



THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Mayor

As summer winds down, I'm reminded of one of my favorite Dr. Seuss quotes: *"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."* While I'm always sad to see summer go, I'm grateful for the wonderful memories it brought to our families and our Village. There is plenty to smile about.

Our parks were lively all summer long, with baseball and softball games, laughter on the playgrounds, and plenty of splashing at the Village pool. Thanks to above-average rainfall, our grounds stayed green and healthy, adding to the beauty of our community.

Now that school is back in session, our focus turns to fall projects and preparing for winter. Crews are already planning for brush pickup, equipment maintenance, and—yes—even snowplowing. Although forecasts are calling for a potentially warmer winter with less snowfall, we'll be ready for whatever the season brings.

We also have several exciting projects ahead this fall. The Dry Creek Preserve will soon open, providing a beautiful new green space for walking and enjoying the outdoors. This project has been close to my heart since I began working on it in 2020, and I'm proud that our Village will soon be able to enjoy it.

Loop Park will receive a new playground this fall, further strengthening our outstanding park system. Allen and Holly streets are also scheduled to be repaved this year—important improvements that will benefit residents throughout the community.

I recognize that other roads and infrastructure need attention as well. I see the needs, I hear your concerns, and we are working to address them as responsibly as possible within our budget. We will also continue pursuing grant funding whenever opportunities become available.

We are taking a proactive approach to property maintenance concerns throughout the Village and following up on complaints received at the Village office. Some critics have compared these efforts to the work of a homeowners association, or HOA. However, the Village is not an HOA. We are a municipality governed by ordinances and a Village Code, and it is our responsibility to ensure properties comply with those standards.

As stated in Section 1313.01 of the Village Code, its purpose is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and inhabitants of the Village. These standards help preserve the quality, safety, and character of the community we all call home.

We also welcomed new members to our Administration team, maintenance staff, and Police Department. Our employees care deeply about this Village, and I'm proud of the dedication they show every day. There is a true "all hands on deck" spirit among our staff—we wear many hats, take on many responsibilities, and work together as one team. Even the mayor pitches in when needed!

Most importantly, my door remains open—to compliments, questions, and concerns alike. We are committed to doing our best on behalf of our residents, and communication is essential to building a stronger community.

Please stop by sometime. I'd be happy to have a conversation.

Mayor Edward A. Kolanko

VILLAGE UPDATE

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Village Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month in the Administration Building.

9/2/2026 6:30 PM

9/16/2026 6:30 PM

10/7/2026 6:30 PM

10/21/2026 6:30 PM

11/4/2026 6:30 PM

11/18/2026 6:30 PM

12/2/2026 5:00 PM*

12/16/2026 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

10/31/2026 - Halloween

Trick-or-Treat times

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

12/2/2026 - Christmas in
the Village @ 6:30 PM

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police

(419) 666-1830

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

http://



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

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FALL BRUSH PICKUP

will begin:

Monday, Sept. 28th, 2026 - Friday, Oct. 2nd, 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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Leaf Pickup

The Village of Walbridge Maintenance Team will be out to pick up **Leaves** that have been raked into piles along curb edge on:

October 5th- December 4th 2026
or the first snowfall

Please take care to NOT block sewers - as this can cause catastrophic damage to our sewer system OR rake leaves into the street. Please do NOT add BRUSH, GARBAGE, or ANIMAL WASTE to your leaf piles, as these things will DAMAGE our EQUIPMENT!!!



TAX QUESTIONS?

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

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Have YOU Signed Up for The Village of Walbridge Newsletter?



<http://eepurl.com/iL5WKk>

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

THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE TAX DEPARTMENT

2026 TAX CREDIT REMINDER!!

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

ATTENTION NON-FILERS



The Village of Walbridge requires that **all residents** and **businesses**, regardless of income earned, must file an annual return whether they own or rent.

IMPORTANT NOTE - If you receive a court letter, you **MUST** contact the Tax Department in order to get your account into good standing.



Estimated Payments

Estimated tax payments are based on your income from the previous year and are divided into four equal payments due quarterly. These payments are an estimate of your tax liability for the upcoming tax year. Estimated payments are **required** when your tax liability exceeds \$200.00, in accordance with House Bill 5, and must be made on a quarterly basis.

