

Relax.

It's just the darkness.

Just before the sunrise.

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TOWN COUNCIL

2020 Town Council Meetings

January 9, 2020	July 2, 2020
February 6, 2020	August 6, 2020
March 12, 2020	September 3, 2020
April 9, 2020 CANCELED	October 1, 2020
May 7, 2020	November 5, 2020
June 4, 2020	December 3, 2020

Town Council meetings are held at the Amo Community Building @ 7:00 p.m.

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



FIRE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF/PRESIDENT: Dustin Strahl
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Kyle Johnson
DC of EMS & SAFETY: John Turner
CAPTAIN: Andy Gibbs
PIO CAPTAIN/VICE PRESIDENT: Jerry Johnson
LIEUTENANT: Tyler Ross
TREASURER: Annette Reach
SECRETARY: Judy Turner

Be sure to go to Amo Police Department and Amo Fire Department pages on Facebook and LIKE!! These pages have lots of important information to keep us informed and safe!!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal ... Chris Nelson

Deputies: David Gunn, Street Commissioner
 Ben Oliphant John Vehling

Department Chaplain: Pastor Shelly Zook

Contact Amo Police @ 317.539.6915

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

POST OFFICE

PMR (Postmaster Relief)



Post Office Phone Number: 317.539.2168

Post Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. — Noon
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
 Lobby is open 24 hours

CLOSED:

Memorial Day — Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day — Saturday, July 4, 2020

Each year we are told the Post Office will review our office on whether to expand hours. Please continue to patronize our post office.

BUSINESSES

AMO PIZZA & GENERAL STORE: 317.539.2555

ASSURANCE MAINTENANCE - Brian Miller: 317.650.9047

BOW WOW WALKERS - Randall Corn: 317.610.6009

CARTER'S GARAGE - Chris Carter: 317.539.4368
 Or 317.750.7781

EAGLE ENTERPRISES - Doug Wallace: 317.223.5877

HARPER TRUCKING - Joe Harper: 317.539.2119

MIKE'S GARAGE - Mike Bruce: 317.627.9881

MITCHELL'S MUFFLER SHOP - Justin Mitchell: 317.539.5692

QUINN'S GROOM STOP - Caroline Quinn: 317.672.8058
 Or 317.709.2341

WEST SIDE AIR-COOLED - Gene Noel: 317.941.3293



CONTACT INFORMATION
 4704 Pearl Street, Amo, IN 46103
 317.539.9255

SCHOOL HOURS
 8:40 a.m. — Breakfast
 8:50 a.m. — 1st Bell /Report to Class
 9:00 a.m. — Tardy Bell
 3:40 p.m. — Dismissal

DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

On April 2, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb and Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick announced that schools will remain closed through the rest of the school year. Schools must switch to remote learning. Be sure to check the school's website for details.

With social distancing expectations, the school grounds are CLOSED! (athletic facilities, playgrounds, basketball courts, etc.)

(2nd Paragraph Copied from Jim Diagostino, Ed.S., Superintendent, Mill Creek Community School Corporation e-mail dated 4-3-2020)



Don't Forget To
 Recycle Your Papers

Recycle your
 Pop tabs!
 Take them to
 the school.

The School Collects:



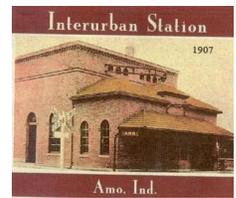
These labels are found on many products. Save Yours!

Save time and go to boxtopsforeducation.com to find out how you can sign up for the mobile app!



RAILS

RESTORE AMO INTERURBAN to LIBRARY SOCIETY



MISS LISA BROWN —
 Reading Room Attendant



DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19
 Reading Room
 Is Closed
 Until Further Notice

Reading Room Open Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6 — 8 p.m.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. — Noon
First Saturday of Each Month: 10 a.m. — Noon
Story Hour: Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

Check out town's terrific reading room! All ages welcome! Reading Room Attendant, Miss Lisa Brown, 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 Amo. Be proud as this is the only town library that we know of in the state. Have a book you no longer want? Donate it to the Reading Room. Donate a book In Memory Of or In Honor Of someone.



