

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

SPRING 2019

AMES PLAN 2040 PROCESS CONTINUES

As you may have heard, the City of Ames kicked off efforts to update our comprehensive plan through 2040.

Ames Plan 2040 is the City's initiative to establish a vision for its future.

The plan will include goals and principles defining priorities for the City as they relate to growth, development, and quality of life. Efforts were kicked off in February. There have been a few open houses and several focus groups to gather input from the citizens of Ames. A focus group was held with neighborhood association representatives on March 7. Those in attendance identified "big ideas"



they have for both the City and their neighborhood.

Please take the online survey at www.cityofames.org/AmesPlan2040. The survey allows input on the existing community, future development, transportation, infrastructure and many other topics. **RDG, the City's consultant, will present the input that has been gathered and next steps to the City Council at its April 2 meeting.**

To stay up to date on the process, please visit www.cityofames.org/CompPlan.

FLOODPLAIN MAPS BEING UPDATED

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are working with the City of Ames to present preliminary floodplain maps to Ames and Story County citizens. These preliminary maps are an update of the existing maps, which date back to 2008, and will become the basis for local communities' floodplain management measures. Insurance companies will use the maps to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and contents.

As a result of these map changes, some buildings throughout Story County may, for the first time, be included in a high-risk flood zone, known as the Special Flood Hazard Area. This may result in those affected property owners being required to purchase flood insurance. You can find more information on the Planning Department's webpage at www.cityofames.org/floodmap.

ECO FAIR IS APRIL 20

The annual City of Ames Eco Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in the Community Center Gym, 515 Clark Ave.

A new feature this year will be a series of short mini-seminars on a variety of topics including watersheds, pollinator gardens and bees, bike commuting, composting, and bird watching. A story time for kids will also be held at 11 a.m.

Please join us for this fun, free, and informative event!

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS TEAM AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

A safe neighborhood is a strong neighborhood. With that in mind, the Ames Police Department formed the Safe Neighborhoods Team to build positive relationships within the community and neighborhoods.

The Safe Neighborhoods Team is available to meet with neighborhood associations to discuss safety issues and ways to implement safety programs in your neighborhood. To have team members come to your neighborhood gathering and discuss safety, contact Sergeant Elijah Hansen at 515.231.4661 or email ehansen@cityofames.org.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 27

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

Saturday, May 4

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

Monday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 25

Furman Aquatic Center
Opens for season

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day
City offices closed

Thursday, June 13

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

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