We accept checks, cash, or you can make a payment online at www.walbridgeohio.org/tax-forms

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT

Fiscal Officer / Tax Commissioner

Andy Tepper

Fiscal Clerk/Tax Admin

Kaitlyn Golis

 (419) 666-1830 ext. 2

 taxcommissioner@walbridgeohio.org

 www.walbridgeohio.org



WALBRIDGE Police Department



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

A Mid-Year Message from the Walbridge Police Department

As we reach the midpoint of 2026, we'd like to thank the residents of Walbridge for your continued support and partnership. It has been our privilege to serve this community through proactive policing, traffic safety, community outreach, and everyday interactions that help keep Walbridge a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we head into the fall and winter months, we encourage everyone to drive safely, watch for children as school is back in session, and continue looking out for one another. Together, we make Walbridge stronger.

Thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to continuing to serve our community throughout the remainder of the year.

Chief Chris Mullins
Sgt. Dominic McCrum
Walbridge Police Department

THE VILLAGE OF WALBRIDGE General Rules for E-Bikes

 **Traffic Laws:** E-bike riders **MUST** follow ALL traffic laws that apply to bicycles

Where You Can Ride an Electric Bike:

- **Bike lanes & Paths** - Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed to use Bike Lanes and Paths; Class 3 may be able to if bike lanes/paths are far away from highways.
- **Roads & Streets** - all Classes are allowed to ride on roads and streets, obeying same laws as bicycles.
- **Sidewalks** - Riders must turn the power off before using the sidewalk.
- **Multi-Use Trails** - Multi-use trails reserved for non-motorized use are off-limits to all electric bikes; also applies to trails for mountain bikes, hiking, or similar purposes. All multi-use trails are accessible to electric bike riders.
- **State Parks** - Most State Parks in Ohio permit the use of all electric bike classes.

 **No License or Registration:** E-bikes are **NOT** subject to the same registration, licensing, or insurance requirements as motor vehicles.

 **Age Restrictions:** No age restrictions for Class 1 and 2 e-bikes. Riders of Class 3 e-bikes **MUST** be at least 16 years old.

 **Helmets:** Helmets are **REQUIRED** for riders AND passengers of Class 3 e-bikes in Walbridge.

Classes Defined:
Class 1: Pedal-assist ONLY, with a max speed of 20 mph. Allowed on bike paths and multi-use paths.
Class 2: Equipped with a throttle & max speed of 20 mph. Allowed on bike paths and multi-use paths.
Class 3: Pedal-assist ONLY, with a max speed of 28 mph. Riders must be 16 yo and wear helmet. Can be ridden on roads with speed limits of 25 mph or less and on bike lanes, but not on paths designated for pedestrians or mountain bikes.

For More Information: See Section 4511.522 of the Ohio Revised Code | Ohio Laws | Electric Bicycles; labels; compliance with Federal Regulations; permitted use; violations



Join Our Team

Village of Walbridge Police Department




NOW HIRING!

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



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

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



Do you have a GOLF CART?
Let us help you get it street legal by following the guidelines and getting inspections done!

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, or call us at (419) 666-8412.



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

CONTACT

Mayor's Court: (419) 315-3773
Court Fax: (419) 661-8458

Perrysburg Municipal Court:
(419) 872-7900

Walbridge Prosecutor,
Brian Ballenger

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





THE STREETS DEPARTMENT

"The Work You Don't Always See... Makes Walbridge a Better Place to Live."



A Day in the Life of the Streets Department

Working Behind the Scenes to Keep Walbridge Moving

While most of Walbridge is just starting the day, our Streets Department is already hard at work—and sometimes they're still working long after the sun goes down.