THANK YOU to The Lifestyle Group (Becky Rhea's employer) for the donation of this vintage cabinet. It makes a nice addition to our Reading Room!

Have you noticed the great new Amo Reading Room signs? In the top right picture the sign is to the left of the front door, over the Book Return. In the bottom picture, the sign is to the right of the door.



Thank you to Brian Miller for facilitating!



Celebrate Our
Freedom to Worship

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

First Baptist Church
of Amo

Shaping Hearts  Changing Lives

Pastor Shelly Zook

4779 Pearl St. / P.O. Box 146

Amo, IN 46103

317.539.6920

www.amo1stbaptist.org / shelly.zook@gmail.com

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Communion Shared First Sunday of Each Month

Everyone is Welcome!

We are so excited that Pastor Shelly is taking a sabbatical to rest and prepare for the next season of ministry at First Baptist Church. Pastor Dusty Cowell has been called to serve as our interim Pastor through the end of May. Our worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

At the time of publication, First Baptist is still honoring the advice of the Indiana governor and not holding worship services. We hope to be worshipping again soon. When we meet again, Pastor Dusty will begin a new four-part sermon series through the first chapter of James on overcoming trials. Although we would all rather that life was easy, Scripture informs us that in this world you and I will have troubles. During the series we will discover four helpful ways to deal with the struggles of life.

Memory Verse Challenge: What we think about matters! Try thinking deeply on Psalm 62:8. *"Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him for God is our refuge."*

Our Sparks Kid's Ministry is still here for the kids and their families during this time! There will be challenges posted to our Facebook page a couple of times a week. We encourage you to join and interact with us! We are in this together for our kids! *FB: 1st Baptist Church

CELEBRATION IS COMING!! Pastor Shelly will be ordained on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 1st Baptist Amo Church at 10:30 a.m.! Mark your calendars to join us for this Spirit-filled event!

Our joint church Community Vacation Bible School, is June 22-26, 2020 from 6:30-8 p.m.! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months!

Creating space for you to connect to God and one another,

Pastor Dusty

Amo United Methodist Church

Pastor Carmen Daughtery

5036 Pearl Street / P.O. Box 84

Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

For All Ages

Communion is celebrated 2nd Sunday of each month

All are invited to Worship with us at all of our services

We are following the Bishop and Governor's guidelines and have suspended worship services and all other gatherings for at least 4 weeks. We are dedicated to keeping our congregation and community safe! Our hearts and prayers go out to all those effected by this virus.

We will not be having traditional Easter services this year, however there is still much to be thankful. We serve a risen Savior! He lives! He lives!

...In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last...

John3:16-17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Please reach out to one of our church leaders if you are in need of food, supplies, or prayer!

May God's peace and love surround you!

Amo UMC Contact Information:

Pastor—Carmen Daughtery 317.997.6609

Board Chairperson - Bill Bartlett 317.501.6676

Ministries Chairperson - Kathy Caldwell 765.386.2604

UMW President & Prayer Coordinator -

Doris Gipson-Thomas 317.539.6896

Children's Ministries & Prayer Coordinator -

Angel Chatten 317.539.3357 jnachatten@tds.net

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



KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

THE TRINITY CENTER

Storehouse Food Pantry, Community Chapel, Youth Center



4794 Vine Street
P.O. Box 75
Amo, IN 46103

Storehouse Food Pantry DONATION DAY:
Second Saturday of Every Month 10 a.m. to Noon.
CLIENTS SERVED:

Third Saturday Monthly 10 a.m. to Noon.

Monetary donations may be made by mailing your check to "The Storehouse Food Pantry" at PO Box 75, Amo, IN 46103. To support the TRINITY CENTER; Storehouse Food Pantry, Youth Center or Community Chapel, please contact Jeanne Bryant at 317.966.3812 or Pastor Shelly at 317.489.2988.



Assistance is needed in delivering meals in the Amo-Coatesville area.

If you can help, please call Meals On Wheels of Hendricks County office @ 317.745.3469. Thank you!

