

# City of Amery Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

November 11	Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
November 15	Utility Bill Due
November 23	Light Up the Town
Nov 25 and 26	City Offices Closed for Holiday
Dec 24 and 25	City Offices Closed for Holiday
December 31	City Offices Closed-New Years Day
January 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Avenue
1st Wed of Month	Council Meeting at 5pm

## Council Members

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Vacant	Please apply!
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## Amery City Hall

118 Center Street W.  
Amery, Wisconsin 54001  
Phone: (715) 268-7486  
email: cityhall@amerywi.gov  
Website: [amerywi.gov](http://amerywi.gov)  
Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

## City Offices Close for Moving

City offices will be closed for in person transactions the last week of December and the first week of January to allow time to move into the new building. Tax payments can be mailed or dropped in one of the City's three (3) payment drop boxes for processing during this time period. **Effective January 1st, please begin mailing items to our new address, 104 Maple St W, Suite A, Amery, WI 54001.** Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt or dog license. You can go online, approximately one week after you make your payment, to verify that the payment was received at <http://www2.co.polk.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/search.aspx>

## Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bills must be paid in full by 4:30 PM on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2021.** 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.

## Tax Collection

To avoid long lines, tax payments can be made by mail, or dropped in the City's payment drop box. **Effective January 1st, please begin mailing items to our new address, 104 Maple St W, Suite A, Amery, WI 54001.** If you choose to pay in person, payments can be made at City Hall by cash or check except during the time period discussed above. Regular hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. City Hall is **CLOSED:** Weekends, December 24th and December 31st. Please note: Payments placed in the drop box between close of business on December 30th and 7:45 a.m. on January 3rd will be processed as a 2020 payment.



## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES AND REMINDERS

**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 6th**. 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 30

9:30 am Halloween Costume Contest  
10am-12pm Business Trick or Treat

#### Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Light Up the Town

4pm Annual Fire Dept. Chili Feed  
6pm Lighted Parade  
6:30pm Lighting, Soo Line Park

#### Sat., Nov. 27 - Small Business Saturday

#### Saturday, December 4

12pm-4pm Holiday Stroll, Downtown

#### Saturday, January 22

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. The result? Another plow pile.

### Amery Area Public Library Adult Programming

**Library Home Services:** You are eligible for free monthly delivery of library materials if you are not able to visit the library due to advanced age or a temporary or long-term illness or disability. For more information and to get an application form, call the Amery Area Public Library at 715-268-9340, press 0, or visit our website at [www.amerylibrary.org/home-services](http://www.amerylibrary.org/home-services) to download an application.

**Get in on the Puzzles!** We've added new puzzles to our popular puzzle collection! We've got a Glow-in-the-Dark collection, National Parks, holiday themes, and more. Choose from over 100 fun and challenging puzzles.

**Books & Brews:** We still meet every month to discuss a diverse array of (mostly) modern literature! Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month, at 6 PM, either via Zoom or at Amery Ale Works. Contact [hwiarda@amerylibrary.org](mailto:hwiarda@amerylibrary.org) to join the email list and find current information on the adults page of our website at [www.amerylibrary.org/adults](http://www.amerylibrary.org/adults)

**Curbside Pick-up is still here!** FYI, the Amery Area Public Library is still serving patrons with curbside pick-up (by appointment only), Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 6 PM, Fridays and Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM. Holds for all items can be placed via the MORE catalog or by emailing us at [curbside@amerylibrary.org](mailto:curbside@amerylibrary.org). Once you've received your hold pickup notice, you may visit our website at [amerylibrary.org](http://amerylibrary.org) or call us to schedule your pick-up time. Our book drop is still open, so you may return items in our book drop at any time. As always, feel free to call with questions, 715-268-9340. See our website or Facebook page for more details and the latest information.

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