



# THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE Dates to Remember

- March 18, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- April 1, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- April 15, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- May 6, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- MAY 15 & 16 Community Garage Sale\*\*\*
- May 20, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- June 3, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- June 17, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- July 1, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- July 15, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- August 5, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- AUGUST 14 & 15 Community Garage Sale\*\*\*
- August 19, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- September 2, 2026 Council meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.
- September 16, 2026 Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Admin Bldg.

## *A Message from the* Mayor

### VILLAGE UPDATE

I am often asked by both residents and non-residents the question, "Do you like being Mayor?" My answer is always quick and simple: Yes.

I truly enjoy serving the community where I grew up and where I continue to raise my family. I am fully committed to the continued success of the Village of Walbridge. Decision-making is rarely easy, and making decisions on behalf of nearly 3,000 residents makes that responsibility even greater. The growth of a community—even simple improvements—often requires years of planning, patience, and vision. While I do not assume we get it right 100 percent of the time, I am confident that we get it right far more often than not.

I am fortunate to work alongside an outstanding administrative team that helps guide and support the Village. We are also supported by a majority of Councilmembers who share the vision for Walbridge and remain actively involved in the decision-making process. You've heard the phrase, "It takes a village." In our case, it also takes a dedicated team to help lead it, and I am proud to say that we have that team here.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share that we have additional infrastructure and park improvements planned for 2026. These projects include road resurfacing throughout the Village as well as new playground structures currently being planned for Loop Park. Our excellent maintenance team is prepared to meet the seasonal challenges ahead and has plans in place to continue routine maintenance on our roads and sewer systems. In addition, a creek widening project is currently underway that we hope will help alleviate occasional water concerns along Dry Creek.

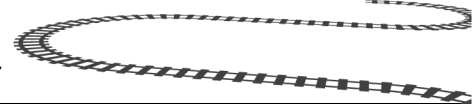
Last year we also saw a significant increase in park usage, with baseball and softball teams visiting Walbridge almost daily. It has been wonderful to see that level of activity, adding to the traditional small-town atmosphere that so many residents and visitors have come to appreciate.

While it takes effort and time, the Village of Walbridge has been fortunate to receive more than \$2.5 million in grant funding over the past 10 years to help make these improvements possible. However, our work is not finished. We understand that we cannot pause in our efforts to continue improving our community while minimizing the financial impact on our taxpayers. The work continues.

In closing, I would like to share a brief story. Last year I had the privilege of visiting Lake Schools to speak with students about being Mayor and the responsibilities and challenges that come with the role. Several students told me, "I want to be Mayor someday." Hearing that truly warmed my heart. We need more young people who value public service and are willing to become the next generation of community leaders. As a community, we should continue to foster positivity and encourage one another to work toward the continued success of the Village of Walbridge.

As always, I maintain an open-door policy. Please feel free to call anytime or stop by. No question or concern is trivial—if it is important to you, please know it is also important to me.

*Mayor Edward A. Kolanko*



### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Police**  
(419) 666-8412  
**Non-Emergency**  
(419) 666-1447

**Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)**  
Lake Township Fire  
(419) 838-6536

**Wood County Dispatch**  
(419) 666-1447

**Emergency**  
911

**Mayor**  
(419) 666-1830

**Administrative Team**  
(419) 666-1830

**Fiscal Office / Income Taxes**  
(419) 666-1830

**Street Department**  
(419) 666-1830

**Northwestern Water & Sewer**  
(419) 354-9090

**Republic Refuse Services**  
(419) 726-9465

**Toledo Edison**  
(800) 447-3333



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# SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

will begin:  
Monday, April 20th, 2026 - Friday, April 24th, 2026

**Brush pickup requirements:**

- Branches should be cut into 4-6 ft lengths, under 4 inches in diameter and in neat piles with cut ends out
- Place at curb, ensure piles are 3 x 3 x 6 feet and AWAY from obstructions (i.e. drains/ mailboxes)

**Note:** Brush cut by professional contractors is usually NOT picked up

**Unacceptable:**

- DIRT
- SOD
- ROOT BALLS
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
- LUMBER
- FENCING
- CONCRETE
- VINES

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## Have YOU Signed Up for The Village of Walbridge Newsletter?



