

AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 1st quarter of 2022 through curbside pickup.

Newspaper	0.00	#1 PET	3.49
Cardboard	33.67	#2 HDPE Natural	0.87
Mixed Paper	28.87	# HDPE Color	0.87
Steel Cans	1.43	#3 - #7 Plastic Mixed	0.39
Alum. Cans	0.99	Residuals	22.06
Mixed Glass	17.06	Total	109.68

* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

- 4.70 tons of various paper through the “ABITIBI Paper Retriever” program
- There were no dumpster days in the 1st quarter, therefore no scrap metal.

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.

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!**

*Tires and Hazardous Waste are not accepted. Please 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: amherstwpfo@gmail.com

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

Email: amherstwproads@gmail.com

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

Remi Cerrone, Zoning Inspector

Email: amherstwpzoning@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: amherstwp@gmail.com

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

Fire Prevention Officer

Chris Niehart(cell) 597-0005

Email: amherstwpfire@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)

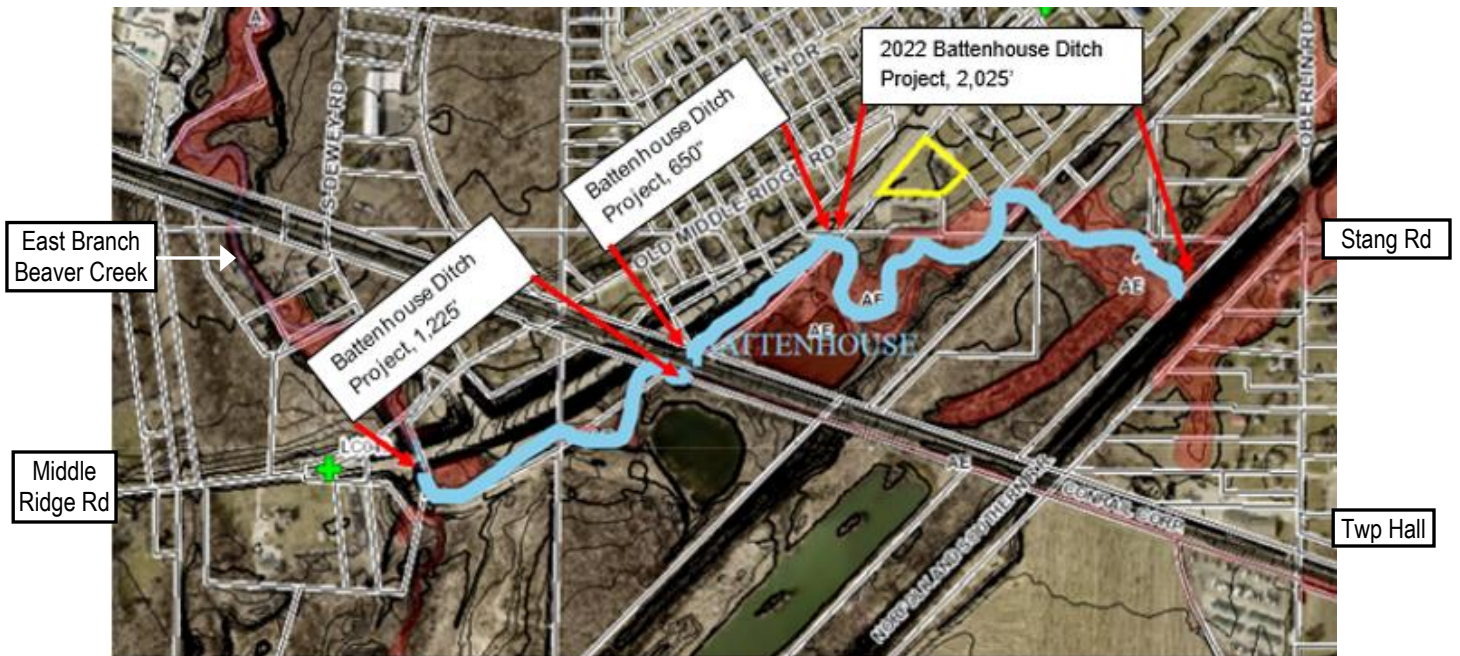
Automated Outage Reporting Line..... 1-888-544-4877

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.

2022 Battenhouse Ditch Restoration



The Lorain County Storm Water District agreed to fully fund the 2022 Community Grant project submitted by Amherst Township. The project begins at the east branch of Beaver Creek near the intersection of Middle Ridge and Dewey Road, and follows a 3,900-ft easterly upstream course to the Lakeshore Railroad just west of Oberlin Road.

