

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 -
Tom Cackler - Secretary -
Chuck Schmidt - Treasurer -
Gary Warning - Member at Large -

Recap of Board Meetings:

July 21, 1997: The Board has directed the Greenspace Committee to remove all cottonwood trees close to the paths and replace them with appropriate trees. Removal of two trees and a stump was authorized. Seeding the greenspace between Greenwood and Maplewood will be done.

The north irrigation system has been repaired. A written complaint regarding an unsightly compost pile was received. The resident has been asked to remove it because it is not properly cared for and is not properly screened, thus is in violation of the restrictive covenants.

An attorney is still working on the issue of home occupations.

Drop boxes at the entrances are being designed.

August 18, 1997: An on-site inspection of proposed ponds to be developed & located north of Bayberry Road was made by the Board and the Board decided not to support said development because of safety reasons.

Due to the poor condition of the pathway east of Northridge Parkway a quote for replacing it was discussed and will be further considered.

A fence was approved. All dead trees which were the original landscape architect's responsibility have been replaced by him.

Numerous complaints have been received regarding selling certain products - a direct violation of both the City of Ames and our restrictive covenants - the resident has been reminded and asked to refrain.

The drop box designs have been approved and the drop boxes will be built and installed as soon as possible.

September 15, 1997: Another grant has been requested from the City by the Greenspace Committee, we are waiting for their response.

The Welcoming Committee is putting together more handouts for our new neighbors and ask for names from people they may have missed.

The home business issue is still with the attorney.

The compost is still a problem-a screening request has been received and is being considered.

Several walkway-damaging tree roots have been cut and the walkway is in the process of being repaired. This was very difficult job. Thanks a million to Chuck, Jim, Gary & Tom for their hard work and for making this walkway SAFER!

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 Adam, Pete Buck,
Liza Cartwright, Michael Cowan,
Tom Harrington, Wendy Harrod,
Ginny Huntington, Mon Lin Kuo, Bob Lee,
Dan Staedtler

The committee had \$6,711 to work with (with the city grant money and the Association budget) \$6,678.04 has been used. A total of 66 people helped with the projects, with a total of 396 hours of working and planning. Several dead trees have been removed and replaced. Grass seeding will be completed this fall in greenspace between Maplewood Road and Greenwood Road.

Cottonwood trees are causing breakups on the bike paths. Most of these trees should be either removed or their roots cut off - depending on their locations.

Each greenspace area will have names; i.e., The Rose Garden, Maple Corner, Hawthorn Pond and Burr Oak. The plantings used in the areas directly correlate to the names used.

THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MORE BEAUTIFUL!!



NEWSLETTER:

Mission - *To provide the much requested noncommercial 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 -

We would like to use more photos in the newsletter - if you have any you think would be interesting to your neighbors, please submit them to us along with some descriptive comments for publication.



PICNIC:

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

Liaison, Treasurer - Chuck Schmidt
Chairperson - Carol Bousquet -

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



SOCIAL:

Mission: Develop and foster relationships among Northridge residents through sponsoring activities during the year.

Liaison, Vice President - Jim Koester
Chairperson - Connie Matzke -

Members: Vicky Blum, Karla Drapal,
Roseanne Hesel, Laurie Hotchkiss,
Vickie Loes, Karen Mills, Nancy Pedersen,
Jan Schwantes, and Sylvia Summers.

As a result of the survey, there will be several activities throughout the coming year. The first of which was the **'Fall Ladies Night Out', September 17, at the home of Connie Matzke.**

On **October 3** (rain date October 17), come join us for an **Adult Night Out at Moore Park for a BONFIRE!** A catered picnic supper will be provided for just \$3 per adult. Just bring your beverage of choice and lawn chairs or blankets. **Reservations** for the BONFIRE should be returned to Nancy Pedersen at **by Sept. 25th.** Questions - call Nancy at . Our last planned activity for 1997 will be the **Annual Northridge Cookie Exchange** to be held **December 10, at 7:30 p.m.**, at the home of **Karla Drapal,** . Please bring 5 dozen cookies (all of the same kind). **RSVP** to Karla at **by December 1st.**

Upcoming events for winter/spring 1998:
(dates to be announced)

Progressive Dinner
Spring Ladies Night Out
Northridge Easter Egg Hunt

Watch this Newsletter for upcoming social events. Mark your calendars for all fall activities and **call or respond with your RSVP!!** Anyone interested in joining our committee please call Connie.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLIER!



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 - Jan Schwantes -

Members: Rebecca Aldridge,
Laurie Hotchkiss, Marilee Mertins,
Phyllis Moore, Sylvia Summers



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 - Tom Cackler
Chairperson - Jenny Hung -
3130

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





Don't Miss These Dates

October 3rd **NORTHRIDGE FALL BONFIRE**

Catered Picnic Supper for All Adults
\$3.00 per adult
bring your choice of beverage & a lawn chair/blanket
RSVP Nancy Pedersen @

December 10th **ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Ladies bring 5 dozen cookies (all of same kind)
7:30 p.m. to
RSVP Karla Drapal @
by December 1st

 Don't forget 
Association Bylaws require that when you
sell your home you are obligated to notify
the Board of the new owner's name
immediately!!



Every effort has been made to be accurate with the data in this newsletter, 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.

If you would like to have anything published in this newsletter, please get in touch with me at
or anytime.

Jane Cunningham, President