 <http://eepurl.com/iL5WkK>

## AQUA TERRACE POOL

400 Park View Drive | Walbridge, Ohio 43465 | 567-249-4096

**HOURS: 12P - 6P MONDAY - SUNDAY**  
Hours are Subject to Change due to weather and life

**NEW PRICING FOR 2026 SEASON!!!**

\$10 PER DAY

**POOL MEMBERSHIPS**  
\$50.00 FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON

**DAYCARE GROUPS (PER PERSON) \$5.00**



Pool Party Rentals Available on a First Come / First Serve Basis

# TAX QUESTIONS?

Check out our Website for more information or give us a CALL at (419) 666-1830.

# THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE TAX DEPARTMENT

## QUESTIONS?


## CONTACT

### Fiscal Officer / Tax Commissioner

Andy Tepper

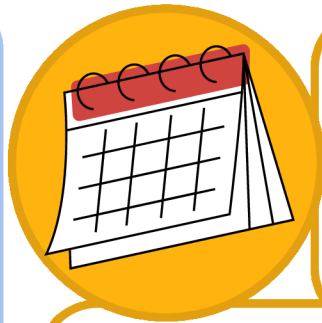
### Fiscal/Tax Admin

Kaitlyn Golis

 (419) 666-1830 ext. 2

 taxcommissioner@walbridgeohio.org

 www.walbridgeohio.org



### We're here to help!

Extended Hours for Walbridge Tax Assistance

**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### What do I need to bring?

To file your Walbridge tax return, we REQUIRE the following documents:

- All W-2(s)
- Federal 1040 (first page) or 1040-SR (pages 1 and 2)
  - If there is an amount reported on Line 8, you must also include the applicable schedule(s) listed below:
    - **Schedule 1** - Schedule C, Schedule E, and Schedule F
  - If your Schedule E includes a second page, please also provide:
    - Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) or
    - Schedule K-1 (Form 1120-S)

## IMPORTANT 2026 TAX INFORMATION

### TAX CREDIT CHANGE

Walbridge residents may claim a credit in the amount of such tax rate paid to another municipality but not in excess of the tax rate of .0075%

### EXAMPLE BELOW

Work City	Tax Rate	Wages	Work City Withheld	Walbridge Taxes	NEW Credit	Walbridge Taxes Owed	to W/HOLD
Toledo	2.50%	\$50,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	0.0075
BG	2.00%	\$50,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	0.0075
Maumee	1.50%	\$50,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	0.0075
Sandusky	1.25%	\$50,000.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 312.50	\$ 437.50	0.00875
Findlay	1.00%	\$50,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	0.01



# WALBRIDGE Police Department



Emergency: Dial 9-1-1 | Office Telephone: (419) 666-1830 | Wood County Dispatch: (419) 666-1447

Join Our Team

Village of Walbridge Police Department



**NOW HIRING!**

<https://www.walbridgeohio.org/police>  
or call 419-666-1830



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I'm in the Database! Are you?

## DOG REGISTRATION



Did you know you can REGISTER your dog in the Walbridge Police Department's DOG DATABASE?

WPD uses this information to attempt to locate the owner in the event of a missing or lost dog to safely reunite dog and owner.

SUBMIT your form ONLINE.  
[Please submit one (1) form PER dog]

Link: [www.walbridgeohio.org/police](http://www.walbridgeohio.org/police)

Need more INFORMATION? Give us a call at 419-666-8412

CLICK IT OR TICKET

ONLY DURING DARK NIGHT



NHTSA

WHAT TO DO IN A CRASH

SAFETY FIRST

01 Ensure Your Safety  
Park at a safe distance away. Turn on hazard lights.

02

03 Stay Until Help Arrives  
Relay information to first responders and follow official instructions.

Call 911 Immediately  
Provide exact location details using mile markers and/or cross streets. Describe the situation.

NHTSA

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## Golf Cart Inspections



Golf carts are allowed in the Village of Walbridge and on public roadways, BUT you **MUST** follow the proper guidelines.

You can schedule an **appointment** to have a WPD Officer come out to your residence or meet at the Police Department to inspect your golf cart.

Once approved, you can take the inspection form to the BMV to obtain licensing for the cart.

MORE details about operating a golf cart in the Village can be found here: [www.walbridgeohio.org/police](http://www.walbridgeohio.org/police), or call us at (419) 666-8412.

Click It or Ticket. Don't Risk It.

No one plans for a crash, but it helps to know what to do if one happens.



