



Amity Grapevine

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Message from Mayor Rachel King

Happy holiday season Amity! Welcome December and all its cheer.

I'm excited to once again be lighting our City's Christmas tree on December 2nd. I would like to extend my thanks to the Amity Fire Department and Auxiliary and our Downtown Improvement Group for continuing to bring festivities (and Santa) to our community on this special night!

In next month's newsletter I will be sharing the State of the City Address. This will provide updates on major projects, share more about the work and accomplishments of our Council and City staff, and will also be a look ahead to what is planned and what needs to be worked on in the future.

Amity's 2023 resident survey will also be arriving with your next newsletter. I cannot stress enough the value your input has to the decisions and priorities set by Council. By hearing from **YOU** directly, we can better align our work to what matters most in this community. Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it by the due date.

I would also like to share that it has been so encouraging to see more and more attendance and engagement at City Council's two monthly meetings. I appreciate those who have taken the time to come and ask questions, share concerns, or just shown up to listen. Local Government should be accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to everyone; that is what I strive for. As we continue our work to provide additional opportunities for involvement, my hope is that more citizens can participate and feel connected to what is happening within the city and greater community.

As we head into this new month and the winter season, I wish you all good health and happiness. Please continue to look out for each other and lend a helping hand when and where you're able. I feel so privileged to live and serve in such a special community.

Amity Information Corner

Here are the things that City Hall would like you to know going into the Holidays!

- **Water Shutoffs in December** Mayor King indicated that she's going to suspend water shutoffs in December. More details to follow, but here's to an early Christmas present courtesy of Mayor King!
- **SHOP LOCAL!!** This holiday season, take the opportunity to shop Amity businesses. We've wonderful establishments here in Amity. Give the gift of Amity this year.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** On December 28th the City of Amity will host a blood drive at City Hall. Sign up online <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> Give the gift of life this year; GIVE BLOOD!
- **Town Hall in January** Mayor King and our new Council will host a Town Hall meeting in January. Expected to be 18th. More information to follow.
- **Financial Assistance Available** YCAP, PGE and other churches and charities will offer help to cover your bills this season. Stop by City Hall to get more information or reach out to your billing agency for such support.
- **Pets in the cold** Your pets don't like being cold! Ensure your pets have ready access to warmth, shelter, and food & water during the cold weather and bad weather during the winter. If you can bring your pets indoors, do so.
- **Keeping the community "clean" during the holidays** With the elections over, please take down your political signs. Also, giving away things for free by placing them on the curb is fine...for a while. After a few days it becomes junk and a nuisance. Please ensure that after a few days you haul what is not claimed to the dump.
- **Winter weather prep!** Take the time, now, to ensure your gutters and drains are cleaned, your water heater is working properly, and your heating system is fully functional. Chimneys and ventilation systems should be clear of debris. Replace batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and other sensors. And ensure that your tree doesn't get too dry while it's on display!

Amity DIG News

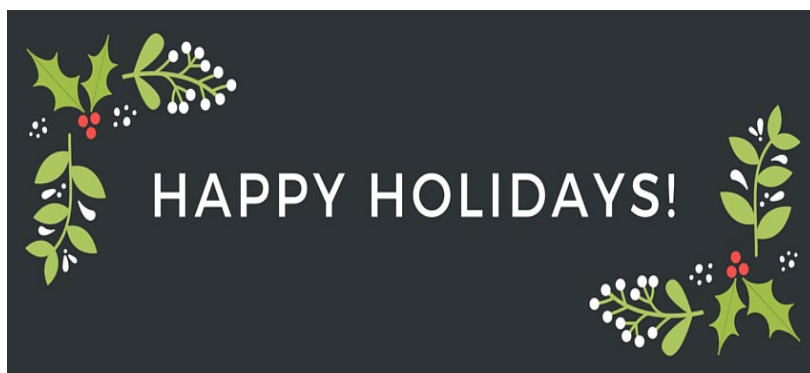
The collaborative effort works in Amity to host another tree lighting event which also includes a festive parade, goodie bag distribution, and refreshments to kick off the holiday season. The tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 2 at the Community Center. The festively decorated fire truck parade will be touring the town at the same time. After the tree is lit, come to the Fire Hall for goodie bags provided by Amity DIG and cookies and cocoa provided by the Amity Firefighters Auxiliary. Santa will be attending too. Many resources including government, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals help to make this event a success. This year thanks go out to Amity DIG, Amity Volunteer Firefighters, Amity Firefighters Auxiliary, City of Amity, City of Willamina Public Works, Amity Market, Brooke Cox, First Federal, Franz Bakery/Smith Cookies, Georgia's Properties LLC, New Brighton Farm, Forge & Distillery, ODOT Permits Office, Volunteer Goodies Bag Packers, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office. Happy Holidays to all.

Christmas Done Bright

It's time to light up your neighborhood! Residents within the city limits of Amity are invited to participate in Amity's 10th Annual Christmas Done Bright light contest! Judging will be based on:

- **Best Decorated Home** – includes single and multi-unit homes
- **Best Decorated Yard**
- **Best Decorated Business**
- **Mayor's Choice**

Judging will be on **Friday, December 16th (after dark)** and the winners will be notified the next day on **Saturday**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amity City Hall at 503-835-3711. Thank you and good luck!



Events/Closures

Tree Lighting - December 2nd at 6pm at the Amity Community Center / City Hall

Council Meeting – December 7th, at 7pm
ZOOM info:
Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516
Passcode: 041853

Council Work Session - December 21st at 5pm

Christmas Done Bright – December 16th after dark

City Offices Closed - December 23rd from 12 – 5 pm and December 26th all day.

City Offices Closed - December 30th from 12 – 5 pm and January 2nd all day.

Council Meeting – January 4th, at 7pm
ZOOM info:
Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516
Passcode: 041853

Planning Meeting – January 9th at 6:30pm

www.cityofamityoregon.org
Phone # 503.835.3711

Amity City Council:

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

Amity Fire's Giving Tree & Annual Toy Drive

The Amity Fire District is hosting its annual tree of giving and toy drive, along with many community partners. If you'd like to assist, please select a name off the tree at First Federal or drop off a toy at the Fire House on S. Trade or Amity City Hall. Please share some the gift of giving this holiday season.