

# Albany New-Resident Guide

## Welcome to Albany!

### A Great Place to Live!

We want to take the opportunity to offer you a brief overview of village amenities and services. Links to information regarding living or visiting in the Village are provided here for your convenience. If you have questions, or require additional assistance please contact us at 740-698-6127 or e-mail [adm.voa@albanyoh.org](mailto:adm.voa@albanyoh.org)

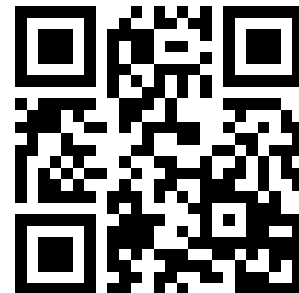
Whether you are a new resident or have lived in Albany all your life, this community resource page should assist you with all you need while in our Village.



Visit us online at [albanyoh.org](http://albanyoh.org) or by scanning the QR code below!

Quickly find information on

- Village services
- Police
- Zoning
- Development
- And MUCH more!



**GOVERNMENT.** The Village of Albany operates under a Mayor – Village Council form of government. Under this system, a mayor and six-member council are elected by the voters on a non-partisan basis. The Mayor is the administrative-branch of our Village government and serves a four-year term. The Village Council is the legislative-branch of our Village government. Council members are elected at large and serve four-year staggered terms. Two council members are elected by the voters the same year as the mayor. Four council members are elected two years after a mayoral election.

Village Council Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at Albany Village Hall, 5153 Alton Street. Citizens are encouraged to attend council meetings.

**ABOUT ALBANY.** Nestled in the hills of southeast Ohio along US Route 50/Ohio 32 in Athens County, Albany is the 3rd largest village in Athens county. Albany enjoys a thriving business community while maintaining a small-town charm. Albany is a place where the welcome mat is ALWAYS out!

For more information about the many features Albany can provide for your development, please view our [presentation](#) for more information about our Village.

# About us

**OUR FUTURE.** Economic Development is a key driver for the Albany Village Mayor and Village Council. While the past few years have been spent creating the infrastructure needed to meet future growth such as sanitary-sewer and zoning, the Village is now focused on promoting our existing businesses while bringing new-to-the-area companies that will bring investment dollars, growth, local career opportunities and affordable housing for our future generations.

US Route 50, the Ohio University Gordon K. Bush Airport, available rail service and infrastructure are all important tools that will help us on this long journey. Albany is currently working on park improvements, historical downtown development, the Albany Business Park, and other ways to help our community maintain a family-friendly image.

Land is available for industrial development from small to large, administrative to manufacturing. There are existing residential developments offering new

home building sites and newly constructed homes. Future developments are actively being planned and are in the near future. Contact the Village Office if you need assistance.

**WATER-SEWER SERVICE.** The Village operates its own municipal water and sanitary sewer systems. Sewer charges are based upon water consumption. ALL new customers must submit a completed application with a security deposit before the water is turned on. Water bills may be paid online, in person, at our drop box, at the Hocking Valley Bank in Albany, or by mail. The Utility Billing Office is located at Albany Village Hall, 5153 Alton Street. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m.-noon on Fridays). . For additional information visit Albany Village Hall or the [Water Department website](#) today.

**OTHER UTILITIES.** Albany is a SOPEC community which means residents are automatically enrolled (but not required) to receive a negotiated, contracted, electricity rate. Check rates and learn more at <https://www.sopec-oh.gov/rates/albany>. Other major utility providers include:

- [Columbia Gas of Ohio](#)
  - [800-344-4077](#)
- [Spectrum Communications](#)
  - [877-829-2851](#)
- [Electricity: AEP Ohio](#)
  - [800-672-2231](#)

**POLICE.** The [Albany Police Department](#) is currently a part-time operation watching over our community in conjunction with the Athens County Sheriff's office. Our goal is that of constantly protecting the lives and property of the citizens and businesses of the Village and we are committed to providing professional, efficient, and courteous service to the public. We operate with modern equipment allowing for the safety of our officers and the public they serve.



**FIRE AND EMS.** The [Albany Area Volunteer Fire Department](#), founded in 1956, is located in Albany and operates with modern, up-to-date equipment. With a membership of 40-50 volunteers, this department is always available to protect our lives

and properties. And whenever an emergency medical situation should arise, the Athens County EMS station, located next to the Fire Department, is fully staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to serve you.

**TRASH AND REFUSE COLLECTION.** The Village of Albany does not regulate which trash hauler you choose to use (a list of companies can be found below) however regular service is required for all residents and businesses and trash containers cannot be larger than 96-gallons in residential zoning districts.. Empty trash cans must be removed from curbside by midnight of the day of pickup.

- L&J Refuse
  - 740-590-0383
- BSS Waste
  - 800-859-6304
- Athens-Hocking Recycling Centers, Inc.
  - 740-594-5312
- Rumpke
  - 800-828-8171

**RECYCLING DROPOFF.** Residents are encouraged to recycle. The public drop off location in Albany, provided by the Athens Hocking Solid Waste District (AHSWD), is located at 2015 Mill Street in front of the Lee Township Garage. This public drop off location is for single stream household recyclables listed on their website.

**STREET DEPARTMENT.** The Albany Street Department is in charge of the Village streets and sidewalks, public buildings and grounds maintenance, signs, brush pick-up and snow removal.