This project will reduce flooding and safety hazards for the motoring public along Stang and Oberlin Roads, overloading of on-lot wastewater treatment systems, infiltration of areas equipped with sanitary

sewers, flooding of basements, occasional limits on access for Safety/EMS/Fire vehicles, and loss of agricultural yields and/or land use.

The estimated project cost is \$88,891, with \$17,796 being provided by Amherst Township and \$71,185 being provided by the Lorain County Storm Water District. Upon obtaining access easements from various property owners and public utilities, the Board of Trustees will publicly bid the project. The township hopes to begin this project in 2022.

L.C. SOLID WASTE GRANT

The “Community Incentive Grant” is an annual grant offered by the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District (LCSWMD). This grant program is to assist communities to strive for and exceed Ohio’s goal of recycling 25% of materials generated by the residential sector. The township will be receiving **\$7,831.25** for 2022 which will be used towards the grinding, removal, and recycling of the yard waste pile and funding the newsletter.

Residents are encouraged to visit the “Solid Waste Management District” website page where they will find valuable information about Recycling, Contests & Winners, Educational Services, Appliance & Curbside Recycling Information, and Collection Center Information. Visit this page at:

www.loraincounty.us

Then select Departments/Solid Waste Management.

Yard Waste Recycling Center Extended Summer Hours

As a reminder to residents, the “Yard Waste Pile” that is located on the east side of Oberlin Road, directly across from the Township Hall/Garage, will be open until 8pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, which coincides with the Trustees Meeting nights. These extended hours will continue through the summer and early fall.

The yard waste pile is for disposing of your limbs, brush, lawn clippings, and leaves. Residents are reminded to please place your empty plastic bags in the 55-gallon drum at the center, or take bags with you.

LCSWD MINI-GRANT

For the sixth year Amherst Township applied for and received \$7500 from the Lorain County Storm Water District (LCSWD) Mini-Grant. The funding amount was increased this year for qualified storm water management projects and still requires a 20% minimum financial match from the township.

Amherst Township will be using this year’s funding towards replacing approximately 360-ft of existing storm sewer pipe on the east side of Broadway St. Once the new pipe has been installed approximately 600-ft of the existing ditch to the north will be cleared. Total estimated cost of this project is \$17,850 with the township contributing \$10,350.

By replacing the storm sewer pipe there will be a decrease of storm water backup into resident’s homes. By clearing the ditch, the flow away from these homes should increase due to lessened obstructions and a repaired storm sewer.



Amherst Fire Dept’s Response To Amherst Township	1st Quarter 2022	
Fire Calls (N of Turnpike):	15	19.2%
Fire Calls (S of Turnpike):	7	9.0%
EMS-First Responder (N):	44	56.4%
EMS-First Responder (S):	12	15.4%
Total Calls:	78	100%
MVA’s in Amherst Township (N&S):	9	

“NEW FIRE CONTRACT”

The Amherst Township Board of Trustees have entered into a 5-year contract with the City of Amherst for providing Fire Service and Emergency Medical First Responder services to all unincorporated areas of the township. The previous 3-year contract expired on May 31st at 11:59 pm.

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

Email: amhersttwp@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.

DoorDash Helping Second Harvest

As reported in the Chronicle Telegram (5/28/22):

Second Harvest Food Bank and DoorDash are teaming up to deliver food boxes to seniors.

ProjectDASH has been testing food deliveries to older Lorain County residents throughout May. Eligible seniors can have shelf stable food, cheese, and produce delivered to them at home as part of this monthly program.

“Seniors now make up more than 18 percent of who is served at food pantries, but we know many are still unable to access help because of a lack of transportation or mobility,” said Julie Chase-Morefield, president and CEO of Second Harvest.

The effort is funded through the federal “Commodity Supplemental Food Program”, which Second Harvest has been a part of since 2015. During the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the National Guard delivered boxes and dedicated volunteers continued the program. Second Harvest was limited to serving 80 seniors each month with the help of volunteers, but can now enroll more seniors through **ProjectDASH**.

It can deliver within a 10-mile radius of Second Harvest’s Baumhart Road facility in Lorain, which is the designated hub. That reach extends to Lorain, Vermilion, Amherst, Amherst Township, and parts of Elyria Township and Sheffield.

As the program expands, Second Harvest will look to set up additional hubs in strategic locations to expand its reach.

The program is open to residents 60 or older with an income at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty line, currently \$17,667 annually for a single person. Seniors can call Second Harvest from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday at **(440) 960-2265** to apply for the program.

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.

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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)**.

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.

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.

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Monthly Meeting
Dates & Times:

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