



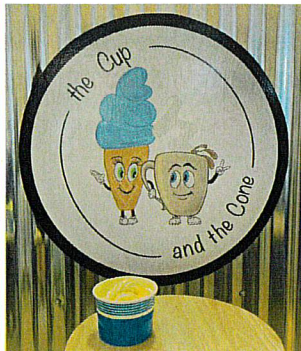
The sign of a beautiful person is that they always see beauty in others.

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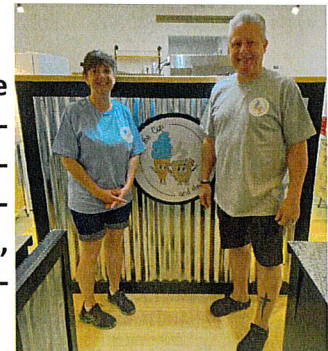
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WELCOME TO OUR TOWN'S NEW BUSINESSES



the Cup and the Cone

One of Amo's newest business, is very cool! The streets of Amo have been lined with lots of people on the street either enjoying ice cream or picking up pizza or sandwiches from Amo Pizza. Haven't tried either, check them out soon! Thank you, Mark & Gina Wicks (owners of both of these businesses)!



4972 N Pearl St, Amo, IN 46103
317.539.2294



Monday: 5 am — 9 am / 2 pm — 9 pm
Tuesday: 5 am — 9 am / 2 pm — 9 pm
Wednesday: 2 — 9 pm
Thursday: 5 am — 9 am / 2 pm — 9 pm
Friday: 5 am — 9 am / 2 pm — 9 pm
Saturday: 7 am — 10:30 am / 2 pm — 10 pm
Sundays: 11 am — 9 pm



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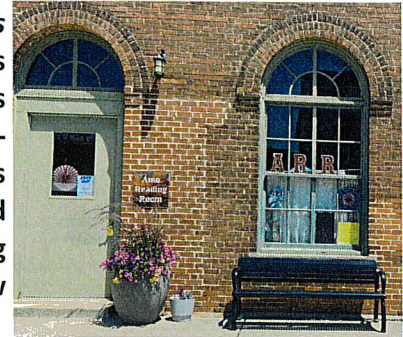
Owners of these businesses are Shelly & Jason Fishel: 463.253.3252

TOWN OF AMO RESOURCE GUIDE

In May of this year the Town of Amo issued a new resource tool—TOWN OF AMO RESOURCE GUIDE. Much of the resource information that had been in our newsletter is now in that publication. If you did not receive a copy or would like an extra copy, please e-mail Becky Rhea at rarhea23@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO...

Mill Creek West Elementary School 5th Graders for the “*beautify amo day*”! Beautiful flowers were placed around the Town, trash was picked up and lots of great work was accomplished at the Amo Cemetery—grave stones cleaned, the shed was swept out, sticks picked up, and the area around the flagpole was dug out to make ready for concrete for the new bench (see picture below)!



Greg & Laura Burch for moving the black bench (above, right) out of the old fire station bay to beside the Interurban Station. The bench is HEAVY!! Thanks for your muscles!

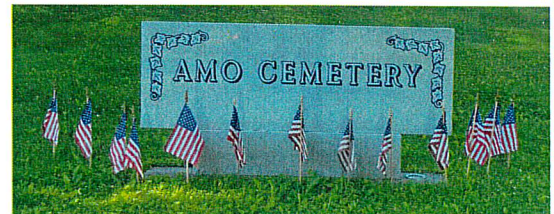
AMO ACES 4-H CLUB for planting the beautiful flowers in front of the Community Building! They add color and help freshen up the front of the building! Leaders of this Club are *Susan Gackenhaimer* and *Laura Searcy*. Susan shared that the Club usually does a couple of service projects a year, and the Community Building flowers were one of them for this year. Amo Aces 4-H Club meets once a month during the months of December—June (sometimes July).



