



The first snow of the season in the Village.

Photograph by Ben Guenther

Manager's Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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MANAGER'S DESK

Quarterly Goals Update

The last quarterly update on staff's progress toward Council's goals was provided on August 18, 2025. The second quarterly update is currently being compiled and will be included in the next Manager's Report on December 1.

Planning & Economic Development Transition

Our Planning and Economic Development Director has submitted her resignation and will be transitioning to a new role outside the organization. To ensure continuity of service and maintain progress on active projects, we are engaging a contractor to support Planning and Economic Development functions during this period. This interim support will provide staff the necessary capacity and flexibility to conduct a thorough recruitment and hiring process for the permanent position.

Fall Grapevine – Quarterly Newsletter

The Fall edition of the Grapevine, the Village's quarterly newsletter, should now be in all 45387 mailboxes. This issue includes a history feature on the Center for Business & Education, a story on the MVECA and MVCC merger, and details about upcoming holiday events. If you did not receive a copy, you can pick one up at the John Bryan Center in Utilities, at the Police Department window, or at the second-floor Administration window.



Highlights from the Fall 2025 Village Grapevine.

Pack The Cruiser – Event #2

The Yellow Springs Police Department Community Outreach team is hosting the second Pack the Cruiser food donation event to support neighbors experiencing food insecurity. All donations collected will go directly to community members in need. We are accepting non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and household essentials.

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mills Park Hotel parking lot



Pack The Cruiser - Event #2 informational post.

Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers – University of Dayton, Ohio

Both Mayor Pam and I attended the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association meeting on Wednesday, November 12, held at the University of Dayton. The discussion focused on cybersecurity training for local governments in Ohio, presented by the Ohio Cyber Range Institute (OCAT). Dr. Grant Neeley from the University of Dayton, who leads OCAT, shared insights on several cybersecurity incidents that occurred in 2025 and highlighted strategies to enhance preparedness, anticipate threats, and strengthen resilience.

We have reached out to OCAT to get in the queue for their assistance. Their program is completely free, and 41 local government entities have already signed up, providing valuable support to improve cybersecurity readiness.

Police Update: 10/31/25 - 11/13/25

Calls for Service	1080
9-1-1 Calls	<i>System currently inaccessible</i>
Non-emergency Calls	367
Noise Complaints	0
Traffic Stops	30
Business Checks & Community Policing	535 (490/45)

Gun Safety Video

The Police Department and Digital Media Manager Ben Guenther completed work on an important Gun Safety Initiative. The video was posted to our social media channels and shared with our collaborators, Yellow Springs Schools, for distribution on their channels. We want to thank the schools for their partnership with this project as well as Ben for the time and effort put into filming and editing the project. The link to the video on the Villages YouTube channel can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/IRDslATMOH4?si=Sjf4sOitWLaYbx-l>

Farewell, Jared!

Our Fall Intern Jared Bullock completed his internship with us on November 11th. During his time with us Jared received hands on experience reviewing Police Department policy and procedure, ride-alongs with several officers over several shifts, an overview of government records, extensive community policing exposure with our department COS's and Officers. Jared had the opportunity to review past cases that occurred, attend court sessions with our victim advocates; he learned the operations of our property room and attended a council meeting. We appreciate opportunities like these to help our soon to be college graduates forge their future career paths.

Community Outreach Officer Update: 10/30/25 - 11/12/25

Bus Tokens	20
Case Follow-Ups	27
COS Referrals	34
Food Vouchers	144
Gas Cards	4
Homeless / Housing	18
Mental Health Needs	28
Rent Assistance	3
Utility Assistance	3
Use of Phone	5
Welfare Check	8
Victim Advocate	19

YS or Township Residents Served	284
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	13
Homeless or At-Large Served	16
TOTAL SERVED	313

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission

The Village of Yellow Springs Planning Commission met on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Applications reviewed included a Right-of-Way Vacation request by John Hudson for an unused alley at 212 W. Whiteman Street, and a Preliminary Plat Major Subdivision application by DDC Management LLC for 190 dwelling units on 28.3 acres at 4359 E. Enon Road. Both applications were approved.

Active Transportation Committee

The Active Transportation Committee met on November 5, 2025, at the John Bryan Community Center. Discussion focused on finalizing the ODOT Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant application due December 1, reviewing community survey results, and drafting a recommendation letter to the Planning Commission for the Spring Meadows Extension development to strengthen pedestrian and bike connectivity. The committee also discussed sidewalk compliance progress, upcoming Safe Routes to School grant coordination, and committee member transitions. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2025.

