

# Neighborhood News

## Quarterly Neighborhood Update

WINTER 2017

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Northeast Ames has a new Neighborhood Association (NA). The Inis Grove Neighborhood Association encompasses approximately 100 homes around Inis Grove Park along Duff Avenue, generally north of 22nd Street. The neighborhood is completely residential, with most homes constructed in the mid- to late-1960s.

"We are a fairly diverse neighborhood, with young families as well as retirees," said Martin Edelson, spokesperson for the Inis Grove NA. "Organizing the Inis Grove NA has provided many in the neighborhood with increased opportunities to meet our neighbors and discuss issues of common interest."

Neighbors are learning how to engage with city government by attending meetings, reading online postings, and by speaking to their Council representative. "Neighborhood Associations can facilitate effective, two-way communications between city government and city residents. We believe that the Inis Grove NA will be beneficial not only to our neighborhood, but to the city as well," Edelson said.

For information on starting a Neighborhood Association, contact Julie Gould, Planner, at 515.239.5400.



Boundary of Inis Grove Neighborhood Association -----

### GOULD IS NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Julie Gould, Planner, is the City's new neighborhood liaison for residents and neighborhood associations. The neighborhood liaison position serves as an important component in building strong neighborhoods.



"I am excited to act as neighborhood liaison and have the opportunity to build, strengthen and provide resources and ideas that are beneficial to the neighborhoods and their goals," said Gould. She hopes to promote productive communication and collaboration between neighborhoods and City government.

Gould can be reached at 515.239.5400 or [jgould@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:jgould@city.ames.ia.us).

### NEW LOOK FOR BLOCK PARTY TRAILER IN 2017

The Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer will sport a brand new look in 2017! 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.

Reservations of the trailer for the 2017 season begin **Monday, March 13**. Reservations can be made online at [www.cityofames.org/trailer](http://www.cityofames.org/trailer), or by calling 515.239.5400.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. NEWSLETTER GRANTS AVAILABLE

All Neighborhood Associations that are currently registered with the Ames City Clerk are eligible to apply for a Neighborhood Association Newsletter Grant of up to \$1,000.

Financial assistance through this grant is limited to cost of printing or postage of a Neighborhood Association newsletter, but not both, for one fiscal year. The newsletter must be distributed to every household within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Association.

For additional information and a grant application form, go to **www.cityofames.org/newslettergrant**.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING PLANNED

The Planning Department will host an informal meeting for neighborhood association representatives to meet other leaders and City staff. The meeting will occur in **early February**. Watch for an invitation in the mail for the specific time, date, and location.

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For more information contact the Public Relations Office

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# IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
Feb. 7, 8 and 9**

Budget Meetings, 5:15 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

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

**Monday, Feb. 20**

Presidents Day, City offices closed

**Tuesday, March 7**

Final Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

**Monday, March 13**

Block Party Trailer Reservations  
Open (see front)

**Saturday, March 25**

Eco Fair, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Community Center Gymnasium

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