



OPENING SOON! Gaunt Park Pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 23rd.

Photo: Patricia Peters, Yellow Springs resident.

Manager's Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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Gaunt Park Pool – Opening May 23

Staff have been actively preparing for the opening of Gaunt Park Pool on Saturday, May 23. The pool has successfully passed its required inspections and is ready for the season. Residents interested in purchasing pool passes are encouraged to contact the Village; additional information, including pass rates, is available on the Village website. We look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer season at the pool. Please see the table below for more information.

HOURS OF OPERATION			
Adult swim	MON-FRI 11AM-1PM	SAT & SUN 12PM-1PM	MON-SUN 7PM-8PM
All ages	MON-SUN 1PM-7PM	<i>*includes baby pool</i>	
SEASON PASS		VILLAGE RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT
Age 3 & under		FREE	FREE
Age 4-18		\$78	\$129
Age 19-61		\$113	\$180
Age 62 & over		\$78	\$129
Adult + 1 dependent minor		\$130	\$250
Household (5 or fewer members)		\$150	\$267
Each add'l member		\$17	\$23
POOL RENTALS			
• After hours ONLY • Mon-Sun, 8PM-11PM		1 hour	\$220
• Up to 100 guests • Add'l \$75 for extra guests		2 hours	\$280
• Min. 2 week advance notice • No rentals on swim meet days		3 hours	\$340



Welcome to the Village, Nía Holt!

Planning & Zoning Director Appointment

The Village is pleased to announce that Nía Holt has accepted the position of Planning & Zoning Director. Nía brings nearly 10 years of experience in planning and zoning, most recently serving as Community Development Director for the City of Riverside. Her first day with the Village will be May 26, 2026. We are excited to welcome Nía to the team and look forward to her contributions.

Superintendent of Water & Wastewater Treatment

The Village is pleased to announce that Kevin Martin has accepted the role of Superintendent of Water & Wastewater Treatment. After successfully serving in the interim capacity, Kevin has demonstrated strong leadership and operational knowledge, making him a natural fit for the position. The Village has begun recruitment efforts to fill his previous role as Water and Wastewater Operator. We look forward to Kevin's continued growth and leadership in this position.



Congratulations, Kevin Martin!

State Legislative Recognition of Electric Division

The Village recently received formal recognition from members of the Ohio Senate, including Senator Robert McColley and Senator Kyle Koehler, honoring the Electric Distribution team for its outstanding achievements. The team was awarded the Diamond Level Excellence in Safety Award (Group A) and a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability by the American Public Power Association.

In their letter, the Senators commended the team's "hard work, dedication, and dependability," noting that these qualities, along with strong leadership, have contributed to a commendable record of service and high customer satisfaction. The Village is grateful for this recognition and extends its appreciation to the Electric Division staff for their continued excellence.



Recognition from the Ohio Senate.

Police Update: 4/16/26 - 5/14/26

Calls for Service	1548
9-1-1 Calls	69
Non-emergency Calls	1060
Noise Complaints	5
Traffic Stops	21
Business Checks	173

National Police Week 2026

National Police Week, held this year from May 10–16, 2026, is a time to honor and remember the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, support the families and coworkers who carry those losses with them, and recognize those who continue to serve every day with courage and integrity. It is a reminder that behind every badge is a person, a family, and a story of sacrifice.

New Police Recruit

On April 27th, Damion Day, the department's third recruit began his intensive six-month police academy training. This recruit is an internal referral with long-standing ties to the Yellow Springs community. Upon successful completion of the academy and state certification exams, he will be sworn in as a full-time officer with the YSPD.



National Police Week (left), New YSPD Recruit Damion Day (Right)

Police Update: 4/16/26 - 5/14/26

Community Engagement

On May 14th, YSPD officers participated in the annual 3rd and 4th grade bike hikes, providing escorts and traffic control to ensure the safety of all participating students!

The Department participated in National Drug Take Back Day on April 26th, providing a safe and anonymous way for residents to dispose of expired or unneeded medications.

On this one day of the year the department collected 27lbs of medication for disposal! The Department COS team supported the Community Resource Fair held in early May, reinforcing our commitment to collaborative community support.

Other Activities

Over this past month, Officers were busy with crisis mediation de-escalating in several sensitive situations including resolving youth custody disputes and assisting a distressed juvenile with positive informal engagement.

They successfully reunited multiple lost pets with owners and ensured continued care of other pets when their owners had to be transported to the hospital.

During periods of severe weather and local outages, officers provided jump-starts for stranded motorists and courtesy rides for others. We coordinated closely with Public Works to clear roadways and manage hazards following storms that resulted in downed trees and power lines.

