

"All our dreams can come true—
if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney

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NOVEMBER 11, 2024
VETERANS DAY

**Let's not forget to reach out
and
THANK our VETERANS!**

Veterans who signed in at the 9/11/2024 Dinner:

Darrell Mynatt, US Navy; Frank Mynatt, US Army; David Soots, US Airforce; Don Fuller, National Guard Army; Jackie Fuller, National Guard Army; Mark Douglass, US Army; Charles Rust, US Navy

Please join *Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter* For Marker Dedication of Twenty Revolutionary War Patriots Interred in Hendricks County / Sunday, November 10, 2024, 1:00 pm / Hendricks County Courthouse, 51 West Main, Danville, Indiana / Reception following ceremony in Courthouse Rotunda / Please RSVP to 317-626.0362 or 317-268-6273 / Attendees are invited to present wreaths.



HALLOWEEN — HAPPY HAUNTING!

Friday, October 25, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

AMO READING ROOM

Costume Party

Reading Room CLOSED Halloween Night

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 2024

TRICK-or-TREAT

5:00 - 8:00 PM

TOWN OF AMO Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be Halloween night. The Community Building will be open with treats, and restrooms are available. If you would prefer not to have trick-or-treaters at your door, limited tables are available in the Community Building with a reservation. If you would like to set up a table with treats in the Community Building, please send us a private message or call Donna Watson @ 317.525.3759

MILL CREEK FELLOWSHIP: Look for us at Halloween in downtown Amo! We will be set up across from the Amo General Store again this year. We'll have hot dogs, drinks, and candy. We can't wait to see everyone out trick-or-treating!

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT will be in the downtown area of Amo at the 4-way stop. Stop by the trucks for treats!

CONGRATULATIONS TO....**Amo Reading Room Summer Readers:**

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Dominic Freeman-Lane, Age 10</i> | \$ 10.00 / 5 Hours |
| <i>Teagan Frenette, Age 16</i> | \$ 5.00 / 2 1/2 Hours |
| <i>Lucas Frenette, Age 8</i> | \$ 2.00 / 1 Hour |
| <i>Evan Kelley, Age 10</i> | \$ 21.00 / 14 Hours |
| <i>Taylor Steorts, Age 15</i> | \$ 2.00 / 1 Hour |

The Town of Amo is proud of you!! Keep Reading!!



THANK YOU, Miss Kelsey, for your terrific encouragement, time and care for the Reading Room and our community! THANK YOU to the Town of Amo for supporting this program!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

2:00 AM

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

AMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 — 11:00 AM

Amo Fire Station

**Non-perishable Food Items Collected
For Storehouse Food Pantry**

MILITARY BANNERS

The Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is accepting orders for military banners to be displayed from May 2025 to May 2026 on area street light poles. The chapter has partnered with Amo, Brownsburg, Clayton, Coatesville, Danville, Lizton, North Salem, Pittsboro, Plainfield, and Roachdale for banners. The banners are for any veteran (living or deceased who was honorably discharged) or active military individual. The chapter reserves the right to see DD214. If the individual died while serving our country, a gold star will be placed on the banner. When the banners are removed, they are given to the participant. Banner orders are taken on a first come first serve basis, with approved photo (in uniform) and payment of \$120.00. For order form or questions, contact Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter banner coordinator directly at rhonda-jb7408@yahoo.com or call 317.268.6273. No orders will be accepted after December 1, 2024.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee continues to meet monthly to plan for our town's future.

Town of Amo Parks & Recreation Committee

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

MILL CREEK WEST ELEMENTARY**HAVE YOU MET MILLIE?**

When we are angry, sad, troubled we sometimes need comfort—what better way to get that comfort than a therapy dog like Millie!



Millie is the Mill Creek West Elementary School's Therapy Dog. Owner and Handler of Millie is Jenni Gullion who is also the school's Counselor. Millie became the Gullion family's pet at the start of COVID 19. Jenni and her husband were teachers so, along with their children, were on lockdown at home. It was during that time that Jenni realized Millie could make a great therapy dog.

