



CITYSIDE

AUGUST 2021

DONATE, SHOP, OR VOLUNTEER AT RUMMAGE RAMPAGE 2021

After skipping a year due to the pandemic, the fifth Rummage RAMPage will return to the Ames Intermodal Facility parking ramp, 129 Hayward Ave., from Friday, July 30, through Saturday, Aug. 7.

The City of Ames, in partnership with the ISU Office of Sustainability, hosts this community garage sale designed to keep reusable items out of the waste stream. The event grew from the desire to repurpose items often left on the curb during the annual move out and lease changeovers, and to keep these items out of the landfill. Rummage RAMPage works by selling items that are donated. Volunteers from local non-profit groups help run the sale and share in any profit.

“With the large number of lease changeovers at the end of July, the event

provides an alternative for residents who are not only looking to dispose of household goods, but also acquire still-usable items that might be thrown in the trash or randomly dumped otherwise,” said Resource Recovery Plant Superintendent Bill Schmitt.

Donations may be dropped off at the Intermodal Facility from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, July 30, and during sale hours from Saturday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 6. No donations will be accepted on the last day of the sale, Saturday, Aug. 7.

For more information, go to www.CityOfAmes.org/RummageRampage or contact Bill Schmitt at 515.239.5137 or bill.schmitt@cityofames.org or Merry Rankin at 515.294.5052 or mrankin@iastate.edu

Rummage RAMPage event hours

Item Drop-off ONLY
Friday, July 30, noon - 6 p.m.

Sales and Drop-off
Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 2, noon - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 3, noon - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 4, noon - 6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 5, noon - 6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 6, noon - 6 p.m.

Half-Price Sales (No Drop-off)
Saturday, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. - noon

POLICE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BRING BACK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Ames Police Department is partnering with Hope in Christ Back to School (HICBTS) to bring back National Night Out. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug 3, and be held at a new location of Friendship Baptist Church, 2400 Mortensen Road, with parking available at the Hansen Agriculture Center,

2508 Mortensen Road. National Night Out encourages residents to celebrate community crime prevention efforts, strengthen community connections, and build neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The event will have activities for people of all

ages, including games, school supplies giveaway, BBQ and treats, tours of a police car, and much more. “The safety of our community depends on both law enforcement and the neighbors we serve working together,” said Ames Police Community Resource Officer Kurt Kruger. “This is a great opportunity for neighbors and

officers to get to know each other.” Look for more information at www.CityOfAmes.org and on the City of Ames and Ames Police Facebook and Twitter pages. For questions, contact the Ames Police Safe Neighborhoods Team at 515.231.4661.

CITY NEWS TO USE

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

To get the latest information on street construction occurring throughout Ames, check our website. A summary of projects and a map is available at www.CityOfAmes.org/construction.



REGISTER FOR CLASSES

With fall right around the corner, registration for the following programs are being accepted:

- Youth tennis lessons
- Youth dance & gymnastics
- Youth indoor volleyball
- Youth soccer
- Start Smart soccer
- Swimming lessons
- Fall adult softball leagues (men's & coed)
- Fall adult sand volleyball leagues (coed)
- Fitness classes (in-person, outdoor, virtual, & recorded)

For more information and to register, please visit www.amesparkrec.org.

FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER

Furman Aquatic Center offers end-of-season passes valid from Aug. 1 to Sept. 6, which can be purchased during your visit or by calling 515.239.5350. The facility calendar can be accessed at www.CityofAmes.org/prcalendars. The Aquatic Center is available for private pool parties typically daily at 8 p.m. Limited morning rentals are available upon request. Each basin rents for \$150 per hour. Choose any combination of the 50-meter pool, Lazy River, or Splash Pool.

For additional information and to book your party, please call 515.239.5350.

CANOES, KAYAKS, & PADDLE BOARD RENTALS

JAX Outdoor Gear rents canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards at Ada Hayden Heritage Park to the public on Saturdays and Sundays (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) through September 6, weather permitting. All paddle board renters must wear a personal floatation device, which is included in the rental rate. The rental rates for 30 and/or 60 minutes are as follows:

- Canoes: \$13 / \$15
- Kayaks: \$13 / \$15
- Stand-Up Paddle Board: \$17 for 60 minutes



HOMWOOD GOLF COURSE

The new Homewood Clubhouse is a year-round facility that features a large room available to rent for meetings, birthday parties, graduations, and more. This new facility provides the perfect place for group outings. For more information or to book your outing, please contact Nate Pietz at nate.pietz@cityofames.org.

Homewood Golf Course is hosting Youth Day on Sunday, Aug. 8. Youth (under 17) play FREE with a paid family member between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tee times are recommended.



Fall student passes are available for sale and make a great gift for young golfers! Fall passes are good August through October.

