

## Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman

Senior Citizens needing help, contact your local Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman for any further questions or assistance.

### **Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging PSA8**

Serving Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties

1400 Pike St.

Reno, Ohio 45773

Ombudsman: 1-800-833-0830



Amesville, Ohio 448-2411

# *Resource Guide for Amesville Residents*

## Village Government

Amesville is a village in Athens County, Ohio. The community was named after Sylvanus Ames. The latitude of Amesville is 39.400N. The longitude is -81.955W. It is in the Eastern Standard time zone. Elevation is 633 feet. The population, in 2010, was 184.

Hello to all residents of Amesville. As the Mayor I'd like to invite you to participate in the activities of Village Council and decision making for Amesville. The Council meetings are the second Wednesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm and usually lasting about 2 hours. I encourage you to attend if you have issues, concerns or ideas that would benefit the village. Committee meetings are also on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 5:30 pm. As we move forward I have many ideas for Village Council. I hope to increase the use of email and the internet to lower costs for the village. You can help by providing us with your email address. We can send you the newsletter, announcements and updates this way. Also, it allows you to communicate with village officials faster and with more convenience. Gary Goosman

### Village Officials:

Mayor: Gary Goosman, 448-1602

[amesvillemayor@gmail.com](mailto:amesvillemayor@gmail.com)

Chief Fiscal Officer Tom McGuire: 448-2411

[fo.amesville@gmail.com](mailto:fo.amesville@gmail.com)

Water Billing Clerk 448-2411

[water.amesville@gmail.com](mailto:water.amesville@gmail.com)

**Village Council:** Marcia Burchby: 448-4941 Barb Klaer: 448-2321 Jayne Darling: 448-3781 Robert Pollock: 448-1157 Melissa Keirns: 448-2705 Chris Bartlett: 448-0400



## Ohio Benefit Bank

The Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) is a program to connect low and moderate-income Ohioians with access to tax assistance and public benefits. Trained counselors staff Benefit Bank sites in 87 of Ohio's 88 counties. At these stations trained counselors help Ohioians prepare and file federal and Ohio income tax returns at no cost to eligible Ohioians. Ohioians can also check eligibility for benefits such as: health care coverage, home energy assistance, child care subsidies, and food assistance benefits.

### Eligibility Requirements

Visit: <http://governor.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?alias=governor.ohio.gov/obb> to find out if you are eligible for free support through the Ohio Benefit Bank

### Where can you find more Information about Ohio Benefit Bank?

You can find Ohio Benefit Bank locations close to you by visiting: <https://secure.thebenefitbank.com/ums?task=locator>

Or call the Ohio Benefit Bank Information Hotline at: (800) 648-1176

### Things to bring when you are having your taxes prepared

- Proof of identification
- Social security cards and birth dates for you, your spouse, and any dependents
- Current year's tax package if received
- Wage and earnings statement
- Interest and dividend statement
- A copy of last year's federal and state tax return if possible
- Your spouse, if married, so that they can sign necessary forms

## Village Contacts

Village of Amesville P. O. Box 190 Amesville, Ohio 45711  
(740) 448-2411

Emergency Numbers Fire: 911 Police: 911 SEOEMS:  
1-800-282-7777

Poison: 1-800-882-7625

Sheriff: 593-6633

Highway Patrol: 593-6611

Get Help/Give Help: 211

Food Pantry: 1-800-338-4484

**PARK SHELTER and MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS:** If you would like to reserve the Park Shelter House or the Village Meeting Room for a specific day and time, please call the Village Office at 448-2411 and leave a message. We are now required by insurance to have a form filled out for reservations.

