



CITY SIDE

OCTOBER 2022

EcoFair RETURNS TO CITY HALL ON SATURDAY, OCT. 1

For Ames residents interested in learning more about sustainability, energy conservation, and carbon footprint reduction, the EcoFair has returned with booths, vendors, activities, and displays to answer all your questions!

information showcasing the ways residents can reduce, reuse, and recycle. In case of inclement weather, the event will move into City Hall.



vendors, and learn about energy-saving products and services. The EcoFair is designed to offer a broad array of conservation information

electricity, water, watersheds, and trash.

Nonprofit organizations from around the community and Iowa State University will be participating in the event. Don't miss the all-electric car expo! This sustainability-focused event is free, fun, and educational for all ages. Check the City website for updates at www.CityOfAmes.org.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, the parking lot west of City Hall, 515 Clark Ave., will be filled with

Participants will have the opportunity to talk with City of Ames staff, interact with

featuring displays about the City of Ames' Eco Smart programs, which include

RUMMAGE RAMPAGE HAS RECORD YEAR; WINS STATE AWARD

The sixth annual Rummage RAMPage, a community rummage sale designed to keep reusable items out of the waste stream, surpassed previous years in landfill diversion totals and proceeds generated. The event, which was held over nine days, found new homes for more than 143,838 pounds of furniture and housewares, and raised just over \$49,000 for local non-profit agencies.

Additionally, this event was recognized by the Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations as the winner of the first ever Outstanding Waste Diversion Program and Video Award. Public Works Director John Joiner, and Resource Recovery Superintendent Bill Schmitt, Assistant

Superintendent Mark Peebler, and secretary Lorrie Hanson will receive the award on behalf of the facility.

Rummage RAMPage increased proceeds by almost \$10,000 compared to results from 2021 and diverted 51,712 more pounds (almost 26 tons) from the landfill.

“Rummage RAMPage was an amazing success this year. We saw increases in donations, purchases, and volunteers,” said Merry Rankin, ISU Sustainability Director and City of Ames Sustainability Coordinator. “It’s overwhelming to see the community embrace this event and to see that support grow each year is truly inspirational.”



The City of Ames, in partnership with the ISU Office of Sustainability, held the sale from July 29 to Aug. 6 at the Ames Intermodal Facility, 129 Hayward Ave. The event spanned two weekends to better meet the needs of those moving into new apartments. Forty-one non-profit groups sent dozens of volunteers to staff the event and shared the profits.

CITY NEWS TO USE

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TRICK-OR-TREATING

The official night for trick-or-treating in Ames is Monday, Oct. 31. The recommended hours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



No-CHARGE YARD WASTE DAYS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

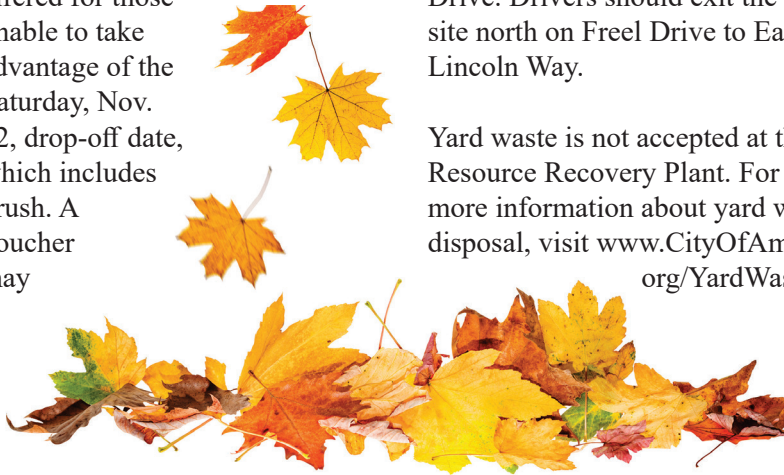
Story County residents can dispose of yard waste at no charge during Fall No-Charge Yard Waste Days planned in October, November, and December. The scheduled Saturdays are Oct. 29, Nov. 12 (includes brush), Nov. 26, and Dec. 3, at Chamness/GreenRU, 400 Freel Drive. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A voucher option will again be offered for those unable to take advantage of the Saturday, Nov. 12, drop-off date, which includes brush. A voucher may

be picked up in advance at the Resource Recovery Plant, 110 Center Ave. This voucher may be used from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at 400 Freel Drive.

