

AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 2nd quarter of 2016.

Newspaper	36.83	#1 PET	5.83
Cardboard	18.42	#2 HDPE	6.45
Mixed Paper	14.73	#2 - #7 Plastic Mixed	2.46
Steel Cans	3.07	Aseptic Containers	0.61
Alum. Cans	1.23	Residuals	12.28
Mixed Glass	20.87	Total	122.78

* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

1.01 tons of various paper through the “ABITIBI Paper Retriever” program

4.74 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program

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

“2016” Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for “Dumpster Days” in 2016:

October 13, 14, 15

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

Please note: **NO TIRES!**

NO PROPANE TANKS!

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.

Have a problem? Complaint forms are available at the Township Hall, inside the white bulletin board, or they may be downloaded from the Township’s website.

Township Hall & Garage 988-5894

Fax 988-5877

Fiscal Officer **Ext. 104**

Email: amhersttwpfo@oh.rr.com

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

Email: amhersttwproads-2@oh.rr.com (new!)

Office (Zoning Inspector) **Ext. 103**

Office Hours for Zoning Insp.:

Mon., Wed., & Sat. – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Voice Mail is checked daily

Email: amhersttwpzoning@oh.rr.com

Remi Cerrone, Zoning Inspector

Trustees

Dennis Abraham (cell) 213-6775

(Ambulance, Cemetery, Park, Water, Buildings, Land, Zoning, 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, Roads, Ditches)

Fiscal Officer

Howard Akin 233-7624

Road Superintendent

Kevin Smarsh 370-5242

Amherst Twp Senior Services Office

Lynda Ashley **Ext. 101**

Email: amhersttwpSeniors@oh.rr.com

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

Fire Prevention Officer

Wayne Eppley 324-3921

Email: amhersttwpfire@gmail.com

LifeCare Ambulance, Inc.

Pete or Herb de la Porte 323-6111

Sheriff’s Department 329-3710

Ohio Edison

Automated Outage Reporting Line 1-888-544-4877

TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

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

Amherst Township Trustee Meetings may be viewed on Amherst Cable Channel 12. They will air for 7 days, running Mon – Mon, following the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Air times are at 9 am, 4 pm, & 10 pm. All airings are subject to change.



DOGS: TROUBLE AT BOTH ENDS



PICK-UP THE POOP!

Who Picks Up Poop?

Amherst Township residents are supposed to pick up after their dogs. Everybody knows this. But hey, who enjoys picking up that smelly, sometimes squishy, little nasty pile that your best and furry friend just dropped in your neighbors yard or on a township street? How bad could it be if you ignored the smelly mess and continued your neighborhood walk? Just leave it there. It's good fertilizer for your neighbor's lawn. It's only a little pile. Nobody's looking. What's the worst that could happen?

Why Scoop the Poop?

Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Since storm drains do not connect to treatment facilities, untreated animal feces often ends up in rivers and streams, causing significant water pollution, algae growth, and possible restrictions on fishing and swimming in waterways and beaches.

Worse, it can end up on the bottom of your shoe, or that of a child, where it is then tracked into your vehicle or home – **YUCK!**

Help Stop Pooch Poo-llution

There are over 600 registered dogs in Amherst Township, producing over 200 pounds of poop each day. That is a load of you know what!

Studies have found that roughly 40% of Americans don't pick up after their dogs' poop. Dog waste accounts for 24% of the bacteria that pollutes our urban and suburban waterways. You can help by picking up after your dog 100% of the time.

BARKING & HOWLING

Music to Our Ears?

Dogs bark as a means of communication. You might be surprised to know that the majority of people will tolerate a dog's barking up to a point. Not only do they understand that it's completely natural for a dog to bark, but some people gain a sense of security in knowing that a particular dog might be trying to alert their owners (and consequently – the neighbors) to something that is out of the ordinary or potentially dangerous, such as an intruder in the back yard.

Not My Kind of Music

Problems arise in a neighborhood where a dog is either barking incessantly and/or the constant barking is causing a nuisance at inappropriate times of the day.

Usually, problems with noisy neighbors and barking dogs can be resolved simply by talking with your neighbor, politely explaining your concerns, and asking if a compromise can be made that will satisfy you both

Don't be "that guy (or gal)" in the neighborhood that is deaf to the barking and howling of their dog. Keep the peace by silencing your furry family member.

