

AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 4th quarter of 2021 through curbside pickup.

Bold represents yearly total.

Newspaper	0.00	0.00	#1 PET	3.81	15.30
Cardboard	36.77	147.70	#2 HDPE Natural	0.95	3.80
Mixed Paper	31.52	126.63	# HDPE Color	0.95	3.80
Steel Cans	1.56	6.25	#3 - #7 Plastic Mixed	0.43	1.73
Alum. Cans	1.08	4.33	Residuals	24.09	96.75
Mixed Glass	18.62	74.81	Total	119.77	481.10

*Above quantities are all listed in tons.

2.23 tons of various paper through the “ABITIBI Paper Retriever” program (**17.51 tons** = Yearly Total)

4.86 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program (**9.50 tons** = Yearly Total)

4,300 cu/yds of yard waste ground-up and hauled away

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

“2022” Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for “Dumpster Days” in 2022.

April 21, 22, 23

October 20, 21, 22

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.loraincounty.us (depts/solid-waste-management)

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.

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 (Voicemail checked daily) **Ext. 103**

Remi Cerrone, Zoning Inspector

Email: amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com

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

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.

Richard Pozywak 323-6111

Sheriff’s Department 329-3710

A.T. Community Policing Officer: **Matthew Lawson**

Dpt Lawson’s Non-Emergency/Voicemail329-3752

Email: mlawson@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.**

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

PERMITS REQUIRED

As Springtime arrives, residents are reminded that permits are needed for the items listed below. 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 (ext 103)**. Voice Mail is checked daily.

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| Pools | Patios | Porches |
| Decks | Fences | Gazebos |
| Ponds | Signs | Garages |
| Accessory Buildings | Driveways | |
| Building Additions | New Construction | |

*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.



Planting in Road Right-of-Way



Residents should not landscape or plant near road intersections or inside the road right-of-way. Generally, the road right-of-way is 30 feet on either side of the centerline of the road. If planting occurs in this area, homeowners should not be disappointed if plants are destroyed or removed due to maintenance or repair. Trees should not be planted in this area. If storm sewers run across your property, it is better not to plant trees, shrubs, or other vegetation too close to these lines in order to minimize the chance of any roots penetrating these lines and causing a blockage. Please be aware of any visibility issues that may be caused due to trees and shrubs growing near an intersection or the road right-of-way. Property owners are also responsible for removing dead branches of a tree that overhangs the road.

Lots Available

Please note that as of January 1, 2022, Amherst Township made an increase to the fee schedule, which includes cemetery lot fees.

Cemetery lots are available at Kendeigh Cemetery, located at the intersection of Quarry Road and Middle Ridge Road. Lots may be purchased by contacting the Township Road Superintendant at 988-5894 x111.

\$450 – Resident

\$750 – Non-Resident

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

Email: amherstwp@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.



Amherst Fire Dept's Response To Amherst Township	4th Quarter 2021	
Fire Calls (N of Turnpike):	11	11.0%
Fire Calls (S of Turnpike):	6	6.0%
EMS-First Responder (N):	61	61.0%
EMS-First Responder (S):	22	22.0%
Total Calls:	100	100%

Curfew

Please be aware that a curfew exists in Amherst Township for minors age 16 and under between the hours of Midnight and 5 a.m. This curfew will be enforced by the Lorain County Sheriff's Dept.



RUMPKE-RECYCLE NOW ACCEPTS DISPOSABLE PLASTIC & ALUMINUM CUPS



Rumpke Waste & Recycling has been committed to keeping neighborhoods and businesses clean and green since 1932 by providing environmentally friendly waste disposal solutions. Throughout their 90-year history, their team has remained steadfast in their commitment to dedicating resources, research and innovation to provide their customers with essential services that are vital for human health and the environment.

Last year, Rumpke made a big announcement by introducing tubs, made from polypropylene, to their “acceptable items” list to their curbside and dropbox programs.

This year Rumpke announced that they are adding **disposable plastic and aluminum cups** to their “acceptable items” list!! Examples of acceptable cups include plastic beverage cups from fast-food restaurants (Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.), plastic souvenir cups and “Ball” brand aluminum cups.

Additional guidelines include:

- Plastic lids should be reattached to plastic cups.
- Straws and stoppers are not accepted.
- Colorful “Solo” brand cups are **NOT** accepted. These cups are made from polystyrene and Rumpke does not have a secure, long-term end user for this material.

