



# CITYSIDE

NOVEMBER 2025

## NEW LOCATION CONSIDERED FOR WELCH AVENUE FIRE STATION

Plans to relocate Fire Station No. 2 from its current home on Welch Avenue to a new site along State Avenue are moving forward. The Ames City Council has prioritized this project as a way to increase community safety, improve department response time to incidents, and open new opportunities for redevelopment in Campustown.

Fire Station No. 2, located at 132 Welch Ave., is surrounded by heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Relocating the fire station to State Avenue reduces congestion and makes it easier for emergency vehicles to respond quickly and safely. The new site also places the Ames Fire Department in a better position to serve the city's growing neighborhoods, improving response times across a wider service area. A modern facility designed with best practices for emergency operations will further increase efficiency.

The station relocation continues the partnership between the City of Ames and Iowa State University. The new station would

be built on ISU property south of Baker Subdivision and College Creek. The collaboration helps share costs and strengthens fire protection for both ISU and the City. Finally, moving the fire station off Welch Avenue opens the door for redevelopment of the

existing site in Campustown. Revenue from the future sale of the property would be applied to reduce project debt, making the investment fiscally responsible as well as forward-looking.

Fire Station No. 2 relocation represents a long-term investment in safety, efficiency, and community development. Funding the new station would require a bond referendum and voter approval. For the latest information, go to [www.CityOfAmes.org/FireStation](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/FireStation).



## AMES POLICE LAUNCH COMMUNITY CAMERA PROGRAM

The Ames Police Department recently introduced the Community Camera Program, a new way for residents and businesses to partner with police in keeping neighborhoods safe.



Security cameras are becoming increasingly common on homes and businesses. While they can deter criminal activity, they can also capture valuable details important to an investigation. Often, neighbors may not realize their camera caught something useful. By knowing where cameras are located, officers can quickly reach out when they need help.

Signing up to participate in the Community Camera Program is simple and completely voluntary. Registering the location of a home or business camera lets Ames Police know a camera exists. It does not give anyone access to it. If something happens nearby, officers may ask owners to check footage and share anything that might help.

The program is free and participants can opt out anytime. Privacy is protected because officers cannot view cameras without owner permission. The Community Camera Program makes it easier for the community and police to work together. Learn more or register a camera at [www.CityOfAmes.org/Camera](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/Camera).

## CITY NEWS TO USE

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### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City Hall and most City of Ames offices will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving.



## NO-CHARGE YARD WASTE DAYS SET IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

Story County residents can dispose of yard waste at no charge during Fall No-Charge Yard Waste Days planned in October and November. The scheduled Saturdays are Oct. 25, Nov. 8 (includes brush), Nov. 15, and Nov. 22, at Chamness/GreenRU, 400 Freil Drive. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those participating in Fall No-Charge Yard Waste Days are asked to enter the site from South Dayton Avenue, then west on Southeast Fifth Street, and north on Freil Drive. Drivers should exit the site north on

Freil Drive to East Lincoln Way.

Yard waste is not accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant. For more information about yard waste disposal, visit [www.CityOfAmes.org/YardWaste](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/YardWaste).



## No-Charge Yard Waste Days

**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
(leaves only)

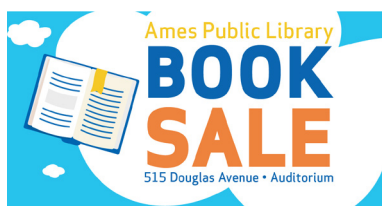
**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
(leaves and brush)

**Saturday, Nov. 15**  
(leaves only)

**Saturday, Nov. 22**  
(leaves only)

## AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS NOVEMBER 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. 13 to Sunday, Nov. 16! The library located at 515 Douglas Ave.



- Thursday, Nov. 13, 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. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- Sunday, Nov. 16, 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.

## BUDGET MEETING PLANNED NOV. 6

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. 6, in the City Council Chambers, second floor, 515 Clark Ave.

A brief overview of the City's budget, including revenue and expenses, will



be presented. This is followed by a time for residents to give input and ask questions regarding the coming year's budget.

The meeting is streamed live at [www.CityOfAmes.org](http://www.CityOfAmes.org) and on the City's Facebook and YouTube pages. Viewers may call in questions to 515.239.5214 or submit questions through the live Facebook or YouTube broadcasts in the comments section.

## HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Ames Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for the annual Humanitarian Award. Nominations open on Monday, Oct. 13 and close on Friday, Nov. 7.

Nominations can be submitted at [www.CityOfAmes.org/ahrc](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/ahrc).

