

# AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016.

Newspaper	33.71	#1 PET	5.34
Cardboard	16.85	#2 HDPE	5.90
Mixed Paper	13.48	#2 - #7 Plastic Mixed	2.25
Steel Cans	2.81	Aseptic Containers	0.56
Alum. Cans	1.12	Residuals	11.24
Mixed Glass	19.10	Total	112.36

\* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

0.965 tons of various paper through the "ABITIBI Paper Retriever" program

-----There were no dumpster days in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, therefore no scrap metal.

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

## "2017" Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for "Dumpster Days" in 2017:

**April 27, 28, 29**

**October 12, 13, 14**

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!!

Christmas Trees, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Township Hall & Garage 988-5894

Fax ..... 988-5877

Fiscal Officer ..... **Ext. 104**

Email: [amhersttwpfo@oh.rr.com](mailto:amhersttwpfo@oh.rr.com)

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

Email: [amhersttwproads-2@oh.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@oh.rr.com)

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

## Fire Prevention Officer

Wayne Eppley ..... 324-3921

Email: [amhersttwpfire@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpfire@gmail.com)

## LifeCare Ambulance, Inc.

Pete or Herb de la Porte ..... 323-6111

Sheriff's Department ..... 329-3710

## Ohio Edison

(1-888-LIGHTTS)

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

## TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Air times are at 9 am, 4 pm, & 10 pm. All airings are subject to change.

**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.

# The Lorain County Free Clinic

The Lorain County Free Clinic (LCFC) is a medical Clinic that provides free health care services to qualified patients by appointment only in Lorain, Cuyahoga, and Erie Counties. They serve patients who are between the ages of 19 and 65 and who have an income below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level, or those who do not qualify for Medicaid or affordable access to insurance privately or through the Affordable Care Act. They are not a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

To become a patient, the LCFC requires that you fill out their application form as well as providing proof of income and a copy of a valid state I.D. or driver's license.

The LCFC does not offer services to pregnant women, pregnancy testing, birth control, or the morning after pill. They also do not provide testing for sexually transmitted diseases or any dental services.

## The LCFC has 3 locations:

- 3323 Pearl Avenue, Lorain
- Elyria City Health  
300 Chestnut Street, Elyria
- Mercy Allen Hospital  
200 West Lorain Street, Oberlin

You can contact the clinic by calling **440-277-6641**. To learn more about the services offered by the LCFC visit their website at:

[www.lcfreeclinic.org](http://www.lcfreeclinic.org)

<b>2016 Federal Poverty Level Chart (@ 250%)</b>			
Household Size	250%	Household Size	250%
1	\$29,425	5	\$71,025
2	\$39,825	6	\$81,425
3	\$50,225	7	\$91,825
4	\$60,625	8	\$102,225

*\*Table is for reference only.*

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# Lorain County Health & Dentistry

Lorain County Health & Dentistry (LCH&D) is an organization that is well positioned to provide a full range of primary and preventative health care services of the highest quality to vulnerable persons of all ages. They are committed to providing primary health care to people of Lorain and surrounding communities regardless of ability to pay. You do not need to live in Lorain County to access their services.

## LCH&D has 5 locations:

- 1205 Broadway, Lorain
- 3745 Grove Ave., Lorain
- 412 East River St., Elyria
- 105 Loudon Ct., Elyria
- 260 S. Main St., Oberlin (New in 2016)

LCH&D offers discount fees for qualifying insured and uninsured persons. To see their "Sliding Fee Scale" discount visit their website and click on "Contact Us". Then look for the "Download Now" button under "Are you Eligible for Our Sliding Fee Scale?" Their website is at:

## Services offered by LCH&D:

- Adult Medicine (19 years & older)
- Asthma/allergy (all ages)
- Confidential Treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- Flu Shots
- Asthma Immunizations
- Asthma Optometry/Eye Care (all ages)
- Asthma Pediatrics (birth to 18 years)
- Asthma Prenatal & Women's Health
- Asthma Podiatry/Foot Care
- Asthma Integrated Behavioral Health
- Asthma School/Sports Physicals

[www.lorainhealth-dentistry.org](http://www.lorainhealth-dentistry.org)

Services vary per location. To learn more please call them at: **440-240-1655**.

# 2017 Road Project Funding – OPWC District 9

Amherst Township was very fortunate in receiving approval of funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission District 9 for two road projects.

The largest project will repave approximately 2044-ft of Middle Ridge Road from Quarry Road to Pyle-South Amherst Road. This project is being constructed jointly with the City of Amherst. The Township will be the lead agency, responsible for the bidding and awarding of the project. Total project cost is

estimated at \$128,140, which will be funded with \$75,000 in OPWC grant funds, and the balance from a Township / City local match, split 88.85% / 11.15% respectively.