Additionally, investigations throughout the month led to the recovery of stolen property and seizure of unauthorized firearms. Lastly, a large amount of currency was recovered and returned to its rightful owner!



Happy National Police Week to our YSPD Officers: Chief Paige Burge, Sgt. Naomi Watson, Jeff Beam, Andrew Bluma, Jacob Cooper, Alex Croasmun, Rebecca Duff, Noah Grooms, David Meister, Mark Steenson (left to right).

COS Monthly Activity Report: 4/1/26 - 4/30/26**Community Outreach Specialists - Monthly Activity Report**

Community Outreach Specialists (COS) maintained a high level of activity in April, providing 327 total services between April 1 and April 30, 2026. While overall service volume decreased slightly compared to March (-47 services, -12.6%), activity remained substantially higher than earlier months in the year.

April activity continued to reflect significant demand for food assistance, case management, victim advocacy, and housing-related support. Increased victim advocacy contacts and sustained food distribution efforts represented key service trends throughout the month.

Average service delivery for the month was approximately 11 services per day.

Month-to-Month Comparison

- March: 374 services
- April: 327 Services
- Net Change: -47 services
- Percent Change: -12.6%

Significant Increases

- Victims Advocate: +13 (+42%)
- COS Referrals: +10 (+31%)
- Homeless / Housing: +2 (+8%)
- Utility Assistance: +9 (+69%)

Interpretation: April reflected increased demand for advocacy services, resource navigation, and utility support, indicating continued financial strain and stabilization needs among clients.

Year-to-Date Summary (January-April 2026)

- 1,027 YS/Township resident contacts
- 280 Food & Voucher services
- 215 COS referrals
- 143 Case Follow-up contacts
- 111 Victim Advocacy contacts

Overall, COS have delivered substantial direct assistance and case management support during the first four months of 2026, with food security, housing stability, and ongoing client coordination remaining primary service drivers.

COS Monthly Activity Report: 4/1/26 - 4/30/26

SERVICE	MARCH TOTALS	YTD TOTALS
Bus Tokens	10	109
Case Follow-Ups	42	143
COS Referrals	42	215
Food Vouchers	67	280
Gas Cards	5	25
Homeless / Housing	26	95
Mental Health Needs	26	108
Rent Assistance	2	32
Utility Assistance	22	27
Use of Phone	3	16
Welfare Check	6	16
Victim Advocate	44	111

YS or Township Residents Served	268	1027
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	32	90
Homeless or At-Large Served	28	173
Veteran	0	1
TOTAL SERVED	328	1291

****This section has not been updated since the last edition of the Manager's Report.****

Meeting with DDC (3/25)

On March 25, Village staff met with representatives from the Dayton Development Coalition to discuss opportunities for partnership and increased regional collaboration. The discussion served as an initial introduction to the Coalition's role as a regional economic development partner within the JobsOhio network, supporting business attraction, expansion, and job growth across a 12-county region. The Coalition highlighted opportunities for engagement through participation in events, access to regional networks, and involvement in advocacy efforts supporting key industries, including aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing. The conversation established a foundation for exploring how the Village may strengthen its connection to regional economic development initiatives and leverage available resources moving forward.

ODOT AT Planning Scope Meeting (3/31)

On March 31, Village staff participated in a project scoping meeting with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and consultants to discuss development of the Yellow Springs Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The plan is anticipated to begin in May 2026 and conclude in early 2027, with an extended nine-month timeline to allow for more robust community engagement. The ATP will include both infrastructure recommendations, such as sidewalks and connectivity improvements, and programmatic strategies to support walking and biking. Discussion also included building upon the Village's 2019 plan by evaluating completed projects, updating priorities, and incorporating recent growth and development trends.

YSDC Meeting (4/7)

On April 7, the Yellow Springs Development Corporation held its regular meeting, which included updates on governance, financials, and ongoing redevelopment efforts. The Board welcomed a new representative from the Yellow Springs School Board and addressed administrative items including conflict of interest disclosures and contact information. Financial reports and prior meeting minutes were approved through the consent agenda. Discussion focused on continued progress at the 252–254 Xenia Avenue properties, including fire safety inspections, development of a 2026 project plan, and advancement of the leasing process through a request for proposals. The Board also considered improvements to the building, appointment of a project architect, and initial scenario planning for longer term use. Additional efforts are underway to prepare financial analysis and develop a community survey to help inform future decisions related to the properties.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission (4/14)

On April 14, the Yellow Springs Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use application by a 5–0 vote for a group daycare at 1333 President Street. The request allows for the operation of a licensed in-home daycare within an existing single-family residence in the R-A zoning district, serving up to 12 children. The use was found to be consistent with applicable conditional use standards and compatible with the surrounding residential character.

Board of Zoning Appeals (4/15)

On April 15, the Yellow Springs Board of Zoning Appeals reviewed and approved two variance applications by 5–0 votes. The first approval granted variances at 114 S. Walnut Street to reduce the required total side yard setback and allow an accessory structure to exceed the maximum permitted size. The request supports demolition of an existing nonconforming structure and construction of a new detached garage with an accessory dwelling unit on an irregularly shaped lot in the R-C zoning district. The second approval granted a variance at 777 Xenia Avenue to reduce the required front yard setback for construction of a greenhouse on a corner lot in the R-C zoning district, addressing the unique setback requirements associated with corner lot configuration.

MVRPC TAC Meeting (4/16)

On April 16, Aaron attended the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission held in Dayton. The committee reviewed several metropolitan transportation planning actions, including recommendations for adoption of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and Revision #9 to the SFY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Additional informational items included updates on TRAC funding opportunities for major capacity projects and implementation tools associated with the region’s “Going Places” initiative. The Executive Director also provided a regional update, and the committee is next scheduled to meet on May 21st at 9:30am.

Permitting Update (Since 4/20/26)

23 Zoning permits: 14 working in ROW, 3 fence, 2 sign, 1 shed, 1 single-family home, 1 zoning compliance, 1 new construction.

15 Building permits: 2 electric, 2 signs, 2 HVAC, 2 street fair tents, 1 new commercial building, 1 basement wall, 1 gas line, 1 roof, 1 remodel, 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 single-family home.

FINANCE & UTILITIES

Utility Round-Up

A total of \$1,955.36 in Utility Round-Up assistance was processed for April, bringing the current fund balance to \$14,514.18.

Ohio GFOA

Lynda Highlander attended Ohio GFOA's, Introduction to the Finance Office and Governmental Accounting seminar April 21st & 22nd.

Utilities Department

Memorial Day Closure

The Utility Window will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. Rumpke trash and recycling will operate on a one day delay due to the holiday.

Disconnects & Extended Hours

Disconnects are on Wednesday, May 27th and we will have extended hours (8-4:30) on May 26th and 27th.

Rumpke Yard Waste Pickup

Yard Waste Pickup runs from April through November, the last Friday of each month. Customers MUST USE Rumpke/Biosafe yard waste bags, available only at the Utility Office. The price of these bags is \$4.29/each, which includes pickup fees.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Monthly lab standardizations in water lab. • North Tower was placed back online. • Transfer pump #2 motor back from M&R. • Transfer pump #2 back from Boone. • April water loss high due to draining of North Tower for repair work. That accounts for about 1MG of the loss. That would bring loss down closer to 22%. • WaterTA completed second round of PFAS testing, no results back yet. • HSP #1 motor pulled and took to M&R for repair quote.
Ongoing	• Blew down softener and add sand to the other one. • Working with EPA for Water Technical Assistance program on PFAS treatment plan. Attending regular monthly meetings and providing water quality data. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling. • Boone reinstalling Transfer pump #2. • Finalizing Water Quality Report • Repairing and Oreinstalling faulted out HSP #1 motor.
Upcoming	• Acid washing softener #1 to remove buildup hardness scaling. • Reaching out to contractors for possible heavy cleaning of softeners and piping. • Video and cleaning of well #5.

Water Plant and Billing Totals (2026)

MONTH	WTP TOTAL (MG)	BILLING TOTAL (MG)	WATER LOSS (MG)	WATER LOSS %
JAN	8.184	6.625	1.559	19.05%
FEB	7.384	6.282	1.102	14.92%
MAR	8.161	7.108	1.053	12.67%
APR	8.592	5.639	2.932	34.12%
MAY				
JUN				
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	32.321	25.654	6.667	20.63%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 15.014 million gallons in April. • 3.94 inches of rain in April. • Covid-19 sampling for April. • Chlorine feeding for summer season. • Thio running for summer season. • Ran belt press six times. • Mixer D faulted out. Motor fault. • Moved Mixer B to Mixer D location. • Old Mixer D sent out for repair quote. • Set up Rare Earth pump and feed lines. • Drained and cleaned Contact tank.
Ongoing	• Looking to replace ORP probes in aeration tanks. This will help us better monitor the phosphorous treatment process. • Continuing to run microscopic bug counts on MLSS. Microorganisms look good. • Meet with Wessler Engineering to continue flow study and possible plant upgrades. • Cleaning out and organizing work areas and storage areas in garage.
Upcoming	• Working on getting quotes for new trucks. • Repair filtrate wet well pump. • Repair aeration gate.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Kept up with locate requests. • Continued GIS work. • Cleaned shop and power-washed floors. • Worked on CenterPoint Gas project. • Worked on Altafiber project. • Mowed solar field and paths. • Repaired and painted hydrant at 301 Fairfield Pike. • Repaired and painted hydrant at 401 N. Winter Street. • Responded to water main break on U.S. 68. • Delivered two water samples to lab following main break. • Burned brush pile at Sutton Farm. • Mowed Sutton Farm. • Repaired and painted hydrant at 117 E. North College Street. • Cleaned up brush and trees following storm damage. • Completed hydrant changeout at Morris Bean. • Attended AMP safety training. • Completed water service tap at 777 Xenia Avenue. • Assisted Jamestown with water service leak. • Worked on concrete retention pad at switch station.
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 1 per week. • Scheduling and installing new large water meters.
	• GIS more of our water system. ◦ Crew is GISing all assets street by street making maps more accurate. • Painting fire hydrants all over Village. • Dig up and replace valve that feeds old WYSO building. • Changeout fire hydrant at Morris Bean.

Electric Update

Completed

- Assisted contractor with flagpole work at the high school.
- Operated line truck at the wastewater plant.
- Distributed outage notifications to customers.
- Set up at Railroad Street, removed span guy, and topped pole down to communications height.
- Set 40-foot pole at Edgefield; transferred secondary riser, primary and neutral lines, services, and all grounds.
- Set new secondary pedestal at this pole.
- Arrived at Cresco for switching on new 2,500 kVA transformer.
- Set new pedestal and 350 MCM for temporary power at new construction in The Vale.
- Stocked trucks with additional materials.
- Responded to main water break at Dayton and Xenia.
- Loaded 35-foot wood pole and hauled to Orton Street.
- Set new pole; reattached all conduit, disconnects, and meter socket; reconnected service at pole; set new meter; and hauled away all brush and pole debris from the job site.
- Called in locate request for new pole installation.
- Pulled duplex wire through trees at Livermore; sagged wire and made connections at pole.
- Lineman attended North American Line School for the week.
- Worked at switch station constructing concrete forms.
- Trimmed trees in the 100 block of South Walnut; pulled up span of duplex wire, sagged and dead-ended wire, and made connections at pole.
- Made new connections at street light on Brookside.
- Lowered light on pole and topped pole.
- Called in OUPS locates for poles on Randall.
- Picked up additional brush at South Walnut and hauled to shop.
- Attended safety meeting.
- Worked at switchyard.
- Arrived at Suncrest to cut and haul away brush for new pole installation.

Electric Update

Completed (Continued)	• Inspected branch line for emergency tree trimming and severe vine issues affecting transformer poles in rear property areas. • Pulled up duplex wire on Fairfield; trimmed trees, sagged wire, and made connections at pole. • Arrived at URD conversion single-phase primary cutover job at Center College. • Pulled up duplex wire at Stewart and Southview; framed pole, installed LED street light, and made new connections. • Called in OUPS locates for new poles on East Enon and Suncrest. • Prepared 25 kVA transformer for new pole installation on East Enon.
Ongoing	• Poly phase and Demand meters are being changed. ◦ Poly phase is done. ◦ Less than 30 small meters left. • Started layout of switch station underground. ◦ Will start digging next week.
Upcoming	• Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets). • 312 West Whiteman St. service work. • Supply power to 777 Xenia Ave. • Installing wire at Cresco. ◦ Primary is in and metering done. • Install reclosers at the switch station. ◦ Crews now have materials at switch station. ◦ Crew has started installing anchors for new pedestals. ▪ Ready to set pedestals. • Installing voltage regulators in switch station. ◦ Trying to do this all-in house to save money.

Electric Update



Recent Electric crew work including at the Switch Station and Spring Meadows.

Metering Update

5/8" Water Meter Replacement Update

- Total 25 meters have not been upgraded.
- 6 meters with bad valves, (all inside, one village owned)
- 14 inside water meter customers have been unresponsive and made no contact to schedule their meter changeout.

Ongoing

- Potential High Water Use Causes: Toilets, Spigots left on or frozen, Water Softeners, Whole House Humidifiers, back-up sump pumps, service line leaks.
- Travis is collecting the data from the ALFX system every other Thursdays.
- Meter Audit: putting eyes on each water meter once a year, datalogging, checking ERT and meter numbers, checking service line material
- Scheduling inspections for Material Unknown service lines, have completed 13 inspections.
- Working with Morgan Saunders from Arcadis on next steps for potholing inspections and meeting all EPA requirements for the service line inventory.
- Finish changing out FM2S electric meters – GIS Unknown Types and order any meters we're missing.
- Add remotes to the large water meters that have wires.
- Water Reads – both manual and electronic
- Working with Mapped Out to update and streamline Water Meter - Service Line Inventory map.
- GIS new water and electric meters
- Inspect and install new water services in Spring Meadows neighborhood.
- Commercial Water Meter Change-out – inventory acquired and labeled, will schedule and create work orders for Water Dept to do changeouts. Three commercial meters changed out in the last two weeks

Streets & Sewer Update

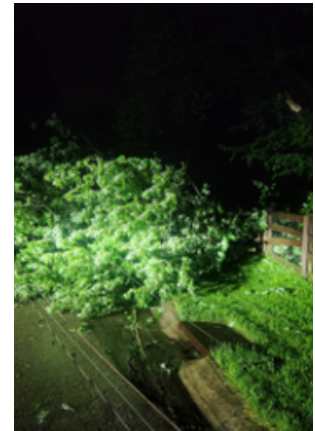
Completed

- Completed three webinars through Ohio Department of Transportation for the Ohio Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD).
- Attended second session (of six total) of the CLG Leadership Academy.
- Mowed municipal properties four times, including the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant.
- Mowed rights-of-way.
- Fabricated new flange for pool pump.
- Trimmed trees on Beatty-Hughes.
- Painted pool and lane markings.
- Serviced lawn mowing equipment.
- Repaired golf cart.
- Painted curb on South Walnut Street.
- Seal coated and painted JBC parking lot.
- Turned on outdoor drinking fountains.
- Returned dog watering bowls to dog park.
- Removed hazardous trees on Walnut Street, Davis Street, Phillips Street, and Kieth's Alley.
- Repaired broken stop sign at Corry Street and Dayton Street.
- Delivered wood chips for Earth Day.
- Set up JBC for Earth Day event.
- Repainted curbs and crosswalks downtown.
- Removed four hazardous trees at JBC.
- Regraded path to dog park.
- Regraded path to service entrance at pool.
- Installed rebuilt pool pump and motor.
- Rebuilt baby pool pump.
- Turned water on at pool and replaced faucets.
- Installed new freezer at pool.
- Removed fallen trees and debris from open swale on Grinnell.
- Removed fallen trees from storm damage at Ellis.
- Installed ADA chair and filled Gaunt Park Pool.

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION

Streets & Sewer Update

Ongoing	• Street sweeping. • Utility locates. • GIS information. • Empty trash/litter pickup every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. • Problematic sanitary sewer checks every Friday.
Upcoming	• Install Wheeling Gaunt signs at Hilda Rahn & Gaunt Park. • Finish pool prep.



Various Streets, Parks & Sewer crew accomplishments around the village including Pool prep.

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 17 youths were served per day, with 5 dinners provided each night. • Accepted deliveries of dinners and extra grocery donations from the Food Pantry and Beloved Community Project. • Accepted prepared dinners from Who's Hungry on Monday and Wednesday. • Accepted burritos from Beloved Community Project twice. • There have been 72 rentals in the building. • Our game room is under construction to fix all the damage done from the water main break, so we are taking advantage of free space upstairs and in the Gym. • Taking mini field trips to support our student athletes at Softball and Baseball games. • Assisted two 8th grade students with their science project of browning apples. • Finalized potential staff hiring for manager/lifeguards, lifeguards and gate attendants for the season. • Painting of the pools is completed and ready for the season. • Big thank you to Don & Christine Beard, Karla Horvath, Laurie Martt, Susan Miller, Elaine Kresge, Patricia Peters and especially Cheryl Keen for donating to help our new Lifeguards get certified and re-certify three others. • Our inspection was successful, and the pool is ready for the season! • Registration has closed for the 2026 Adult Co-ed Softball League and our 7 teams will start games on the 26th of May.
Ongoing	• Jr book group is continuing the Scythe series. • Craft night on Wednesday from 5:30-7pm. • Movie nights Thursday from 5:30-8pm.

YOUTH CENTER & PARKS



Recent JBC Youth Center activities.

Digital Media Update

Completed	- Covered regular Village Council meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026. - Recorded Yellow Springs Theater Company production on Friday, May 1, 2026. - Covered regular Village Council meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026. - Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.
Ongoing	Website redesign project.

Village Facebook Followers

7,227

+225 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

524

+10 Followers



YSCA Facebook Followers

265

+5 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

1,907

+30 Downloads
(67 SMS Contacts)



YouTube Subscribers

845

+1 Subscribers