- Ceramic and glass cups are **NOT** accepted. In fact, they can be damaging to the glass recovery process.
- Styrofoam cups and K-cups are **NOT** accepted

Recent innovations in plastic recycling have resulted in commitments from end-users to accept and recycle more material. Advancements in plastic recycling have increased the demand for additional types of plastic products.

Plastic cups processed at Rumpke’s recycling facilities will be used to make new plastic containers and aluminum cups will be made into aluminum cans.

Please recycle the following items:

Paper: Cardboard should fit inside cart

Cartons: Remove caps and straws

Metal Cans & Cups: Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only

Plastics: Reattach lid. Yogurt & fruit cups are acceptable

Glass Bottles & Jars: Any color

If you have any questions concerning Rumpke’s “Curbside Recycling and Solid Waste” pick up service, please contact them at **1-800-828-8171** or visit their website at:

www.rumpke.com



No Tires



As a reminder, Amherst Township no longer collects tires during the “Dumpster Day” events. You can dispose of tires at the “Lorain County Collection Center” on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during their business hours. Additionally, tires can be dropped off in **Lorain** at 114 East 35th Street on **Tuesdays** from 9am to 1pm and in **Grafton** at 17109 Avon Beldon Road on **Saturdays** from 9am to 1pm.

Lorain County Collection Center

The “Lorain County Collection Center” is located at 540 S. Abbe Road in Elyria. The new entrance is located in the south parking lot. Their hours of operation are:

- Mondays** from 9am to 3pm
- Wednesdays** from 12pm to 6pm
- Saturdays** from 9am to 3pm

They can be reached by phone at 440-329-5440. For guidelines and a list of acceptable and not acceptable materials, visit:

www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste

→ Click on “Collection Center” in the left column.

ODOT TWP STIMULUS GRANT

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Township Stimulus Grant is a “one-time-only” competitive grant that is funded with “American Rescue Plan Act” funds. In October, the township submitted an application of **\$191,500** to resurface Oberlin Road from North Ridge Road to Middle Ridge Road with construction planned for the end of 2022 or the summer of 2023.

At the end of February 2022, Amherst Township was notified that their application did not rank as highly as those awarded for similar project types and would not be receiving any funding from this grant application.

There are 1,308 townships in Ohio. ODOT stated that they received 1,182 applications, in total requesting just under \$138M from 647 unique townships, which equates to only 49.5% of Ohio townships completing an application for this competitive grant.

Amherst Township plans to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 37 grant funds in 2022 for this Oberlin Road resurfacing project. These OPWC funds are also awarded on a competitive basis. If awarded, this resurfacing project will be constructed in 2023.

NOPEC “NEC” GRANT

The NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program provides grants to NOPEC member communities to help implement energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects that will benefit the community for years to come.

Amherst Township was recently approved for \$12,010 in NEC grant funds for 2022. These grant funds will be combined with the \$2500 “Green Ribbon Award” funds that were presented to the township in October 2021. The township plans to use these funds to continue with LED conversion lighting upgrades for the hall/meeting area, the offices, and the Sheriff’s substation area.



DOWNED TREES



If residents notice a fallen tree that is impeding or blocking the roadway, they should first call the Sheriff’s non-emergency number at **329-3710**. The Sheriff’s dispatch will be able to contact the appropriate entity to address the issue, be it township, county, city, and/or utility.

AMHERST TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Amherst Township’s website contains a variety of information for its residents. Following is a sample summary of what is available and where to find it.

HOME: Lists current announcements and Public Hearings, the next “DUMPSTER DAYS” event, and a 3-year rolling calendar.

DEPTS: Lists information about Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Sr. Services, Roads, Parks, Cemetery, Emergency Services, Yard Waste, Solid Waste & Recycling and FACE. The Solid Waste page lists information about RUMPKE including their guidelines, Holiday Schedule, and the latest flyer.

ZONING: Lists information about the Zoning Inspector and the Zoning Boards. Permits and Applications are found here where they can be viewed and downloaded as well as the fee schedule. The Zoning Map and Zoning

Resolution are under this tab. Downloadable Complaint forms are also located here.

RESOLUTIONS: Lists Resolutions that receive the most inquiries from residents including Barking Dogs, Noise Control, Parking of Commercial Vehicles on Township Roads, Mailbox & Lawn Damage Policy, and Transient Vendors as well as others.

