

*The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams!*

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Issue 1

Town of Amos Town Council meetings are public meetings. If we have concerns or issues regarding the town, the Town Council meeting is where we should express them. Upon entering the Community Building a Comment Form is available for us to fill out to include our name, the concern and that we would like to speak.

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR—2025—where did the years go?!

As I began working on this issue I thought it would be Volume 20 and it would be a good time to share some history, facts and figures about the newsletter. I went back to the very first newsletter and found it was Fall of 2007—hmm—that does NOT add up! After spending some time “researching” I found that when we went into the year 2009 I skipped a “Volume”—I went from Volume 2 to Volume 4, skipping 3 (please do not tell any of my school teachers!!). For several years, including 2007, I facilitated the Amos Baptist Church’s newsletter. Mother was my proofreader and usually took the newsletter to the Post Office. One day Dennis Watson said to her that he wished the Town would do something like that newsletter. After pondering for a bit I put together a draft of a Town of Amos newsletter and took it to a Town Council meeting where I volunteered to facilitate a quarterly newsletter. The Council approved it and Donna Watson, a Council member, volunteered to help in providing information to me, and here we are all these years later! At some point Donna suggested that each Council member and the Clerk-Treasurer each take a quarter to assist me, and that is how it is today. The number of pages has grown from 4 to sometimes 12, although we no longer do 12 pages as they sometimes jam the postal machines and require more postage. If someone has something for the town newsletter, we do our best to accommodate and appreciate as much lead time as possible. The deadline for the next quarter is always included on the back page of the newsletter, and as communicated a couple of years ago, due to time constraints, there are no more reminders. Distribution: Amos Post Office Boxes—Approx. 138; Labeled and mailed to residents who do not have Post Office boxes and non-residents—Approx. 75; E-mailed—Approx. 50. Distribution has grown; usually it is someone who used to live in Amos and they find the newsletter is a way to connect. THANK YOU to my boss, Geoff Horen of The Lifestyle Group, for continuing to let us print the newsletter at the office, extremely less expensive than a printer or supplies vendor; of course we do reimburse the company for paper and printing. We know that everything in the newsletter will not appeal to everyone, however, we hope everyone finds something of interest. Thank you all for your support! It is my pleasure and joy to facilitate this newsletter!!

Becky Rhea, Editor/Facilitator

AMOS READING ROOM

*Reading Room Open Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5 — 7 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM — Noon
First Saturday of Each Month: 10 AM — Noon*

Wi-Fi available in the Interurban

Check out our town’s terrific Reading Room! All ages welcome! Reading Room Attendant, Miss Kelsey, has made the room quite comfortable and compatible for all ages! Great selection of books to choose from! These books are all bought and paid for or donated and belong to all the residents of Amos.

AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF OF POLICE: Chris Nelson
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE: John Vehling
PATROL OFFICER: David Gunn
PATROL OFFICER: Ben Oliphant
DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN: Rev. Shelly Zook

FOR EMERGENCIES

911

Contact Amos Police

@ 317.539.6030

When Driving Through Town Remember To: Dim Your Lights / Observe the Speed Zone / Watch for Kids

THANK YOU TO:

THE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER for being so supportive of the Town of Amo and all of the Hendricks County communities. We appreciate your time, expertise and coverage! We look forward to partnering with you again this year!

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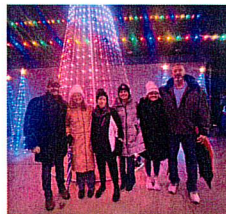


KELSEY FREEMAN for the fun Christmas party at Amo Reading Room! Santa, crafts, gifts and snacks!—it does not get any better than that! Miss Kelsey does a fantastic job with the Amo Reading Room.

CASCADE YOUTH LEAGUE for CHRISTMAS AT THE BALLPARK!

