

CITYSIDE

November 2026



COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINEES

The Ames Human Relations Commission (AHRC) is seeking nominations for its annual Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes an Ames resident whose worthy contributions to the community demonstrate extraordinary quality, especially in efforts to promote wellbeing and belonging in Ames.

The Humanitarian Award application is available on the City's website at: www.CityOfAmes.org/AHRC.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CITY HALL AND MOST CITY OF AMES OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, FOR VETERANS DAY, AND THURSDAY, NOV. 26, AND FRIDAY, NOV. 27, FOR THANKSGIVING.



AMES NEIGHBORHOOD NAMED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Chautauqua Park and Ridgewood Historic District has been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

Composed of two residential additions established in 1910 and 1916, the nine-block neighborhood features 150 single-family properties. The district is celebrated for its examples of Craftsman, Colonial, and Tudor Revival architecture with distinctive curvilinear streets that follow the natural terrain, setting it apart from typical grid layouts. It includes the portions of the blocks east of Brookside Park, Sixth and 13th streets, as well as west of Northwestern Avenue. The district's official period of historic significance is 1910 to 1958.



"Recognizing the historic and architectural significance of established neighborhoods helps our community preserve its history," said Parker Walsh, Assistant Planner with the Ames Planning and Housing Department. "The Ames Historic Preservation Commission worked hard to earn this national designation for Chautauqua Park and Ridgewood."

The City's Historic Preservation Commission received two grants to help fund the research and preparation of the nomination. The National Register of Historic Places is administered by the National Park Service (NPS). Programs within Iowa are coordinated by the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa. Funding was provided through NPS, U.S. Department of the Interior, and administered through the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

TOWN BUDGET MEETING SET FOR NOV. 5

The City of Ames budget process kicks off in the fall with the annual Town Budget Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, in the City Council Chambers, second floor, 515 Clark Ave.

time for residents to give input and ask questions regarding the coming year's budget.

The meeting is streamed live on the City's Facebook and YouTube pages. Viewers may call in questions to 515.239.5214 or submit questions through the live YouTube or Facebook broadcasts in the comments section.

A brief overview of the City's budget, including revenue and expenses, will be presented. This is followed by a

TRANSMISSION LINE WORK PLANNED TOP-O-HOLLOW ROAD TO POWER PLANT

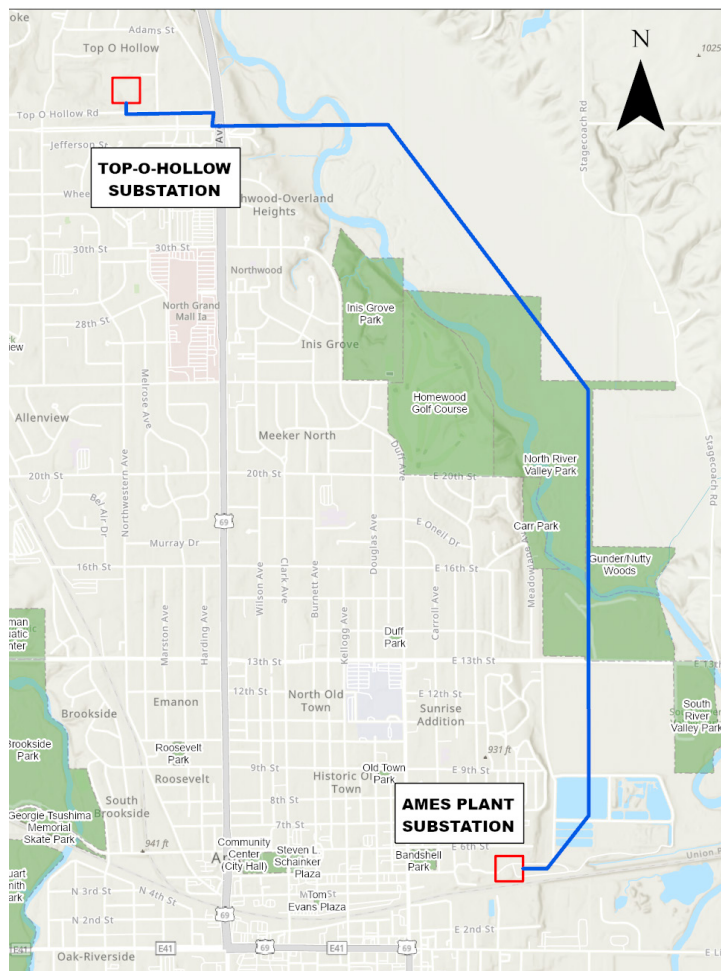
For more than 125 years, Ames Electric Services has provided electricity to Ames customers, and that commitment continues today through investments in the infrastructure that delivers power to homes and businesses throughout the community.