Those participating in Fall No-Charge Yard Waste Days are asked to enter the site from South Dayton Avenue, then west on Southeast Fifth Street, and north on Freel Drive. Drivers should exit the site north on Freel Drive to East Lincoln Way.

Yard waste is not accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant. For more information about yard waste disposal, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/YardWaste



No-Charge Yard Waste Days

Saturday, Oct. 29
(leaves only)

Saturday, Nov. 12
(leaves and brush)
Voucher available for
Nov. 11

Saturday, Nov. 26
(leaves only)

Saturday, Dec. 3
(leaves only)

FORMER WATER PLANT DEMOLITION PLANNED

The City is working with LinnCo. Inc. of Sartell, Minn., to demolish the old water treatment plant located at 300 E. Fifth St. The project has an anticipated completion date of July 1, 2023. The new water treatment plant started operation in summer 2017.

The demolition will focus on the filter and chemical feed building, exterior clarifiers, administrative offices, and west reservoir. Improvements to the treated water and raw water piping will be included in this project as well. The



high service pump station, north and east reservoirs, and Technical Services Complex (TSC) will remain. Aligning with the City’s sustainability goals, this project will

recycle at least 90 percent of the total waste generated.

“This facility provided clean drinking water to the community for nearly a century. With our new state-of-the-art water plant serving residents, we want to remove infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life,” said Neil Weiss, Water and Pollution Control Assistant Director.

A project livestream will be set up on City’s website at www.CityOfAmes.org/oldwaterplantdemo

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are held in the City Hall City Council Chambers, 515 Clark Ave. See website for more information.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 (workshop)

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25

For more information about Ames City Council meeting, go to www.CityOfAmes.org/CCmeetings

CHECK OUT THE PARKS & RECREATION 2022 FALL BROCHURE AT WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES (3RD-4TH & 5TH-6TH GRADES):

Divisions: Girls 3rd-4th and 5th-6th; Boys 3rd-4th and 5th-6th. This league participates in the Central Iowa Recreation League. Games will be played in Ames and other surrounding communities.

3rd-4th grade leagues: Register by Sunday, Nov. 6. Skills assessment week of Monday, Nov. 7.

5th-6th grade leagues: Register by Sunday, Oct. 9. Skills assessment week of Monday, Oct. 10.

MINI DRIBBLERS (K-2ND GRADES):

Teaches basic basketball skills. Tuesday and Thursday nights, Oct. 11-Nov. 17. Register by Friday, Sept. 30.

LITTLE DUNKERS (K-2ND GRADES):

Advanced basketball skills and fundamentals (rebounding, rules, defense, etc.). Tuesday and Thursday nights, Oct. 11-Nov. 17. Register by Friday, Sept. 30.

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE :

5v5 league, ages 17 and older. Register and submit team rosters by Monday, Oct. 10.

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/ CPR/AED

Open to anyone ages 10 and older. This American Red Cross course covers first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. Class meets OSHA workplace requirements and will be Saturday, Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m.

HEALTHY FOOT CLASS

Problems with balance or experience foot, knee, or back pain? This class provides tools to help alleviate or prevent these problems. Classes are Tuesdays, Oct. 18-Nov. 8, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

NUTRITION SIMPLIFIED

Building blocks to help you navigate a sustainable nutrition plan. Topics include eating for your goals, meal prep, macros, label reading, and a grocery shopping tour! Classes are Thursdays, Oct. 6-27, 12:15-1 p.m.

