

It takes a small town to keep you humble.

**Bess Streeter Aldrich** 

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#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

**2019 Town Council Meetings** 

January 3, 2019

February 7, 2019

March 7, 2019

April 11, 2019

May 2, 2019

June 13, 2019

June 13, 2019

June 13, 2019

June 2, 2019

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 — Lori Estes

Town Council Board Term is 1-1-16—12-31-19



#### **POST OFFICE**

PMR (Postmaster Relief)
Heather Godbey



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:

Columbus Day — Monday, October 14, 2019 Veterans Day — Monday, November 11, 2019 Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 28, 2019 Christmas Day — Wednesday, December 25, 2019

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



#### 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 Omar Mirza

**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

#### BUSINESSES

AMO PIZZA & GENERAL STORE: 317.539.2555
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 HOOSIER TRANSMISSION REPAIR - Patrick Schmidt 317.965.9379

MIKE'S GARAGE - Mike Bruce: 317.627.9881

MITCHELL'S BODY SHOP - Chris Mitchell: 317.539.4288
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

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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

Cookies & Canvas (held at CMS) fundraiser - both West and East elementary schools combined event — October 4

Fall Break — October 14-18

Grandparent's Day — October 25

Halloween Parties — October 31

PTO Bingo — November 2 / 4—8 p.m.

Veterans Day Program — November 12 @ 2:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break — November 25-29

Elves Workshop — December 6

Book Fair — December 6-13

Christmas Vacation — December 23 - January 3

School Resumes — January 6, 2020

#### **BE SURE TO:**

Watch for children crossing the street. Stop for the school buses when their lights warn us to do so.



Don't Forget To Recycle Your Papers

Recycle your Pop tabs!



The School Collects

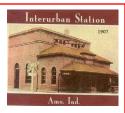
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These labels are found on many products. Save Yours! Call the school for details.

#### **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 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.

#### HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30, 2019 / 7—8:30 p.m.

Prizes For Scariest & Funniest

Games / Treats / Puppets

Parade Down Main Street Weather Permitting
Tell A Scary Story — Write Your Own or Read One
(5 Minutes Or Less)

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



Kalieya
Winner of Amo Reading
Room's Illustrate Your
Favorite Book Club

She received 3 small prizes

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#### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



Freedom to Worship

#### First Baptist Church of Amo

(Shaping Hearts Changing Lives

Pastor Shelly Zook 4779 Pearl St. / P.O. Box 146 317.539.6920

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

Worship - 10:30 a.m. **Communion Shared First Sunday of Each Month Everyone is Welcome!** 

#### Exciting things are happening at First Baptist Amo.

If you are looking for ways to make a difference in your life, your family's life, the community and/or your world; you will want to join the First Baptist family!! Maybe you want to learn more about obtaining answers to life's questions that have withstood the test of time for thousands of years? We invite you to join us for worship anytime, as we gather every Sunday morning at 10:30. Our Sunday worship service style is a blended with both traditional hymns and contemporary music. We have children's Church for kids from 3-12 years of age throughout the service.

#### We are changing the way we do things!

The Church voted a few months ago to have one Annual Church Business Meeting a year. We will be holding that meeting on Sunday, October 13th immediately following worship to approve our 2020 Slate of Officers and Budget. All members are encouraged to attend. Your voice is important and valued!!

LICENSING A PASTOR! Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the lifting up and affirmation of Pastor Kelli Tipton on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Kelli's Licensing Service. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for a very special celebration.

MOVIE NIGHT: Join us every SECOND SUNDAY of the month for an inspirational/family friendly movie. Popcorn is provided, just bring your own drink! See you at 6 PM!!

#### NON-DENOMINATION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us at the Trinity Center chapel at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve to sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story in Scripture, a Candlelight service and Communion. This is a VERY SPECIAL WAY to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Won't you join us? (See additional insert on page 4 for more information)

#### \*\*FOR THE CHILDREN\*\*

Youth Movie Night: October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Movie: Monsters Inc.

Dinner will be served, a child-friendly movie and activity.

