

AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 2nd quarter of 2014.

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| Newspaper | 33.30 | #1 PET | 5.27 |
| Cardboard | 16.65 | #2 HDPE | 5.83 |
| Mixed Paper | 13.32 | #2 - #7 Plastic Mixed | 2.22 |
| Steel Cans | 2.78 | Aseptic Containers | 0.56 |
| Alum. Cans | 1.11 | Residuals | 11.10 |
| Mixed Glass | 18.87 | Total | 111.00 |

* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

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

3.43 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program

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

"2014" Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for "Dumpster Days" in 2014:

October 2, 3, 4

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@oh.rr.com

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, Enterprise Zones, County Health Rep.)

Neil Lynch 988-7681

(Zoning, Sewer, Fire, Equipment, Personnel, LORCO, Phase II Storm Water/ Environmental Strategy, Senior Services, 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

John Szefcyk 320-7157

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

LifeCare Ambulance, Inc.

Pete or Herb de la Porte 323-6111

Sheriff's Department 329-3710

Ohio Edison

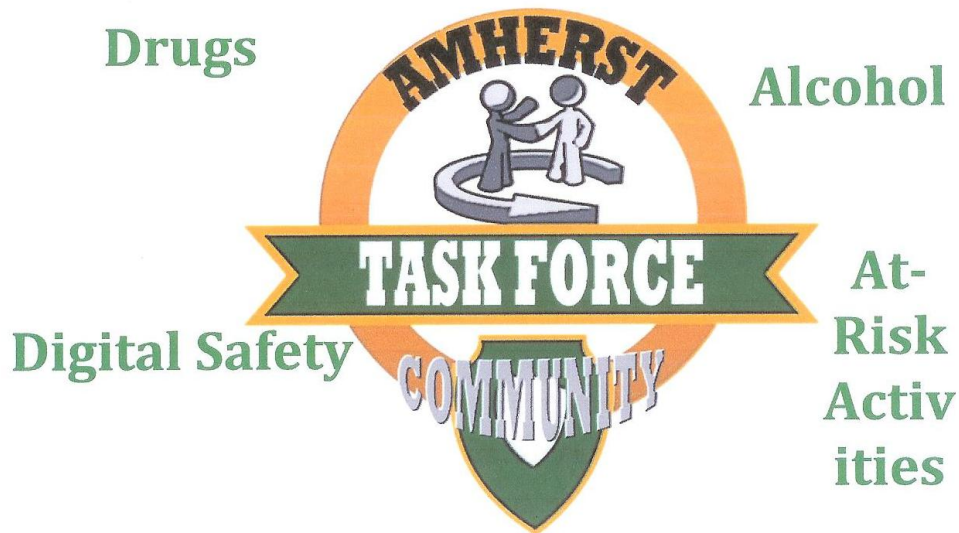
Automated Outage Reporting Line 1-888-544-4877

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, & 11 pm. All airings are subject to change.

Get Involved in Helping Amherst



The Amherst Community Task Force (ACTF) is a group of concerned citizens joining together to develop a long-term framework to address at-risk social issues in our neighborhoods. We welcome input and ideas from anyone who is interested in helping in our mission.



[www.facebook.com / AmherstCTF](http://www.facebook.com/AmherstCTF)

www.united4amherst.org

| <u>Education</u> | <u>Prevention</u> | <u>Outreach</u> |
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| One of our main goals is to educate the community about the facts and myths surrounding community issues. | A key to helping our community, through education and outreach, is to prevent many negative issues from becoming prevalent in the Amherst area. | Our outreach goal is to promote positive community activities for our citizens, of all ages, to take advantage of within the Amherst area. |

Meetings are held at **7 pm** on the first Tuesday of the month at various Amherst Community locations. Upcoming meetings will be on Oct 7th – Nov 4th – Dec 2nd. Check website for locations.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!!

We would like to congratulate Marvin (Marv) Traster on his 18 years of service as part of the Amherst Township road crew and to wish him a very happy retirement.

Marv's job duties included anything related to taking care of the roads, such as snow plowing, drain tiles, road berms, and concrete work. He also mowed, trimmed trees, and weed whipped. Marv enjoyed his job because he likes working outside. When asked if he had a favorite job he responded "All of them!"

