

City of Amery Newsletter

January 12, 2023

Utility Billing for the months of October, November and December 2022



City Hall

City Hall is working on transitioning to monthly utility bills. The date is TBD until new rate increases are applied. Stay tuned for future updates.

The city is utilizing the Cares Act and applying for a Vibrant Spaces Grant, to provide several updates this spring:

- Michael Park—new bathroom facility
- Soo Line Park—new bathroom facility, gathering space with benches, flag pole, planters; water fountain, memorial, bike rack and trash receptacles. In conjunction with Amery Chevrolet, 2 dual EV Car charging stations will be installed. There is also space for a future food truck parking area.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
Feb. 15	Utility Bills Due
Feb. 20	President's Day—City Offices Closed
Feb. 21	Spring Primary Election
April 4	Spring Election
May	Landfill Opens, 1st & 3rd Sat. 9am-Noon
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Avenue
1st Wed. of Month	Council Meeting at 5pm
3rd Tues. of Month	Committee of the Whole at 5pm

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DOG LICENSES

Licenses need to be renewed for the 2023 calendar year. Please bring in a copy of your dog's valid rabies certificate and payment to City Hall.

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

There will be a \$5.00 per dog penalty after March 31st.

PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL

Please do not pay your utility bill and other payments on the same check. Separate checks are required for these payments. To ensure proper credit, ***please*** include your utility bill remittance slip.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Spring Primary Election—Tuesday, February 21

Primary held on the Third Tuesday in February to nominate non-partisan candidates to be voted at the Spring Election. Wis. Statute 5.02(22)

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 4th

Election held on the first Tuesday in April to elect judicial, educational, and non-partisan county officers. Wis. Statute 5.02(21) Check the City website at www.amerywi.gov to obtain further election information.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS:

Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect November 1st through April 15th with no parking from 2 AM to 6 AM on City streets.

Sidewalks Please keep sidewalks clear of snow and shovel out around fire hydrants. Sidewalks must be clear of any ice or snow within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Under no circumstances shall any resident blow, shovel, or push snow from sidewalks, walkways, or driveways onto the street. All snow must be deposited back onto your own property in your yard, or onto the boulevard adjacent to your property. If you use a plowing service, please remind them not to push snow into the streets or City's ridge or piles without first contacting Jeff at (715) 268-5911.

Water/Sewer Freeze-Ups: If you are concerned about your water or sewer lines freezing, please call Josh at (715) 268-3418.

Dogs on Leashes - Please be sure to keep your dog on a leash at all times when out for a walk.

Trash Cans: Please remember that city ordinance requires all **trash cans** be removed from the curb or edge of the roadway within 12 hours of pick-up.

Amery Area Public Library

Love Your Library Event:

Saturday, February 4th 10 AM to Noon

You are invited to join us for our annual event celebrating our amazing community and library! We will be showcasing talented area residents and benefiting the Friends of the Amery Area Public Library. Interact with other Amery area groups, clubs, and organizations, enjoy games with CHOMP the carrot from PowerUP, music from more than 3 area groups, snack on some light refreshments, and more! Any questions? Email the Friends at amerylib@gmail.com or call the library at 715-268-9340.

Adult Programming:

Book Clubs

With the new year come three new book clubs.

- Mystery book club. Was it Librarian Trevor with the book scanner in the fiction room? Join us as we read a book each month and solve a crime!
 - * 2nd Tuesday of each month 2:00 p.m. In-person at the library
 - * 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.
 - * We will discuss the first book, *The Maid* by Nita Prose, on Tuesday, February 14th. Copies are available at the circulation desk.
- Science Fiction and Fantasy book club. Do you enjoy reading science fiction and fantasy books? Join us as we explore new worlds!
 - * 3rd Wednesday of each month
 - * 2:30 p.m. In-person at the library.
 - * 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.
 - * The first book, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, will be discussed on Wednesday, February 15th. Copies are available at the circulation desk.
- Become a serial reader! Have you ever wanted to read classics like *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *Oliver Twist*, or *Anna Karenina* but been put off by the length of these books? Join us as we read them like they were originally published: in small installments. Each Monday we will meet in-person or on Zoom to read these terrific books. Each week you will be given a set of short booklets for the week, then we will discuss the content the following week.
 - * Begins Monday, January 9th.
 - * 10:00 a.m. in-person at the library.
 - * 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

For information on these new book clubs and to obtain the Zoom links, email Trevor Richards at trichards@amerylibrary.org

Home Delivery Service

Homebound residents who live in Amery or the surrounding area can sign-up to have books (print, large print, audiobooks) and movies brought to their home. To download an application for this free service, go to <https://amerylibrary.org/home-services/> For more information contact Adult Services Librarian Trevor Richards at 715-268-3431 or trichards@amaerylibrary.org.

AMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Amery Police Department has continued to see an increase of financial scams. One of the most common scams we are seeing involve emails or random text messages being sent to citizens. Those emails and text messages claim that they are from Amazon or another web-based company and often claim that there is a disputed order from their account. The email or text directs citizens to open up a link, which directs them to web page that has them fill out personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, and banking information. Additionally, once the scammers have your personal information they often will call or email the citizen and advise that they need their bank information to refund a transaction. The scammers will try and confuse an individual and have them enter banking information online. When a citizen enters this information online the scammers will purposely over refund an alleged charge and then tell the individual to send a money order or cash to an address and threaten them with legal action if they don't comply. We have also had reports of people being told to purchase gift cards and provide the gift card numbers to the scammer. The scammers tend to target the elderly population; however, no age group is immune from it.

We ask people not to give out any personal information to anyone online or by phone. Additionally, we urge individuals not to send money to anyone in cases such as this. Another preventative measure that should be taken is to avoid clicking on those email / text message links altogether. If a citizen has an online account with a company, they should go directly to the company webpage or contact the company from a known and verified phone number to verify orders. Legitimate online companies seldom send emails and text messages requesting personal information, so if you receive an email or text message asking for this information, please contact law enforcement and we can help determine if it is fraudulent or not.

These types of financial crimes are extremely difficult for law enforcement to stop and often involve perpetrators that are outside of the State of Wisconsin and often not in the United States at all. We will investigate any financial crime reported to us, but being able to track these individuals down is extremely difficult. If anyone believes that they have been scammed, they should report it to law enforcement immediately and to their financial institutions.