.



Hack day fun and excitement on Short Street.

Feedback – Community Space @ Short Street

The Village will soon launch a survey to gather community feedback on the Community Space @ Short Street pilot project. This project, which temporarily closed Short Street to vehicles to create a community gathering space, began shortly after the first Summer Street Fair in June. Now that the pilot has been in place for several months, the Village is seeking input to better understand how the space is being used and experienced.

The survey will be widely shared in the coming days through YSConnect, the Village website, social media, an official press release, and flyers around town. All responses will be anonymized, though personal identities may be shared if included in open-ended comments. The results will be compiled into a summary report and included in the Council Packet for the October 20, 2025, meeting, providing an overview of community experiences and perspectives.

The survey will close at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 13, 2025. Your feedback will help guide the Village in evaluating the pilot and planning for the future of the space.

Shred-It Event

On Saturday, September 6, the Village hosted a successful Shred-It Event at Gaunt Park Pool. Residents were able to safely dispose of sensitive documents. Cameron Fortin, Leadership Team Assistant, and Elyse Giardullo, Assistant Village Manager, were on site assisting residents and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

This year's event was held at a new location, Gaunt Park Pool, which worked so well that we plan to return there next year. Next year's Shred-It Event is already scheduled for just after Labor Day, and reminders will be sent as the date approaches.



Thank you, Shred-it, for another successful event!

Dog Swim

Following Labor Day and the official end of the pool season, we held our annual Dog Swim. Dogs enjoyed one last chance to run, play, and splash in the pool before it was drained. Thank you to everyone who participated.

