

City of Amery Newsletter

October 14th, 2020



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Dates to Remember

November 11	Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
November 15	Water Bill Due
November 20	Last Day to Pay Utility Bill
Nov 26 and 27	City Offices Closed for Holiday
Dec 24 and 25	City Offices Closed for Holiday
January 1	New Years Day, City Offices Closed
January 31	1st Real Estate Tax Installment Due
2nd & 4th Wed or Fri	Recycling Day
Mon & Wed	DMV Open at 950 Eldon Avenue
1st Wed of Month	Council Meeting at 5pm

Council Members

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Amery City Hall

118 Center Street W.
Amery, Wisconsin 54001
Phone: (715) 268-7486
email: cityhall@amerywi.gov
Website: amerywi.gov
Office Hours: Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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November 3 Presidential Election

- The polls are located at 118 Center Street.
- The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.
- For the safety of voters and election staff, polling places will be following Covid- 19 protocols including sanitizing and requiring the use of face coverings.

Absentee Voting: Any qualified, registered elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. To obtain an absentee ballot you may:

In-Person: Personally come to the City Clerk's office to cast an absentee ballot October 20th through October 30th between the hours of 8am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The deadline for voting an in-person absentee ballot in the Clerk's Office is 5:00 p.m. on October 30th.

By Mail: You can make a request in writing and we will mail you an absentee ballot. The written request must include your voting address within the City of Amery, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. State Law currently requires a photo ID in order to receive a ballot. Please include a copy of your valid photo ID with your request. You can also print our Absentee Ballot Request form. If you use this form, remember to sign and date the form prior to submitting it by mail. The deadline for submitting an absentee request by mail is 5:00 p.m. on October 29th.

Email: You may also make a request by email containing the information as stated in number 2 (above) and attach a copy of your photo ID to the email to: patty.bjorklund@amerywi.gov

The deadline for voting an in-person absentee ballot in the Clerk's Office is 5:00 p.m. on October 30th.

Ballots that have been mailed to voters include a postage paid return envelope. *Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Any ballots received after 8 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted.*

Looking for information or answers to questions? Visit "My Vote Wisconsin," the State of Wisconsin's voter resource page at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Important Notice to Utility Customers

All water and sewer bills must be paid in full by 4:30 PM on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2020**. Any bills left unpaid will be placed on your Real Estate Tax bill with a 10% penalty added. 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.

Would you like your utility bill **emailed** to you? Get us your email address when you pay your bill and note if you would like your bill mailed and emailed or by email only.

Thanks! Linda Kuhn-Utility Billing

NO IN-PERSON TAX COLLECTIONS

Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will not be taking in-person payments for taxes or dog licenses. Tax payments **MUST** be mailed or dropped in one of the City's three (3) payment drop boxes. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt or dog license. You can go on-line, approximately one week after you make your payment, to verify that the payment was received at <http://www2.co.polk.wi.us/GCSWebPortal/search.aspx>

STAY INFORMED

Stay Informed All Year Round! There are many ways to get updates from the City of Amery. In addition to following Amery on Facebook, you can subscribe to notices on the city's website at www.amerywi.gov and register by clicking the *Notify Me* icon.

FIRE HYDRANTS: If you have a fire hydrant near your property, the City would greatly appreciate any assistance in removing snow from around it, if you are able.

CITY LANDFILL: There will be no leaf pick-up. The landfill is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am to Noon. **The landfill will close for the season after November 7th.** 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. 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 go into effect

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.



Calendar of Events

Events and Times are subject to change.
See the Amery Free Press for details/changes

Saturday, October 31

10 am Halloween Costume Contest
11am-2pm Business Trick or Treat

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Light Up the Town

Chili Feed & Bonfire **CANCELLED**
6pm Lighted Parade (Harriman Ave)
6:30pm Lighting, Soo Line Park

Friday, Nov. 27 - Early Bird Shopping

Nov. 27-28 - Small Business Weekend

Saturday, December 5

12pm-4pm Holiday Stroll, Downtown

Saturday, January 23

6pm Candlelight Ski @ Stower Trail

ALL Dog Licenses Expire December 31st

Drop off a copy of your dog's rabies certificate and a check in one of the 3 drop boxes **after** December 31st to renew your pet's license! Licenses run from January 1st to December 31st. A copy of the rabies certificate from your veterinarian is **required** to obtain a license.

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

A Late Fee of \$5.00 per dog will be added after March 31st.

REMINDER: All dogs must be leashed within the City of Amery. You are responsible for keeping your dog on your property.



Amery Area Public Library Adult Programming October-January

In-person browsing and computer use appointments are here! The library is now open **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** for 20-minute browsing and 60-minute computer use sessions on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Visit our website amerylibrary.org for detailed information. Schedule your appointment on our website or by calling us at 715-268-9340, M-Th, 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturdays 9 am to Noon. See our website or FB page for more details and up-to-date information.

Curbside Pick-up and Returns are still here! In case you missed it, the Amery Area Public Library is now serving patrons with curbside pick-up (by appointment only), Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to Noon. Holds for all items can be placed via the MORE catalog or by emailing us at curbside@amerylibrary.org. Once you've received your hold pickup notice, you may visit our website at amerylibrary.org or call us to schedule your pick-up time. Our book drop is open now, so you may return items in our book drop at any time. As always, feel free to call with questions, 715-268-9340.

Adult Programming: Craft Kits We're still crafting, even if we can't get together in -person! Every month we will offer a new take-and-make craft kit, free as always and while supplies last. Go to the adults tab of our website for more information and to register while supplies last. Kits can be picked up by scheduling online for Curbside pick-up, or by calling the library.

Fun for everyone: Lawn games are here! Play outdoors while you can! We've purchased a bunch of lawn games which are available for 2-week checkout. Enjoy the best the summer weather has to offer by playing Kubbs, Bean Bag Toss, Ladder Golf, Ring Toss, Croquet, Flickin' Chicken, and more.

Get in on the Puzzles! We've added new puzzles to our popular puzzle collection! We've got a Swiss Castle, a round Unicorn Garden, Snack Treats, and more. Choose from over 50 fun and challenging puzzles.

Books & Brews: We are still meeting every first Thursday of the month, via Zoom. If you'd like to join our mailing list please contact the library. Join us for fun and great discussions.