AMO CEMETERY BOARD for approving the Town of Amo’s donation of this beautiful bench to the Cemetery grounds! The bench was paid for by some of the Town’s American Rescue funds. The bench was designed and built by *Greg Burch* a talented craftsman and Amo resident. THANK YOU TO: Mike Brown and Laura Burch for helping Greg set the bench; Mike Brown, Mark Belford and the Mill Creek West 5th graders who dug out the area around the flag pole as part of Beautify Amo Day! Concrete to secure the bench is scheduled to be poured on July 30, 2022.



Amo Cemetery Board for the 21 flags at the entrance to the Cemetery and at the base of the Cemetery flag In Memory of the 19 Kids and 2 Teachers killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. (Unfortunately, there was not room to include two other pictures that make up the 21 flags.)



American Legion Post #118 for the touching Memorial Service at the Cemetery this morning. For many years the men and women of this Post have dedicated their Memorial Day morning to honoring our fallen at all the local cemeteries. It is truly a moving service. The wreath on the flagpole was placed by the Legion Post.



THANK YOU TO.... (Continued)

LINDA PARKER for donating lots of Amo yearbooks/annuals, pictures and documents related to Amo High School and the Town of Amo! These all came from her late husband Willis Parker’s library. These donations reflect Willis’s love for history and his community! The yearbooks/annuals have been placed in the Amo Reading Room and although they may not be checked out of the Reading Room, they may be enjoyed during Reading Room hours. (Reading Room Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6—8 PM / Wednesdays: 10 AM—Noon / 1st Saturday of each month: 10 AM—Noon).

MARK BELFORD for getting the town’s weed trimmer and leaf blower to work! We very much appreciate your time and expertise!

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT & CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE for another safe, fun and great Fish Fry! We are always very appreciative of our Police Department presence as well! Our community loves and looks forward to the Fish Fry—and so do people from surrounding communities! Bringing Bingo back this year was very much appreciated! The parade is always a hit—or maybe it is the candy that comes with the parade!! **THANK YOU** to our Fire Department personnel and families and the Cascade Youth League and families for ALL the many ways you serve our community!



MILITARY BANNERS

The Town of Amo is once again honored to partner with the *Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* to display Veteran Military Banners. These pictures are for the 2022-2023 year. Banners are purchased by the families.

THANK YOU to *Rhonda Kindred Meli Beck of the Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter* for your time, dedication care and love for our Veterans and this project! **THANK YOU** to *Ronnie Travelsted, Amo Town Council President*, for taking down last year’s banners and hanging this year’s banners!

Hubert Burch



Mike Burch



Bill Gray



William Myers



Kenny Rhea



Donna Rhea Deal



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
2022 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES!!**

Below is information we received on Town of Amo graduates.

Gage Alexander is the son of the late Adrian Alexander and grandson of Kevin & Rene Gay of Amo. Gage played basketball for Mill Creek School Corporation from the time he was 11 years old. At the school's Awards Night, *Gage* received the following awards: All Conference, MVP, Academic All State Honorable Mention as well as making it in the 500 Point Club. In the fall of this year *Gage* will be attending IU and will study medicine.

Jaclynn Marie Hutte is the daughter of Jennifer & Bryan Leach and Stephen Hutte. Jaclynn plans to attend Indiana State University and plans to study Exercise Science. She hopes to become a strength and conditioning coach after graduation. You may have seen her smiling face at Amo Pizza & General Store or the Cup and the Cone!

Micah Miller is the daughter of Jennie & Brian Miller. She is not currently working so she can enjoy her summer. Brian occasionally recruits her to assist him with his business, Assurance Maintenance, LLC.

We wish you well on your new life's journey!



Although this newsletter is being received after July 4th, we always give thanks for all of our freedoms, including the freedom of worship and the many blessings of our country!



TOWN OF AMO

9/11 DINNER

AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING

Sunday, 9/11/22

5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

We will be honoring First Responders —
Veterans, Military, Police &
Fire Department Personnel.

The public is invited to join us for the evening as we honor our heroes!

Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies and the best homemade desserts on the planet will be served!

Donations Accepted



All proceeds benefit local non-profit ministries

6th ANNUAL

1st Baptist Church of Amo

Fall Festival Car Show

September 17, 2022

4779 Pearl St

Amo, IN 46103

317.539.6920



All Vehicles Welcome!

PRIZES: Top 30 pick,
Fan Favorite Vote
Oldest Vehicle
Top Club Participation
Judges Vote
Pastors Vote
Farthest Travel
& Specialty Awards
**1st 100 Entries Receive
Complimentary Goody Bag*

Pre-registration Fee \$15.00
\$20.00 day of show

Contact Mike Bruce at
mikesr@tds.net or 317-627-9881

Registration from 12 PM-4 PM
Trophy Presentations @ 5 PM

50/50 Draw, Raffles,
Door Prizes drawn all afternoon,
DJ, Food & Drinks

#1stbaptistamo

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

School resumes: July 29, 2022

Please check the school's website for pertinent information.

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



5046 Sycamore Street Amo, IN 46103

COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

For scheduling the Community Building, please call Kelsey Freeman @ 317.734.6471.

BUILDING RENTAL RATES

Residents — \$25.00

Non-Resident — \$100.00

PAYMENT: Check payable to Town of Amo or Cash

Rental Agreements must be signed and a 50% Deposit or full payment made prior to the rental date.

SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER: To reserve the Shelter located on the school grounds, please call Fire Chief Dustin Strahl @ 317.442.5357

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Quarterly Newsletter



Keep up to date on Amo events by checking out our Facebook page.

Town of Amo, Indiana

<http://www.amoin.net>



LOOKING FOR PICTURES

If anyone has any INTERIOR pictures of the old Amo High School, please contact Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996. Thank you!

TOWN COUNCIL

2022 Town Council Meetings

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| January 6, 2022 | ** July 14, 2022 |
| February 3, 2022 | August 4, 2022 |
| ** March 10, 2022 | September 1, 2022 |
| April 7, 2022 | October 6, 2022 |
| May 5, 2022 | ** November 10, 2022 |
| June 2, 2022 | ** December 8, 2022 |

** 2nd Thursday

(The March meeting was actually held on March 16, 2022)

Town Council meetings are held at the Amo Community Building @ 7:00 p.m. (Unless otherwise posted)

Everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings.

Town Council:

- President — James "Ronnie" Travelsted
- President Pro Tem — Rene Gay
- Council Member — Donna Watson
- Clerk-Treasurer — Barb Strahl

Town Council Board Term is 1-1-20—12-31-23

AMO JAM

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Open Mic / Impromptu

Bring your own musical instrument or voice.

Can't play an instrument or sing?

Just come, sit back and listen!

Donations accepted, but not required, to help offset cost of building rental.

NO food.

For additional information, Call Bob Rissot @ 317.742.7116

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

(Continued)

WELCOME GREG BURCH

Greg is the new Town of Amo Handyman and has already been very busy mowing the town properties, assisting with clean-up day, getting a bench out of storage, cleaning out a storm water drain and several other projects.

Greg has lived in Amo most of his life. He and his wife, *Laura*, live next door to the house where *Greg* grew up. He enjoys working in the yard, gardening and fishing!

Thank you, *Greg*, for accepting the Handyman position! You are doing a terrific job!

TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY

Three dumpsters were filled during our Town Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 14, 2022! Great job of cleaning up our yards, garages, etc.! **THANKS TO ALL** who assisted with this day—*Marshal Chris Nelson* for coordinating, *Barb Strahl* for coordinating the dumpsters, *Ronnie Travelsted*, Town Council President and *Greg Burch*, Town Handyman for attending the dumpsters. **SPECIAL THANKS** to *Mark & Gina Wicks*, owners of Amo General Store and Pizza (and the Cup and the Cone), for providing lunch for the workers!

