

One day, the mountain that is in front of you will be so far behind you, it will barely be visible in the distance. But the person you become in learning to get over it? That will stay with you forever—and that is the point of the mountain.

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TOWN OF AMO 9/11 DINNER

AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING

Wednesday, 9/11/24 / 5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

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

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, September 21, 2024, Pearl Street between School & Railroad Streets will be closed for most of the day for the Amo 1st Baptist Annual Car Show.

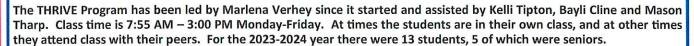
CASCADE THRIVE

<u>"Student Pledge</u>: I will be a TRUSTWORTHY, HARDWORKING, RESPECTFUL, INDEPENDENT, VERSATILE, and EFFICIENT employee."

"Staff, Peers, & Community Partner Pledge: Working TOGETH-ER to HELP students REACH INDIVIDUAL VICTORIES EVERY-DAY."

The THRIVE Program has held classes at Cascade HS for 9 years and has been working in our communities for 7 years. The

students first assisted at the Hendricks County Humane Society and have in the past few years contributed their time and talent to Mill Creek Christian Support Center in Clayton, Amo Baptist Backpack Ministry, CJ's Pizza (Belleville), Sam & Dee's (Belleville), Habitat Restore in Avon and helped Tri-Kappa set up for Bingo. The class also enjoyed helping build the ramp at Trinity Center in Amo and with Habitat builds.



Ms. Verhey would love to build bonds with more community partnerships/connections to help the students become more independent, to enhance and build their vocational skills and develop those skills needed to be able to be a good employee.

The Town of Amo THANKS and is proud to have the Cascade THRIVE Program making so many positive contributions to our community!

You may follow Cascade THRIVE on their Facebook page: Cascade High School THRIVE. Do you have a business or organization that you would be willing to have THRIVE volunteer at or assist with? If so, please contact Ms. Marlena Verhey @ mverhey@mccsc.K12.IN.US.



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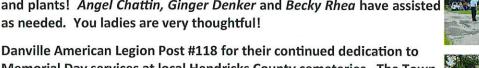
ALL those who assisted with





Special thanks to Marshal Chris Nelson and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Strahl for coordinating and Amo Pizza for preparing lunch! 3 big dumpsters were filled!

Gina Wicks for watering and maintaining all of the downtown flowers and plants! Angel Chattin, Ginger Denker and Becky Rhea have assisted as needed. You ladies are very thoughtful!





Memorial Day services at local Hendricks County cemeteries. The Town of Amo also appreciates our Cemetery Board for the time, care and love devoted to maintaining Amo's Cemetery!



It's not all about the Fish; it's about the experience! This event has not lasted over 70 years for just the fish. The Amo Fire Department and Cascade Youth League provide an excellent experience for Amo and surrounding communities—a diverse menu with tasty

food, cool vehicles in the cruise-in, the great band is a big draw, fun bouncy inflatables, Elephant Ears, Bingo and the great prizes, a joyful parade, a vendor tent with lots of fun, educational and interesting items to choose from, reconnecting with friends we have not seen since last year's Fish Fry or even for many years! This annual event takes months of planning, and it is "all hands on deck" for the Fire Department and Cascade Youth League. Those kitchens get very hot, however, we do not hear complaints! THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT Fish Fry Festival! We are already looking forward to next year's!







The Fish Fry Festival Bingo tent was endorsed by the Hendricks County Bicentennial as an "event"! THANK YOU to Dena Travelsted for this beautiful, delicious cake that was served in the Bingo tent!

THANK YOU, Donna Watson & Jordan Watson for facilitating the Bingo tent for yet another year. They have announced their "retirement". We are grateful for all the time, love and years! Thank you, Sharon Lydick Anderson for helping call this year!









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!

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MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

BEAUTIFY AMO DAY — May 16, 2024











Pictures and verbiage copied from the Mill Creek West Elementary website. THANK YOU!

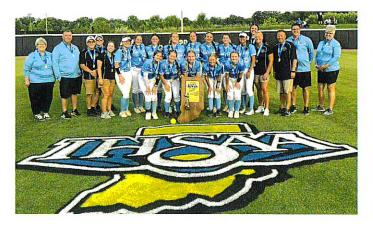
"This is a highlight of 5th grade! Students choose, plan, and execute projects to better our school and community! We are so proud of our 5th grade Wildcats today and over the last few months for their hard work to bring these projects to life. They met hurdles and problem solved as a team! Thank you to all who donated to make this day happen! Thank you to our parent volunteers, this would not be possible without all of the extra hands! One more shoutout to our Ms. Mickey and her husband, Ron, for feeding us and to The Cup and The Cone for an ice cream treat!