Not every dog is suitable to be a therapy dog. Millie received her formal training at Speck's where Jenni said "...she was great at her classes!" Some of the training required besides the basic sit, stand, stay, the dog must be friendly, approachable, open to petting and visiting, and overcoming distractions. Therapy Dogs International certified Millie as a Therapy Dog.



Jenni shared that many kids come to school with "big emotions" like anger, frustration, sadness, and loneliness. Every morning Millie stands in the lobby of the school. Her whole job is to bring joy and comfort to the kids. However, the kids are not the only ones who Millie gets excited to see—the school's Resource Officer, Brent Johnson, gets lots of attention from her and the teachers and staff (as pictured to the right) love Millie.



Millie loves recess where she gets to chase a tennis ball. When students are given a choice about a reward they may receive, many choose walking the school track with Millie! With a big smile Jenni shared that Millie loves her job so much that even on weekends and vacations, she looks for her leash.



Calm, loving and smart are words Jenni used to describe Millie, and the coordinator of this article found Millie to be just that!



Thank you to the parents of the students who allowed their children's photos to be included in this article. THANK YOU, Mrs. Schaffer, the school's Principal, Mrs. Gullion and Millie for such a warm welcome!



As evidenced in the picture with Jenni, she is definitely a WILDCAT fan!



The Town of Amo is grateful to the Mill Creek West Administration, Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Food Service, Custodial Service, the Resource Officer for your time, care, resourcefulness and creativity for our students!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

AMO INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

As previously communicated, the Town of Amo has started an historical museum in the old Interurban Station in downtown Amo. Part of the building continues as the Amo Reading Room where Reading Room Attendant, Kelsey Freeman, does a super job of maintaining the books and hosting seasonal parties.

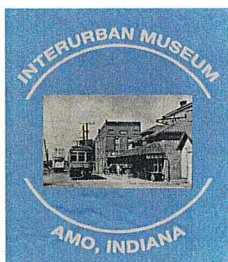


The history museum welcomes donations of Town of Amo and Interurban/Railroad memorabilia. We have already received many cool donations. If you have any item you feel could be utilized in the museum, please consider donating them to share part of your history with many others. Space is limited so we will for the time we will rotate out some of the items donated.

In conjunction with the 1st Baptist Church of Amo's Car Show on September 21, 2024, the Interurban was open, and many people were through to view the Reading Room and Museum. Thank you to all who came out. The Interurban is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00—7:00 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM—Noon, and the first Saturday of each month 10:00 AM—Noon.

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. Other committee members include: Becky Rhea, Facilitator; Donna Watson, Town Council member; Ronnie Travelsted, Darlene Miller, Maureen Pugh Jackson, Rosie Burch Bell, Kelsey Freeman.

The History Museum has these cool shirts for sale. The picture featured on the front of the t-shirts can be found in the Interurban. The great picture of the Vandalia Trail on the back of the t-shirt was taken by our own Darrell Mynatt! We are so grateful to *Brendan Coraggio of Coraggio Designs/CDI* for the incredible job on the t-shirts!



←
FRONT
→
BACK



CASH ONLY PLEASE

AMO INTERURBAN MUSEUM SHIRTS

Small – XL: \$20.00
2X: \$22.00

To purchase a
shirt, contact
Becky Rhea @
317.281.8996.

VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

The Vandalia Trail restrooms in Amo and Coatesville will be closed by the Hendricks County Parks & Recreation maintenance team for the winter, beginning sometime in November. The specific closure date will depend on the weather. Re-opening is scheduled for April 1st.

In early September, Hendricks County Parks & Recreation's contractor began construction of a new section of Vandalia Trail on the west side of the Town of Clayton. This first phase will include a trailhead in Lambert Park connected with a short section of trail along the north side of CR 500 S to Michigan Street on the west edge of Clayton. Additional grants are being pursued for the next phase of construction for about 2 miles to the west.

