



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Rachel King:

Hello Amity! Once again September is upon us. After a slow start to summer weather, we are coming to the end of this season with our fair share of heat and dryness. Please continue to observe the current burn ban and be mindful of water use. Your continued efforts will go a long way to keep at bay the issues that we are seeing increasingly across the state and region. Wildland fires and drought conditions are emergencies that no community can be completely immune from. Keep up the good work Amity, and please know that your City and Council will keep working hard to prevent, mitigate, and be prepared for these types of ongoing concerns.

A big “thank you” to everyone who was able to join us for this year's National Night Out celebration! Once again it was a fun filled evening with games, dunk tank shenanigans, free helmets, popcorn, grab bags, books, and a lot of great information shared. Azrael and Kelly were this year's grateful recipients of brand-new bikes(!) thanks to a generous donation from First Federal Bank. Deputy Summers, Amity Fire, YC Cert, YCSO Passe, Amity Public Library, City Staff and City Council all did their part to add to the successful event. I appreciate their community support and engagement. I look forward to this event happening again next year, and hope that even more community members and local partners will join us.

This month also marks one year since I was appointed to the position of Mayor for the City of Amity. It has been a whirlwind of activity, a learning process, and an honor to be in this position to lead Council and represent and serve you. I extend my gratitude to so many of you who have shown me encouragement, patience, and support over the past year. I look forward to Amity's future. It's heartening to see all the enthusiasm while getting to know more and more of you, and to know so many are invested in, and dedicated to, the betterment of our community.

While we may be volunteers, please remember that members of the City Council and I work for YOU! The Council strives to be a representation of every citizen's voice and make decisions that are best for all. Sharing your opinions and perspectives helps us to serve better. We would love to hear from you and want to put our efforts towards your collective priorities. Please don't hesitate to reach out and get involved!

P.S. Did you know that in the past year and a half Amity has received over \$6 million in grant funding to improve our water infrastructure!?! This, along with long sought-after low interest loan funding through USDA, will have a huge positive impact on our city's water system. All 4 current water projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Amity Info Corner:

Road Safety: With kids heading back to school please remember to slow down on our residential streets and come to a complete stop at each stop sign. Please take that extra second or two, searching for bicycles or pedestrians, to avoid a tragedy. Every intersection, even if not marked, is a legal crosswalk and our kids will be crossing on their way to school. Our Deputies will be monitoring crosswalks during the school year.

December Blood Drive: The City of Amity is hosting a Blood Drive at City Hall on December 28th, 11am – 4pm. Appointments are available, but may not last too long. So, reserve a spot now.

Go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CityofAmity> to sign up. Give the gift of life. Give Blood.

Social Media: The City of Amity now has a presence on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and our own website. We post a lot of information, to include video recordings of our public meetings. If you're interested in finding us, type in City of Amity Oregon on these social media sites to find us!

Construction Updates: We've a lot of building going on. Next door to the Dollar General a new cannabis dispensary is being built. 5th Street is closed as the Salt Creek Bridge gets underway. We expect the bridge to reopen October 2023. Our major water project is underway west of town, this will improve and expand the capability and capacity of our water infrastructure. And we've recently welcomed Retro Pizza where the Tap House was. And the Treasure Attic is slowly coming back, too. The school, too, is expanding with some construction on the high school property. With the bond passing more construction at the schools will occur over the next few years! We're excited for the changes and the improvements happening in Amity!

Planning Commission Vacancy:

Want to make a difference in your community? There is a vacant position on the Amity Planning Commission. To qualify, you must be a registered voter, preferably also a resident living inside City Limits. If you are interested, please obtain an application from City Hall or online at www.cityofamityoregon.org. The position will remain open until filled.

What Happens to My Complaint?

Have you ever submitted a complaint to the city and wondered “where does my complaint go?” Whether it is a city code, city employee, or a neighbor, when a complaint is received, it gets distributed to the appropriate Department Head, City Administrator, Mayor, and the original gets kept in the file. The Department Head will be the person to contact the complainant for follow-up (if requested) and discuss solutions with the City Administrator. You may not always see the solution and sometimes the solution takes months, if not years, to come to fruition, depending on the complaint. Sometimes, it may take complaints from multiple households, like barking dogs for example, before law enforcement can address it. Sometimes it takes coordination with other agencies, like a county or state department.

Please understand that certain issues may take precedent over others; therefore, if you feel like your complaint is being overlooked, please let City Hall know. Your concern is our concern.

Library Closures:

This month the library will be closed on the following dates, due to staffing shortages. **There will be closures on Sept 12th, 14th, 19th, and 21st.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Upcoming Event:



Amity Christian Church

Saturday, September 17th, 4:00-7:00pm

For students in our community of all ages and their families and is totally FREE!

There will be food, live music, bounce houses, a dunk tank and more!

Events/Closures:

City Offices Closed- Labor Day September 5th

Council Meeting- September 7th at 7pm

Planning Commission Meeting -
September 12th at 6:30pm

Council Work Session - September 21st at
5pm

Council Meeting- October 5th at 7pm

Amity City Council:

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

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Phone 503.835.3711

Yamhill County Fire Ban:

Just a reminder that all backyard burning is closed until October. For daily burning updates regarding recreational burning, you can call 503-472-3344 in Yamhill County.

Online Bill Pay:

Many customers may not be aware that Amity offers a convenient way to pay your utility bill. The city uses a company called Payment Service Network (PSN) to process online/phone payments. Please be aware that there are small “convenience” fees associated with paying online or by phone. The fee to pay with your credit/debit is 2.75% (additional .50 if the bill is under \$100). If you pay with your checking account, the fee is \$1.00. First time users must register and have their account number ready. Please call 877-885-7968 or go onto the City’s webpage cityofamityoregon.org.