

Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update

WINTER 2020

NEW WEST TOWNE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A new neighborhood association (NA) has formed in west Ames. The West Towne NA includes approximately 600 residences, making it the largest neighborhood association currently recognized by the City. The NA got off to a great start last fall with a several events, including a presentation from Ames Police Department school resource officers and the Safe Neighborhoods Team, a dessert potluck where the Neighborhood Liaison and City Council members answered questions from neighbors, and a clean-up day at Daley Park. Plans are underway for events and activities starting this spring.

Organization and communication are a priority for this group. Since it is such a large NA, subcommittees have been formed to include as many neighbors as possible. Committees include the Welcoming Team, Neighbors in Need of Assistance Team, Property Team,



Blue line: NA boundary. Red line: city boundary.

and International Neighbor Team to celebrate the diversity in the neighborhood. Find updates on NA activities on the West Towne Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

EcoCHATS SCHEDULED

Monthly EcoChats, each on a different environmental theme, are scheduled in the auditorium at Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., leading up to EcoFair on April 25.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 28**
ENERGY, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26**
WATER, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 30**
REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE, 6:30 p.m.

After each session, participants will be able to talk to presenters, as well as browse the open house and enjoy refreshments. For more information, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/EcoFair.

GUEST LODGING CODE ADOPTED

The City Council has adopted the Guest Lodging Code. This code provides definitions, standards, and procedures for regulating guest lodging in Ames. Guest lodging, commonly referred to as an Airbnb, includes hosted home shares, home shares, apartment shares, bed & breakfasts, and vacation lodgings. For information on guest lodging, including FAQs, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/guestlodging.

CENSUS 2020 – BE COUNTED!

The decennial census is coming in 2020. Once a decade, every resident in the United States is counted, as mandated by the Constitution.



The census population count provides the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds. This money supports state, county and city programs including housing, education, transportation, and healthcare.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Census forms can be completed online, by telephone, or by mail. As always, individual census data is protected and kept confidential.

Be counted! It's important, it's easy, and it's safe!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day
City offices closed

Friday, Jan. 31

Budget Overview, 2 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 & 6

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11

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

Monday, Feb. 17

Presidents Day
City offices closed

Tuesday, March 10

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

Monday, March 16

Block Party Trailer
Reservations Open

Wednesday, April 1

Census Day

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