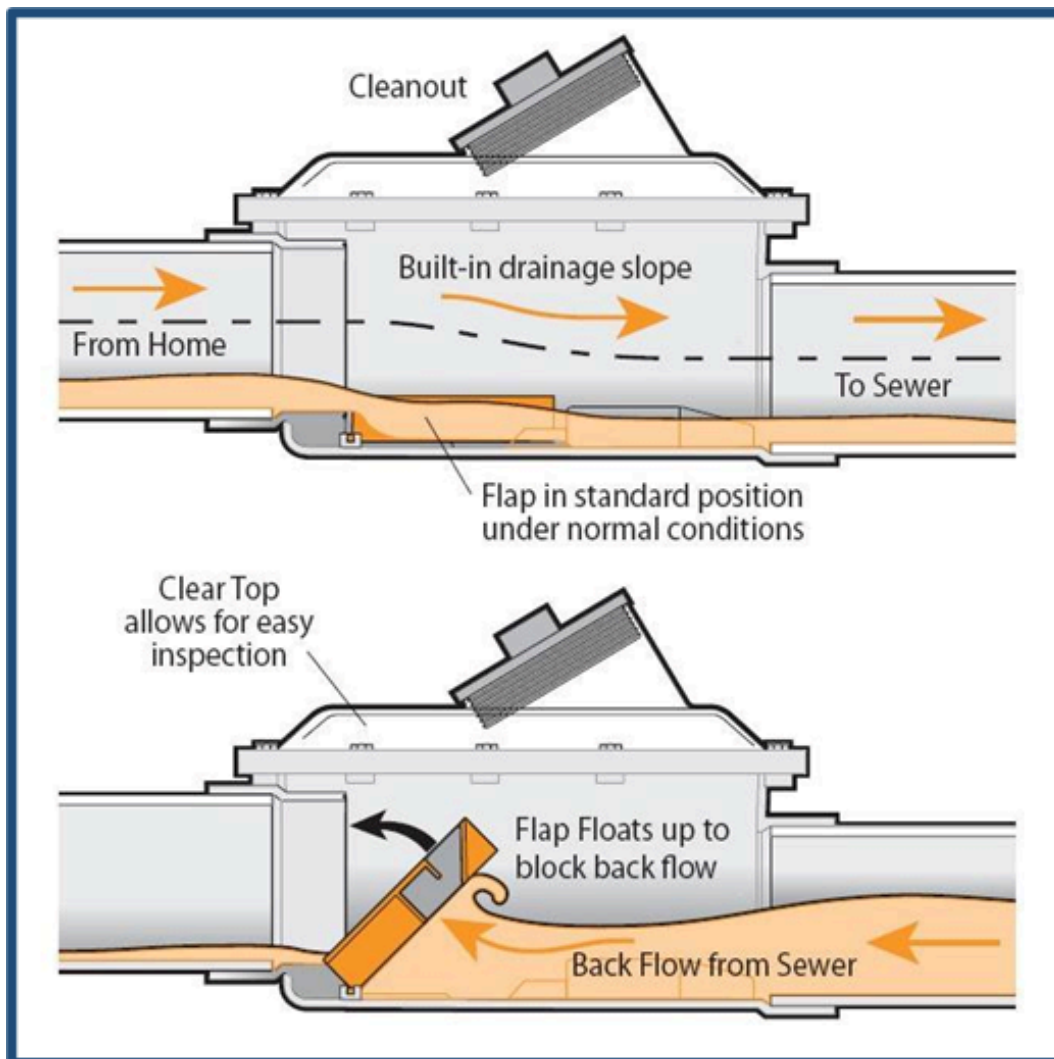
PorchFest

The Yellow Springs Arts Council is hosting PorchFest on Saturday, September 20. This community event features live music on porches throughout the Village, celebrating local talent and bringing neighbors together. For the full schedule of performances, visit www.ysporchfest.com.

Backflow Preventor

The Village is updating its utility code to require the installation of backflow preventers on private sewer service connections. This update is intended to protect private properties from sewer backups and reduce the risk of health hazards. A backflow preventer ensures that sewage cannot flow backward from the public sewer system into a building's plumbing, preventing property damage and contamination.

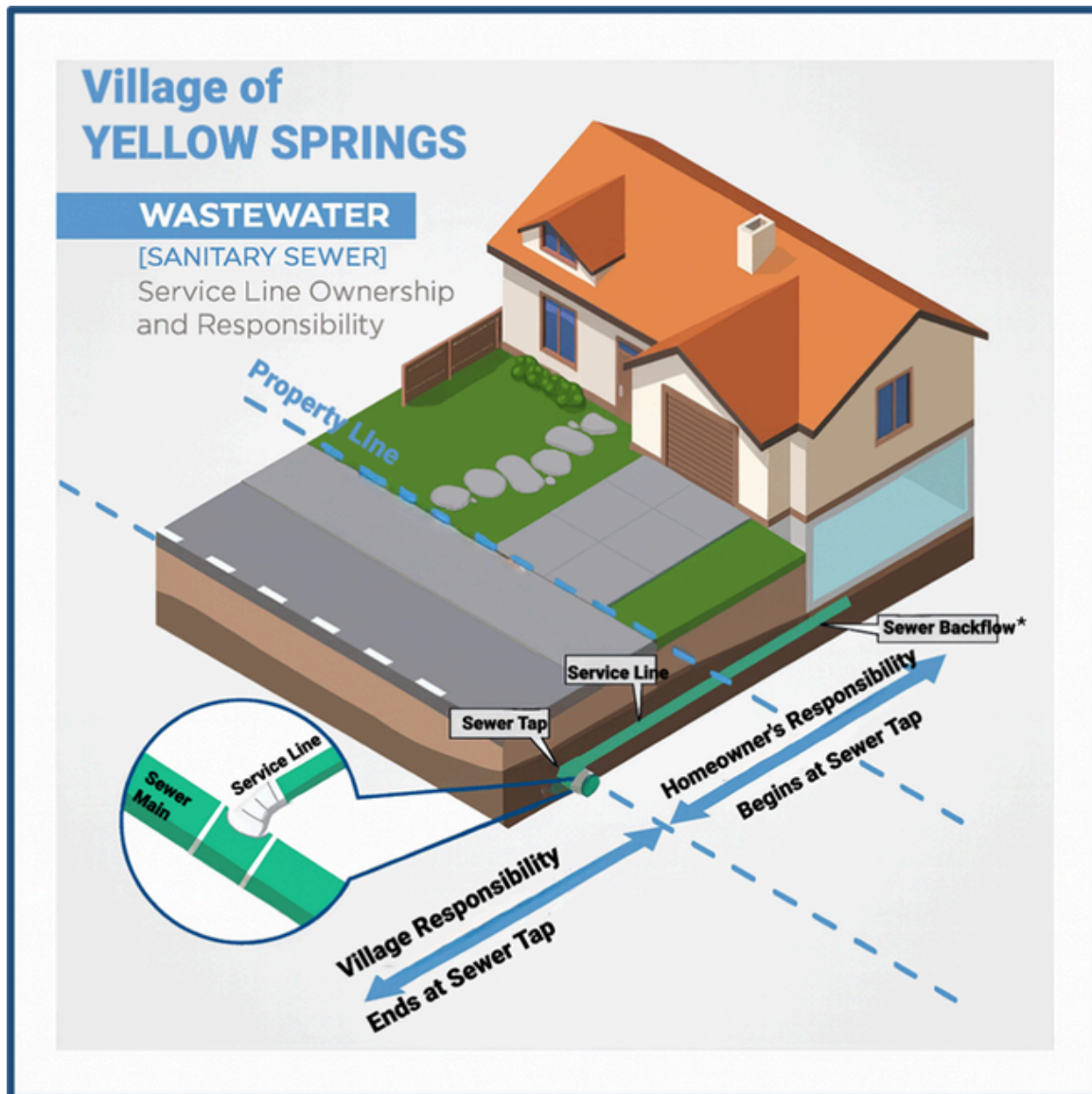
This update reflects best practices in wastewater management and is consistent with regional and state-level standards. By adopting this requirement, the Village will help residents and businesses safeguard their properties. An informational flyer has been prepared and is included with this report. Please see the following page for a useful diagram.



