

A Message from Mayor Bob Rosen



One of the most important responsibilities of Village Council is ensuring strong leadership for our community. Today, I would like to share news regarding a transition that will have a lasting impact on Amberley Village.

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer has announced his intention to retire in February 2027, concluding an extraordinary 43-year career in public service, including the past 15 years serving Amberley Village.

When Scot was recruited to Amberley Village in 2011 as an interim manager, few could have imagined the profound impact he would have on our community. What began as a temporary assignment quickly evolved into a period of transformational leadership that has strengthened nearly every aspect of Village operations.

Under Scot's leadership, Amberley Village has achieved remarkable financial stability. The Village's General Fund balance has both stabilized and grown, while maintaining a steadfast commitment to fiscal responsibility and long-term planning. Through strategic grant funding, innovative partnerships, and disciplined financial management, Amberley Village is better positioned today than at any point in recent memory.

Residents have seen the results of that stewardship throughout the community. Major investments in roads, stormwater infrastructure, parks, public safety equipment, technology, and facilities have enhanced both services and quality of life. Initiatives such as the Accelerated Street Program, including the Farmcrest Street reconstruction, utility improvements, and expanded public safety technology have helped ensure that Amberley Village remains a safe, attractive, and desirable place to live.

Scot also helped guide significant economic development efforts that strengthened our tax base and positioned the Village for future growth. From redevelopment projects and business retention efforts to the recruitment of Mercy Health and other key investments, his work has helped build a stronger foundation for future generations.

Yet Scot's greatest contribution may be less visible than any project or financial report. He cultivated a culture of professionalism, collaboration, innovation, and service that will continue long after his retirement. His leadership helped create an organization that values transparency, resident engagement, and exceptional customer service. Those qualities have become hallmarks of Amberley Village government and will remain part of his legacy.

On a personal level, I have greatly valued Scot's counsel, steady leadership, and friendship during my tenure as Mayor. His thoughtful approach to difficult challenges, unwavering professionalism, and commitment to doing what is best for Amberley Village have earned the respect of Village Council, employees, residents, and community partners alike.

Perhaps the most meaningful reflection comes from Scot himself. In his retirement letter, he described Amberley Village as the most rewarding chapter of his 43-year public service career. As Mayor, I can confidently say that our community has been equally fortunate to have benefited from his leadership.

Fortunately, Scot will remain with the Village through February 2027 and will assist Council in selecting his successor and ensuring a smooth transition. His continued involvement provides stability and continuity as we prepare for the next chapter in Amberley Village's history.

There will be opportunities in the months ahead to formally celebrate Scot's many accomplishments and thank him for his years of dedicated service. For now, I simply ask that you join me in expressing our gratitude for all he has done for Amberley Village and in wishing him, his wife Jackie, and their family every happiness in retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Rosen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Rosen

Mayor, Amberley Village