



# Amity Grapevine

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King:

Hello Amity,

November is upon us! As we enter this month of thanksgiving, I want to express my thanks to the residents of our wonderful community. Last month the City of Amity held a second city-wide clean-up day for 2023, a Harvest Party at the Community Center, and put on our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pumpkin carving and decorating contest. I appreciate all who were able to volunteer their time to help make these possible and all who showed up and/or made the effort to participate. It is events like these that bring our community together and carry on the legacy of what small towns are best known for. I feel privileged to be a part of these activities and to lead this community where residents not only regularly have opportunities to connect with their neighbors and have fun together, but also look out for each other, and lend a hand where it's needed. Amity does well in living up to the meaning of its name!

### A few infrastructure updates:

**Salt Creek bridge is slated to reopen this month. The last official correspondence from ODOT, addressing questions from the City Council, indicated that the project was on track for completion mid-November. Additional updates or the confirmation of an exact opening date will be shared on the city website and Facebook page when available.**

**Amity's drinking water improvement project is also well underway. New intake machinery has been installed into the river, raw water line replacement is scheduled, cement chemical troughs have been poured, backwash ponds are excavated, and exterior construction of new pretreatment building is nearly complete. While this list of recent accomplishments may not sound exciting to the average water user, what they represent is significant progress toward long awaited improvements our water system, and tangible investments into the long-term health and stability of our drinking water infrastructure.**

I'd also like to share a few reminders as we settle into the rainy season:

Now is a great time to check on the condition of your gutters and downspouts, as well as ditches and storm drains near your home. Keeping these clear of buildup and debris allows for proper drainage to occur and helps prevent flooding within yards and roadways. Where feasible, directing flowing water from downspouts further away from paved surfaces also helps reduce pollution into local waterways.

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas for improvements within the city.

The City Council and I are here to serve and represent you; we'd love to hear from you!

# Amity Info Corner:

We're heading into holiday season this month. City Hall will be closing for the holidays (see Events/Closures for more info). Also, remember to fall back 1-hour on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, as Daylight Savings Time Ends this month.

As we head into another holiday season the City of Amity, again, encourages you to ***shop & dine local*** for your holidays! We have a lot of wonderful local businesses that can always use your support over the holidays. Check out what food, drink, services, and merchandise we have available here in the community. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Holidays are often a time to discard things. While the City appreciates people offering to give away things for free, just plopping your items out in your front yard, hoping they'll be claimed, is technically a Code violation for junk. We ask that you remove such items after a few days and properly donate or dispose of them. Thank you.

If you want to be more involved in the city, but aren't sure where to start, please reach out to our new City Administrator and introduce yourself! Nathan would love to talk about how you can help your Amity community.

From Amity City Staff, we wish everyone a pleasant and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

## From the Desk of the Amity Fire Chief:

Fire won't wait. Plan your escape. The Amity Fire District will be providing fire safety at the elementary school this month.

Parents, please take time to talk about fire escape planning. When the alarm sounds...know two ways out. Pick a safe meeting place in front of the house. Then practice as a family.

Smoke detectors do save lives! The Amity Fire District is here to serve your family and provide education where we can! Be safe and Go Warriors!

## Pumpkin Decorating Event:

Thank you to everyone that came to the City's Pumpkin Decorating Event! We had an excellent turn out this year!

Thank you to Heiser Farms for donating 100 pumpkins this year! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped at the event. Thank you, Mayor King, for helping with setup and at the event and City Staff to help make the event a success.

## Events/Closures

**Council Meeting** – Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

ZOOM info:

Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516

Passcode: 041853

**Daylight Savings Ends** – Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Joint Council & Planning Work Session-**

Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm @ **Amity Fire**

ZOOM info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

**City Hall, Public Works and Library**

**Closed** – Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> all day in honor of Veteran's Day.

**Planning Commission Meeting** – Monday

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**City Council Work Session** – Wednesday

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

**City Hall, Public Works and Library**

**Closed** – Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, City Offices will be closing at noon. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, City Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

**Tree Lighting** – Friday, December 1st at

6pm at the Amity Community Center.

**Amity Done Bright** - Amity will have its

annual decorating contest in December. Keep a lookout in next month's newsletter for more information on dates and time.

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**Amity City Council:**

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

