And Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20

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2026

Issue 3

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

Friday, 9/11/26 / 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

AFTER 25 YEARS of Honoring Our Veterans & First Responders

Through This Dinner, This Will Be Our LAST 9/11 Dinner — Come Help Make It Extra Special!

We will be honoring Veterans & First Responders —
Military, Police, Fire Department Personnel, EMT's
The public is invited to join us for the evening as we honor our heroes!

Chili, Hot Dogs, Veggies and Desserts will be served! / Donations Accepted

Amo Cemetery Picnic Table and Bench around the Flag Pole needed refurbishing so the Amo Cemetery Board asked the Cascade High School Construction Trades Teacher Scotty Stepp if the class would consider the project. KUDOS to Mr. Stepp and the students for the great job! The table and bench were back in the Cemetery in time for Memorial Day. Thank You to the Cemetery Board for all the ways you care for our Cemetery!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

THANK YOU TO…

Gina Wicks **for keeping the town flowers watered and pruned; they all look so pretty and add so much beauty to our town!**

Greg Burch **for your work for the town!**

Amo Fire Department **and** ***Cascade Youth League*** **for another terrific Fish Fry!!**

All those who helped with the Clean-up Day! Many residents took advantage of this opportunity—3 dumpsters were completely filled!

WELCOME TO…

The Town's New Handyman—*Mark Belford*! Mark has already knocked out a lot of projects!

CONGRATULATIONS TO…

Autumn Chattin**, the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen. Autumn is the daughter of Jeremy & Angel Chattin and will be a senior at Cascade High School for the 2026-2027 school year. Kudos to all of the young ladies who participated in the contest!**

At the July 16th Town Council meeting the Fire Department reported that Andy Gibbs, who has been Amo Fire Department Assistant Chief, has resigned to move out of state. Andy has been such an asset to the Fire Department. We wish Andy and his wife well in their new journey of life. Nathan Bayliss has accepted the position of Assistant Chief. Nathan has been served with the Fire Department for several years. Thank you, Nathan, for stepping up to continue to serve our community!

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS MAY, JUNE, JULY 2026

MAY 2026

The color for the new Community Building flooring will be selected by June 1, 2026.

Council approved revising the Community Building Rental Agreement to reflect nothing is to be affixed to the walls except as approved by the Town Council.

The Resurfacing Project is complete. The project cost decreased from $29,934.50 to $27,940.53, a savings of $1,993.97. Closing docs were approved.

Cascade High School Junior Giveback went very well. Tables and Chairs at the Community Building were deep cleaned, and flowers were planted at the Community Building and in the downtown Amo area.

JUNE 2026

Clean-up Day was a success!

The Fish Fry was well attended. The Council had several compliments about this event.

The new Community Building floor will be completed during the last week of June and first of July.

The Park Board reported that the Rhea sisters (Becky, Linda and Donna) have donated two picnic tables for the park, one of which is ADA accessible.

It was announced that Chris Nelson and David Gunn will be co-marshals.

The property the town refers to as Mitchell's old garage was made an offer that they would pay the town $1,000.00 and haul away the vehicles that have been there for years. The Council accepted the offer, and the clean–up will be completed as soon as they are paid.

JULY 2026

Although there is still some clean-up to be completed around the former Mitchell property, all of the cars have been removed.

For an update on the Community Building new floor, please see page 5.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

If you would like to enjoy the Vandalia Trail with others, following are some activities planned by Friends of the Vandalia Trail and by National Road Heritage Trail, Inc. this summer.

Weekly Group Bike Rides: 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday each month, 6:30 PM, May-Sep, nrht.org/vandalia (Amo trailhead), other weeks at Plainfield Rec Center

Group Bike Ride Greencastle-Amo: Saturday, Sep. 19, 9:30 AM, nrht.org/vandalia (Greencastle trailhead) For more news and updates, please also visit nrht.org/vandalia.

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

Enjoy the trails!

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.
www.facebook.com/NRHTInc

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

TO SIGN UP FOR REACH ALERT:

1. *Go to www.V2.reachalert.com and enter Amo in the select a network box and click on our name when it appears.*
2. *Enter your name then enter your text phone #. If you do not have free text, then it also will allow you to enter an e-mail or a call phone number.*
3. *Under the text number you can enter other numbers also, if you want your spouse or children to have access to our alerts.*
4. *At the end it has a place for your physical address. This is IMPORTANT to enter so we know which houses are on the ALERT.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Amo Interurbn History Museum & Reading Room will have an Open House on October 9 & 10, 2026, from 9:00 AM—2:00 PM. Join us to see the diverse selection of books for youth and adults and the cool memorabilia the Museum has to offer!

