

# AMHERST TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Recycling Report

Amherst Township recycled the following quantities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024 through curbside pickup.

Newspaper	0.00	#1 PET	7.39
Cardboard	34.01	#2 HDPE Natural	1.48
Mixed Paper	51.76	# HDPE Color	1.48
Steel Cans	2.96	#3 - #7 Plastic Mixed	0.00
Alum. Cans	2.96	Residuals	25.14
Mixed Glass	20.70	Total	147.89

\* Above quantities are all listed in tons.

- 4.74 tons of scrap metal through the dumpster program.

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

## “2024” Dumpster Days

Amherst Township has set the following dates for “Dumpster Days” in 2024.

**October 3, 4, 5**

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.loraincountyohio.gov](http://www.loraincountyohio.gov)

## 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. 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.

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

## Township Hall & Garage 988-5894

Fax..... 988-5877

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

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

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

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

Zoning Inspector ..... **Ext. 103**

Sam D’Ambrosio, Zoning Inspector

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

Office Hours: **Mon., Wed., Fri.** – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Other hours available by appointment only

## Trustees

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(Cemetery, Park, Water, Buildings/Land, NBHD Watch, Enterprise Zones, County Health Rep.)

Neil Lynch ..... 988-7681

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Chris Niehart.....(cell) 597-0005

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Kim Mason or Michelle Skinner..... 323-6111

## Sheriff’s Department..... 329-3710

Township Impact Officer: **Dpt. Marialyse Fuller**

Dpt. Fuller’s Non-Emergency/Voicemail..... 329-3800

Email: [mfuller@loraincountysheriff.com](mailto:mfuller@loraincountysheriff.com)

## 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.**

# Developments & More in the Township

Lorain County Commissioner Jeff Riddell attended the August 27, 2024 Trustees meeting to listen to concerns of the township and to provide an update on county projects that might impact Amherst Township. A Power Point presentation was given stating the Township's goals, concerns, comments, and collaboration opportunities. Following is a summary of this presentation, which can be viewed in its entirety on the Township's website, under the "Meetings" tab.

The goal of Amherst Township is to ensure orderly growth and development and to eliminate impediments that exist which are contrary to the objectives and policies in the township's Comprehensive Plan.

## Residential & Commercial Developments

Hampshire Farms is a completed development, located on the east side of Oberlin Road, between North Ridge and Middle Ridge Roads. It was built as a "Conservation Development", with 15.1 acres of the total 25.2 acres being conserved as common open space. It has 51 single-family homes and is in the Amherst Exempted Village School District. All lots sold between 2023 and 2024.

Sandstone Development is a new development located between Oberlin Road and SR58, south of the Ohio Turnpike. This is a 264.2 acre "Planned Development District" (PDD), with 40 acres being Commercial, and 224 acres being residential. The residential area will consist of 3 different developments. Redwood will consist of 210 age-targeted rentals. Ryan homes will construct 194 single-family homes, known as "Sandstone Mill". K. Hovnanian will construct 263 single-family, age restricted homes, known as "Four Seasons at Sandstone", which will also include a club house and pool. Three single-family homes located on Oberlin Road are also included in the PDD. All homes are in the Amherst Exempted Village School District. Sandstone Parkway, when completed, will connect Oberlin Road to SR58. The commercial area will be located off of SR58.

Stratton Corners is a proposed development located on the east side of Oberlin Road, south of SR113. This is a 44.8 acre "R-1 Conservation Development" with 25.1 acres of conserved common

wooded open space. The plan is for 65-75 single-family homes, all located in the Amherst Exempted Village School District.

The Preserve at Middle Ridge is a proposed "Mixed-Use Overlay District" development consisting of 84.6 acres of retail, office, and residential. The plan is for 9 acres of commercial, 31.5 acres of residential, 26.8 acres of conserved area, and 17 acres reserved for future development. The proposed residential area will consist of 35 multi-family buildings with 2 to 5 living units per building, totaling 136 2-bedroom rental living units. All units are in the Amherst Exempted Village School District.

Golden Acres Get Go Market & Café is a proposed business consisting of 5.7 acres located on the south-east corner of the SR58 and North Ridge Road intersection. Upon the sale of the property to Giant Eagle, there is a proposed residential development on North Ridge and Dewey Roads, consisting of townhomes located on 7 acres and single-family homes located on 10 acres.

