

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

SPRING 2017

IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NIP GRANT

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) grants of up to \$5,000 are available to Ames neighborhoods.

The purpose of the NIP is to strengthen a neighborhood's appearance with the addition of permanent physical improvements and to promote a greater sense of community through resident participation in a neighborhood project.

Neighbors work together to plan and implement their project. The grant money must be matched with funds, labor, and/or materials.

For more information about the NIP or for an application form, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/NIP, or contact Diane Voss, City Clerk, at 515.239.5105.



NIP in Action: Historic Old Town neighborhood residents used a Neighborhood Improvement Project grant to make renovations to Old Town Park. Renovations included plantings, installation of limestone walls and edging, and replacement of a sculpture through the City's Public Art program.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD

A meeting with neighborhood association representatives was held Feb. 23 at Ames Public Library. Approximately 12 neighborhood associations were represented.

Grants and programs available to neighborhood associations, updates on the Lincoln Way Corridor Plan, and other topics of interest to neighborhoods were discussed. Betty Boccella from the Story County Coalition for Disaster Recovery gave a short talk on disaster preparedness in Story County. Spring is here, and with it, the potential for severe weather. She encouraged all to develop an emergency preparedness plan. For more information on severe weather preparedness, email storycountyiowacdr@gmail.com.

YARD WASTE FREE DAY IN MAY

The annual spring Yard Waste Free Day has been tentatively set for Saturday, May 13. Specific information will be listed on the City's website at www.CityOfAmes.org by the end of April.

Please remember that yard waste is not accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant and cannot be thrown into the garbage. Residents may contact their private garbage hauler for options for yard waste disposal or consider composting yard waste as another option.

RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR BLOCK PARTY TRAILER



Having a neighborhood gathering is easy with the Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer. The trailer contains street barricades, folding tables and chairs, outdoor games, and more, and is available free of charge to Ames residents for use at neighborhood block parties.

London Drive Block Party: June 2016.

The Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer may be reserved for weekends through the end of October, and is available for **two events per weekend**. Choose from Fridays from 5 – 9 p.m., or Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. For more information or to reserve the trailer, go to www.cityofames.org/trailer, or contact Joe Newman, Parks and Recreation Department, at 515.239.5341.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 29

Ames Trees Forever Voucher Day
9:30 a.m. registration,
Earl May or Country Landscapes,
Ames

Saturday, May 13

Proposed date for
Spring Yard Waste Free Day

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day
City offices closed

Thursday, June 8

City Council Night at the Bandshell
with Simon Estes, 7 p.m.
Bandshell Park

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