Courtesy and Respect for Your Neighbors – and Your Dog

Please be courteous and respectful of your neighbors. When walking your dog, carry a bag with you so that you can pick up your dog's poop. When your dog is barking and howling, take your rock star inside. Your neighbors will appreciate your courtesy ---- and so will your furry friends.

Residents are also reminded that Amherst Township has a resolution against barking dogs and leaving dog poop on someone else's property. This document may be viewed in its entirety on the Amherst Township website under the "Resolutions" section.

UPGRADE TO AMHERST TOWNSHIP'S PUMPER/TANKER TRUCK

In 2004 Amherst Township purchased a Pumper/Tanker fire truck. The truck was then leased to the Amherst Fire Department for a minimal fee, and is maintained by them. This fire truck is currently 12 years old and approximately half way through its service life. The Amherst Fire Department has requested four updates and improvements to the fire truck.

- Replacement of the “On Board Battery Charger/Conditioner”.
- Replacement of the “Portable Pond Liner.”
- The addition of a “Water Shark low level strainer” to the new pond liner. This is a new device that permanently mounts to the pond and significantly reduces the time it takes to get water shuttle operations started.
- Update lighting on the fire truck to current NFPA Standards. The current rotating and standard lights will be replaced by LED and provide greater visibility not only to approaching vehicles, but also for crews on scene.

NEW EMPLOYEE!!



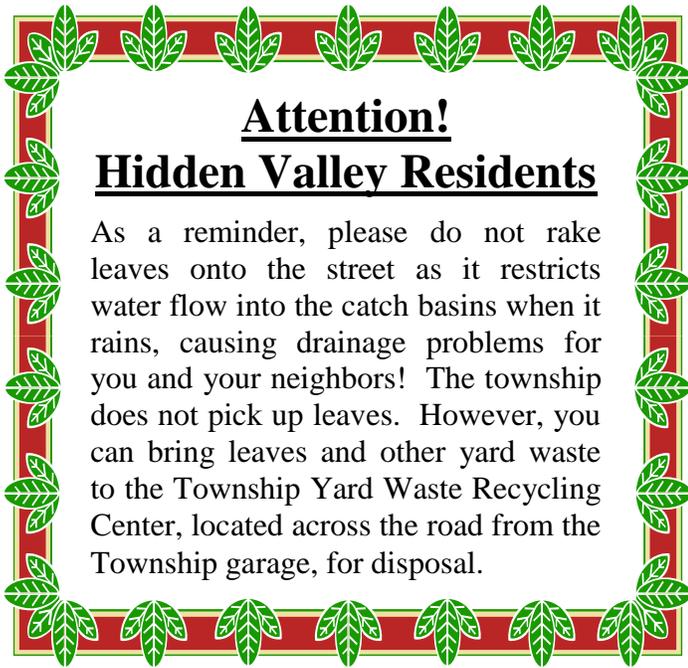
We would like to welcome Justin Chaffin, who is better known as “Red”, to the Amherst Township Road Department. Red began working for the township at the beginning of September. He will be doing typical Road Crew work such as mowing, plowing, road repair, and various maintenance jobs. Please welcome Red to the township if you see him out and about.

NO GARBAGE PLEASE!!

Residents who use the township’s “Yard Waste Recycling Center” are asked to PLEASE drop off ONLY brush, limbs, grass clippings, and leaves. Be sure that there is no other material mixed in with your load. This especially includes rocks, bricks, metal, concrete, plastic, or any other such material. These materials can cause serious damage to the equipment that is used to grind the yard waste and requires more labor to separate the prohibited materials, wasting your valuable tax dollars. Plastic bags should be placed in the 55-gal drum at the recycling center or taken with you.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
October 9th-15th 2016
PANCAKE BREAKFAST & OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
8:00 TO 12:00
Amherst Fire Dept.

Help Support the Amherst Fire Department
with your donation
www.amherstfire.org



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.

Safety Tip

When walking or riding along roadways, always wear something reflective during the 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.

