

# Neighborhood News

## Quarterly Neighborhood Update

SUMMER 2019

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

The Ames City Council hosted a neighborhood summit in October 2018. Based on discussion at the summit and at the Council's direction, City staff emailed a survey to active neighborhood associations about how they function and what topics are of interest to their neighborhood. Neighborhood associations were also invited to a meeting on May 9 to discuss existing neighborhood programming and where the program could go in the future.

If you are interested in neighborhood issues, strengthening an existing neighborhood association, or

re-establishing a neighborhood association that has become inactive, you are encouraged to take the survey at [www.CityOfAmes.org/](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/) neighborhoods. Once more information is gathered, staff will bring proposed changes to City Council for discussion.

Summer is also a good time to make sure neighborhood association information is up to date. Julie Gould, Neighborhood Liaison, will be reaching out to update your neighborhood association contact information and to verify association boundaries. She can be contacted at [jgould@cityofames.org](mailto:jgould@cityofames.org).

### NAT'L NIGHT OUT IS AUG. 6

The Ames Police Department invites residents to celebrate community crime prevention efforts at National Night Out from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Bandshell Park, 125 E. Fifth St. The evening will be filled with fun activities for people of all ages.

The event provides an opportunity to share crime prevention success stories, discuss different ways of implementing safety programs in your neighborhood, and meet and mingle with neighbors.

For more information, contact Community Resource Officer Kurt Kruger at [kkruger@cityofames.org](mailto:kkruger@cityofames.org) or 515.239.5432.



### ADD ART TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The 2019-20 Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE) has been installed in Downtown Ames and will be on display through next spring. At the end of the display, some sculptures are purchased by the City to be placed in Ames neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Sculpture Committee encourages all Ames neighborhoods to consider applying to have one of these works of art installed in their neighborhood.

For more information or to apply, go to [www.CityOfAmes.org/PAC](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/PAC). The deadline to apply is Dec. 13, 2019.



## HEALTHY LIFE CENTER BOND REFERENDUM IS SEPT. 10

Ames residents have the opportunity to build a one-of-a-kind Healthy Life Center. The complex will make healthy living accessible and achievable for all people regardless of age and socio-economic status. Six community partners, along with donations, will fund \$20 million (41 percent) of the project cost. The balance, approximately \$29 million (59 percent), would be financed through a bond referendum on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The Healthy Life Center will offer a holistic, intergenerational approach to wellness—"Live Well. Be Well." The facility would include a warm-water indoor aquatic center, indoor walking track and gymnasium, participation kitchen for cooking and nutrition classes, meeting rooms, and more.

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

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# IMPORTANT DATES

### Friday, July 26 - Saturday, Aug. 3

Rummage RAMPage,  
Ames Intermodal Facility,  
129 Hayward Ave.

### Tuesday, Aug. 6

National Night Out  
5:30-8:30 p.m., Bandshell Park

### Tuesday, Aug. 20

Chalk the Walks  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., citywide

### Monday, Sept. 2

Labor Day, City offices closed

### Wednesday, Aug. 28

Healthy Life Center information  
meeting, 6-7 p.m., Ames Public  
Library Auditorium

### Thursday, Aug. 29

Healthy Life Center information  
meeting, 4-5 p.m., Ames Public  
Library Auditorium

### Tuesday, Sept. 10

Healthy Life Center bond  
referendum, polls open at 7 a.m.