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are in City Hall City Council Chambers, 515 Clark Ave., and streamed via the City website, Facebook, and YouTube.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18

6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25

[WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG/CCMEETINGS](http://WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG/CCMEETINGS)



## PARKS AND RECREATION HOLIDAY HOURS: HOMEWOOD CLUBHOUSE – CLOSED NOV. 11 AND NOV. 27-29 COMMUNITY CENTER – CLOSED NOV. 27 AMES/ISU ICE ARENA – CLOSED NOV. 27

FOR MONTHLY FACILITY SCHEDULES VISIT [WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG/PRCALENDARS](http://WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG/PRCALENDARS)

### UPCOMING CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

#### YOUTH (GRADES 1-6) AND ADULT TENNIS LESSONS:

Learn from the professionals inside the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble. Session begins Nov. 11.

**LITTLE TENNIS (AGES 3-5):** Parents will partner with their children to learn the basics of tennis in a fun learning environment! The next session starts Nov. 11.

**EUCHRE LEAGUE:** Offered Monday nights at Homewood Clubhouse. Begins Nov. 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

**CRIBBAGE LEAGUE:** Wednesday mornings (10 to 11:30 a.m.) or evening (6 to 7:30 p.m.) at Homewood Clubhouse. Begins Nov. 5.

**ADULT FITNESS CLASSES:** New session begins Nov. 17. Classes include TRX/Tramp, Yoga, Cycling, Boxing Bootcamp, and more! In-person and virtual class options are available. Full list of class offerings can be found at [www.AmesParkRec.org](http://www.AmesParkRec.org).

### AUDITORIUM

**CITY AUDITORIUM FALL CONCERT SERIES:** The concert series continues Friday nights at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10, and students are 2-for-1 with current student ID. View the line up and dates at [www.AmesParkRec.org](http://www.AmesParkRec.org).

### AMES/ISU ICE ARENA

**SKATESGIVING 5K:** Join us at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena for a Skatesgiving 5k, Friday, Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. Cost to participate is \$30.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW  
2025-26 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE  
OR VISIT [WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG](http://WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG)**

### HOMEWOOD CLUBHOUSE

**HOMEWOOD CLUBHOUSE RENTALS:** Host your next social outing, meeting, or party at the Homewood Clubhouse!

ROOM	OCCUPANCY	FEE	AVAILABILITY
Community Room	80 people	\$105/hour	Year Round
Pro Shop	24 people	\$53/hour	Nov. 1 – March 31
Community Room and Pro Shop	104 people	\$132/hour	Nov. 1 – March 31



**TO REGISTER OR TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS,  
CALL THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 515.239.5350 OR VISIT [WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG](http://WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG).**

# ENERGY Q&A

**Q: How are electric vehicles (EVs) being used across City departments, and what have we learned from their performance so far?**

A: Matt Donald and Matt Elbert are two City of Ames supervisors putting Ford Lighting electric trucks to work in their daily operations. Matt Donald, the Assistant Electric Distribution Superintendent, uses the truck for transportation to meetings with contractors and customers. The truck has responded well to its new routine and offers a smooth and responsive performance. Streets Supervisor Matt Elbert with Public Works uses the truck to monitor and inspect projects around the community.

With a maximum charge of 300 miles, the truck can easily support a full week of driving for both departments. “Most weeks I only use about 75% of the charge,” Donald said. He typically plugs it in at the warehouse on Friday, which ensures the truck will be ready to go for a full week beginning on Monday.

Elbert admitted that he was initially skeptical about switching to an EV, but the truck has exceeded expectations. One of the standout features that both supervisors appreciate is the pedal

response time. It is a noticeable difference when comparing it to a gas-powered vehicle.

“The drivability is really nice. For a base model truck, it’s a great daily driver,” Donald said.

The City of Ames continues to invest in EV infrastructure and is expanding with even more projects. Ames Electric Services maintains 20 public EV chargers that add to other charging options throughout the city. To support EV adoption, EV charger rebates are offered at both residential and commercial levels.

If you’re considering an EV or have questions about available Ames Electric Services EV charger rebates, we can help. Please reach out to Electric Services at 515.239.5177 for more information.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY NUMBERS

FOR AUGUST 2025

<b>29</b>	LED STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED FOR A TOTAL OF <b>6,709</b>
<b>41,429</b>	MILES OF VEHICLE CHARGING AT PUBLIC ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS
<b>330,459</b>	KILOWATT HOURS OF ENERGY PRODUCED BY SUNSMART AMES SOLAR FARM

## RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT

- REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL: **1,546 TONS**

## RECYCLING:

- GLASS: **13 TONS**
- METALS: **86 TONS**
- FOOD WASTE DIVERSION: **6 TONS**
- CARDBOARD: **13 TONS**
- MIXED PAPER: **6 TONS**
- PLASTICS: **2 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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