Depending on the season, our crew may be:

- 🚧 Repairing potholes and maintaining Village streets
- 🍂 Collecting leaves and clearing catch basins to help prevent flooding
- 🌳 Trimming trees and brush for safe roadways and sidewalks
- 🛑 Repairing and replacing traffic signs
- 🚜 Maintaining Village equipment and preparing it for every season
- ❄️ Plowing snow and applying salt before your morning commute
- 💧 Maintaining storm drains and drainage systems
- 🦟 Spraying for mosquitoes during the evening hours to help reduce mosquito populations and improve outdoor enjoyment for residents during the warmer months
- 🚧 Assisting with community events by setting up signs, barricades, and flags
- 🚒 Responding to storms, fallen trees, and other emergencies whenever they're needed

No two days are exactly alike.

Whether it's preparing for winter weather, cleaning up after a summer storm, or working late into the evening to spray for mosquitoes, the Streets Department is committed to keeping Walbridge safe, clean, and beautiful throughout the year.

Thank You, Streets Department!

Much of the work our Streets Department performs happens behind the scenes—and often before most residents are awake or after many have gone to bed. Their dedication helps keep our roads safe, our neighborhoods looking their best, and our community running smoothly every day.



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/

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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Village of Walbridge
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.

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

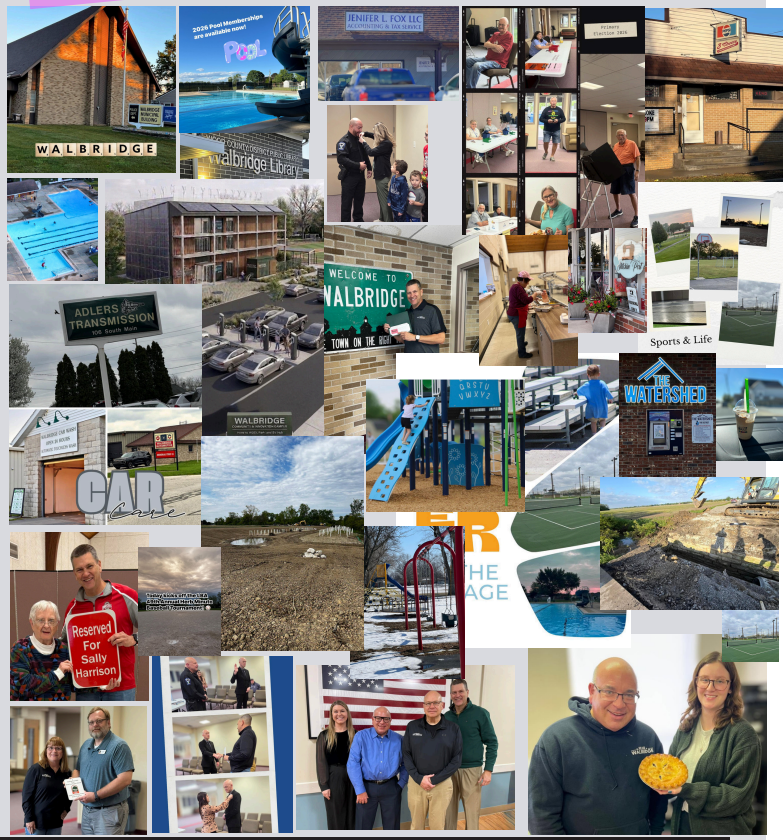
WHAT'S Happening AROUND the Village



The Northwestern Water and Sewer District will begin work on a waterline project in the Village of Walbridge this fall. Crews will replace the waterline on E. Union Street. The District is also designing future waterline improvements for E. Broadway Street and Walbridge Road/Main Street, with construction expected to begin next year.

September is National Preparedness Month, which is a great reminder to check your household emergency water supply. FEMA and Ready.gov recommend storing at least one gallon of water per person, per day, for several days in a cool, dark place.

For more tips, visit www.ready.gov/water. The District is also prepared to respond to emergencies. Licensed operators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For an immediate water or sewer emergency, call 419-354-9090.



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HISTORY LESSON

When the Curfew Bell Rang

How Walbridge Has Protected Its Young People for More Than a Century



A. E. KIDMAN, Mayor
R. B. DODGSON, Treasurer
C. A. WASHINGTON, Clerk

Walbridge, Ohio.

CURFEW ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Walbridge, County of Wood and State of Ohio,

Section 1. That all children under the age of fifteen years must leave the public streets at 8 o'clock P. M. unless accompanied by a Parent, Guardian or an Adult.