PARK SHELTERS

Last day for park shelter reservations is Saturday, Oct. 15. Call 515.239.5350 to schedule your reservation!

AMES/ISU ICE ARENA

COMING SOON: CURLING!

New Learn to Curl classes offered this winter! Go to www.AmesParkRec.org or follow Ames/ISU Ice Arena on Facebook for more details!

HALLOWEEN SKATE AT THE AMES/ISU ICE ARENA!

Join us at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, for a Halloween Skate with fun activities, skating, costumes, candy, and more! Go to www.AmesParkRec.org or follow Ames/ISU Ice Arena on Facebook for more details!

HOMWOOD GOLF COURSE

CARD LEAGUES AT HOMEWOOD

Cribbage League: Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 9.

Euchre League: Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 7. Contact Nate Pietz at nate.pietz@cityofames.org or call 515.239.5363 for more information.

HOMWOOD GOLF COURSE

The final scheduled day for the 2022 Homewood Golf Course season is Monday, Oct. 31. Book tee times online at www.AmesParkRec.org or by calling 515.239.5363.

REGISTER NOW!!! NEW CLASS SESSION STARTING IN OCTOBER.

- Monday, Oct. 3: Adult and older adult fitness classes (in-person and virtual), Cycle/TRX/yoga, Boxing Bootcamp
Saturday, Oct. 15: Youth and adult tennis lessons
Monday, Oct. 17: Warm water aqua at ISU Forker
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Youth and adult Tae Kwon Do
Sunday, Oct. 23: Yoga basics
Monday, Oct. 24: Youth tumbling, Gymnastics I & II, Aqua classes at Green Hills
Tuesday, Oct. 25: Youth dance

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION: WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG

PARKS & RECREATION: 515.239.5350 | COMMUNITY CENTER: 515 CLARK AVE.

ENERGY Q&A

Q: Would I need to install special equipment and/or upgrade electrical service to charge an electric vehicle at my home?

A. Not necessarily. Most EVs will come with a “Level-1” charger that plugs into a standard 120V outlet and can give you 2 to 4 miles of range per hour.

If you do the math, that could mean 20-plus hours to fully charge an empty battery. But don’t panic; most people don’t use their full battery each day, and therefore don’t need to charge from empty to full every night. If your daily commute is 30 miles or less, a Level 1 charger in a standard 120V outlet can easily replenish the charge you use on an average day. Ames has several Level 2 chargers that can add around 12 miles of range per hour to your car and the DC Fast Charger at 2108 Isaac Newton Drive can quickly charge your car on days you need a little more juice.

If you’re unsure about the Level 1 option, keep track of the miles you drive and the number of hours your car is parked at home for a couple weeks. Most people who’ve made the switch to an electric vehicle say that keeping their car charged is much easier than they anticipated. Many drivers with Level 2 chargers installed at home end up only plugging in once a week and find that the Level 1 option could have met their needs most of the time.

If you drive more than 30 miles per day, every day, a Level 2 charger may make things easier for you.

The cost to install a Level 2 charger can vary dramatically, depending on the electric service that is already available in your garage. A Level 2 charger uses an outlet similar to an electric stove or clothes dryer. It can be a fairly inexpensive option, but costs



can increase if long runs of wiring are needed to connect the new outlet to your electric service panel. An electrician can help you estimate the cost of Level 2 charging for your home and help you make your decision.

As always, feel free to call me at 515.239.5177 to chat about EVs and charging solutions for your specific situation!

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AT-A-GLANCE ENERGY NUMBERS FOR JULY 2021

2.9% ELECTRICITY THIS MONTH WAS GENERATED BY REFUSE DERIVED FUEL (RDF) FROM THE RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT (2,301,851 kWh)

5.9% ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY WIND POWER (4,644,720 kWh)

0.5% ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR POWER (424,242 kWh)

12,210 MILES DRIVEN BY ELECTRIC VEHICLES USING PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATIONS

25 LED STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED FOR A TOTAL OF 5,488

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

IMPORTANT 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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