

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

FALL 2017

START A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The City of Ames Neighborhood Association list was updated this summer to reflect only those associations that are currently active. Unfortunately, several associations have become inactive.

Neighborhood Associations are important. They build stronger communities by organizing neighborhood improvement projects, encouraging the discussion of ideas which affect the neighborhood, and promoting friendship and fostering a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood. Depending on the needs of an area, the reason for forming an association may vary. Sometimes it is as simple as adjusting the boundaries of an association to keep it active and the momentum going.

A neighborhood association can benefit an area directly and the community at large by fostering communication with government officials, businesses, and other groups. These connections help create partnerships within a neighborhood and aid in a strong neighborhood network. Please consider starting an association or re-activating an existing one.

For information regarding neighborhood associations and available neighborhood programs, contact Neighborhood Liaison Julie Gould at jgould@cityofames.org.



GOT ART?

Add some art to your neighborhood! The Neighborhood Sculpture Program permanently places sculptures from the Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE) in Ames neighborhoods. The artwork must be displayed in a "public" area that is open and can be accessed by the citizens of Ames, such as a neighborhood park or cul-de-sac.

Applications and photos of the 2017 AAOSE sculptures are available at www.cityofames.org/PAC. When completing an application, be sure to include where the sculpture might be placed, which sculpture your neighborhood is interested in and any other considerations. **The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.**



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MAP

The Ames Neighborhood Association Map was updated to detail the current Neighborhood Associations as of July 2017. The updated map can be found on the City of Ames website at: www.cityofames.org/neighborhoods. The map allows residents to identify if they are located within an active neighborhood association. The various City departments also use this map to as a means to contact neighborhood associations about both city-wide and location-specific events.

FALL YARD WASTE FREE DAYS

Yard Waste Free Days will be held on four Saturdays this fall. The scheduled days to dispose of your leaves free of charge are **Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 (includes brush), and Dec. 2**, at 400 Freeland Drive. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those participating in Yard Waste Free Days are asked to enter the site from Southeast Fifth Street (via South Dayton Avenue) and exit onto Lincoln Way.



Yard Waste Site Directions

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For more information,
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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Town Budget Meeting, 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Saturday, Oct. 14

Fire Station Open House, 9 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Trick-or-Treating in Ames,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Election Day, polls open at 7 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 10

Veterans Day, City offices closed

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23 & 24

Thanksgiving, City Offices closed

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26

Christmas, City offices closed

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

New Year's Day, City offices closed

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