

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

WINTER 2016

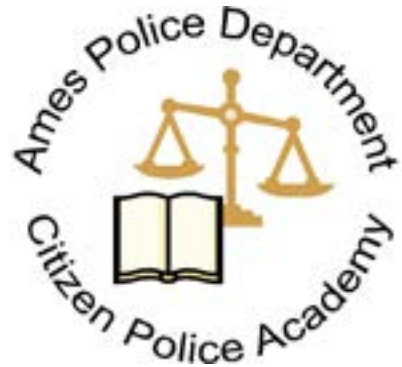
CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY SESSION IN FEBRUARY

Community members are invited to apply for the next session of the Ames Police Department Citizen Police Academy. The 33rd session of the academy will meet Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. for eight weeks from February through March 2016.

The course covers different operations including hands-on scenarios relating to crime scene investigations, use of force, police ethics, firearms training, and traffic stops.

“The Citizen Police Academy is a great way to learn about how the department works on a daily basis and get to know your local police on a more personal level,” said Eric Snyder, Community Resource Officer.

There is no cost to participants, but eligible applicants must live or work in Ames, be



19 years of age or older, have no felony convictions anywhere, and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Officer Snyder at esnyder@city.ames.ia.us or 515.239.5432.

WHAT TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

• **Snow Ordinance:** When snow accumulation reaches two inches on the main City streets, be prepared to move your vehicle if you park along a snow route. When the snow ordinance goes into effect, vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed. Snow routes are marked with red and white “Emergency Snow Route” signs. To view the snow route map on the City’s website, go to www.cityofames.org/snow.

• **Sidewalks:** Please remember that property owners or tenants are responsible for clearing sidewalks within 10 daylight hours from the last snow accumulation. To report a snow or ice covered sidewalk, email snowwalks@city.ames.ia.us, or leave a message on the City’s dedicated Snow Walks hotline, 515.239.5468, with the address of the covered walk.

• **Fire Hydrants:** During snow and ice control operations, fire hydrants tend to get buried under snow. Residents are asked to review the location of fire hydrants near their properties. If the hydrant is covered, clearing an area three feet wide around the hydrant will ensure that the Ames Fire Department can locate the hydrant quickly during an emergency. If you need assistance clearing snow around the hydrant, please call the Ames Fire Department, Station No. 1, at 515.239.5109.

BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

Street ‘N’ Greet Block Party Trailer Reservations for the 2016 season begin **March 15**. Reservations can be made online at www.cityofames.org/trailer, or by calling the Planning and Housing Department at 515.239.5400. The trailer is available free of charge to Ames residents for use at neighborhood parties, and may be reserved weekends from April until the end of October.

PUBLIC TREE PLANTING

The City of Ames has partnered with the Ames Foundation to expedite the reforestation of public areas impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Through Fall 2015, more than 150 trees have been planted in the Roosevelt, Friendship, Emanon, Historic Old Town, North Old Town, and Sunrise neighborhoods. This effort will be expanded into other areas with annual fall and spring plantings.

The Foundation's focus is to raise private funds and mobilize volunteers to plant 300-400 trees annually, beyond what the City of Ames will install as part of its reforestation plan. This will ensure that Ames' neighborhood canopies are restored more quickly.

Learn more about how you can contribute to the Foundation's Ames Community Tree Program at www.amesfoundation.org/trees. For more information about the City's EAB Response Plan, visit www.cityofames.org/trees.

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
Feb. 2, 3 and 4**
Budget Meetings, 5:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Budget Wrap-Up, 5:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Monday, Feb. 15
Presidents Day, City offices closed

Tuesday, March 1
Final Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Saturday, April 2
Eco Fair, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Community Center Gymnasium

For more events and meeting dates, visit www.cityofames.org.