#### Amo United Methodist Church

Pastor Curtis Hurley, Interim 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

Monthly Youth gatherings scheduled please call for details—Community youth invited

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

Amo United Methodist Church welcomes Rev. Curtis Hurley as its interim pastor until the arrival of a new pastor sometime around the first of the year. In 2017 Curt retired to Otterbein Senior Living Community, Franklin, having served as a full clergy member of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church since 1978. He has served churches in or near Bloomington, Bedford, Connersville, New Castle, Evansville, and Corydon, among others. Curt and his wife, Laura, have two adult children, Rachel and David.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS: Join us on Halloween for a treat, hot dogs, and hot chocolate.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Continued)

YOUTH FALL PARTY: Saturday, October 26th from 6-9 p.m. behind the Baptist Church.

TRICK-OR-TREAT: Visit our table at the Community Building for a special treat!!

PJ'S & PANCAKES: The children are encouraged to wear their pajamas to Church on Sunday, November 3rd and enjoy pancakes during children's Church to acknowledge the daylight savings time change.

SHOP-N-DROP: The Church will be hosting an evening of entertainment for children so parents can Christmas shop. You may bring your child from 4-7 p.m. or 7-10 p.m. on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The kids will view a movie, have a snack or dinner and a special Christmas craft. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

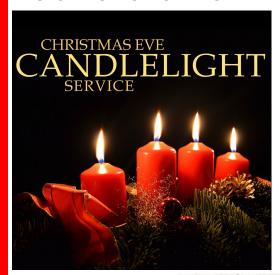
ATTENTION CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY!! Would you like to be a part of our Christmas pageant? We will be having a special children's Christmas celebration at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The children will present, "The Mysterious Animal". There will be cookies and punch following the service.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHTS: December 27<sup>th</sup> & January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bring your kids by the Church at 6:30 p.m. for a kid-friendly movie, pizza and a craft!

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#### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



#### TRINITY CENTER CHAPEL CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE **7 PM**

The Storehouse Food Pantry board is encouraging the community to celebrate Christmas by giving to their fellow man!

Find an empty box and fill it with items for your local Food Pantry!! Bring your box on Christmas Eve to the Trinity Center at 7 PM and let us fill the shelves for those who can us a little extra help!! A reverse Advent calendar is provided as a guideline for giving.

# REVERSE **ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal

December 2 - peanut butter

December 3 - stuffing mix

December 4 - boxed potatoes

December 5 - macaroni and cheese

December 6 - canned fruit

December 7 - canned tomatoes

December 8 - canned tuna

December 9 - dessert mix

December 10 - jar of applesauce

December 11 - canned sweet potatoes

December 12 - cranberry sauce

December 13 - canned beans

December 14 - box of crackers

December 15 - package of rice

December 16 - package of oatmeal

December 17 - package pasta

December 18 - spaghetti sauce

December 19 - chicken noodle soup

December 20 - tomato soup

December 21 - can corn

December 22 - can mixed vegetables

December 23 - can carrots

December 24 - can green beans

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#### THE TRINITY CENTER

Storehouse Food Pantry, Community Worship Center, Youth Center





**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.

> **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.

2019

October 2 / December 4

NO ID Required / Bring Your Own Bags/Box



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

If you can help, please call Bill Nelson @ 317.539.4732. Thank you!

#### VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

Hendricks County Parks & Recreation has been and will be busy with several Vandalia Trail related projects during the later part of this year. They recently completed the trail drainage improvement construction work around the sewer treatment plant and have restored the trail surfaces in that area to working condition. Coming up around early November, Hendricks County Parks & Recreation will winterize and close the trailhead restrooms in Amo and Coatesville, to be reopened in April. Finally, around the end of the year, the State government will decide on whether to award Hendricks County Parks & Recreation a grant to construct several miles of new Vandalia Trail in some of the area between Amo and Clayton.

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 this winter!

Web Site: nrht.org/vandalia

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/VandaliaTrail

**Greg Midgley**, greg@nrht.org Friends of the Vandalia Trail



**Don't Forget To Thank Your Pastor** 

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#### **TOWN OF AMO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

Town of Amo Newsletter is a quarterly publication.