The weekly group bike rides by Friends of the Vandalia Trail have finished for the year, but please join the group's monthly rides through the winter on Plainfield's Vandalia Trail. The first two dates are November 9 and December 14, leaving at 9:00 AM from the southeast corner of the Meijer parking lot with a breakfast stop afterwards.

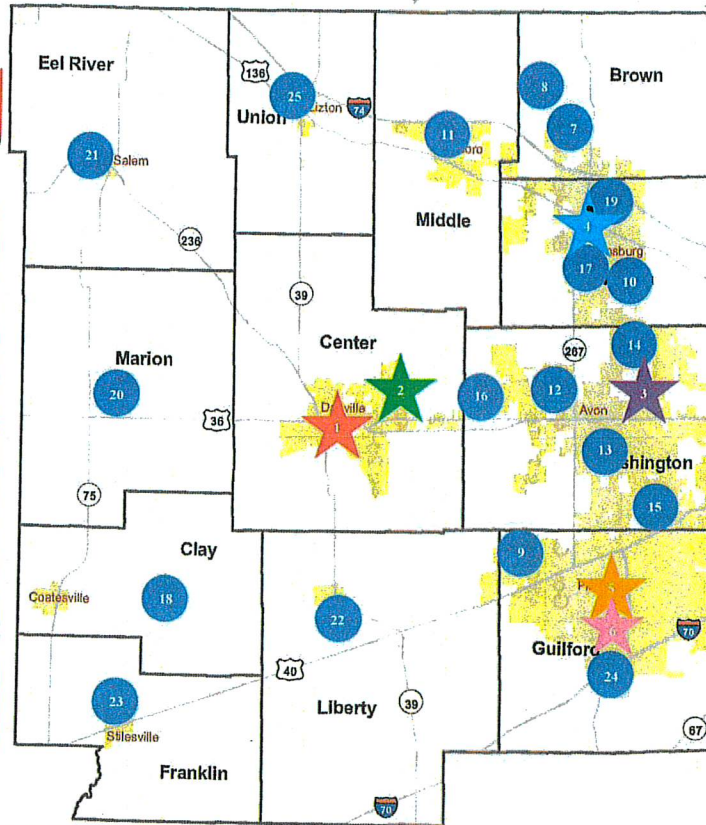
For more news and updates, please also visit nrht.org/vandalia and its Events page.

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



PRIMARY: MAY 7, 2024

2024 HENDRICKS COUNTY ELECTIONS



GENERAL: NOV. 5, 2024



EARLY VOTING

1. Hendricks County Government Center
2. Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
3. Radiant Bible Church
4. Brownsburg Public Library
5. Plainfield Guilford Twp Public Library
6. Guilford Twp Community Center

ELECTION DAY

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6. Guilford Twp Community Center
7. Connection Pointe Christian Church
8. Parkside Bible Church
9. Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 3207
10. F.L. O'Neal Administration Center
(Brownsburg Comm School Corp)

11. Pittsboro Christian Church
12. Avon United Methodist Church
13. Crossroads Church Avon
14. Our Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
15. Plainfield Christian Church
16. Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church
17. Messiah Lutheran ELCA
18. Amo Community Building
19. Brownsburg Fire Territory
20. Revival Community Church
21. North Salem Christian Church
22. Clayton Christian Church
23. Stilesville Town Hall
24. Souls Harbor Assembly of God
25. State Bank (Lizton)

*Locations as of Jan. 11, 2024. Locations may change.

Please visit our website for the latest: <https://www.co.hendricks.in.us/Departments>Voter Registration>



AMO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AWARDED GRANT THROUGH LILLY ENDOWMENT'S 2024 NATIONAL CLERGY RENEWAL PROGRAM

Amo First Baptist Church has received a grant to enable its minister, Rev. Shelly Zook, to participate in the 2024 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations. Amo First Baptist Church is one of approximately 30 congregations in Indiana selected to participate in this competitive program, which is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Established by the Endowment in 1999, the program's grants allow congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from their ministerial duties and responsibilities.