READING ROOM / INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Wi-Fi Available in the Interurban

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

***Miss Kelsey* is ready to greet you!**

Have you been in since we rearranged everything?! Better lighting, too!

The Museum continues to receive some cool memorabilia! If you have an item you would like to donate, please bring it to the Museum during Open Hours.

AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR EMERGENCIES

911

Contact Amo Police

@ 317.539.6030

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

Amo 1st Baptist Church
10th Annual Car Show

160th Anniversary of Amo 1st Baptist Church
September 19, 2026
Rain Date : September 26, 2026
4779 Pearl Street
Amo, IN 46103

Questions? To pre-register...
www.1stbaptistamo@gmail.com
317-539-6920
#1stbaptistamo on Facebook

Registration Fee $20
Pre-register for $15
Registration from 11 AM to 2 PM
Trophy presentation @ 3 PM
(Pre-register by September 1st for a special participants gift)

50/50 Draw,
Raffles, Door Prizes, DJ,
Food & Drinks.

Proceeds of this event benefit Mill Creek Fire Department, Amo Police Department & Amo Baptist Ministries: Storehouse Food Pantry, Backpack Mission and more!

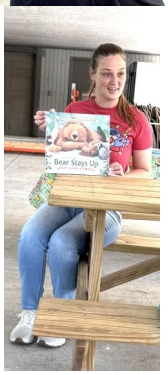
ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

Top 20,
Fan Favorite Vote,
Kid's Choice,
Club Participation,
Pastor & Judges Vote,
Farthest Travel,
Specialty Awards,
1st 100 Entries receive complimentary goody bag.

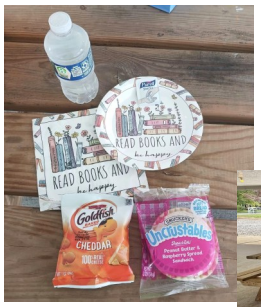
PLEASE NOTE:

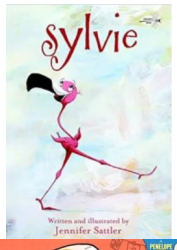
On Saturday, September 19, 2026, Pearl Street between School & Railroad Streets will be closed for most of the day for the Amo 1st Baptist Annual Car Show. Thank You For Your Cooperation!

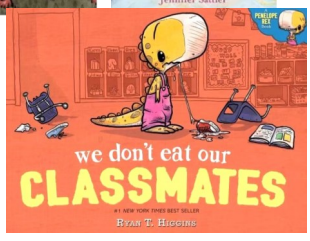
THANK YOU to *Mrs. Culley* of Mill Creek West for facilitating and to her daughter and those who were Readers, provided lunch, snacks, stickers and fun items related to the day's theme for the Amo Summer Storytime! What a great summer program! Pictured are some of the books that were read and some of the fun and educational items donated.

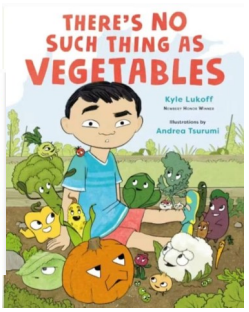


From Top Left: Mrs. Culley; Sonna Schafer, Mill Creek West Principal; Kelsey Freeman, Amo Reading Room Attendant









DEAR AMO RESIDENTS,

We are asking for your help with an important issue affecting the town of Amo sewer system.

During periods of heavy rainfall, the Amo wastewater treatment plan experiences a significant increase in the amount of water entering the sewer system. The volume becomes so high that it exceeds the limits allowed under our state permit. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has identified this as a permit violation and has directed us to investigate the cause.

One possible source of the problem is sump pumps that ay be improperly connected to the sanitary sewer. Sump pumps are designed to remove groundwater and stormwater, and that water should NEVER be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

If you have a sump pump, we ask that you please contact one of the Sewer Board members to schedule a FREE INSPECTION to verify that it is connected properly. If we find that your sump pump is incorrectly connected, we will work with you and help with the cost of correcting the connection.

Our hope is that we can identify and resolve any improper sump pump connections. If that is not the source of the problem, we may be facing more extensive issues with our sewer mains or manholes. Those repairs could be very costly and may result in increased monthly sewer rates for all customers. Your cooperation can help us identify the problem earl and potentially avoid significant repair costs for the community.

If you have a sump pump or have any questions, please contact one of your Amo Sewer Board members.