**BRUSH PICKUP.** Brush pickup is traditionally provided twice per year in the spring and fall. Specific dates will be posted online and on our Facebook page. Brush piles cannot be tied or exceed 4' by 4' in size. Failure to follow these simple rules will result in a lack of pickup. We WILL NOT collect entire trees or bushes. Contact the Department of Public Works, 740-698-6127 for additional information.

**HYDRANT FLUSHING.** Fire hydrant flushing is done once a year and is announced on our Facebook page and on the village website. The intent of the hydrant maintenance program is to maintain public fire hydrants in a ready condition through flushing, inspection, lubricating, and cleaning as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association and making any needed repairs. Due to the fire hydrant flushing, residents could experience a temporary discoloration of water, which is due to the unsettling

of sediment in the water main. If you experience discolored water, run the cold water for about ten minutes - this should clear up the water. Avoid using hot water as this draws the sediment into the hot water tank.

**GOLF CARTS.** Golf carts are considered a "Motor Vehicle" as defined by Ohio Revised Code 4501.01. No golf cart (Utility) or under-speed vehicle may lawfully be operated on public streets or highways unless it satisfies the statutory requirements that are applicable to all motor vehicles such as acquiring the necessary inspection and license plate to operate a golf cart on public streets.

All Utility or under-speed vehicles that will be operated in the village are required to be inspected and licensed. The Albany Police Department can perform the inspection and issue a sticker if requested. Call them at 740-698-6127 to schedule an inspection. There is a \$25.00 fee for the inspection and sticker.

**ANIMAL CONTROL.** All dogs must have a county license which is available for purchase at the Athens County Auditor's Office located in the Athens County Courthouse Annex, 15 South Court Street, Room 330, Athens, OH. 45701. Office hours are Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. For questions about dog tags, call 740-592-3223. Pets are not permitted to run at large in the village. Animals found at-large will be impounded. To report an animal control problem, call the Albany Police at 740-698-6127 or Athens County Sheriffs Dept at 740-593-6633.

**EDUCATION.** The Alexander Local School District is located on one campus across from Lake Snowden just outside of the Village of Albany. Alexander Elementary serves about 740 students in grades Preschool through Grade 5 and Alexander Junior / Senior High School serves about 780 students in Grade 6 through Grade 12. Total enrollment is over 1,500 students.

A professional staff of approximately 130 teachers and administrators are dedicated to providing the students of Alexander with a quality educational experience. The average years of experience of our teaching staff is 13 and 72% have master's degrees or training beyond a bachelor's degree. The student/teacher ratio in grades K-6 is one teacher to 20-24 students. Professional development is considered an important component of continued teacher education and learning time is scheduled into the school calendar.

**BANKING & POST OFFICE.** The Albany Post Office is located at 5303 Washington Road, [740-669-5001](tel:740-669-5001) while the Albany branch of the Hocking Valley Bank is located at 5322 Washington Road. [740-698-4444](tel:740-698-4444).



**BUSINESS.** There are over 40 operating businesses ([Albany Business Directory](#)) inside of the village currently with a wide array of retail, professional-services, and dining operations. Our largest employer currently is Wedgewood Connect Drug Compounding Inc.

The [Albany Business Park](#) is a 200-acre development that currently houses a Red Bull Beverage Distributorship with other ventures planned for the future. Highway, rail, and air service are all available in addition to water, sewer, gas, electric, and broadband service. You can find additional details in this online video [HERE](#).

**ZONING CERTIFICATE.** Before constructing a home, building, addition, storage building, fence, pool, or making other improvements to your property, contact the Village Zoning Officer at [740-698-6127](tel:740-698-6127). There may be zoning regulations that apply to such improvements. Zoning Certificates are required before beginning any new construction or change of use. For more details visit our [Building Department website](#).

**PARKS AND RECREATION.** Albany Recreation opportunities include the Albany Village Park, located on Broad Street just behind the Hocking Valley Bank. It contains equipment for children of all ages, musical instruments to encourage creative play and green space perfect for picnics, games, or for those who want to relax and enjoy the outdoors. In the park is a community gazebo—perfect for birthday parties or outdoor meetings—that covers two picnic tables and three benches and sits adjacent to a public grill. The community gazebo may be used for your party or event on a first-come-first-served basis.



**VILLAGE  
PARK**

Additionally, and located just seconds north of the Village, you will find beautiful [Lake Snowden](#), which is owned by [Hocking College](#). Lake Snowden is a 675-acre education and recreation park. It features the largest of four lakes, which form the Margaret Creek Conservancy District. The lake covers approximately 136 acres offering camping, boating, fishing, picnicking, and swimming. The serene setting reveals natural beauty while maintaining the convenience of being just moments from downtown Albany. The shelter houses, restroom facilities, beach, shoreline fishing holes, and fish hatchery make Lake Snowden a full-featured recreation park.

**OBSERVED HOLIDAYS.** The Village of Albany observes the following holidays during which Village offices will be **CLOSED**:

- New Years Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth (June 19th)
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**STAY INFORMED.** Stay on top of what's happening in the Village of Albany by following us on [Facebook](#) and visiting our website often. For additional information or if you have questions, or require additional assistance please contact us at [740-698-6127](tel:740-698-6127).



Additional information for emergency help, civic organizations, fairs & festivals, local Facebook groups, and more can be found at [albanyoh.org/community](http://albanyoh.org/community)