Ministers whose congregations are awarded the grants use their renewal experiences to engage in reflection and renewal. The approach respects the "Sabbath time" concept, offering ministers a carefully considered respite that may include travel, study, rest, prayer and immersive arts and cultural experiences.

Through the program, Indiana congregations may apply for grants to support renewal experiences for their pastors. Collaborative in nature and implementation, the program allows congregations to partner with their ministers in developing experiences that address their unique renewal needs and aspirations. Recognizing that ministers' families are subject to the stress and demands placed on pastoral leaders, the program encourages pastors to involve their families in renewal activities. Congregational needs during the minister's renewal experience also are considered.

Since the Endowment established the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations in 1999 and the National Clergy Renewal Program for congregations in the other 49 states in 2000, more than 3,400 congregations have participated in the program, including the 30 Indiana congregations receiving grants in 2024.

Rev. Zook will be taking a total of sixteen and one-half weeks which will encompass time to rest, reflect, experience creativity, strengthen her personal resolve, reconnect with her family and find balance. The pastor will spend time traveling, health coaching and embarking on a transformative journey of self-discovery and empowerment. The goals are to acquire skills for healing through spiritual, emotional and mental exploration for discovery and healing. To operate from a place of renewal and JOY for herself and the Amo First Baptist fellowship, she imagines what God can do through His people if she were to operate from a positive place and a position of balance.

"Pastors play an important role in nourishing the spiritual lives of individuals and in guiding the work of the Christian congregations they serve," said Christopher L. Coble, the Endowment's vice president for religion. "Through these grants, we seek to honor pastors for their extraordinary service and enable them to engage in a brief period of rest and renewal. We have learned that such experiences invigorate the leadership of pastors and bring new vitality to their congregations as well."

Dr. Robert Saler, director of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs, noted that the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations integrates key attributes of healthy congregations, including a mutual respect for the renewal needs of both ministers and the congregations they serve.

"The program provides an opportunity for congregations to express appreciation for their ministers' service and leadership," Saler said. "At a time when leaders are often praised for their pace of innovation and productivity, the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations pays homage to the timeless wisdom embedded in the practice of reflection and renewal."

Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis directs the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations and a second program for congregations across the United States.

KEEPING YOU IN THE

TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2024

AUGUST

The Community Crossings Grant for drainage and road repair will be applied for in January, with results in late March.

SEPTEMBER

A decision was made to bid on the property at 4962 Vine Street, at the next tax sale on September 20th.

The Town Council signed an Ordinance for the Parks & Recreation Board.

OCTOBER

Town of Amo 2025 Budget was adopted.

Community Building repairs and Interurban sliding door repairs are finished. Greg Burch painted the windows, post and doors at the Interurban. Looks good and thanks.

Donna Watson will be attending the AIM Conference in October.

Security cameras have been ordered for the downtown area.

Town of Amo purchased the property at 4962 Vine Street, at the Hendricks County tax sale.

TOX-AWAY DAY

WHEN?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 8AM - 1PM

WHERE?

-UPDATED LOCATION -

HUMMEL PARK - WEST SIDE

5373 Sugar Grove Road, Plainfield - enter at the green banner flags

WHAT?

Household chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, medicines, medical sharps, and more (accepted for free). Also accepting tires (limits & fees may apply), electronics (TVs: \$20/\$25), & appliances (\$5/\$10). Cash & check only.

WHO?

Hendricks County households only. Wastes from businesses, churches, & other organizations cannot be accepted at Tox-Away Day.