Have you noticed changes at the railroad crossings lately? Mayor Kolanko is working with the Ohio Rail Commission to give our crossings a safety makeover! We're rolling out enhanced lighting and upgraded signage designed to make our tracks safer for drivers, pedestrians, and rail staff alike. We're proud to invest in the infrastructure that keeps our village moving forward.



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Walbridge Ohio Police Department, Walbridge. 1,815 likes. The NEW Official Facebook page of the Walbridge Ohio Police...

facebookapp

### Check Out

<https://www.facebook.com/walbridgeohiopolicy>  
for UPCOMING EVENTS, including another Car Seat Safety Check!

## LATEST NEWS

Swearing in of Sgt. McCrum

Swearing in of New Officer Woerner

Swearing in of Chief Mullins

WPD sees SANTA

2025-2026








# Mayor's Court

Mayor's Court is held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) **Wednesday** of EVERY MONTH at 4:00 PM and is located in the Village of Walbridge Administrative Office Building at 705 N. Main Street, Walbridge, OH 43465.

Tickets and Docket can be accessed through the Mayor's Court Online Docketing System at:

<https://www.ohioticketpayments.com/Walbridge/DocketSearch.php>

## INFORMATION:

### MAGISTRATE

C. Drew Griffith

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### CONTACT

Mayor's Court: (419) 315-3773

Court Fax: (419) 661-8458

Perrysburg Municipal Court: (419) 872-7900

Walbridge Prosecutor, Brian Ballenger

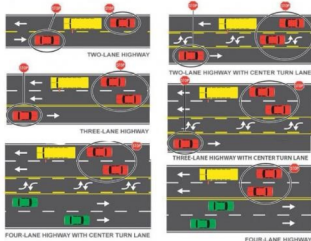
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**Court is CLOSED during the following holidays:**

- New Years' Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



When to stop for a school bus in Ohio



## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

- 1. NOTIFY**  
Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two or three days before you start.
- 2. WAIT**  
Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.
- 3. CONFIRM**  
Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.
- 4. RESPECT**  
Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.
- 5. DIG CAREFULLY**  
If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



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## OHGO

Planning to travel this Spring/Summer and want to check real-time road conditions and traffic information? Check OHGO before your go. OHGO reports current road activity, speeds, incidents, travel delays, closures, and severe weather conditions for all of Ohio's Highways. You can download the OHGO app today or visit: [www.ohgo.com](http://www.ohgo.com)

## CodeRED™

### WEATHER WARNING

Get real-time Emergency Alerts direct to your smart phone, home phone, or email.

REGISTER YOUR ADDRESS ONLINE OR DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!




# THE STREETS DEPARTMENT

## Village of Walbridge – Maintenance Department Update:

As winter winds down, the Maintenance Department has been hard at work keeping Village streets safe through regular plowing and salting operations. Behind the scenes, staff have also been servicing and inspecting equipment to ensure a smooth transition from winter response to spring maintenance.

With warmer weather approaching, crews are preparing to begin seasonal infrastructure projects, including pothole repairs, crack sealing, and continued jet-vac cleaning of the storm sewer system. During the recent break in the weather on Friday, February 27, the team was able to begin cold-patching several problem areas throughout the Village.

Reminder to Residents: Annual Brush Pickup will take place Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2026. Please place brush at the curb in manageable piles and keep storm drains clear to assist crews in completing collection efficiently.

The Maintenance Department appreciates residents' cooperation as we transition into a productive spring and summer season focused on improving our community's streets and infrastructure.



### New Salt Storage Facility Completed

At the end of 2025, the Village of Walbridge Maintenance Team successfully completed construction of a new salt storage barn to better support winter operations. This new facility allows the Village to safely store road salt in a covered, controlled environment, protecting materials from the elements and ensuring a reliable supply is readily available during snow and ice events.

The addition of the salt barn improves efficiency for our crews, reduces material waste, and helps the Village respond more quickly to hazardous winter weather conditions. This investment reflects the Village's ongoing commitment to maintaining safe streets and responsible stewardship of resources for our residents.

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**Summer Lifeguards Must be 16-years old**

- Excellent swimmer
- High work ethic
- Strong communication skills
- Evening & weekend availability

**CONTACT DEANNA FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[dkohlfoter@walbridgeohio.org](mailto:dkohlfoter@walbridgeohio.org)

If you're interested in working for the Walbridge pool, don't wait for summer to apply. Lifeguard classes are forming now.

