



*Wisdom Begins In Wonder*

— Socrates —

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2026

Issue 1

Town of Amo Town Council meetings are public meetings. If we have concerns or issues regarding the town, the Town Council meeting is where we should express them. Upon entering the Community Building a Comment Form is available for us to fill out to include our name, the concern and that we would like to speak.



#### TOWN OF AMO ELECTED OFFICIALS

2026

President: *Rene Horn Gay*  
President Pro Tem: *Mark Wicks*  
Council Member: *Donna Watson*  
Clerk-Treasurer: *Barb Strahl*

#### OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES

*Kelsey Freeman*  
Reading Room Attendant  
Community Building Scheduler  
Buildings Custodian  
*Greg Burch*, Handyman  
*Becky Rhea*  
Communication Director  
*Police Officers*—Page 3

#### AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT BOX



Thanks to Emmett Lencke the Town of Amo now has an American Flag Retirement Box! Last September Emmett, who is with Troop 301 in Danville, made a presentation to the Town Council requesting the Town's approval to build and install the box for his Eagle Scout project.

The Town excitedly approved Emmett's request. On Sunday, December 7, 2025, Emmett, his mom and a friend installed the box in front of the Interurban. Emmett and troop 301 will collect the flags from the box. Thank you, Emmett, and all those who assisted with this project! The Town of Amo is honored and proud to have an American Flag Retirement Box in our community!

#### WELCOME TO AMO's NEWEST BUSINESS —

*Dragonflies & Thyme*  
Owner, *Krista Clark*  
4948 Vine Street



Although not open during the winter months, on any given OPEN day *Dragonflies & Thyme* offers a variety of baked goods, jellies, coffee and hot cocoa mix and more! Watch for the stand to open again in early spring!

## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

### **TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2025 and JANUARY 2026**

#### **NOVEMBER, 2025**

Amo Master Park Plan was received for review.

The Museum is moving along and we encourage you to visit it.

The Town applied for a Community Crossings Grant.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for REACH Alert if you have not done so. Contact Donna Watson for more information.

The Town of Amo now owns the old Mitchell garage, and plans for a small park is being discussed. The Town will get a survey and a group for ideas on this property for moving forward.

The Title VI Implementation Plan is now complete.

The Town of Amo ADA Transition Plan is now complete.

The Town donated a couple of raffle baskets for the Mill Creek West basket raffle. These baskets raise funds for 5th grade, THRIVE and the Backpack Ministry.

#### **DECEMBER, 2025**

The Amo Park Master Plan 2025-2029 was presented for approval. The Park Board has made all necessary additions and corrections. They will discuss future plans for fundraising for the park.

The Museum has compiled some photos from Jackie Eggers' estate into a scrapbook which may be viewed at the Museum. We continue to have many Amo history items donated. Please stop by. The Museum Committee voted to frame a page layout from THE REPUBLICAN newspaper about Cascade Football winning state to be presented to them.

The Town of Amo has been selected by INDOT to receive a Community Crossings Grant. This grant will cover 2 areas—East Street from South Street to Church Street and then Church Street to Walnut Street. Amount of the grant will be 80% of project at \$42,536.80, and the Town's portion coming in at \$10,634.20.

It was announced that the 2026 Amo Fire Department & Cascade Youth League Fish Fry will be June 4, 5, 6.

### **TOWN HIGHLIGHTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2025 and JANUARY 2026 (Continued)**

#### **DECEMBER, 2025 (Continued)**

I still encourage people in town to sign up your house for the free service of REACH. This system is maintained by Board member Donna Watson, Fire Chief Dustin Strahl and Town Marshal Chris Nelson. This system will text or e-mail you about events, weather warnings or police activity to watch for. **KEEP INFORMED!** You may enter more than 1 name under your contact. I have my kids signed up under mine and none live in Amo, however, it lets them know our information. It's easy and free! Please sign up!

— Donna Watson

Please see page 3 for how to sign up for REACH.

Next year's 1st Baptist Church's Car Show will be September 19, 2026 with a rain date of September 26, 2026.

The Board was approached by a representative of the Cascade Care Closet for a donation. Please see page 4 for information about this.

The Board brought up a project from Cascade Athletic Department for funding rings and jerseys for the Cascade Class 3A State Champions.

#### **JANUARY, 2026**

Election of Town Council officers for the year 2026 are named on Page 1.

Community Crossings Grant bids will be due in February and awarded at the February meeting.

The Town voted to give the Cascade Care Closet a \$500 donation.

The Pavement Asset Management Report has been approved by the State (LTAP).

The Interurban & Community Building recently underwent a deep cleaning.

The Amo History Museum Committee still has t-shirts for sale; to purchase a shirt please contact Becky Rhea @ 317.281.8996.

Park Board Officers for the year 2026 are: President—Dustin Strahl; Vice President — Becky Rhea, Secretary — Brian Williams, Members — Gina Wicks and Melissa Allison. Melissa was also reelected for a term of 4 years.