Tim Baldwin—317.550.6312

Mark Belford —317.538.6543

Joe Harper—317.539.2119

Scott Rose—317.605.9103

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping protect our community's sewer system.

Sincerely,

Amo Sewer Board

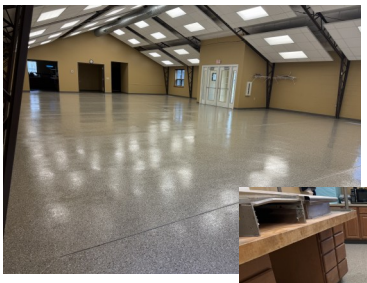
COMMJNITY BUILDING UPDATES

We have a new floor in the Community Building! THANKS to Rene Gay for facilitating the moving of all the tables, chairs and miscellaneous items out of the building prior to the new floor being installed and then all the items back into the building. Those who assisted were Kevin Gay, Grady Ellett, Carter Strahl, Charles Rust, Tyson Mynck, Donna Watson and Barb Strahl. THANKS to Kelsey Freeman for the clean-up after the floor was installed.

The old Community Building Rental Agreement reflected that Command Strips could be used to hang items on the walls. Unfortunately, tape was also used many times and the walls were being damaged requiring repainting and/or touch-ups. The revised Community Building Rental Agreement reads that NOTHING may be affixed to the walls.

The big closet is for the round tables ONLY, along with the extra chairs. Rectangular tables are to be stored to the northwest wall near the coat racks.

We understand that accidents happen. We ask that you share with Kelsey Freeman if there is any damage. We are proud of this venue and receive many compliments on the building so let's all do our part to maintain it. Thank You!



The new floor was installed by Aaron Reed of Garage Force. It looks great! Installation took 4 days and 3 days to cure.

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

3rd Quarter 2026 Newsletter Deadline: September 25, 2026. *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.

Like us on facebook

Town of Amo, Indiana

TOWN COUNCIL

2026 Town Council Meetings

** January 8, 2026	*** July 16, 2026
February 5 , 2026	August 6, 2026
March 5, 2026	September 10, 2026
** April 9, 2026	** October 8, 2026
May 7, 2026	November 5, 2026
** June 11, 2026	December 3, 2026

** 2nd Thursday / *** 3rd 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 — *Rene Gay*
President Pro Tem — *Mark Wicks*
Council Member — *Donna Watson*
Clerk-Treasurer — *Barb Strahl*

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

TOWN PHONE NUMBER: 317.539.6030

Live-streaming of the Town of Amo Town Council meetings may be accessed at *YOUTUBE.COM / Town of Amo, IN Monthly Meeting.*

AMO JAM

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:00—8:30 PM
(Weather Permitting)

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 please.

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
317.489.2988 / 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Follow us on Facebook, or contact our Pastor 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.

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.

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.

Trinity Center / Storehouse Food Pantry
4794 Vine Street / P.O. Box 75
Amo, IN 46103

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATiON

As we begin another school year we THANK the school administrators, teachers, assistants, custodial staff, food service, bus drivers and parents for your dedication to the education of our students! May God bless you all as you!

Don't forget to recycle your bottle caps for Thrive!! Amo Collection Boxes are located in Amo Pizza and General Store, Mill Creek West Elementary and Amo Community Building. Thrive collects the bottle caps for picnic tables and benches.

Other collection locations include all Front Offices of Mill Creek School Corporation schools and Clayton Library, 5199 Iowa Street, Clayton 46118.

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

***LOOKING AHEAD*:**

***UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL, HISTORY MUSEUM & PARKS BOARD MEETINGS*:**

*** PARKS BOARD—Thursday, July 16, 2026 / 6:00 PM
*** COUNCIL—Thursday, July 16, 2026 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, August 6, 2026 / 4:00 PM
PARKS BOARD—Thursday, August 6, 2026 / 6:00 PM
COUNCIL—Thursday, August 6, 2026 / 7:00 PM

** INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, Sep. 10, 2026 / 4:00 PM
** PARKS BOARD—Thursday, September 10, 2026 / 6:00 PM
** COUNCIL—Thursday, September 10, 2026 / 7:00 PM

** Second Thursday of the Month / *** Third Thursday of the Month

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

POST OFFICE CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Labor Day: Monday, September 7, 2026
Patriots' Day: Friday, September 11, 2026

Box Holder

Amo, Indiana 46103

The Town of Amo

Dumpster is NOT for

Town Residents' Use

TOWN'S DUMPING ONLY

WELCOME TO AMO