The evening began with a fun Parade which started at the Amo Interurban Station and proceeded through the Town of Amo to the Brian Burch Memorial Sports Park. Food Vendor, Top of the Line BBQ, was in the ballpark parking lot, along with a mobile unit from the Locker Room of Danville. Inside the ballpark the Cup and the Cone were serving delicious beverages and treats from the ballpark concession stand. Other vendors included CASCADE Thrive, and Western Luxe Esthetics, There was a beautiful tree lighting. Santa & Mrs. Claus, along with a Reindeer and his handler were available for pictures in the concession stand.

What a fun evening!



Some of Brian Burch's family



GINA & MARK WICKS who outdid themselves to make the downtown area of the Town of Amo so beautiful and festive—just AMAZING!

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT for stringing the beautiful lights across the downtown area and once again hanging the angels on the light poles!



GREG BURCH for crafting such a striking Nativity and to **LAURA BURCH** for helping with setting up and taking down!

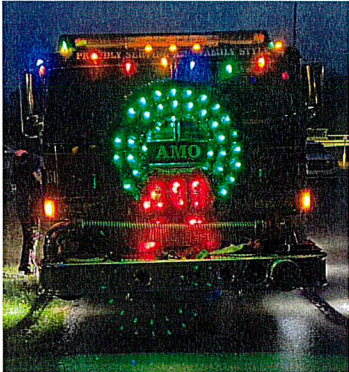
Videos and more pictures may be viewed on the Town of Amo and Cascade Youth League Facebook pages.

"From Our Building To Your Home"

"From left to right: Kirsten Simon, friend of the paper Phillip Gulley, Michelle Pritchett, Peggy Stevens, Beth Polley, Jerry Vornholt, Betty Bartley, Ginny Vornholt, Isabella Zarate, Phil Brickler, and Renee Bowman. Not pictured: Connie McClure."



KEEPING YOU IN THE



THANK YOU, Amo Fire Department for another terrific Breakfast With Santa! Santa Claus, a delicious hot breakfast, food donations for Storehouse Food Pantry, and some families assisted through breakfast donations—what more could we ask for! The Town of Amo is grateful for our Fire Department personnel and their families, and their commitment and service to our community!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2024**



TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024, JANUARY 2025

NOVEMBER

We are applying for a Community Crossings Grant for street work.

Amo Baptist Car Show as approved for September 20, 2025

The Town purchased new cookware for Community Building Kitchen.

Donna Watson attended the AIM Conference in Fort Wayne on October 8, 9, 10, 2024.

Barb Strahl attended the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers (ILMCT) on October 22, 23, 24.

Donna, Rene, Barb, Becky and Gina Wicks attended an AIM Roundtable discussion in Speedway on October 29.

DECEMBER

New Post Office Door has been installed.

Becky Rhea attended the DAR ceremony in November. The Town purchased a wreath that she placed at the ceremony; the wreath is now in the Interurban Museum.

The ARA funds will be spent by year end.

Gina Wicks did a wonderful job with the task of downtown Christmas lighting!

2025 Fire Department contract was approved.

JANUARY

Officers for 2025 were elected: President—Donna Watson, President Pro Tem—Mark Wicks, Council Member—Rene Gay.

New Park Board Members: Gina Wicks, Melissa Allison.

Kieser Consulting has been hired to present a preliminary layout of the interior of the Interurban building. They will also be applying for a NRHS Railway Heritage grant for \$5,000.00.

We are applying for a Community Crossings Grant for drainage and street work by the Baptist Church.

State Law HEA1167 requires meetings to have live streaming accessible for 90 days. This goes into effect 7-1-2025.

KEEPING YOU IN THE

AMO INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

The Amo Interurban Museum has recently been recognized by VISIT HENRICKS COUNTY (Online November 22, 2024), *THE REPUBLICAN* (December 12, 2024 and 2024 Year In Review January 2, 2025) and *THE INDIAN-APOLIS STAR LIVING* section (December 29, 2024). We are grateful for the recognition and for all the cool donations which we continue to receive. If you would like additional information or are considering donating or loaning any memorabilia to the Amo Museum, you may contact committee members Darrell Mynatt 317.525.5605 or Dave Phillips 912.210.3493. Other committee members include: Becky Rhea, Facilitator; Donna Watson, Town Council member; Ronnie Travelsted, Darlene Miller, Maureen Pugh Jackson, Rosie Burch Bell, Kelsey Freeman. Current Museum hours are the same as the Amo Reading Room Hours: *Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5 — 7 PM / Wednesdays: 10 AM — Noon / First Saturday of Each Month: 10 AM — Noon.*

We still have t-shirts as well as Interurban stationery for sale.

