



Joe Zavaan Johnson performs at the REVIVAL music festival on Friday, September 25.

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Staff Report

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Village of Yellow Springs

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9-1-1 Calls	51
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Welcoming Our Newest Team Member

On October 12th, the Department will proudly welcome its 6th service dog in training (SDIT) from 4 Paws for Ability. Meet Dot, a sweet pup hailing from the Lego litter!



Welcome, Dot!

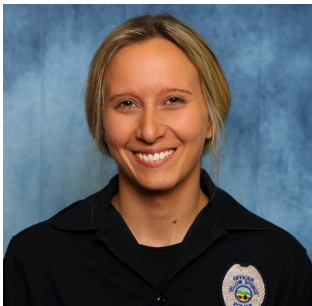
Police Update: 9/4/26 - 9/30/26 (Continued)

New Staff Join the Team

While law enforcement turnover has been keeping us on our toes, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to bring in new faces! This month, we were thrilled to welcome our new dispatcher, Danielle Kroh, who jumped right in and is already doing a fantastic job keeping our comms running smoothly. We are also excited to welcome Officers Sarah Bowen (hired 8/17) and Stephen "Scott" Hall (hired 9/8) to our team. The great news is that while faces may change, the new additions coming our way bring a wealth of valuable experience from other law enforcement agencies. Be sure to say hello to Danielle, Sarah, and Scott when you see them around town!

Recruit Graduates

We are proud to announce that our third sponsored candidate for Police Officer, Damion Day, officially graduated from the Greene County Career Center on September 28th. In the coming weeks, he will receive his state exam date; upon passing, he will begin his Field Training Program with the Department.



Left to right: Officer Sarah Bowen, Recruit Damion Day, Dispatcher Danielle Kroh, Officer Scott Hall.

Community Events & Festivals

Officers provided support and maintained a friendly presence during several wonderful community gatherings this month, including PorchFest and Blues Fest. Both events ran smoothly and offered a great time for all attendees.

Going Above and Beyond (Literally!)

Officers assisted with traffic control and coordination after a few oversized deliveries when utility trucks snagged local lines or struck the bike path bridge on Fairfield Pike. Thanks to quick teamwork traffic was safely managed and utility crews restored power and lines promptly.

COS Monthly Activity Report: 9/1 - 9/30

Community Outreach Specialists - Monthly Activity Report

Community Outreach Services (COS) provided 387 total services during September 2026. Overall service volume remained consistent with August, increasing by 5 services (+1.3%).

September activity was driven primarily by food assistance, case follow-up, housing support, mental health services, and COS referrals. There was also a notable increase in housing-related contacts and use of phone services, while mental health checks and COS referrals declined compared to August.

Average service delivery for the month was approximately 13 services per day.

Month-to-Month Comparison

Overall service volume remained very consistent between August and September.

- August: 382 services
- September: 387 services
- Net Change: +5 services
- Percent Change: +1.3%

Significant Increases

The largest month-to-month increase was in Homeless/Housing services, which rose from 5 contacts in August to 51 in September. Case follow-up and victim advocacy also increased, reflecting continued demand for ongoing client support and advocacy.

Compared with July:

- Homeless / Housing: +46 (+920%)
- Use of Phone: +11 (+92%)
- Victims Advocate: +6 (+30%)
- Case Follow-up: +7 (+13%)
- Rent Assistance: +4 (+80%)

COS Monthly Activity Report: 9/1 - 9/30

Annual Summary (January–September 2026)

Through August 31, 2026, COS has provided:

- 617 Food & Voucher services
- 409 COS Referrals
- 378 Case Follow-up contacts
- 397 Mental Health Checks
- 270 Victim Advocacy services
- 204 Homeless/Housing contacts
- 174 Utility Assistance contacts
- 68 Rent Assistance contacts
- 181 Bus Token services
- 107 Use of Phone contacts
- 156 Welfare Checks
- 51 Gas Card services

Additionally, COS has documented:

- 2,328 YS/Township resident contacts
- 279 Visitor/Non-resident contacts
- 457 Homeless/At-Large contacts
- 3 Veteran contacts

Summary Insight

September represented another month of consistently high COS activity, with 387 services provided, slightly exceeding August's total.

The month's activity was particularly concentrated in food assistance, case follow-up, housing support, mental health services, and referrals. The significant increase in Homeless/Housing contacts stands out as the largest month-to-month change and indicates a substantial increase in housing-related work during September.

At the same time, the continued volume of case follow-up, victim advocacy, referrals, and basic-needs assistance demonstrates that COS is providing both immediate assistance and ongoing support to community members throughout the year.

Planning & Zoning Update

- The update to the Village Active Transportation Plan continues with the conclusion of the second steering committee meeting. The consultant firm, GFT, plans to continue outreach in partnership with the school board ahead of the December steering committee meeting.
- Several members of the Planning Commission and BZA attended a half-day training hosted by the Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Ohio). The training was designed to provide foundational skills and legal insights necessary to perform their roles.
- Aaron and Nia attended the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Planning Conference, held in Dayton from October 1st – 2nd . Sessions included topics on housing, AI in planning/zoning, data centers, community engagement, and signage.
- Nia was elected to the APA Ohio Board of Trustees in September. Her four-year term will begin January 1, 2027.
- The Planning Commission reviewed draft Smoke & Vape Shop language at its September meeting. Chair Susan Stiles also presented her initial findings on data centers.
- Nia continues to participate in the selection committee for the strategic planning process.

Economic Development Update

- Stakeholder engagement include:
 - An interview with Tik's Thai for the Village Grapevine.
 - Visits to Smoke & Vape Shop businesses.
 - Working with local businesses and the Chamber to create a Yellow Springs-themed gift basket to donate to the OKI brunch.
 - Nia meeting with Antioch's new leadership team, Natalie Kubat and James Goffe.
- Aaron participated in the Business First! Centerville Business Walk on September 3rd. These business walks include representatives from Centerville, Montgomery County's Economic Development Office, the Small Business Development Centers, SBA lenders, and other regional resource partners. The purpose is to meet with business owners and managers to learn more about individual businesses and provide resources and assistance.

Economic Development Update (Continued)

- Village staff have had several conversations with YSDC to clarify roles and responsibilities. The Village's goal is to enter into a formal agreement with YSDC by Q1 2027, with a clearly defined scope of work outlining the respective roles, responsibilities, and expectations of each party.
- Revised CRA applications are under legal review. Next steps include sending the revised ordinance to Council and obtaining approval of the application fees.

Permitting Update (Since 9/7/2026)

8 Zoning permits: 3 working in ROW, 2 fence, 1 addition, 1 sign, 1 zoning compliance.

21 Building permits: 5 electric, 4 HVAC, 4 roof, 2 signs, 1 revisions, 1 CofO, 1 generator, 1 gas line, 1 remodel, 1 addition.

Utility Round-Up

A total of \$1,606.35 in Utility Round-Up assistance was processed for September, bringing the current fund balance to \$15,724.17.

State Audit

The State Auditors have concluded the IT audit, and the report will be included in the financial audit.

The State Auditors are still working on the 2025 annual audit. They have made 2 onsite visits and have sent 3 separate lists that the Finance Director and other staff members have been working on.

Utilities Department

Disconnects & Extended Hours

Disconnects are on Wednesday the 27th and we will have extended hours (8-4:30) on Oct 15th, 19th and 26th.

Rumpke Yard Waste Pickup

Yard Waste Pickup runs from April through November, the last Friday of each month. Customers must use Rumpke/Biosave 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. • Received quote for pipe cleaning at plant. • Ohio EPA conducted routine ambient well sampling on Well #2. • Changed tubing on chlorine pumps. • Changed oil in gear boxes and pump motors at plant.
Ongoing	• Working with EPA for Water Technical Assistance program on PFAS treatment plan. Attending regular monthly meetings and providing water quality data. • Additional PFAS testing with CDM Smith on 10/13. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling. • Old HSP motor also being repaired to have as backup for future use. • Scheduling pipe cleaning at plant. • Replacing pH probes in both softeners.
Upcoming	• 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	8.779	6.589	2.042	23.26%
JUN	8.043	7.079	0.648	8.06%
JUL	8.894	7.207	1.474	15.57%
AUG	8.59	6.802	0.999	12.40%
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	66.096	53.331	11.739	17.76%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Treated 10.186 million gallons in September. • 4.04 inches of rain in September. • Covid-19 sampling for September. • Ran belt press. • Repair work on Filtrate Wet Well and Aeration Gate C completed 10/1.
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. • Cleaning out and organizing work areas and storage areas in garage.
Upcoming	• Working on getting quotes for new trucks.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Had a very successful hydrant flush. Took the crew a total of 6 days. • Mowed solar field. • Service lines at Spring Meadows are being installed. • Completed purity test at Spring Meadow. • Power wash and clean shop floors. • Six hydrants repaired and painted.
Ongoing	• Continue GIS and locates.
Upcoming	• More hydrant painting. • Keep up with locates. • Prep for Street Fair.



Recently completed hydrant repairs and painting.