Preparing for Winter

- As a safety issue, please do not pile snow around fire hydrants. It is best to keep hydrants clear of any snow, excess mounding of soil, or plants.
- Also, when cleaning your driveways, do not plow or shovel snow onto the streets after the Township/County has plowed.
- Mailboxes should be inspected to make sure the posts are in good condition before the winter snowplowing begins.
- Be aware that the bridge decks freeze before the pavement does, causing them to be slippery even when the roads are clear.



REMEMBER TO VOTE!



This year's general election will be on Tuesday, **November 8th**. Polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. 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://loraincountyelections.com>



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.

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 Remi Cerrone, 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 Saturdays. He can be reached at 988-5894. Voice Mail is checked daily.

“PROJECT LIFESAVER”

The Lorain County Sheriff’s Office is proud to join the efforts of many other Sheriff’s Offices, Police Departments, Civic organizations and citizen groups in regards to the “Project Lifesaver” program.

The “Project Lifesaver” program assists law enforcement in locating missing loved ones who may have wandered off or gone missing because of Dementia, Alzheimer’s, Autism or any other developmental disability where they are unaware of their situation – they do not call out for help and do not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of the missing and wandering will die if they are not located within 24 hour.

Those who meet the criteria for involvement in the program are fitted with a transponder that emits a signal to a receiver utilized by a trained deputy sheriff and/or law enforcement officer in locating the missing person. The “Project Lifesaver” team is trained in how to approach a person with Alzheimer’s disease or a developmental disability, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip home. The average rescue time is less than 30 minutes – 95% less time than standard operations. The Lorain County Sheriff’s Office is proud to partner with the Lions Clubs throughout Lorain County, and concerned citizens in this worthwhile public safety program.

The Technology

The “Project Lifesaver” transmitter wristbands are more than a passive ID wristband. It is a one-ounce, battery operated, radio wrist transmitter that emits an automatic tracking signal that tracks every signal, every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be tracked over several miles on the ground by a member of Lorain County Sheriff’s office.

Each wrist band has a unique radio frequency that enables the “Project Lifesaver” search team to positively locate and identify a person who has wandered away from home or care facility using a specially designed radio receiver.



Prospective Client Criteria

1. Three years of age or older.
2. Resident of Lorain County or live with a caregiver in Lorain County.
3. Must be under the care of a caregiver at all times.
4. Have documented diagnosis from a physician or other qualified medical professional. Must be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Dementia, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, or other medically diagnosed issue(s) that could cause the client to wander, or would place the client at risk of physical harm.
5. Have documented history of wandering due to his/her diagnosis, and be highly susceptible to wandering. In some cases, clients that are at a high risk of wandering (even if the risk has been mitigated by installation of security devices and proper supervision) may be accepted.
6. Not designed to serve clients who are diagnosed with behavioral disorders.

Contact Information

Project Chairperson: **Brent Parker**

Email: parkerlions@msn.com

Phone: **440-670-6250**

Facebook Page: Project Lifesaver Lorain County

Support

The “Project Lifesaver” program is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, therefore donations are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to:

Amherst Lions Club Foundation

Please include “Project Lifesaver Lorain County” in the memo line of your check.

Send your donation along with your Name(s), Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, and E-mail to:

**Project Lifesaver
Lorain County
P.O. Box 273
Amherst, Oh 44001**

For further information contact the Lorain County Sheriff’s Office or Amherst Lions Club.



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**



**Burning
Prohibited**



“Trick-or-Treat” in Amherst Township will be held on **Sunday, October 30th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** this year. 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 30th, the City of Amherst Fire Department will be sponsoring a “Costume Contest” with registration starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Sans Springs Building, located at 480 Park Ave. in Amherst. Judging for the contest will start promptly at 4:00 p.m.

The annual “Halloween Parade” will follow, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be cancelled and the “Costume Contest” will be held at the Amherst Fire Department located at 414 Church St. in Amherst.



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 call Fire Inspector, Wayne Eppley, at **324-3921**, 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.

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.

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

Senior GAZETTE

Fall 2016

by Lynda Ashley, Director, Amherst Township Senior Service Office (ATSSO)

Home-Delivered Meal Program

ATSSO provides home-delivered meals for those over 60 and disabled adults over 18, with a cost that is adjusted to your income. This nutritious, hot lunch program includes your choice of an entrée, soup & sandwich, or soup & salad. A "soup only" option is also available as a choice.