Sanctus Capital & DeBenedetto proposed a development for property located on the north east corner of the Pyle South-Amherst and Middle Ridge Road intersection. They are proposing a zoning amendment from R-AG to R-1 Conservation Development for the 35.7 acre lot that will include 10 acres of conserved open space. Although the proposal showed 91 single-family homes, the maximum allowed number of homes is 72.

Quarry Development is a 927.5 acre parcel owned by IRG. There are 83.2 acres located in Brownhelm Twp, 158.5 acres located in South Amherst, and 685.8 acres located in Amherst Twp. The property located in Amherst Twp. was rezoned to a "Planned Development District" (PDD) in 2005. This development has been on hold due to lack of sewers to this property. Any development on this property will be in the Firelands School District.

Tax Incremental Financing (TIF's) and Joint Economical Development District (JEDD's) were discussed as they pertained to each development. Following are other topics and concerns that were discussed as they relate to Amherst Township.

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- **Multi-purpose 25-mile Trail and Railway** going from the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington to the Black River Landing in Lorain. This is a proposed project that would involve cooperation and collaboration among Lake Shore Railway Association, Lorain County Metro Parks, Lorain County Commissioners, Townships, Villages, and Developers to make this a reality.
- **Golden Acres Park** located on the north and south sides of North Ridge Road is a proposed project. This proposal is predicated on the sale and construction of the Get Go Market & Café. It would include a 35-acre to 40-acre park with interconnecting trails along the east branch of Beaver Creek as well as the preservation of a sledding hill. This project would involve the cooperation and collaboration among the Lorain County Commissioners, the Port Authority, Lorain County Metro Parks, City of Amherst, Amherst Township, and private developers.
- **Former Lorain County Visitor Center** to enter into a JEDD between Amherst and Amherst Township that would provide funding to help offset the cost of fire, ambulance, and other public services.
- **Solid Waste and Yard Waste Management for Landfill Preservation** as it relates to the escalating cost to maintain the township “Yard Waste” site & the loss of funding from L.C. Solid Waste District.
- Assistance from the County with **Grant Writing, Cyber Security, and I.T. Support.**
- **Storm Water Management and Flooding Reduction** for the Bivins, Engle, and Battenhouse Ditches as well as Quarry Creek.
- Prevention of **Annexation.**
- **Sanitary Premium Costs** for township residents.
- **ADA Accessible Restrooms** for use by Amherst Township Park and Workshop Players Theatre patrons.

## New Amherst Fire Chief



On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, Brandon Dimacchia was sworn in as the new Fire Chief for the Amherst Fire Department. Chief Dimacchia has been with the Amherst Fire Department for about 27 years. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2006, Captain in 2014, and Assistant Chief in 2016. He feels very fortunate to have served as Assistant Chief for 7 year under Chief Jim Wilhelm. Chief Dimacchia is also a Lieutenant on the Bay Village FD where he is in his 24<sup>th</sup> year. He has been married to his wife, Wendy, for 27 years and they have three children, Alec, Macy, and Kellen.



Amherst Fire Dept's Response To Amherst Township	2nd Quarter 2024	
Fire Calls (N of Turnpike):	21	27.6%
Fire Calls (S of Turnpike):	11	14.5%
EMS-First Responder (N):	28	36.8%
EMS-First Responder (S):	16	21.1%
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>MVA's in Amherst Township (N&amp;S):</b>	<b>17</b>	

Economic Development Estimate for Active Projects											
Development	Acres			Living Units	Status	Prob. Const. 10-YR	School	Added Students K-12	Increased Market Value	R/E Tax Estimate, No TIF	
	Total	Res.	Comm.							Schools	Township
Hampshire Farms	25.2	25.2	0	51	Complete	100%	AEVSD	18.9	\$ 17,866,000	\$ 189,436	\$ 30,372
Sandstone	264.2	224.2	40	670	Under Construction	95%	AEVSD	87.6	\$ 232,700,000	\$ 2,467,350	\$ 395,590
Stratton Corners	44.8	44.8	0	70	66 LU Plan Approved	85%	AEVSD	25.9	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 29,689	\$ 4,760
Preserve at Middle Ridge	84.6	75.6	9	136	Zone Amend. Approved	85%	AEVSD	3.5	\$ 27,000,000	\$ 286,285	\$ 45,900
Golden Acres Get Go	15.7	10	5.7	25	Plan Approved	80%	AEVSD	0.7	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 137,529	\$ 17,850
Sandus Capital & DeBenedetto	35.7	35.7	0	72	Preliminary, Sanitary?	60%	AEVSD	26.6	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 30,749	\$ 4,930
Quarry Development	927.5	TBD	TBD	1150	No Waste Water Treatment	25%	Firelands	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1397.7</b>	<b>415.5</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>2174</b>				<b>163.2</b>	<b>\$ 293,766,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,141,037</b>	<b>\$ 499,402</b>

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

Email: [amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@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.

## **MEDICARE Open Enrollment**

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare “Part D” starts on **October 15, 2024**, and runs through **December 7, 2024**. During this time period, Medicare participants are encouraged to review their Part D (Prescription) plan. Each year changes are made to premiums, co pays, coverage amounts, and drug tiers. It is wise to review your current plan’s cost for 2025 as there may be other plans out there that will offer better coverage and/or a lower cost.

Those on Medicare can compare plans on the Medicare website at “[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)” or by calling the Senior Service Office to make an appointment for looking at your comparisons. Lynda can be reached at 440-988-5894 Ext 101 or by email at [amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpseniors@gmail.com).

## **ATTN: Working Seniors**

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 contains multiple cost reduction measures that could affect the **creditable** coverage status of employer-provided prescription drug plans starting in 2025, particularly concerning Medicare “**Part D**” plans.

- Annual out-of-pocket costs. Starting in 2025, the annual out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Part D will be capped at \$2,000.
- Coverage gap. The Part D coverage gap, also known as the “donut hole,” will end in 2025.
- Prescription drug payment plan. Starting in 2025, Medicare Part D enrollees will have the option to pay for prescription drugs in capped monthly payments instead of all at once.

- Employer notification. Starting in 2025, employers offering prescription drug coverage to Medicare Part D eligible individuals must notify the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the eligible individuals to ensure their prescription drug coverage is at least as good as Medicare Part D.

If seniors delay enrolling in Part D and then find out their employer’s plan is not creditable, they could face significant challenges down the line. Seniors risk **lifetime** penalties after signing up for Medicare, which can make health care costs skyrocket.

Working seniors are encouraged to contact their employer now to verify if their employer’s plan is creditable coverage. Employees are normally notified mid-October, about the same time that Open Enrollment starts. Employees should also consider how a spouse may be affected by the changes.

## **3 Ways to Avoid the Part D Late Enrollment Penalty**

The following information was taken from the “Medicare.gov” website. Additional information can be viewed by going to:

<https://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage>

**1. Enroll in Medicare drug coverage when you're first eligible.** Even if you don't take drugs now, you should consider joining a Medicare drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage to avoid a penalty. You may be able to find a plan that meets your needs with little to no monthly premiums.

**2. Enroll in Medicare drug coverage if you lose other creditable coverage.** Creditable prescription drug coverage could include drug coverage from a current or former employer or union, TRICARE, Indian Health Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs, or individual health insurance coverage. Your plan must tell you each year if your non-Medicare drug coverage is creditable coverage. If you go 63 days or more in a row without Medicare drug coverage or other creditable prescription drug coverage, you may have to pay a penalty if you sign up for Medicare drug coverage later.

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# HONOR WREATHS



**Honor Wreaths** is a local nonprofit volunteer organization whose mission is to Honor our deceased veterans. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to purchase wreaths for placement on graves during the holiday season.

Last year the wreaths were sourced from Michigan. They were fresh and beautiful; a fitting memorial to our veterans. This year the wreaths will be sourced from an Ohio tree farm. In addition to supporting an Ohio small business, it will help save on transportation, and allow the purchase and placement of more wreaths.

Honor Guard ceremonies and wreath placement will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2024** at the following cemeteries:

- Amherst (Cleveland Street, Crownhill)
- Amherst Twp (Kendeigh, Middle Ridge Rd., Ridge Hill, and St. Joseph)
- Lorain (Calvary, Elmwood)
- Elyria (Ridgelawn, North Murray Ridge, Brookdale)

For cemeteries not listed above, pickup times will be arranged so that you may place the wreath personally.