## Spring Cleaning



The Village of Walbridge has a Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 1313 (Exterior Property Maintenance) which states that residents should ensure every premises and structure shall be maintained in good repair and kept free of all nuisances, health, safety, and fire hazards, unsanitary conditions and abate the same. [Read More Here: [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/walbridge/latest/walbridge\\_oh/0-0-0-15831](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/walbridge/latest/walbridge_oh/0-0-0-15831)]

Inoperable vehicles shall be stored within fully enclosed buildings or other locations not exposed to public view, or shall be REMOVED from the premises. (Chapter 1197.03)

Violations of these sections will be served with a 30-day notice to abate and given a Mayor's Court appearance if not abated.

We need everyone's help to keep our Village maintained!



## 2025 - 2026 In the Village



WALBRIDGE COMMUNITY

# GARAGE Sales

MAY 15 & 16

JUNE 26 & 27 **TENTATIVE\***

AUGUST 14 & 15

<https://www.walbridgeohio.org/>

Garage Sale

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TRICK OR TREAT

October 31

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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**Street Sweeping**  
The Village of Walbridge has begun sweeping streets with the warmer weather!

<https://www.walbridgeohio.org/>

## Village Hours

Normal Business Hours are:

**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Monday - Friday**

- Village Forms
- Zoning Application
- Rental Information
- Taxation

can all be found on our website:

[www.walbridgeohio.org/](http://www.walbridgeohio.org/)

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**2026**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thomas L. Urbina

2026 President

Karen Baron

Sue Hart-Douglas

Ron Liwo

Joel Mass

Kristen Angelo

# ZONING

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT**

The Village of Walbridge website has a button to SUBMIT A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT to the Village of Walbridge. You may visit: <https://www.walbridgeohio.org/zoning> and click on "CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT." Complaints reported on this page will be sent to the CloudPermit portal where a team member will view and create a case regarding your complaint. If your concern is an EMERGENCY, please call the Walbridge Police Department at 419-666-8412. The portal is NOT monitored 24-7 or by the Walbridge Police Department.



## Cloudpermit



### ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

*The NEW CloudPermit Zoning Application is available 24-7 ONLINE!!!*

A Zoning Permit is required for Construction, Enlargement, or Renovation of Structures, including but not limited to:

- Garages
- Accessory Structures: Decks, Sheds, Patios and Porches
- Roofing, Siding, Windows
- Ponds, Pools, Fences
- Driveways, Sidewalks (Excavation/Installation/Repairs)

Please refer to the Zoning Code for all structures requiring a permit.

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**COUNCIL**

The First and Third  
Wednesdays of Each  
Month



Visit the Village of Walbridge website located at:

<https://www.walbridgeohio.org/>  
for Council Meeting Schedule,  
Council Meeting Minutes, and  
Online Forms.



# AROUND THE *Village*



## Spring updates



### District Update: Fix-A-Leak Week & New Leadership Announcement

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District is gearing up for Fix a Leak Week, taking place March 16–22, and encourages residents to check their homes for common water-wasting leaks such as faulty toilet flappers. Free leak-detection bags—complete with tools and a replacement flapper—are available at the District office, and residents can also sign up for AquaHawk, the District’s online water-use monitoring and leak-alert system. Scan the QR code or visit [nwwsd.org](http://nwwsd.org) to sign up.

In other District news, the Board of Trustees has appointed Douglas Stephens, P.E., as the new President of The District. Stephens succeeds Jerry Greiner, who will retire following a transition period after more than 30 years of service. Bringing 24 years of experience in water and wastewater management, Stephens previously served as Toledo’s Director of Public Utilities and led major regional infrastructure projects.



# THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE

## HISTORY LESSON

### *The Village of Walbridge*

### Walbridge: From Frontier Land to a Railroad Crossroads

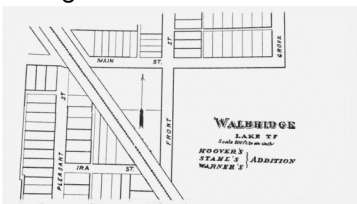


*A. E. Kusian*  
1853-1923  
VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE'S  
1<sup>ST</sup> MAYOR

Long before Walbridge became one of Wood County's largest villages, the area was a quiet stretch of forest and wetlands just south of Perrysburg. Although the first settler arrived in 1846, growth came slowly. Decades passed before more than a few families established permanent homes.

