

Stop waiting to get back to normal, and make your new normal better.

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TOWN COUNCIL

2021 Town Council Meetings

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| January 7, 2021 | July 1, 2021 |
| February 4, 2021 | August 5, 2021 |
| March 11, 2021 | September 2, 2021 |
| April 1, 2021 | October 7, 2021 |
| May 6, 2021 | November 4, 2021 |
| June 3, 2021 | December 2, 2021 |

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



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

Contact Amo Police @ 317.539.6030

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

POST OFFICE

PMR (Postmaster Relief)
Angel Chattin--WELCOME!



Amo Post Office Phone Number: 317.539.2168

Coatesville Phone Number: 1.765.386.7480

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 31, 2021
 Independence Day — Sunday, July 4, 2021
 Observed — Monday, July 5, 2021

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
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. — Doors Open
8:50 a.m. — 1st Bell /Report to Class
9:00 a.m. — Tardy Bell
3:30 p.m. — Car Riders Dismissed
3:40 p.m. — Buses Dismissed



Wednesday, April 14, 2021: *Beautify Amo Day*
Thursday, April 15, 2021: *Kindergarten Round Up*
Thursday, May 20, 2021: *5th Grade Graduation*
Friday, May 21, 2021: *Last Student Day*
Monday, May 23, 2021: *Last Teacher Day*
Friday, May 28, 2021— *The Cascade Graduation*



PLEASE REMEMBER TO:
Watch for children crossing the street.



Don't Forget To
Recycle Your Papers

Recycle your
Pop tabs!
Take them to
the school.

The School Collects:



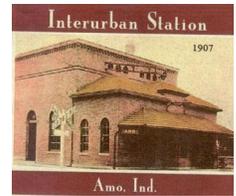
These labels are found
on many products. Save Yours!

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



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 our 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.

PLEASE NOTE READING ROOM GUIDELINES

- ◇ All youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by their father or mother only.
- ◇ Masks required upon entering; however, it may be removed while seated and reading.
- ◇ Adults welcome anytime.

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.

TRINITY CENTER BOARD:

Jeanne Bryant: Director
Larry Bryant: Project Manager
Jean Ellen Travelsted: Treasurer
Dena Travelsted: Clerk
Dave Dumser: Board Member
Lynn Smedley: Board Member
Reverend Shelly Zook: Board Member

**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.

2021

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| February 3 | August 4 |
| April 7 | October 6 |
| June 2 | December 1 |

NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

**PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
WHEN USING THE TRAIL**

A fresh new year of activities is planned on the Vandalia Trail, starting with Hendricks County Parks & Recreation re-opening the trailhead restrooms and drinking fountains in April. The following activities are planned by Hendricks County Parks & Recreation, the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, and Friends of the Vandalia Trail, all starting at the Amo trailhead.

Group Bike Rides: 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesdays each month, 6:30 PM, May—September.

Bike with a Biologist: June 4, Friday, 6:00 PM
(registration required, e-mail ebasiger@dnr.IN.gov)

Summer Fun Run: July 14, Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 PM

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

AMO JAM

AS OF THIS WRITING, THE JAM IS STILL SUSPENDED; IT IS HOPED THAT IT WILL RESUME IN MAY.

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

For additional information,
Call Bob or Sylinda Rissot @ 317.742.7116

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

THE TOWN OF AMO IS HIRING

HANDY MAN / MAINTENANCE

Those interested in applying for this position should call 317.539.6030 (Town of Amo VoiceMail) and leave a message, or send a resume to the Town of Amo, P.O. Box 15, Amo, IN 46103 by Monday, April 26, 2021. Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Amo. Starting Pay is \$12.00/hr.

Basic job responsibilities include:
Following a regular MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE for Town buildings.

MOWING town property. Town mower provided.

STREETS:

- Keep patch at the town garage for potholes and keep potholes patched as needed.
- Inform Board of any road problems larger than a patch fix.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Assist Town Marshal with Annual Cleanup Day.
- Maintain lighting fixtures and structure repair for Town of Amo buildings.
- Miscellaneous duties as assigned.

Full Job Description available upon request.

TOWN OF AMO

COMMUNICATION RESOURCES

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2021:

*JUL / AUG / SEP: June 23, 2021
OCT / NOV / DEC: September 29, 2021*

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.