A major project along Top-O-Hollow Road and Grand Avenue is anticipated to begin in November. Ames Electric Services has contracted with Watts Electric Co. to rebuild the overhead electric poles and lines along the north side of Top-O-Hollow Road and the east side of Grand Avenue. The project extends through North and East River Valley parks and south to the Ames Plant Substation near the Ames Power Plant at 200 E. Fifth St.

The existing poles and lines are approaching the end of their expected service life and will be replaced as part of this project.

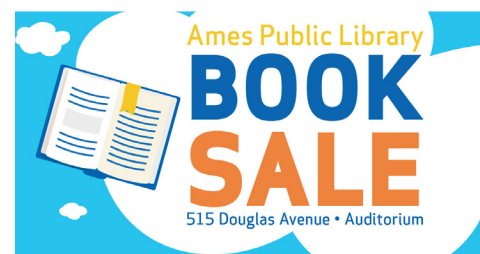
Projects like this are often highly visible to residents, particularly when construction takes place along roadways and through parks. The new poles, lines and other electrical infrastructure are important investments in the long-term reliability of Ames' power grid. Regularly replacing aging equipment helps Ames Electric Services maintain the system that customers rely on every day and prepare it to continue serving the community for decades to come.

Questions about the project may be directed to Electric Engineer Mark Imhoff, Ames Electric Services, at mark.imhoff@cityofames.org or 515.239.5175.



LIBRARY HOSTS BOOK SALE

Find great deals on thousands of used items, including books, movies, music, and more at the Ames Public Library fall book sale from Thursday, Nov. 19 to Sunday, Nov. 22! The library is located at 515 Douglas Ave.



- Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission \$2; Free admission and early entry starting at 5 p.m. for donors to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation at the \$20 level and above.
- Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon to 5 p.m. Last day! Admission \$1, and everything is free! (Auditorium only.)

Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds from the book sale are used to enhance library programs and services.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are in City Hall City Council Chambers, 515 Clark Ave., and live on City of Ames Facebook, and YouTube.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10
6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24

PARKS & RECREATION

HOMEWOOD GOLF COURSE

Homewood Clubhouse Rentals: Host your next social gathering, meeting or party at the Homewood Clubhouse, 401 E. 20th St. Rental options are available year-round and seasonally.



Community Room: Accommodates up to 80 people, \$105/hour, available year-round.

Pro Shop: Accommodates up to 24 people, \$53/hour, available Nov. 1–March 31.

Community Room & Pro Shop: Accommodates up to 104 people, \$132/hour, available Nov. 1–March 31.

Euchre League: Enjoy friendly competition Monday evenings at the Homewood Clubhouse. Begins Nov. 2, 6–7:30 p.m.

Cribbage League: Play Wednesday mornings or evenings at the Homewood Clubhouse. Begins Nov. 4, 10–11:30 a.m. or 6–7:30 p.m.

TRAINING COURSES

Community CPR/AED/First Aid Course (ages 10+): Take the American Red Cross course covering adult and pediatric CPR, AED and first aid. Successful completion earns a certification valid for two years. Saturday, Nov. 21, 8:30–11 a.m. Cost: \$90 resident, \$105 nonresident.

YOUTH AND ADULT ACTIVITIES

Youth (Grades 1–6) and Adult Tennis Lessons: Learn from tennis professionals inside the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble. Session begins Nov. 14.

Little Tennis (Ages 3–5): Parents partner with their children to learn the basics of tennis in a fun, supportive environment. Session begins Nov. 10.