**Newsletter Deadlines for 2020 are:** 

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH: December 31, 2019 APRIL/MAY/JUNE: March 21 JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER: June 20 OCTOBER /NOVEMBER /DECEMBER: September 19

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.



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 RESERVATIONS:**



5046 Sycamore Street Amo, IN 46103

#### **NEW 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** 

#### AMO JAM

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

Amo Jam Will NOT Meet:

November 26, December 24, December 31 and

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

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#### AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### THANK YOU!

To all who donated to the Fire Department's annual Boot Drive! The donations help fund and take care of Fire Department equipment and expenses.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, October 12, 2019 4:00-7 p.m.

**Amo Fire Department** 4543 West County Road 500 Amo, IN 46103

Come out on October 12th to the annual FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE, which is open to the public. Enjoy dinner on the Fire Department and see the station and equipment used by firefighters. This is a great opportunity to interact with Fire Department personnel and their families!



**Hot Breakfast Picture With Santa Available Proceeds assist local families** 

#### **HALLOWEEN**

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**Thursday October 31, 2019** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Besides going door-to-door be sure to visit:

**Amo Community Building** Amo Fire Department Amo Pizza & General Store **United Methodist Church of Amo** 

The Town of Amo will host Halloween at the Amo Community Building on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 6-8:00 p.m. The Town of Amo also invites anyone who would like to hand out candy from this location to please contact Donna Watson @ 317.539.2768. Please come set up a table and watch the great turn out!



The Community Building will also have popcorn, Kool-Aid, Coffee and most importantly— RESTROOMS!! Thanks to all residents, the businesses and churches for making this something our kids will remember!!

New Residents, please be aware that we average between 200-300 kids. Our police department will be out for a safe night. We do get quite a few teenagers, but we are accepting of these older kids coming to Amo for Halloween as it has been a tradition for them since they were little.

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#### KEEPING YOU IN THE



# AMO's FALL



#### THANK YOU TO ....

The 2019 Amo Fall Festival "core team" for the months of time, work and care given to the planning and coordinating of the Festival—Amo Fire Chief Dustin Strahl headed up the team, along with Mike Bruce, Jeanne Bryant, Pastor Shelly Zook, Ronnie & Dena Travelsted and Becky Rhea. Kudos to Amo Fire and Amo Police Departments for all of their work and security in making the event safe. We appreciate all who helped in any way and all those who came out to support the Fall Festival!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ....

Amo Fire Chief *Dustin Strahl* for his promotion to Fire Training and Special Operations Chief for Danville Fire department.

Michelle Strahl who was named Manager of the Surgical Service Line at IU Health West Hospital.

Jennifer Leach who recently passed her nursing boards and achieved her LPN. Good luck, Jennifer, as you work towards RN next year!

Dennis Watson who recently participated in the American Heart Association Walk.

"He got to walk the last feet in the heart walk! Who would have thought that a few months ago. Had a wonderful day! We got new shirts made by Brittany Jean Camden's family. We got to meet them



for the first time and her dad also sports an LVAD 3!" (Copied from Donna Watson's Facebook Page)



Sunday, November 3, 2019

2:00 a.m.

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS** 

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#### **KEEPING YOU IN THE**



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#### **BRIAN BURCH MEMORIAL SPORTS PARK**

The pictures below were taken September 28, 2019, and show how amazing the sport park looks! How exciting to see this project come to fruition!









#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### THANK YOU TO:

The Town for continuing to keep our Town colorful and pleasing to the eye! Special Thanks to *Lori Estes* for picking up and planting the beautiful mums in the Town planters.







Dave & Tucker Estes for keeping the Town grounds so pristine—lots of mowing and trimming this summer!!

#### **HIRING**

The Town of Amo is hiring a Custodian for the Amo Community Building and Reading Room. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a resume to the Town of Amo by October 25, 2019.

Town of Amo P.O. Box 15 Amo, IN 46103

Pay will be \$10—\$12 dependent upon experience.

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## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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#### **VETERANS DAY**

Monday, November 11, 2019



#### **Enjoy your freedoms?**

Seek out a VETERAN and THANK him or her for their service in defending our freedoms!

God Bless the USA!!

