



AMITY GRAPEVINE

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Message from Mayor Rachel King

Hello Amity, and welcome to the month of October. While the summer season is now behind us activities around the city have not slowed down. Before I share more about upcoming events, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been able to attend and/or participate in recent meetings of the Amity City Council and Planning Commission.

Just over two years ago I was appointed to fill the remaining term as Mayor for our city. At that time, I listed a few priorities that I hoped to work towards. One of those goals was to encourage involvement in City governance and to promote overall community engagement and opportunities for connection.

Your City Council has embraced and supported this challenge; as a community I recognize many of you doing so as well. I appreciate hearing from you all and I am encouraged by seeing those who show up to share their voice and opinions. As elected (and appointed) representatives the best guidance your City Council can get is hearing directly from citizens. Thank you and please continue to reach out and be involved!

Upcoming events:

-Amity will hold its second City wide clean-up of 2023 on October 7th. Details of this event were shared with last month's newsletter and may also be found on the City website.

-Harvest Party/Pumpkin decorating event October 21st, 2:00-4:00pm @ Amity Community Center

-Pumpkin Judging for City wide decorating contest October 27th-29th Pumpkins which are displayed and visible from the road, anywhere in town, will be eligible to win a prize

I would also like to share that the City of Amity was recently awarded a \$75,000 grant through Oregon State Parks to upgrade and widen the walking paths throughout the City Park. This is a huge win for us all and will greatly enhance the usability and aesthetics of our community park. This work is expected to be completed before the summer of 2024.

In additional park news: The trees within the park were recently assessed for their health and safety. While some maintenance and trimming were necessary our beautiful trees have overall received a satisfactory report. As we head into Fall there is much to look forward to, and to be grateful for, here in Amity.

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.

Consumer Confidence Report: Amity's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report that describes the quality of the City's water and reports any possible contaminants is now posted on Amity's website under the Public Works Department page: Link: <https://www.cityofamityoregon.org/public-works>

Go Paperless! If you don't generally look at your utility bill and would prefer to receive it via email, please let City Hall know! Going paperless conserves paper and saves the City money on postage and processing. Thank you!

Pumpkin Decorating

Event:

A big thank you to Heiser Farms, who will be donating pumpkins again this year for Amity kids to decorate. Last year, we had a great turn out. Supplies for decorating will be provided. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend. There will be snacks, juice, games, and of course **CANDY!**

- 🍁 **When:** October 21, 2023
- 🍁 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 🍁 **Where:** Amity Community Center
- 🍁 **Cost:** Free

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 503-835-3711.

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 and there will be food and games inside.

- When:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023
- Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** 1305 Goucher Avenue

The church needs your help and needs more candy and more Trunks for the event. Please contact Kim Gates at 503-835-2551 if you can help. Thank you!

Senior Class Chili

Feed:

The Amity High School Senior Class will be hosting a chili feed at the homecoming football game on Friday, October 6th, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Meals include chili, salad and a cinnamon roll and cost is \$6. Single cinnamon rolls cost \$3. Come support the class of 2024!

Events/Closures

Council Meeting- October 4th at 7pm

Planning Meeting – October 9th at 6:30pm
at Amity Fire Hall (if meeting needed)

Council Work Session – October 18th @
5:00pm

Pumpkin Decorating Event- **October 21st at
2pm**

Trunk-R-Treat- October 31st at 5:30pm

Council Meeting- November 1st at 7pm

Daylight Savings Ends- Sunday, November
5th, at 2am (clocks go back 1 hour)

Veteran's Day- November 10th, City Hall,
Library and Public Works Closed

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Amity City Council:

Council President April Dyche, Melissa Bojorquez,
Sandy McArthur, Caleb Shields, Alice Thompson and
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Halloween Word Scramble:

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