



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KING

Hello Amity - friends and neighbors! Can you believe we are already four months into 2022!?! It has been a busy year already.

First off, I would like to extend my thanks to our Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) for all their hard work dedicated towards another successful year of Amity's March of Daffodils. I am also so appreciative of the partnership of Amity school district, school staff, and our fabulous students for contributing such a large amount of artwork to brighten up the Community Center during the Daffodil Festival. This was a great occasion for me to see and meet so many of you who stopped by to join in the festivities. I look forward to celebrating for years to come.

In upcoming events: Amity will hold its first ever Shred Day on April 23rd. If you have unneeded paperwork or outdated files that have accumulated over time, I highly encourage you to bring them by Amity First Federal parking lot between 10-2 or until truck is filled on that day for safe, secure, and professional disposal. For larger clutter disposal, Amity's Citywide cleanup day will be happening the following weekend, Saturday April 30th. Please be on the lookout for additional information. By sponsoring these two community events, the City and Council hope to provide opportunities to aid residents in their Spring-cleaning and provide resources to help with the upkeep and beautification of our city. Feedback on these events, as well as ideas for future events, is valued and encouraged.

Budget season is now underway. The first meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for May 11th at 6PM. The budget committee is comprised of the full City Council as well as up to 7 community members. Unfortunately, for the past few years Amity has had no volunteer interest or viable applications submitted to fill these vacant positions. While legally the budget can be deliberated, decided, and approved in this manner; conducting such important work to its full potential and level of transparency can only happen when the committee is enriched by citizen input and community perspectives from local volunteers. While the published application window for this year's Budget Committee has passed, please contact City Hall if interested, as exceptions to this deadline can be made if initiated before April 6th. As always, Budget meetings will be open to the public.

Amity will be seeing numerous infrastructure, transportation, and public works projects starting up in the coming months. From bridgework to pipe replacement, crosswalks, street safety improvements and more; there are a lot of great things happening! I want to give acknowledgement and praise to City staff for all their hard work. Between projects we see happening around town and all the day-to-day work that goes unnoticed but is so vital, we have a great team working for Amity.

I would also like to thank you all for your patience and interest as these slow but steady improvements continue to take place around our community. Please feel free to reach out with questions or for updates. Your voice matters! We would love to see or hear from you at an upcoming City Council or work session meeting. Happy April, Amity!

AMITY INFO CORNER

- The City Council will accept the bid on the new water intake, water treatment plant, and piping during an April 20th Council Meeting. Once the council accepts the bid, we'll secure the funding and issue a notice to proceed to the contractor. Construction should begin in mid to late summer 2022.
- The Salt Creek Bridge rebuild is expected to get underway later this summer. When they begin the work, they will close the bridge to traffic. ODOT and the City will post warnings before the bridge closes. The bridge will be closed for up to 18 months.
- Amity completed our audit, which may be found here: <https://www.cityofamilyoregon.org/audits>. We're in decent financial shape, despite inflation and other increasing costs. We're underway with our new fiscal year budget, ensuring we're good fiscal stewards of your money.
- The City Administrator's contract ends June 30th. Mayor King and Council have initiated contract negotiations with the City Administrator. But they don't want to make this decision in a vacuum, if you've thoughts on the City Administrator's performance and retention, please feel free to reach out to Mayor King and the Council, directly, and make your voice heard!
- With the start of Spring, we would like to encourage dog owners to secure their pets, please. City Hall routinely gets notified about loose dogs and dog poop in the community. City Ordinances state that dogs that are not on their own property need to be leashed and that owners are responsible for the safety and security of their own dogs, as well as picking up their dog's droppings. If you'd like to learn more about dog requirements, go to - <https://www.cityofamilyoregon.org/dog-information>

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Day by day children and youth are abused in every community in Yamhill County and it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to keep our ears and eyes open and do what we can to prevent abuse and remove innocent children and youth from abuse situations. April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month across the nation. The Mayor and City Council has adopted a proclamation recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the city of Amity, thus making a statement that they support and will do what they can to prevent and react responsibly child abuse. How can you help? Attend a Stewards of Children training to Help Adults Prevent, React, and Respond Responsibly to Child Sexual abuse. For more information or to register contact carole@julietteshouse.org or 971-237-3719. Volunteer, donate, help a Mom who is having a difficult time with a child in a store, give a few words of encouragement. There are many ways you can help. For more information contact Juliette's House at julietteshouse.org or 503-435-1550.

Please wear blue every Friday for the month of April!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

City Shred Day:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming first ever Citywide shred Day this year. Please see flyer included in utility bill for more details regarding this event or hung around town. **The shred day will be on Saturday, April 23rd 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until truck is filled at the Amity City Hall Parking Lot located at 109 Maddox.**

Citywide Cleanup Day:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Citywide Cleanup Day this year and keep a lookout for the flyers regarding this event. **The cleanup day will be on Saturday, April 30th 2022, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Amity Public Works located at 401 E 3rd Avenue.**

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- April 6th at 7pm

ZOOM Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

Planning Meeting – April 11th at 6:30pm

Council Work Session - April 20th at 5pm

City Shred Day: April 23rd from 10 - 2pm @ Amity City Hall

City Wide Cleanup: April 30th from 8-11 am @ Amity Public Works

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 16th at 10 am at Amity City Park. Will be hosted by Amity Fire District. Call 503-835-2311 for more information.

Council Meeting - May 4th at 7pm

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Amity City Council:

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

City Hall Main Number: 503-835-3711

Coloring Contest:

In honor of Earth Day, the city is holding a coloring contest. The contest is open to children ages 4-12 with one winner from each grade group (Pre-k – 1st), (2nd-3rd) and (4th-5th). Winners will help save the environment by winning a Hydro Flask water bottle! This contest is open to children with an Amity address only.

Submissions are due by **5 pm on April 18th, 2022**. The winners will be announced on April 25th. Coloring sheets are available at Amity City Hall. You may return coloring sheets to Amity City Hall.