

City of Amery Newsletter

January 9th, 2024

Utility Billing for the months of October, November and December 2023



Dates to Remember

Jan. 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
Feb. 15	Utility Bills Due
Feb. 19	President's Day - City Offices Closed
April 2	Spring Election
April 8-12	Spring Hydrant/Water System Flushing
May	Landfill Opens, 1st & 3rd Sat. 9am-Noon
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Avenue

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Stay in the Know! Attend Your City Council or Committee of the Whole (COTW) Meetings:

Council	1st Wednesday of Each Month at 5:00 pm
COTW	3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 5:00 pm



UPCOMING ELECTION

There will NOT be a Spring Primary in February.

The **Spring Election** will be held **Tuesday, April 2nd** to elect judicial, educational, and municipal officers, and non-partisan county officers, and to express preferences for the person to be the presidential candidate for each party in presidential election years. Wisconsin Statute 5.02(21)

Seats up for Election in the City of Amery:

- Mayor
- Alderperson at Large
- Alderperson—Wards 1 and 2
- Alderperson—Wards 3, 4, and 5
- Multijurisdictional Municipal Court Judge

Check the City website at www.amerywi.gov to obtain further election information.

All Dog Licenses Expired December 31st.

Licenses run from January 1st to December 31st.

A copy of the **Rabies Certificate** from your veterinarian is required to obtain a license.

A Late Fee of \$5.00 per dog will be added after March 31st.
Spayed / Neutered - \$5.00 🐾 Unaltered / Intact - \$10.00

Tax Collection: To avoid long lines, tax payments can be made by mail, or dropped in one of the City's payment drop boxes. If you choose to pay in person, payments can be made at City Hall by cash or check. Please make tax and utility payments with separate checks. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Note that City Hall is CLOSED on Fridays and Weekends.

Stop in at City Hall today to sign up for **Auto Pay** for your **Utility bill**.



CodeRED - COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT

We are partnering with Polk County's **CodeRED** notification system. Please create an account (or register as a guest) to customize your notifications and contact information. It is private and will not be shared or sold. This will allow Amery and Polk County dispatch to notify you of emergency situations or critical community alerts.

You can opt in for weather alerts too! <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF4A225F8BED>

Click on **CITY OF AMERY** to get Amery's notifications. You can register your home and business so you get alerts even if you're away. We also have an app you can download from your App store that will cover CodeRED alerts anywhere in the USA that CodeRED is used. To learn more, please visit Polk County Preparedness website (<https://tinyurl.com/polkhealth>). Be sure to enroll your loved ones as well!

CITY OF AMERY WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

The subject of the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been a hot topic in the City of late. Things are beginning to move along. A Zoning Ordinance is expected to pass shortly. If you have any questions, be sure to visit the City's website at www.amerywi.gov or contact Patty at (715) 268-3411.

City of Amery, Proposed Amendment to Chapter 450 Zoning Ordinance WWTF Setback - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Question 1: Will I be able to construct a new shed or garage on my property, if it is within the 500' setback from the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)?

Answer: Yes, as long as the building is not intended for, or used for residential occupancy or a commercial use. All other City regulations will still apply, including zoning and building requirements, such as setbacks, permits, etc.

Question 2: Will I be able to construct an addition onto my house?

Answer: If your house is within the 500' setback from the WWTF, it is considered an existing nonconforming structure. Any extension or enlargement of a nonconforming structure is subject to review and approval of the Plan Commission, in accordance with Sections 450-54 and 450-55 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The residence is also considered an existing nonconforming use and is regulated by Section 450-53 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Question 3: Will I need to disclose this setback to a perspective purchaser when I am ready to sell my home?

Answer: A homeowner should answer this question affirmatively (yes) on the WI Real Estate Condition Report Form (shown below). However, this is the homeowner's responsibility, and not the City's to enforce.

Question 4: Will I be able to add onto / expand my commercial building?

Answer: If your building is within the 500' setback from the WWTF, it is considered an existing nonconforming structure. An addition / expansion to the building is subject to review and approval of the Plan Commission, in accordance with Sections 450-54 and 450-55 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Question 5: Will I be able to change the use of my commercial building?

Answer: If your building is within the 500' setback from the WWTF, is considered to be an existing nonconforming use, and changes from one business to another like-type of business will be allowed, provided the use does not cease for more than 12-months at a time. However, establishing a new commercial use within the 500' setback area is regulated by Section 450-53 of the City's Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Question 6: If my house or commercial building sustains damage (e.g., wind, fire), will I be able to repair and/or rebuild?

Answer: Yes as allowed in through the Nonconforming Section of the Zoning Ordinance, 450-54.

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 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) 268-3417.

AMERY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Thursdays

Check out our newest teen program, happening on the second Thursday of the month! Bring your friends for pizza, games, crafting, and hang out time. Ages 13-18 only. Pizza will be served!

Join Our Email Newsletter List

We will share snippets about the library and news about upcoming events. This will be a weekly newsletter with just the right amount of information for our library patrons. Register by visiting our home page at amerylibrary.org.

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Long Range Plan Updates

The Amery Library has a long-range plan in place for the next three years. We will update the public regularly on our progress in achieving and maintaining the goals in the plan, and explaining how our programs and services are honoring the plan. Want to know more? Please visit the library website at amerylibrary.org/longrangeplan.

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@amerylibrary.org.

Books & Brews

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