<http://www.amoin.net>

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

Town of Amo, Indiana



**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.

NEW 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.

**TOX-AWAY DAYS
HENDRICKS COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT**

Tox-Away Days

April 17, 2021 / 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Brownsburg East Elementary School

May 22, 2021 / 8 a.m. —1:00 pm

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Hendricks County households are encouraged to properly dispose of chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, medicines, medical sharps, tires, electronics, appliances, and more at Tox-Away day! Fees are charged for the recycling of televisions, appliances and tires (over a certain number).

A couple of reminders:

- Any Hendricks County household can use any Tox-Away Day event (we can't accept wastes from businesses, non-profits, churches, etc.)
- Stay in your vehicle (we'll unload everything for you)
- Don't bring latex paint (dry it up and throw it out instead)

Here's what else you should know before you go:

<https://www.hendrickssolidwaste.com/tox-away-days-what-you-should-know/>

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE AMO FISH FRY IS A GO!!!

June 10 — 12, 2021

Chief Strahl shared that the Fire Department is still working through all the details on plans and how everything will work. However, it is know that they will be selling food, having vendors, a band, a cruise-in, parade and fireworks!

Watch for details on various Facebook pages and groups, including Amo Fire Department, Town of Amo, and If You Grew Up In Amo!

Be sure to support our Fire Department and Cascade Youth League!

On March 6 our terrific Fire Department was out to put away the light pole angels until Christmas this year. We are so blessed to have such an awesome group of dedicated and devoted Fire Department personnel!! Thank you for all you do for our community!



AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOWN CLEAN UP DAY

Friday, May 14, 2021

10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

We have an excellent opportunity to clean up our yards and the excess garage and house items we have been meaning to dispose of. A dumpster will be located near the Stop Sign in Amo.

For those who will have items that need picked up, please call 317.539.6030 and leave a message for the Town Marshal. The Town will make arrangements with you to get your items picked up.

The following are NOT PERMITTED in the dumpster:

Hazardous waste, dirt, industrial waste, chemical products, oil filters, herbicides & pesticides, radioactive material, solvents, paint (except completely dried latex paint cans, no liquids), other flammable liquids, aerosol cans, propane tanks, motor oil, transmission oil/lubricating/hydraulic oil/oil filters, contaminated oils, (mixed with solvents, gasoline, etc.), antifreeze, appliances, petroleum-contaminated soil/lead paint chips, tires, batteries, computers, monitors, televisions, microwaves, fluorescent tubes, railroad ties, medical waste, asbestos, animals, barrels, all liquids.

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST WITH THIS DAY!!



THANK YOU, Dustin Strahl and any of your helpers, for the great job of snow removal from our streets. That was a lot of snow to have to push!!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



First Baptist Church
of Amo

Shaping Hearts Changing Lives

Reverend Shelly Zook

4779 Pearl St. / P.O. Box 146

Amo, IN 46103

317.539.6920

Email: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com

Worship - 9 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Communion Shared First Sunday of Each Month
Everyone is Welcome!

In a time of life where there seems to be more questions than answers, come join us for answers to life's challenges that have been proven true for thousands of years.

Amo Baptist Church is practicing a specific protocol during Covid-19 to keep you as safe as possible.

We are currently holding two worship services every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM. Each service lasts approximately 30 minutes. Social distancing is being practiced. The worship center is being disinfected, and the entry ways are cared for as well. When temperatures allow, windows will be open to the Church to allow air circulation to help keep us all safe. Worship is a bit different during these times, as it should be. We are singing only when masks are worn, an offering box is available for a tithe or gift and serving Communion is done very personally and individually with prepackaged communion supplies.

Because the atmosphere is more a teaching atmosphere, you might want to bring a notebook to take note of Scripture references and questions presented during the message to encourage the application of what you might be learning from the Lord and the presentation of His Word. WiFi is provided for Biblical apps if you choose to use a device.

Pastor Shelly is happy to speak with you any time about your personal questions or spiritual needs. Please feel free to call on her by calling the number below or emailing her through the email address provided. Please follow us on Facebook and YouTube at 1st Baptist Amo for celebratory events.