Safe Routes for All

A Safe Routes for All Plan is being developed to enhance transportation safety and accessibility across the region. Public open houses will be held on November 18 and 19, with an online survey available from November 17 through December 17 to gather community feedback. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December 18, with a draft Safety Action Plan anticipated by December 2025.

YSDC

The YSDC discussed the potential purchase of 252–254 Xenia Avenue and the importance of preserving this location for the community. A postcard announcing the initiative and upcoming town hall meeting was mailed to all Village residents within the 45387 ZIP code at the end of last week. The community town hall will be held on November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Bryan Center. The Board also discussed attendance and membership policies, noting the need to clarify these provisions in the YSDC bylaws. Additionally, Meg Leatherman announced that she will be stepping down as Executive Director of YSDC as she transitions out of her role as the Village's Planning and Economic Development Director.

Permits

4 Zoning Permits: 2 working in ROW, 1 accessory structure, 1 fence.

7 Building Permits: 3 gas line/piping, 3 electric, 1 kitchen exhaust hood.

Thanks, Kori!

Thank you to Kori Whittaker for volunteering her time and helping with the Pack the Cruiser event on November 8th.

Utilities Department

Utility Round Up

Just a quick reminder to all Villagers with the upcoming holidays: If you'd like to make a donation to someone else's utility account, utility clerks are happy to help!

If you are a customer in need of assistance, Utility Round Up funding is available if you have not used the program in the last year. Please apply now if you are at risk of disconnection this month.

There is plenty of funding available, and it is a very easy application! Paper applications are available at the John Bryan Center, or you can use the form on the Village website and email it to utilitybilling@yellowsprings.gov.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Moody's were able to drill 1 monitoring well, located upstream of the well field. • Repaired leaking fitting on HSP #2. • Lower48 out to look at malfunctioning RAW flow meter. Found it was never grounded properly. Repaired it to see if that solves the errant readings at start-up.
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	• Acid washing softener #1 to remove buildup hardness scaling. • Video and cleaning of well #5. • OEPA lab analysis operator certification.

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	11.171	8.486	2.685	24.04%
OCT	9.131	7.273	1.858	20.35%
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	98.164	67.966	30.198	30.76%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 9.156 million gallons in October. • 5.94 inches of rain in October. • Running sludge press and removed 125,914 gallons of liquid sludge to empty digesters for the year. • Winterizing the press for storage. • Turning off chlorine and thiosulfate feeds for winter. • Remove blockage in the drain line from driveway to filtrate pump station. • Switched to West clarifier for the winter. • Lower48 installed weather enclosures on SM LS equipment to protect them from the elements. • Lower48 installed new level sensors for sludge digesters. • 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. • 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 GIS • Read AFLX sensors. • Brookside hydrant repair and paint. • Check and drain hydrants Village-wide. • Lead service line inspections for EPA. • Demo water loss prevention from Bain Walker. • AMP safety. • 360 Stewart St. water pressure check. • Hydrant repair and paint 116 W. South College 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 every two weeks. • Paint fire hydrants. Averaging 2-3 per week. • Scheduling and installing new large water meters.
Upcoming	• Valve exercising (Springtime). ◦ This is on hold at this time. • Changing out fire hydrants. ◦ Have one more scheduled. ◦ This will be on Wright St. to accommodate an area with no hydrant. ▪ Should be installed next week. ◦ GIS more of our water system. ◦ Crew is GISing all assets street by street making maps more accurate. • Painting fire hydrants all over Village. • Draining fire hydrants next week.



Recent fire hydrant improvement.

Electric Update

Completed	• Checked all holiday lights for bad or loose bulbs or bad plugs. • Checked voltages and read with meter voltages were good, reported flickering lights. • Walked out circuits in rear property to visually confirm tree trimming is complete and in compliance with Village. • Installed single phase primary urd riser with pad mount transformer for secondary voltage at switch station. • Unloaded gravel at switchyard and graded out switchyard with skid steer machine. • Checked job at High Street for job access and entry complications into job to be complete. • Changed out several meters to Tunet meters at several locations across the village. • Loaded and transported switches to switch station and unloaded switches at proper location. • At Xenia Ave. moved service for temporary service for construction. • Installed new 3 phase transformer at Speedway.
Ongoing	• Tree trimming continues on the South side of Village. ◦ Should be done by next week. ◦ Village inspection coming soon. • Center circuit build out of switch station. ◦ Installed new padmount to feed reclosers. ◦ We received the bypass switches. ◦ Ready to start underground. • Poly phase and Demand meters are being changed. ◦ Travis has been installing fm2s meters 90% done. ◦ Three phase/Poly phase. ▪ We are actively changing these out again.