If you would like to receive a home-delivered meal, please contact the Senior Service Office at **988-5894, ext. 101**.

SENIOR LIVING FAIR

The 11th annual Senior Living Fair will be held Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10am-3pm at the Lorain County JVS located at 15181 SR 58, Oberlin. A wide variety of organizations will be providing information, services, and demonstrations for healthy senior living. Please note, the Lorain County General Health District's Flu Shot Clinic will NOT be doing flu shots at the Senior Fair.



VIAL OF "L.I.F.E."

Lifesaving Information For Emergencies, (known as L.I.F.E.) is a non-profit national program in which key medical information is available to first responders in the event of an emergency. A plastic baggie containing all pertinent medical information is labeled with a "Vial of L.I.F.E." sticker and placed on the outside of your refrigerator. An additional "Vial of L.I.F.E." sticker is placed on your front door or window, alerting first responders to look for your medical information on your refrigerator.

The Amherst Township Senior Services office is offering "kits" to all Amherst Township Senior residents. If you would like a "kit" or have any questions please feel free to call the office.

**ATSSO OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 A.M. – NOON (M-F)**

Phone: 988-5894 – Ext. 101

Email: amhersttwpseniors@oh.rr.com



2016



FLU SHOT CLINICS

The Lorain County General Health District's Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics for 2016 will be held from Oct. 6th to Nov. 3rd. For Amherst Township residents, the closest clinic will be held on **Thursday, November 3rd, at the Amherst VFW on 165 Cleveland St. from 3:00-5:00 pm.**

The LCGHD Flu Shot Clinics will accept most private insurances, Medicare Part B, and Medicaid. Without insurance, the cost is \$25 per regular dose or \$41 per high dose (recommended for ages 65+).

For a complete list of details and other locations and times, please visit the Lorain County General Health District's website at:

www.loraincountyhealth.com

To get more flu information by phone, contact the Flu Hotline at:

440-329-7926

For other locations and opportunities to get your flu shot there is an interactive "2016 Flu Shot Locator" that will help to find a clinic or pharmacy convenient for you. The Flu Shot Locator can be found by visiting the following website at:

www.LorainCountyFlu.com

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

10-15-2016 thru 12-7-2016

Open Enrollment is the only time that seniors can change prescription and supplemental plans unless you qualify for a special enrollment. Each fall, seniors should run a comparison of their prescription coverage as drug companies are known to change which drugs they will cover, co pays, and/or which pharmacy is considered

preferred. Costs can change significantly year to year, it is best to compare. This is also a great time to see if you qualify for any “extra help” in paying your premiums. If you would like to compare your current plan with other options for 2017, please call the Senior Service Office for an appointment.

Medicare “Extra” Help

If you qualify for Medicare’s “Extra Help” program you will receive help paying your Medicare drug plan’s monthly premium and prescription copayments or coinsurance. The amount of “Extra Help” that you can get depends on your income and resources. Your premium generally will be lower if you receive “Extra Help” from Medicare.

You can qualify if you are eligible for Medicaid as well as Medicare. You also may qualify if your yearly income is less than \$17,655 if you are single with no dependents; or \$23,895 if you are married and living with your spouse with no dependents, and your resources are less than \$13,640 if single or \$27,250 and you are married and living with your spouse. Resources include your savings and stocks but not your home or car.

To see if you qualify for Extra Help, please call: **1-800-MEDICARE**
(1-800-633-4227)

Medicare

“Check Up” Days

Are you interested in learning about the recent changes to Medicare? Plan to attend one of the local “Check Up” events and get tips on enrolling for coverage in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) and/or a Medicare Advantage Plan. Individual counseling sessions are available by appointment.

Lorain County “Check Up” dates and locations are:

North Ridgeville Senior Center

7327 Avon Belden Road
North Ridgeville

October 31st at 10:30 AM

*Counseling by appointment only,
Call 440-353-0856 to schedule.*

Avon Senior Center

36786 Detroit Road, Avon

November 17th at 10:00 AM

*Counseling by appointment only,
Call 440-934-2417 to schedule.*