60+ Duckpin Bowling League: Enjoy duckpin bowling every Thursday afternoon at Sixty Forward, 205 S. Walnut Ave. Choose a time between 2–6 p.m. and register individually by Nov. 2.

Adult Fitness & Aqua Fitness Classes: The new session begins Nov. 16 with a variety of classes, including Strength, TRX, Tramp, Yoga, Cycling, Boxing Bootcamp, Pilates, Barre, Aqua Zumba, Gentle Aqua, Aqua Fit and more. In-person and virtual options are available. View the class schedule at www.AmesParkRec.org.

Adult Dance Classes: New session begins Nov. 2. Try Country Line Dancing or West Coast Swing; no experience or partner needed. Beginner and intermediate options available.

Babysitter's Training Course (ages 11–16 years): Take the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course, including pediatric CPR, AED and first aid. Friday, Nov. 20, 4–8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Cost: \$115 resident, \$139 nonresident.

PARKS AND RECREATION HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Homewood Clubhouse: Closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 and Thursday, Nov. 26 through Saturday, Nov. 28.

Community Center: Closed Thursday, Nov. 26.

Ames/ISU Ice Arena: Closed Thursday, Nov. 26.

Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center: Closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27.

For monthly facility schedules, go to www.AmesParkRec.org/PRCalendars.

AQUATICS

Pirates Party (ages 1–9 years): Enjoy a fun pirate skit with prizes and snacks at the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center, 115 N. Elm St. The event is Saturday, Nov. 14, noon–2 p.m. Cost for one child and one adult: \$30 resident, \$35 nonresident.

Blended Learning Lifeguard Class (ages 15+): Blended American Red Cross course (online and in-person). Earn a two-year certification. Nov. 27–29. \$255 resident/\$270 nonresident.

ENERGY Q&A

Q: What EV charging options, costs, and rebates are available through Ames Electric Services?

A: Ames Electric Services has 25 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports in town. We've recently added additional Level 2 chargers near City Hall, and the Water Department added one at their plant.

Two brand new Level 3 DC Fast Chargers were installed this past summer at Lincoln Center, 650 Lincoln Way. Once activated this fall, these high-powered chargers will charge an EV battery in less than 30 minutes.

Ames Electric Services provides public charging at a cost of 14 cents per kWh at the Level 2 charging locations and 20 cents per kWh at the Level 3 fast-charging stations. Using the City of Ames' Level 2 charging rate is comparable to paying \$1.26 per gallon for gas, in terms of the cost of fuel per mile. At a Level 3 station, it would be equivalent to paying \$1.80 per gallon at the gas pump.

We will continue to meet the need for additional public charging locations as well as work with our customers to support their vehicle charging



New Level 3 DC Fast Chargers were installed at 650 Lincoln Way.

installations. If you are installing a Level 2 charger at your home, take advantage of our \$500 rebate that is available. Be sure to look into our Time-of-Use rate for potentially even more savings! With the Time-of-Use rate, you can save money by charging your EV during lower-cost, off-peak hours. Scheduling your charging for those times can help reduce the cost of powering your vehicle without changing how you drive.

For more information about EV chargers, rebates, or rates, remember that I'm here to answer your questions. Or you can visit www.CityOfAmes.org/SmartEnergy.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY NUMBERS AUGUST 2026

45 LED streetlights
installed for a total of
6,976

29,490 Miles of vehicle
charging at public electric
charging stations

279,936 Kilowatt Hours
of energy produced by
SunSmart Ames solar farm

Resource Recovery Plant
Refuse-Derived Fuel:
2,463 Tons

RECYCLING

Glass: 10.47 Tons

Metals: 98 Tons

Food Waste Diversion:
7.25 Tons

Cardboard: 8.6 Tons

Mixed Paper: 4.5 Tons

Plastics: 4.7 Tons

Curbside Recycling:
149 Tons

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Power Out	515.239.5240
Street Light Out.....	515.239.5500
Utility Bills.....	515.239.5120
Energy Questions.....	515.239.5177
Tree Too Close to Electric Line?	515.239.5500
Digging? Contact Iowa One Call.....	811
Storm Water Concern.....	515.239.5160
Rusty Water.....	515.239.5551



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