



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHAEL CAPE

I would like to start off saying that I've noticed a lot of negativity from this community lately on Facebook and from word of mouth. I understand that not everyone will agree with decisions made by city staff or city council, however, all decisions are thought through and ultimately made with the community's best interest in mind. Although you may not agree, I don't believe anyone deserves to be bashed individually or made to sound "shady." A lot of things I've heard around town are rumors and accusations. If you have questions, I strongly suggest you contact City Hall or attend Council meetings to get facts. The City is not conspiring against its citizens in any way. There are many volunteers, councilors and community leaders trying to improve this community. Let's start focusing on the positive things that are happening around our town. There are major road improvements underway, the Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) is working on bringing back our wonderful Daffodil Festival. There are community events coming up for the holidays to bring all the citizen's together. Let's all join together and place our attention on the good things.

You may have heard, City Administrator, Justin Hogue will be leaving the City of Amity at the end of November. Justin has been with the City just shy of two years and has accomplished a lot during his time with us. The City will soon begin the recruitment process to hire a new city administrator. Once the hiring committee selects the top candidates, the City plans on hold a "Meet & Greet", which will give the citizens of Amity a chance to get acquainted with and give their opinions before the final selection of the new administrator is made.

The general elections are upon us! Although there are only a few days left, please remember to vote! The 2018 local offices up for election include council position #2, #4, and #6. Ballots must be placed in an official ballot box by **8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6th** to be counted. You may deliver your voted ballot postage-free to the official ballot drop box located at the Amity Public Library.

PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT

Thank you to everyone that came to the City's Pumpkin Decorating Event! We had an excellent turn out! So much so that we ran out of candy. Thank you to Heiser Farms for donating 50 pumpkins this year! Thank you to Deb Conrad from Amity DIG for your wonderful face painting and Eve Silverman from Amity DIG for your excellent fortune telling skills. Thank you to Erin Rainy from Amity DIG for being there and planting daffodil bulbs to prepare for next year's Daffodil Festival. Thank you to Abigail Cape for helping with games and other misc tasks. Thank you Councilor William Daley and Councilor Caralyn Miller for all your help during the event. Thank you to Councilor Joshua Simonson for your donation of the straw bales. Thank you to our mystery helper who stepped in to help with face painting and thank you to Amity Staff for all your help in making this event successful!



NEWS FROM AMITY DIG

Santa has Amity on his schedule and will be arriving for the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony and festivities at the end of November! He will arrive as part of the festive parade, collect your donated gifts for children, listen to your holiday wishes and participate in the refreshments and crafts!

- **Date: Friday, November 30**
- **Time: 6 p.m.**
- **Where: Amity Community Center (401 S. Trade St)**

The Amity Volunteer Firefighters and Auxiliary will again showcase decorated fire trucks and lead the parade through town. The parade route begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Fire Station and head down Church to Oak Avenue, then to Rosedell Avenue and across Trade to Stanley Street, then to 6th and along Trade Street past the Community Center, where they will drop Santa off at 6 p.m.

This event is the kick-off for the Amity Toy Drive for local children, so please consider bringing an unwrapped gift to add to Santa's pack.

You are invited to attend this free event and enjoy caroling and tree lighting (led by Santa and Mayor Michael Cape), while sharing good cheer with all the attendees. Cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn and crafts will also be part of the evening.

This start of the holiday season is brought to you by Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) in coordination with the City of Amity, Amity Volunteer Firefighters, Firefighter's Auxiliary, and First Federal.

Your participation and help are welcomed and solicited as we could use volunteers for set-up and during the event, which lasts until 7 p.m. Please let us know at amitydig@gmail.com or phone 503-835-0374 if you are interested in volunteering.

~Submitted by Amity DIG

STRATEGIC DOING TRAINING

Members of the Amity community are invited to a free "Strategic Doing" afternoon to learn about this productive and successful process. You can be part of creating additional great happenings in Amity.

- **Date: Saturday, November 3**
- **Time: 1 – 5 p.m.**
- **Where: Amity Fire Station (700 S. Trade St)**

This Strategic Doing process brings diverse minds together to analyze a question or problem and then breaks out highly do-able action items to pursue goals. The framing question is **"With all the positive changes in Amity, what would it look like if our local citizens and organizations became more engaged? What might we accomplish?"** Strategic Doing participants will determine if there is an activity or project which grasps their attention; then do-able, manageable steps which participants can accomplish are identified.

The training is limited to 26 Amity community members. For more information and to RSVP, please call 503-835-0374. Strategic Doing is being provided to Amity through a grant by the Ford Family Foundation.

EVENTS/CLOSURES

Council Meeting- November 7 at 7pm

Committee Meetings- November 21 at 5pm

- **Police committee**
- **Ordinance committee**
- **Parks/streets committee**
- **Water/sewer committee**
- **Community engagement committee**
- **Finance committee**

Daylight Savings Ends- Sunday, November 4

Election Day- Tuesday, November 6

Council Meeting- November 7 at 7pm

City Hall Closed- November 12 all day in honor of Veteran's Day.

Tree Lighting- November 30 at 6pm at the Amity Community Center.

DAFFODIL FESTIVAL TO RETURN!

Amity DIG is working to restore the Daffodil Festival in town next spring. You too can easily be part of the beauty...and here's how. Now is a great time to plant daffodils. In the spring, when the daffodils are blooming, your front yard, full of your planted daffodils, will be admired by those on a daffodil walk through town during the Daffodil Festival in March. Daffodils are easy to plant and provide many years of spring color in your garden.

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Amity City Council:

Council President Max Walker, Rudy van Soolen, Dawn King, Joshua Simonson, Caralyn Miller, William Daley, and Mayor Michael Cape.