The second project will involve repairs of various concrete roads in Hidden Valley. Total estimated project cost is \$60,000, which will be funded with a \$24,000 OPWC grant, a \$10,000 loan at 0% interest, and the balance with local Township funds. These projects are expected to be bid out and completed in 2017.



Assistant Fire Chief Jim Wilhelm brought the township’s Pumper/Tanker fire truck to a township meeting to show off its recent updates & improvements (see article in Fall 2016 newsletter). Assistant Chief Wilhelm expressed the department’s appreciation for these updates as they will improve safety & ease of use for the firemen. The above photos show the new LED lights which will provide greater visibility not only to approaching vehicles, but also for crews on scene.



## 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 “Community Policing Officer” Office at 329-3749. 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 Vansant by email at:

[rvansant@loraincountysheriff.com](mailto:rvansant@loraincountysheriff.com)

★ Also note that the Trustees recently worked with the Sheriff and property owners so that offenders can be immediately apprehended and charged.

# Oberlin Road Bridge Replacement near Stang Road



Driving in Steel Supports during Construction



Project Complete



View of East side of bridge

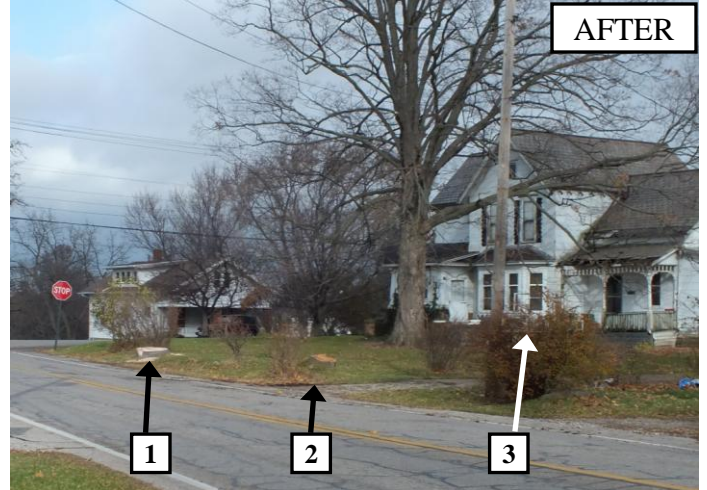
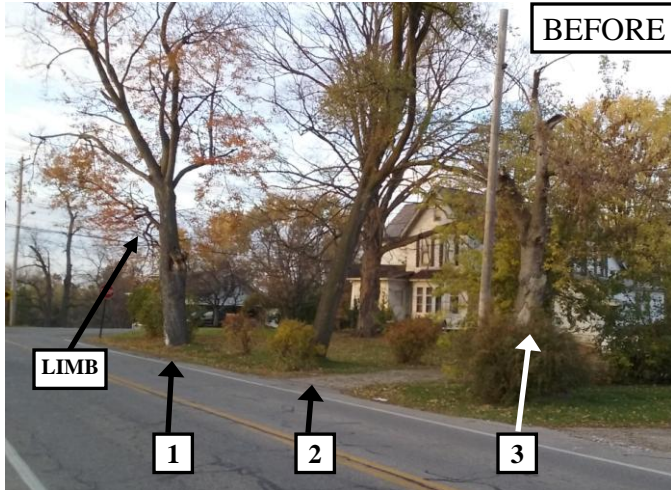


View of West side of bridge

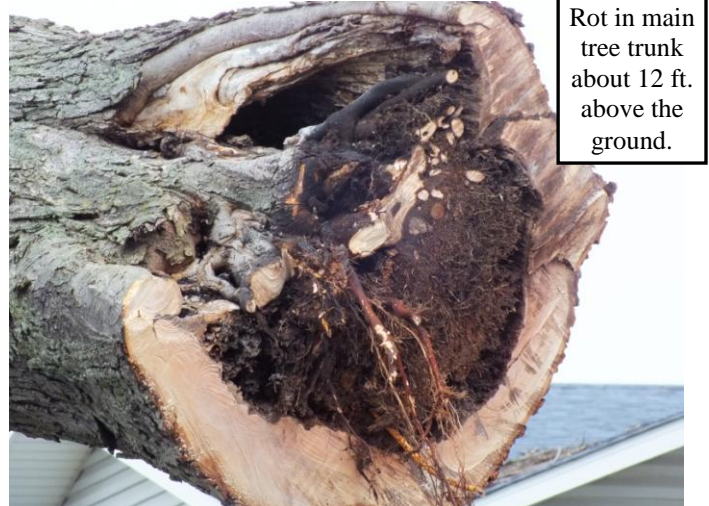


The above photos show the approximate 3/4-mile stretch of “clearing & grubbing” along the Engle Ditch located to the east of the new Oberlin Road bridge. This clearing will provide access for the heavy machinery that will profile the ditch as part of the “Engle Ditch Improvement Project”. This project is expected to take 4-5 years due to available grant funding and limited township funds. It will mitigate flooding of roadways, residential homes, septic systems, and agricultural fields along Stang and Oberlin Roads.

