



# Amity Grapevine

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Happy July, Amity. This year we celebrate America's 247<sup>th</sup> birthday! Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday please take care to stay safe and to be courteous to neighbors while enjoying your festivities. Amity follows state laws regarding type and class of legal fireworks, and as a reminder, fireworks of all types are prohibited in the City Park.

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the 'Movie in the Park' last month. This is one of my favorite community events and was a great way to kick off summer! Congratulations to Joshua T. for winning the movie raffle. I appreciate our local First Federal branch, along with City Staff, and Councilors who helped make this evening a success.

Late in June, the City of Amity welcomed our new City Administrator Nathan Frarek. Nathan has spent the last week working with our Interim Admin Rob Daykin to gain a broader understanding of current and future projects happening around town, getting a feel for our unique community, and familiarizing himself with the daily work involved in keeping the city running smoothly. If you have the opportunity to stop by City Hall and meet Nathan, or see him out and about, please give him a warm Amity welcome. I hope to plan a community meet and greet later in the month. Be on the lookout for follow-up details.

As summer heads into full swing, I want to encourage you all to check out Amity Public library, their Summer Reading Program, and the events being held in the City Park that are open/free to all. Lastly, mark your calendars for National Night Out which this year will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer! Thank you for the opportunity to serve such a great community.

## Amity Info Corner

**Salt Creek Bridge:** Work continues with the bridge replacement project and noticeable construction progress can be seen. ODOT confirmed recently that they are now anticipating a reopening date in December of 2023 for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

**Road repair and maintenance:** Pothole and asphalt repairs will continue intermittently throughout the city during the summer months. The City Council, last month, received a presentation of 'Pavement Management Budget Options Report', provided by CAPS. This report includes a complete street inventory, along with individualized evaluative scoring for each street, and funding scenarios for improvements. This information is now available for viewing on the City of Amity website. \$1,900,000 in needed street repairs, over the next 5 years, were identified.

**Sewer Rate increases:** In June of 2021 the Amity City Council requested a comprehensive sewer rate study be undertaken by an experienced and independent third party. Over the past 18 months, this Amity Sewer Rate Study was conducted by Oregon Association of Water Utilities. Based on their findings and the data provided, Resolution 2023-13 was passed last month, establishing a new sewer rate structure and rates that take effect July 1, 2023. Customers will see implementation of changes on their August utility bill.

This newly adopted structure simplifies base rate and volume charges and provides for more equitable and transparent billing practices. A breakdown of base rates and volume charges may be found online at [cityofamityoregon.org](http://cityofamityoregon.org) and on the City of Amity Facebook page.

Annual CPI-U increases (potentially 2-5%) included in the Resolution should stabilize rates moving forward. Single family residential customers will see minor changes in monthly cost while commercial and industrial customers will see more significant increases. If you have questions about how these changes will affect your utility bill, please contact City Hall or reach out to the Mayor or City Council directly.

# Pancake Breakfast:

It's almost time for the Annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Amity Fire. Come and enjoy a great pancake breakfast on July 23, 2023, at the Amity City Park. The Pancake Breakfast begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. As always, there will be ham, eggs, juice, coffee, and of course delicious pancakes!

- Adults - \$9.00
- Children (6-12) \$6.00; Under 6 is FREE!

For more information, please call the Amity Fire Department at 503-835-2311

# Summer Reading Program:

The Raptor Lady will be performing at the park July 26 at 4:30. Everyone is welcome to come! Bring your lawn chairs for an afternoon entertainment.

# 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 all 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.

# National Night Out:

Looking for a fun way to spend a "Night Out" this summer?

Well, mark your calendar for **National Night Out!**

- **When:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023
- **Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Amity City Park
- **Cost:** FREE

National Night Out is a good way for the community to join together to raise crime awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and to develop partnerships between the city and the public. Come and Enjoy!



# Events/Closures

**City Offices Closed-** Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Reading Program:** @ Amity Park  
Family Events for SRP – June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, & August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30PM in Amity City Park

**Council Meeting-** July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Planning Meeting-** July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

**Council Work Session-** July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**AFD Pancake Breakfast-** July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6–11:30am

At the Amity City Park

**National Night Out-** August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 - 8pm

At the Amity City Park

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

**Summer Reading Program:** August 19<sup>th</sup> at Amity Public Library @ 4:30 Enjoy Serendipity Ice Cream and Prizes

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## **Amity City Council:**

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

## **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.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July Pet Reminder:**

Most pets are not fans of fireworks. The noise and explosions often cause panic in animals, in some cases this panic turns into a need to run. We recommend that you keep your pets indoors during fireworks. Please make sure your pet cannot run away if they are left outside. While we don't recommend restraining them, we do ask that you secure any holes or gaps in fences and that your gates are locked. If you're out with your pet, please keep them leashed (and have poop bags available to pick up after your pet). Every year we see an increase in loose and lost pets over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. This year don't let that be your pet! Thank you.