

Northridge Parkway Homeowners' Association

A Newsletter for the Northridge Parkway Community

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2004 NORTHRIDGE PARKWAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

David Suntken - President
Matt Cooper - Vice President
Jeff Mann - Treasurer
Deanne Stuart - Secretary
Bill Shrum - Member at Large

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Northridge Board is in search of an individual to fill the position of Administrative Assistant. This person will be responsible for production of the newsletter, maintenance of the homeowner database, periodic correspondence, distribution of board minutes and agendas and other miscellaneous tasks as needed. A modest time commitment is required and a fair wage offered. If interested, please contact Deanne Stuart at

JUST DOO-DOO IT

This is a reminder to pet owners that either walk their animals and/or let their pets run when off of a leash.

According to section 3.119 of the City Municipal Code, any person who walks an animal on private or public grounds shall be responsible for the proper and immediate disposal of the solid waste excreted by that animal, except when the animal is on the owner's or keeper's property. Please note that this section does not apply to an animal under control of a handicapped person and specially trained for the purpose of assisting handicapped persons.

It is a Municipal Infraction to allow your pet to soil a neighbor's property or public property and infractions may be reported by citizens. There is a \$30 fine for a first violation. The first repeat violation warrants a \$100 fine and subsequent repeat violations warrant a \$200 fine each. Please exercise your good neighbor manners and clean up after your pet. Our children enjoy playing in our green spaces and yards, don't make it a hazard for them. Thank you.

NORTHRIDGE GARAGE SALE

There has been interest in doing this again next spring. A volunteer is needed to put an ad in the newspaper and to put up the signs at the entrances on the morning of the sale. Call Deanne at

POND SAFETY

- * Please stay away from the edge of the ponds. No swimming is allowed in the ponds.
- * Please refrain from throwing landscaping rocks into the ponds.

NORTHRIDGE WEBSITE

Check out www.northridge-ames.us Our website has the restrictive covenants for all 18 additions, application for fence/dog run, maps of all kinds, newsletters, photos, and committee information. Thanks again to Dan Staedtler.

NEED TO LOCATE A PROPERTY LINE?

If you are planning to plant trees or put in a garden, fence or something else and need to know where your property line is, contact Bob Steffes at . He has the Association's steel pin finder and will help you with this task. He has done 25 lot pin searches. This tool is used to locate underground property line lot pins or the corners of a lot. Remember that you need to have fences approved by the Board.

REMINDER OF DOG RUN COVENANT

"Any dog run, trash receptacle, tool shed, or other outside structure of like nature shall be properly screened by shrubbery or by a decorated fence, or both." Please be a good neighbor and screen your outside structure. For an application, download one from our website at www.northridge-ames.us.

PATH REPAIR

Damage to paths due to tree root growth is ultimately the responsibility of the individual homeowners. Make sure that if you are planning to plant any trees near our paths that you only plant trees with roots that run deep, not along the ground.

We will be taking out several trees that are on the Association's property that are damaging our pathways. This will be done so that we may repair the paths without worry of the tree damaging the repaired path. Our property is 10 feet from the middle of that pathway.

Also, a reminder to those neighbors doing landscaping and/or construction, walkway paths are not designed to support loaded landscaping Bobcats or trucks hauling dirt. Please do not use the paths for this purpose. Damage may not be immediately noticeable, but it will happen.

Please inform Matt Cooper at ASAP if you know of any paths that are in need of repair in Northridge. We know repair is needed on the path between Valley View and Hemlock Circle and between Monet and Cattail Ponds. We will be getting bids for these repairs and want to take care of all repairs at the same time.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS

As a courtesy to your neighbors and for the safety of our children, please do not park your recreational vehicle nor boat on your lot or public property for a period of time longer than 48 hours, as per the Ames city code and your covenants.

ENTRANCE NEWS

We have made the decision not to irrigate the entrances at this time. The irrigation system is not efficient and uses more water than is needed.

Plans are underway to plant perennials and shrubs at the Bayberry entrance. We are also proposing to plant more colorful perennials at the Aspen and Northridge Parkway entrances (in front of the signs and on the medians) at a cost of approximately \$10,000. We would like to make the first look of our development one that says, "This is a great neighborhood to live in!"

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a new member for our Board of Directors due to the departure of David Suntken. Meetings are once a month and rotate between the member's homes. Please call Deanne Stuart at if you have an interest.

There have been complaints about speeding in Northridge. The speed limit in residential areas is 25 mph. Please help keep our children safe.

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DUES INCREASE

The Northridge Parkway subdivision is aging and in need of some sprucing up and path repairs. The membership present at our Annual Meeting in January voted to increase our dues from \$80 to \$100 beginning 2005. These funds will be used for path repair and to maintain our entrances, bridges, ponds, green spaces and cul-de-sacs.

DO YOU KNOW...

How many ponds are there in NR? --4

How many miles of walking paths do we have in NR? -- 4.3 miles

How many acres of green space in NR? -- 23

When was the first home built in NR? -- 1990

Your front property line of your home is how many feet behind the curb of your street? - --14.5 (10 for cul-de-sac homes)

Do NR residents pay property taxes on the green space/park areas in NR? --Yes

Is Moore Memorial Park a part of NR? --No

