



CITYSIDE

NOVEMBER 2023

RUMMAGE RAMPAGE HAS A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

The seventh 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 154,843 pounds of furniture and housewares, and raised just over \$62,000 for local non-profit agencies.

In addition, 47 non-profit groups, a record number, either helped in advance or sent volunteers to staff the event. These groups shared the profits based on the number of hours of donated labor. Rummage RAMPage increased proceeds by more than \$12,000 compared to results from 2022 and diverted 11,005 more pounds (almost 6 tons) from the landfill.

“We are delighted and astonished at the amazing success Rummage RAMPage continues to experience each year. Again, we welcomed increases in donations, purchases, and volunteers. This outstanding show of community support

continues to make this event thrive year after year,” said Merry Rankin, ISU Sustainability Director.

The City of Ames, in partnership with the ISU Office of Sustainability, held the sale from July 28 to Aug. 5 at the Ames Intermodal Facility, 129 Hayward Ave.

“Finding new homes for usable items helps the Resource Recovery Plant (RRP) in many ways,” said Bill Schmitt, RRP Superintendent. “When products that are still useful find homes where they are needed instead of ending up in the trash, our system works more efficiently. There is always an increase in garbage at this time of the year, so everything we can do to reduce, reuse, and recycle is helpful.”

**RUMMAGE
RAMPAGE**

No-Charge Yard Waste Days

Saturday, Oct. 21
(leaves only)

Saturday, Oct. 28
(leaves only)

Saturday, Nov. 11
(leaves and brush)
Voucher available for Nov. 10

Saturday, Nov. 25
(leaves only)

FALL NO-CHARGE YARD WASTE DAYS PLANNED

Story County residents can dispose of yard waste at no charge during Fall No-Charge Yard Waste Days planned in October and November. The scheduled Saturdays are Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 11 (includes brush), and Nov. 25, 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. 11, 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. 10, 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.

CITY NEWS TO USE

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- City Hall and most City of Ames offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, for Veterans Day, and Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving.



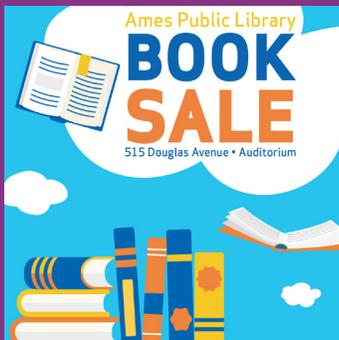
AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Find great deals on thousands of used items, including books, movies, music, and more at the Ames Public Library fall book sale! The library is located at 515 Douglas Ave.

- Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Admission \$2; Free admission and early entry starting at 5 p.m. for donors to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation at the \$20 level and above.

- Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- Sunday, Nov. 19, from noon to 5 p.m. Last day! Admission \$1, and everything is free! (Auditorium only.)



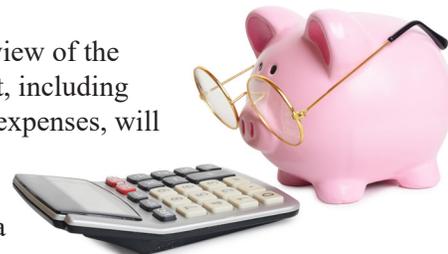
Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds from the Book Sale are used to enhance Library programs and services.

BUDGET MEETING PLANNED NOV. 2

The City of Ames budget process kicks off in the fall with the annual Town Budget Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, in the City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 515 Clark Ave.

A brief overview of the City's budget, including revenue and expenses, will be presented.

This is followed by a time for citizens to give input and ask questions regarding the coming year's budget. The meeting is broadcast and streamed live at www.CityOfAmes.org and on the City's Facebook and YouTube pages. Viewers may call in questions to 515.239.5214 or submit questions through the live Facebook or YouTube broadcasts in the comments section.

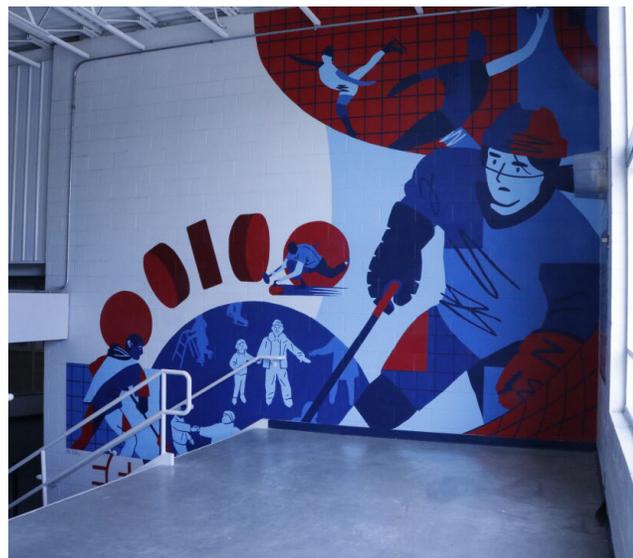


The Town Budget Meeting begins the months-long process of developing the City's annual operating and capital improvements budget. The public is encouraged to attend. City of Ames current and past financial documents are available on the City's website at www.CityOfAmes.org/Finance.

ICE ARENA PARTNERS WITH AMES PUBLIC ART COMMISSION FOR NEW MURAL

The Public Art Commission (PAC) teamed up with the Ames/ISU Ice Arena, 1507 Gateway Hills Park Drive, to provide a mural inside the facility focused on the themes of community, athleticism, and teamwork. PAC selected artists Josh Eller and Emma Gottschalk, based in St. Paul, Minn., to create art celebrating, encouraging, and representing the diverse people and use of the arena. The mural, painted directly on a large wall near the facility entry, was completed in August.