## KEEPING YOU IN THE



### VANDALIA TRAIL — Please use the Trail!

For more news and updates, please visit [nrht.org/vandalia](http://nrht.org/vandalia).

Enjoy the trails!

Greg Midgley, National Road Heritage Trail, Inc.  
[greg@nrht.org](mailto:greg@nrht.org)  
[www.facebook.com/NRHTInc](http://www.facebook.com/NRHTInc)

"Check out" a book at the  
**LITTLE LIBRARY**  
 Located at the trailhead  
 Feel free to add books as well!



### TO SIGN UP FOR REACH ALERT:

1. Go to [www.V2.reachalert.com](http://www.V2.reachalert.com) and enter Amo in the select a network box and click on our name when it appears.
2. Enter your name then enter your text phone #. If you do not have free text, then it also will allow you to enter an e-mail or a call phone number.
3. Under the text number you can enter other numbers also, if you want your spouse or children to have access to our alerts.
4. At the end it has a place for your physical address. This is **IMPORTANT** to enter so we know which houses are on the ALERT.

### READING ROOM / INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM

**Wi-Fi Available in the Interurban**

**Open Hours**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5 — 7 PM**  
**Wednesdays: 10 AM — Noon**  
**First Saturday of Each Month: 10 AM — Noon**



Miss Kelsey is ready  
 to greet you!

Have you been in since we  
 rearranged everything?!  
 Better lighting, too!

The Museum continues to receive some  
 cool memorabilia! If you have an item you  
 would like to donate, please bring it to the  
 Museum during Open Hours.

### AMO POLICE DEPARTMENT



**FOR EMERGENCIES**

**911**

Contact Amo Police  
 @ 317.539.6030

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chris Nelson

**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE:** John Vehling

**PATROL OFFICER:** David Gunn

**PATROL OFFICER:** Ben Olyphant

**DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN:** Rev. Shelly Zook

## MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

### SHOP CLASS

Mr. Scotty Stepp is in his first year teaching at Cascade; he previously studied and taught at DePauw University as well as having taught at Carmel High School. Last year Cascade offered Masonry, however, this is the first year in many years Shop has been offered. This is the first year Mr. Stepp has taught Shop. His experience in carpentry comes from many years of working summers in the construction industry and renovating houses.

Currently the students are working on scale model homes and building shelves for the Cascade Care Closet. The class also works closely with the THRIVE class projects. It is obvious Mr. Stepp enjoys teaching; in talking with him he exudes enthusiasm. He said it excites him to have an impact on the young men and their careers!

Mr. Stepp applied for and was awarded the October Hendricks County Extension Homemaker's Teacher Grant. "Mr. Stepp said that this money will go a long way in providing the students with much needed non-reusable supplies." (Copied from the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Press Release)

A freelance musician, he enjoys teaching music and playing the saxophone. Outside of teaching Mr. Stepp loves spending time and playing board games with his wife, Erika, who is an Assistant Elementary Principal at two schools, son Luke who is 10, and daughter Mila who is 7. They also continue to renovate their house.



THANK YOU, Mr. Stepp, for your passion for the education of our youth!

We appreciate the time you allowed us to visit and photograph your class.

"Hey, everyone! I'm Bayli Cline and for the past five years I've had the privilege, of working at Cascade High School. Around here I wear a few hats. Currently I work as a 1:1 instructional assistant and also run the Cascade Care Closet, something that means more to me than I can really put into words.

My hope is that when a student walks into the Care Closet they not only find what they need, but they also feel a little lighter, a little more like they belong. And maybe one day, they'll remember that feeling and go on to spread that same kind of kindness." (Copied from the Cascade Care Closet Facebook page with permission by Bayli)



THANK YOU, Bayli, for your care, love, enthusiasm and dedication for the Cascade Care Closet!

## Cascade Care Closet

Supporting Cadets with basic needs.

A FREE resource providing clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and emergency essentials to students and families in our community.

### WAYS TO DONATE

- Drop off at the Cascade High School Main Office or Amo Plaza
- Amazon Wishlist
- Accepts: Gently used clothing (clean, good condition)

Monetary Donation  
→ [squareup.com/charity/cascade-care-closet](https://squareup.com/charity/cascade-care-closet)  
\*\*Small 2.9% of the donation goes to processing fees taken by Square\*\*



CASCADE CARE CLOSET

### HOW TO ACCESS

- Contact us on Instagram or Facebook
- Email: [Carecloset@mccsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Carecloset@mccsc.k12.in.us)
- Students can use the google form

Follow us to stay updated on needs and wins!



