



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Michael Cape

We are entering one of the best times of the year, fall and winter. School has started but is different than any other year with students at home learning. School buses are out and about like usual, but instead of delivering students where and when needed, they are delivering meals. So, remember to be on the lookout for kids, as things are just plain different this year.

Also, this is the time to get prepared for the upcoming election. The November election is going to be important this year as someone will be elected to serve as President of the United States, several positions in the US House of Representatives, the Oregon Secretary of State, Oregon House of Representatives, several positions within Yamhill County and within Amity. I have really enjoyed my time as Mayor of the City of Amity, but I hope you all do your research for all position and that we will elect the best person for each office. Now is the time for all to do the research to be prepared, and especially to vote!

I hope to see you all at the City Wide Clean Up and the Pumpkin Decorating this month if the City can find a COVID-19 friendly way to do so. These are two of the best events our City hosts each year.

Pumpkin Decorating

Due to COVID-19, the City has not yet determined how or if it will host the annual pumpkin decorating festival this year. While we do want to enjoy the holiday with our community, we must also abide by the Health Authority's rules. Therefore, we're still attempting to figure out a way to accomplish the process.

We request your patience as we attempt to figure out how to celebrate the holidays with you, while we are still in the pandemic.

Elections

The general elections are coming up. Please remember to vote! The 2020 local offices up for election include mayor and council positions 1, 3, and 5. Ballots must be placed in an official ballot box by **8 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd** to be counted. You may deliver your voted ballot postage-free to the official ballot drop box located at the Amity Public Library.

Amity Info Corner

STORM DRAINS: With the arrival of Fall and the start of Oregon's traditional rainy season, we want to remind homeowners that they are responsible for keeping the drainage ditches on their property clear of leaves and debris that may cause flooding. We also ask that if you see clogged City storm drains around town to please contact City Hall. We will send crews out to clear clogged storm drains reported to the City.

WATER SHUTOFFS: The City resumes water shutoffs this month. A green "48-hr Notice" tag placed on your door is an actual shutoff announcement this month. If you are behind in your water/sewer payments, please stop by City Hall and work with our Clerk and Recorder to establish a water payment option. We will work with individuals to help you keep your water flowing!

Trunk-R-Treat

Looking for a fun and safe place to bring your little boys and girls this year for Halloween? The Amity Christian Church will be hosting their Annual Trunk-R-Treat event in their parking lot.

When: Saturday, October 31, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: 1305 Goucher Avenue

The church needs your help and is in need of more candy and more Trunks for the event. Please contact Fredi McMullen at 503-835-2551 if you are able to help. Thank you!

City-Wide Clean-Up Event

Reminder that the 11th Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Event, is coming up on Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 8-11 am (or until bins are full) at the public works shop (401 E 3rd Avenue). The event is open to all city residents. Be aware that there are certain items that cannot be dumped. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more information and details on accepted and non-accepted items.

The city is looking for volunteers to help people who may need assistance with their disposable items. Some residents don't have vehicles capable of transporting their trash or yard debris. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Natasha Johnson at njohnson@ci.amity.or.us or at 503-835-3711. Please bring identification to prove your residency. All others will be turned away.

AHS Class of 2021 Senior Parents:

Class of 2021 Senior Parents are bringing back the Halloween Scavenger Hunt! This is available for kids 3rd-12th grade, 3rd-6th grade require an adult. Make groups of no more than 5 kids. Each kid cost \$10 and is due at registration (before October 27th to not get a late fee of \$15 per team). Check in starts at 5:30pm on Saturday, October 31st, at the Community Center. Come out for a fun filled evening with your family and friends while supporting our All-Night Grad Party for our Class of 2021! Have questions? Contact Cassie at ahsseniorents2021@gmail.com.

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- October 7 at 7pm

City-Wide Clean-Up Event - October 10 from 8-11am

Planning Meeting - October 12 @ 6:30pm

Committee Meetings- October 14 at 5pm

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

Trunk-R-Treat- October 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Council Meeting- November 4 at 7pm

Daylight Savings Ends- Sunday, November 1st, at 2am

Veteran's Day- November 11, City Hall, Library and Public Works Closed

Thanksgiving- November 25, City Hall and Public Works Closed @ 12pm, Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 City Hall, Public Works and Library closed.

Amity City Council:

Council President Ryan Lehman, Jenna Goings, Robert Andrade, Sandy McArthur, Napua Rich, and Mayor Michael Cape

Halloween fun

How many words can you make out of:

Trick or Treat & Happy Halloween