

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Issue Ten

BOARD of DIRECTORS' NEWSLETTER

December 1997

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:

October, 1997: Greenspace Committee Chairman, Carroll Marty, summarized Committee's activities:
-The city approved a new grant for next year in amount of \$4996 - Planting concepts for several more green spaces are being reviewed - 3 white pines at entrance to be removed because they are a Safety hazard - more locations are being identified with trees causing problems to paths - Cottonwood trees north of Sycamore along path will be removed in spring - Long Construction completed path repair/replacement between Ridgetop Circle & Northridge Parkway and the Developers contributed toward this expense.

November 17, 1997: Picnic Committee Chairperson, Carol Bousquet, attended - the survey was discussed. Timing, entertainment and various other aspects will be decided in the next few months. Central Iowa Lawn & Home Care, Inc. will be doing the snow removal on the cul-de-sacs again this year. The Drop boxes are done - very nice! The problem of tree roots causing damage to the walking paths was discussed at length - the following motion was then approved by the Board unanimously.

As the development has matured, it has become evident that shrubs and trees planted on private property, too close to the walking paths have caused damage to them.

Therefore, if damage does occur the Board wants to be sure that residents understand that, in the event of such damage, the RESIDENT will be billed for the cost of repairing the path, as well as, the pruning of overhanging branches and removal of tree roots.

December 15, 1997: Due to the concern of the future cost of repairing the walking paths, it was voted unanimously to increase the annual dues to \$80.

The Annual Picnic will be held on June 7, 1998. Pennington will be doing the lawn treatment again in 1998. An updated Welcoming packet will be completed and given to the committee for disbursement. In response to the number of complaints we have had regarding neighbors and their pet droppings, the City Attorney's office was contacted and a copy of their reply is included with this Newsletter. It is time to contact people who might be interested in running for the Board - we will be electing three new directors in 1998. The Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 23, 1998.



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We will be electing 3 directors in 1998, who would you like to nominate?

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



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 -



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

The date for the Annual Picnic is June 7, 1998, put it on your calendar now!

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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.

Fall Report:

Several Northridge neighbors attended our **Fall Bonfire** (without Bonfire) on Oct 3. Everyone there had a great time! Thanks to Jim & Nancy Pedersen for hosting - especially with such short notice. Our **Annual Northridge Cookie Exchange** was held on December 10th. Everyone went home with delicious cookies for the holidays. Thanks to Karla Drapal who was the hostess for this tasty event.

A **Progressive Dinner** for the evening of **January 31st** from **6 p.m. - 11 p.m.** is being planned to get us through the long, long Iowa winter. Cost for the dinner will be \$40 per couple. Watch for a flyer about this event the first part of January. Reservations will have to be turned in, no later than January 9th. Sorry, no late replies for this event. **Any questions, or if you would like to offer to host a phase of the dinner, please call:**

Karla Drapal at or Jan Schwantes at

The **First Children's Easter Egg Hunt** will be held the morning of **April 4** (rain date April 5). Look for more information to follow. If you have questions about this event, **please call Roseanne Hesel at or Karla Drapal at**

The last **Ladies Night Out** for the season will be held on **April 19**. Watch for information in the next newsletter.

Last, but certainly not least, a monthly **Ladies Luncheon Group** will be meeting the first Wednesday of the month, at noon, at various restaurants in Ames. Come join us monthly, or whenever you can, for good food and conversation. **To find out where monthly luncheons will be, please call a member of the social committee.**

Anyone interested in joining our committee please call Connie at

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

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Don't Miss This Date:

January 31, 1998
Progressive Dinner
\$40 per couple
Reservations by January 9
or

Upcoming Events:

April 4, 1998
Easter Egg Hunt
&
April 29, 1998
Ladies Night Out

More Information to Follow

♣♣ 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!!



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** -

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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