

- July Project Highlights - 2018

Police

Animal Control

The Animal Shelter recently took in 11 small dogs, mostly Chihuahua and Pug mix. We believe there were 23 in the house. Accommodating this large number of dogs has delayed some work at the shelter. We are looking for additional homes to foster some of these dogs while we work to promote their adoption. These were surrendered by a renter in Ames.



In addition to the dogs, the Animal Shelter is dealing with the early summer surge of cats and kittens. There are currently 58 cats in the shelter and an additional 27 in foster care. All of the feral cat traps are checked out to citizens and we have ordered more. This trend of surging cat numbers in early summer is straining both staff and the facility.

Radio System

The radio system consultants, Mission Critical Partners, finished information and assessment meetings with emergency responders and public service agencies across the county. The summary of those meetings shows local readiness for the change in radio system and a willingness to work together on finding the best radio solution while also identifying some additional interoperability that can be planned into the new system.

Library

Summer Meals Program Expanded Again

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program, also known as the Summer Meals Program, helps ensure that children receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. The Library and Ames partners began hosting the Summer Meals Program in 2016, when free lunches were offered three days a week during June and July. Last year and again this summer, meals are being provided every week day while school is out (except July 4). Lunches are free for children and teens through age 18 and may be purchased by adults for \$3.50.



APL's summer youth volunteers are the backbone of the meal program. Under the supervision of two AmeriCorps VISTA workers, they help set up tables and chairs, serve lunches, and clean up afterwards. They may also serve as table hosts and conversation starters. It's the perfect chance for them to gain customer service skills, responsibility and flexibility.

So far this year, an average of 113 kids per day have eaten and taken advantage of Library summer programs that "sandwich" the lunch hour.

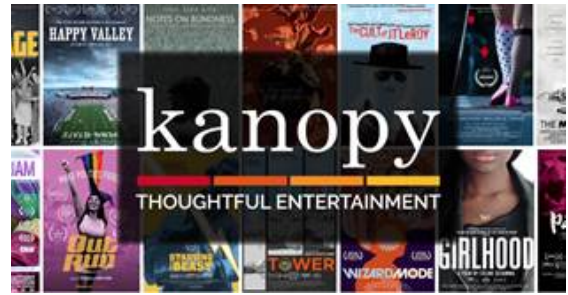
Please contact Library Director Lynne Carey if you would like to drop in to eat, chat, and model appropriate mealtime behaviors for Ames kids and teens over lunch (11:30-12:15) at the Library.



Summer meals are offered in partnership with the USDA, State of Iowa, and Ames Boys and Girls Club, and with support from United Way of Story County and APL Friends Foundation.

Meet Kanopy!

Meet Kanopy, Ames Public Library's newest video streaming service! Kanopy offers over 30,000 independent and documentary films—titles of unique social and cultural value from The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, Media Education Foundation, and thousands of independent filmmakers.



Available as of July 1.

- Kanopy works like APL's other streaming service, Hoopla. Create an account with your library card for access to all content.
- Check out up to six movies a month.
- Movies check out for three days (72 hours) and are automatically returned (no late fees!)
- There's a kids section.
- Watch Kanopy on your Apple, Android, or Amazon Fire devices, Apple TV, Roku, through Chromecast, or web browser. Preview it here: <https://amespubliclibrary.kanopy.com/>
- Get even more information here <https://help.kanopystreaming.com/hc/en-us/sections/207299708-Mobile-TV-Apps>.
- Sponsored by the APL Friends Foundation.

Planning & Housing

Planning

City Council will host a Campustown Visioning workshop on July 17th. Council invites the business owners, property owners, and the public to attend the meeting and describe their vision for Campustown or ideas for improvements for Campustown.

Housing & Community Development

The Amendment to the 2014-2018 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an update to the 2018-19 Annual Action Plan is available for public comment beginning June 26th through July 26th. The Amendments and update are to incorporate the receipt of HOME funding and an increase in the 2018-19 CDBG funding allocation. The public hearing date is set for July 31, 2018. Both plans are available on the city website at www.cityofames.org/housing.

Fire

Firefighters trained over 260 employees from various businesses on the proper use of a fire extinguisher and firefighters provided hands on training to the attendees.

Firefighters honed their skills on vehicle extrication training. Firefighters trained on vehicle stabilization, removal of doors and roofs as well as spreading the dash board to gain access to simulated injured patients.

Firefighters also practiced their driving skills on a closed parking lot with various driving scenarios under the supervision of our driving instructors.

Firefighters utilized Helser Hall on ISU Campus for engine company operations. Some of the activities were advancing a hose line up to the fourth floor, calculating how much hose is needed down the long corridors, and utilizing hose bundles to allow for other hose lines to be added without shutting down the water flow.

Public Works

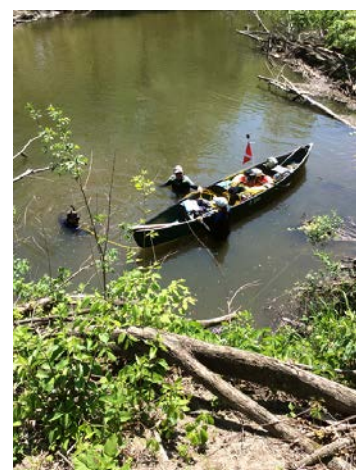
Construction projects are updated on the website every Friday. You can find them at www.cityofames.org/construction.

A few highlights:

- Shared Use Path extensions on Mortensen and Grand Ave are nearly complete. (See attached pictures)



- City Hall Parking Lot is finished with a transition between cool and warm grasses. (see picture)



- Pictures of South Skunk River Bank Stabilization: mussels were located and moved. Project has been approved to continue work.

The new reporting mobile application will have a soft launch the week of July 2. The reporting app was publicly named, **Ames On the Go**. It will be available in Google Play and the Apple Store. Ames on the Go will also have a website page and homepage button. For questions about the application or how you can help funnel non-emergency Public Works requests easier, please contact McKinlee Ritter at 239-5164.

ParkMobile, the mobile application that allows users to pay for parking from their phone and refill their meter remotely, will be available in the City of Ames July 2. Traffic Operations have been updating meters for the new rates and applying Park Mobile stickers to all meters. The meters will not change color when someone uses Parkmobile, but the City’s parking enforcement officers will log onto Park Mobile to verify if the meter has been paid prior to ticketing.

1 In the "More" tab, select "Payment Methods" from the menu

2 Click directly on the Parkmobile Wallet graphic or choose "Add a Payment Method"

3 Enter in your information to set up your Wallet account, and choose your load amount (\$25, \$50, or \$75)

4 The Wallet will automatically be your default payment method, except in locations where it is not accepted

*Please note, after you select the Wallet, you will see a balance transaction in an area that accepts the Wallet, we'll charge you the amount you selected, and your parking transactions will be deducted from that balance.

ParkMobile Wallet

- Discounted Parkmobile convenience fees (in select areas)
- Easier to use than cash
- Your Wallet automatically reloads when it reaches \$0
- Cancel your account at any time



The Ames On the Go app for Ames is the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests to your community, stay updated, and initiate change in your community.



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The **Composting Rebate** form has been added to the City's website, with the link shown below. The rebate is located under the Public Works, Smart Watershed page with the rest of the rebates currently offered. <https://www.cityofames.org/home/showdocument?id=45284>