-Ms. Hufferd & Mr. Fanning"

The Town of Amo THANKS the 5th graders for this annual project! In addition to the projects pictured above, beautiful flowers were planted in town flowerpots, and small flowerpots were left on various resident's porches/steps. We are so happy you want to help improve the looks of our community!

CASCADE CADETS SOFTBALL — June 7, 2024

CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP — Cascade Cadets won 4-2 against the Lapel Bulldogs at Purdue University's Bittinger Stadium in West Lafayette, Indiana!





The Town of Amo is so proud of your accomplishments this year! THANKS SO MUCH for making Amo one of your stops upon returning from your win!!

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KEEPING YOU IN THE



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

THANK YOU to those who attended the Parks & Recreation Public Meeting! We had some great suggestions and continue to plan for our town's future as we meet monthly.

Town of Amo Parks & Recreation Committee

Dan Lake, Kieser Consulting
Brian Williams, Facilitator
Rene Gay, Town Council Member
Mike Spilker
Dustin Strahl
Becky Rhea
Ginger Denker

PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, September 5, 2024
6:00 PM / Amo Community Building

COMING SOON:

AMO PARK BOARD Fall 2024 Projects Winter 2025 Projects TOWN OF AMO 5-Year Master Park Plan 2024 - 2028



Mission Statement

The mission of the Amo Parks and Recreation is to enhance the quality of life, wellness and community pride by providing and maintaining safe, accessible, affordable parks, recreational programs and facilities while sharing the character of the community, its residents, and visitors alike.

General Goals

Α	Accessible recreational amenities for all		
M	Maximize financial impact through partnerships		
0	Operate and maintain park spaces and facilities		

P	Promote and protect natural resources			
Α	Advocate for equitable programs and services			
R	Revitalize the Interurban corridor			
K	Keep the Master Park Plan updated			
S	Safe spaces for residents and visitors alike			

R	Recreational activities that provide educational opportunities	
E	Engage and empower the local community through recreation	

Connect Amo with surrounding communities

D	Drive economic development			
E	Enrich the Amo spirit			
P	Provide programing to promote health and wellness			
Т	Transforming people though nature			

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, by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, 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)

Summer Fun Run/Walk: August 7, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 PM, visit www.pfohc.org for info on the weekly summer series and to register. (Amo trailhead)

Group Bike Ride Greencastle-Amo: Saturday, Sep. 21, 9:30 AM, nrht.org/vandalia (Greencastle trailhead across from Walmart)

For more news and updates, please also visit nrht.org/vandalia.

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

Enjoy the trail this summer!





September 21, 2024 4779 Pearl St Amo, IN 46103







*Pre-register for \$15 and receive a premium registration bag! Registration from 11 AM-3 PM Trophy Presentation @ 4 PM 50/50 drawing Raffle drawing

on FaceBook 50/50 Draw, Raffles, Door Prizes, DJ, Food and Drinks Prizes: Top 20,
Fan Favorite Vote
Kid's Vote
Oldest Vehicle
Club Participation
Pastor & Judges Vote
Farthest Travel
Specialty Awards
1st 100 Entries Receive
Complementary Goody Bag
(Pre-register by August 15th
for a special participants gift)

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

AMO 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

4779 Pearl Street Amo, IN 46103 317.539.6920

8th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

1stbaptistamo@gmail.com #1stBaptistAmo on FaceBook

Entry Class (circle one)	Motorcycle	Cars/Trucks	Tractors	Jeeps	
YearM	ake	Model	Color		
Modified: Yes	No				
lub Affiliation: Yes No		Club Name:			
Distance Traveled to be w	rith us today?	miles from home			
Name		Phone	A-Marine Marine Annie		
Mailing Address					
City		State	Zip		
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For a copy of the Registration contact the church or download from the Town of Amo's website amoin.net

*Pre-registration fees are \$15

Registration fee day of event is \$20

Payment may be made to the Amo Baptist Church at PO Box 146, Amo IN 46103

Or through our Tithe.ly app at Tithe.ly.com select Amo Baptist Church and designate your payment to the 2024 Car Show

All entry fees are non-refundable

Pre-registration forms are due by September 10, 2024

Why pre-register? Pre-registration guarantees that you will receive a premium participant bag!

FAST TRACK registration line upon arrival speeds up your registration process and advances you in line.



JOIN US for a day filled with music, classy cars, community, great food, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, a few FL surprises and ALL to support community service through Amo Baptist Church! It's a WIN-WIN!!