MEETING: Shows the most recent Trustee Meeting and has links to past Trustee Meetings since digital recordings started in August 2020.

CONTACT: Lists contact information for elected officials and township employees. “Drop us a line!” is also located on this page.

Visit Amherst Township at:

www.amhersttownship.us



Amherst Township's new front loader/backhoe was delivered in early January. This equipment was purchased using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The U.S. Treasury has required that the state to now redistribute the unclaimed, remaining ARPA funds to those eligible in accordance with its guidelines. In addition to the \$301,316.42 original disbursement, Amherst Township will also be receiving a reallocation payment of \$1,202.92 in both the first and second tranche of ARPA fund distribution. These funds will be used towards stormwater related projects in the township.

2022 Amherst Township Zoning Boards

Zoning Commission Board

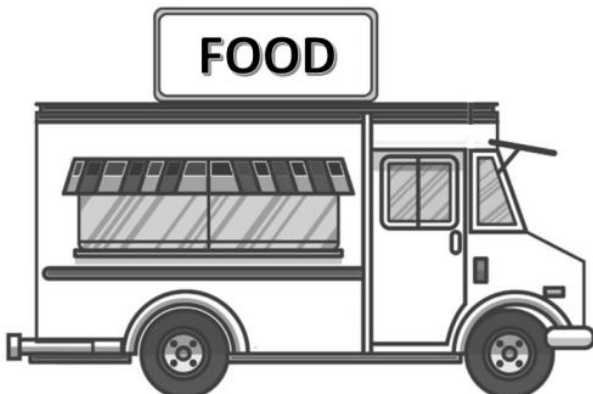
- Lonnie Dillon – Chairman
- Jim Conrady – Vice Chair
- Hank Harsar – Member
- Jim McCann – Member
- Darryl Saladin – Member
- Colin Serne – Alt I & Sec.
- Geno Taliano – Alternate II

Board of Zoning Appeals

- Bill Latrany – Chairman
- Steve Ostrolencki – Vice Chair
- Ron Friend – Secretary
- Rose Betchker – Member
- Bruce Hills – Member
- Randy Haring – Alternate I
- Esther Arroyo – Alternate II

Amherst Township would like to welcome **Randy Haring** and **Esther Arroyo** to the Board of Zoning Appeals as Alternates.

We would also like to thank **Joan Whitman** for her 15-1/2 years of dedicated service on the Board of Zoning Appeals, serving as vice-chair for two of those years. Joan retired at the end of her term in 2021.



FOOD TRUCKS

Mobile Food Vending Units, (aka Food Trucks) that wish to do business in Amherst Township are required to be inspected by the Amherst Township Fire Inspector, Chris Niehart.

He can be contacted by phone at **440-597-0005** or by email at amhersttwpfire@gmail.com.

AMHERST TOWNSHIP **PARK REMINDERS**

Residents are reminded that as of March 1, 2003 animals are not permitted in the Amherst Township Park. Whoever violates this resolution is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be prosecuted (ORC Section 511.32).

Also as a reminder, vandalism at the Amherst Township Park is prosecutable. Violators will be charged with Criminal Vandalism according to ORC 2909.05. This is a felony offense and carries a fine of \$2500. This will be strictly enforced. The township park is being patrolled by the Sheriff's Department.

Park Pavilion Reservations
To avoid a scheduling conflict, please contact **Lynda Ashley**, Township Administrator, to reserve the park pavilion. Current reservations can be viewed on the Township's website under "Depts/Park".
Lynda can be reached at the township Mondays through Fridays between 8 a.m. and 12 noon by calling **988-5894 (ext 101)**.

LIFECARE

Amherst Township, as a member of the Sandstone Joint Ambulance District, has chosen "LifeCare" to be their ambulance provider. LifeCare is now owned and operated by its employees. They can be reached by calling 323-6111. To learn more about their services, visit their website at:

www.lifecareambulance.com

Contact Sheriff's Dept.

Residents are reminded that they can help deter crime by keeping home and car doors locked, as well as keeping garage doors closed. If residents know of, or see, any suspicious activity in the township or at the Amherst Township Park, please contact the Sheriff's Dept. at **329-3710**. To contact the sheriff's dispatch from your cell phone without being charged, call **323-1212**. These are not "911" emergency lines.

Complaint Forms

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.

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Elyria, OH 44035
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Monthly Meeting	<u>Trustees:</u> 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Dates & Times:	<u>Zoning Commission:</u> 1 st Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.