

Northridge Homeowners' Association

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NEW GREEN SPACE PROJECT MANAGER

We welcome *Carroll Marty* as the new Green Space Project Manager. He and his wife, Fidella, built their Northridge home in 1992 and have lived here since. Carroll was a member of the board for two years and has been Chairman of the Green Space Committee since 1997. He was instrumental in acquiring several City of Ames Improvement Grants to purchase the plants and trees for the green areas of Northridge. He organized and worked with volunteers to plant the gardens and has continued to provide the maintenance the keep the green spaces and gardens attractive.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Fidella Marty is in the process of updating information and reactivating the Northridge Welcome Committee. Committee members make a short visit to newcomers in the neighborhood to welcome them and give them information about the neighborhood and the Homeowners' Association. If you have recently moved to Northridge and would like someone to bring you this information OR if you would like to be a member of the Welcome Committee, please contact Fidella Marty, or

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your board is pleased to announce that Carroll Marty, long time volunteer of the green space committee, has agreed to be our new project manager. He brings a wealth of knowledge and pride to the job. We feel very fortunate to have him and we are working with him to do some long-range planning for various maintenance and beautification projects.

A reminder to parents: Please tell your children not to wade or swim in the ponds. It could be very dangerous, as I'm sure you are all aware.

We recently took the "hump" out of the Storybook Bridge, as we discovered it was a potential liability hazard for bikers. We are on the lookout constantly to make the common areas as safe as possible.

Your board is also looking at ways to greet and welcome new residents in a formal way. We are also looking at some social gatherings in various individual neighborhoods of the subdivision. It was thought an entire subdivision social might be a little unwieldy and hard to pull off.

We are always interested in your thoughts and concerns on any of these topics or others. Have a pleasant spring!!

Bill Shrum, Board President

NORTHRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE – JUNE 11

Have you been thinking about what you're going to do with all of that stuff you found while spring cleaning? Why not participate in a neighborhood-wide yard sale? Saturday, June 11 is the date for which an advertisement will be placed, inviting one and all to our neighborhood to hunt for bargains. Set up your garage/driveway or peruse those of your neighbors. Please RSVP if you plan to participate (or have questions) to LeAnn Hillier at

STREAMS AND PONDS

Now that Spring has arrived, please remind your children (especially those who play in the green spaces unsupervised) to observe the following precautions around Northridge's streams and ponds:

1. Please do not play near the edge of the ponds and, above all, *stay out of the water*. There may be a very steep underwater drop-off at the edge of the water and the areas near the edge may be slippery.
2. Please do not leave garbage in streams or ponds. This creates an unsightly mess that detracts from the beauty of these areas.
3. Please do not move the rocks and slabs that have been placed along the waterways. These have been placed there for aesthetic appeal as well as to reduce erosion.

Thanks for helping to keep Northridge's green spaces safe and clean, and our children safe.

FOND OF FIDO

(but not what remains behind...)

As walking season begins in full force, please keep your neighbors fond of Fido by bringing a trash bag along. Remember the kids and walkers who will follow, as we all look forward to enjoying the pathways this Spring and Summer.

FENCING, DOG RUNS, BARRIERS

Spring is here and many of us are gardening and working on landscaping. As you consider making modifications to your yard, including dog runs, fences, and vegetative barriers near walkways, please check your covenants. There are guidelines for installation of these items and an application and approval by the Board is required.

USE OF GREEN SPACES

The board urges the use of these areas for pick-up games and neighborhood play, but not for city or league organized practices and games. Also, if you have children who enjoy practicing golf, encourage them to use wiffle-type golf balls when practicing in the green spaces. In the past, there have been complaints of broken windows from golf balls.

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