

# City of Amery Newsletter

October 2025



## Dates to Remember

<b>October 23</b>	Electronic Recycling Drop –off
<b>October 25</b>	Business Trick or Treat
<b>November 11</b>	Veterans Day Observed
<b>November 15</b>	Utility Bills Due
<b>11/20-01/09</b>	Christmas Lights Recycling
<b>Nov 27 and 28</b>	City Offices Closed for Holiday
<b>November 29</b>	Small Business Saturday
<b>December 6</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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## DID YOU KNOW...

**Email invoice are an option?** Avoid lost mail and mail delays and receive your utility invoices directly to your email. It's quick, easy and convenient.

**Direct Payment is an option?** You can avoid late payments by signing up for Automatic Payments. Go online to [www.amerywi.gov](http://www.amerywi.gov) to complete the Direct Bill Payment form and Email Invoices form. Our email address is below or call Lisa at 715.268.3413 for more information.

### 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 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025**. 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.

**Free Electronics Recycling Drop-off:** Thursday October 23, 1–5 p.m. at the South Industrial Park Rd off Hwy 46 across from Alcivia Country Store. Follow the signs.

### 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

Tax payments can be made online, in person, by mail, or dropped in the City's payment drop box. To pay online, go to [www.polkcountywi.gov](http://www.polkcountywi.gov). 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.

### 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

### Comic Book Reading Challenge: October 6th—December 12th

Tim Bruckner had worked for DC Direct and DC Collectables for close to 20 years. His amazingly accurate designer-specific sculpts have helped shape the line and build the brand. Read comics, graphic novels, and manga for a chance to win a sculpture from his studio! Thank you to Mary and Tim Bruckner for donating a collection of sculptures for this challenge. Ages 6 and up, including adults.

**Amery Community Club Halloween Business Trick-or-Treat.** Saturday October 25th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Recurring Programs:

- Storytime Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- The Amery Library wordsmiths-a writing group for adults-1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:30 -5:30 p.m.
- Teen Thursday - 2nd Thursday of the month from 6 - 7 p.m.
- Homeschool Hangout - 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m.
- Kids Writing Group - 3rd Thursday of the month from 4-5 p.m.
- Movie of the Month-3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.
- Pokémon Club-4th Tuesday of the month from 4 - 5 p.m.
- History Talk-4th Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.
- Friends of the Library book Sale - 1st Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and the Thursday before from 3-5 p.m.

#### Monthly book clubs:

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

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

Last Thursday - 2:30 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 Heather Wiarda at [hwiarda@amerylibrary.org](mailto:hwiarda@amerylibrary.org)

## 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. C-2 Central Business District which fronts upon or adjoins any sidewalk shall remove snow and ice by 10:00a.m. following snow event.

**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://www.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 **12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.**

## AMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT Amended winter parking restrictions for 2025

**§ 405-17** No person shall park, place or leave standing any automobile, truck or other vehicle on any City-owned parking lot during snow removal, except for designated parking spaces within the parking lot. Individuals must remove parked cars within 24 hours of such event to allow Public Works to clear snow.

**§405-24** It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing any motor vehicle on any City street between November 1 and April 15 between the hours of **12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.** Please make off-street parking arrangements for winter now. Vehicles parked on the streets during restricted hours will be ticketed and may be towed.

## City of Amery Sewer Rates Effective: January 1, 2026 SEWER RATES

### Quarterly Service Charges

3/4 inch meter	\$99.00
1 inch meter	\$133.65
1 1/4 inch meter	\$163.35
1 1/2 inch meter	\$198.00
2 inch meter	\$247.50
3 inch meter	\$381.15
4 inch meter	\$594.00
6 inch meter	\$990.00
8 inch meter	\$1,386.00
10 inch meter	\$1,831.50
12 inch meter	\$2,277.00
Unmetered Sewer	\$198.00

### Plus Volume Charges:

\$13.20 per 1000 Gallons

### Garbage Rates Effective October 1, 2025

35 Gallon Cart	\$64.89
64 Gallon Cart	\$64.89
96 Gallon Cart	\$71.07