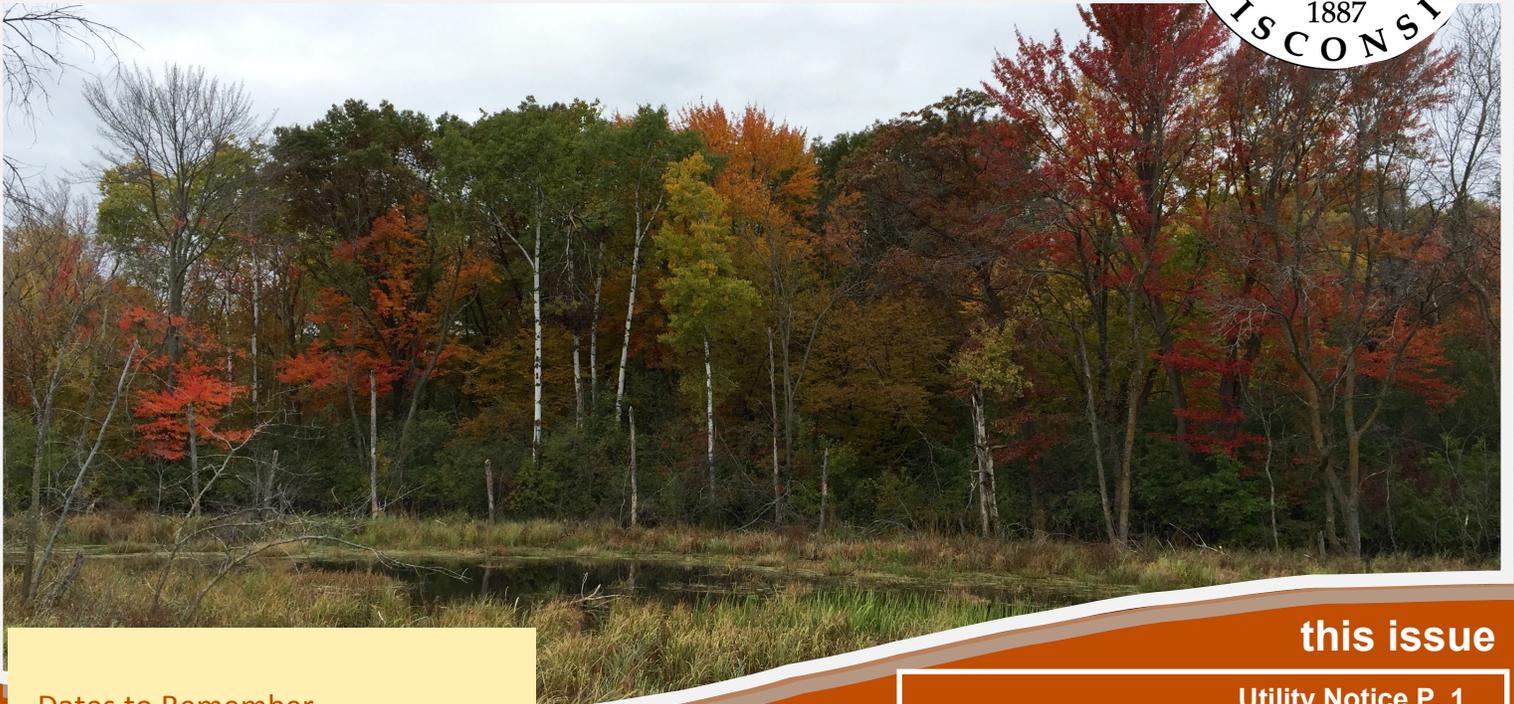


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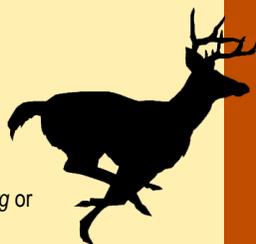
Nov 11	Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
Nov 15	Water Bill Due
Nov 24	Parade of Lights
Nov 26 and 27	Thanksgiving, City Offices Closed
Nov 30	Last Day to Pay Utility Bill
Dec 24 and 25	City Offices Closed for Holiday
Jan 1	New Years, City Offices Closed
2nd & 4th Wed or Fri	Recycling Day
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Ave.
1st Wed of Month	Council Meeting at 5pm

Council Members

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Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bills must be paid in full by 4:30 PM on **Monday, November 30th, 2015**. Any bills left unpaid will be placed on your Real Estate Tax bill **with a 10% penalty added**. Any payments received after the 30th will be applied as a credit to your next quarter bill. Please pay your bill promptly.