**DEPARTMENTS/SERVICES:** Fire Department Gary Green, Chief 448-3904 Skip Noble, President 662-0067  
Police Department Ralph Wirkner, Marshal 448-0022

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:** Water Works Rich Kasler, Sup't 448-7271 Cathy Van Dyke, Billing 448-2411 Water Billing 448-2411 Monte Edwards and Lee Van Dyke, Sewer Operator 448-7239 Recycling Athens County Recycling 797-4208

## Local Organizations

**AMESVILLE GRANGE 798:** is part of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, also simply styled **the Grange**, is a fraternal organization for American farmers that encourages farm families to band together for their common economic and political well-being. Founded in 1867 after the Civil War, it is the oldest surviving agricultural organization in America, though now much diminished from the over one million members it had in its peak in the 1890s through the 1950s. In addition to serving as a center for many farming communities, the Grange was an effective special interest group for farmers and their agendas, including fighting railroad monopolies and advocating rural mail deliveries. Indeed, the word "grange" itself comes from a Latin word for grain, and is related to a "granary" or generically, a farm. Contact: Frank Hare: 448-4941

**Amesville Masonic Lodge:** Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization, and is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place. Through our culture of philanthropy, we make a profound difference for our brothers, our families, our communities, and our future. The first Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was established in 1717 in London. In 1718, English Freemasonry spread to France and Spain, and after 1729, to India, Italy, Poland, and Sweden. Freemasonry spread to other parts of Europe and eventually made its way to the American colonies. In 1733, the first American lodge was established in Boston, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. The United States now has grand lodges in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Contact: Dick Brown 448-2260

## Other Assistance Programs

### AARP Benefits

Find out if you qualify for programs such as:

- Health Care and Prescription Assistance
- Home Help
- Help buying nutritious food
- Cash Assistance

Answer a few questions and get fact sheets, applications, and websites for the programs that fit your situation at [www.aarp.org/quicklink](http://www.aarp.org/quicklink).

### Elder Locator

Connects older Americans and their caregivers with sources of information on senior services. Call **1-800-677-1116** or log on to [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).

### Senior Information Hotline

For additional information about other programs and resources, call the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services toll free at **1-877-987-4463** or log on to [www.state.wv.us/seniorservices](http://www.state.wv.us/seniorservices).

### Legal Assistance

If you need a lawyer but have limited resources, you can call the Pro Seniors Legal Hotline toll-free at **1-800-488-6070** or log on to [www.proseniors.org/legal\\_services.html](http://www.proseniors.org/legal_services.html).

## Local Businesses

**The Community Bank:** 25 State St. (740) 448-2212 Lobby Hours: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Wed. 8:30 a.m.-noon Thurs & Sat. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. Drive-Through Hours: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Wed. 8:30 a.m.-noon Thurs & Sat. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. fri.

**Kaslars Country Kitchen restaurant:** Homestyle cooking and the best pies in Athens County 10 State St. 740-448-4225

**Boy Scouts** Leader Conda Jago, 448-0402

**Girl Scouts** Brownie Troop #1038: Leader Jenny McDonald, (614) 664-2204 Junior Troop #1023: Leader Jody Hart, 448-7233 Cadette Troop #1321: Leader Becky Myers, 448-7321

**Postal Service** (740) 448-4591 7:30-11:30 a.m., 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**Presbyterian Church** PO Box 68 Amesville, Ohio 45711

## Organizations

**Federal Hocking School District, Amesville Elementary School:** I want to introduce myself to those of you who are new to Amesville Elementary. I am a lifelong resident and graduate of Federal Hocking. I have a son, Tyler, who is also a graduate of Federal Hocking and Ohio University with a degree in business. My husband, Brent, is a graduate of Federal Hocking and is employed at First National Bank in Athens. It's time to begin a new school year and we are excited about the arrival of your child. All of the staff at Amesville has been working hard to make sure that your child has the best education possible. Amesville Elementary prides itself on getting to know our children and families well. We are fortunate that our school is small enough so that we can get to know the children we educate. The responsibility of your child's education falls greatly on our shoulders and with your much-needed help we believe that your child can succeed. I look forward to meeting and working with the families of our students. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 448-2501 or by email at [Kim\\_c@treca.org](mailto:Kim_c@treca.org).

