



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHAEL CAPE

Happy Holidays! I'd like to start off by welcoming the City's interim City Administrator Chad Olsen. Chad holds an undergraduate degree and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His career has been spent in city management for local governments including Town Manager for the City of Manteo (North Carolina), Assistant City Manager for the City of Gillette (Wyoming), City Manager for Concordia (Kansas), City Administrator for the City of Rainier, City Administrator for the City of St. Helens and City Manager with the City of Carlton before retiring in June 2018.

Chad chose to work in local government because of the positive impact that can be made on the day-to-day welfare of our communities and citizens. He has focused with City Councils and staff on implementing priority setting and project monitoring systems, capital project planning and development, performance management, customer service and community engagement. Chad will serve as the Interim Amity City Administrator during the City Council and community's search for its new City Administrator.

As you may have heard, the Council had a hard time finding a qualified candidate to replace Chief Bolek and did not have a lot of other options. After several meetings, the Council decided to contract with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, which became effective on December 1, 2018. The transition has been ongoing for the past couple weeks and the Sheriff's office has been working with the City for a smooth transition. Sheriff Tim Svenson has allowed a decal to be placed on their vehicles, so you will know when a on contract officer is in town and on duty. There will also be an office for them located at City Hall, much like it has been. I realize that many of you are wondering about the public safety fee. The Council will be looking at the fee to make sure the City is able to plan for City's future needs and will address public concerns.

Lastly, in next month's newsletter, you will find the 2019 Amity Resident Survey. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it by the due date. Your responses help the Council identify where the community thinks improvements are needed.

CHRISTMAS DONE BRIGHT

It's time to light up your neighborhood! Residents within the city limits of Amity are invited to participate in Amity's 8th Annual Christmas Done Bright light contest! Judging will be based on:

- **Best Decorated Home** – includes single and multi-unit homes
- **Best Decorated Yard**
- **Best Decorated Business**
- **Mayor's Choice**

Judging will be on Saturday, December 15 (after dark) and the winners will be notified the following Monday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amity City Hall at 503-835-3711. Thank you and good luck!



House pictured is not in Amity

HOLIDAY WISHES FROM AMITY DIG

Amity Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) wishes you and your family a happy holiday season! Hopefully you were able to take advantage of the events and activities sponsored by Amity DIG in 2018... flower baskets, banners, Movies in the Park, special discounts provided by Amity merchants during the Art Harvest Tour and, of course, the Tree Lighting with Santa.

This fall, Amity DIG provided information and daffodil bulbs for kindergarten children to plant. We look forward to their glorious blooms to enliven the community center during the daffodil event. Be sure to mark your new 2019 calendars for **Saturday, March 16, 2019** for the Annual Daffodil Event, being brought back to our community. Your volunteer involvement and participation will help make the day wonderful.

~Submitted by Amity DIG

FAREWELL BOLEK AND CLARK

Although Chief Chris Bolek was with us only a short time, he was a great addition to the City. After Bolek retired from Newberg-Dundee Police Department he came to Amity with more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. Bolek has served the Amity Police Department and citizens well and has been instrumental in assisting the city in attaining its goal of enhancing the professionalism of the department.

Sergeant James Clark has lived in Amity most of his life. Before joining the police department, he served on the Amity City Council as Council President and served as mayor as well. Clark took great pride in our community and was vital employee to the City of Amity. Clark has been assigned a position with County Sheriff's Office, which began at the beginning of this month. The City was very lucky to have these two gentlemen serve this community and they will be missed.

FLU? NO THANK YOU!

There are some everyday actions that can prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness like influenza.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Follow public health advice regarding avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

Please contact your doctor if you do contract the flu. For more information, please visit www.flufacts.com

EVENTS/CLOSURES

Council Meeting- December 5 at 7pm

Christmas Done Bright- December 15 after dark

Committee Meetings- December 19 at 5pm

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

City Hall Closed- December 24 from 12 – 5 pm and December 25 all day.

City Hall Closed- December 31 from 12 – 5 pm and January 1 all day.

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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.