TAE KWON DO

The fall session of Tae Kwon Do begins August 24. This popular martial arts class is open to individuals ages 5 and older. Tae Kwon Do enhances self-confidence, balance, flexibility, and physical endurance. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes will be offered Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings. For further information and to register, please visit www.amesparkrec.org.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center (gymnasium and weight/cardio rooms) will be closed from Aug. 16 to 22 for annual maintenance. The facility calendar can be accessed at www.CityofAmes.org/prcalendars.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are in City Hall City Council Chambers, 515 Clark Ave.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10

6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 (workshop)

6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG



SOUTH DUFF BUSINESSES DONATE MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY

New landscaping along a one-block median on Chestnut Street was donated to the City of Ames from South Duff business owners who wanted to create a more welcoming look to the area. The group worked with Ames Parks and Recreation to create an attractive, low maintenance landscape plan that stretches from South Duff west to Buckeye Avenue. The improvements include a sculpture and pad, rock chip mulch, and native grasses. Thank you for making Ames even more beautiful!



AMES ON THE GO MAKES IT EASY!

Want to report potholes, clogged storm drains, malfunctioning traffic signals, snow and ice hazards, streetlight outages, overgrown trees, or city park and playground issues? There's an app for that!

Ames on the Go is a custom mobile reporting application that allows users to report public infrastructure and public property (rights-of-way, parks) concerns or issues quickly and directly to the City of Ames. The app is available through iTunes and Google Play stores, as well as accessible at www.CityOfAmes.org. Look for the purple quick link on front.



Moving? Don't Leave Your Pets Behind!

Graduating, moving, or leaving over a school break are all very exciting changes, but these events may pose some logistical questions. How are you going to move your aquarium? Who will watch your pet if you move? Does your new apartment allow snakes? There are many decisions to be made, but this one is always wrong: never dump your tank into a waterway or release your pet into the wild.

Most pets released to the wild do not survive, and many suffer before they die. If they do manage to survive, they can wreak major havoc! Releasing non-native plants or animals into natural areas can harm the environment and the economy.



Many plants used in aquariums become invasive species if introduced into a natural system. Some of the most notorious invasive species in the United States were originally sold as pets or plants for water gardens and aquariums.

Prospective pet owners should make sure they will be able to accommodate all life stages of a pet before buying or adopting it. If your circumstances change, the responsible choice is to find your pet a new home. If you are not able to place your pet with another caring owner, contact the Ames Animal Shelter (515.239.5530), a natural resource agency, or even a pet store near you. The knowledgeable personnel in these places can help you find the right place for your pet.

IMPORTANT UTILITY NUMBERS

Power Out	515.239.5240
Street Light Out.....	515.239.5500
Utility Bills.....	515.239.5120
Energy Questions	515.239.5177
Tree Too Close to Electric Line?	515.239.5500
Digging? Contact Iowa One Call.....	811
Storm Water Concern.....	515.239.5160
Rusty Water.....	515.239.5551

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ENERGY Q&A

Q: How can I keep my home cooler while using less electricity this summer?

A: Last winter I received a question about energy efficient heating, and one of my suggestions was to pay attention to solar exposure and heat gain. As much as those great, big, southern-facing windows reduce your heating needs in the winter by increasing solar heat gain, they increase your cooling load in the summer for the same reason.

Shading the southern exposure of your home can significantly reduce solar gain, and there are many techniques that you can use selectively in the summer, so you can still enjoy the sun's heat in the winter.

Deciduous trees are a great way to shade the south side of your home. As long as they drop their leaves before the winter, they won't block much of the sunlight that you want during the colder months but will effectively shade your home in the summer. Purposefully-placed trellises and plants that grow aggressively in the spring can also provide significant window shading. These options could also provide food for you and/or wildlife, habitat, and add beauty and value to your home.

For smaller windows, an overhang of the right dimensions will block sunshine in the summer that comes into your windows

at a higher angle, but not in the winter. For larger windows, the overhang will shade the upper portion of the window, but exterior sun shades are more effective at protecting large windows or glass doors from sun exposure. Many exterior shades are motorized and can be raised and lowered from inside the home with a wall-mounted switch, remote control, or smart phone app.



Interior window coverings are more common, and you may have some in your home already. They can reduce solar gain by 35 percent, but the space between the window and the curtain or blind still collects solar energy. Intercepting sunshine before it reaches your window with the methods described above is much more effective, reducing solar gain by up to 80 percent!

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RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE NUMBERS

MAY 2021

2.9% ELECTRICITY THIS MONTH WAS GENERATED BY REFUSE DERIVED FUEL (RDF) FROM THE RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT

11% ELECTRICITY THIS MONTH GENERATED BY WIND POWER (OR 5,205,517 kWh)

60 LED STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED FOR A TOTAL OF 4,924

0.6% OR 298,886 KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY THIS MONTH GENERATED BY SOLAR

DEGREE DAY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG/ELECTRIC

DID YOUR ELECTRICITY GO OUT? START HERE!

Having your power go off can be a surprise. Knowing what to do can help. First, check if the power is off in the whole house or just part of it. Also,

check your main electric panel to see if a breaker has tripped or fuse has blown. If the problem is not in your panel, check if your neighbors have been affected. Report your outage by calling the outage reporting system at 515.239.5240. You

will be asked to provide your name, address of the outage, and phone number at the outage address. Also, check the status of the entire electric grid in Ames at our outage monitoring web page at www.CityOfAmes.org/ElectricOutage.