



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Hello Friends and Neighbors! Autumn is upon us, and we've made it into the last quarter of the calendar year!

While in many respects this time of year represents things slowing down, there is still much happening around Amity. Last month, coinciding with kids heading back to class, we were able to start utilizing our new speed radar sign in school zones and heavily trafficked residential streets. This safety device brings extra awareness to speed limits and does a good job of reminding drivers to slow down. It is a mobile unit. If you have a suggestion of where it might be put to good use, please let us know. An email, phone call, or a note dropped in the City Hall suggestion box works great.

In upcoming events:

-- This month's City Council meeting has been rescheduled! Due to scheduling conflicts, our **October Council meeting will take place Wednesday, October 12th**. On the agenda will be a Public Hearing regarding a grant application to rebuild and renovate Amity public library. This library project will require mass community support to be successful. Every voice and opinion are valuable, especially as we are still early on in this endeavor.

-- I'm excited to share that this year in addition to holding our second annual Pumpkin decorating contest city-wide, the City of Amity will once again be hosting a harvest party/ pumpkin decorating event at City Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 – 4PM. Please see below for more details. Additional information about the contest will be shared via social media, the City website, and at the event.

-- City Council will hold its last town hall of the year Monday October 24th at 6:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to share more information and answer questions about the local ballot measure Amity voters will see in November. It will also be an opportunity for filed or write-in City Council Candidates to introduce themselves to the community. Please contact City Hall in advance if you would like to participate in the candidate introduction portion of the evening. As in the past, we will end with an open forum comment and question time. I hope you can join us!

As a reminder backyard burn season starts October 1st. We've had a very dry season with fires once again devastating parts of our state. Please be safe and mindful of your surroundings and remember to call the backyard burn line at 503- 472-3344 every time before burning. As an alternative, Recology offers yard debris pick-up service, for a small monthly fee. There is no charge for yard debris drop off at Recology Organics for Amity customers.

Wishing you all a great fall season. **Happy October!**

## Amity Info Corner:

**Dogs in Amity:** Amity Ordinances require that dogs be on a leash around town. This includes the City Park. Additionally, you're required to pick up after your dog when it poops. While we are attempting to purchase and install dog waste stations around town, the requirement is upon you to ensure you comply with City Ordinances, please.

**Weeds, grass, and vegetation:** Amity Ordinances require property owners to maintain their yards and by removing noxious vegetation, pulling weeds, and mowing one's grass. The purpose behind this is to not only improve the appearance of the community for ourselves and others; it is also important in pest control, fire reduction, and public safety. Blackberries and other vegetation can lure wildlife into city spaces, to include mice and rats. Tall, dried-out weeds and grass may make fires worse by spreading it faster. Tall, overgrown bushes, blackberries, weeds, and the like may block visibility for motorists when looking for pedestrians and bicyclists. So, please, maintain your property. It will benefit you and your neighbors.





## Amity DIG:

Notice the new banners on the street posts lately? These are the result of a design developed with a grant to the Tourism Committee a while ago. Each banner was **sponsored by a local business**, so **be sure to support the local businesses** as well. Banners will remain up until the holiday banners are installed after Thanksgiving.

# Pumpkin Decorating

## Event:

A big thank you to Heiser Farms, who will be donating pumpkins again this year for Amity kids to decorate. Last year, we had a great turn out for our drive thru pumpkin event and hope to even have an even better turn out this year with our in-person event. Supplies for decorating will be provided. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend. There will be snacks, juice, games, and of course **CANDY!**

-  **When:** October 22, 2022
-  **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
-  **Where:** Amity Community Center
-  **Cost:** Free

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 503-835-3711.

## Trunk-R-Treat:

Looking for a fun and safe place to bring your little boys and girls this year for Halloween? The Amity Christian Church will be hosting their Annual Trunk-R-Treat event in their parking lot and there will be food and games inside.

- When:** Monday, October 31, 2022
- Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** 1305 Goucher Avenue

The church needs your help and needs more candy and more Trunks for the event. Please contact Fredi McMullen at 503-835-2551 if you can help. Thank you!

## Senior Class Chili Feed:

The Amity High School Senior Class will be hosting a chili feed at the homecoming football game on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Meals include chili, salad and a cinnamon roll and cost is \$5. Single cinnamon rolls cost \$2. Come support the class of 2023!

# Events/Closures

Council Meeting- **October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Planning Meeting – **October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Pumpkin Decorating Event- **October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm**

Town Hall Meeting- **October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Trunk-R-Treat- **October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm**

Council Meeting- **November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**

Daylight Savings Ends- **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2am (clocks go back 1 hour)**

Veteran's Day- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, City Hall, Library and Public Works Closed**

Thanksgiving- **November 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall and Public Works Closed @ 12pm; Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> City Hall, Public Works, and Library closed.**

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Amity City Council:

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

## Halloween fun:

How many words can you make out of:

Broomstick,

Jack O'-Lantern, &

Haunted House