

# Neighborhood News

## Quarterly Neighborhood Update

**SPRING 2018**

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT HEALTHY LIFE CENTER**

The City of Ames has partnered with Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC), Iowa State University, Des Moines Area Community College, Story County, and Heartland Senior Services to explore building an intergenerational Healthy Life Center in Ames. The Healthy Life Center would provide opportunities for physical activity, social connections, improved nutrition, multi-generational interaction, rehabilitation services, and an overall focus on health.

Key components of the center include Heartland Senior Services Adult Day Center, physical therapy space for MGMC, indoor playground, walking/ jogging track, teaching/participation kitchen, meeting and classroom space, community gardens, cafe, gym space, and an indoor warm-water aquatic center.

Funding for the proposed center would come from the collaboration partners, private fundraising, and community support through a bond referendum. The total cost for the facility is estimated at \$48.7 million.

For more information, visit [www.CityOfAmes.org/HealthyLifeCenter](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/HealthyLifeCenter).

Learn more about the Healthy Life Center at one of these public information meetings:

- **Thursday, May 3**  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Ames Public Library Auditorium
- **Monday, May 7**  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Mitchell Elementary School Commons/Lunchroom
- **Wednesday, May 9**  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Ames High School Commons
- **Tuesday, May 15**  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Ames Middle School Commons

## **RENTAL ORDINANCE FEEDBACK WELCOME**

The City Council has been working on creating new rental occupancy ordinances since last September. At its March 27 meeting, the City Council approved the first reading of several ordinances in Section 13 – Rental Housing of the Municipal Code. The ordinances address single-family occupancy in Near Campus Neighborhoods, add the definition of adult, and add clarifications to the definition of “owner-occupied.”

On April 10 and 24, the City Council will be discussing the option of adopting a rental concentration limit of 25 percent

in Near Campus Neighborhoods. These Near Campus Neighborhoods are the same eight areas identified as a moratorium area in October 2017.

Feedback on the proposed ordinances is welcome. To leave feedback or for more information related to occupancy, please contact Sara Van Meeteren, Building Official, at [svanmeeteren@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:svanmeeteren@city.ames.ia.us). To leave feedback or for more information related to rental concentration, please contact Julie Gould, Planner, at [jgould@city.ames.ia.us](mailto:jgould@city.ames.ia.us). Information is also available at [www.CityOfAmes.org/RentalHousing](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/RentalHousing).

## CITY WELCOMES NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The City of Ames welcomes a new Neighborhood Association (NA), Reiman West.

Reiman West NA, which includes properties on Greenbriar Circle, is small but active and has been meeting consistently for many years. They recently submitted an application to be an official NA recognized by the City.

Look for an updated Neighborhood Association Map on the City's website, [www.CityOfAmes.org/neighborhoods](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/neighborhoods) and remember to keep your neighborhood association contact information up to date with Julie Gould, Neighborhood Liaison, at 515.239.5400.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# IMPORTANT DATES

### Saturday, April 21

Yard Waste Free Day, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
400 Freel Drive

### Saturday, April 21

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

### Saturday, April 28

Ames Trees Forever Voucher Day  
9:30 a.m. registration  
Lowe's or Country Landscapes, Ames

### Saturday, May 12

Mayor's Bike Ride, 9 a.m.  
City Hall start

### Monday, May 14

Bike to Work Week Kickoff Breakfast  
7 - 9 a.m., in front of City Hall

### Saturday, May 26

Furman Aquatic Center  
opens for season

### Monday, May 28

Memorial Day  
City offices closed

### Thursday, June 7

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

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