Electric Update

Upcoming

- Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets).
- 312 West Whiteman service work.
- Install reclosers at the switch station.
 - Crews now have materials at switch station.
 - We are starting this on 10-31-2025.
- Installing voltage regulators in switch station.
 - Get prices for concrete pads.
 - Trying to do all in-house.



Various electrical projects continuing in the Village and at the Switch Station.

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	• Finish changing out FM2S electric meters – GIS Unknown Types and order any meters we’re missing. • GIS service lines – Unknown and Galvanized maps • Add remotes to the large water meters that have wires. • Water Reads – both manual and electronic • Daily checks of high reads and potential water leaks and data log 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. • Working with Mapped Out to update and streamline Water Meter - Service Line Inventory map. • Working with Morgan Saunders from Arcadis to have clarification on next steps and meeting all EPA requirements for the service line inventory. • EPA Service Line Inventory – send “Galvanized Requiring Replacement” letters by end of December • GIS new water and electric meters • Inspect and install new water services in Spring Meadows neighborhood. • Commercial Water Meter Change-out – inventory acquired, will schedule and create work orders for Water Dept to do changeouts.
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Streets & Sewer Update

Completed	• Installed new curb and sidewalk on Glen St., also painted curb. • Began onboarding of new employee, Michael Werling. • Removed ROW tree on W. Whiteman. • Jetted 330' of sanitary line on Park Place. • Cleaned/ organized shop (tools, materials & equipment. • Installed hardscape at Yellow Springs Community Pottery. • Removed 2 dead deer. • Fabricated two new teeth for 2' bucket on track hoe. • Delivered Glycol for the boiler system upgrade. • Cut & split wood for Halloween. • Delivered wood to 8 Halloween bon fire locations. • Repaired wipers on wheel loader. • Repaired hydraulics on jackhammer attachment for track hoe. • Repaired golf cart electrical issue. • Continued ROW trimming. • Poured concrete/installed plaques for The 365 Project. • Repaired large crack in sidewalk at Xenia & Corry. • Root controlled nearly 2,000 ft of sanitary sewer lines on the east side of Xenia Ave. • Tore out/ repoured 90 ft of sidewalk in 200 block of W. South College St.
Ongoing	• Street sweeping, Utility locates, GIS information. • Empty trash/litter pickup every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday • Problematic sanitary sewer checks every Friday • Empty trashcans/ cleanup Short Street.
Upcoming	• Install fence around softball dugouts • Prepare equipment for winter • Remove pool pump for assessment • Rework Corry Street Community Gardens & install deer fence • Unveiling of "The 365 Project" plaque columns

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION

Streets & Sewer Update



Various Street Department projects around the Village.

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 23 youths were served per day, with 12 dinners provided each night. • Accepted deliveries of dinners and extra grocery donations from the Beloved Community Project to supplement current community needs. • Accepted deliveries of dinners from Who's Hungry. • Booked Little Art theatre for an upcoming free community movie, details coming! • Took advantage of nice weather for outside play. • Continuing fall themed crafts. • Set up on corner of Railroad and DYS to pass out candy for Trick or Treat.
Ongoing	• Craft night on Wednesday from 5:30-7pm • Movie nights will move to Friday from 5:30-8pm • Free Tutoring with Greene County Public Library Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-5 PM



Fall crafts and outdoor activities at the Youth Center.

Digital Media Update

Completed	- Covered Village Council meeting on Monday, November 3. - Attended AMP safety training on Wednesday, November 5. - Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 11. - Completed and premiered YSPD Gun Safety Initiative video on Friday, November 7.
Ongoing	- Designing Winter 2026 edition of Village Grapevine. - Continuing website redesign project.

Village Facebook Followers

6,494

+56 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

433

+13 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

1,574

+30 Downloads



YouTube Subscribers

794

+5 Subscribers