Section 2. That there be a bell installed in a suitable place by the Village of Walbridge, and the same to be in charge of the Marshal of the Village of Walbridge, to be rung at 8 P. M. of each evening; and the same shall be a warning for all children under the age of fifteen years to vacate the streets of said Village.

Section 3. That the Parents shall be held liable for all children violating Section one of this ordinance and shall on conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding Five dollars nor less than one dollar and the costs of prosecution.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed, Feb 14 - 1916.

R. E. Lorian
Mayor.

Attest:
R. B. Dodgson
Treas.

Filed Feb 16 - 1916.

To view the full-size Ordinance go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/Curfew1916>

Communities change over time—but some priorities never do.

One of the earliest examples can be found in a Village of Walbridge ordinance passed 110 years ago.

On **February 14, 1916**, Village Council adopted an ordinance establishing a nightly curfew for children. The law required all children under the age of fifteen to leave the streets by 8:00 p.m. each evening. Unlike today, there were no flashing signs, cell phones, or social media reminders. Instead, the ordinance directed that a village bell be rung every evening at 8:00 p.m., serving as the official signal for children to head home.

The ordinance also placed responsibility on parents. If a child violated the curfew, the parent could be fined between one and five dollars, plus the costs of prosecution—a significant amount in 1916.

A Village Has Changed

Imagine Walbridge in 1916.

Most children spent their evenings outdoors, walking to neighbors' homes, playing games in the streets, or gathering near the railroad that gave birth to the village. There were no organized youth sports leagues every night, no after-school employment for many young people, and very few automobiles traveling through town after dark.

When the evening bell rang, nearly everyone in the village understood exactly what it meant.

Today's Curfew Reflects Today's World

More than a century later, Walbridge continues to have a curfew ordinance designed to promote the safety and well-being of its youngest residents—but today's ordinance recognizes that children's schedules are much different than they were in 1916.

Rather than one curfew for everyone, the current Village ordinance establishes age-specific curfew hours:

- **Children under age 11: 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**
- **Children ages 11 through 15: 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**
- **Youth ages 16 through 17: 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**

The ordinance also recognizes reasonable exceptions. Young people returning directly home from school activities, employment, supervised events, or responding to an emergency are not considered in violation of the curfew. Likewise, today's ordinance continues to place responsibility on parents and guardians to ensure their children comply with the law and provides the courts with flexibility to use counseling, educational programs, or community service when appropriate.

One Thing Has Never Changed

Although the details have evolved over the past century, the purpose has remained remarkably consistent.

In 1916, a bell reminded children it was time to head home.

Today, the Village relies on a modern ordinance that reflects contemporary life while continuing to encourage parental responsibility and public safety. Both laws were written with the same goal in mind: helping keep Walbridge's children safe.

History often reminds us that while our community continues to grow and change, our commitment to protecting the next generation has been part of Walbridge's story for more than 110 years.

Did You Know?

February 14, 1916

Walbridge's first known curfew ordinance was adopted by Village Council.

8:00 p.m. Bell

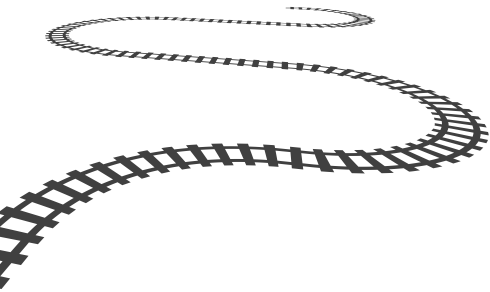
A village bell was rung each evening to signal children under age 15 that it was time to leave the streets.

Then vs. Now

While today's curfew hours vary by age and include exceptions for school, work, supervised activities, and emergencies, both the 1916 ordinance and the current ordinance share the same purpose: protecting the safety of Walbridge's young people.

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705 N. Main Street
Walbridge, OH 43465



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REQUEST YOURS
TODAY!

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

 Contact Becky at Lake Township Fire
Phone: 567.420.1416
Email: rosesbrock@laketwp.com
 American Red Cross