MORE QUESTIONS? VISIT RECYCLEHC.ORG

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

KEEPING YOU IN THE

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

<http://www.amoin.net>



TOWN COUNCIL

2024 Town Council Meetings

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| ** January 11, 2024 | ** July 11, 2024 |
| February 1, 2024 | August 1, 2024 |
| ** March 14, 2024 | September 5, 2024 |
| ** April 11, 2024 | October 3, 2024 |
| May 2, 2024 | WED November 6, 2024 |
| ** June 13, 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

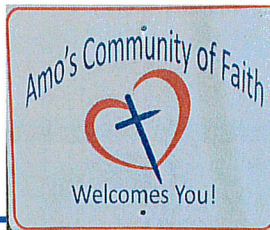
Bring your own musical instrument or voice.

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 Larry Burns @ 317.374.4672



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AMO BAPTIST CHURCH

4779 Pearl St.

PO Box 146

Amo, IN 46103

Rev. Shelly A. Zook

Kelli Tipton, Lay Pastor

317.489.2988 / 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU...

What if I told you that there is a whole group of people who come together frequently to face the same challenges in life that you may face?

What if I told you that there is a whole group of people who come together with thankful hearts to celebrate the goodness of life?

What if I told you that folks come together to learn how to be; better people, better neighbors, to deal with this world that seems to spin out of control at times and to gain answers to what seems to be unanswerable questions?

What if I told you that we do not segregate those who come together by age group, demographics, life-style choices, or any other reason. That we gather in a family style worship service and have a family experience, on a journey together.

We at Amo 1st Baptist come together on Sunday mornings at 10 am to enjoy community time together and to learn something from the Word of God that we can try to apply to our life for the upcoming week and as we continue to face this thing called LIFE.

We celebrate together the good things of life, share a joke, praise and worship and come around the Word of God simply seeking to become better people.

What if I told you that YOU are invited to join us?

God is a gentleman. He does not force His ways on us, He invites us to follow Him. Our approach in your life is the same.

The Light of the World (1851-1854) is an allegorical painting by the English Pre-Raphaelite artist William Holman Hunt (1827-1910) depicts Jesus knocking on the door of our hearts. Note that there is not a door handle on the outside of the door because God will not force His way into our lives but rather invites us to open the doors of our hearts to Him.

These are the words we read in [Revelation 3:20](#), "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (NIV).

You're invited to join us in becoming community, becoming better people, obtaining a peace that passes all understanding, learning morals, ethics and values that we wish to instill in ourselves as we strive to bring Hope into the world.

Won't you join us on a faith journey? OPEN the door and come in! THE DOOR and come on in!



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 Sue Barry, who is dearly missed.

Alice "Sue" Barry, 94, of Clayton, passed away on September 18, 2024. She was born on December 6, 1929 on a farm near Bridgeton, IN to the late Howard & Irma Dow-

en. Sue graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1947. She graduated from Canterbury College in 1950 and then received her Master's from Indiana State. Sue was a teacher for 20 years at various different schools including Amo, New Winchester, Stilesville, Eminence, Brownsburg and Cascade. She belonged to the Amo United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers Sorority and the Alpha Theta Sorority in college. Sue enjoyed going to High School basketball games with her husband, Gilbert. She also liked playing the piano and gardening in her earlier years. Sue loved spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gilbert Barry whom she was married to for 67 years; sisters, Helen Louise Remington, June Kloster and Frances Beabout. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 1:00 pm in Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home where friends may visit from 11:00 am until the time of service at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow in Clayton Cemetery. Survivors include her daughter, Sue Anne (Tom) Stein; son, John Barry; sister, Anne James; grandchildren, Brad Ferguson and Joshua Barry; 6 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Grace Baptist Church (8246 IN-75, Coatesville, IN 46121)

(Copied from Hampton-Gentry Website)

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



LOOKING AHEAD:

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- ** Thursday, October 3, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Amo**
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Community
Thursday, December 14, 2024 / 7:00 p.m.) Building
- ** Second Thursday of the Month**

COLUMBUS DAY: Monday, October 14, 2024

VETERANS DAY: Monday, November 11, 2024

THANKSGIVING DAY: Thursday, November 28, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

POST OFFICE CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

TOWN OF AMO 1st Quarter 2025 Newsletter Deadline: December 31, 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



WELCOME TO AMO