# Removal of Trees at Oberlin and N. Ridge Roads



The township determined that these three trees located in the right-of-way on Oberlin Road were a safety hazard and recently had them removed. During storm events, branches had fallen on the road causing an emergency situation and revealing various degrees of tree rot (pictured below). While these trees had been here for many years, this is an example of why people are discouraged from planting in the road right-of-way. (More pictures will be on the Township's website at [www.amhersttownship.us](http://www.amhersttownship.us).)



# 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.

Building Inspections are not required. It is recommended that residents hire their own inspectors.

## DRIVEWAY APRONS

Residents are also reminded that when a road project requires modification of a drive apron, as a general rule, the drive apron modification will be completed with the same material as the road project. In all cases, maintenance of a drive apron is the responsibility of the property owner.



# Christmas Tree Disposal



Amherst Township residents may bring their live Christmas Trees 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) Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Residents may also leave live trees on their lawn near the road. The township road crew will be picking up these trees **Tue., Dec 27<sup>th</sup> thru Fri., Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**.



## 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.**

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Elyria, OH 44035  
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**Monthly Meeting  
Dates & Times:**

**Trustees: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Zoning Commission: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

# Senior GAZETTE

Winter 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**.

Meals can be provided for short term coverage for vacations if needed. Please call the office to inquire.

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

The cold weather is approaching, below are a few safety tips:

- ❖ Do not attempt to go outside if there is ice on your porch or walkway.
- ❖ Have a family member or neighbor keep your walks and drive clear.
- ❖ Ask the post office to deliver your mail to your door instead of at the street.
- ❖ Ask the newspaper carrier to deliver to your door.
- ❖ Stock up on frozen meals, canned goods and boxed groceries to avoid having to go out in the cold.
- ❖ Wear shoes/boots with good traction.
- ❖ Always cover exposed skin.
- ❖ Stay current with your Flu and Pneumonia vaccinations.

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

**Phone: 988-5894 – Ext. 101**

Email: [amhersttwpseniors@oh.rr.com](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@oh.rr.com)

## 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 \$17,820 if you are single with no dependents
- OR
- Less than \$24,030 if you are married and living with your spouse with no dependents

### **AND**

- ★ Your resources are less than \$12,320 if single
- OR
- ★ Your resources are less than \$24,600 if you are married and living with your spouse

Resources include your savings and stocks but not your home or car.

# NEW MEDICARE NUMBERS BEGIN IN 2018

The “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act” (**MACRA**) is a law Congress passed requiring the “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” (**CMS**) to implement a plan to assign every Medicare beneficiary a new identifier that is NOT tied to a Social Security Number. These new numbers are random and are 11 characters in length, being a mixture of letters and numbers. The change in the number will NOT affect your benefits. Beginning April 2018, the **CMS** will start mailing the new cards.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

CMS will NOT call and ask for information. Everything coming from Medicare will come by mail. If you receive a phone call requesting information, please hang up! Unfortunately, scammers are trying to take advantage of the confusion over these new cards.



## MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE INCREASE FOR 2017

Medicare Part A and B deductibles will increase beginning January 2017.

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Part A</b>	Inpatient deductible	\$1,288.00	\$1,316.00
	Skilled nursing 61-90 day	\$322.00	\$329.00
<b>Part B</b>	Premium	\$104.90	\$109.00*
	Deductible	\$166.00	\$183.00

\*Part B premium is based on income, some may pay more.

## MEDICARE SAVINGS PLANS

Did you know that even if you don't qualify for full Medicaid you may still qualify for other assistance? Medicare offers four assistance programs for those with low income. All programs are based on income and resources, but are NOT subject to Estate Recovery.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Income (1)</u>	<u>Resources</u>
QMB	\$1,010.00	\$7,280.00
SLMB	\$1,208.00	\$7,280.00
QI	\$1,357.00	\$7,280.00
QDWI	\$4,045.00	\$4,000.00

Limits are higher for married couples.

If you think you may qualify, please call the Senior Service Office for further information or visit Medicare's website at:

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)