



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Rachel King

Greetings Amity,

Last month we had another great turnout for our City-wide clean up event. Thank you to Recology for their assistance and partnership and to all of you who participated. Over three large dumpsters were filled within 3 hours along with the electronics, metal, and yard wastes that were collected separately.

With spring now in full swing I'd like to share a few reminders:

Please be mindful and attend to any stagnant water that has accumulated on your property over this rainy season. Pooling water is hazardous to children and animals and provides a breeding ground for mosquitos and other insects.

Now is also a great time to clean up any newly emerging noxious weeds and vegetation. Clearing and removing vegetations such as blackberries, morning glory, and poison oak, among others; helps keep our city and neighborhoods looking their best. Early season upkeep also avoids these going to seed or spreading and helps reduce fire hazards as we heat up for the summer.

Lastly, the City of Amity code dictates that maintenance and upkeep of drainage ditches and sidewalks within the public right of way are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Keeping these areas unobstructed and clear is important to health and safety in our city. If you have questions or concerns regarding public right of way that abuts your property, please contact City Hall or Public works for guidance.

May is set to be a busy month for your City Council with our formal monthly meeting happening on the 1st, the first of Amity's annual budget meetings scheduled for May 8th and Council work session on May 15th. As seen in the upcoming event section, there are also opportunities to join in on an Amity Day, Tourism, or Historic Landmarks Committee meeting. As always, these meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to attend if you are able.

Remember your Mayor and Council are here to serve and represent you. Hearing from you directly is the best way to help us do well in our roles.

Amity Info Corner

The City of Amity's Comprehensive Plan was first created in 1979. Since that time, there have been only a couple of extremely limited updates made. Needless to say, a lot has changed since 1979. The City of Amity is pleased to announce the start of a significant review and update of Amity's Comprehensive Plan. This project provides a significant chance for all Amity community members to provide input and ensure that community values and priorities make are central to the City's Comprehensive Plan. For more details or if you'd like to help ensure a successful project, please visit our website at

<https://www.cityofamityoregon.org/administration/page/comprehensive-plan-update> or reach out to City Hall and ask for Nathan. Thank you for your help!

City Shred Day:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming third Citywide shred Day this year. Thank you First Federal to your contribution to help make this event happen. For more details regarding this event please see flyer included in utility bill or hung around town.

The shred day will be on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until truck is filled at the Amity City Hall Parking Lot located at 109 Maddox.

Amity DIG News:

Daffodil Festival Report

The cherry trees were blooming. The sun was shining. Amity did its very best to welcome locals and visitors to the Amity Daffodil Festival again this year. It was a fabulous event enjoyed by all. The Community Center was filled with daffodils, plant and garden item vendors, and student art. The new Earth & Wood Studio hosted additional vendors at their site and Amity Flats showcased more children's art at that location. This expanded Festival provided visitors an opportunity to walk the downtown core and eat at our restaurants and taste wine locally. Amity DIG members hope that the event showcased some of the many positive aspects of our town.

What happens to my complaint?

Have you ever submitted a complaint to the city and wondered "where does my complaint go?" Whether it is a city code, city employee, or a neighbor, when a complaint is received, it gets distributed to the appropriate Department Head, City Administrator, Mayor, and the original gets kept in the file. The Department Head will be the person to contact the complainant for follow-up (if requested) and discuss solutions with the City Administrator. You may not always see the solution and sometimes the solution takes months, if not years, to come to fruition, depending on the complaint. Sometimes, it may take complaints from multiple households, like barking dogs for example, before law enforcement can address it. Sometimes it takes coordination with other agencies, like a county or state department.

Please understand that certain issues may take precedent over others; therefore, if you feel like your complaint is being overlooked, please let City Hall know. Your concern is our concern.

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- May 1st 7pm

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 852 6089 5749

Passcode: 797491

Budget Committee Meeting - May 8th at 6pm

Planning Commission (if needed) - May 13th at 6:30pm

Council Work Session - May 15th at 5pm

City Hall Closed - May 27th in honor of Memorial Day.

Shred Day - June 1st from 9am to 1pm

Council Meeting - June 5th at 7pm

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www.cityofamityoregon.org

Amity City Council:

Melissa Bojorquez, April Dyche, Sandy McArthur, Caleb Shields, Alice Thompson and Mayor Rachel King.

Water System Flushing

The City of Amity Public Works Department has scheduled our periodic flushing of the water system to occur on **May 30, 2024, 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 **COLD water using the outside faucets or bathtubs ONLY on the morning of May 31, 2024** until it runs clear and to exercise caution when washing laundry to avoid color damage.