GLEANERS FOOD BANK OF INDIANA'S MOBILE PANTRY

Stilesville Christian Church
8425 Morgan Street, Stilesville

First Wednesday of Every Other Month

4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

2020

February 5	August 5
April 1	October 7
June 3	December 2

NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN USING THE TRAIL

This spring and summer, join Hendricks County Parks & Recreation (hendrickscountyparks.org), the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (pfohc.org), and the Friends of the Vandalia Trail (www.nrht.org/vandalia) in a number of fun and educational activities on the Vandalia Trail in and near Amo. Please visit the web sites for more details, activities and updates.

May 9, Sat 2 PM (Amo): Weed Wrangle by Hendricks County Parks & Recreation

May-Sep (Amo): Biweekly Tuesday 6:30 PM bike rides by Friends of Vandalia Trail

June 9, Tue 10 AM (Coatesville): Roll & Stroll (Kneehigh Science), walking & stroller focus

June 20, Sat 10 AM (Amo): Roll & Stroll (Accessible Science), walking & wheelchair focus

July 29, Wed 4-7 PM (Amo): Summer Fun Run by Parks Foundation of Hendricks County

August 8, Sat 9 AM (Amo): Bike with a Biologist by DNR Fish & Wildlife biologist & HC Parks

Even more activities can be found in the Hendricks County Parks Summer 2020 Explorer magazine at this link (<https://joom.ag/6lQC>) and in their office at the old county fairgrounds in Danville.

Also, Hendricks County Parks & Recreation will re-open the trailhead restrooms in Amo and Coatesville in April or when the current national public health crisis allows.

If you would like to volunteer with Hendricks County Parks & Recreation close to home on Vandalia Trail maintenance or if you would like to help at any of the other County Parks, e-mail volunteer@hcparks.net.

Enjoy the trail!

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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**TOWN OF AMO
COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

Newsletter Deadlines for Remainder of 2020:

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER: June 20
OCTOBER /NOVEMBER /DECEMBER: September 19

If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea @ rar-hea23@gmail.com or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are at the discretion of the Amo Town Council and Communication Director.

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



Town of Amo, Indiana



<http://www.amoin.net>

**TOWN OF AMO
COMMUNITY BUILDING**



**DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19
Community Building Is Closed Through May, 2020**

5046 Sycamore Street Amo, IN 46103

COMMUNITY BUILDING RESERVATIONS CONTACT

For scheduling the Community Building, please call Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

BUILDING RENTAL RATES:

Monday — Friday

Residents — \$10.00 No Kitchen / \$20.00 With Kitchen
Non-Residents — \$20.00 Kitchen or No Kitchen

Saturday & Sunday

Residents — \$25.00 / Non-Resident — \$50.00
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.



Barb Strahl is the new Town Clerk-Treasurer. Barb previously served as Clerk-Treasurer from January 6, 2006, to December 31, 2011. Barb has lived in Amo her entire life. Her family includes her loving husband of 39 years, Daryl, 3 kids, and 8 grandkids.

Brian Miller is the new Town Handyman, which he previously served as several years ago. Brian and wife, Jennie, have 5 children.

Barb and Brian, we look forward to working with you!

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AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

PLEASE:

PRACTICE SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING
Stay at least 6 feet from others

WASH YOUR HANDS
often for 20 seconds

STAY HOME
if at all possible

If using the Vandalia Trail, we need to remember to stay at least 6 feet away from those outside of our family.

With social distancing expectations, the school grounds are **CLOSED!** (athletic facilities, playgrounds, basketball courts, etc.)

AMO JAM

**DUE TO THE IMPACT
OF COVID-19**

**Amo Jam is Suspended
Until Further Notice**

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

Amo Jam Will NOT Meet:

June 2, 2020 / Primary Election

When Schools Are Closed Due to Inclement Weather

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 and coffee.
Feel free to bring some edible treats as well!**

**For additional information,
Call Bob or Sylinda Rissot @ 317.742.7116**

AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT



TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY

Due to the unknown/extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the town will **NOT** be scheduling a Clean-up Day for this year.

