



City of Amery • 118 Center Street W • Amery, Wisconsin

# NEWS FROM THE CITY

œ Celebrating 125 Years œ

**April 2018**

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## REMINDER

A water rate increase has gone into effect April 1st, 2018. Let's use our resources wisely.



## BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED

Burning Permits are required in the City of Amery and surrounding townships. Burning permits are available after 11:00 a.m. at City Hall. At this time there is no charge for these permits but there will be a fine if you are caught burning without a permit or during a burning ban. It is never OK to burn leaves or trash. Occasionally due to weather conditions, the DNR will ban all burning, even campfires will be discouraged. You can check the DNR's website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.asp> and click on Polk County. Call the County before burning at (715) 485-8300.



**Fishing Opener is May 5th & the DNR Free Fishing Weekend is June 2nd & 3rd!**



The WI DNR is holding a free fishing weekend on June 2nd & 3rd when you can fish for free without a license! Other DNR fishing regulations will apply. Take advantage of the City of Amery Lakes and Apple River where you can fish from shore in many areas and parks provided with fishing piers.

## Having a Garage Sale?

Remember to get your permit at City Hall. City ordinances limit garage sales to a maximum of three sales per year. The cost is \$5.00 per sale for the first two sales and \$15.00 if you hold a third sale.



- May 5:** Landfill Opens 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon \*City Residents Only\*
- May 15:** Utility Bills Due
- May 28:** Memorial Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- July 4:** Independence Day - Fireworks at Dusk  
City Offices will be Closed
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday or Friday:** Recycling Day
- 1st Wednesday of Each Month:**  
Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**Amery Trail Days—Saturday, June 2nd**

Family-Friendly Events • Free Fishing and Use of Trails  
Fly-In Breakfast at the Amery Municipal Airport • City-wide Garage Sales

**Music on the River and Car Show Cruise-In**

Friday, June 15th (The Whitesidewalls) • Friday, July 20th (Mighty Wheelhouse)

Friday, August 17th (Viva Knieval) Food & beverages available.

Stop down to the Danielson Stage in Michael Park at 5:00 p.m. for fun, fellowship and great music!

**Women's Club Art & Craft Fair - Saturday, June 16th at North Park 9am - 3pm**

**4th of July Fireworks - Soldier Field at Dusk**

**Do I Need a Building Permit?**

A permit is always required for any addition or structural modification to your existing living space such as, remodeling, finishing your basement, modifying or replacing stairs (inside or outside). A permit is required for electrical modifications, plumbing work, window modifications that enlarge/decrease openings and for mechanical system installations. You will always need a permit if you are modifying the roof line of your home. Sewer modifications, major demolitions and added fireplaces are other examples of work that typically requires a permit. Exterior work such as adding/replacing a deck, siding, fences or retaining walls are all elements that will require a permit. The building inspector sets the fee for the building permits.

**When is a permit not required?** A permit isn't required for interior cosmetic changes like new carpet, hardwood flooring, new paint, and the installation of trim like crown molding, baseboard and casing.

You do not need a permit if you are strictly replacing the shingles on your roof.

A Zoning Permit may also be required for most exterior work and storage buildings. Zoning Permits cost \$75.00.

If unsure, always check with City Hall.

**Please plan ahead and contact City Hall at least 2 weeks before you plan to begin your project.**

Greetings from the Amery Police Department staff, spring is here according to the calendar at least and a reminder / to do list that may be helpful.

1. With spring upon us, bare yards may display the discovery of items or junk that was left in the yard, a vehicle that quit over the winter and needs to find a new home or various other unsightly junk/items that need to be cleaned up to make not only our yards attractive but our fine city as well. The city does check on residences that need attention and reminds those by either talking or sending out letters. When all else fails, we can issue citations or clean up at your expense by city staff. That is truly not our desire and it usually does not go that far but it has on a few occasions.
2. The police department likes to be able to find a residence as soon as possible especially in the case of an emergency. It is extremely helpful and required to have house numbers displayed properly on residences.
3. Although we live in a relatively safe community, let's all reduce the temptation for others and improve our chances by always locking your vehicle and remove or hide any valuables inside. Make it a habit to lock your residence doors and windows, consider other safety items such as outdoor lighting or alarms. Get to know your neighbors and look out for each other.
4. Scams are everywhere these days! If you receive a call, e-mail or regular mail that looks too good to be true that are unsolicited or threatening in nature, talk to a loved one, trusted friend or the police before making any quick decisions or if you feel you are a victim.
5. Operating a vehicle is a privilege not necessarily a right. Please obey the laws that have been set forth for all vehicles. It is for the safety and wellbeing of all of us.
6. If you see a problem or concern or want to extend a compliment, please contact the city hall, police, public works, fire department and etc. For the police department our business hour phone is (715) 268-7411 generally 8am to 4:30pm M-F. After hours we can be contacted through the Polk County Sheriff's Department (715)485-8300 or in an emergency 911. Our department works 24/7 so we ask please do not delay to call us so we can help.

As always, please check our Police Department Facebook page for up to date and future events such as our annual bicycle rodeo, Kops and Kids Golf Scramble and etc.

Thank You, Chief Tom Marson