This diagram shows the mechanism of the backflow preventor.

Backflow Preventer (continued)

Moving forward, all new construction projects must include a backflow preventer. Plumbing permit service line work requires a backflow preventer installation.



This diagram shows the sanitary sewer service line ownership and responsibility.

Mobile Mammogram

The Mercy Health Mobile Mammography unit will be returning to the John Bryan Center on Monday, September 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to pre-register to secure their appointment, and walk-ins may be accommodated depending on availability. Please see the flyer on the following page.



Mobile Mammography

is coming to:

The Village of Yellow Springs

100 Dayton Street Yellow Springs OH

September 22, 2025

8am - 3pm

**Call now to schedule:
(937) 523-9332**

- ♦ Mammograms are covered by most health insurance plans. Check with your insurance provider to assure Mercy Health is an in-network provider for your specific insurance plan
- ♦ Be sure to bring a photo ID and insurance card with you.
- ♦ Appointments are approximately 15 minutes when pre-registered.
- ♦ No-cost screenings available for those who qualify. Ask about financial assistance options when you register.
- ♦ Walk-in availability is determined by the number of pre-scheduled participants..



Police Update: 8/29/25-9/11/25

Calls for Service	987
9-1-1 Calls	22
Non-emergency Calls	412
Noise Complaints	5
Traffic Stops	18
Business Checks & Community Policing	407 (376/31)

Mills Lawn Bike Bus

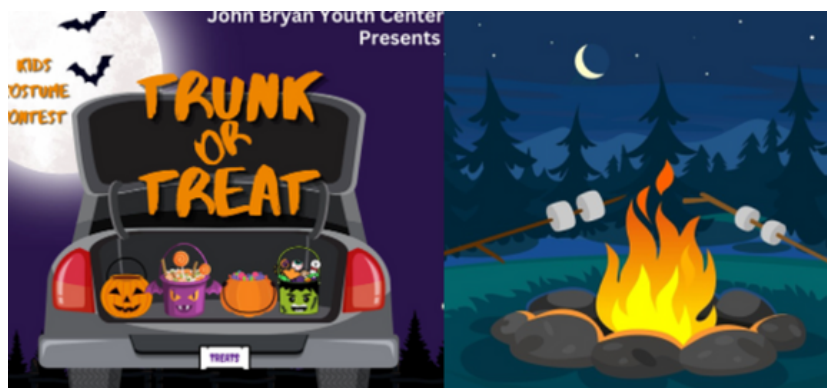
Mill's Lawn Elementary Bike Bus kicked off September 10, 2025. Officers will be out each Wednesday helping with traffic and keeping everyone safe.

Greene County Career Center

Chief Burge visits Greene County Career Center to speak with Criminal Justice students about her path in law enforcement, share insights about YSPD, and offer guidance to those interested in a policing career.

Halloween

Prep and planning for Halloween festivities began this week and helping to sort out bonfire locations and supplies!



Halloween will be here soon!

State Tests and Certifications

Another huge congratulations to recently graduated cadet, now Police Officer Rebecca Duff. After graduating last month from Clark State Police Academy, Duff completed her required state testing and has been officially certified as a Police officer. She began her field training program (FTP) on Monday September 1.

Crisis Intervention

Officers new to the Department are gearing up for Crisis intervention training – a 40-hour program to strengthen skills in helping community members in crisis. Training begins September 22.

Welcome new Community Outreach Specialist and Victim Advocate

Danielle (Danny) Steck.

Danny is a lifelong Village of Yellow Springs resident, graduating from YSHS in 2017. She is married and approaching her one-year wedding anniversary this month! Dani joins us with a background in mental health and community outreach, when asked what Shes most excited about in this new role she cites being back in the Village and working alongside Florence Randolph.



Danny Steck (left), Rebecca Duff (right).

