



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Rachel King

Welcome to the second half of 2022! Summer is almost upon us. We, here in Amity, have a lot to look forward to.

Along with water infrastructure, bridge, street, and sidewalk construction and improvement projects starting and underway; there will also be community and family friendly events happening locally in the coming weeks and months.

Please save the dates mentioned in this newsletter for the City's upcoming 'Movie in the Park' along with other planned activities. You can also find these, and a plethora of other useful information, by checking the City of Amity's website (www.cityofamityoregon.org) or by following our Facebook and Instagram pages.

As a timely reminder, schools will be let out for the summer around the middle of this month. Summer break means that more children will be out and about. Let's all do our part to keep this city a safe place for all. Now is a great time to refresh your children on road safety rules and safe walking, biking, and park use expectations. I urge you to please continue to drive slowly through town and on residential streets; make complete stops at all stop signs, observe marked and unmarked crossings, and be aware that Trade street's center median is not a legal turn lane. A bit of extra vigilance and precaution can make a big difference if we all collectively do our part to watch out for each other and those more vulnerable. Thank you for doing your part.

I am personally looking forward to warmer weather and longer days. I hope in the coming month to see or meet many of you at Movie in the Park, SRP events, or at an upcoming City Council or Council work session meeting. It is an honor and my privilege to serve this community. Happy June Amity!

Amity Info Corner:

Happy June, Amity. As summer begins, we'd like to share some updates for the community:

Salt Creek Bridge: The Bridge is closed to all traffic, including bike and pedestrian, through October 1, 2023. ODOT recommends using the junction of Hwy 18 and Hwy 99W in McMinnville as your alternate route.

Water Conservation: While we've had a lot of rain in April and May, we're not out of our statewide, ongoing drought. As the temperatures rise, please be smart about your water usage. If you must water your lawns or landscaping, do so early in the morning. Fill or top-off pools in the evening or early morning, too. This will limit evaporation loss. Don't let faucets run continuously when shaving, brushing your teeth, or washing dishes. There are numerous websites offering water saving tips, check them out! While it is good for everyone to save as much water as possible, saving water will also help lower your monthly utility bill!

Hot Temperatures: Spring has been wet and cool, but summer may bring some serious heat. Now is the time to make sure your air conditioning systems are in peak shape! As the temperatures rise, it's smart to undertake outdoor physical activity in the early morning or later in the evening. Ensure you stay hydrated. It's good to know the signs and symptoms of both heat exhaustion and heat stroke, too.

Hot Temperatures and Pets: Be kind to your pets as the temps climb. If you wouldn't walk barefoot on the sidewalk or asphalt because it is too hot, neither should your pet. Make sure your pets have ample shade, a place where air can circulate, and plenty of fresh water when outside.

Sewer Rate Increases in July: Our City Council approved Resolution 2021-10 in May of 2021. This resolution set sewer rates for the next few years. It established a \$15 rate increase to take effect in July 2021. While this is a significant increase, Council recognized that it was necessary to keep the system operating. Council also established in the resolution a requirement to accomplish a sewer rate study, which is currently underway! This study, being done by the Oregon Assoc. of Water Utilities (OAWU), will provide new rates for 2023.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Amity Public Library will "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" for this year's Summer Reading Program, June 29 through August 10. Mark your calendars for the special performances at the City Park:

(All performances are on Wednesday at 3:30pm.)

June 29, Evan and Vanessa

July 13, Paradise of Samoa

August 10, Coventry and Kaluza

The library will also be handing out activity kits every Thursday during the SRP! If your children are age 14 or younger, don't miss out! Sign-up begins June 1! Questions? Call APL at (503) 835-8181

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 24th, starting at dusk. You are invited to come and enjoy **The Mitchell's vs. The Machines 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!

CONGRATS!!

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



Events/Closures

Council Meeting: June 1st at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

Planning Meeting: June 13th at 6pm

Council Work Session: June 15th at 5pm

Movie in the Park: The Mitchell's vs. The Machines, June 24th at dusk

City Hall & Library Closed: Monday, June 20th
Monday, July 4th

Council Meeting: July 6th at 7pm

CITY OF AMITY 2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT - Please find on our website, Facebook or come in and see a copy of the report.

www.cityofamityoregon.org

City of Amity Main #: 503.835.3711

Amity City Council:

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

Yard Maintenance

Amity has no requirement to landscape residential property. You may plant or not plant whatever trees, shrubs, grass, etc. you desire. The City does, however, ask all property owners/occupants to keep any grasses or weeds mowed so they do not exceed six inches.

In addition, all noxious weeds, such as poison ivy/oak, wild morning glory and wild blackberries that are intruding on neighboring properties or the public right-of-way, must be removed. The purpose of these requirements is to reduce fire hazards and the spread of noxious weeds onto neighboring properties, as well as provide for a neater community appearance. Also, please store all garbage and trash in plastic or metal containers with tight-fitting lids. Remove all garbage frequently enough to prevent odors and the attraction of pests.