DOG COURTESY

When walking our dogs, we should use Doggy DoDo Bags; our dogs should be kept under control at all times.

TOWN STREET LIGHTS

If you notice one of the Town street lights out, please contact Donna Watson @ 317.525.3759 so that she can report for replacement.

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

Hendricks County Parks & Recreation has announced that eastern expansion of the Vandalia Trail will begin in 2023. With support from the Hendricks County American Rescue Plan Act selection committee, Hendricks County Commissioners, and the Hendricks County Council, and collaboration with the Town of Clayton, they will build an asphalt trail about 2 miles long going west from Clayton's Lambert Park. This phase will reach about half the distance to the Town of Amo. The goal is to begin construction next spring/summer.

In the meantime, Hendricks County Parks' maintenance crew is doing a great job keeping the existing Vandalia Trail in shape this summer, so we hope you'll have a chance to get out and enjoy it. If you would like to bike the trail with others, you are very welcome to join the Friends of the Vandalia Trail's bi-weekly rides listed below.

Group Bike Rides (Amo trailhead): 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday each month, 6:30 PM, May-Sep, 8-16 miles

For more details and for activities planned on other parts of the trail, please visit www.nrht.org/vandalia and hendrickscountyparks.org.

Please enjoy the trails!

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
www.nrht.org; www.facebook.com/NRHTInc
greg@nrht.org / cell: 317-503-1101

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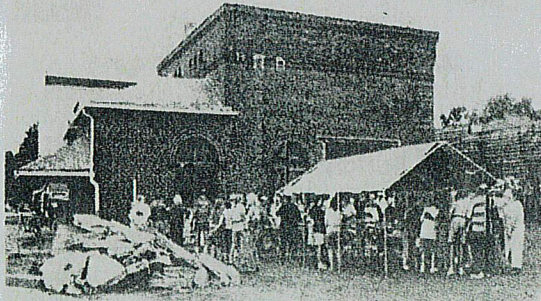
It is **ILLEGAL** to dump in our town storm drains! These drains conduct storm water to the creek. The Town will not tolerate illegal dumping into these drains and will seek legal damages for violators of this law.

Property lines and ownership can be viewed on:

www.beacon.schneidercorp.com

LOOKING BACK IN TIME — JULY

Amo Interurban Station Begins A New Life



The story began when a station opened in the Clay Township village of Amo, where passengers could await the interurban, a new means of mass transportation. Then, in the 1940's it became the office for a grain elevator, where farmers waited around a table, swapping stories and eating peanuts out of a wooden barrel. Now, the brick building awaits another transformation, into a library and museum to tell the story of the town and of early 20th century transportation.

On Sunday, July 4, exactly 97 years to the day since the station officially opened, a groundbreaking took place to mark the beginning of the old interurban station's restoration. The project began in 1999 when the Amo Grain Elevator closed. After the owner searched unsuccessfully for a buyer who would preserve the station building, the Amo Town Council bought the building rather than see it torn down.

Interested citizens formed a group called R.A.I.L.S. (Restore the Amo Interurban into a Library Society). The goal of the group was to provide books, computers and office supplies for the completed project. For the physical restoration, a state grant was sought. Tina Henderson, grant coordinator for the project, explained that it took two years to secure a grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Focus Fund. During that time, Henderson said that the little town of 400 "showed more will, drive and 'can't tell us no' attitude" than any other town she knew.

A crowd gathered around the east side of the building to witness the ceremony officially beginning the restoration. Postmaster Dennis Watson had arranged with the U.S. Post Office for a special commemorative cancellation to mark the occasion. Many people purchased postcards bearing the image of the station and had them stamped and postmarked.

Rich Moreland of Stocker Construction estimated that the renovation would take about 90 days. Mike Stevens, of Danville, will be the general superintendent of the project. Work will include a new roof, tuckpointing and cleaning the brick, repairing and restoring windows, a new deck for the front porch and new electrical and plumbing systems. Moreland said his company will donate some of their services to move the project along. They will also provide a time-line video, showing the progress of the work. Cameron Plumbing will donate \$8000 in services toward the project. Reid Haney has donated \$15,000 in time and labor in demolishing parts of the former grain elevator.