Early descriptions of the region paint a rugged picture—dense woods, winding creeks, and wildlife that was plentiful enough to sustain hunting and fishing. Clearing the land took time and labor, but once trees were felled and drainage improved, the soil proved well-suited for farming. Settlers built modest log homes on the highest available ground, carving livable spaces out of what had once been a swamp.

By the 1870s, several families had laid down roots, including the Loops, Warners, Allens, Clarks, Steins, and Tylers. Though small in number, these households formed the nucleus of the future village.



#### Land Speculation Before a Town

Walbridge's story begins even before those first cabins rose.

In the 1830s, large tracts of land in the area were being purchased and resold by investors and railroad interests—an early signal that transportation routes might one day reshape the region. One early federal land purchase included acreage that today encompasses part of Loop Park and nearby streets, land that later passed through railroad companies and farming families before becoming town lots.

Over the decades that followed, parcels were subdivided, sold, and resold, gradually transforming raw acreage into homesteads, fields, and, eventually, streets.

#### When the Rails Arrived

Everything changed when the railroads chose Walbridge's future location as the place to cross.

In the mid-1870s, two major rail lines—one running north-south, the other east-west—identified a point just south of the settlement as the ideal intersection. It offered the first workable route north of the Black Swamp, which rail builders had long avoided. That strategic decision sparked rapid development.

Multiple companies soon followed, including the Hocking Valley Railroad, the Columbus & Southern, and the Toledo & Woodville. Though the last was short in length, it proved influential thanks to Toledo businessman Henry Walbridge, whose family name would eventually be adopted by the growing community.

Smaller lines were absorbed into larger systems, and by the turn of the twentieth century, Walbridge had become a major operational hub. Around 1901, the yards were designated as a "hump" facility—where freight cars were pushed up an incline and released to roll by gravity into carefully organized outbound trains.

Miles of track stretched across the landscape. Railroad workers and their families settled nearby. What had once been quiet farmland began to hum with industrial energy.



#### Rails to City Hall

As Walbridge expanded alongside the railroads, the need for formal local government became unavoidable.

By the early twentieth century, the community had grown far beyond its frontier origins. Businesses clustered near the yards. Neighborhoods spread outward. Schools, churches, and civic organizations followed. When Walbridge formally incorporated as a village in 1913, it turned to a man whose life had unfolded alongside that transformation.

**Adam E. "A.E." Kusian**, elected the village's first mayor, had lived in Walbridge for decades and was widely respected as a livestock buyer, church leader, and businessman. His marriage to Daisy Warner—whose family roots reached back to the area's earliest settlers—symbolized the link between Walbridge's pioneer families and its modern civic leadership.

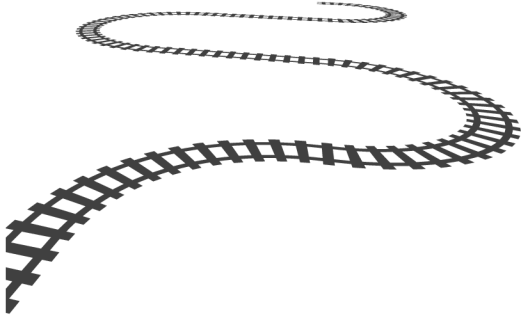
During his tenure, Kusian helped guide the community through its earliest years as an incorporated village. He was instrumental in separating Walbridge from township governance, establishing a local school district, and laying the groundwork for municipal services that would serve generations to come.

From the first settlers clearing land by hand, to the rail crews building a national transportation hub, to the village leaders who shaped Walbridge's civic identity, the story follows a single, steady track—growth fueled by opportunity, hard work, and a deep connection to the rails.

Check out our next addition for more Village history!

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**WALBRIDGE**

705 N. Main Street  
Walbridge, OH 43465



**SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**  
**REQUEST YOURS**  
**TODAY!**

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The Lake Township Fire Department has partnered with American Red Cross to PROVIDE and INSTALL smoke alarms to Lake Township residents - FREE!

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Contact Becky at Lake Township Fire  
Phone: 567.420.1416  
Email: [rosebrock@laketwp.com](mailto:rosebrock@laketwp.com)