Community Outreach Officer Update: 8/28/25 - 9/10/25

Bus Tokens	14
Case Follow-Ups	4
COS Referrals	6
Food Vouchers	7
Gas Cards	2
Homeless / Housing	5
Mental Health Needs	6
Rent Assistance	2
Utility Assistance	1
Use of Phone	2
Welfare Check	9
Victim Advocate	8

YS or Township Residents Served	62
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	1
Homeless or At-Large Served	3
TOTAL SERVED	65

Exploring Tax Increment Finance (TIF)

TIF exempts owners from the real property taxes on the increased property value from a development project. The key distinction here is although property owners are exempted from paying real property taxes on improved values, they must pay service payments in lieu of taxes (commonly referred to as PILOTS) in amounts equal to the real property taxes they would have paid but for the authorization of a TIF. Remitted service payments (PILOTS) are collected by the county treasurer, just as with traditional tax obligations, but instead of payments being distributed to various taxing districts across the county, they are provided directly to the municipality.

From the TIF fund, service payments are used to pay the costs of public infrastructure improvements related to the development. The Village may authorize TIF'S to fund a number of infrastructure needs including public roads, highways, water and sewer lines, (and the maintenance of such roads, highways, water and sewer lines), remediation, provision of gas, electric and the enhancement of waterways (note-that police may sometimes be included after careful review). Most importantly, the Village can authorize TIF's that hold harmless impacted school districts and joint vocational school districts.

Please note that there are different types of TIFs available to municipalities, including TIF's for commercial projects that include multi-family structures, residential TIFs for single-family developments, and other, unique applications.

BusinessFirst! Update

The Village has signed the agreement to participate in BusinessFirst!, and the Business Walk has been scheduled for October 16th. The walk will likely focus on 60 to 80 local businesses around a general location, with support from business professionals across the region. This effort will provide valuable insight into opportunities and challenges facing Yellow Springs businesses while connecting them with resources to support their needs.

September YSDC Meeting

The Yellow Springs Development Corporation met on September 9th. Discussion centered on reviewing logo samples, with feedback provided on recommended colors and design ideas. Jane Fernandes, president of Antioch College, also spoke and highlighted the college's 175th anniversary, an increase in the upcoming fall class, and other campus updates. The next YSDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7.

Planning Commission – 9/9

At its August 12, 2025 meeting, the Planning Commission directed staff to prepare potential zoning code amendments on several topics. Draft language was presented for consideration at the September 9th meeting, where the Commission took the following actions:

- Revising how distance is measured between Transient Guest Lodging units (short-term rentals): Motion to approve failed, vote 1–2 (Commissioner Devore Leonard recused).
- Clarifying bicycle parking requirements: Approved 4–0.
- Clarifying when a Site Plan Review application is required: Approved 4–0.

All three amendments will be forwarded to Village Council for consideration at the October 6th meeting.

MVRPC Water & Environmental Committee

Meg and Aaron attended the bimonthly MVRPC Water & Environmental Committee meeting on September 10th. Updates included the Southwest Ohio Regional Water Study, with Elizabeth Baker serving as the primary contact at MVRPC, and a review of the Piqua and Troy FPA boundary.

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

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 the week of September 15th with supervisors and their employees. We are anticipating a go-live date of October 6th.

Utilities Department

Utility Round Up

Utility Round Up is available for customers at risk of disconnection. You can apply as soon as you receive a bill that says “Delinquent” with a previous balance. Applications are due promptly at noon on the 20th of the month.

Summer Sewer credits will be on the October bills.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Preparing plant for upcoming hydrant flushing. • Tightened leaking packing on backwash check valve to stop the leak. • Fixed leaking fitting on High service pump 2.
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.

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	10.04	7.3	2.74	27.29%
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	77.862	52.207	25.655	32.95%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 9.545 million gallons in August. • 1.3 inches of rain in August. • Silco installed new automatic gate opener, replacing older out dated unit. • Yearly oil change/maintenance on mixer in tank D. • Changed battery on F150. • 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. • Yearly calibration on flow meters and level sensors. • Completing yearly maintenance around WRF. • Completing prepping and painting of air header for aeration tank and digesters.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Keep up with locates. • Continue with GIS • Continue meter change out project • Fix meter pit at 240 King St. • Pull up sagging service line and set up for down guy at rear of 212 N Walnut. • Turn on water at 345 E Enon Rd. • Hang PorchFest banners. • AMP safety. • Set out digital message boards for flushing. • Burn brush pile and grade out at Sutton Farm. • Fire hydrant training from American Darling. • Power wash and clean shop floors. • Clean breakroom. • Haul 18 concrete barricades from Ernst Concrete. • Mow solar field and paths. • Mow Sutton Farm.
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. • Paint fire hydrants.

