



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KING

Hello Amity; friends, and neighbors,

It was great to see everyone who attended and participated in last month's Daffodil festival. This is such a fun tradition and one I'm happy to see continue. I would like to thank Amity's Downtown Improvement Group for putting on this successful event! My thanks as well to the City Councilors, City staff, School staff, APaTT, and to the student volunteers who contributed their time and talents.

City Council recently appointed Rob Daykin to serve as our interim City Administrator. Rob is serving Amity part time while the city recruits a permanent hire for the position. He has done a great job of quickly acclimating himself to all things Amity.

Candidate applications for our permanent City Administrator position are currently being solicited through various avenues and the position will remain open until filled. Local interested parties can find more information and details for applying on the City of Amity website.

April is national child abuse awareness month! The City of Amity partners with the local organization Juliette's House to help bring awareness and support community education on the topic of child abuse. For more information, or to order signs or pinwheels, please visit julietteshouse.org. If you are interested in attending upcoming trainings on mandatory reporting or to become a 'steward of children' please contact City Hall and share your contact information. Dates are yet to be determined, but the City Council and Juliette's house plan to offer these trainings for the Amity community in the coming months.

Upcoming:

April 15th will be a busy day in the city of Amity. Our annual City-wide cleanup day will offer residents a chance to dispose of large and small household items and professional shredding services will be available. More specific details of the day's events can be found in the "upcoming city events" section of this newsletter and the accompanying flyers. Spring is a great time to declutter your home and property. By sponsoring these event, City Council hopes to provide resources that will aid in the upkeep and beautification of our city. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

May 10th at 6:00 we will hold the first 2023 meeting of Amity's Budget Committee. As of now there are still vacant positions, which are reserved for community members. If you have interest in volunteering for a position on the Budget Committee, applications are available at City Hall and will be considered if submitted prior to April 21st. Serving on this committee provides an in-depth look into City finances and the ability to help make decisions on spending priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. As always, Budget meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Happy April, Amity! Remember, your voice matters, and your City Council is here to serve and represent you. We'd love to hear from you!

AMITY INFO CORNER

- Amity Ordinances require basic upkeep and maintenance of property. Noxious weeds, overgrown vegetation and grass, rubbish, and debris can cause issues such as increased fire danger, decreased visibility for motorist, and can invite pests such as mice and rats. Please maintain your property. Doing so not only benefits the appearance of our city but is a matter safety within our community.
- The City Council recently approved a new Wastewater Facilities Plan Study. This document is the result of an intensive study of our current WW facilities and infrastructure. It outlines current conditions, pinpoints deficiencies, and provides a framework to address Amity's Wastewater needs and capacity over the next 20-year period. Once accepted by DEQ, this official document will guide Amity in prioritizing expansion needs and capital improvement projects.

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 have 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 second Citywide shred Day this year. Thank you First Federal to your contribution to help make this event happen. For more details regarding this event please see flyer included in utility bill or hung around town. **The shred day will be on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 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 15th, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Amity Public Works located at 401 E 3rd Avenue.**

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- April 5th at 7pm

ZOOM Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

Planning Meeting – April 10th at 6:30pm

Council Work Session - April 19th at 5pm

City Shred Day: April 15th from 11 - 3pm @ Amity City Hall

City Wide Cleanup: April 15th from 8-11 am @ Amity Public Works

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 8th at 10 am at Amity City Park. Will be hosted by Amity Fire District. Call 503-835-2311 for more information.

Council Meeting - May 3rd at 7pm

www.cityofamityoregon.org

Amity City Council:

Council President April Dyche, Melissa Bojorquez, Sandy McArthur, Denis Saucier, Caleb Shields, Alice Thompson 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 13th, 2023**. The winners will be announced on April 20th. Coloring sheets are available at Amity City Hall. You may return coloring sheets to Amity City Hall.