Among some of the many things he has planned for the future, he is looking forward to spending more time riding his Harley bike as well as fishing in his Perch or Walleye boat. Marv likes to restore old cars and is currently working on a '57 Chevy. Marv also plans on traveling a bit, especially out of Lorain County.

If you see Marv out and about in the township be sure to wish him a happy retirement!

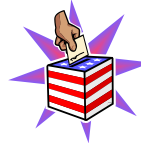


PERMITS REQUIRED

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.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!



This year's general election will be on Tuesday, **November 4th**. 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>



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.

Transient Vendor Regulations and Registration Requirements

At the August 26, 2014 Amherst Township Trustee meeting, the Trustees voted and approved resolution 8/8/14, regarding the regulation and registration of Transient Vendors. This resolution requires the registration of all transient vendors and establishes a reasonable registration fee when applicable.

A “Transient Vendor” does not include any person who represents any entity exempted from taxation under section 5709.04 of the Revised Code. While these non-profit type organizations do not need to obtain a “Certificate of Registration”, they still need to notify the township that their representative(s) will be present in the township.

This resolution goes into effect 30-days after its approval. Therefore, as of **September 25, 2014**, any transient vendor seeking to sell or offer for sale goods, or solicit orders for future delivery of goods, in the unincorporated areas of Amherst Township, is required to make written application for and obtain a “Certificate of Registration”, as noted in “Exhibit A” (listed below). An organization shall obtain a “Certificate of Registration” to cover each individual vendor for the organization.

To apply for a “Certificate of Registration”, or for any questions concerning these regulations and registration requirements, please contact the Senior Service Director, Lynda Ashley, at **988-5894 – Ext. 101**, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8am and 12noon.

EXHIBIT “A”

Application for Certificate of Registration

Application for a certificate of registration shall be made upon a form provided by the Senior Services Office Director of Amherst Township and filed in the office of the Senior Service Office Director. If the Senior Services Office Director is not available, the Zoning Inspector or any Amherst Township Elected official may perform the duties this resolution assigns to the Senior Services Office Director. The applicant shall truthfully state in full the information requested on the application as follows:

- A. Name and residence address, business if other than residence address, and social security number.
- B. Date of birth of applicant.
- C. Whether self-employed or the name and address of the person, firm or corporation or association whom the applicant is employed by or represents.
- D. Description sufficient for identification of the subject matter of the solicitation or vending which the applicant will engage in.
- E. A photograph of the individual applying for the certificate, approximately 3”x3” square, taken less than one year prior to the date of application.
- F. The date, or approximate date, of the latest previous application for certificate, if any.
- G. Has a certificate of registration issued to the applicant ever been revoked.
- H. Has the applicant ever been convicted of a violation of the provisions of this resolution?
- I. Has the applicant ever been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of any state or of any federal law of the United States?
- J. In the case of an organization for which two or more persons will solicit, one application may be made; however, all individualized information must be provided for each proposed solicitor whether by attachment of such information to the application or otherwise.

All statements made by the applicant upon the application or in connection there with shall be under oath.

The Senior Services Office Director of Amherst Township shall cause to be kept in his or her office an accurate record of every application received and acted upon together with all other information and data pertaining thereto and all certificates or registration issued under the provisions of this resolution, and of the denial of applications. A copy of each Certificate of Registration issued shall be provided to the Lorain County Sheriff Department by fax, email, or other means as determined by the Senior Services Office Director.

Registration Fee

For each registration certificate there shall be a fee of \$25.00. The Board of Trustees may adjust this fee from time to time and include the most current value in the Amherst Township Fee Schedule.

Hours

All business done under a certificate of registration issued pursuant to this resolution shall be conducted during daylight hours, Monday through Saturday. These hours shall be

- 9:00am – 8:30pm April through September, and
- 9:00am – 6:00pm October through March.

Issuance and Revocation of Certificate and Certificate Term

The Senior Services Director of Amherst Township shall issue the certificate to all applicants who meet the guidelines. Paying the registration fee, fully answering all of the questions and information provided for in sub-sections (A) thru (J) of the preceding section of this resolution and answering sub-sections (H) and (I) of the preceding section in the negative, and, if required, the existence of a background check without a felony and/or the provision of fingerprints, shall be considered to meet the guidelines. Initial issuance will be in effect for 6-Months. Each renewal will follow the same guidelines as herein set forth unless such duplicative effort is unnecessary under the circumstances for approval of any such renewal.