Electric Update

Completed	• Set three poles on King St. and transferred wire. • Worked on underground at switch station on the center circuit. • Changed out regulator at switch station. • Two major outages: ◦ Semi hit guy wire on Corry St. ◦ Car hit pole on Hyde Rd. • Tree trimming on multiple areas ◦ Omar Cr. ◦ King St. • Received 2026 wood pole shipment. • Installed multiple banners. • Crew was able to assist Piqua on a Mutual Aid call. • Changed out transformer on Allen St. due to it being bad. • Set new pole on Randall Rd.
Upcoming	• Install three phase bank at 143 Marshall St. • Getting ready to pull wire in at switch station. • Prepping for Street Fair. • Finish up Randall Rd. underground. • Concentrating on center circuit.



Recent electrical work around the Village.

Metering Update

5/8" Water Meter Replacement Update

- Total 23 meters have not been upgraded.
- 6 meters with bad valves, (all inside, one village-owned).
- 12 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, RO systems, back-up sump pumps, service line leaks.
- Travis is collecting the data from the ALFX system monthly.
- Payment Plan Disconnects 10/20/26
- Electric disconnects 10/27/26
- Meter Audit: putting eyes on each water meter once a year, datalogging, checking ERT and meter numbers, checking service line material
- The 2024 4H SLIM notice violation is now returned to compliance.
- Service Line Inventory Material: working with Arcadis on next steps for meeting all EPA requirements to be validated as a non-lead system. Updated inventory and notice ID tool for 2026.
- Finish changing out FM2S electric meters
- 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. Almost complete!

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed

- Tanner Bussey graduated from the Center for Local Government Leadership Academy.
- Began pool closure for the 2026 season:
 - Emptied pool.
 - Emptied baby pool.
 - Removed canopies.
 - Removed ADA lift chair.
 - Removed baby pool pump.
- Mowed municipal properties 6 times.
- Repaired JBC roof.
- Mulched front flowerbed at JBC.
- Mulched flowerbed on Dayton St. & trimmed bushes.
- Assisted in painting of crosswalks for YS Film Festival.
- Trimmed front ROW on Xenia Ave. between Cemetery & Corry.
- Repaired sidewalk gutter in front of Dino's.
- Mortared catch basins at Gaunt Park.
- Block Party street shutdowns.
- Closed JBC for Blues Fest.
- Setup for PorchFest.
- Closed the JBC for the Zombie Walk.
- Setup at Gaunt for the Shred It event.
- Began cutting/splitting wood for Halloween bonfires.
- Repaired street sweeper.
- Installed/replaced strobes on jetter truck.
- JBC HVAC fall maintenance.
- Repaired 2 broken down mowers.
- Replaced manhole & manifold on Hyde Road in the township
- Mowed ROW's (right-of-way's).
- Trimmed branches in ROW's.
- Rebuilt catch basin on Whitehall Dr.
- Continued cutting brush around signs & low hanging branches.
- Asphalted driveway basin at WWTP.

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed	• Jetted 900' of sanitary main on E. Limestone & Corry, removed gravel from AltaFiber bore crew. • Had camera truck/crew come in to record sanitary main on E. Limestone & Corry. • Prepared fields for softball league 2 times. • Street swept 1 time. • Downtown cleanup 1 time. • Rolling test of Phase III & IV of Spring Meadows. • Graded baseball & softball diamonds at Gaunt Park.
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	• Mulch playgrounds at JBC & Gaunt. • Continue ROW clearing. • Continue ally grading. • Full depth repairs on large potholes. • Continue park tree trimming.

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION

Streets & Sewer Update



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

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 19 youths were served per day, with 8-10 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 for evening dinners • There have been 172 rentals in the building • Collaborating with The Little Art Theatre, NCCJ and MLS PTO for Summer movie night at Gaunt Park • Completed our partnership with Green County Public library to host the fee tutoring program with school age children in the Village, the program will continue at the library starting October 6 from 3:30-5:30pm Tuesday and Thursday.
Ongoing	• Wednesday craft nights 5:30-7:30. • We are continuing to support our Jr. and HS athletes by attending home games with the youth center. Thank you to the Yellow Springs Schools for providing us with season game passes!



Recent Youth Center activities.

Digital Media Update

Completed	• Covered Village Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8. • Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 15. • Held Microsoft Teams meeting with Danny Callaway and Kristina Kingman from Revize to discuss issues with new Village website functionality on Thursday, September 17. • Photographed annual YS PorchFest event on Saturday, September 19. • Covered Village Council meeting on Monday, September 21. • Updated Village website landing page video on Tuesday, September 22. • Procured and set up A/V equipment for REVIVAL presentation and performance on Friday, September 25; photographed event. • Recorded America 250 Speaker Series event on Saturday, October 3.
Ongoing	• Updates to new website. • Village Grapevine newsletter.

