

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

SUMMER 2016

TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR VACATION

By Eric Snyder, Ames Police Community Resource Officer

Vacation: A temporary reprieve from the real world. The only negative is the trip back home and the realization that you are about to return to the responsibilities you left behind. What could make that feeling worse?

Imagine returning home to find your residence was burglarized while you were away. The dreaded task of unpacking and returning to work tomorrow has just been put on hold for a police report, an inventory of what was taken, and cleaning up the damage.

Burglaries are crimes of opportunity. A few simple steps can help prevent this situation.

- Before you leave, ensure that all windows and doors are locked.

- Move valuables out of sight. Leaving these items out can make you a target.
- If you will be gone for more than a day or two, consider having mail and deliveries suspended or have a friend or neighbor pick them up. Also, consider making arrangements for lawn care (or snow removal in the winter).
- Tell a trusted friend or neighbor when you will be gone and ask them to watch for suspicious activity.



For more information on securing your residence, contact Community Resource Officer Eric Snyder at esnyder@city.ames.ia.us or 515.239.5432.

REDUCE, REUSE AT RUMMAGE RAMPAGE

The City of Ames, in partnership with the ISU Office of Sustainability, will host "Rummage RAMPage," a new event planned for the end of July to keep reusable items out of the landfill during move out and lease changeovers. Rummage RAMPage will be held at the Ames Intermodal Facility parking ramp, 129 Hayward Ave.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided among the non-profit volunteer groups that assist. The official dates are still being determined, but drop off of items and the rummage sale will tentatively occur between Friday, July 29, and Monday, Aug. 1. Items will be "priced to move" at \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20. The sale will be open to everyone.

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For updates on specific times and dates, go to www.cityofames.org.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUG. 2

The Ames Police Department invites residents to celebrate community crime prevention efforts at National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Bandshell Park, 125 E. Fifth St. The evening will be filled with fun activities for people of all ages.

The event provides an opportunity to share crime prevention success stories, discuss different ways of implementing safety programs in your neighborhood, and meet and mingle with neighbors.

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STEVENSON/POLK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

The Stevenson/Polk Drive neighborhood held a block party on June 18. About 60 neighbors gathered to enjoy food, games, face painting, a visit by firefighters from Station 1, and even a movie, "Zootopia," which was projected onto a large white tarp in a neighbor's garage. The neighborhood reserved the City's Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer for the event, using the tables, chairs, and games included with the trailer.

The Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer is fully booked for the 2016 season. Reservations for 2017 will open in mid-March 2017. For more information, go to www.cityofames.org/trailer.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, July 3

Fireworks, dusk

Monday, July 4

- Independence Day, City offices closed
- Community Pancake Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30 a.m., City Hall
- Parade
11 a.m., Downtown Ames

Friday-Monday, July 29-Aug. 1*

Rummage RAMPage,
Ames Intermodal Facility parking
ramp, 129 Hayward Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

National Night Out
5-8 p.m., Bandshell Park

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day, City offices closed

*tentative dates; see front

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



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