Transient Vendor Regulations and Registration Requirements

Identification

Each registered transient vendor will have in his or her possession while canvassing or soliciting in the township under this resolution his or her certificate of registration and a photo identification in the form of either a valid driver's license, passport, or identification placard that depicts a current picture of the registered vendor.

Revocation or Suspension of Certificate

Any registration certificate issued hereunder may be revoked immediately by the Board of Trustees discovering the registered vendor driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or in possession of any controlled substance, or in the midst of committing a felony. Otherwise, a certificate issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Trustees if the registered vendor violates any provisions of this resolution, or has made a false statement in the application, after written notice of charges and intent to revoke at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to revocation, and an opportunity to respond to the charges, are given to the registered solicitor or canvasser. The notice shall be personally served upon the registered vendor or mailed to the address shown on the application by regular mail with postage prepaid.

Upon such revocation, the license shall be null and void, subject to any successful appeal of the revocation the vendor may attain.

Notice Prohibiting Solicitation

Every person or organization desiring to prohibit transient vendors at their homes, residences or place of business may post a notice to be exhibited on or near the main entrance indicating "No transient vendors invited", "No Solicitors" or similar wording.

Such notice so exhibited shall be sufficient notice to any transient vendor to abide by such notice.

Violations

It shall be a violation of this resolution and Section 505.94 of the Ohio Revised Code to:

- (A) Enter Upon premises within Amherst Township in violation of the notice exhibited in accordance with this resolution.
- (B) Sell, or offer for sale, or solicit orders for future delivery of goods within Amherst Township without a valid registration certificate.
- (C) Make a false statement on a registration application.
- (D) Sell, offer for sale, or solicit future sale of goods within Amherst Township upon being orally advised that such activity is not with the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.

Penalties

Violation of this resolution by any person or organization is in violation of Section 505.94 of the Ohio Revised Code, and subject to the penalties set forth in Section 505.99 of the Revised Code and is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Exhibit A
Transient Vendor Regulations and Registration Requirements

**AMHERST TOWNSHIP
TRANSIENT VENDOR APPLICATION**

FULL NAME OF TRANSIENT VENDOR _____
 PERSONAL PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____
 HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (_____) _____
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ HAIR COLOR _____ EYE COLOR _____
 NAME OF COMPANY, FIRM, BUSINESS, OR BUSINESS ENTITY FOR WHOM, OR IN WHOSE BEHALF, YOU ARE SELLING, OFFERING FOR SALE, OR SOLICITING GOODS FOR SALE _____
 ADDRESS OF SAME _____
 PHONE NUMBER OF SAME WITH AREA CODE (_____) _____
 NAME OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR AND PHONE NUMBER _____
 YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO SAME (I.E., AGENT, SALESMAN, EMPLOYEE, ETC.) _____
 IF YOU ARE NOT A RESIDENT OF LORAIN COUNTY, AND/OR YOUR COMPANY, BUSINESS, ENTITY, OR ENTITIES, IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN LORAIN COUNTY, THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR TEMPORARY ABODE, AND TEMPORARY BUSINESS ADDRESS IN THE TOWNSHIP _____
 TYPES OF GOODS YOU WILL SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR SOLICIT ORDERS FOR _____
 IF SALES, OFFER FOR SALE, OR SOLICITING OF ORDERS WILL BE DONE BY USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO TRAVEL FROM LOCATION TO LOCATION THEN:
 MAKE OF VEHICLE _____
 TYPE AND COLOR _____
 LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE _____
 OWNER OF VEHICLE _____
 OPERATOR'S DRIVER LICENSE NO. AND STATE _____
 IF YOU ARE NOT THE BOSS, SUPERVISOR, OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF A GROUP OF TRANSIENT VENDORS, THEN GIVE THE NAME OF THE BOSS, SUPERVISOR, OR PERSON IN CHARGE, HIS/HER LOCAL PLACE OF ABODE, AND THE BUSINESS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER _____
 ARE YOU A SOLE OR SINGLE TRANSIENT VENDOR WITHIN AMHERST TOWNSHIP? CIRCLE YES NO
 APPLICATION FILED WITH THE AMHERST TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ---Date: _____
 Time: _____
 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____
 SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AMHERST TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE _____

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AMHERST TOWNSHIP
7530 OBERLIN ROAD
ELYRIA, OHIO 44035
(440) 988-5822, (440) 988-5877 FAX
www.amhersttownship.us

Transient Vendor Registration Permit
Amherst Township Resolution Number: _____

To whom it may concern:
Know Ye That,
 Permit Holders Name _____
 Is hereby permitted to _____
Insert Type of Soliciting Permitted
for a period of Six months.

