

AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 2nd quarter of 2023 through curbside pickup.

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|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| Newspaper | 0.00 | #1 PET | 6.19 |
| Cardboard | 28.46 | #2 HDPE Natural | 1.24 |
| Mixed Paper | 43.32 | # HDPE Color | 1.24 |
| Steel Cans | 2.48 | #3 - #7 Plastic Mixed | 0.00 |
| Alum. Cans | 2.48 | Residuals | 21.04 |
| Mixed Glass | 17.33 | Total | 123.76 |

* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

- 5.45 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program.

For questions concerning the “Curbside Recycling Program”, contact **RUMPKE** at **1-800-828-8171**.

“2023” Dumpster Days

(with Saturday, Oct. 21st Shred Event 9am-noon)

Amherst Township has set the following dates for “Dumpster Days” in 2023.

October 19, 20, 21

Hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note: **NO FREON or PROPANE TANKS!**

***NO TIRES or HAZARDOUS WASTE!**

*Take these items to LC Collection Center & Tire Sites!

For a list of their acceptable and prohibited items visit:

www.loraincountyohio.gov

Drop-Off Hours for Yard Waste!!

Brush, limbs, grass clippings, and leaves may be brought to the Amherst Township property located on the **EAST** side of Oberlin Road (directly across from the Township Garage which is located at 7530 Oberlin Road) at the following times:

- 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mon – Fri
- 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Saturday
- **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays**
- Amherst Township Residents only
- I.D. may be checked
- No Commercial
- **No Plastic Bags** – place bags in 55 gal drum
- ➔ **Yard Waste Pile** is located at the far back of the property on the east side of Oberlin Road.

- Trustee Meetings are viewable online on the “Meetings” page of the Township website or through the “Amherst Township” channel on YouTube.

Township Hall & Garage 988-5894

Fax..... 988-5877

Fiscal Officer **Ext. 104**

Email: amhersttwpfo@gmail.com

Road Superintendent (garage)..... **Ext. 111**

Email: amhersttwproads@gmail.com

Zoning Inspector **Ext. 103**

Sam D’Ambrosio, Zoning Inspector

Email: amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com

Office Hours: **Mon., Wed., Fri.** – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Other hours available by appointment only

Trustees

Dennis Abraham(cell) 213-6775

(Ambulance, Cemetery, Park, Water, Buildings, Land, Roads, Ditches, Neighborhood Watch, Enterprise Zones, County Health Rep.)

Neil Lynch 988-7681

(Sewer, Fire, Equipment, Personnel, Senior Services, Phase II Storm Water/ Environmental Strategy, LORCO, Facility Security, NIMS Primary Contact, Lorain County Community Alliance Rep, Lorain County Joint Police District Rep.)

David C. Urig..... 385-0333

(Lighting, Solid Waste, Zoning,)

Fiscal Officer

Chris Kish(cell) 213-0659

Road Superintendent

Kevin Smarsh..... (work cell) 370-5242

Twp Administrator/Senior Service Office

Lynda Ashley **Ext. 101**

Email: amhersttwp@gmail.com

Office Hours: Mon thru Fri – 8am to 12 Noon

Fire Prevention Officer

Chris Niehart.....(cell) 597-0005

Email: amhersttwpfire@gmail.com

LifeCare Ambulance, Inc.

Kim Mason or Michelle Skinner..... 323-6111

Sheriff’s Department 329-3710

Township Impact Officer: **Dpt. Marialyse Fuller**

Dpt. Fuller’s Non-Emergency/Voicemail..... 329-3800

Email: mfuller@loraincountysheriff.com

Ohio Edison

(1-888-LIGHTTS)

Automated Outage Reporting Line..... 1-888-544-4877

TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at **7:00 p.m.**



Community Shredding Event



Community Document Shredding is provided by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, free of charge to residents of Lorain County and residents of Vermilion City.

Amherst Township will host a shredding event for their residents in conjunction with Fall "Dumpster Days". Please note that materials from businesses or organizations will not be accepted during this Community Shredding Event.

This event will be hosted on:

Saturday, October 21st from 9am to Noon (*or when truck is full)

Please check to make sure that there are no unwanted items being mixed in with your documents, including but not limited to: binder clips, paper clips, plastic binding.

Examples of Materials Accepted:

- Bank account statements and canceled checks.
- Wage/Salary statements and other income records.
- Income tax returns, property tax bills, credit cards receipt and statements.
- Legal documents (Wills, Trust Agreements, Contacts)
- School transcripts, resumes or other paper documents with sensitive personal information.



The truck will be located on the **EAST** side of Oberlin Road, across from the Amherst Township Hall/Garage.