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## MILL CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

**CONGRATULATIONS CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**  
**STATE CHAMPIONS—3A**

**The TOWN OF AMO Is So Proud Of You!!**

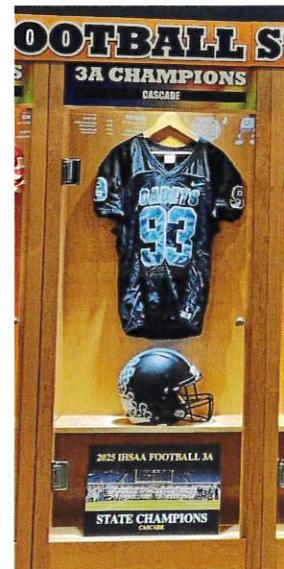


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Thank you @Colts, @LucasOilStadium, and @IHSAA1 for the awesome display of this year's state champions!  
#GOCADETS



Copied From  
Cascade High  
School Athletics  
Facebook Page



Don't forget to recycle your bottle caps for Thrive!! Amo Collection Boxes are located in Amo Pizza and General Store, Mill Creek West Elementary and Amo Community Building. Thrive collects the bottle caps for picnic tables and benches.

Other collection locations include all Front Offices of Mill Creek School Corporation schools, Clayton Library, 5199 Iowa Street, Clayton 46118.



## 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

Wi-Fi Available in the Community Building

### 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

**2nd Quarter 2026 Newsletter Deadline:** March 20, 2026. If you have submissions for the Newsletter, please e-mail to Becky Rhea @ [rarhea23@gmail.com](mailto:rarhea23@gmail.com) or call her @ 317.281.8996. All submissions are at the discretion of the Amo elected officials and the Communication Director.



<http://www.amoin.net>

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



Town of Amo, Indiana

### TOWN COUNCIL

#### 2026 Town Council Meetings

** January 8, 2026	** July 9, 2026
February 5, 2026	August 6, 2026
March 5, 2026	September 10, 2026
** April 9, 2026	** October 8, 2026
May 7, 2026	November 5, 2026
** June 11, 2026	December 3, 2026

\*\* 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 — *Rene Gay*

President Pro Tem — *Mark Wicks*

Council Member — *Donna Watson*

Clerk-Treasurer — *Barb Strahl*

Town Council Board Term is  
1-1-2024 — 12-31-2027

TOWN PHONE NUMBER: 317.539.6030

Live-streaming of the Town of Amo Town Council meetings may be accessed at [YOUTUBE.COM / Town of Amo, IN Monthly Meeting](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofAmoIN).

### AMO JAM

**\*\* SUSPENDED UNTIL MARCH, 2026 \*\***

**EVERY TUESDAY EVENING / 6:00—8:30 PM**  
(Weather Permitting)

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 please.

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  
317.489.2988 / 1stbaptistamo@gmail.com

Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Follow us on Facebook, or contact our  
Pastor for more information.

**Mill Creek Fellowship**  
(Formerly Amo United Methodist)  
P.O. Box 84  
Amo, IN 46103



Worship Service - 9:30 AM  
*Communion* is celebrated  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month  
Amo Community Building  
5046 Sycamore Street

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.

## 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 on a leash and under  
control at all times.



Trinity Center / Storehouse Food Pantry  
4794 Vine Street / P.O. Box 75  
Amo, IN 46103

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

The Storehouse Food Pantry is seeking  
board members. A pantry board member  
helps to make decisions to steer the operations  
of the Food Pantry/Trinity Center  
(formerly the Amo Friends Church). We participate  
in the Hendricks County Food Coalition and pick-up donations for our clients.

We would like to have two more members  
from the Amo community. If you are interested in participating, any member of the Board would be happy to meet with you and answer any questions you might have regarding serving the community. Current Board Members: Jeanne Bryant, David Dumser, Carolyn Porter and Shelly Zook. Being a part of this service to Amo and its residents is a great blessing. If you have an hour a month to offer in service, you can serve in this meaningful and valuable community service.

We collect donations at Trinity Center on the 2nd Saturday of every month and serve clients on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 am to Noon. We serve an average of 14 in/around the Town of Amo. For more information call 317.489.2988.

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

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL, HISTORY MUSEUM & PARKS BOARD MEETINGS:**

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, January 6, 2026 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, January 6, 2026 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, February 5, 2026 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, February 5, 2026 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, February 5, 2026 / 7:00 PM

INTERURBAN HISTORY MUSEUM COM—Thursday, March 5, 2026 / 4:00 PM

PARKS BOARD—Thursday, March 5, 2026 / 6:00 PM

COUNCIL—Thursday, March 5, 2026 / 7:00 PM

\*\* Second Thursday of the Month

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE AMO COMMUNITY BUILDING  
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

**POST OFFICE CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS**

*Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 19, 2026*

*Presidents' Day: Monday, February 16, 2026*

**Box Holder**

**Amo, Indiana 46103**

**The Town of Amo**

**Dumpster is NOT for**

**Town Residents' Use**

**TOWN'S DUMPING ONLY**



**WELCOME TO AMO**



**INDIANA**  
The Hoosier State



**Hendricks  
County**