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MILL CREEK ALUMNI WALK INTO HISTORY..."

The Mill Creek consolidation of Amo, Stilesville, Clayton and Cascade (classes 1965—1970) held their annual Alumni Gathering on June 1, 2024, in the Amo Community Building. The 78 alumni in attendance, enjoyed the fellowship, as well as all the memorabilia on display brought in by many alumni. One item of much interest was the old basketball keg that was loaned to us by the Hendricks County Historic Museum. This keg, as well as another one, is on display at the Hendricks County Museum, as well as a lot of additional information on the history of the keg. It will be well worth your time to visit the museum to see for yourselves all the other history on display and preserved for public viewing. They are open on Friday and Saturday and are located in the old historic jail on South Washington St. in downtown Danville.

Pictured holding the keg, as well as the picture of the 1953 Amo Sectional Champs, are Amo graduates Tom Underwood and Bob Hanlon. They were members of the 1953 Sectional Championship team. They were eventually defeated by Crispus Attucks and Haley Bryant in the final game of the regional tournament. The keg was only presented to the teams that won the Hendricks Co Tourney. Bob and Tom were holding it for display purposes only. However, they were both playing during the time the keg was the center of winning the County Tourney. The keg was used as a traveling trophy with the names of each of the county schools written on it. If you were in possession of the keg, you had to take it to the game each time you played another county team. If you defeated the team currently in possession of the keg, you were then awarded the keg and maintained possession until you were defeated by another county team. This process started in 1940 and continued until 1957 when the Hendricks Co Tourney ended and was replaced by the Wabash Valley Tourney.





History means so much to us and together we can all work together, the best we can, to help restore it. The town of Amo has begun this process by starting a museum called the "Amo Interurban History Museum". It is located in the old interurban building in downtown Amo. it is also being utilized as a local library/reading room for adults and children. The history will be geared toward the interurban, railroad, school, as well as the town and surrounding area. We currently have several items donated and are asking for more. If you have any item you feel could be utilized in the museum, please consider donating them to share part of your history with many others. Due to space limitations, at this point we can not take in more than we can efficiently display. Our committee will review each request and determine if it could be utilized now. The committee wants to thank the Hendricks Co Museum staff for their help and support, as well as those who have already donated items for the Amo Museum. 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.



We are excited that the Amo Interurban History Museum has been endorsed by the Hendricks County Bicentennial as a Bicentennial "project".

At the Alumni Gathering on June 1, 2024, David Phillips shared the keg and its memory with us. David also wrote the above article which appeared in THE RE-PUBLICAN on 6/27/2024. Thank you, David, for the article and taking the pictures of Tommy & Bob. Hope Daniels Hanlon (Bob's wife) was a cheerleader during that time as well.

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Becky Rhea, Facilitator; Donna Watson, Amo Town Council Member; Ronnie Travelsted, Darrell Mynatt, Maureen Jackson, Town of Amo Residents; David Phillips, Darlene Miller, Rosie Burch Bell, Former Town of Amo Residents; Kelsey Freeman, Town of Amo Resident & Amo Reading Room Attendant. When donating memorabilia, we will kindly request a Custody Receipt be signed by the donor. As of this writing we do not yet have a target date for an "official" opening of the museum; we will keep you posted.

KEEPING YOU IN THE



TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS MAY, JUNE, JULY 2024

MAY

There will be no Military Banners hanging in the downtown area for 2024-2025 because none were purchased. Hopefully some will be purchased for 2025-2026.

Our procedures for reading the monthly minutes and town personnel reporting duties have changed. Prior to the monthly meeting, minutes will be distributed to the Town Council and will no longer be read at the meetings. At the monthly meeting the Town Council will approve

Leftover cement from the flagpole project was donated to the Cemetery.

The Town donated \$2,000 for Fish Fry Fireworks.

JUNE

Clean-up day went well—thanks to all who assisted and to the residents who "pitched in"!

The Town was endorsed by the Hendricks County Bicentennial for one event—the Fish Fry Bingo Tent—and one project—the Interurban History Museum.

Work on the Interurban windows will be done in July.

Protective bollards were purchased to protect the post office flag.

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS MAY, JUNE, JULY 2024 (Continued)

JULY

The Interurban window restoration project started July 15. The windows were custom made so we are restoring them.

The Town is pursuing a Community Crossings Grant for drainage and road repair.

Tox-Away Day — July 27, 2024, Hickory Elementary in Avon.

2025 Budget — Public hearing—September 5, 2024. Adoption Meeting—October 3, 2024.

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.

