

Northridge Homeowners' Association

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2005 NORTHRIDGE PARKWAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Shrum, *President*

Matt Cooper, *Vice President*

Jeff Mann, *Treasurer*

Deanne Stuart, *Secretary*

Jim Baker, *Member at Large*

Jill Roof, *Member at Large*

LeAnn Hillier, *Administrative Asst.*

THANK YOU!

Carroll Marty and his Greenspace Committee deserve a HUGE thank you for their volunteer work throughout Northridge. They have removed trees, pruned shrubs, picked up sticks after storms, and much more.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome two new board members this month. *Jim Baker* will serve as a member at large. He and his wife, Margery, long-time residents of Ames, moved to Northridge in 1999. Jim is a recently retired professor from the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering at Iowa State. They spend their time enjoying their two grandchildren and supporting Iowa State athletics. They especially enjoy the pathways in Northridge, which provide the opportunity for many leisurely walks.

We also welcome *Jill Roof* as a new member at large. Jill, husband Mike, and their two children moved into Northridge in late 1996. She has worked at Mary Greeley Medical Center as a Medical Technologist for many years and is currently the Laboratory Wellness Coordinator. She enjoys golfing, boating, traveling, attempting to garden, and watching her children's activities.

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 20, 2005

The Northridge Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Ames Public Library on January 20, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. Please check the meeting board at the library for the room assignment. The agenda will include a summary of Board activities for the year. In addition, the annual meeting is a great opportunity to get together with your neighbors to talk about current issues of concern or to simply visit. If you have anything you would like included in the agenda, please contact *Deanne Stuart* by January 16.

ANNUAL DUES DEADLINE MARCH 1ST

Just a reminder that the dues have increased to **\$100/year**. The dues pay for maintenance of aging green spaces and entryway mowing, fertilizer, and new perennials/shrubs; walkway repairs and accrual for expense of future repairs; taxes, insurance, newsletters, etc. We would also like to beautify the bridge areas.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

LeAnn Hillier is the new administrative assistant to the board. LeAnn and her family (husband Andy and three boys ages 4, 3, and 6 months) moved to Northridge from Virginia in 2003. Although trained as an Intensive Care Unit nurse and epidemiologist, LeAnn is currently a busy stay-at-home mom. She enjoys cooking (and eating), reading, jogging, and playing piano.

NORTHRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

A plan is currently being developed regarding future improvements to Northridge for 2005 and beyond. Current issues include: the green space at the intersections of Bayberry, Ridgetop, and Evergreen; and the drainage ditch between Almond and Valley View. Please contact *Matt Cooper* if you have any further suggestions for improvements to Northridge.

ICY POND DANGERS

Families are asked to please discuss with their children the dangers of playing on the icy ponds this winter. The embankments of these ponds drop off precipitously and the water is dangerously cold. Residents living near the ponds are not responsible to remind children of these dangers and will likely be unaware if a child breaks through the ice. Education and awareness are the best ways to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you for working together to avoid tragedy.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

Winter is here. Snow is sure to follow! Remember that residents are required by Ames Code to clear snow from the sidewalk in front of their homes within 24 hours of its fall. Also, please take a moment to help the fire department by clearing away snow from fire hydrants.

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON TRAILS

As winter approaches, it is time to remind residents that motorized vehicles are prohibited in the green spaces and on the trails. The primary reason is to protect the walkways and green space from accidental damage. Thank you for keeping this in mind when looking for a convenient place to snowmobile.

NORTHRIDGE GARAGE SALE

A volunteer is needed to direct a Northridge Garage Sale day in early May. The volunteer is responsible for newspaper advertisements and signs on the sale day. Call *Deanne Stuart* if interested.

SPEED LIMIT

Please remember the speed limit in residential neighborhoods is **25 mph**. Please help keep our children safe!

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Annual Dues Notice Enclosed