

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Issue Two

BOARD of DIRECTORS' NEWSLETTER

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This is the official newsletter of the Northridge Homeowners' Association Board of Directors, to be published as a public service to the residents of Northridge on a quarterly basis.

Board Members:

Jane Cunningham - President -
David Haynes - Vice President -
Kevin Keefe - Secretary -
Ann Martin - Treasurer -
Carroll Marty - Member at Large -

As your Board:

IT IS OUR GOAL TO SERVE YOU BETTER

Your COMMITTEES are as follows:

Entryway:

Liaison, Secretary - Kevin Keefe
Members: Sally Beisser, Steve &
Jana Finnegan, Jean Hunt, Paul &
Carol Payne, Chuck Schmidt, David Staff,
Karen Stephenson

Greenspace:

Mission-Be in charge of the commonly owned greenspace areas. Make recommendations for maintenance and reasonable enhancements to the subdivision's commonly owned greenspace areas. After Board approval, arrange to carry out the plan as approved. Meet regularly during the growing seasons.

Liaison, Member at Large - Carroll Marty
Chairperson - Ginny Huntington -
Members: Penny & John Adam, Pete Buck,
Liza Cartwright
Tom Harrington, Suraj Kothari, Larry Pedigo

Picnic:

Mission-Organize the annual picnic for the residents of Northridge and to make it better each year.

Liaison, the whole Board
Members: Marge Hunziker, Sue McGeeney,
Tom Sally, Sylvia & Bill Summers

Welcoming:

Mission-Welcome new Northridge residents, provide them with specific Neighborhood Association information and to help them feel a part of this community.

Liaison, Treasurer - Ann Martin
Chairperson - Lois Pedigo -
Members: Beth Cross, Phyllis Moore,
Judy Stuckey

*If there are any suggestions for our committees, please let us know. We **NEED VOLUNTEERS** for each of the committees, too, so please let us know if you would be willing to help.*

Our Northridge community is growing rapidly - there are more than 200 families here now, and it has been requested by many of you that we have a vehicle for communicating to each other on matters that are of importance, thus, this publication. Your Board meets every third Monday of the month, and we welcome your input at these meetings as well.

This year's "Christmas Luminary Display" was very beautiful. Thanks to Jana Finnegan and all who helped her to organize this year's display. It was lovely!

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND
A HEARTY WELCOME
TO THE FOLLOWING
NEW RESIDENTS OF NORTHRIDGE:**

Norio & Naruko Nakagawa -
Linda & Dan Hoyt -
Tammy & Steve Goodhue -
Joan & Dave Hopper -
Gloria & David W. Hamilton -
Gail & Steve Saxton -
Rajshri & Sanjeer Agarwal -
Gwen & Randy Stoe -
Hsien-Sen Hung & Li-Ten Hung -
Christen & Blair Brewer -
Debra & William Fennelly -
Teresa & James Larson -
Jeri & Todd Scebold -
Rebecca & John Aldridge -

If we have missed anyone, please let us know ASAP.

*The Welcoming Committee wishes to
extend an invitation to ALL of
the **NORTHRIDGE LADIES** to:*

**A NORTHRIDGE LUNCHEON
at the
GARDEN CAFE
JANUARY 27, 1996
11:30 A.M.**

**R.S.V.P. BY January 23, 1996
Laurie Hotchkiss**

A NOTE TO SAY:

**GREAT JOB, BILL!
WE ARE SURE PROUD OF THE
CYCLONE WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!**

The following excerpts from the monthly meetings held by your Board will bring you up to date:

October 16, 1995

Greenspace Committee- the two donated spruce trees have been planted. Mulch will be placed around plantings next year. Committee would like to remind homeowners to be sure to take care of their own cul-de-sac areas.

Welcoming Committee- the coffee held on October 14, 1995, went very well. It is hoped that as more are held that even more ladies will join us.

General - lawn mowing was completed for the year and snow removal arranged for with Central Iowa Lawn & Homecare Inc being contracted for the job. The Board discussed, in general, the development of the "Taylor farm" regarding some possible commercial development. Residents are encouraged to let the Board members know their feelings and ideas about this. A plan to develop a walk path from Northridge to cross Stange road was discussed and favored by the Board.

November 20, 1995 -

Greenspace Committee - most of the homeowners with plantings in the Greenspace have corrected the situation or are in the process of doing so. Some of the Greenspace boundaries have been marked. Developers will not put in permanent markers in the new areas, so the committee will try to have them installed after all grading and sodding is complete. Many residents have expressed a desire to have Northridge Parkway Boulevard lined with trees (an avenue of trees)- it is felt this is a good idea. It is possible that money from Trees Forever could be requested for this project. The committee members are asking the HA Board to clarify the length of terms for the members - asking for specific clarification. There is a possibility of sub committees being developed, i.e. - mulch & maintenance, annual plantings, long range planning, planting, communication and the "avenue of trees". --Sycamore - Valley View - Evergreen greenspace-- The committee met with several residents at this space and several suggestions were made for its development: Leave center open for plan, informal-not formal playing field, add plantings around outer edge, need 4 season interest, need focal point, i.e.: boulders, decorative grasses. Encourage birds, wildlife. Extend evergreens down path on east, possibly use service berries, crab apples or flowering shrubs, thornless Hawthorne. Obtain list of existing plantings. If you have other ideas, please feel free to contact a committee member to discuss it.

This committee is extremely important to Northridge and we are very grateful to all of them for their hard work and dedication.

General- It was determined that each member of the Greenspace committee shall serve 2 years with the option of requesting re-appointment.