CRITTER CONTROL

Concern has been highlighted recently regarding the large number of Feral cats roaming around town. The town is working diligently to find a solution. However, the overpopulation of Feral Cats is extremely difficult to mitigate. All residents can contribute to reducing the Feral Cat population by adhering to the following recommendations:

- ◆ SPAY/NEUTER YOUR CAT
- ◆ DO NOT FEED OR WATER STRAY CATS
- ◆ HAVE OPEN/HONEST DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS
- ◆ APPLY NONTOXIC DETERRANTS AROUND YOUR YARD

There has also been additional concern regarding dogs running at large. The town encourages all residents to be courteous and responsible for their pets. It is a violation of state statute/local ordinance for your dog to roam off leash. Any owner found to be in violation will be issued a citation. Animal control will also be contacted to take possession of the animal. While walking your dog, please ensure that you are cleaning up any messes left behind! Furthermore, if you love your pets, please keep them under your control.

FOUR WHEELERS / DIRT BIKES

As a reminder, Four Wheelers/Dirt Bikes are not permitted upon town roadways or public property. They shall only be ridden upon private property with permission from the landowner. Any individual found to be in violation will be issued a citation, and the motorized vehicle will be towed at the owners' expense.

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

AROUND TOWN

POST OFFICE

Heather Godbey worked for the US Postal Service for 12 years, as PMR (Postmaster Relief). Heather was very efficient with processing outgoing and incoming mail. She was so great with our seniors, taking their mail out to their car so they did not have to climb the steps into the Post Office. Heather, we miss you; however, we are happy for you in your new endeavor and are glad you are enjoying your new job at Cascade Middle School!

The Postal Service is currently working to find a new PMR for Amo.

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.

GRANTS

- ◆ 2020 Street Resurfacing Project is on schedule to start in May.
- ◆ South side area drainage project has completed the environmental review required.
- ◆ The Rural Development grant for the Amo Police Department has pushed their deadline from April to May.

AROUND TOWN



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Mike Burch who departed his earthly life on February 1, 2020. Mike was a life-long resident of Amo and served our community in many ways.

He is dearly missed!

TO HONOR NURSES, DOCTORS and FIRST RESPONDERS

Great project for families home together!

The Town of Amo would like to express our gratitude to those who have been serving us during this extremely difficult time. We will sponsor a window/yard poster contest. We are asking residents to decorate a window or yard sign poster board thanking nurses, doctors, and first responders. We will take pictures of these and send them to the hospitals.

We will also be drawing from the houses decorated two \$50.00 Kroger gift cards. Please keep the posters within size so that they can be read in the pictures. This is open to Town of Amo residents only. Please call 317.539.6030 (Town of Amo VoiceMail) and leave your name and address for entry into the drawing. Deadline for pictures is Monday, April 27, 2020.

If you need poster board, construction paper or paper, a limited supply will be available beginning Saturday, April 11, 2020, on the porch at 4651 Pearl Street (across from Mill Creek West Elementary playground).

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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BRIAN BURCH MEMORIAL SPORTS PARK

DUE TO COVID-19, Opening Day originally scheduled for April 11, 2020, has been postponed. Cascade Youth League hopes to have a celebration this summer.

The following pictures and information was recently posted on Facebook by the Cascade Youth League.

So we are still unclear about the future of baseball and softball. We are confident that we will play at some point. We thought we would share a few photos of some of our field sponsors. These companies contributed extraordinary amounts of resources to help build our new park. If you know these folks please send them a message of thanks. Without our sponsors then none of this would have been possible. We will continue to highlight other sponsors in the weeks to come. How cool would it be to have some of our little youth leaguers put on some old uniforms and post a video in the comments saying thanks to these awesome companies: North Salem State Bank, Electric Plus, Bassett Services Inc, Bestway Drywall Inc.

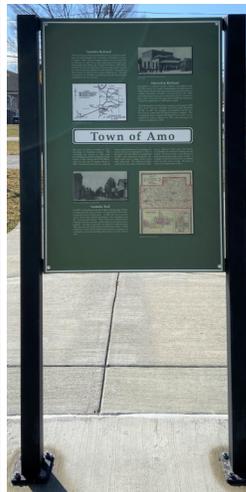


TOWN TRIVIA / HISTORY



Do you know the "history" of the sign over the Community Building doors?

