

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Issue Three

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, Lori Hotchkiss

Newsletter:

Mission - To provide the much requested non-commercial vehicle for the Northridge Board of Directors to directly communicate to the residents regarding the matters that are of importance to the Northridge community.

Liaison, President - Jane Cunningham
Chairperson - Dick Cunningham -
Members: Dee Murphy -

*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.*

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

Paula & James Friedrich -
Dennis & Vicky Blum -
Kristina & Chia-Wei Chang -
Teri & Ken Hampson -
Janice & Rich Johansen -
Maureen & Jim Raymond -
Karen & Gary Youngberg -

If we have missed anyone, please let us know ASAP.
Our apologies to Gwen & Randay Stoecker for having misspelled their name in our December welcome

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

**THE NORTHRIDGE LUNCHEON
at the
GARDEN CAFE
March 23, 1996
11:30 A.M.**

**RSVP. BY March 21, 1996
Laurie Hotchkiss**

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

January 22, 1996

Greenspace Committee- Is working on their plan for the Spaces.

Welcoming Committee- It has been decided that a luncheon will be held the fourth Saturday of every month to welcome new ladies to the community and to provide another vehicle for getting to know each other better.

General - A terrible incident of a resident being attacked by a dog was discussed at length - it was decided that all residents should be reminded of the **leash law** pertaining to dogs and cats - see below

Lawn mowing has been contracted for 1996.

There were 80 bulbs planted at the North entry. The annual meeting date is set for March 21, 1996, at the Ames Public Library Auditorium. Raising the dues was discussed and will be again at the next meeting. Gary Warning, Jim Koester and Jane Cunningham will be running for two year terms.

February 7, 1996 -

Special Meeting - This meeting was held to discuss the importance of raising dues to \$75.00 and \$25.00 for Class "A" and Class "B" members - This passed unanimously. The proposed budget will be presented at the Annual meeting.

February 26, 1996 -

It was decided that the proxy notices would be sent out before the annual meeting along with the agenda and the roster of volunteers running for the Board, no refreshments would be served at the annual meeting, we will vote for the new Board first, then on the fee increase, and then the budget for 1996.

It has been brought to our attention that the **cul-de-sac parking areas** are being used by residents as long term parking - this is in conflict with the purpose for which they were designed. We have been asked to remind people not to use their neighbor's yards to access the walkways.

There is an **opening** for a **Des Moines Register paper carrier** - please let one of your board members know if someone in your household would be interested in doing this.

The **Ames Advertiser** has requested that the residents place a **holder** on their mailboxes so that delivery could be made easier.

On March 4, 1996, the Ames Community School District wrote a letter to Brian O'Connell of the City of Ames Planning & Housing Dept. stating it is the intent of the district that the 'east Taylor Farm school property' will someday be the site of a **new middle school**.

Arrangements have been made for the
1996 Annual Meeting
to take place on
March 21, 1996, at 7:00 p.m..

Further notices will be sent out to each resident. This is when we vote for the Northridge Homeowners Board of Directors. We do have five residents who have agreed to run for your Board: Gary Warning, Susan Trevidi, Chuck Schmidt, Jim Koester, Jane Cunningham - if you would be willing to serve on the Board or on a Committee we would sure like to hear from you as soon as possible.

The following is the Leash Law adopted by the City of Ames. There is a complete ordinance regarding pets, too, but it is much too long for this publication and the following addresses what has been of uppermost concern to most people here in Northridge.

THE ANIMAL CONTROL LAW aka "The Leash Law" enforced by the City of Ames:

1. Dogs and cats are not allowed at large. Owners of dogs and cats must keep their pets on their own property. If the animal is on someone else's property, you must have the property owner's consent. Dogs and cats cannot be on public property or on school grounds unless the animal is on a leash or confined in a vehicle or animal carrier. Animals are allowed in certain city parks if under continual voice command and if in compliance with conditions specified by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 2. If a dog or cat is found at large, the animal may be impounded. An impounded animal is kept at the Shelter for seven (7) days. In order to retrieve an animal, the owner must pay a \$25 impoundment fee plus daily room and board charges. If after seven days an animal remains unclaimed, it may be adopted or euthanized.
 3. All dogs and cats between three and four months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and the animal must wear a current vaccination tag.
 4. If a person has knowledge of any kind of animal biting someone, he must report the incident to the City Animal Control. An animal that has bitten someone must be tested or observed for rabies.
 5. Dogs are not allowed to disturb neighbors by persistently barking and howling.
 6. Vicious dogs are strictly regulated within the City of Ames.
 7. The ownership of wild animals (snakes, raccoons, skunks, rabbits, and many more) is regulated.
 8. The keeping of an animal in a motor vehicle is regulated to ensure animal health and safety.
 9. Animals kept outdoors on their owner's property, or walked on property other than the owner's, must be periodically cleaned up after to maintain sanitation and solid waste control.
 10. Any motor vehicle operator who strikes an animal should immediately report the incident to Animal Control or the Police Department.
 11. There are standards of care outlined in the City Animal Ordinances to ensure safe and humane keeping of all animals indoors and outdoors, and in transport.
 12. Harassment of animals is prohibited.
 13. Animal related events such as auctions, raffles, etc. are unlawful.
 14. The trapping of animals within the City of Ames requires a permit. This permit may be obtained for use of humane bait cages on private property for wildlife relocation and control.
 15. Animal abandonment is a cruelty and a crime. It is unlawful to abandon or "dump" a pet animal.
- ENFORCEMENT:** Animal control officers are authorized to issue court summonses and to impound animals running at large. The impound fees are \$25 per animal, per impound. If the owner fails to reclaim the pet within 24 hours after impoundment, board fees will be assessed at the rate of \$3.50 per day for dogs and \$3.00 per day for cats. after seven days, the owner forfeits all rights to the animal, which is then put up for adoption or euthanized.

Animal Shelter & Control phone #

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