If you would like to receive a Bible or learn more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please email us below your mailing address and we will be happy to send you a Bible and a little information to begin your journey of faith.

You can encourage further Kingdom growth through a financial gift/tithe by giving through theTithe.ly app that is found on the Church's Facebook page or by mailing gifts/offerings to PO Box 146, Amo, IN 46103.

There are lots of ways to support your community at Amo Baptist!

Facebook Page: 1st Baptist Church



Mill Creek Fellowship (Formerly Amo United Methodist)



P.O. Box 84

Amo, IN 46103

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Communion is celebrated 2nd Sunday of each month

We are pleased to announce we have a new name! Our congregation recently voted to become *Mill Creek Fellowship*. This is a big step in our transition process.

We are thankful to the Town of Amo and for everyone who has been in prayer for us! Our goal is to remain an asset to the Amo community and to spread God's Word and His Love. We are excited about the future and what it might hold.

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.



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!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

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 under control at all times.

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS @ INTERURBAN

We are in the process of applying for a grant from Indiana Landmarks to replace the windows at the Interurban Reading Room.

SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT

The South Side Drainage is scheduled to begin the first of May, 2021. The project will start at the 4-way stop to Church Street and proceeds east one block to South Street and then back to the main drainage. Also included will be a portion of street from Church Street to the Cemetery with street and sidewalk repair. At the February 25, 2021, meeting the winning bid went to DC Construction. We have received \$159,757.49 through a grant from INDOT Community Crossing Grant. Thanks to Dave Kieser and Kieser Consulting staff for all the help with our grants. Kieser Consulting has been involved in projects for years.

MILITARY BANNERS

The Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter, National Society of the American Revolution, has a long history of honoring those who serve in the military. Last year the Chapter offered Hendricks County residents an opportunity to recognize and honor veterans and active military in a very special manner—banners on light poles in Danville, Avon, Brownsburg and Plainfield. This year several of the smaller towns were added. Watch for the military banners to be up by Memorial Day this year on the 6 black light posts in the downtown area of Amo. The banners were not purchased by the Town; they were personally paid for by families wanting to honor military family members.

COMMUNITY BUILDING BENCHES AND RECYCLING BINS

As shared in the last town newsletter, Barb Strahl and Becky Rhea, on behalf of the Town of Amo, worked together to submit a grant to Hendricks County Waste Management. The town received a grant from the Waste Management for \$1,734.19 for two benches and two recycling bins for the Community Building.



Each bench has two plates: "Hendricks County Recycling District Recycling Grant—2020" on each bench and "IN MEMORY OF AL & ALICE PUGH" on one and AMO CENTENNI-AL 1957 Leorn Davis/

Kenny Rhea, Co-Chair" on the other. Since the Amo Community Building was built by the townspeople primarily from funds from the 1957 Amo Centennial, Becky Rhea approached the Town Council and asked about placing on one of the benches a plate in memory of the Centennial with the Co-Chair names.

The bench IN MEMORY OF AL & ALICE PUGH is because of a promise made to the family. When we were given the half million dollar project on the new community building, they asked us to raise \$12,000 in 30 days in order to qualify. It was a lot to ask of a little town of 400 people. Alice & Al Pugh's grandson, Zachary Levi the Hollywood star, heard of our challenge, called up and wrote us a check for \$12,000. This allowed us to pursue the new building that we were able to get funded.

Alice served as clerk treasurer and Al served on the town council, fire department, coached baseball and as a deputy in town. I am very proud of all our long term residents, and I wish we had a bench for every one of them. If you have ideas about projects you would like to see done honoring someone then this board is more than willing to listen to anything you would like to do. These benches were looked as to honor the connection of the first time this building was built and then the connection to how we got the grant on the new building.

The recycling bins are for use in the Community Building and outside for special events. The current building is really nice, and we are happy and proud to have such a nice building.

(Explanation of bench plates provided by Donna Watson, Town Council member)



AROUND TOWN

The Town of Amo extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of:

Sylvia Gray

Sylvia Sams Gray, age 73, Amo, Indiana, passed away February 13, 2021, in Englewood, Florida.

