



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Welcome to May! To me it feels as if we are all coming out of hibernation after a very long winter. With the easing of mandates and drop in Covid circulation, many things are beginning to feel back to normal.

A big thank you to Amity Fire District for putting on the Easter egg hunt again this year. There was a great turnout of children and families gathered, and more than enough eggs hidden to go around!

Also, thank you to all who participated in the recent “Shred Day” and City wide clean up events. I appreciate the effort and planning that went into holding these events and all those who took advantage of the opportunities. Your participation and enthusiasm, as well as seeing the community come together to help each other, is what makes these undertakings worthwhile.

Quick reminder: The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be held May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, at City Hall. All are welcome. This year the City Council had the privilege of appointing three new members to our Budget Committee. Sean Fitzgerald, Rose Lorenzen, and Richard Lorenzen will serve as members through the 2024-2025 budget cycle. Council is grateful for their willingness to volunteer. If you have an interest in joining this Committee, please come observe the upcoming meeting and feel free to fill out an application to be considered for next year.

Lastly, I wanted to provide a bit of information about our new utility bills and billing system. In conjunction with upgrading water meters, Amity has also updated our billing software to better serve customers. While this upgrade has made the system more efficient and user friendly the transition has been rightfully frustrating for some. If you would like to make payments online, you will need to reregister your account to do so. This can be done by accessing the “pay my bill” option on the City of Amity website. You will be directed to a page run by AMPSTUN and will need to complete a new “Consumer Registration” to proceed with bill payment. PSN will still be the company utilized for online payments, but the new registration will allow account holders to be integrated into the new software being used. We apologize for this inconvenience! If you have autopay set up through PSN, that will stay the same and no further action is needed. If you have questions or need assistance navigating these changes, please contact City Hall and staff will be happy to help.

As always, your Mayor and City Council are here to serve and represent YOU, and we’d love to hear from you. Your comments, suggestions, concerns, or questions are welcomed and appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

## Amity Info Corner

### SALT CREEK BRIDGE UPDATES

- The Salt Creek Bridge will close to all traffic the week of May 30<sup>th</sup>. The bridge will reopen October 1, 2023.
- PGE Power and internet/cable service may be sporadically interrupted between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>, as power and transmission lines in the vicinity of the bridge are removed from the poles and relocated. Please contact your service provider (PGE, Online NW, Wave, Xfinity/Comcast) for further information or if you experience service or power interruptions.
- Amity’s water service west of the bridge may experience a disruption in mid-August, as our water transmission line is moved off the bridge and relocated. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

### WATER PROJECT UPDATE

- The City of Amity is working on completing the bidding process. We should have approved bids by mid-May. We expect the project to begin construction, if there are no further delays, by August or September and continue into 2023.

### CITY PARK HOST OPENING

- The City of Amity is searching for a new full-time, in-residence park host to oversee and accomplish the upkeep, maintenance, and security of Amity City Park. If you’re interested, please stop by City Hall, or check our website for more information. Position open until filled.

# 2022 -2023 Kindergarten Registration:

If you have a child that will turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2022, it is time to register them for kindergarten!

All kindergarten students need to be registered online for admittance. Please note that you will be asked for the student's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency (ex: gas bill, water bill, mortgage statement - need home address)

To register:

- Go to the district website:  
[www.amity.k12.or.us](http://www.amity.k12.or.us)
- Click New Student Registration on the homepage and follow the directions for either an existing account or to create a new account

Once you complete the registration process, we will review it and contact you with information regarding teacher, transportation, needed documents etc.

If you need access to a computer or would like help in completing the registration, please contact the elementary school at 503-835-3751.

## Amity Public Library:

Amity public Library has Wi-Fi hotspots to loan! If you need one, just go to the library and check it out.

## Amity DIG News:

The Amity Daffodil Festival was a success, and you can expect to see more flowers with the annual flower baskets hung along Trade Street later this month. Once again, Amity Downtown Improvement Group is sponsoring the baskets planted by the Amity High School FFA students. If you also want to sponsor a basket, please send a check for \$30 to Amity DIG at PO Box 652, Amity Oregon 97101; you will receive a receipt for your donation to our non-profit for tax purposes. We are also in the process of getting new banners printed and including sponsorships from local businesses. Expect to see the new banners in June after the high school graduates' banners are down.

# Events/Closures

**Council Meeting**- May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Planning Commission** - May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Budget Committee Meeting** - May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Council Work Session** - May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**City Hall Closed** - May 30<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day.

**Council Meeting** - June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

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### **Amity City Council:**

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

# Water System Flushing

The City of Amity Public Works Department has scheduled our periodic flushing of the water system to occur on **May 31, 2022, weather permitting, starting at 8 pm** and continuing throughout the night. This process stirs the settled sediment into the flowing water and not all of it is removed through the hydrants. The sediment that is not removed may enter your private water lines and, therefore, we advise you to run your **COLD water using the outside faucets or bathtubs ONLY on the morning of June 1, 2022** until it runs clear and to exercise caution when washing laundry to avoid color damage.