

If you missed the opportunity to fill out this questionnaire, feel free to do so at this time and return to Tom Randall at \_\_\_\_\_ if you or any family member is interested in providing any of the following services.

Babysitting-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet/Housesitting-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Mowing-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Pooling-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Piano Lessons/Misc Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Snow Shoveling-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
House Cleaning (Teens Welcome)-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Tutoring-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects \_\_\_\_\_  
Handyman/Carpentry-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Painting/Wallpaper-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Other-Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_

*Please don't limit yourself to the titles we have provided. Please use the "Other" heading for any services you are willing to provide or any services you are in need of so we can assist you.*

**Please contact: Tom or Michelle Randall, Steve or Jana Finnegan if you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter! Your input is sincerely welcomed and appreciated!**

This newsletter is provided to you courtesy of your neighbors:

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# Northridge News

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## Dear Neighbors of Northridge:

The excitement is building with the "Twister" crew around the area. We're excited to hear from any of you regarding any "Helen Sightings" around town. Please call Jana at \_\_\_\_\_ if you have seen Helen Hunt in any of our shops, eating establishments, etc.! We'll have a full report in the next newsletter.

Enjoy Summer!

Tom and Michelle Randall & Steve and Jana Finnegan

## VACATION STRATEGIES

Before leaving on vacation, don't forget to get a house check completed with the Ames Police Department. You can do this by calling the Police Desk at \_\_\_\_\_

It is also important to make sure that you have made arrangements with a trusted neighbor or friend to check the interior of your house daily. Every year, someone in Ames seems to have a water pipe rupture or an electrical system failure that causes extensive damage within the house. An inside check can help minimize this cost.

While the person is inside checking, it is important to have them alternate lights set on timers and retrieve mail and newspapers and other types of hand-outs which seem to grow on doorsteps when the residents are away. A radio alarm clock set to play during the evening hours may give the house the sound that someone is there as well as the look that comes from lights on timers.

If you have an answering machine, do not leave messages on the recorder such as, "On vacation until September 1st. Call back then." The best message, even for daily use, is something like, "We can't get to the phone right now." A familiar pattern for burglars looking for targets of opportunity is to call a residence to see if anyone is home. This type of message makes it impossible for the potential burglar to tell if you are gone for the day, gone on vacation, or simply busy in another part of the house.

Just before leaving, walk around your house once to visually check doors and windows. Unplug your electric garage door opener, as electrical storms can cause the door to open, giving unauthorized access to your residence.

Have an exciting and safe vacation!

**Sergeant Craig A Reid**

**Home safety hint:** Egress windows pose a particular hazard in the event of a fire, if you have young children unable to climb out. Tom and Michelle Randall have found a good, inexpensive, eye appealing answer to this problem. They installed towel bars on the wood frame outside the window so that their children would have an easy escape route! Great idea!

### F.Y.I.

- \* There will be a **City Council Meeting on August 8th at 7:00** regarding the detention basin and drainage system the City is proposing between Northridge Parkway and Ridgetop Circle. Please! **PLAN TO ATTEND** if you are a homeowner that this will affect!
- \* **Moore Park** officially closes as 10:30 p.m. every night. If you notice any activities in the park or parking lot after 10:30, please feel free to contact the police department on the non-emergency number.
- \* A fond farewell goes out to **Roger and Roseanne Rinderknecht**, who have relocated to West Des Moines. Also, farewell and best wishes to **Keith and Carol Folkmann** who have moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! We will miss you very much!

### CURT VANMAANEN, 1960 - 1995

**Expression of Sympathy:** Our hearts go out to **Cathy VanMaanen** who recently lost her husband, Curt, to complications after surgery. This was an incredible loss to the City of Ames, Curt was involved in so many organizations, striving for the betterment of the community. His death will be felt for many years to come. Curt and Cathy have two children, Erica and Alex, as well as the child they are expecting in October. If you would like to express your sympathy, Norwest Bank of Ames is collecting monetary donations. Please address to the attention of David Anderson, \_\_\_\_\_, Ames, Iowa 50014 or call \_\_\_\_\_ for more information. Curt very graciously donated the use of his lighted sign for the entryway of Northridge last year for Luminaria.

**Luminaria '95! -** Get ready once again for this wonderful event! The date is set for Sunday, December 10, 1995 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Once again, we are in need of street chairpersons from every street, please volunteer by calling Jana Finnegan, \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!

**Jana Finnegan**, Chairperson, Luminary Committee

## Homeowner's Association Board Members

Jane Cunningham, Pres.

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## ODDS 'N' ENDS

### Babysitters

Kristen McGeeney -

Erin Maysent -

Pooja Kanwar -

Christina Bitz -

Ryan Haynes -

Manisha Gadia -

Jeremy Stephenson

Elizabeth Torres -

Kyle Youngberg -

Eric Weber -

*Adult sitter for evenings and weekends -* Panzy Heintz

### Lawn Care/Snow Removal

Curt, Justin & Bryan McGeeney -

Andy Maysent -

Garrett Burrier -

Ryan Haynes -

Adam Finnegan -

Arno Sandoval -

Jeremy Stephenson -

David Torres -

Kyle Youngberg -

Eric Weber -

### Pet/House Sitting

Pooja Kanwar -

Ryan Haynes -

Manisha Gadia -

Nishant Parulekar -

Curt & Justin McGeeney -

David Torres -

Kyle Youngberg -

### House Cleaning

Ryan Haynes -

### Professional House Cleaners:

Pansy Heintz -

Sharon Ingebritson -

### Handyman/Carpentry

Dan Johnson -

Delbert Johnson -

### Tutor

Kristen McGeeney -

(5-10 yr. olds)

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