These are the Amo Veterans who signed in at the 9/11 Dinner:

> John Ross Army **Mike Bruce USAF Darrell Mynatt** Navy **Dennis Watson Marines** Sam Dillon **USMC Daryl Strahl USAF**

Other Amo Veterans that we are aware of:

Ray Dixon Army **Bill Gray** Navy James Strahl Army **Robert Zook** Army

If you are a Veteran in Amo and your name does not appear on either list above, please contact Becky @ 317.281.8996 so we can acknowledge you in the next newsletter. Thank you!













THANKS SO MUCH to our First Responders and their families for your dedication, commitment and service to our community's and country's well-being!! We appreciate each of you!! THANK YOU TO R.A.I.L.S. and our Town Council for hosting this event. Many hands were involved organizing, preparing for, setting up, decorating, and cleaning up. Special thanks to: Dena Travelsted, Rene Gay, Donna Watson, Becky Rhea for coordinating the evening; Lori Estes for the delicious Chili; Dena Travelsted for the delicious Coney Sauce; all those who donated desserts; Pastor Shelly Zook for opening the evening with special remarks and prayer; and Ginny Pugh Spillman for the beautiful music. We are grateful for all who came out to honor our First Responders!

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#### **HONORING OUR "SENIORS"**

We continue to honor our "seniors"—In the past few years we have lost most of our town senior "Icons" and role models. We think it appropriate to pay tribute to the most senior who are still blessing us!

#### JAMES HAYDEN CARTER

Jim was born in December of 1929 in Allen County Kentucky to Clifton & Alma Carter. He was big brother to Jerry (who departed his earthly life in 2000) and Carol Carter Sheets who lives in Mooresville.

Della DeBerry caught Jim's eye, and they were married in 1951. While in Kentucky Jim worked for Bell Telephone. After several months of Bell being on strike, Jim and Della moved to Indiana in 1955 with two small children, Jackie who was three years of age, and Doug, who was a year old. In July of 1955 the Carters moved to Clayton and then moved to Amo in 1956. Jackie and Doug became big sister and big brother to Debbie, Kevin, Susan and Tracey.

Jim worked for Chevrolet Truck & Bus for 33 years retiring in 1988. During those years he also worked part-time for Stanley Implement in Clayton and Paypex Wagons.



Pictured above left to right: Tracey, Jackie, Della, Jim, Debbie and Susan. They were enjoying time together in Florida. Son, Kevin is not pictured.

#### JIM CARTER (Continued)

In 1991 the Carter family suffered the sudden and traumatic loss of their 36 year-old son and brother, Doug, in a vehicle accident. Doug departed his earthly life way too early!

For many years Jim was a member of the Amo Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim & Della have lived in their current home for 40 years. Their family grew from six children to 6 grandchildren—Martin, Jeremy, Christopher, Ashley, Amy, Adam, and 4 great-grandchildren—Jada, Wyatt, Kingston and Piper. Son Kevin is married to Julia, and daughter Tracey is married to Ronnie Robinson.

Fishing and Golf have been a part of Jim's life for many years, including annual fishing trips to Minnesota. Anyone who knows Jim knows his passion these days besides his family, of course, is GOLF. Son, Kevin likes to share that between he and his dad they have 8 holes-in-one—Jim has 7, and Kevin has 1!!—don't you love the way Kevin tells that! Jim and Della have traveled extensively, including visiting several countries when Jackie was employed abroad. They have also enjoyed lots of road trips. Jim and Della are big fans of gospel and country music and have attended many concerts.

One of the many great characteristics of Jim and his family is their sense of humor—there is always lots of laughter! Jim, thank you for the many smiles you have given us and for your contributions to our community!

#### **HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY on December 26!!**



Pictured at grandson, Adam, & Tori's wedding reception.

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

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 

Thursday, October 3, 2019 / 7:00 p.m. ) Meetings Thursday, November 7, 2019 / 7:00 p.m. ) @ Amo

Thursday, December 5, 2019 / 7:00 p.m. ) Community Building

Thursday, January 2, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.

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**TOWN OF AMO 2020 1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 

December 31, 2019

Box Holder
Amo, Indiana 46103