Wi-Fi Available in the Interurban



←
FRONT

→
BACK



CASH ONLY PLEASE

AMO INTERURBAN MUSEUM SHIRTS

Small – XL: \$20.00

2X: \$22.00

To purchase a shirt or stationery, please contact Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

For news and updates, please visit nrht.org/vandalia and its Events page.

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
www.facebook.com/NRHTInc
greg@nrht.org

“Check out” a book at the
LITTLE LIBRARY
Located at the trailhead
Feel free to add books as well!



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

The Town of Amo Parks & Recreation Board became official on November 6, 2024. Meetings are held at 5:30 PM prior to Town Council meetings.

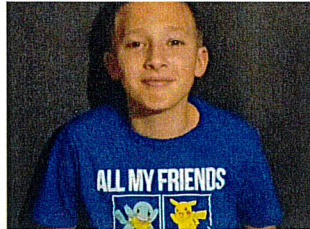
Park Board Members:

President — Brian Williams
4-Year Term
Vice President — Becky Rhea
3-Year Term
Secretary — Dustin Strahl
2-Year Term
Member — Gina Wicks
4-Year Term
Member — Melissa Allison
1-Year Term

We are excited about all the possibilities!

TOWN OF AMO YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Town of Amo has several of our young residents in leadership positions in their schools. Two are featured below.



Dominic Freeman-Lane

Dominic is a member of Mill Creek West Elementary's 5th Grade Student Council. He has also participated in Math Bowl, Science Bowl, Spell Bowl and in-school Bible Study. He has enjoyed all the new things he's learned and being with his friends/peers!



Evan Kelley

Evan is a member of Mill Creek West Elementary's 5th Grade Student Council.

"I wanted to join student council because I wanted to make the community better" said Evan!

Evan & Dominic, the Town of Amo is proud of your accomplishments and that you want to serve your school and your community! Keep up the good work!

CHS, CMS Receive Purple Star School Designation by the Indiana DOE

Cascade High School and Cascade Middle School have both been recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as Purple Star Schools. This prestigious designation highlights each school's unwavering commitment to supporting service members, veterans, and the families who sacrifice so much for our nation's freedoms.

As Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana's Secretary of Education, shared, "The daily sacrifices of our service members and their families are beyond what many of us can comprehend. Honoring their selflessness and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedoms as Americans is a priority for our state."

Whether through programs honoring veterans, resources for military families, or fostering awareness of military service among students, Cascade High School takes great pride in upholding the values of service and sacrifice.

This past summer, CMS students were selected to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. This semester the Cascade Middle School Veterans Day program brought together five guest speakers to help students learn about service to their country and the various careers and opportunities that can be found by dedicating one's life to military service. At the convocation, students were able to say thank you to these men for their service to our nation.

The Purple Star School designation reflects our collective efforts to ensure these sacrifices are recognized and celebrated daily. We thank our students, families, and staff for contributing to this achievement. Together we will continue to honor and support our military community in meaningful ways. (Copied from MCCSC January Newsletter)

2025 ALUMNI GATHERING FOR AMO/ STILESVILLE/CLAYTON/CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1965—1970

This Alumni Gathering will be held June 28, 2025, INSTEAD OF June 7, 2025. This change is necessary due to the Amo Fire Department/Cascade Youth League Fish Fry being held June 5, 6, 7, 2025. There is a parade on Saturday, June 7, and the main streets into Amo will be closed sometime between 1:00—1:30 PM for the parade beginning at 2:00 PM. Therefore, Alumni Gathering attendees would not be able to access the Community Building, and there would be no parking available.

THANK YOU for your understanding!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

SCHOOL GROUNDS SHELTER:

To reserve the Shelter located on the school grounds, please call Fire Chief Dustin Strahl @ 317.442.5357.

