

# City of Amery Newsletter

October 8th, 2024



## Dates to Remember

<b>October 26</b>	Business Trick or Treat
<b>November 5</b>	Presidential Election
<b>November 11</b>	Veterans Day Observed
<b>November 15</b>	Utility Bills Due
<b>Nov 28 and 29</b>	City Offices Closed for Holiday
<b>November 30</b>	Small Business Saturday
<b>December 7</b>	Holly Jolly Stroll, Light up the Town, & Fire Department Chili Feed
<b>Dec 24 and 25</b>	City Offices Closed for Holiday
<b>January 1</b>	City Offices Closed-New Years Day
<b>January 31</b>	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Wed</b>	Council Meeting at 5pm

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## Presidential Election – Tuesday, November 5th

This election is the Presidential/General Election for President & Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress District 7, Representative to the Assembly District 25, and District Attorney. Polk County offices included in the Presidential/General Election include Polk County Clerk, Polk County Treasurer, and Polk County Register of Deeds. Also, the Presidential/General Election will feature one referendum question on the ballot.

## Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bill balances that were in arrears on October 1st must be paid in full by 5:00 PM on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2024**. 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.

## AUTO-Pay Feature for Utility Payments

Just a reminder that you can sign up for Auto-Pay. Stop into City Hall for the necessary form.

## ALL Dog Licenses Expire December 31st

Drop by City Hall after December 31<sup>st</sup> to renew your pet's license. Licenses run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

## 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 Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. City Hall is CLOSED: Weekends, December 24th, December 25th and January 1st.

## Amery Fire Department

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.

## AMERY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

We've made some changes to make it easier to find your way around the different sections of the library! Stop by to see our brand-new bookshelves and signage on our shelves, walls, and by the elevator.

### Important Dates

- October 8 - 5:30 p.m. - Election Integrity - Join us for a virtual talk by Meagan Wolfe, the administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission
- October 9 - 4 p.m. - Genealogy Class
- October 12 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Mustard Making Class - You are invited to join Terry Kelzer to learn to make mustards from scratch and learn a bit of its history and lore.
- October 14 - 4 - 5 p.m. - Tortured Poets Club
- October 16 - 5 - 6 p.m. - Writing Group
- October 17 - 6 - 8 p.m. - Teen Thursday (ages 12 to 18 only)
- October 19 - 10 a.m. - Saturday Storytime
- October 21 - 5 - 6 p.m. - Bats of Wisconsin - Join us for an evening of learning about the Bats of Wisconsin with Heather Mishefske, a Wisconsin Master Naturalist, who is trained by the DNR to conduct bat outreach as part of the Wisconsin Bat Ambassador program. Heather will chat about the bat species found in Wisconsin, how bats help humans and our surrounding environment, and how you and your family can help them.
- October 22 - 1 - 2 p.m. - Homeschool Hangout
- October 28 - Amery Area Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- October 29 - 4 - 5 p.m. - Pokémon Club

### Monthly book clubs:

1st Thursday - Books & Brews - 6 p.m. at Amery Ale Works

2nd Tuesday - 2 - 3 p.m. - Mystery Book Club

Last Thursday - 2 - 3:30 p.m. - Non-fiction Book Club

See <https://amerylibrary.org/bookclubs/> for details

**Home Delivery:** We bring library books, DVDs, and other items to home bound persons in Amery the first Friday of the month. See <https://amerylibrary.org/home-services/> for details or contact Trevor Richards at [trichards@amerylibrary.org](mailto:trichards@amerylibrary.org)

**Storytime:** Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for preschool/toddler storytime! Read books, sing songs, and do a craft or activity!

## AMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Amery Police Department has added two new officers to its roster, Kyle Fenton and Cole Stanton.

### Kyle Fenton

Hello, Amery; my name is Kyle Fenton. I grew up in Wisconsin, near Green Bay. I played football, ran cross country, and cross country ski raced in school.

After high school, I joined the Marine Corps as a helicopter crew chief. Following the Marine Corps, I enlisted again but in the Army. Once I transitioned back to civilian life, I earned a bachelor's degree. I held various jobs in aviation maintenance, construction, and healthcare.

These days, I'm on the lookout for something new to learn, and I often get lost in podcasts and books on Audible. When I'm not juggling work or activities with my kids, I am at the gym, rowing, hunting, or trying to train my dogs. I am also constantly battling my grass and trying to keep it alive.

I am excited and humbled to serve again, but this time in law enforcement. Law enforcement allows me to help those who need it and solve problems. It also provides me with something new to do and see daily, and I can't wait to get started.

### Cole Stanton

Hello, I'm Officer Cole Stanton with the Amery Police Department. I chose this career because I hoped to serve my community and help people. Every day, I'm motivated to protect and serve, striving to make a positive change in the lives of those I have the pleasure of meeting.

I've been part of the Amery community for almost five years now, and I'm proud to call it home. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of the great folks who are part of this wonderful community.

## 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 1st**. 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. Waterman's Sanitation has a public drop off on Saturdays from 9am to noon. Visit <https://watermandisposal.com/public-drop-off> for more information on the fees associated with items that can be brought to public drop off. 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.