Secure Drop Box

A new “Secure Drop Box” has been added to the Township Hall.

During off hours, Permits & Applications may be left in the “Green Box” to the left of the Office Entrance. If you have any personal items or sensitive information, please use the Black “Secure Drop Box” to the right of the Office Entrance.



Amherst Township
Senior Service Office Hours:
8:00 A.M. – NOON (M-F)
Ph: 440-988-5894 – Ext. 101
Lynda Ashley, Director

Email: amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com

Callers are strongly encouraged to leave a message with your name, number, and a brief description of the reason for the call. All messages will receive a call back.

MEDICARE Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare “Part D” starts on **October 15, 2023**, and runs through **December 7, 2023**. During this time period, Medicare participants are encouraged to review their Part D (Prescription) plan. Each year changes are made to premiums, co pays, coverage amounts, and drug tiers. It is wise to review your current plan’s cost for 2024 as there may be other plans out there that will offer better coverage and/or a lower cost.

Those on Medicare can compare plans on the Medicare website at “www.medicare.gov” or by calling the Senior Service Office to make an appointment for looking at your comparisons. Lynda can be reached at 440-988-5894 Ext 101 or by email amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Residents are reminded that permits are needed for pools, decks, porches, patios, gazebos, fences, ponds, signs, garages, new construction, building additions, accessory buildings, and driveways. When a permit is obtained before the start of construction, the fee will be reduced by 50%. Be sure you or your contractor has obtained a permit. **Payments must be made by check only. Cash is not accepted.**

Please contact Sam D’Ambrosio, Amherst Township Zoning Inspector for these permits. Office hours for the Zoning Inspector are from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call for an appointment to ensure the Zoning Inspector is in the office. Additional times may be available by appointment only. The Zoning Inspector can be reached at **988-5894, ext 103** or by email at amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com.



| Amherst Fire Dept’s Response To Amherst Township | 2nd Quarter 2023 | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| Fire Calls (N of Turnpike): | 11 | 19.6% |
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| EMS-First Responder (N): | 18 | 32.2% |
| EMS-First Responder (S): | 16 | 28.6% |
| Total Calls: | 56 | 100% |
| MVA’s in Amherst Township (N&S): | 17 | |

Ohio Outdoor Fire Laws: What You Need to Know

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

O.R.C. 1503.18 is under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

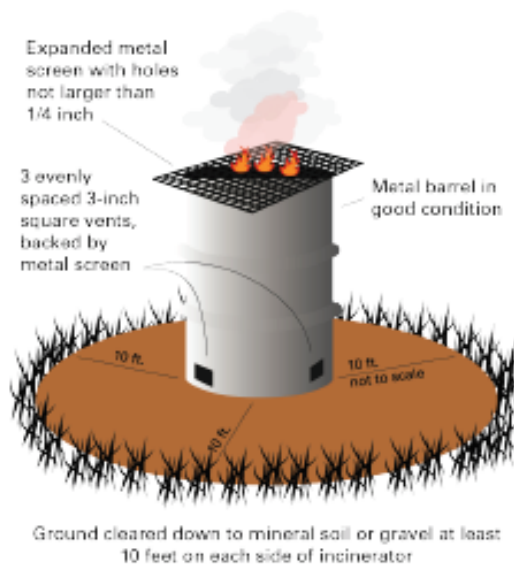
This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.

Call ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 with questions.



Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 Regarding Outdoor Burning



O.A.C. 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA
EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.

EPA Basics for Homeowners

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

- Food Waste
- Dead Animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- Fires must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas



This poster can be viewed online at https://com.ohio.gov/static/documents/fire_ForestryLaws.pdf

A Note From the Sheriff's Office

Amherst Township's new Township Impact Officer (formerly known as "Community Policing Officer") is Deputy Marialyse Fuller. Her contact information is now listed on the front page and is for non-emergency communications. (This contact information is also on the township's website under Depts/Emergency Services.) Residents can send an email or leave a voice mail for Deputy Fuller to report issues or problem areas in your community. Sharing of this information may have an impact in solving some of their open cases. If you prefer anonymity, you can leave a message for Deputy Fuller by calling her office voicemail at 329-3800.

Please note that if you need immediate police response you should dial "911". You can contact the sheriff's dispatch at 329-3710 or call 323-1212 from your cell phone without being charged for the call.