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 Amo Police

@ 317.539.6030

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

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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

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING NOW HAS WI-FI

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



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

Town of Amo, Indiana



TOWN COUNCIL

2024 Town Council Meetings

- ** January 11, 2024 February 1, 2024
- ** March 14, 2024
- ** April 11, 2024 May 2, 2024
- ** June 13, 2024
- ** July 11, 2024 August 1, 2024
 - September 5, 2024
 - October 3, 2024
- ** November 14, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- ** 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

AMO JAM

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 Al Lawson @ 765.653.0590

http://www.amoin.net

Amo's Community of Faith Welcomes You!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Shaping Hearts O Changing Lives

Rev. Shelly A. Zook, Lead Pastor
Pastor Kelli J. Tipton, Youth Pastor
Church/Office number: 317.539.6920
Emergency number: 317.489.2988
PO Box 146; 4779 Pearl St., Amo, IN 46103
EMAIL: 1stBaptistAmo@gmail.com
YouTube and Facebook: 1st Baptist Amo

Summer festivities do not persuade those pursuing Truth, righteousness and a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ at Amo 1st Baptist Church!

During the month of July, Rev. Shelly Zook, will be meeting with those interested in evaluating their spiritual gifts. Gifts given specifically for the building up of the Kingdom of God alongside of our "natural" gifts. If you are interested in scheduling your own personal assessment of your spiritual gifts, please call the Church or Rev. Zook to schedule your time to explore your gifts. The assessment takes about 30 minutes. Following your assessment, you will be given information about your top three (3) working gifts so you can further explore and utilize your spiritual gifts. Everyone is welcome to participate! Assessments may be held at your home, a public place or at the Church (your preference).

Our Youth Minister, Pastor Kelli Tipton, has exciting family and youth events scheduled for YOU this summer! Youth Nights are here for your teens! Grades 5th-12th are invited to join on the third Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. Summer dates are July 17th, Aug 21st, and Sept 18th. In August *The Amazing Race* will come to Amo! Start forming your teams NOW! Make sure you are following us on Facebook @1stBaptistAmo to stay on top of updates.

Don't miss our ANNUAL Amo 1st Baptist CAR SHOW! Folks from the Church & Community have been hard at work for the last year to make this a quality event for you to enjoy. Come out and see the amazing cars as you support local social work through the Church in the Town of Amo. Have a show car? You can pre-register your car for a reduced rate and receive a premium registration bag. Come enjoy fun, food, door prizes, Church raffle baskets, community fellowship and some great music! You are NOT going to want to miss this event!

We are simply a group of people seeking to advance our own personal growth to become better people every day as we learn to apply the goodness of the Word of God through our own personal relationship with Jesus. We welcome you to join us on YOUR OWN personal journey. We gather for teaching and worship every Sunday at 10 AM. Want to get involved? Can we serve you in some way? Feel free to reach out to us!

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 would love for you to come worship with us! We are a non-denominational Christian church. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, at the Amo Community Building. Our service is casual with fellowship after. We have 2 lay speakers and retired minister who deliver the messages. Hymns and prayers are also included. We are NOT perfect and our church has "history" just like every person does, but we press forward and come together to continue to worship, praise, learn, and serve the Lord.

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.



The Town of Amo extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of *Mitchell Kelley*, who is dearly missed.

Mitchell W. Kelley III, 40, passed away on July 5, 2024. He was born in Greencastle, Indiana on October 18, 1983 to Mitchell Kelley II and Sharon



(Alexander) Kelley. He worked for Marathon Oil as a mechanic for over 10 years. Mitchell was a member of the Mid-West Motorcycle Club. He was a jack of all trades, and having the habit of always fixing random items. Mitchell enjoyed riding his motorcycle, camping, and spending time with his family. He is preceded in death by his father, Mitchell W. Kelley II; and brother-in-law, Kenny Gunn. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm in Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024 in the funeral home at 11:00am. Burial will follow in Amo Cemetery. Survivors include his loving wife, Michelle Kelley; sons, lane Murray and Evan Kelley; mother, Sharon Kelley; brother, James (Ginger) Kelley; sister, Cheryl Gunn. Several nieces/nephews and great nieces/nephews. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to Damar Services.

(Copied from Hampton Gentry Funeral Home website)

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- ** Thursday, July 11, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo
 Thursday, August 1, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
 Thursday, September 5, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
 Thursday, October 3, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.)
- ** Second Thursday of the Month

INDEPENDENCE DAY: Thursday, July 4, 2024
LABOR DAY: Monday, September 4, 2024
9/11 DINNER: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

POST OFFICE CLOSED on federal holidays

TOWN OF AMO 3rd Quarter 2024 Newsletter Deadline: September 20, 2024.

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.

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103

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









