



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Happy June Amity! It's hard to believe that we are already to the halfway point of 2023.

I'd like to share a few highlights of the past month, as well as some upcoming events to look forward to-

The Amity budget committee successfully approved the City Budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This budget is now slated for Council consideration and approval at our June Council meeting. I appreciate the hard work of staff and committee volunteers and their efforts through this process. There are conservative revenue projections paired with an emphasis on planning for longer-term future needs in the latest budget. This approach serves well to insulate against unknown future circumstances while still targeting previously unmet needs and enhancing service levels.

As many of you have noticed, the dryer weather has allowed for street patching and repair to be accomplished throughout the city over the past few weeks. On June 14<sup>th</sup> Council will hear presentation of the Streets Inventory work that has taken place over the last quarter. This work should lead toward more systematic prioritization of maintenance and upkeep, and over time, street system improvements that bring the overall quality of our non-highway roadways to a higher standard Amity-wide. Having this data will also aid in seeking additional grants and outside funding opportunities. I thank you all for your patience as work is being done to address street issues in an intentional and sustainable way. Also, yay for pothole repairs!

Along with Council, I look forward to our upcoming 'Movie in the Park' happening on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a fun way to kick off summer. I'm excited for another late night of popcorn, laughs, and the sense of community these types of events bring. Remember that this event falls on one of the longest days of the year and won't get started until after dusk. Plan ahead: grab dinner at one of our amazing local restaurants, gather a blanket or lawn chairs, maybe even change into pajamas. Be prepared to stay up late and have a good, family friendly, time. I hope you're able to join us.

Lastly, Amity City Council continues to work through the hiring process for our next City Administrator. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we hosted top candidates for city tours, interviews, and a community meet and greet. Thank you to all the citizens who took time to come down to City Hall to interact with the chosen individuals and provide feedback. Based on the outcome of interviews, and community and stakeholder input, the City Council has chosen to move forward, by unanimous vote, to extend a tentative offer of employment. Contingent on contract negotiations, a public announcement of filling our City Administrator vacancy will be coming soon!

As we move into summer there are many exciting things to look forward to here in Amity.

## Amity Info Corner:

Storm water tips: actions to decrease your environmental footprint and reduce pollution entering local water ways-

When it rains, snows, or sleet, water hits hard surfaces and takes anything on that surface with it, through drains, pipes, and ditches and into local rivers, lakes, and streams. Known as storm water, this runoff is a major source of water pollution. Listed below are a few things each of us can do to help reduce negative storm water impacts.

- \*Keep ditches, culverts, and drains on and near your property clear and free of debris and litter
- \*Pick up pet waste promptly
- \*Be careful with chemicals. Read and follow labels of pesticides and fertilizers and avoid any application on pavement
- \*Quickly address any vehicle fluid or oil leaks
- \*Plant native trees, flowers, and shrubs, and enhance green space around your property

# MOVIE IN THE PARK

City of Amity is pleased to kick off the summer with a Movie in the park.

The movie will be on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at dusk. You are invited to come and enjoy **Rumble and popcorn.**

The Movie in the Park would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, as the licenses to show movies to the public cost anywhere from \$200 - \$400 per license. Sponsorships to date include: First Federal and City of Amity.

We hope to see you all there!

## Amity Public Library

*Summer Reading Program*

*Find Your Voice!*

*June 22-August 19*

EVERY Thursday, Activity Packets @ APL

**Free shows in Amity City Park:**  
(All on Wednesday at 4:30)

**June 28** Nathalia Music

**July 19** Alex Zerbe's Zaniac Comedy

**August 2** Angel Ocasio Comedy

**August 17** Reading Trackers DUE!

**Saturday, August 19 at APL** Serendipity Ice Cream and PRIZES!

Questions? Call APL at (503) 835-8181

## Friends of the Amity Library Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the **annual meeting** of the **Friends of the Library on Monday, June 19th at 5:30 p.m.** Come learn about what the Friends of the Library does to assist library goals and patrons as well as any library updates. Being a "friend" of the library is not a big-time commitment and you may find that there are things you would want to do to contribute to the community.

## Amity DIG News

The flower baskets, provided by Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) and planted by the Amity High School students, are up. Thanks go to Amity Public Works staff for installing them. Hope you enjoy the color during the summer months. If you want to contribute to help defray the costs that Amity DIG incurs, please feel free to send a check in any amount to Amity DIG, PO Box 652, Amity, Oregon 97101. Any donation to Amity DIG is tax deductible.

# Events/Closures

**Council Meeting:** June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Planning Meeting:** June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Council Work Session:** June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Movie in the Park:** Rumble, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at dusk

**City Offices Closed:** Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Council Meeting:** July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**CITY OF AMITY 2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT** - Please find on our website, Facebook or come in and see a copy of the report.

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

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**Amity City Council:**

Melissa Bojorquez, April Dyche, Sandy McArthur, Caleb Shields, Alice Thompson and Mayor Rachel King.

# CONGRATS!!

Congrats to our winners of our Earth Day coloring contest. Thank you to everyone who participated.