Water Distribution Update

Upcoming

- Fire hydrant flushing will be week of September 15th.
- 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.



Before and after fire hydrant painting (top), fire hydrant training (bottom).

Electric Update

Completed	• Regulator control replacement and programming. • Recloser control programming with Encompass Engineering. • Xenia and Allen squirrel outage. • Replacement of defective pole top transformer at 324 Elm St. • Xylem underground cable pull and riser build. • OUPS calls for recloser pole locate tickets. • Recloser protection for Angel and his tree trimming crew. • Planning/coordination for Grid Power. • GIS updating at 309 West Whiteman St. • Various GIS updating. • Infrared imaging between Marshall and Herman. • Fire hydrant class. • Walnut and Pleasant down guy anchor and cable installation. • Pleasant Street overhead secondary service slack adjustment. • TUNET work with Bartley. • Spring Meadows service releases. • Iris Dr. bad URD cable repair. • Library light pole and breakaway base removals. • Regulator control mock up. • Alex at school. • Recloser control tutorial with Omar from Southern States.
Ongoing	• Tree trimming continues on the South side of Village. • Center circuit build out of switch station. ▪ Received drawings and planning installation 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

Electric Update

Upcoming

- Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets).
- Installing reclosers at switch station.
- Installing reclosers on main line.
 - These are scheduled to go up week of September 8th.
- Installing voltage regulators in switch station.
 - Get prices for concrete pads.
 - Waiting on engineers on this still
 - Met with contractors on this and should have pricing next week
 - Received some pricing and waiting on more to come in
- Working with ATT on bad poles from section 5.
 - AT&T will be changing out 9 bad poles.



Various Electric Department Project around the Village ***

Metering Update

Water Meter Replacement Update

- 26 meters have not been upgraded.
- 6 meters with bad valves (all inside, one village owned).
- 15 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, quote recieved

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed

- Mowed municipal properties 2 times.
- Mulched flower beds at JBC.
- Edged sidewalks at all parks.
- Continued elbow replacement in boiler system at JBC.
- Installed 47 yards of playground mulch at JBC.
- Removed large pile of invasive species at Glass Farm.
- Trimmed bushes & removed weeds on Dayton Street downtown.
- Started straightening signs & trimming branches around them.
- Prepared diamonds for league play 2 times.
- Mowed ROWs.
- String trimmed around Corp. Limit signs.
- Installed rules sign at Short Street.
- Installed “No Parking Anytime” in front of High School.
- Picked up 18 concrete bin blocks.
- Began closure of pool including draining.
- Installed bike rack at Lawson Place.
- Removed four dead trees at bike path & N. Walnut.
- Removed underbrush from spruce trees at Ellis.
- Camera'd sanitary line on Xenia Ave.
- Took delivery of new trashcans.
- Began upgrade on plow lights.
- Began first round of interviews for open position.

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. • Empty trashcans / cleanup Short Street.
Upcoming	• Root control sanitary sewer. • Install fence around softball dugouts. • Install hardscape adjacent to Pottery Shop. • Seal coat & paint basketball courts & pickleball courts.



Gaunt Park Pool is closed for the season (left), Playground at the JBC has been mulched (right).

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 18 youths were served per day, with 12 dinners provided each night. • Had a back-to-school pizza night with a donation from the Beloved Community project and Debbie Austin. • Planning our fall activities, Kings Island Halloween Haunt and our second Trunk or Treat. • Replenishing our Youth center supplies for the school year. • Provided one student with a TI-84 calculator through donations. • Pool in the final stages of closing for the season. • Gaunt Park Pool ◦ Averaged 95 visitors a day with the busiest day having 318 visitors ◦ Sold 142 Resident pool passes ◦ Sold 35 non-resident pool passes ◦ Provided 18 Swimming for all pool passes ◦ 244 people attended Midnight swim on the 4th of July ◦ 18 dogs joined us for the final swim of the season
Ongoing	• Craft night on Wednesday from 5:30-7 pm. • Movie nights will move to Friday from 5:30-8 pm for September. • Free Tutoring with Greene County Public Library Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-5 pm.

Digital Media Update

Completed	• Covered Village Council meeting on Tuesday, 9/2. • Photographed inaugural Hack Day event at the Community Space @ Short Street on Saturday, 9/6. • Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, 9/9. • Attended AMP Safety Training on Wednesday, 9/10.
Ongoing	• Assisting with design for new Village website. • Creating and editing content for new Village website.
Upcoming	• Photographing Yellow Springs PorchFest on Saturday, 9/20.