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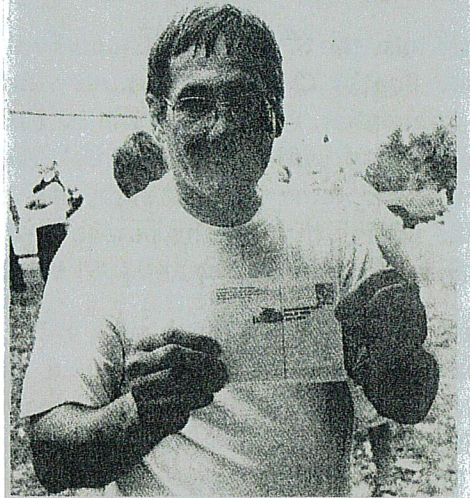
The Republican

Thursday, July 8, 2004

After remarks about the history of the building and the efforts that have brought the project to this point, members of the town board, the grant coordinator and a representative from the construction company donned hard hats and all turned a symbolic shovelful of dirt, ending the ceremony. Rich Moreland of Stocker Construction walked over to his young daughter, who said, "Daddy, are you finished now?" "No," he replied "We're just getting started." After 97 years, the Amo interurban station is not finished. It's just getting started as well.



A symbolic groundbreaking was part of the ceremony marking the beginning of the restoration of the Amo interurban station.

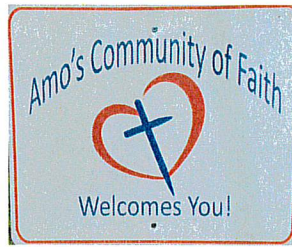


Amo postmaster Dennis Watson shows the special cancellation commemorating the interurban station.



July, 1957

- Gene Greeson
- Robert (Doc) Welty
- Woody Tharp
- Kenny Rhea
- Leorn Davis
- James Greeson



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Shaping Hearts ♡ Changing Lives

July through September at Amo Baptist Church promises to be a fun-filled summer for all who participate!

Our ministries includes the local food pantry, helping to meet children's needs who suffer from food insecurity, a vibrant youth ministry, Bible study, and worship service every Sunday morning at 9 & 11 AM. Beginning August 7th we are returning to one worship service. EVERYONE is welcome to worship, learn and grow on God's Abundant Journey with us.

DO NOT miss the 6th ANNUAL Car Show sponsored by Amo Baptist Church on Saturday, September 17th! Remember, Pearl Street will be closed from the Interurban center to Mill Creek West. We hope you will come out and enjoy the cars, support the Church through the purchase of food located in front of the Church and JUST HAVE FUN!!

We are a small Town Church with a 21st Century approach to faith. To keep informed of FAMILY oriented community events and how to serve your neighbors right here in Amo; like our Facebook page (#1stbaptistamo) or email your mailing address to 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com to receive a monthly events calendar.

We invite people of all walks of life to come and join us to receive proven answers to life's age-old questions that have withstood the test of time and remain TRUE today!

In His service and yours,
Rev. Shelly A. Zook

Contact us at: 317.539.6920
Email: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook for Church events, messages, and pertinent information.



Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)



P.O. Box 84
Amo, IN 46103

Worship Service - 9:30 am

Communion is celebrated
2nd Sunday of each month

We had a great time with Amo VBS this year! We learned about Jesus, how His disciples were ordinary people like us, and how He is always with us. The kids had fun with music, crafts, games, and snacks all week. On the final evening, we enjoyed a campfire and cookout. The outdoor movie was also a hit. Several were able to camp for the night.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, energy, food, or supplies to make VBS happen this year! We are truly blessed to live in such an awesome community where everyone comes together for our kids!

Come join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., at the Amo Community Building.

Church contacts:

- Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676
- Phil Thomas: 317.440.5946
- Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

Follow us on Facebook, or contact any of our leaders for more information.