For more information about the Honor Guard ceremonies and wreath placement as well as information about donating, please visit their

Facebook page at “**Honor Wreaths Lorain County**”. Donation forms can be downloaded under the “Files” tab at the top of the page or in the “Featured” items, or by contacting Township Administrator, Lynda Ashley, at 440-988-5894 ext. 101, Monday through Friday from 8am to noon. To find the donation form while using your cell, look under “Announcements”. **Each wreath is \$15.00.**

Kendeigh and Middle Ridge Road cemeteries are owned and maintained by Amherst Township. Please consider donating towards the purchase of wreaths for these cemeteries. Thirty-Five (35) wreaths are needed. Any amount of donation will be appreciated.

While Ridge Hill and St. Joseph cemeteries are located in the township, they are privately owned and will be managing the donations of their wreaths themselves.

The next “Honor Wreaths” fundraiser will be held Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 12 noon – 3 pm at the VFW Post 1662, located at 165 Cleveland Avenue in Amherst.

The UAW Local 2000 Veterans Committee is sponsoring this event. Amy’s Angels, lead by Amy Jaynes Brown, is providing a pasta dinner. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the VFW bar or by email to “[honorwreaths@gmail.com](mailto:honorwreaths@gmail.com)”. Please consider attending or donating to this great cause!



## 3 Ways to Avoid the Part D Late Enrollment Penalty

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**3. Keep records showing when you had other creditable drug coverage, and tell your plan when they ask about it.** If you don’t tell your Medicare plan about your previous creditable prescription drug coverage, you may have to pay a penalty for as long as you have Medicare drug coverage.

**How much more will I pay for a late enrollment penalty?** The cost of the late enrollment penalty depends on how long you didn’t have creditable prescription drug coverage. Currently, the late enrollment penalty is calculated by multiplying 1%

of the “national base beneficiary premium” (\$34.70 in 2024) by the number of full, uncovered months that you were eligible but didn’t enroll in Medicare drug coverage and went without other creditable prescription drug coverage. The final amount is rounded to the nearest \$.10 and added to your monthly premium. Since the “national base beneficiary premium” may increase each year, the penalty amount may also increase each year. After you enroll in Medicare drug coverage, the plan will tell you if you owe a penalty and what your premium will be.



## OTA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) is excited to announce the OTA Scholarship Program will begin accepting applications in September. Each year, **they will be awarding up to five high school seniors \$1,500 each** for their future education. Since 2005, the scholarship has provided support to high school seniors residing in Ohio's townships and show excellence in their communities and schools.

In addition to four scholarship opportunities for traditional college education, they are excited to offer an additional scholarship for a student who plans to attend a trade or vocational school in Ohio.

### Eligibility:

- Must be a high school senior;
- Have at least a "B" average (cumulative) or equivalent overall GPA;
- Be a U.S. citizen and a resident of a township in Ohio; &
- Must plan to attend a university, training program, or vocational school in Ohio.

### OTA Scholarship Options

**Academic Achievement (2):** For a student who excels academically. To qualify, a student must have a cumulative "B" average and at least a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT.

**Local Government Achievement (2):** For a student who demonstrates outstanding citizenship through service and participation in community activities.

**Trade School Scholarship (1):** For an excellent student who is choosing to attend a vocational or trade school. To qualify, a student must have a cumulative "B" average and complete the scholarship questionnaire.

### Application Process

For all scholarship applications:

- Complete the online application form
- Submit a state of activities, honors, and leadership accomplishments
- Submit official copy of your transcript, including any ACT/SAT test scores (test scores optional for trade scholarship application)
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or community leaders
- Applicants must attend at least one official meeting of township officials and complete the attendance form (found online) with signatures from at least two elected officials
- Write a 500 word (max) essay describing the importance of local government (**Academic Achievement**); describing a community project/event that made an impact on your life (**Local Government Achievement**); or complete the questionnaire to be submitted with your application (**Trade School**).

**The scholarship application period will run from September 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**To learn more and apply, go to:**

**[www.ohiotownships.org/scholarship-program](http://www.ohiotownships.org/scholarship-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/sheds (includes Prefab), 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.** (Permit forms available on twp website.)

Please contact Sam D'Ambrosio, 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 Fridays. He can be reached at **988-5894, ext 103** or by email at [amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwpzoning@gmail.com).



