



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Rachel King

Welcome to March, Amity. As we look forward to our transition out of wintertime here are a few other events and reminders to keep in mind:

Daylight savings time starts Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Backyard burn season is set to begin March 1<sup>st</sup>, please call the YC burn line (503) 472-3344 each day before burning or consider taking advantage of free yard debris drop off options through Recology in McMinnville.

The week of March 25<sup>th</sup> will be spring break for Amity School District students.

March 30<sup>th</sup> is the date of Amity's annual Daffodil Festival AND the Amity Fire Department's Easter egg hunt in the City Park!

This month I would also like to highlight and share some statistic from the Yamhill County Sheriff's office that relate to the services they provide to the City of Amity:

During the last quarter of 2023 YCSO responded to 453 calls for service within Amity. The average number of traffic stops has been 36 monthly, and they have increased presence and visibility on school routes during drop off and pick up times. A Sheriff's office representative is present at all Council meetings to hear citizen comments and answer Council questions as well. Complete monthly statistics are presented to your City Council and can be found online, on the City's website, within the Council agenda packets published prior to each meeting. As a reminder, if you would like to report a non-urgent concern, speeding on certain streets, areas of repeated traffic violations, or have law enforcement specific questions, please contact YCOM at their non-emergency number (503) 434-6500 and ask to leave a message for the Amity Deputies. In case of emergency please always dial 911.

Wishing you all a happy Spring. I look forward to upcoming opportunities to engage with you all as the weather warms and the flowers bloom.

## Amity Info Corner – Did you know?

Mayor King and the Council want to address some of your questions and concerns from the City Survey.

**Street Sweeping:** To save money, Amity Public Works coordinated street sweeping with a local contractor. Our contractor sweeps our streets during gaps in their schedule. So, our sweeping is not regularly scheduled. This makes it cheaper for the community, but it does limit the notice we get as to when the streets will be swept, and which streets will be completed. It's a tradeoff and one we accept.

**New City Website:** The City of Amity has worked to update their website through a new vendor that will provide various new features and functions. As we near the end of this process, staff is working to ensure that the information on the website is up to date and relevant. You can help by telling City staff if there are any pages on the current website that need more information, or if there's specific information that you'd like to see on Amity's website. Is there anything that you look for on our website, but can't seem to find the information you need? Please let City staff know by telling us in person or emailing the City Administrator at [nfrarck@ci.amity.or.us](mailto:nfrarck@ci.amity.or.us). Thank you for your feedback.

# Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Amity City Park. Age groups (0-2) (3-4) (5-6) (7-9).**

Will be hosted by Amity Fire District. Call 503-835-2311 for more information.

## Amity DIG News

Come celebrate spring at the annual **Amity Daffodil Festival** on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.** View numerous varieties of daffodils showcased by the Oregon Daffodil Society and participate by bringing your home-grown daffodil prior to judging at 1p.m. Enjoy daffodil art produced by our local students. Watch your child create a free daffodil themed craft. Purchase plants and other garden related items from local artisans and makers. Grab lunch or a glass of wine at one of the several restaurants or local tasting rooms. Experience the fun of a small-town festival.

New vendor applications are accepted until March 15th for plant and garden themed items, contact Melissa Bojorquez at [mbojorquez@ci.amity.or.us](mailto:mbojorquez@ci.amity.or.us) for more vendor info. For more event information or to volunteer for the event contact Erin Rainey at 503-435-8589 or [rainflower94@gmail.com](mailto:rainflower94@gmail.com). Come celebrate daffodils with us at the Amity Community Center, 401 S Trade Street.

## City Wide Clean Up

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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Amity Public Works located at 401 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.**

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## Events/Closures

**Council Meeting** – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Joint Planning/Council Work Session** –

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Amity Day Committee Meeting** –

March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**Tourism Committee Meeting** – March 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm

**Council Work Session** – March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

**Daffodil Festival** – March 30<sup>th</sup> 9a – 4p at the  
Community Center

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10  
am at Amity City Park

**Council Meeting** – April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

[www.cityofamityoregon.org](http://www.cityofamityoregon.org)

Phone # 503-835-3711

**Amity City Council:**

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

## Budget Committee Members Needed!

The City of Amity currently has four (4) vacancies on the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2024-2025. Each is a 3-year term. To be on the Budget Committee, you must reside within the city limits and be a registered voter. The Budget Committee typically meets one evening each week through the month of May. Being on the Budget Committee is a great opportunity to contribute your ideas on how your tax dollars are spent.

Interested persons may pick up an application at the Amity City Hall or on our website. The deadline for submittal is **March 22, 2024.**