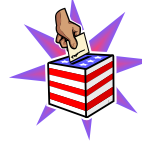
Reminder From the Sheriff



Operators of snowmobiles and 4-wheelers are reminded that they need permission to be on private property. Most riders are law abiding and respectful of others' property. However, many do not know that farmers' fields are often prepped before winter arrives, and sometimes they are planted as well. Some criminal laws that may be charged under this negligence are Criminal Damaging, Vandalism, or Prohibited Acts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Sheriff by calling the "Township Impact Officer" office at 329-3800. Please leave a message stating your name and a return number where you can be reached. This number is not monitored 24 hours a day. You may also contact Deputy Fuller by email at:

mfuller@loraincountysheriff.com



REMEMBER TO VOTE!



This year's general election will be on Tuesday, **November 7th**. Early voting begins October 11th. Remember to bring your identification with you to the polls. Please exercise your right to vote. The Lorain County Board of Elections is located at 1985 North Ridge Road East, in Lorain.

For more information about voting you can call them at **326-5900** or visit their website at: <http://voteloraincountyohio.gov>

Amherst Township would like to welcome **Melissa Guelker** to the Board of Zoning Appeals, as an Alternate.

We would also like to thank **Ron Friend** for his 10½ years of service on the Board of Zoning Appeals. During this time, Ron served as Vice-Chair for 1 year and Secretary for 3 years. We appreciate his contributions and input while on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Zoning Commission Board

Lonnie Dillon – Chairman
Jim Conrady – Vice Chair
Hank Harsar – Member
Remi Cerrone – Member
Darryl Saladin – Member
Colin Serne – Alt I & Sec.
Geno Taliano – Alternate II

Board of Zoning Appeals

Bill Latrany – Chairman
Steve Ostrolencki – Vice Chair
Esther Arroyo – Member
Randy Haring – Member
Bruce Hills – Member
Jeremy Watson – Alternate I
Melissa Guelker – Alternate II



SNOW BAN



Parking is prohibited on all township streets and highways in Amherst Township during a snow emergency, which may be declared when snowfall exceeds 2 inches or severe snow or ice condition exists.

A fine for violation of this resolution will be **\$50** if paid within seven days of the violation and **\$100** if paid more than seven days of the violation.

To avoid having your vehicle towed or ticketed, residents are asked not to park on the street when the snow exceeds 2 inches.

Preparing for Winter

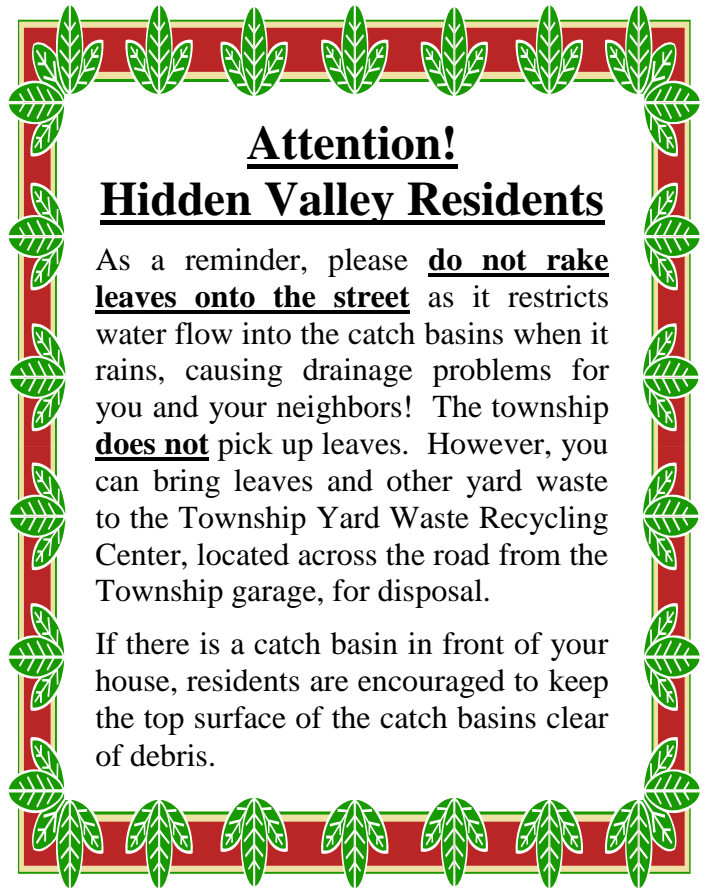
Before the snow falls and the plows are out, residents should check their **mailbox posts**. Rotted posts will cause the mailbox to break if the snow becomes too heavy.

While the township's plow drivers take every precaution to avoid broken mailboxes, sometimes it does occur. Please note, IF the mailbox is broken due to the township plowing the road AND there is NO evidence of a rotted post, the township will replace the mailbox with a standard-type box. IF the post is rotted OR it is hit by a vehicle or any other damage not sustained from our plows, Amherst Township is NOT responsible for replacement.