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING



5046 Sycamore
Street Amo, IN
46103

Wi-Fi Available in the Community Building

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.

TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Quarterly Newsletter / Town of Amo Resource Guide

2nd Quarter 2025 Newsletter Deadline: March 22, 2025.
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 elected officials and the Communication Director.



<http://www.amoin.net>

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



Town of
Amo, Indiana

TOWN COUNCIL

2025 Town Council Meetings

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| ** January 9, 2025 | ** July 10, 2025 |
| February 6, 2025 | August 7, 2025 |
| March 6, 2025 | September 4, 2025 |
| ** April 10, 2025 | October 2, 2025 |
| May 1, 2025 | November 6, 2025 |
| ** June 12, 2025 | December 4, 2025 |

** 2nd Thursday

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 — Donna Watson
President Pro Tem — Mark Wicks
Council Member — Rene Gay
Clerk-Treasurer — Barb Strahl

Town Council Board Term is
1-1-2024 — 12-31-2027

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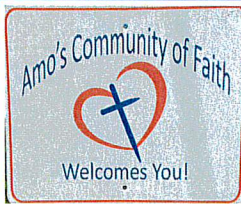
SUSPENDED UNTIL MARCH 25, 2025!!

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
(Weather Permitting)
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 Larry Burns @ 317.374.4672

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



AMO BAPTIST CHURCH

4779 Pearl St.

PO Box 146

Amo, IN 46103

Rev. Shelly A. Zook

Kelli Tipton, Lay Pastor

317.489.2988 / 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Follow us on Facebook, or contact our
Pastors for more 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

Amo Community Building

5046 Sycamore Street

Church contacts: Bill Bartlett: 317.501.6676
Angel Chattin: 317.539.3357

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



SUNDAY
MARCH 9, 2025

2:00 AM

Set your clocks
AHEAD 1 Hour

TOWN STREET LIGHTS

Have you noticed that some of the street lights are brighter? Duke Energy has been switching our light poles to LED's which are more efficient and less costly. This is another way that the Town Council is working to improve our community!

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

DOG COURTESY

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

The ReSource | January 8, 2025

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As we kick off the new year,
here are some important
dates you should know!

NINE DATES TO KNOW FOR 2025	MAR 21 Community Street Aggregation Deadline	APR 1 Town Waste Recycling Eastern State for the Season	APR 5 Town Bag Day Recycling for the Season
	MAY 3 Town Bag Day Recycling County Recycling	JUL 12 Town Bag Day Recycling County Recycling	AUG 16 Town Bag Day Recycling County Recycling
	SEP 19 Community Street Aggregation Deadline	OCT 18 Town Waste Recycling Eastern State for the Season	NOV 29 Town Waste Recycling County Recycling

Spring Craft Market

Saturday March 15th 9AM - 2PM

Amo Community Building
4925 Pearl Street Amo, IN 46103

This is our second year hosting. Please come
and support your local small businesses.

Hosted by Mary Johnson, Town of Amo Resident

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL & PARKS BOARD MEETINGS:

- ** PARKS BOARD — Thursday, January 9, 2025 / 4:30 PM
- ** COUNCIL — Thursday, January 9, 2025 / 7:00 PM

PARKS BOARD — Thursday, February 6, 2025 / 5:30 PM
COUNCIL — Thursday, February 6, 2025 / 7:00 PM

PARKS BOARD — Thursday, March 6, 2025 / 5:30 PM
COUNCIL — Thursday, March 6, 2025 / 7:00 PM

- ** PARKS BOARD — Thursday, April 10, 2025 / 5:30 PM
- ** COUNCIL — Thursday, April 10, 2025 / 7:00 PM

- ** Second Thursday of the Month

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: Monday, January 20, 2025

PRESIDENTS DAY: Monday, February 17, 2025

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Sunday, March 9, 2025 / 2:00 AM

POST OFFICE CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Box Holder

Amo, Indiana 46103

The Town of Amo
Dumpster is NOT for
Town Residents' Use
TOWN'S DUMPING ONLY



WELCOME TO AMO

