



# AMITY GRAPEVINE

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## Message from Mayor Ryan Lehman

In this most recent summer heatwave, saving water may not have been on your mind as you were finding ways to keep cool. But saving water is important! Amity hasn't implemented water conservation measures or water restrictions like many cities in the region. The City Council and I are asking you to save water to keep us from having to implement restrictions. Public Works has a lot of water savings tips on the back page. Take a look at these tips and try out a few of them. The water you save will help us all, and save you money, too.

Mentioning water, I want to thank Representatives Mike Nearman and Anna Scharf for their support to Amity. They were instrumental in securing \$2 million in funding for the City's on-going water infrastructure projects. The details are below, along with details of other projects, but getting this \$2 million wouldn't have been possible without their work and advocacy for Amity!

I also want to thank all the other people who have supported the city (and our State) in the last month. On behalf of Amity, I want to thank everyone who helped to setup and organize the citywide garage sale. That is a huge undertaking to coordinate, and it was a success. Great work. I also want to thank Amity Fire District and all the volunteers who hosted the annual pancake breakfast last weekend. Everyone in town missed this event last year and we're happy it came back this year. I also want to thank Amity Fire for making this happen while many of our firefighters are deployed to fight our state's wildfires. I speak for everyone when I say we thank you for your service and sacrifice on the fire lines. Thank you!

[Enjoy the rest of your summer. The new – in-person – school year will be here soon enough.](#)

## Amity Info Corner:

### Upcoming City Projects:

Amity has many projects that will begin soon and carry into late next year. We'd like to share some of them.

- 1)** We expect to approve our codified code of ordinances by the holidays. This project will help bring Amity's codes up to date and correct many of the confusing discrepancies that years of changes have induced. This project was funded by the City last year and it has taken over a year to complete.
- 2)** By the end of this year, we will have replaced all the old water meters in Amity. The new meters will be more accurate and reliable, providing a better service to you the customer. This project will be funded by ARPA money.
- 3)** We have 2 road paving projects in the queue. One will improve a part of Jellison between the Elementary School and the High School. This will include the installation of new sidewalks. The other will repair a stretch of Church Street between Trade and Jellison. These projects will be funded by ODOT grants.
- 4)** The City is allocated \$2 million of APRA money from the State through House District 23. This money will fund a refurbishment of the water line going to and from the Water Reservoir and to repair and improve approximately 1 mile of water piping along S. Goucher. These projects were identified in our 2014 Water Master Plan as being the highest priority water projects for Amity. Our state legislators saw our need and met it with new funding.
- 5)** Salt Creek Bridge and water main relocation will commence in this upcoming year. ODOT is rebuilding the bridge and we will relocate the water main from the treatment plant to the community. This is the pipe that carries all the

# From your Public Works Dept.

Many cities are currently on water restrictions. Although Amity is not, we ask that you try to conserve on water usage so that Amity does not have to have any restrictions. Below are some tips on how you can conserve:

## Ways to Save Water Indoors

- Check all faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks
- Install water saving showerheads and ultra-low-flush toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving
- Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator
- Rinse vegetables in a full sink or pan of water
- Fully load your dishwasher
- Wash full loads of clothes

## Ways to Save Water Outdoors

- Don't over-water landscaping
- Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening
- Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street
- Don't water on cool, rainy or windy days
- Equip all hoses with shut-off nozzles
- Use drip irrigation systems
- Plant drought-tolerant or low water-use plants and grass
- Place mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and discourage weeds
- Use a pool cover to cut down on water evaporation
- Use bucket instead of a hose to wash your car.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways, loading docks and parking lots.

For information on Water Conservation Program information, call the Public Works Department at (503) 835-4181.



## Events/Closures

**National Night Out**- August 3, 2021 at Amity City Park, 6pm – 8pm

**Council Meeting**- August 4, 2021 at 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

**Planning Meeting**- August 9, 2021 at 6:30pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 884 0839 3376

Passcode: 003974

**Council Work Session**- August 18 at 5pm

**Council Meeting**- September 1, 2021 at 7pm

**City Offices Closed**- Labor Day September 6,

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### **Amity City Council:**

Napua Ann Rich, Rachel King, Sandy McArthur, Robert Andrade, Cody Goings, April Dyche and Mayor Ryan Lehman.

## Yamhill County Fire Ban

Just a reminder that all backyard burning is closed until October. For daily burning updates regarding recreational burning, you can call 503-472-3344 in Yamhill County.

## Dogs Barking at Large

Are your dogs barking or running around town? The City of Amity continues to receive numerous complaints regarding barking dogs and dogs loose on the streets, disturbing neighbors and pedestrians. The City would like to remind pet owners that any animal considered to be an annoyance by way of noise, smell, or running at large, may be in violation of Amity City Ordinance 600, the city's ordinance regulating pet ownership, and you may be subject to a fine. Let's keep Amity a "pet-friendly" town by being courteous to our neighbors and community. Report loose dogs to 503-434-6500.