



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Rachel King:

Happy September, Amity! As we head toward the season of Fall, with its cooler weather and the possibility of rain, I would like to ask you all to please continue conserving water use where you are able. Hot and dry summers, such as we have experienced in the last few years, put a strain on local water supplies. While the need to implement formal restrictions is not anticipated, I do want to remind the community that your voluntary efforts to save water during this time of the year are appreciated and collectively helpful.

Last month started off with another successful National Night Out held in our City Park. A hot dog dinner along with dunk tanks, games, grab bags, free helmets, books, popsicles, and a bike raffle made for a fun filled evening in Amity. Special thanks to Sergeant Lavish and Deputy Matlock for representing the Yamhill County Sheriff's office. The Amity Fire Department, YC CERT, City Councilors, Amity Public Library, City Staff, YCSO Passe, and First Federal also contributed to make it a fun and exciting event for all involved.

I look forward to this event every year and would love to see it grow. If you have suggestions or would like to get involved in next year's National Night Out, I encourage you to contact City Hall or the Amity City Council.

With the end of Summer also comes the beginning of a new school year. Road repairs, ongoing construction at our schools, as well as parking changes at the high school add additional considerations as children and families experience new commutes and morning routines in the coming month. Please use caution and observe speed limits and crosswalks while driving in school zones and neighborhoods; be watchful for pedestrians, bicyclists, and new drivers. We can all do our part to keep our roadways safe.

Lastly, I want to highlight the fact that we currently have a vacant position on the City Council. The term of this position expires at the end of 2026. The Amity Council strives to be a representation of every citizen's voice and to make decisions based on what is best for the community as a whole. Being a Council member requires a minimum time commitment of two meetings per month and is a great opportunity to make a positive difference and share perspective on what matters most to the citizens of Amity. No prior experience is necessary, but one year residency within city limits and being a registered voter are requirements. Everyone fitting these criteria is welcomed and encouraged to apply. Even if you are unable to make the commitment to serve, consider joining us at an upcoming meeting. As volunteers, your City Council is here to represent you! We'd love to hear from you.

Amity Info Corner:

Amity Day Interest Survey: The City of Amity would like to know if you're interested in the City hosting an Amity Day event. We would appreciate any and all feedback including what aspects you'd like to see, potential themes, whether you'd be interested in volunteering or attending, and when you think the most people could enjoy an event like this. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. **Paper copies of the survey will be available at City Hall or take the survey online at:** <https://forms.gle/rAyXwY7YpcfSxnwi7>

Salt Creek Bridge Update: ODOT has recently communicated to the City that the estimated date for the bridge's completion is November 19, 2023. The City is excited to have that important connection re-open.

Road Safety: With kids heading back to school please remember to slow down on our residential streets and come to a complete stop at each stop sign. Please take that extra second or two, searching for bicycles or pedestrians, to avoid a tragedy. Every intersection, even if not marked, is a legal crosswalk and our kids will be crossing on their way to school. Our Deputies will be monitoring crosswalks during the school year.

From your Public Works Dept.

Many cities are currently on water restrictions. Although Amity is not, we ask that you try to conserve on water usage so that Amity does not have to have any restrictions. Below are some tips on how you can conserve:

Ways to Save Water Indoors

- Check all faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks
- Install water saving showerheads and ultra-low-flush toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving
- Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator
- Rinse vegetables in a full sink or pan of water
- Fully load your dishwasher
- Wash full loads of clothes

Ways to Save Water Outdoors

- Don't over-water landscaping
- Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening
- Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street
- Don't water on cool, rainy or windy days
- Equip all hoses with shut-off nozzles
- Use drip irrigation systems
- Plant drought-tolerant or low water-use plants and grass
- Place mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and discourage weeds
- Use a pool cover to cut down on water evaporation
- Use bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways, loading docks and parking lots.

For information on Water Conservation Program information, call the Public Works Department at (503) 835-4181.



Events/Closures:

City Offices Closed- Labor Day September 4th

Council Meeting- September 6th at 7pm

Planning & Council Joint Work Session – September 25th at 6:30pm

Council Meeting- October 4th at 7pm

Community Clean-Up Day – October 7th at 8am

Amity City Council:

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

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Amity Library:

Amity Public Library had a successful Summer Reading Program, with lots of participants enjoying free performances in the park, weekly activity kits and free books! APL has also acquired four brand new computers for public use. Come check us out!

Friends of the Library School Supply Drive:

The Friends of the Amity Library (FOL) school supply drive was a success! Lots of needed school supplies were contributed. Cash donations went towards the purchase of items which were lacking or in short supply. Big thanks go to Amity resident, Carolyn McMullen, who suggested this activity to the FOL and who took a major role in seeing that the school supply drive was effective.

Burn Ban:

Yamhill County is currently in a burn ban. This prohibits all backyard and open burning including branches, yard debris, etc. Please call (503) 472-3344 to check current burn advisories each time before burning. This number connects to a recorded message for our area, and information is updated daily as needed. Burn bans do not include small outdoor cooking or warming fires less than 3 ft in diameter and less than 2ft in height, permanent or portable fire pits, or barbeque grills.