



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Happy August, Amity! Summer is flying by, and much has been happening in our little city.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> the city held a meeting on business and community engagement. We had a good turnout and spent close to two hours discussing ways to bolster engagement, inclusiveness, and volunteerism. So many great ideas were shared. One of the City Council goals for this year was to start conceptualizing an annual “Amity days” celebration for the future, this topic was addressed at the meeting as well. I am excited to see and hear enthusiasm for expansion of City events and a willingness from so many to be involved. I appreciate the time and interest from everyone who was able to attend.

Amity also welcomed a new Judge this past month. Judge Larry Blake will now be presiding over Amity’s monthly Municipal Court, now held the third Tuesday of each month. Judge Blake comes to us with a long history of judicial experience and outstanding references. This appointment fills the vacancy left by Judge Ross who previously served Amity for over 20 years!

During a special meeting of City Council on July 20<sup>th</sup> we decided unanimously by Council vote NOT to send a measure of prohibition of psilocybin manufacturing and service center to the November ballot. The effect of this decision will be to allow implementation of Oregon voter approved measure 109 within Amity City limits. As a caveat, Council has referred the matter to the Amity Planning Commission for thorough consideration of how to best proceed with regards to our current development code and the ability to limit time, place, and manner at a local level, by Ordinance. However, since that meeting, the County provided us new information regarding the cost of a ballot measure. The City Council will take the opportunity to address this new information during its August Council Meeting and decide if it necessary to change its July 20<sup>th</sup> vote.

Lastly, I would like to thank Amity Fire District for their tremendous work in putting on the annual Pancake Breakfast and car show. This is such a fun community event, and it was great to see so many people enjoying the food, cars, and company of one another. It takes a lot of work and coordination to make such an event a success, once again AFD rocked it. Thank you!

Just a reminder, your voice matters! The Council and I would love to hear from you. All meetings are open to all, City Hall has a comment drop box, and we can be reached via email as well. If you are interested in joining the City Council, please stop by City Hall for an election packet. Council Seats 1, 3, and 5 will be on the November ballot.

## Amity Info Corner:

The last week of July found us with a few days in the high 90s and low 100s. Please know that the County has enacted a full burn ban, as has Amity Fire.

With the weather being so hot, it is worthwhile to remind everyone to be aware of the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion may lead to heat stroke. To avoid both, it is wise to stay hydrated, do most outdoor activities in the early AM or at dusk, wear sunscreen and hats, and if you start to feel thirsty, sweat heavily, or get dizzy, then move to a cooler area, seek shade, loosen restrictive/tight clothing, and sip cool water.

Also be aware that your pets will feel the heat sooner than you will, so ensure they stay cool, too. Plus, if you wouldn’t walk barefoot on it don’t make you pet do so. Pavement gets much hotter than you think and can burn paws!

# From your Public Works Dept.

Many cities are currently on water restrictions. Although Amity is not, we ask that you try to conserve on water usage so that Amity does not have to have any restrictions. Below are some tips on how you can conserve:

## Ways to Save Water Indoors

- Check all faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks
- Install water saving showerheads and ultra-low-flush toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving
- Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator
- Rinse vegetables in a full sink or pan of water
- Fully load your dishwasher
- Wash full loads of clothes

## Ways to Save Water Outdoors

- Don't over-water landscaping
- Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening
- Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street
- Don't water on cool, rainy or windy days
- Equip all hoses with shut-off nozzles
- Use drip irrigation systems
- Plant drought-tolerant or low water-use plants and grass
- Place mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and discourage weeds
- Use a pool cover to cut down on water evaporation
- Use bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways, loading docks and parking lots.

For information on Water Conservation Program information, call the Public Works Department at (503) 835-4181.



# Events/Closures

**National Night Out**- August 2, 2022 at Amity City Park, 6pm – 8pm

**Council Meeting**- August 3, 2022 at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Planning Meeting**- August 8, 2022 at 6:30pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

**Council Work Session**- August 17, 2022 at 5pm

**Council Meeting**- September 7, 2022 at 7pm

**City Offices Closed**- Labor Day September 5,

[www.cityofamityoregon.org](http://www.cityofamityoregon.org)

Phone 503.835.3711

**Amity City Council:**

Acie Dunlap, Denis Saucier, Sandy McArthur, Melissa Bojorquez, Cody Goings, April Dyche and Mayor Rachel King

## Election Info:

We're beginning local election season. Here are the positions up for election with the incumbent in parentheses:

- Councilor Seat 1 (Cody Goings)
- Councilor Seat 3 (Acie Dunlap)
- Councilor Seat 5 (Denis Saucier)

1) Eligibility to run for office requires one to be a registered voter, to live inside of City Limits, and to reside in City Limits for the 12 months prior to the election.

2) City positions are considered non-partisan.

3) If you would like to run for office, then please come to City Hall to pick up an election package and fill out the necessary forms.

4) Interested candidates are also required to obtain petition signatures (on the form provided by the Elections Officer), that must be verified by the Yamhill County Clerk.

**All applications and forms must be returned to the city by 5 PM on August 22, 2022. Please come by City Hall or call (503.835.3711) and speak with Tasha Johnson to learn more about running for office in Amity.**