

# City of Amery Newsletter

October 9th, 2019



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### Dates to Remember

<b>November 11</b>	Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
<b>November 15</b>	Water Bill Due
<b>November 26</b>	Light Up the Town
<b>Nov 28 and 29</b>	City Offices Closed for Holiday
<b>Dec 24 and 25</b>	City Offices Closed for Holiday
<b>January 1</b>	New Years Day, City Offices Closed
<b>January 31</b>	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
<b>2nd &amp; 4th Wed or Fri</b>	Recycling Day
<b>Mon &amp; Wed</b>	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Avenue
<b>1st Wed of Month</b>	Council Meeting at 5pm

### Council Members

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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## Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bills must be paid in full by 4:30 PM on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2019**. Any bills left unpaid will be placed on your Real Estate Tax bill with a **10% penalty** added. Please pay your bill promptly.

Anyone who is going to be gone for the winter or for an extended period of time **MUST** contact City Hall before you leave so that we can make a note of it and not bill you for garbage during the time you are gone. You will **NOT** receive credit if you call after the billing has been done.  
Thanks! Linda Kuhn-Utility Billing

## ALL Dog Licenses Expire December 31st

Drop by City Hall after December 31st to renew your pet's license! Licenses run from January 1st to December 31st. A copy of the rabies certificate from your veterinarian is **required** to obtain a license.

Spayed / Neutered - \$ 5.00      Unaltered / Intact - \$10.00

A Late Fee of \$5.00 per dog will be added after March 31st.

**Stay Informed All Year Round!** There are many ways to get updates from the City of Amery. In addition to following Amery on Facebook, you can subscribe to notices on the city's website at [www.amerywi.gov](http://www.amerywi.gov) and register by clicking the *Notify Me* icon.

**Tax Collection** To avoid long lines, tax payments can be made by mail, or dropped in the City's payment drop box. If you choose to pay in person, payments can be made at the City Hall Office by cash or check. Regular hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. City Hall is **CLOSED**: Weekends, December 24th, December 25th and January 1st. Please note: Payments placed in the drop box between close of business on December 31st and 7:45 a.m. on January 2nd will be processed as a 2018 payment.



## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES AND REMINDERS

**Well #3** is back up and running. When it started up, it started pumping at 700 gallons per minute instead of the usual 300 gallons per minute. This caused sand to be found in the water. If you experience discoloration of your water, the best option is to run a faucet for a few minutes until the water clears up.

**Snow Removal** - City ordinance requires the owner, occupant, or person in charge of each building, structure, or unoccupied lot in the City of Amery to clean the snow and ice from the entire width of the sidewalk in front of the building within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowfall. If any ice cannot be removed, the owner or occupant is required to sprinkle the ice with salt, sawdust, or sand.

**Leaf, Snow and Other Debris Removal** - No person shall clear their property of accumulated snow, ice, leaves or other debris onto any city street or other city property. Snow shall not be piled at or near intersections so as to obstruct the view of pedestrians or operators of motor vehicles. The failure to clear sidewalks and/or depositing snow, ice or leaves upon any sidewalk, alley, or street of the City is a public nuisance. The Public Works Director may cause any snow, ice or leaves deposited to be removed and the cost of said removal will be charged to the property owner from which said snow, leaves or ice has been removed. If not paid within 30 days, the cost of the removal shall be added to the tax roll as a special tax or recovered in an action against the owner or occupant.

**Fire Hydrants** - If you have a fire hydrant near your property, the City would greatly appreciate any assistance in removing snow from around it, if you are able.

**City Landfill** - There will be no leaf pick-up. The landfill is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month of October from 9am to Noon. The landfill will close for the season after **November 2nd**. The City landfill will only take clean lumber, brush, leaves, and compost as well as concrete and asphalt from city residents. **All leaves must be removed from their bags at the landfill.** Other larger items, such as appliances and furniture should be taken to Waterman's Sanitation located at 663 85th Street, for disposal or call (715) 268-6471 for more information. There will not be a Christmas tree pick-up this year. The landfill will be open the first week in January for you to dispose of your tree yourself.

**Winter Parking Restrictions** go into effect **November 1st through April 15th**. There will be no parking on City streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Please make off-street parking arrangements for winter now.



### Calendar of Events

Events and Times are subject to change.  
See the Amery Free Press for details/changes

#### Saturday, October 26

10 am Halloween Costume Contest  
10am-1pm Business Trick or Treat

#### Tuesday, Nov. 26 - Light Up the Town

5pm Annual Fire Dept. Chili Feed  
6pm Lighted Parade  
6:30pm Lighting, Soo Line Park

#### Friday, Nov. 29 - Early Bird Shopping

#### Sat., Nov. 30 - Small Business Saturday

#### Saturday, December 7

12pm-4pm Holiday Stroll, Downtown

#### Saturday, January 26

6pm Candlelight Ski @ Stower Trail

Nothing is more frustrating than clearing snow from your driveway only to have the plow leave a wall of dirty snow, blocking your access. Argh. But where else is the snow supposed to go? This ridge is called a windrow. There is a technique that minimizes the amount of snow a plow can shove into an open driveway. Facing the street, use a shovel or snow blower to clear a space to the left of your driveway that's 10 feet long and at least a car width wide. That way, when the plow comes down the street, it pushes most of the snow into that area and not into your driveway. **Be kind to the plow operator.** As annoying as the plow pile may be, don't give in to the impulse to hurl the snow back into the street. That just prolongs the problem, causing them to make more passes to clear the road.

## Amery Area Public Library Adult Programming October-January

### Video Game Addiction: Fact, Fiction, and What Parents Need to Know Dr. C. Shawn Green

Saturday, October 19th, 10 AM  
National surveys indicate that over 95% of children today play video games of some type. Dr. Green will cover one common concern that many parents have – that video game play can become “addictive.” He will discuss the definition and predictors of “Internet Gaming Disorder” (the clinical term for video game addiction), as well as offer real-world advice for parents worried about their children’s video game play habits. **FREE EVENT**, no registration required.

### Not Enough Apologies: Trauma Stories

Thursday, October 24th at 5:30 PM  
Attend the screening for the Wisconsin Public Television documentary about childhood trauma, how it affects our communities, and how can we help? Stay for a moderated Q & A session afterwards. **FREE event**, no registration required.

### Books & Brews

Thursday, December 5th  
Thursday, January 2nd  
6:30 PM @ Amery Ale Works  
Join us for lively book discussions while we enjoy all that Amery Ale Works has to offer! See our website for more information.

### Third Thursday Crafting

5:30 -7 PM  
November 21: DIY Gratitude Journals  
December: **NO THIRD THURSDAY**, see WINTER CRAFT FAIR  
January 16: Winter Button Art  
**FREE**, but you must **REGISTER** on our website to ensure your space in the class.

### Wisconsin State Parks Scott Spoolman

Thursday, November 14th 5-7 PM  
Scott will share how the impressive bluffs, valleys, waterfalls, and lakes of Wisconsin's State Parks provide more than beautiful scenery and recreation. There will be time for Q & A afterwards and even some geology-themed treats!

### WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 14th, 10-1 PM  
Register for this special Make and Take Winter Craft Fair! There will be stations set up in the Burman Room for you to choose different “gifty” crafts from. We'll be featuring crafts from the 2019 Third Thursday season. One item per patron per station, please.

### ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January and February 2020  
Keep cozy and read on! Come to the library to get your Cozy Bingo card. Win a small prize for every bingo you complete, plus the chance to win a Winter Reading Prize Basket!

Visit [www.amerylibrary.org](http://www.amerylibrary.org)  
for more details!