



Amity Grapevine

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Message from Mayor Michael Cape

As I approach the end to my tenure as Mayor of Amity, I wanted to take a moment and reflect. I was recently asked at the League of Oregon Cities Virtual Conference, “What is your greatest accomplishment as Mayor.” A good question and there have been many great things done in the past 15 ½ years I have served the city. There are several projects I could describe: the downtown improvements largely funded through grants from ODOT, the Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacon for the crosswalk at the north end of town on Trade Street (which was almost dead from ODOT due to bureaucratic delays 3 times and took almost 2 years and much work with the ODOT Director to make happen), Waste Water (Sewer) Treatment plant upgrades with a \$2.4 Million dollar grant, an Oregon Parks Grant to make improvements to the City Park, and most recently working through several more bureaucratic delay’s to see the water reservoir repaired and properly function with repairs to the water filter trains at the water treatment plant and the fact that we are getting close to completing the rest of the improvements to the water treatment plant and finally going to be able to move the water intake to a proper location in the South Yamhill River.

There is a great deal of work involved in order to make any one of those projects completed and successful. It is extremely rewarding when one is finished, and you can step back and see the difference that it makes to the city. Especially the crosswalk project on the north end of Trade Street. That was something the City had wanted done for close to 40 years to make a safe crossing of the highway for the people going to the elementary school. My other favorite is the different community activities we have created to make Amity a “home” for more people. Such as the pumpkin decorating event we just finished, the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Done Bright contest, the Annual City Wide Clean Up day and summer activities such as the Summer Reading Program through the Library, movies in the park and the National Night Out celebrations. The key component with any of these projects is something that makes the City better. Whether that is better for business, better for kids crossing the highway to go to school or a better family environment. My hope is that we have established a solid foundation to establish these community events to continue for many more years and expand so that Amity will not just be known as a “friendly” town, but also as a town for families to grow.

Amity Info Corner

We want to thank City Staff for their work on the 24th to host the City’s COVID Halloween pumpkin event. Yes, it was a little different than previous years, but it was still a success.

Elections are November 3rd! If you have not mailed your ballot, make sure it is dropped in the official ballot box in front of Amity’s Library. Ballots must be dropped off by 8:00 PM on November 3rd.

Election results may take time to be announced. While local results may be known by November 6th, the Presidential results may take days to weeks to be finalized. Just be patient and wait for our election officials to announce the results!

News from Amity DIG

Wishing you a happy, and especially this year, a healthy Thanksgiving. And, as you recall, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event follows in early December. Due to Covid-19, there will be some changes to the event scheduled for Friday, December 4th. Santa will arrive and tour our town on a decorated fire truck and goodie bags will be distributed by our fire fighters. Santa will drive by Amity City Hall to wave to our outgoing Mayor Cape, a signal to light the tree. The Community Center will not be open for refreshments and crafts this year. A crowd at City Hall is not encouraged, but feel free to watch Santa pass by at a socially safe distance along his parade route. This is an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy but still celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. More details regarding the festive parade route and times will be provided in the December Grapevine.

Submitted by DIG

Water System Flushing

The City of Amity Public Works Department has scheduled our periodic flushing of the water system to occur on November 17, 2020, weather permitting, starting at 8 pm and continuing throughout the night. This process stirs the settled sediment into the flowing water and not all of it is removed through the hydrants. The sediment that is not removed may enter your private water lines and, therefore, we advise you to run your water on the morning of November 18th until it runs clear and to exercise caution when washing laundry to avoid color damage.



Events/Closures

Daylight Savings Ends- Sunday, Nov. 1st

Election Day- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Council Meeting- Nov. 4th at 7pm

ZOOM info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81307324962?pwd=TI4MINDamlR3FibTdBOktPKzNtZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 0732 4962

Passcode: 103308

City Hall, Public Works and Library

Closed- Nov. 11th all day in honor of Veteran's Day.

Planning Meeting – Nov. 9th @ 6:30pm.

ZOOM info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592578991?pwd=SDJEZmI5aTlUUnlYUmRhbnM3cVltZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 9257 8991

Passcode: 735300

Committee Meetings- Nov. 18th at 5pm

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

City Hall, Public Works and Library

Closed: November 25th, City Offices will be closing at noon. November 26th and 27th, City Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

Tree Lighting- December 4th at 6pm at the Amity Community Center.

Christmas 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 Ryan Lehman, Robert Andrade, Jenna Goings, Napua Rich, Sandy McArthur and Mayor Michael Cape.