Learn More About Healthy Life Center

The City of Ames has partnered with Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC), Iowa State University, Des Moines Area Community College, Story County, and Heartland Senior Services to explore building an intergenerational Healthy Life Center in Ames. The Healthy Life Center would provide opportunities for physical activity, social connections, improved nutrition, multi-generational interaction, rehabilitation services, and an overall focus on health.

Key components of the center include Heartland Senior Services Adult Day Center, physical therapy space for MGMC, indoor playground, walking/jogging track, teaching/participation kitchen, meeting and classroom space, community gardens, cafe, gym space, and an indoor warm-water aquatic center.

Funding for the proposed center would come from the collaboration partners, private fundraising, and community support through a bond referendum. The total cost for the facility is estimated at $48.7 million.

For more information, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/HealthyLifeCenter.

Rental Ordinance Feedback Welcome

The City Council has been working on creating new rental occupancy ordinances since last September. At its March 27 meeting, the City Council approved the first reading of several ordinances in Section 13 – Rental Housing of the Municipal Code. The ordinances address single-family occupancy in Near Campus Neighborhoods, add the definition of adult, and add clarifications to the definition of “owner-occupied.”

On April 10 and 24, the City Council will be discussing the option of adopting a rental concentration limit of 25 percent in Near Campus Neighborhoods. These Near Campus Neighborhoods are the same eight areas identified as a moratorium area in October 2017.

Feedback on the proposed ordinances is welcome. To leave feedback or for more information related to occupancy, please contact Sara Van Meeteren, Building Official, at svanmeeteren@city.ames.ia.us. To leave feedback or for more information related to rental concentration, please contact Julie Gould, Planner, at jgould@city.ames.ia.us. Information is also available at www.CityOfAmes.org/RentalHousing.
**City Welcomes New Neighborhood Association**
The City of Ames welcomes a new Neighborhood Association (NA), Reiman West.

Reiman West NA, which includes properties on Greenbriar Circle, is small but active and has been meeting consistently for many years. They recently submitted an application to be an official NA recognized by the City.

Look for an updated Neighborhood Association Map on the City’s website, www.CityOfAmes.org/neighborhoods and remember to keep your neighborhood association contact information up to date with Julie Gould, Neighborhood Liaison, at 515.239.5400.

**Important Dates**

**Saturday, April 21**
Yard Waste Free Day, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
400 Freel Drive

**Saturday, April 21**
Eco Fair, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Community Center Gymnasium

**Saturday, April 28**
Ames Trees Forever Voucher Day
9:30 a.m. registration
Lowe’s or Country Landscapes, Ames

**Saturday, May 12**
Mayor’s Bike Ride, 9 a.m.
City Hall start

**Monday, May 14**
Bike to Work Week Kickoff Breakfast
7 - 9 a.m., in front of City Hall

**Saturday, May 26**
Furman Aquatic Center opens for season

**Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day
City offices closed

**Thursday, June 7**
Council Night at the Bandshell with Simon Estes, 7 p.m.