

City of Amery Newsletter

January 2026



Dates to Remember

Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Offices Closed
Jan. 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
Feb. 15	Utility Bills Due
Feb. 16	President's Day - City Offices Closed
April 4	Bunny Bash Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
April 7	Spring Election
May	Landfill Open - 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Elden Avenue

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Utility Bill

A separate check is required for your utility bill, and other payments should not be combined. Please include your utility bill remittance slip. **Emailed utility bills** are an option to avoid lost mail or delays. It's quick, easy and convenient. **Direct payment** is also an option. You can avoid late payments by signing up for Automatic Payments. Go online to www.amerywi.gov to complete the Direct Bill Payment form. Our email address is above or call Lisa at 715.268.3413 for more information.

Upcoming Elections

Spring Primary Election - No spring primary this year.

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 7th

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

Seats up for Election in the City of Amery

Mayor, Alderperson at Large, Alderperson—Wards 1 and 2, Alderperson—Wards 3, 4, and 5.

Dog Licenses

2025 dog licenses expired December 31st. 2026 licenses run from January 1st to December 31st. A copy of the **rabies certificate** from your veterinarian is required to obtain a license.

License Fees: Spayed / Neutered - \$5.00 Unaltered / Intact - \$10.00

A late fee of \$5.00 per dog will be charged after March 31st.

Tax Collection

Tax payments can be made on-line at www.polkcountywi.gov, 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. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. City Hall is closed on Fridays and weekends.

Emergency Alert Notification- Alert Polk County

Polk County has a new emergency notification system and encourages you to sign up and create an account for **Alert Polk County**. Code Red is no longer used by Polk County, so if you formerly had an account you will need to register for Alert Polk County through Everbridge. The link can be found on the Sheriff's page of the Polk County website.

Polk County encourages everyone to sign up to receive emergency alert notifications that require immediate action or awareness (such as emergency evacuations, missing children or vulnerable adults, or boil water alerts). If you want these free notifications sent to your cell phone, VoIP phone, or email you must register on the Alert Polk County website for Polk County. If you list a cell phone number and email, you will be notified even if you're not at home. If you have a cabin or business this is a great way to stay informed at all times.

There is also a mobile app, the Public Safety App found in the app stores. In addition to receiving Polk County alerts, the app will keep you informed about other places where you travel that use Everbridge. Allow location access and it will find Polk County, or search Polk County WI for local notifications.

Amery Public Library

Meet our new Adult Services Librarian!

Greetings,

My name is Jake Wyrzykowski (*Where-zā-kow-ski*) and I am from the Northwoods town of Phillips, WI.

I spent my childhood enjoying outdoor adventures in the woods; collecting turtles and toads from local ponds, feeding deer, and listening to the call of the loons on nearby lakes. I graduated from UW- River Falls in 2010 with a double major in History and Sociology. My studies also included Broad-field Social Studies with an Education emphasis.

Since 2018, I have been a Youth Services Librarian in the IFLS library system – starting in Phillips, and most recently, New Richmond. I have been an antique collector and seller since I was a kid, and my business dealings with Acme Junk Co. brought me to Amery often this past year. The more time I spent in Amery, the more it reminded me of Phillips. Amery's historic downtown, antique "tin-man" style water tower, and scenic lakeshores make me feel right at home.

My hobbies are almost too great to mention: I enjoy classic cars, restoring antiques, film preservation, movies, writing and performing music, learning, and reading my favorite authors - Ray Bradbury, George Orwell, Kurt Vonnegut, and R.L. Stine, to name a few.

I look forward to creating new and enriching programs that engage, entertain, educate, and enlighten the patrons of the Amery Public library. I am happy to be here and am eager to contribute to the community through the services and programming the library offers. Stop by my office and say hello!

Thank You,

Jake Wallace Wyrzykowski

Upcoming Special Events

Battle of the Books -Pizza and Trivia – January, Date TBD
Youth Yoga Bingo – January 10, February 7, and March 14 at 10 a.m.
Puzzles and Pizza – January 19 from 6 - 8 p.m.
Family Game Night – February 16 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Book Clubs for Adults

Books & Brews - 1st Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
Mystery Book Club - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Non-fiction Book Club - Last Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

For specific dates and book titles see <https://amerylibrary.org/bookclubs/>

Recurring Programs

For details on all our programs see our monthly calendar at <https://amerylibrary.org/calendar/>

Public Works Updates and Reminders

Winter Parking Restrictions

Winter parking restrictions are in effect from November 1st through April 15th with no parking from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on city streets.

Snow Removal

Sidewalks must be clear of any ice or snow within 24 hours of a snowfall. 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 10:00 a.m. following snow event.

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 the city's ridge or piles without first contacting Jeff at (715) 268-5911.

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.

Amery Police Department

Amended Winter Parking Restrictions

§ 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 12:00a.m. and 6:00a.m. Vehicles parked on the streets during restricted hours will be ticketed and may be towed.