**Village Productions:** Village Productions (VP) is a private, non-profit community-based organization serving rural, mostly Appalachian, area around Amesville, Ohio. VP has three major program sections: Children's Programming, Adult Education and Community Events. Our Mission Statement: Village Production's mission is to provide learning opportunities through the living arts. Our goal is to create classes and programs in movement, music, crafts, nature, ecology and life skills that support healthy development of children, families and individuals. Our objective is to support and strengthen the Amesville community. [www.village-productions.org](http://www.village-productions.org) or contact: 448-7480

**ACRE (Amesville Community Resources for Entrepreneurs):** ACRE primary purpose is to offer affordable space to artists, businesses and organization so they can grow their capacity to offer services. The available rooms are in the old Amesville Elementary School (29 North Franklin Street) and measure 23 feet by 34 feet (782 square feet). Each south facing room has 384 square feet of windows that offers solar gain and natural light that is exceptional. The north facing rooms also have 384 square feet of windows that offers less solar gain but cooler summer temperatures. [www.amesvilleacre.weebly.com](http://www.amesvilleacre.weebly.com)

**Coonskin Library Association:** The Coonskin Library Association was formed in the mid-1980s under the leadership of Robert Avery, then Principal of the Amesville Elementary School. In 1994 the Amesville Elementary School gave the Association the small building near its playground. It was formerly a one-room school that had been moved to its current site in 1949. It served first as a high school machine shop and later in the 1950s as the school's cafeteria. The museum became a reality through the combined efforts of many local individuals. The museum is currently most used by school children who visit while on school trips. Individuals and groups may arrange for tours and visits by contacting Robert Avery, Association President. The museum is not easily found. It is located behind the Amesville Elementary School off SR 329 north of SR 550. It is not served by a major street and does not have an adjacent parking area. <http://www.ohio.edu/people/deanr/coonskin.html>

## Medicare

### Adding Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

People in the Original Medicare Plan can add drug coverage by joining a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. These plans are available through private companies that work with Medicare to provide prescription drug coverage.

Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) on the web, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to get information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans available in your area. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

### Help Paying for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

People with limited income and resources may qualify for extra help paying their Medicare prescription drug coverage costs. If you automatically qualify for extra help, you won't pay a premium if you join certain basic Medicare drug plans. If you don't automatically qualify, you may still get help to pay your prescription drug costs. If you have drug coverage through a previous or current employer

### Where can you find more information about Medicare?

Medicare Service Center: **800-MEDICARE (800-633-227)**  
Medicare Service Center TTY: **877-486-2048**  
Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program:  
**(800) 686-1578**  
Social Security Administration: **(800) 772-1213**  
Consumer Services Division of Ohio: **(800) 686-1526**

## Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)

Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) is a federally funded, low-income, residential energy efficiency program. The program reduces low-income households' energy use, thus creating more affordable housing for those in most need.

Services include attic, wall, and basement insulation; blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating systems repairs or replacements; and health and safety testing and inspection. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. Client education is also an important component of the program.

### Eligibility Requirements

Households that qualify are either households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) participants, PIPP eligible households, or households participating in Supplemental Security Income.

### Benefits of HWAP

After weatherization, households that heat with natural gas reduce space heating consumption by an average of 24.7%, and electrically heated homes reduce usage by 13% on average.

**Program information 740-767-4500**

## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program ([HEAP](#)) is a federally funded program administered by the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Service ([OCS](#)). It is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. If you are eligible for assistance, the amount of your one-time HEAP benefit will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income and the primary fuel you use to heat your home. In most cases, the one-time benefit will be a credit applied to your energy bill by your utility company (or fuel vendor).

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applications for the 2012 Regular HEAP program will be accepted August 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013. The total household income of an applicant must be at or below 200 percent of the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 federal poverty guidelines listed below:

Size of Household	Total Household Income in 12 Months
1	up to \$21,660.00
2	\$29,140.00
3	\$36,620.00
4	\$44,100.00
5	\$51,580.00
6	\$59,060.00
7	\$66,540.00

## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

A household applying for HEAP must report total gross household income for the past 12 months for all members, except wage or salary income earned by dependent minors under 18 years old. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for assistance.

### Where can you get more information about applying for HEAP?

Applications can be mailed to households that meet the eligibility requirements. To inquire about HEAP you can:

- Call HEAP toll-free at **1-800-282-0880**
- Contact your Community Action Agency:
  - Athens-Hocking-Perry: (740) 767-4500
  - Jackson-Vinton: (740) 384-3722
  - Gallia-Meigs: (740) 367-7341
- The Ohio Department of Development Website:  
<http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/ocs/regheap.htm>



## Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and People with Disabilities (ABD)

### Medicaid benefits

Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and People with Disabilities (ABD) provides health care coverage consisting of primary and acute-care benefit packages, along with long-term care.

### How to apply for Medicaid ABD?

Proof of income, resources, age and disability, and other health insurance is required when applying. A face-to-face interview with your local county department of jobs and family services is also necessary. Athens Co: (740) 797-2523



## Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and People with Disabilities (ABD)

Medicaid is a joint Federal and State program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. Ohio Medicaid offers a span of programs for older adults and people with disabilities to assist with medical expenses.

### Edibility requirements for Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and People with Disabilities (ABD)

To qualify for Medicaid ABD applicants must be either:

- 65 years old or older, or
- Legally blind, or
- An individual with a disability

You must also meet basic requirements, which include:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be an Ohio resident
- Have or get a social security number
- Be at or below the federal poverty level

Number of Persons in Household	100% Poverty Guideline
1	\$10,830
2	\$14,570
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a federal food and nutrition program serving nutritionally at-risk, income eligible participants. It is administered in Ohio by the Department of Jobs and Family Services with services provided locally by the Second Harvest Foodbank of Southeastern Ohio.

### Eligibility Requirements

- CSFP is for people who are 60 years of age and older or women who are either pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Must live in Athens, Hocking, Perry, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Gallia, Morgan, Washington, Muskingum, Noble, Monroe, Guernsey, Licking, Morrow, Ross, Jefferson, Harrison, or Belmont counties
- Meet income requirements (At or below 130% of poverty)

### How CSFP works

Once a month, at a specified time and date, participants receive food at the local distribution site. Each food package contains USDA donated commodities that may include: cereal, grits, powdered eggs, powdered milk, pasta, evaporated milk, cheese, canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, fruit juice, and dried beans.

### Where can you find more information about applying for CSFP?

- For Athens, Hocking, Perry, Vinton, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Gallia, Morgan, and Washington counties contact::

#### Second Harvest Foodbank of Southeastern Ohio

Executive Director  
1005 CIC Drive  
Logan, Ohio 43138

## Food Assistance Benefits

The Food Assistance Benefits is a federally funding program, administered by The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. The purpose of the Food Assistance Benefits Program is raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power, and to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals in low-income households in Ohio.

### Food Assistance Benefits eligibility requirements

- Household income must be at or below 130% of poverty

Size of Household	130%
1	\$14,079.00
2	\$18,941.00
3	\$23,803.00
4	\$28,665.00
5	\$33,527.00
6	\$38,389.00
7	\$43,251.00
8	\$48,113.00

### What can be purchased with food benefits?

You can buy most food and food products with your food benefits. Items that may not be purchased include: alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, vitamins/medicines, hot food products, non-food household items.

## Food Assistance Benefits

### How to receive your food assistance benefits

Upon acceptance to program you will receive a Ohio Directions Card. Each card will come with instructions to create a personal identification number (PIN). Your benefits will be added on to your card every month. You use the benefits by swiping the card and entering your PIN.

### Where you can use your card

You can use your Ohio Direction card at any grocery store or retailer that displays the Ohio Direction sign.

### How can you apply for the Food Assistance Program?

To apply for Food Assistance Benefits you will need to fill out the Request for Cash application, and the Food and Medical Assistance application. To find these applications:

- Contact your local Department of Jobs and Family Services
- Visit: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/pdf/7200.pdf>
- Call: 1-866-635-3748

### What will you need to apply?

- Social Security Number
- Proof of income
- Identity
- Dependent care costs (if applicable)
- Child support paid to children not living with you (if applicable)
- Housing and utility costs
- Documentation of any medical expenses for those with disabilities or for those over 60