Also, anyone who is going to be gone for the winter or for an extended period of time, you **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. **If you call after the billing has been done you will NOT receive credit!**

Thanks! Linda Kuhn-Utility Billing

The Remember Project

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is bringing the Remember Project to Amery. Through a series of plays, this project is intended to stimulate a regional conversation around dementia and the most well-known form of memory loss, Alzheimer's disease. **St. Joseph Church in Amery will host October 27th at 6:30, and November 10th at 6:30 PM. ALL** Amery and surrounding community members are invited and encouraged to attend!

The ultimate goal is to assist community leaders to increase in dementia-friendly environments in the community. In doing so, individuals and families coping with severe memory loss will have greater awareness about options for dealing with the significant challenges of dementia.

The project takes a unique approach to building awareness, sharing information, and inviting authentic community conversations. Each event starts with a different short play. Audience members will watch a play and participate in a facilitated conversation. The idea stems from the recognition that the arts are a powerful tool for inviting deep and meaningful conversation.

Elections 2016

On April 5th, 2016 there will be an election held in the City of Amery for the office of Mayor currently held by Kay Erickson. Also on the ballot will be the offices of City Alderperson for an at-large seat currently held by Kristen Vicker, Wards 1 & 2 currently held by Rick Van Blaricom, and Wards 3, 4 & 5 currently held by Tim Strobusch who was appointed to serve the remainder of the term Kay Erickson vacated when elected Mayor. City Council incumbents have declared their intent is to seek re-election. In addition, the office of Municipal Judge will be on the ballot for a four year term; that office is currently held by Jerome Wittstock. The first date to circulate nomination papers for these offices is December 1st, 2015. If a primary is needed, it will be held on February 16th, 2016.

You must still be registered to vote. If you are not registered in the City of Amery, have moved or changed your name since you last voted you will need to fill out a form to update your voter registration. Please bring with you proof of residence such as your driver's license, state ID, utility bill, real estate tax bill or receipt, residential lease, bank statement, DNR licenses, employee photo ID, tribal ID, paycheck, or UW or Technical college ID with a photo and fee receipt. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at Amery City Hall Council Chambers located at 118 Center Street West.

Voter ID Reinstated

Voter Photo ID is now the law in Wisconsin. Voters are required to show a photo ID such as a driver license or state-issued ID in order to receive a ballot and vote. To learn about getting a free Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website: <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>

Acceptable forms of identification are:

- A Wisconsin DoT-issued driver license
- A Wisconsin DoT-issued identification card
- An identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- (Identifications above must be unexpired, or if expired, have expired after the date of the most recent general election.)
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following: Date of Issuance, Signature of Student, Expiration date not later than two years after Date of Issuance



Please contact Fran Duncanson, City Clerk at 715-268-7486 with any election related questions or concerns.

Reminders

Dog Licenses Expire December 31st!

Drop by City Hall after December 31st to renew your pet's license! A copy of the rabies certificate from your veterinarian is required to obtain license.

Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect

Winter parking restrictions go in effect November 1st through April 15th with no parking from 2 AM to 6 AM on City streets. Please make off street parking arrangements for winter now if needed.

Christmas Tree Pickup

There will be no leaf or Christmas tree pick up this year. Arrangements will be made to open landfill for trees after holidays. Watch for further details.

City Landfill

Just a friendly reminder that 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.

Other larger items, such as appliances and furniture should be taken to Waterman's, 663 85th Street, for disposal or call (715) 268-6471 for more information. The City Landfill will not take these items.

Have an old fridge or a freezer? Call Xcel Energy at (855) 398-5226 to have it picked up at no cost to you.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program (age 1 through Kindergarten) at the Amery Area Public Library. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years and provide their children essential early literacy skills. If you have a child under the age of 1 and would like to participate, don't worry! The library also has a program for babies called Baby Book Bees (birth to age 1). The goal of this program is to read 100 books to baby during their first year. Because a baby's first year of life is so crucial, each baby log also provides specific early literacy activities to promote developmental stimulation for baby. Both of these reading programs include prizes for participants at certain levels of completion, including a tote bag for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten participants at sign-up! We understand everyone is busy, so these programs are done at your own pace. The programs are free, but the end result is priceless. Stop in any time to sign up for either of these programs. For more information, call the library at 715-268-9340 or visit the Kids page on our website, amerylibrary.org. To keep up to date with all the exciting things going on at the library, be sure to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/amerylibrary.