

City of Amery Newsletter

October 5th, 2022



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Dates to Remember

November 8	General Election
November 10	Utility Bill Due
November 11	Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
Nov 24 and 25	City Offices Closed for Holiday
Dec 23 and 26	City Offices Closed for Holiday
January 2	City Offices Closed-New Years Day
January 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
1st Wed of Month	Council Meeting at 5pm

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Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bill balances that were in arrears on October 1st must be paid in full by 4:30 PM on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022**. Any bills left unpaid will be placed on your Real Estate Tax bill with an additional **10% penalty**. 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.

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. If you choose to pay in person, payments can be made at City Hall by cash or check. Regular hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. City Hall is **CLOSED**: Weekends, December 23th, December 26th and January 2nd. 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 2022 payment.

Garbage Bill Changes

The City of Amery has entered into a new contract with Waterman's Sanitation. The new contract is effective October 1, 2022. With this new contract, garbage service at residential homes will be increasing to \$21 per month for 35 and 64 Gallon Carts and to \$23 per month for 96 Gallon Carts. Garbage will still be included on the quarterly utility bill that is sent out by the City of Amery.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Parks Close - The water and restrooms will be shut off in all city parks on November 1st weather permitting. The Dump Station at the campground will also close at this time.

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, please keep snow and debris cleared away from the hydrant so it will be accessible if needed.

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 5th**. 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 will be in place from **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. Vehicles parked on the streets during restricted hours will be ticketed by the Police.

Amery Area Public Library

Books & Brews: We still meet every month to discuss a diverse array of literature! Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month, at 6 PM, at Amery Ale Works. The next meetings will be on November 3rd and December 1st. Find current information on the adults page of our website at www.amerylibrary.org/adults

Children's Story Time:

Join Brooke, the Youth Services Librarian, for story time on Wednesdays' at 10am in the Makerspace.

Donuts with the Director: Keep an eye out on the Library's website and Facebook page for future dates and times.

Third Thursday Crafting:

Thursday, October 20th from 5-7 PM. Just in time for fall, learn how to make book page pumpkins in our open house-style craft class. Ages 18 and up, while supplies last. Future dates for Third Thursday are Thursday, November 17th and Thursday, December 15th.

Trick or Treat at the Library: The Amery library is once again participating in the Amery Community Club's Business Trick or Treating on *Saturday, October 29th from 11 AM to 1 PM.* Stop in for some goodies, bookmarks, and FREE BOOKS while supplies last!

Amery Fire Department

Across the country towns celebrated the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, October 9th through the 15th. Amery participated by hosting an Open House at the Fire Hall to help spread awareness for fire safety on October 12th. If you were unable to attend the event, below are some helpful tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Ensure your home is equipped with working smoke detectors that are tested regularly and have batteries replaced yearly.
- Create a fire escape plan for your home and make sure all of your family is aware of how to exit the home and where to meet in the event of a fire. Practice the plan after it has been created.
- In the event of a fire, exit your home and call for help. Do not return to the home to retrieve belongings.
- Teach household members to Stop, Drop, and Roll if their clothes catch on fire.

Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, October 29

- 10:30 am Halloween Costume Contest
- 11am-1pm Business Trick or Treat

Monday, Nov 7—Amery's Christmas Punch promotion begins

Sat., Nov. 26 - Small Business Saturday

Saturday, December 3

- 12pm-4pm Holiday Stroll, Downtown
- 4pm Annual Fire Dept. Chili Feed
- 5pm Lighted Parade
- 5:30pm Lighting, Soo Line Park