## REMEMBER TO VOTE!



This year's general election will be on Tuesday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Early voting begins October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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://voteloraincountyohio.gov>



## 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 "Township Impact Officer" at **329-3800**. 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 Fuller by email at:

[mfuller@loraincountysheriff.com](mailto:mfuller@loraincountysheriff.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.**

## **Preparing for Winter**

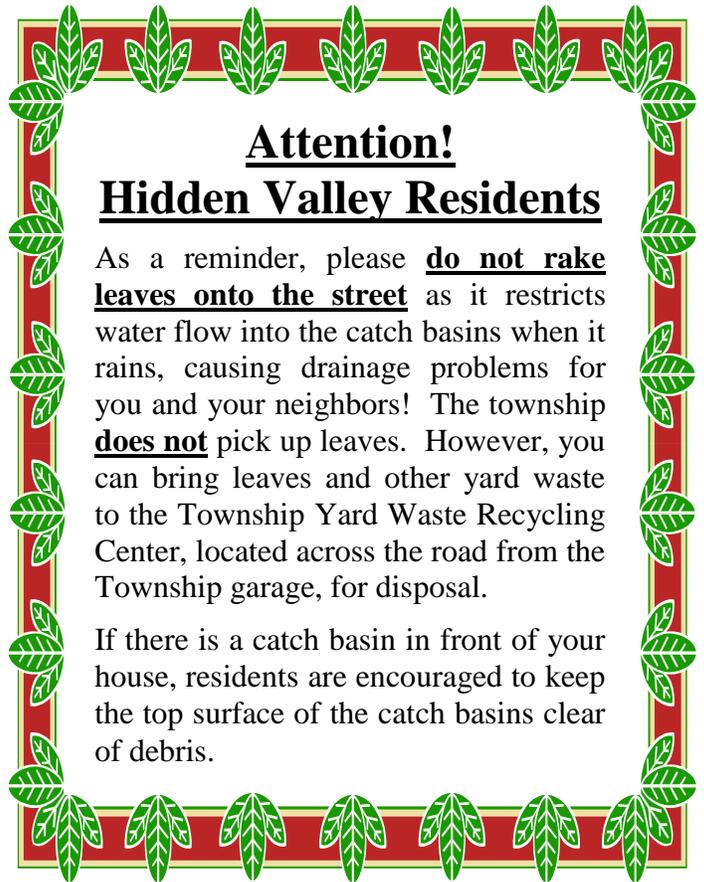
Before the snow falls and the plows are out, residents should check their **mailbox posts**. Rotted posts will cause the mailbox to break if the snow becomes too heavy.

While the township's plow drivers take every precaution to avoid broken mailboxes, sometimes it does occur. Please note, IF the mailbox is broken due to the township plowing the road AND there is NO evidence of a rotted post, the township will replace the mailbox with a standard-type box. IF the post is rotted OR it is hit by a vehicle or any other damage not sustained from our plows, Amherst Township is NOT responsible for replacement.

If you live on a County or State owned road, you should contact the County or ODOT concerning your mailbox. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township office at 988-5894 ext. 101.

## **Safety Tip**

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



## **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.

If there is a catch basin in front of your house, residents are encouraged to keep the top surface of the catch basins clear of debris.

## **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 15<sup>th</sup>**, and continuing through **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

## **WHAT IS YARD WASTE?**

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrub trimmings, and plant materials from vegetable and flower gardens.





# TRICK OR TREAT



“Trick-or-Treat” in Amherst Township will be held on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** 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 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a “Halloween Costume Contest and Spook-tacular Stroll” in the City of Amherst. Those wanting to participate should assemble at the Amherst Utilities parking lot (located at 480 Park Ave.) at **2:00 pm**. Participants will be grouped into categories for costume judging. Winners will be announced around **2:30 pm**. From there, the Amherst Marching Comets will lead the group to Town Hall where they will hear the band play and will have donuts provided by “Studio Q Photography” and Kiedrowski’s Bakery.

In case of inclement weather, the costume contest and parade will be cancelled. This is the third year that “Studio Q Photography” is organizing these events. For any last minute changes, please visit the “Studio Q Photography” Facebook page.

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# Burning Prohibited



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 contact Amherst Township’s Fire Prevention Officer Chris Niehart of the Amherst City Fire Department by cell at:

**440-597-0005**

**for “Amherst Fire Prevention Bureau”**

or by email at [amhersttwfire@gmail.com](mailto:amhersttwfire@gmail.com) 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.

For more information about Ohio’s Open Burning Regulations, read the Ohio EPA’s brochure at: [https://epa.ohio.gov/static/](https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf)

**Portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf**

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