



Hamler Village Newsletter- Spring 2026

As we welcome the arrival of spring, we want to thank all of you for the care and pride you continue to show in our village. The longer days and warmer weather bring new opportunities to gather, refresh our public spaces, and support one another. From community clean-up efforts to local events in the town, this season is a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in such a connected place. This year also marks the **250th anniversary** of the United States, a meaningful milestone that gives us an opportunity to reflect on our shared history and look ahead with pride.

As you may have already seen, there is a new **Neighbor 2 Neighbor food pantry** container located downtown next to the Meyer Badenhop Insurance building. This is for anyone that is in need of items for their family. Donations are accepted for shelf-stable items from anyone that is willing to help out.

There are two **Warning/Weather sirens** currently being installed in the village. We are hopeful to have these operational this coming month for the spring weather season to alert everyone when inclement weather is near.

The **Community Park** committee has been meeting over the last year with the goal of replacing/improving our village park area. Plans are being finalized and fundraising efforts are going to be happening soon. Be on the lookout for any information on this, as any help with reaching the goal is much appreciated!

The new automatic **ACH payment** option for the monthly water and sewer billing is now operational. Anyone that wants to sign up for this convenient payment option is encouraged to fill out the Authorization for Direct Payment form. These forms can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

The **GAC water filtration project**, which is being implemented to address our noncompliance with EPA limits for TTHMs, has come in under the engineer's estimates. Once the bid is formally awarded and all grants and financing are secured, we anticipate beginning construction this summer. This project should be over 85% funded through grants, which should minimize the burden on the village. The new water tower and lagoon expansion are performing better than expected. However, to support loan repayment, we will need to implement a new rate schedule. Proposed legislation will be reviewed at the next BPA and Council meetings on Monday, April 6, 2026.

Community Junk Clean-Up Day!

It's time to freshen up our homes and neighborhoods! Join us for our annual Community Junk Clean-Up Day and take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items safely and responsibly. Old furniture, broken appliances, and general clutter are welcome. Let's work together to keep our streets and properties clean and beautiful!

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026- 8AM-12PM @ Hamler Municipal Building parking lot

The village would like to thank all residents who have worked to improve/maintain their own properties, where it is understood that this is not always an easy task. There will be ongoing efforts to continue this throughout the village. The Village Council Zoning Committee has been meeting and discussing different ways to make sure properties are adhering to our local ordinances.

We thank everyone for taking pride in the community we live in and being responsible neighbors to all.

We are fortunate to have so many events throughout the year right here in our village. Be sure to get out and support our hometown events coming up in the next few months!

Hamler Country Festival- May 15th & 16th

Hamler Ribfest/Street Party- June 20th

Hamler Summerfest- July 24th, 25th, & 26th

Be sure to follow our **Facebook** page- **Village of Hamler, Ohio** – to stay informed on the latest happenings around town. We will continue to use this to inform everyone of important information along with events planned by village businesses and groups.

You can also visit hamlerohio.com to view our updated website, which includes various resources and information for the town. Please feel free to reach out to us with any ideas that could help us move forward in the community.

The Board of Public Affairs (Water Board) meets the first Monday of every month at 5:30 PM, and the Village Council meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public!

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Hamler Memorial Park

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Dear Community Member,

The Hamler Memorial Park Committee, the Village of Hamler, and the Hamler Men's Club Charities (a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) are excited to announce a project that will greatly benefit our community and the surrounding area—a new **All-Inclusive Playground** at the current Hamler Summer Fest Park.

This park is being designed so that children and adults of all abilities can play, explore, and enjoy time together in a safe and welcoming environment. Features will include accessible playground equipment, smooth pathways, and spaces where families of every ability level can gather and create lasting memories.

As part of our planning process, we have carefully reviewed numerous bids to ensure we select the best options for quality, safety, and long-term value. The total estimated cost of the project is \$450,000. We are also actively applying for multiple grants to help support the project and reduce the cost to our community.

However, community support will still play a vital role in bringing this vision to life. Your donation will help fund the equipment, accessibility features, and improvements needed to build a park that truly includes everyone.

Any contribution, large or small, will help us move closer to creating a place where every child can play and every family can belong. Tax deductible donations can be made to support the All-Inclusive Park Project at Hamler Memorial Park.

Thank you for considering supporting this meaningful project and helping us build a park that our entire community—and surrounding communities—can enjoy for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Hamler Memorial Park Committee
Hamler Men's Club Charities
Village of Hamler

Hamler Memorial Park Donation Form

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Hamler Men's Club Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Please indicate below how you would like to receive a tax-deductible receipt.

email

standard mail

no receipt

Amount of donation _____

Please make checks payable to: **Hamler Men's Club Charities**

Send this form and donation to:

Hamler Men's Club Charities

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