

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

WINTER 2019

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE HAS BEGUN

Get involved in 2019! The City of Ames has kicked off its efforts for updating its community planning through the year 2040.

The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997 and was principally concerned with land use and growth of Ames through 2030. The city has eclipsed many of the growth projections and altered its growth assumptions and patterns contained in the current plan. Due to the changes, the City Council determined that the City would pursue the preparation of a new Comprehensive Plan.

The creation of a new Comprehensive Plan will be an 18-month process that includes multiple phases of public

participation on issues related to new development, growth, and sustaining the existing community. The first phase of public outreach is to identify people's interests and visions for the future.

We invite people to participate online and in person at outreach meetings in February and in the spring. Neighborhood interests will be represented through interviews with Neighborhood Association leaders as well as through public meetings located throughout the community. More specific information will be provided on dates and times on the City's website at www.CityOfAmes.org/CompPlan.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT HELD

The City Council held a Neighborhood Summit workshop on Oct. 16, 2018. Several neighborhoods were represented and shared active and completed projects that benefit their neighborhood and help create a sense of community.

The meeting also included an overview of existing neighborhood programs that are available to all neighborhoods. City Council discussed Neighborhood Associations guidelines, how to encourage and support associations, updating the neighborhoods webpage, and provided an opportunity for neighborhood leaders to learn from each other. In February, staff will host a meeting with Neighborhood Associations to discuss changes regarding Neighborhood Association qualifications.

PAC BIRDHOUSE CONTEST

The City of Ames Public Art Commission (PAC) is hosting a Birdhouse Competition as part of its Art in the Parks program. All Ames residents are invited to tap into their creativity and celebrate the beauty in nature. The birdhouses will be placed in park locations based on intended birdhouse types, with Moore Memorial Park being the preferred location if appropriate for the submitted houses.

Competition registration begins Jan. 14. A variety of entry categories are offered. Go to www.CityOfAmes.org/Birdhouses for more information.



TRIPP STREET EXTENSION COMPLETED

Mayor John Haila and Ames City Council members celebrated the completion of the Tripp Street extension at a ribbon-cutting event on Nov. 27. The project extends Tripp Street from Wilmoth Avenue east to State Avenue.



The Tripp Street extension was paid for by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and represents the first step in developing the former Ames Middle School site into a mixed-income housing development.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

For more information contact the Public Relations Office

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day,
City Offices closed

Friday, Feb. 1

Budget Overview, 2 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Feb. 5, 6 and 7

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12

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

Monday, Feb. 18

Presidents Day, City offices closed

Tuesday, March 5

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

Monday, March 11

Block Party Trailer Reservations Open

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



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