



# Amity Grapevine

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Hello Amity, welcome to December. This month is kicking off with a festive start to the season.

Our annual City tree lighting is happening at 6:00pm on December 1<sup>st</sup> in front of the Community Center. I'll be lighting the tree just as the parade (and Santa!) passes by. This small act may be one of my favorite "duties" as Mayor! Once again, I would like to thank the Amity Fire department and Auxiliary for their work to make this evening in Amity so special. I hope you are all able to join us and partake in the fun.

In next month's newsletter you will find Amity's 2023 State of the City Address along with the 2024 Resident Survey. Yearly, the State of the City Address provides a lookback at the prior year's accomplishments and milestones, gives project updates, and outlines challenges for the coming year. The annual Resident Survey, on the other hand, is your chance to provide valuable input to shape the Council goals and priorities for the year ahead. These survey results directly impact the annual goals set by your City Council. Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it by the due date. If you would like to elaborate on your survey opinions or have additional ideas, questions, or concerns, please join us at an upcoming meeting. You are also always welcome to reach out to me or any Council member directly via email. Contact info is available on the city website.

Your City Council works hard to represent each and every one of you. This is the reason we love hearing directly from YOU! By providing feedback and staying engaged, your participation in local matters makes a valuable difference.

As this year comes to an end, I wish you all good health and happiness into 2024 and beyond. Thank you for the privilege to serve such a wonderful community.

## Amity Information Corner

Here are the things that City Hall would like you to know going into the Holidays!

- **Water Shutoffs in December:** Mayor King indicated that she's going to suspend water shutoffs in December. More details to follow, but here's to an early Christmas present courtesy of Mayor King!
- **SHOP LOCAL!!** This holiday season, take the opportunity to shop Amity businesses. We've wonderful establishments here in Amity. Give the gift of Amity this year.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** On Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> the City of Amity will host a blood drive at City Hall. Sign up online <https://www.redcrossblood.org> Give the gift of life this year; GIVE BLOOD!
- **Financial Assistance Available:** YCAP, PGE and other churches and charities will offer help to cover your bills this season. Stop by City Hall to get more information or reach out to your billing agency for such support.
- **Pets in the cold:** Your pets don't like being cold! Ensure your pets have ready access to warmth, shelter, and food & water during the cold and rainy weather during the winter. If you can bring your pets indoors, please consider doing so.
- **Keeping the community "clean" during the holidays:** With the elections over, please take down your political signs. Also, giving away things for free by placing them on the curb is fine...for a while. After a few days it becomes junk and a nuisance. Please ensure that after a few days you haul what is not claimed to the dump.
- **Winter weather prep!** Take the time, now, to ensure your gutters and drains are cleaned, your water heater is working properly, and your heating system is fully functional. Chimneys and ventilation systems should be clear of debris. Replace batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and other sensors. And ensure that your tree doesn't get too dry while it's on display!

# Tree Lighting:

The collaborative effort works in Amity to host another tree lighting event which also includes a festive parade, goodie bag distribution, and refreshments to kick off the holiday season. The tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center. The festively decorated fire truck parade will be touring the town at the same time. After the tree is lit, come to the Fire Hall for goodie bags provided by the Amity Firefighters Auxiliary. Santa will be attending too. Many resources including government, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals help to make this event a success. This year thanks go out to Amity Volunteer Firefighters, Amity Firefighters Auxiliary, City of Amity, City of Willamina and Public Works.

# Christmas Done Bright

It's time to light up your neighborhood! Residents within the city limits of Amity are invited to participate in Amity's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Done Bright light contest! Judging will be based on:

- **Best Decorated Home** – includes single and multi-unit homes
- **Best Decorated Yard**
- **Best Decorated Business**
- **Mayor's Choice**

Judging will be **on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (after dark) and the winners will be notified the next day on Saturday**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amity City Hall at 503-835-3711. Thank you and good luck!

# Amity Fire's Giving Tree & Annual Toy Drive

The Amity Fire District is hosting its annual tree of giving and toy drive, along with many community partners. If you'd like to assist, please select a name off the tree at First Federal or drop off a toy at the Fire House on S. Trade or Amity City Hall. Please share some the gift of giving this holiday season.

# Events/Closures

**Tree Lighting** - December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at the Amity Community Center / City Hall

**Council Meeting** – December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm  
ZOOM info:  
Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516  
Passcode: 041853

**Special Council Meeting** – The week of December 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. TBD at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Christmas Done Bright** – December 16<sup>th</sup> after dark

**City Offices Closed** - December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 – 5 pm and December 25<sup>th</sup> all day.

**City Offices Closed** - December 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5 pm and January 1<sup>st</sup> all day.

**Council Meeting** – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm  
ZOOM info:  
Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516  
Passcode: 041853

**Planning Meeting** – January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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**Amity City Council:**

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

# Amity Library:

Amity Public Library is sponsoring a Tree of Giving for the holidays. Come grab a tag, buy a gift, and make a child's holidays happier:

Happy  
Holidays