She was born in Manchester, Kentucky, on February 5, 1948, to Otis and Allie Sams. Sylvia was a graduate of Brownsburg High School in Brownsburg, Indiana, and took some medical training. She worked in Danville for various doctors and was an EMT for the Amo Fire Department. Sylvia was an active member of Amo Baptist Church where she served as Co-Treasurer and as a Trustee.

Sylvia is survived by her daughter, Kim Brown and husband, Jim of Houston, Missouri and son Ted Gray and wife, Kimi of Sylvania, Ohio; granddaughter, Amber Singleton; 2 great-grandchildren; brothers Jerry Sams and Otis Sams, Jr., and several nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

She will be greatly missed; however, she is having a wonderful heavenly reunion. She was married to Bill Gray for almost 53 years; he preceded her in death.

Her celebration of life will be held at 1st Baptist Church of Amo, IN, Saturday, May 8, 2021, with calling at 3 p.m. and the memorial service at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Amo Fire Department, P.O. Box 112, Amo, IN 46103, or 1st Baptist Church of Amo, P.O. Box 146, Amo, IN 46103.

Sylvia gave so much energy, time, care dedication and love to our town. We dearly miss her!

AROUND TOWN

THE TOWN OF AMO WELCOMES

ANGEL CHATTIN

TO AMO POST OFFICE!!

Angel shared the following:

I live outside of Stilesville, with my husband Jeremy. We have 4 kids, ages 20, 18, 16, and 12. Our family has lived in the Mill Creek Community for about 20 years, and we consider this our "home".

I enjoy reading, flower gardening, and coaching. My passion is working with kids. I taught children's Sunday school for 16 years. I have coached youth soccer for 12 years.

I have volunteered in many capacities at Mill Creek West Elementary while all of my children attended there. I taught at Weekly Religious Education (WRE) in Amo for 7 years. I've helped out with Amo VBS since 2009, many times directing and even writing the programs and curriculum. I've also helped with Amo Lunch Bunch, Amo Aces 4-H Club, and other various projects in town. I've been the director of the Mill Creek Optimist Soccer Club for the last 5 years and was the club's Registrar prior to that.

Having grown up in a small town, I like "knowing my neighbor" and the peace and quiet, but I also understand that it takes everyone pitching in to create such a safe, beautiful place. I'm excited to be in the community in this new position and have enjoyed meeting new people already. I look forward to continuing to serve Amo!

AMO-STILESVILLE ALUMNI BANQUET

Because of continued health concerns regarding COVID-19, it has been decided to cancel the 2021 Amo-Stilesville Alumni Reunion; however, we hope to see you at the next reunion to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

**1st Annual
Mill Creek West 5th Grade
Beautify Amo Day
During School Hours on April 14th
(Rain Date is April 16th)**

“Beautify Amo Day is a chance to bring education to life through project based learning. Students will choose, plan and execute a project that will better their community.” Some of the projects will include working in the Amo Cemetery, flower pots around town and picking up trash.

The school asked for donations of various equipment, seeds, flower pots, etc., are needed. Donation deadline was April 7. Thanks to all who contributed!

THANK YOU, *Todd Crosby, Lindsay Hufferd, Beth White and Wade Fanning* for heading up this project, and THANK YOU, *5th Graders* for your hands and heart to serve our community in this way. We look forward to seeing the fruits of your labor!

(Some verbiage copied from Mill Creek West Elementary Facebook Page)



“What a fantastic day of baseball and softball. It was awesome seeing all the kids smiling and enjoying the diamonds. We ran into rain but got through the majority of the day. Thank you to everyone who made yesterday possible.”

(Copied from Cascade Youth League Facebook Page)



(Top Photo Courtesy Troy Burch, Others Courtesy Becky Rhea)



Left to Right: Rebecca Pittman, Amy Alderson (sisters of Jennifer) Tonia Burch, Jennifer Burch. Winding up their walk!



All available parking lots were full!



All ball diamonds were in use!

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Thursday, April 1, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 6, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.) @ Amo Community
Thursday, June 3, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
Thursday, July 1, 2021 / 7:00 p.m.)

Arbor Day — Friday, April 30, 2021
Memorial Day — Monday, May 30, 2021
Flag Day — Monday, June 14, 2021

TOWN OF AMO 2021 3rd QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
June 23, 2021

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103



WELCOME TO AMO

