



Amberley Village Celebrates National Public Works Week

The American Public Works Association sets aside a week in May each year to celebrate those services provided by Maintenance Departments throughout the country. The theme for this year's event is "People, Purpose, Presence."

Our Public Works Department is referred to as the Amberley Village Maintenance Department and is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for both Maintenance Department and Fire Department-related duties. The Department is responsible for a variety of tasks critical to the safety and quality of life enjoyed by Amberley Village residents.

Some of the services provided by the Maintenance Department include street and right-of-way repairs and maintenance, storm sewer pipe and catch basin restoration and repairs, snow and ice removal, brush chipping, leaf pick-up, tree removal, litter control, maintaining guard rails and traffic signs, buildings and Village-owned properties, and vehicle maintenance including fire department apparatus.

In addition, our employees respond to flooded streets, storm damage such as trees and tree limbs that have been blown down into the right-of-way, malfunctioning traffic signals and damaged street signs. They also remove trash and other debris from the Village streets to ensure a clean and safe community for residents and businesses. All seven employees are also fully certified firefighters for the Village which makes the entire Maintenance Department trained as firefighters. While Amberley Village is one of two uniquely combined police/fire departments in the State of Ohio, our Maintenance Department's dual roles of maintenance and fire is the only entity of which I am aware.

The Department maintains nearly 60 lane miles of Village streets. The Village operates a Class IV Composting Site on the North Site Property and with brush chipping and leaf collection programs over the past year, the Village has gathered 3,535 cubic yards of

leaves, 306 cubic yards of logs, and produced 1,219 cubic yards of wood chips from brush collected at the curb each year that are recycled as compost and mulch. The Department delivered 1,113 yards of wood chips to Village residents to be used in their landscaping and gardens (free of charge).

Development of the use of salt brine, beet juice, and other organic fluids has reduced the quantity of road salt and overtime utilized to control ice and snow. Cooperation with other municipalities and equipment-sharing arrangements has increased productivity while reducing rental costs and multi-jurisdictional purchasing has eliminated the costs of bidding alone and has increased economies of scale on products such as road salt and fuel. The progressive thinking behind these examples will continue to produce innovation and cost savings in years to come. The Village receives numerous compliments and is widely regarded as a top community for snow and ice removal.

The Department is led by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Monahan and Foreman Rob Langdon, along with Maintenance Workers Josh Caudill, Bobby Williams, Nick Placke,Tyler Androne and Brandon Ross. These seven employees accomplish significant work for the Village and their service is greatly appreciated.