If you live on a County or State owned road, you should contact the County or ODOT concerning your mailbox. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township office at 988-5894 ext. 101.

Safety Tip

When walking or riding along roadways, always wear something reflective during the early morning, dusk and evening hours. **Don't assume that drivers can see you!** Carrying a flashlight will also make you more visible to drivers. For added safety, when a vehicle is passing you, move over to the edge of the road or onto the lawn.



Attention!

Hidden Valley Residents

As a reminder, please **do not rake leaves onto the street** as it restricts water flow into the catch basins when it rains, causing drainage problems for you and your neighbors! The township **does not** pick up leaves. However, you can bring leaves and other yard waste to the Township Yard Waste Recycling Center, located across the road from the Township garage, for disposal.

If there is a catch basin in front of your house, residents are encouraged to keep the top surface of the catch basins clear of debris.

Yard Waste Recycling Center Extended Fall Hours

The Amherst Township Yard Waste Recycling Center will be open for extended hours in the Fall to accommodate the recycling of leaves and other yard waste. Beginning **October 15th**, and continuing through **December 1st**, the Yard Waste Recycling Center will open at 8:00 am and close at sunset. The Yard Waste Recycling Center is a self-service operation. Please place your empty plastic bags in the 55-gal drum at the center or take bags with you.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrub trimmings, and plant materials from vegetable and flower gardens.





HONOR WREATHS



REMEMBERING THEIR SACRAFICES. HONORING THEIR SERVICE.

Honor Wreaths is a local nonprofit volunteer organization whose mission is to Honor our deceased veterans. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to promote the group and collect donations to purchase wreaths for placement on graves during the holiday season. The goal for 2023 is to place a wreath on each of the fallen Lorain County men who were *Killed in Action* during the Vietnam War along with honoring all deceased Veteran's.

Honor Guard ceremonies and wreath placement will be held on **Saturday, December 9, 2023** at the following cemeteries:

- Amherst (Cleveland Street, Crownhill)
- Amherst Twp (Kendeigh, Middle Ridge Rd., Ridge Hill, and St. Joseph)
- Lorain (Calvary, Elmwood)
- Elyria (Ridgelawn)

If you wish to sponsor a wreath to be placed on the gravesite of one or more of the Lorain County men who were *Killed in Action* during the Vietnam War, or if you wish to purchase a wreath for a specific veteran (family members can place the wreath on their loved one's grave) the cost is \$15.00 per wreath.

If the cemetery is not listed above, they can arrange for you to pick up the wreath to place on a Veteran's grave personally.

To sponsor a wreath or make a donation, please email honorwreaths@gmail.com or visit the "Honor Wreaths" Facebook page.

The next fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 4:30 pm – 9 pm at the American Legion Post #30, 1112 W. Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052. Music will be provided by Decades.

Dinner will include Baked Ziti, Italian Sausage, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert, along with a Cash Bar. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Please consider attending or donating to this great cause!





TRICK OR TREAT



“Trick-or-Treat” in Amherst Township will be held on **Sunday, October 29th, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Residents that wish to pass out candy should turn on their outside lights. This newsletter will be the only notification given by Amherst Twp.

Also on Sunday, October 29th, there will be a costume contest and parade in the City of Amherst. Those wanting to participate should assemble at the Amherst Utilities parking lot (located at 480 Park Ave.) at 3:00 pm. Participants will be grouped into categories for costume judging. Winners will be announced around 3:30 pm. From there, the Amherst Marching Comets will lead the group to Town Hall where they will hear the band play and will have donuts provided by Kiedrowski’s Bakery.

In case of inclement weather, the costume contest and parade will be cancelled. This is the second year that “Studio Q Photography” is organizing these events. For any last minute changes, please visit the “Studio Q Photography” Facebook page.

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Burning Prohibited



The burning of leaves, grass clippings, brush, and limbs is prohibited in the township. Unnecessary tax dollars are spent when the fire department responds to a fire call that is not a true emergency.

If you have any questions, please contact Amherst Township’s Fire Prevention Officer Chris Niehart of the Amherst City Fire Department by cell at:

440-597-0005

for “Amherst Fire Prevention Bureau”

or by email at amhersttwfire@gmail.com or contact one of your township trustees.

Yard waste may be brought to the Amherst Township Garage for disposal. For drop-off times, days, and location, see the front page of this newsletter.

For more information about Ohio’s Open Burning Regulations, read the Ohio EPA’s brochure at: <https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>

Monthly Meeting **Trustees:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Dates & Times: **Zoning Commission:** 1st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.