



Amity Grapevine

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Message from Mayor Rachel King

Happy November Amity! First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the City's fall/harvest pumpkin giveaway and the city-wide pumpkin carving & decorating contest. These types of community activities are something that make our small city a special place to live. I know that Covid has brought many changes and adaptations to traditional festivities; my hope is that we can all still find joy in the things we are able to do, and in the ways, we ARE able to come together and celebrate.

With the coming end of Daylight Savings Time, I would like to remind everyone to use extra caution while 'out and about' during our extended dark hours. We will see less light and more fog during our morning work and school commutes, and dusk also seems to sneak up quickly. As a driver or pedestrian please continue to make safe choices and stay aware of your surroundings.

As many of you have heard, ODOT, at the request of community members and City Council, recently instated a speed zone (change) order within Amity city limits. In the coming months, speeds on Nursery St. as well as Trade St. will officially be reduced to 25mph outside of school zones. My advice is that we all start practicing this new reduced speed now. From personal experience I know even a small change in habits, such as this, take some time to get used to! Although it is unknown when exactly signage will change, I am very happy that community concerns were taken seriously and that our partners at ODOT have helped make our streets just a little bit safer for all.

I look forward to sharing news of more community events in the future as well as positive changes and work being done. It takes a group effort to ensure Amity continues to be known as a friendly community and a safe and comfortable place for people and families to grow and prosper. As always, your comments, concerns, and participation in local government and city events are encouraged and appreciated.

Amity Info Corner

We're heading into holiday season this month. City Hall will be closed on Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and the day after. But the holidays also bring about a change in weather. Take the time now to prep your house for the winter months! Leaky pipes, clogged gutters, and blocked chimneys can all ruin your day and your home. There are many sources out there to help you properly winterize your home. We recommend you check them out!

As we head into this second holiday season of the pandemic, the city would again like to encourage you to *shop & dine local* for your holidays! We have a lot of wonderful local businesses that can still use your support this year. We ask that before you click on Amazon.com, check out what food, drink, services, and merchandise we have available here in the community. You may be pleasantly surprised.

From Amity City Staff, we wish everyone a pleasant and enjoyable Thanksgiving! Remember to fall back 1-hour on Nov. 7th.

News from Amity DIG

Two new businesses and a December event to remember are featured in this article.

Dollar General, 102 S Trade Street is open daily from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Store Manager Salvador Guerrero said that Dollar General is "happy to be part of the community." As a third generation Amity resident Salvador said that not only, he but all nine employees are Amity residents. Dollar General is like a grocery store but a bit smaller. Yet they carry most all the basic needs from laundry goods to food including some frozen meats. While they do not carry fresh vegetables, they will appeal to all those who enjoy seasonal items for which "the store carries a good variety."

Fred's Bistro, 516 S Trade Street is open from Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Enjoy appetizers, soups, sandwiches and side dishes, salads and wine tasting take along. Recently they started offering Saturday dinner from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a fixe prix menu, a multi-course meal at a fixed price. Owner and chef Diana Backinoff proudly lists the bistros philosophy as "We believe in the City of Amity and in presenting food found from the local abundance of Yamhill County." Fred's Bistro adds another food choice within Trade Street Commons.

The season is changing and we, at Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG, are already planning the annual tree lighting event downtown. **Save the date of Friday, December 3rd for the Tree Lighting and Parade.** As last year, the Amity Fire Department and volunteer firefighters will conduct an expanded tour through the city in festively decorated trucks carrying Santa for a greeting to all. Amity DIG will be preparing bags for children which will be distributed again by the fire fighters. More information will be provided in December newsletter and on Facebook.

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 16th, 2021, 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 **COLD using the bathtub or outside hose bibs** for about 10 minutes on the morning of November 17th or until it runs clear and to exercise caution when washing laundry to avoid color damage.

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- Nov. 3rd at 7pm

ZOOM info:

Meeting ID: 815 9322 3516

Passcode: 041853

Daylight Savings Ends- Sunday, Nov. 7th

Planning Meeting – Nov. 8th @ 6:30pm.

ZOOM info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

City Hall, Public Works and Library

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

City Council Work Session- Nov. 17th at 5pm

City Hall, Public Works and Library

Closed: November 24th, City Offices will be closing at noon. November 25th and 26th, City Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

Tree Lighting- December 3rd 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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