

# Neighborhood News

## Quarterly Neighborhood Update

SUMMER 2017

### BUILD COMMUNITY WITH STREET PAINTING

Strong neighborhoods are the building blocks of a vibrant, connected community. The City of Ames offers a variety of initiatives to help residents foster a strong neighborhood, including Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP) grants, Street 'N' Greet Block Party trailer, Neighborhood Sculpture Program, and the Safe Neighborhoods Team, to name a few.

Another program available to residents is the Neighborhood Street Painting ordinance. Adopted in 2009, the purpose of this ordinance is to establish a mechanism by which city residents can come together and paint an aesthetically pleasing mural on a public street. Specifically, the ordinance aims at strengthening neighborhood unity; improving, or at least maintaining, traffic safety and the safety of individuals at or in the vicinity of the mural; creating an



Neighbors painted a mural running the entire length of Lee Street in central Ames depicting scenes from all four seasons. Winter is pictured.

aesthetically pleasing neighborhood connection spot; and nurturing connectivity between neighbors and with the city government.

For more information on how your neighborhood can implement a street painting project, please contact Julie Gould, Neighborhood Liaison, at [jgould@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:jgould@city.ames.ia.us) or 515.239.5400.

### HOSTING A BLOCK PARTY? SEND US PHOTOS

Is your neighborhood hosting a block party this summer? If so, send us a photo and a short description of your party for possible publication in a future Neighborhood News.



Submit photos and information for Neighborhood News by email to: [neighborhoodnews@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:neighborhoodnews@city.ames.ia.us).

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUG. 1

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. 1, at Bandshell Park, 125 E. Fifth St. The evening will be filled with activities for people of all ages. National Night Out is a community-building campaign designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

For more information, contact Sgt. Derek Grooters at [dgrooters@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:dgrooters@city.ames.ia.us) or 515.231.4661.

## SECOND RUMMAGE RAMPAGE PLANNED FOR JULY-AUGUST

The second annual Rummage RAMPage a community garage sale will be Friday, July 28, through Wednesday, Aug. 2, at the Ames Intermodal Facility, 129 Hayward Ave. Hosted by the City of Ames and the ISU Office of Sustainability, the sale seeks to keep items out of the landfill by collecting donations of still-usable items and selling them at a giant sale open to the public. Proceeds are divided among local nonprofits helping at the event.

Last year's debut Rummage RAMPage successfully diverted 22 tons of furniture and housewares from the landfill and raised more than \$5,000 for local non-profit agencies.

### Sale hours:

- July 28: noon-6 p.m., DROP OFF ONLY
- July 29: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., drop off & sales
- July 30, 31, & Aug. 1: noon-6 p.m., drop off & sales
- Aug. 2, noon-4 p.m., SALES ONLY

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

For more information, contact  
the Public Relations Office

515.239.5204  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday, July 3

Fireworks, dusk

### Tuesday, 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, July 28 - Wednesday, Aug. 2\*

Rummage RAMPage  
Ames Intermodal Facility  
129 Hayward Ave.

\*hours listed above

### Tuesday, Aug. 1

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

### Monday, Sept. 4

Labor Day, City offices closed

For more events and meeting  
dates, visit [www.CityOfAmes.org](http://www.CityOfAmes.org).



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