We share our sympathy and prayers with Pastor Shelly Zook and her family in the passing of her mom, Ethel Elizabeth (Sue) Terrell. Sue entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Saturday, July 16, 2022. Services were held on July 21, 2022.

MEET SOME OF YOUR "NEW" NEIGHBORS

Judy Ursuy / Mike Spilker & Marie Ursuy

(Marie is Judy's Daughter)

Mike & Marie have a teenage son, Karl, who lives in Alabama with his mother. By the time this newsletter is distributed, Karl will have spent a week here in Amo.

Judy, originally from Michigan, moved from Powell, Wyoming to Indianapolis in June of 2021 to reside with her daughter and son-in-law. Marie had come to Indiana years ago to attend Butler University and never left our state.

Marie liked this part of the state and wanted to be out in a smaller town and free of chemicals; Amo appealed to them all, and in September of 2021 they made the move to Amo.

Judy has a son, Michael who along with wife Jessie and 6-month old daughter, live in Milwaukee, Oregon. Judy beamed when talking about her granddaughter, Gemma! She said some call Gemma "Gem", because she is definitely a gem. Michael attained his Masters Degree after he started teaching.

The Amo family is rounded out by Jackie, a Mare which they have since she was 8. Jackie was from Indianapolis, where her daughter met and rode; Jackie is now 20. Charlie, a 26-year old Gelding, was given to her many years ago. Sonny and Teal, are pretty cats who help keep Rosebud (Buddy) an Australian Shepherd mix, Zippie a pure bred Border Collie and Lulu and Terrier/Hound. Judy shared that Buddy loves to play catch and Lulu has the determination of a Beagle!

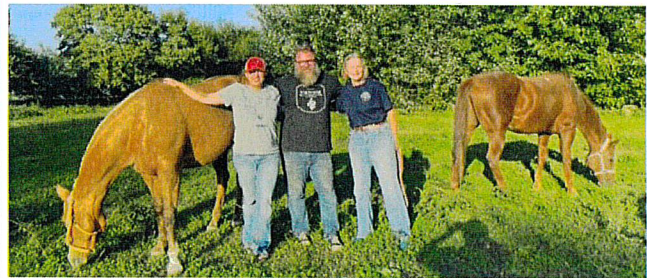
Judy's working years included food service at a hospital and 18 years in the school system in Hemlock, Michigan. She also drove carriages in Frankenmuth, Michigan! Wonder how Judy fills her time? Stop by their home sometime to see their beautiful yard—she loves gardening and tending to all the animals. One of her passions has been watercolors and painting, although she has not done those in a while.

Judy Ursuy / Mike Spilker & Marie Ursuy (Continued)

Marie & Mike both are employed by SRAM, where Marie is Office Manager. Mike helps educate Bicycle Dealers in the Midwest.

Judy says "Stop by!" She loves meeting and talking with people, especially people who ride horses!

The Town of Amo is glad you chose our town to make your home!



Jackie, Marie, Mike, Judy, Charlie

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

This Lifeline went live nationally on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

"If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health or substance use-related crisis, call or text 988, or chat 988Lifeline.org #988Lifeline.

The hotline was designed to provide 24/7 free and confidential emotional support around the country to those in mental health distress.

When people call, text or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support and connect them to resources if necessary."

(Copied from 988lifeline.org)

TOWN OF AMO
P.O. Box 15
AMO, INDIANA 46103

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Thursday, August 4, 2022 / 7:00 p.m.) @ Amo Community
Thursday, September 1, 2022 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
Thursday, October 6, 2022 / 7:00 p.m.)

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 5, 2022
COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 11, 2022
POST OFFICE CLOSED on these holidays

TOWN OF AMO 2022 4th QUARTER (October/November/December)
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: September 28, 2022

*If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea
@ rarhea23@gmail.com or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are
at the discretion of the Amo Town Council and Communication Director.*

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Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO

