

# NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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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 -  
Jim Koester - Vice President -  
Susan Trivedi - Secretary -  
Chuck Schmidt - Treasurer -  
Gary Warning - Member at Large -

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**A reminder to those who live on the cul-de-sacs:  
avoid parking in those parking spaces until  
the snow plow has been thru.**

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#### Recap of Board Meetings:

**January 27, 1997** - Jenny Hung, Chairperson of the Safety Committee, met with the Board to summarize the results of the survey. (see report summary on the next page) They will be meeting with Scott Logan, City of Ames Traffic Manager, in the near future. The Annual Meeting Date is being changed to March 24, 1997, at the Library.

**February 17, 1997** - Carroll Marty, Chairperson of the Greenspace Committee, met with the Board to bring us up to date on their progress. (see report below) They are planning to name all of the greenspace areas and possibly placing permanent ID markers at

#### **Ames Public Library Auditorium**

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**We will be electing two Directors that night,  
these people have been nominated:**

Ahmad Abu-Hawash  
'NR Owners for 3 years'

Steve Burrier-  
'NR Owners for 4.5'

Tom Cackler  
'NR Owners for 4 years'

Tom Randall  
"NR Owners for 3.5 years"

Chuck Schmidt-  
'NR Owners for 4 years'

Nominations close on March 9, 1997

The Northridge Community wishes to extend a



Sanjeev & Rajshii Agarwal -  
Michelle & William Boswell -  
Susan & Terry Cross -  
Trimby & Bob Jensen -  
Ann & Lee Johnson -  
Gloria & Bob Lee -  
Terezia & Jozef Matasovic -  
Connie & Bruce Matzke -  
Janet & Glen Schwantes -  
Maureen & Chris Snyder -  
Trimby & Bob Jensen -  
Mary & Ron Willey -



## Northridge Ladies

please come to  
'Chocoholics Nite'  
Tuesday

**March 18, 1997**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Hostess: Marilyn Cloutier**

Please make reservations:

A thru L call Lori Hotchkiss

M thru Z call Sylvia Summers



## Congratulations, Bill!

**It's been a great season! Good  
luck in the tournament!! We are  
all rooting for you, your staff  
and Our Team!**

Go Cyclones!

Dear Northridge Homeowners,

*A special Thank You goes out to those who take an extra minute or two to clear the walkways close to their homes.*

*I use the walkways in the neighborhood almost everyday. Walking is a form of exercise I truly enjoy.*

*An unshoveled walkway hardly ever discourages me from using it, but for those that get cleared, the thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely,. Karen Youngberg*

## THE COMMITTEE COLUMN

### GREENSPACE & ENTRYWAY:

**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 - Gary Warning

**Chairperson** - Carroll Marty -

Members: Penny & John Adam, Pete Buck, Tom Cackler, Liza Cartwright, Tom Harrington, Ginny Huntington, Suraj Kothari, Larry Pedigo

### **Greenspace & Entryway Committee Report:**

We have a total of \$4,711 coming from the City Neighborhood Improvement Project. We have three projects that we are working on. In order to receive the city funds, we must contribute funds and labor. The Northridge Association Board has allocated \$2,000 and we need a lot of help from all to plant **and** care for the trees and shrubs.

**Project I:** Plant 44 Autumn Blaze Maples along **Northridge Parkway**. This will give us a **tree lined street** leading in to Moore Memorial Park.

**Project II:** Develop the **Burr Oak** Greenspace. This is the big retaining pond north of Sycamore Road. There will be **8 Burr Oaks** planted in this area and other trees, shrubs and grasses around the two drains. There will be landscaping on the green strip leading to Evergreen Circle.

**Project III:** Develop the **Rose Garden** Greenspace. This is the double triangle area north of Sycamore Road and west of Burr Oak Greenspace. There will be **grasses, shrubs, roses and smaller trees** planted here along with **stone benches**. It should be a great area to sit and visit or rest.

We have developed these plans with the help of Country Landscape. I have detailed drawings of the plans. If anyone is interested in looking at the plans, give me a call.

We hope to get this work done the end of March or first part of April, depending on the weather and how much help we can get. If you are interested in helping give me a call and I will put your name on the list and call you when we are ready to work. We have some great plans **and**

**I am looking forward to working with all of you!**

**-Carroll Marty, Chairman, Greenspace Committee**

### **SAFETY:**

**Mission** - Will promote & advocate a safe and harmonious community for the residents of the Northridge community and will work closely with the residents, appropriate city offices and programs and then make recommendations to the Board. Areas of safety will include traffic patterns, pets, children and any other areas that affect the safety of the residents.

Liaison, Secretary - Susan Trivedi

**Chairperson** - Jenny Hung -

Members: Sanjeev Agarwal, Kathy Bates, Marge Hunziker, Yuri Kameda, Janet Schultz, John Wong

### **Safety Committee Survey Report:**

'The overwhelming concern of the respondents was traffic related. Respondents complained that people drive **over speed limits** and do not follow traffic signs where they exist within the community (one respondent even named a resident). The respondents feel the need for more **traffic signs** and a mechanism for enforcing traffic rules within Northridge. While most people were concerned with traffic within the NR area, a few expressed concern with the traffic on GW Carver, especially near the two entrances. Some respondents also felt that there is a need for a safe sidewalk from NR to Stange Rd. intersection.

The next most important complaint was related to pets and pet-owners. A consistent complaint was that dog owners let their dogs go **unleashed** and that they do not **scoop the poop**, both of which are violations of the City Ordinance.'

**- Thanks to all of you who answered the Survey - your input helps us to have an understanding of the concerns of the whole community.**

**Neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend, teen to teen -**

please, let us respect each other and respect each other's property! Only we can make this the safe neighborhood we all want it to be! The best rule is:

**'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you'**

**-Jenny Hung, Chairperson, Safety Committee**

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### **WELCOMING:**

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

Liaison, Vice President - Jim Koester

**Chairperson** - Lois Pedigo -

Members: Rebecca Aldridge, Lori Hotchkiss, Marilee Mertins, Phyllis Moore, Judy Stuckey, Sylvia Summers

### **Welcoming Committee Report:**

**Believe it or not!!** in 1996 this Welcoming Committee called on **72 new families** to welcome them to our neighborhood! **AND** 1997 is off to a great start with an additional **26 families** already contacted!! Noon luncheons for the women were held in 1996, along with several lovely evening gatherings.

Please help us out by contacting the Committee if you, or someone you know, haven't received any information about the Northridge community. We do try to call on each new family, but we don't always know when a family has moved in.

**Ladies: Don't miss 'Chocoholics Nite' & 'Ice Cream Nite'**

**-Lois Pedigo, Chairperson, Welcoming Committee**

***PICNIC:***

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

## Liaison, the whole Board

**Chairperson - Caroline Bergland -**

**Members: Carroll Marty, Sue McGeeney,  
Tom Sally, Sylvia & Bill Summers**

## Northridge Picnic Update!!!

**Sunday - June 1, 1997 - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

*Set up will begin 3 p.m. regardless of weather.*

Our picnic will be a **cookout** with Save U More doing all the work for **\$3.00/person** (children age 4 and under will be free of charge). There will be a choice of a hamburger or 5 oz. chicken with a bun, condiments, two side dishes, as well as napkins, plates and utensils

**We will need reservations!** Beverages will be provided by the Association and the Developers will be providing the cookies for dessert.

There will be **planned activities** for young children, teenagers and adults!!! We are working on a **Club Seven Dance** following the picnic from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.. We ask that residents **volunteer** for one of the following committees:

**1. Publicity** -responsible for ongoing communication & advertising; enlisting the support of street chairpersons to encourage attendance & participation.

**Call Tom Sally at**

**2. Recreation & Activities** --responsible for setting up & organizing recreation and activities for young children, teenagers & adults.

**Call Sue McGeeney at**

**3. Food/beverage** -responsible for all food & beverage arrangements, for setup (including table covers) & cleanup, keeping track of reservations and money.

**Call Caroline Bergland at**

*Choose the committee that best suits your talents.*

*We will, also, need chaperones for the dance.*

*The next committee meeting will be:*

Tuesday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. at

*if interested in participating please call Caroline at*

**-Caroline Bergland, Chairperson, Picnic Committee**

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**FYI:**

*The parking areas in the cul-de-sacs may take as long as three days to clear this winter. The city is still responsible for clearing snow in the cul-de-sac streets.*

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*Every effort has been made to be accurate with the data in your new Directory and in the Newsletters, however, errors may have occurred. If you discover an error, please advise any Board member of that error and we will publish a correction in the next newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding*

***Jane Cunningham, President***

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## Reminder:

The Association Bylaws  
require that when selling  
your home you are obligated  
to notify the Board of  
the new owner's name  
immediately!

**Please!! Be a good neighbor!!**

## Observe the pet 'Leash-law'

# AND

## Clean up after your pet!

## Animal Shelter & Control

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