Your board did not meet in December, but will be meeting January 15, 1996, at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding our neighborhood or the Northridge Newsletter, please contact any one on your Board of Directors or the committee that is pertinent to your concern. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane Cunningham. President

IMPORTANT

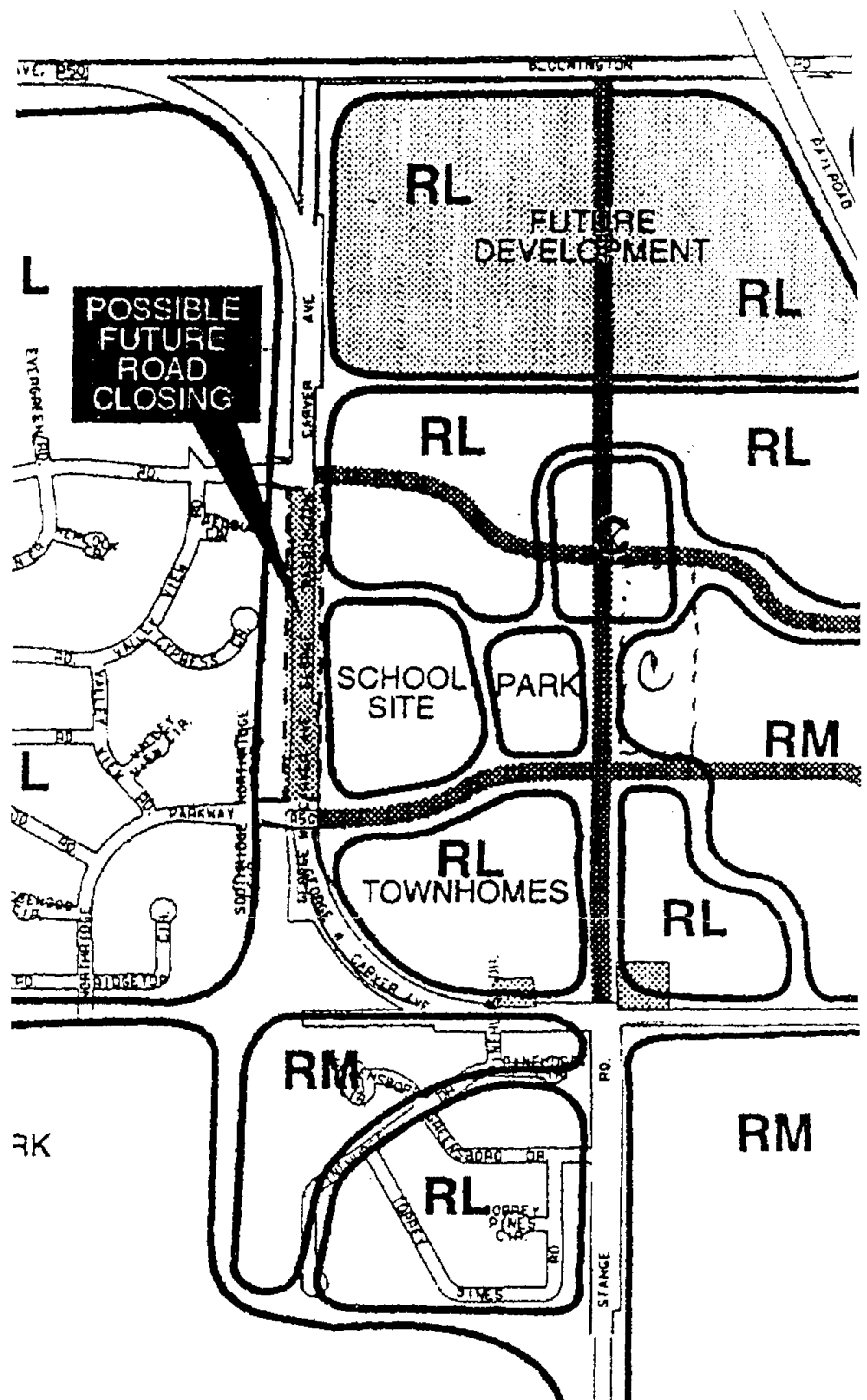
UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "TAYLOR FARM", ALSO KNOWN AS, THE MEADOWS:

As a result of several meetings with city officials, neighbors and developers, it seems as though there is a general agreement. Most people accept some commercial development in the proposed "village", along with the elementary school, single family homes, townhomes (PUDs), and some higher density areas.

The commercial area would be along Stange Road between Aspen and Northridge Parkway with limited vehicle access, limited lighting and controlled architectural design. The possible closing of George Washington Carver between Aspen and Northridge Parkway was discussed and favored by the Green residents and Northridge residents, due to pedestrian safety for us and our children going to that area. These matters will be considered at the next few City Council meetings and at the next few Planning & Zoning meetings and then decisions will be made accordingly.

The City and the Developers have been very interested in hearing what the people want in this development and have spent a lot of time and effort to make this a good situation for everyone. It is the first time they have used the "Village Concept" and the first time they have had this many public meetings before commencing with a development.

It seems as though "The Meadows" will greatly enhance the Northridge Parkway Community. If any of you have any questions or would like to see a larger proposed plan of the area, please feel free to call me at any time. --- JANE



Arrangements are being made for the **1996 Annual Meeting** - to take place tentatively on **March 21, 1996**. Notices will be sent out to each resident confirming date, time and place. This is when we vote for the Northridge Homeowners Board of Directors - if you would be willing to serve on the Board or on a Committee, we would sure like to hear from you.