When Julie Burch Bacon was a Girl Scouts leader, her troop made this sign for the Community Building. After several years of being in storage, the sign resurfaced and was hung over the front doors of the newly-renovated Community Building. What a wonderful memorial piece to the community that she loved and dedicated many hours to her kids, her grandkids and many other kids. Any "girls" still around that were part of Julie's troop? If so, let us know if you remember what year this sign was made.



While enjoying the Vandalia Trail, be sure to check out this educational sign!



Have you seen the Book Box at the Vandalia Trail head? LittleFreeLibrary.org Take a Book-Return a Book

This was the scene at the Vandalia Trail on Saturday, March 28, 2020! It was a great day to enjoy the Trail!



AROUND TOWN (Continued)**DEPUTY BRENT JOHNSON —
Mill Creek School Corporation
School Resource Officer**

Deputy Johnson has a passion for the education and well-being of children!

Brent is an Avon High School graduate. The years of 2000—2006 were spent as Mr. Johnson, a teacher to the 3rd grade at Danville North. Deputy Johnson then went through the Police Academy in Plainfield. He shared that he was in the Academy with Chris Nelson, Town of Amo Marshal, and remains friends with Chris. Deputy Johnson has been with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department for 12 years. He was a D.A.R.E. Officer for 12 years. Deputy Johnson is now in his 6th year with Mill Creek as their RSO, and he said "I love coming to work."

Deputy Johnson is visible daily in each of the four Mill Creek schools—Cascade High School, Cascade Middle School, Mill Creek East Elementary and Mill Creek West Elementary. He regularly makes parent/student safety presentations, which have included social media, student safety, vaping lessons, and has implemented many other safety programs.



Through an agreement with Lowe's, Deputy Johnson was able to secure cam buckles at cost for all MCCSC classrooms to help barricade and secure doors in case of an emergency. Special thanks to Todd Greene and Chris Fetz from the Avon Lowe's store! (This paragraph and picture copied from Cascade Middle School Facebook page.)

DEPUTY BRENT JOHNSON (Continued)

When the Mill Creek schools are on breaks, Deputy Johnson works the roads for the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department. His personal time is spent with his wife, Nicole, who is a 4th grade teacher in Brownsburg, and his twin 11-year-old daughters, Calleigh and Keira. Deputy Johnson also loves to be busy and active outside—shooting, hunting (bow and gun), riding 4-wheelers.

Deputy Johnson is a training director and has conducted youth camps, including the Indiana Sheriff's Association Youth Leadership Camp in Warren County at Pine Creek Camp.

His work is personal—he has now known some of the kids in the Mill Creek schools since their 6th grade. He encourages us to leave the place better than we found it, which is reflected in the sign on his office above the door.



THANK YOU, Deputy Johnson, for touching and making a difference in the lives of so many—our youth, their parents, our school teachers and administrators—and for your service to our communities and county! We appreciate your leadership, your energy and passion for youth and for safety!!

ALUMNI BANQUET — CANCELLED

Due to the impact of COVID-19 this year's Amo-Stilesville Alumni Banquet has been CANCELLED. The Committee looks forward to seeing you at the 2021 Alumni Banquet on June 5.

Calling all graduates from the Cascade High School classes of 1965—1969! You are being invited to join the Alumni Banquet going forward. Please send your mailing address, telephone number and graduating year to Steve Wise @ wiseguy350w@gmail.com.

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

April Meeting Has Been CANCELLED
Thursday, May 7, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.) @ Amo Community
Thursday, July 2, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
Thursday, August 6, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.)

Easter — Sunday, April 12, 2020
Mother's Day — Sunday, May 20, 2020
Memorial Day — Monday, May 25, 2020
Father's Day — Sunday, June 27, 2020
Independence Day — Saturday, July 4, 2020

TOWN OF AMO 2020 2nd QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
June 20, 2020

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO

