



Amity Grapevine

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RACHEL KING:

Greetings Amity,

Welcome to the month of February. This year has been off to a busy start for the City of Amity! At last month's City Council meeting our newest Councilor, Caleb Shields, was sworn into his position along with Denis Saucier, who is rejoining Council after a brief hiatus. April Dyche was voted to serve as our Council President once again for the 2023 year. Council also appointed our City Administrator, Michael Thomas, to serve as our budget officer. The coming fiscal year's budget is already being put together by Staff. We have multiple positions currently open on our Budget Committee. If you have interest in joining this committee, please contact City Hall for an application. The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be held in May.

I would like to give thanks to everyone who participated in this year's City Survey and to those who attended the Town Hall held in January. Your City Council takes care to use those inputs and insights to form our goals and priorities that are set for the year. In turn those goals help direct our budget and leads to making the changes and improvements that are most wanted and impactful in our community. 2023 goals will be published soon!

As decided in a public hearing held in October, Amity continues work to apply for funding to build a new public library. In order to pursue such a large undertaking, we will need citizen's help and engagement in the decision-making process and in deciding how best to move forward with this project to meet community needs. Please be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to get involved.

We currently have four major water infrastructure projects underway that will continue throughout the year. Much of the replacement and construction aspects are still ahead, but improvements to our drinking water are already noticeable with the work that has been done! Sewer and stormwater assessments have been done and focus will soon be turned to long term planning of substantial improvements to that infrastructure as well. While, yes, these types of projects are expensive and seem to take forever...continuous progress is being made. Keeping up with meeting these very basic need of a city is of utmost importance and cannot be left to be dealt with later. Fortunately, Amity is on a good trajectory of progress in addressing these issues and the momentum towards improvements is not slowing down.

I hope the first month of the new year has treated you all well.

I am excited for many things that are happening within our city. I look forward to more opportunities to work with, and for, you all.

AMITY INFO CORNER:

City Hall often gets calls regarding requests for services that are not in the City's area of responsibility. So, we'd like to share some of the contact information for our partners.

To report a streetlight outage, contact PGE through their website:

<https://portlandgeneral.com/outages-safety/report-a-streetlight-problem>

For pothole repair along Trade (Hwy 99W) and Nursery or 5th (Hwy 153) contact ODOT at 1-888-275-6368 (1-888-ASK-ODOT) and choose option 6. Or if you want to report a problem along roads within the County go to:

<https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/public-works-road-repair-request-form>

If you have a possible natural gas leak, call NW Natural Gas at 800-882-3377.

Finally, if you have a water or sewer issue contact City Hall at 503-835-3711 or Public Works at 503-835-4181.

AMITY DIG NEWS:

The Amity Daffodil Festival is on track for 2023. The **next planning meeting is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th at City Hall**. Volunteers are **welcome and invited** to help plan and implement this time-honored event in town, started by the Amity High School hospitality group, and now sponsored by Amity DIG. The Daffodil Festival will be held on Saturday, March 25th from 9-4 p.m. at the Community Center. Hope to see you.

CHECK YOUR CHECKS:

The Water/Sewer Department has recently had some issues with a number of checks that are received for payment on utility bills. Please make sure that you double check the following before submitting:

- ✓ Written amount matches the number amount,
- ✓ Check is signed, and
- ✓ Check is dated correctly

Also, if you drop off a check without your remittance stub, please make sure that your account number is written on your check. This will help ensure that your payment is applied to the right proper account.

Lastly, please do not staple your check to your remittance stub. The check could be torn because of removing the staple, making the check unable to be deposited. Thank you!



Events/Closures

Council Meeting- February 1st at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

Planning Meeting- February 13th at 6:30pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

Council Work-Session- February 22nd at 5pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 872 3486 4153

Passcode: 052165

City Offices Closed- February 20th for President's Day

Council Meeting- March 1st at 7pm

www.cityofamilyoregon.org

Phone # 503-835-3711

Amity City Council:

Council President April Dyche, Melissa Bojorquez, Denis Saucier, Sandy McArthur, Caleb Shields and Mayor Rachel King.

Budget Committee Members Needed!

The City of Amity currently has two (2) vacancies on the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2023-2024. Each is a three-year term. To be on the Budget Committee, you must reside within the city limits and be a registered voter. The Budget Committee typically meets one evening each week through the month of May. Being on the Budget Committee is a great opportunity to contribute your ideas on how your tax dollars are spent.

Interested persons may pick up an application at the Amity City Hall or on our website www.cityofamilyoregon.org. The deadline for submittal is March 24, 2023.