This Permit is valid only in the unincorporated area of Amherst Township, Lorain County, Ohio.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____,
(Month) (Year)

Issued by:

(Signature of Amherst Township Official) (Printed Name of Township Official)

(Position of Township Official)

Email to: rvansant@loraincountysheriff.com or FAX: 329-3809, Attention Deputy R. Vansant

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**TRICK
OR
TREAT**



**Burning
Prohibited**



“Trick-or-Treat” in Amherst Township will be held on **Sunday, October 26th, 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 26th, 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 4:30 – 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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Elyria, OH 44035
www.amhersttownship.us

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

Senior GAZETTE

Fall 2014

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

MEDICARE CORNER

Open enrollment begins on October 15th and runs through December 7th. During this time you can do comparison shopping for Part D plans and/or join or switch Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.

The annual disenrollment period for Advantage plans is January 1st through February 14th. During this time you may leave a "MA" plan and return to Original Medicare and also select a Part D plan if you wish. Coverage will begin the first of the month after you switch.

Each year Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) schedules "Check-Up Days" in every county to update Medicare recipients of changes coming for the next year. The "Check-Up Days" scheduled for Lorain County are as follows:

Friday, September 26th at 2 pm

Wesleyan Meadows Comm. Center
5400 Meadow Court
Sheffield Village, Ohio
Presentation only

RSVP to **440-934-9400** – Extension 2

Thursday, October 30th at 9 am

North Ridgeville Senior Center
7327 Avon Belden Rd.
North Ridgeville, Ohio
Counseling by appt.

440-353-0856

Tuesday, November 18th at 10 am

Neighborhood Alliance
Senior Enrichment Services of Oberlin
90 E. College
Oberlin, Ohio

Counseling by appt.

440-775-1504

ATSSO OFFICE HOURS:

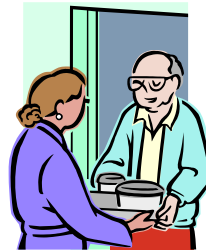
8:00 A.M. – NOON (M-F)

Phone: 988-5894 – Ext. 101

Email: amhersttwpseniors@oh.rr.com

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**.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

ATSSO is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals from 10:30 - 12:00 noon. We have a vacancy on Thursdays for the months of January to April.

We are also in need of substitute drivers year round, delivering one to three times a month. Mileage is reimbursed.

Please consider volunteering, you can do as much or as little as you would like. Call the Senior Service Office if you would like to help.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HEATING BILLS?

With the cooler weather approaching, it is time to start planning for higher heating costs. Lorain County Office on Aging offers assistance applying for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) to eligible adults who are disabled or 60+ and who live in Lorain County. HEAP assistance is offered from September through April.

Eligibility is based on income. For more information or to see if you are eligible to receive Home Energy Assistance to help pay your utility bills, call LCOOA at **(440) 326-4800**.

SENIOR LIVING FAIR

The 9th annual Senior Living Fair will be held in conjunction with the Lorain County JVS Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, **October 4, 2014** from 10 am – 3 pm.

A wide variety of organizations will be providing information, services, and demonstrations with a special emphasis on healthy senior living. There will be free lunch and door prizes for senior citizens 60 years of age and older.

This is a fun filled event with a variety of activities for everyone in the family.

The Lorain County JVS is located at 15181 St. Rt. 58 in Oberlin.



2014 Lorain County Flu Shot Locator



The Lorain County General Health District's Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics for 2014 are scheduled for September 25th and 30th, and October 4th and 7th. For Amherst Township residents, the closest clinic will be held on **Saturday, September 25th, at Marion L. Steele High School from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.**

The LCGHD Flu Shot Clinics will accept most private insurances, Medicare, and Medicaid. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

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 "2014 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