During the installation of the mural, annual maintenance and a sand releveling project was completed at the facility. These improvements provide a better ice surface and experience for users. The facility offers programs and skating opportunities like public skate, curling, broomball, and so much more! To view the ice arena schedule, visit www.AmesParkRec.org.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are in City Hall City Council Chambers, 515 Clark Ave., and streamed via the City website, Facebook, and YouTube.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14

6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28

PARKS AND RECREATION HOLIDAY HOURS:

HOMWOOD CLUBHOUSE - CLOSED NOV. 23

COMMUNITY CENTER - CLOSED NOV. 23

FOR MONTHLY FACILITY SCHEDULES, GO TO AMESPARKREC.ORG/PRCALENDARS.

UPCOMING CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

YOUTH (GRADES 1-6) AND ADULT TENNIS LESSONS:

Learn from the professionals inside the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble. Session begins Nov. 18.

LITTLE TENNIS (AGES 3-5): Parents will partner with their children to learn the basics of tennis in a fun learning environment! The next session starts Nov. 21.

FIRST AID/CPR/AED: Certification class offered Saturday, Nov. 4, 9-11 a.m. Completion of online coursework is required prior to the class start date.

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE: Class provides youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to care for children and infants safely and responsibly. Class offered Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADULT FITNESS CLASSES: New session begins Nov. 13. Classes include TRX/Tramp, yoga, cycling, Boxing Bootcamp, and more! In-person and virtual class options are available. Full list of class offerings can be found at www.AmesParkRec.org.

BEGINNER LINE DANCE: Learn the basics of Country Line Dancing during a six-week class. Classes meet on Mondays, 4:30-5:15 p.m., beginning Nov. 6.

EUCHRE LEAGUE: Offered Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m., at Homewood Clubhouse. Begins Nov. 6.

CRIBBAGE LEAGUE: Wednesday mornings (10-11:30 a.m.) or evening (6-7:30 p.m.) at Homewood Clubhouse. Morning cribbage begins Nov. 1, and evening cribbage begins Nov. 8.

AMES/ISU ICE ARENA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!

SKATESGIVING 5K: Before the big feast, join us at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena for a Skatesgiving 5K on Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. Register by Nov. 10 to guarantee a t-shirt. Cost is \$30.

DRAW ON THE ICE EVENT: Test your artistic skills on a sheet of ice! This fun, unique event at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena will be on Nov. 22, 2:45-3:45 p.m. Cost is \$4.50; no pre-registration required.

LEARN TO CURL (AGES 10+): Join the Ames/ISU Ice Arena staff on Nov. 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m., to learn about the sport of curling. The class will include instruction, demonstration, and game time. Cost is \$25 per person.

LEARN TO PLAY BROOMBALL: Bring the family to learn and play a new sport, Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-noon. The class includes rules explanation, how to play, demonstration, and game time. Cost is \$10 per person.

AUDITORIUM

CITY AUDITORIUM FALL CONCERT SERIES: The live concert series continues on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, and students are 2-for-1 with current student ID.



HOMWOOD CLUBHOUSE

HOMWOOD CLUBHOUSE RENTALS: Host your next social outing, meeting, or party at the Homewood Clubhouse!

ROOM	OCCUPANCY	FEE	AVAILABILITY
Community Room	80 people	\$105/hour	Year Round
Pro Shop	24 people	\$53/hour	Nov. 1 – March 31
Community Room and Pro Shop	104 people	\$132/hour	Nov. 1 – March 31



TO REGISTER OR TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS, CALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 515.239.5350 OR VISIT WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG.

ENERGY Q&A

Q: How can trees on my property reduce my energy consumption? What are some things I should consider when planting trees around my property?

A: Trees planted in the correct location can offer a multitude of benefits. In addition to adding beauty, raising your property value, improving air quality, and reducing runoff, trees that cast shade on your home and property can make a big difference in your comfort and the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems. Carefully positioned trees can reduce a household's energy consumption for heating and cooling by up to 25 percent. Computer models devised by the U.S. Department of Energy predict that the proper placement of only three trees can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in energy costs annually and that shading an air conditioner unit can increase its efficiency by as much as 10 percent.

Give highest priority to planting shade trees due west of west windows. Planting shade trees due east of east windows should be your second priority. Contrary to intuition, the least energy efficient place for a tree is to the south of a house. In summer when the sun is high at midday, the shadow of a tree falls directly under the tree and entirely misses a home to its north. Like a car parked in the shade needing less energy for cooling, air conditioner units in a shaded environment run more efficiently. Also paved areas like driveways and patios absorb

and radiate heat far faster than planted areas, so planting trees near paved areas around the house can also reduce ambient temperatures.



In open areas, windbreaks to the north, west and east of houses cut fuel consumption by an average of 40 percent. Houses with windbreaks placed only on the windward side (the side from which the wind is coming) use less fuel consumption than similar, unprotected homes.

Plan and plant now for the future since trees take decades to mature and reach their full advantage. The City of Ames SmartWatersheds Native Tree Rebate reimburses up to two trees per year per property. Go to www.CityOfAmes.org/SmartWatersheds for the rebate application and more information on Smart Watershed rebates. You can also learn more about saving energy with your landscaping choices at www.energy.gov/energysaver/landscaping-shade

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RENEWABLE ENERGY NUMBERS FOR AUGUST 2023

24 LED STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED FOR A TOTAL OF **5,892**

29,562 MILES OF VEHICLE CHARGING AT PUBLIC ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS

336,508 KILOWATT HOURS OF ENERGY PRODUCED BY SUNSMART AMES SOLAR FARM

RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT

- REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL: **2,835 TONS**

RECYCLING:

- GLASS: **18.28 TONS**
- METALS: **129.19 TONS**
- FOOD WASTE DIVERSION: **4.12 TONS**

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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