Message from Mayor Rachel King

Hello Amity,

Spring will be here before we know it!

This year's changing of the seasons will be a time of extra transitions here in Amity. At last month's Council meeting our City Administrator, Mike Thomas, gave notice of resignation and will be leaving his position before the second week of this month. Mike will be greatly missed by the Council, staff, and by members of the community. Over the past three years he has accomplished innumerable 'behind the scenes' victories for our city. He has been a friendly and familiar face around town, has worked hard to carry out Council goals, and has improved information and communications to citizen and our business community alike. We wish him all the best in his next endeavors!

The City Council has begun the recruitment process to fill the City Administrator position. Given multiple factors, including the importance of finding a good fit to the unique needs of our community, the timeline for hiring is unknown currently.

In more fortunate news, the City of Amity has hired a new PW Superintendent! Greg Binks has joined, and will lead, our public works department. Greg is coming to Amity with over a decade of experience in this field. We are excited to have him onboard.

 I also want to take this opportunity to thank our Public Works department who have risen to the occasion over the past 6 months, since the departure of our previous Superintendent. They have met Amity's sewer and water needs and requirements, overseen our multiple infrastructure projects, attended to maintenance, upkeep, everyday tasks, and emergency situations... all as a crew of two! Their hard work is always appreciated but going above and beyond, as they have, deserves recognition.

A few reminders for the month:

Backyard burn season starts March 1st please remember to call the YC burn Line (503) 472-3344 each day before burning.

Daylight savings time starts March 12th and our days will continue to get longer

March 25th Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) will hold its annual Daffodil Festival from 9-4 at the Community Center

The week of March 27th will be Spring break for our local Amity School District. Please watch out for our kiddos while out and about.

As always, it's my privilege to serve and represent you, Amity. Happy March!

Administrator's Farewell:

My last day with the City of Amity is March 3rd. I started here July 1, 2019, and it seems like both yesterday and a bygone era! This community has been through a lot in 3½ years, and I am happy to have been a part of it. I leave Amity having served 2 award-winning mayors, a fantastic council, and a small – yet, mighty! – City Staff. This City is in capable hands with fantastic leadership going forward. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Amity. Where I go and what I do next is known only to me, but regardless of where my life takes me, I will not forget my time here in this jewel of the Willamette Valley.
Thank you.

Amity Info Corner – Library:

The City of Amity is seeking a $1.5 million grant to improve our public library. Our Friends of the Library is hosting two (2) different Amity Library Community Conversation Meetings to ensure the new library best reflects what the community seeks within the available funding we can obtain. If you'd like to be a part of this process, please join Friends of the Library in their conversation sessions. Thank you.

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. / Amity Community Center 401 S Trade Street Amity, OR 97101
Thursday, March 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m. / Zoom Online Meeting:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AmityLibraryZoom

Budget Committee Members Needed!

The City of Amity currently has two (2) vacancies on the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2023-2024. Each is a three-year term. To be on the Budget Committee, you must reside within the city limits and be a registered voter. The Budget Committee typically meets one evening each week through the month of May. Being on the Budget Committee is a great opportunity to contribute your ideas on how your tax dollars are spent.

Interested persons may pick up an application at the Amity City Hall or on our website www.cityofamityoregon.org. The deadline for submittal is March 24, 2023.

Amity DIG – Celebrates Daffodils:

Celebrate spring and daffodils at the Amity Daffodil Festival on Saturday March 25th from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Bring a daffodil to participate in the daffodil display and judging. Amity children's art will also be on display. There will be lots of daffodils, plants, and other garden related items for purchase at the vendor tables. Enjoy Amity's long tradition of enjoying early spring's beautiful displays of color. See you at the Amity Convention Center, 401 S. Trade Street. Consider making a day of it in town at the festival, eating at one of the local restaurants, and tasting wine...all in our community.

Events/Closures

Council Meeting – March 1st at 7pm
Zoom Info:
Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749
Passcode: 797491

Planning Meeting – March 13th at 6:30pm
Zoom Info:
Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376
Passcode: 003974

Council Work Session – March 15th at 5:30pm

Daffodil Festival – Begins March 25th 9a – 4p at the Community Center

Council Meeting – April 5th at 7pm

www.cityofamityoregon.org
Phone # 503-835-3711

Amity City Council:

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

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

City Shred Day:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Citywide shred Day this year and keep a lookout for the flyers regarding this event. **The shred day will be on Saturday, April 15th, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Amity City Hall located at 109 Maddox Ave.**

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 15th, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Amity Public Works located at 401 E 3rd Avenue.**