



## August 2019 Project Highlights

### **City Manager's Office:**

- With the approval of funds from the City Council, Sustainability/Public Relations Office has issued an RFP to develop a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory for the Ames community. The RFP is seeking consultant services for benchmarking citywide greenhouse gas emissions. The data generated will follow the recommendations of three organizations that have recognized standards in GHG Inventory data collection (Global Covenant of Mayors, STAR Community Rating System, and City Inventory Reporting and Information System CIRIS). The consultant selected will be tasked with collecting GHG data to increase the awareness and understanding of Ames citizens regarding our city's carbon footprint, to forecast projections if no community changes are made, and to identify opportunities for emissions reduction in the future. Once selected, it is anticipated a consultant will present the results of the project to City Council within six months.
- In June the City Council directed staff to form a committee to explore the regulation of micromobility modes of transportation in Ames and on campus. The committee will be investigating how other cities are regulating business operations that offer motorized scooters, pedal-assisted bicycles, etc. for rent. Committee representation involves staff from the City as well as ISU. The first meeting is scheduled for August 21st.

### **Public Works**

- Eco Fair 2020 will be the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and the 10th Anniversary of the City of Ames Eco Fair. We are working now to make a great month of eco-focused events and activities in April 2020. If people are interested in volunteering for events or activities that month or the day of the Eco Fair, please contact Tracy Warner or Jake Moore in Public Works.
- A construction and design update map (pictured) is now located here: [www.cityofames.org/construction](http://www.cityofames.org/construction) for CIP projects.

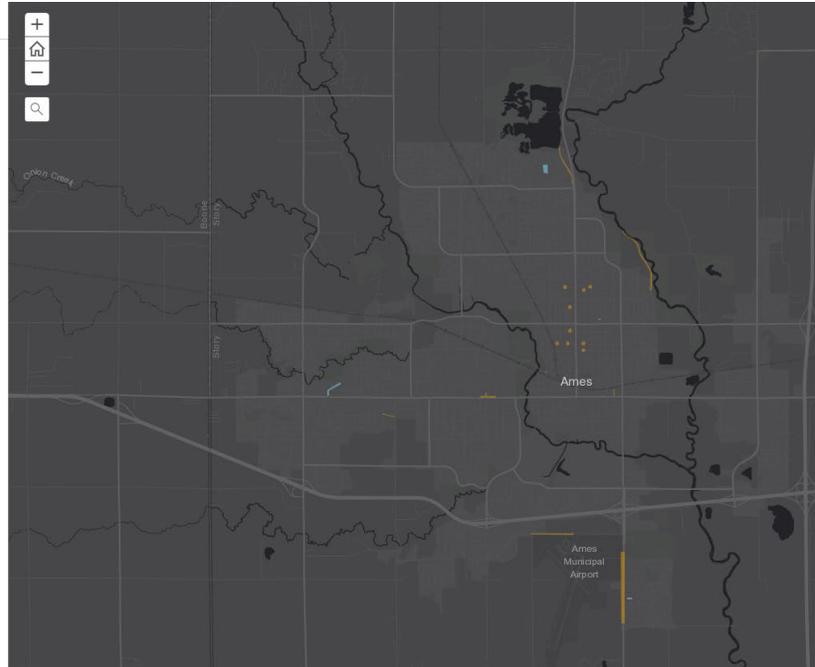


## City of Ames Construction Map

Welcome to the City of Ames Construction Map



Click on projects listed below for project descriptions, progress updates, and contact information for both City of Ames and contractor project representatives.



### **Fire:**

- In July, the Fire Department provided Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training for Ames Police Department CSOs.
- The lieutenant promotional testing process was recently completed. A total of 15 applicants competed for two lieutenant openings. Throughout the testing process, candidates were evaluated on their software skills, presentation skills, and their ability to solve problems. Candidates also went through two different interview panels.
- Dan Schmidt completed all of his first year probationary firefighter requirements and has advanced to the internal rank of Firefighter.

### **Library:**

- Find out what Small Talk's research tells us about educating parents to better understand how reading and talking with children contributes to their success. There will be displays, a presentation, and refreshments on Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- Author and Ames native Mary Howard will read from her latest novel *Whiteout*, talk about her inspiration and the evolution of the story, and answer questions on August 18 at 2:00 p.m.
- Dress like your favorite literary character and visit participating downtown Ames drinking establishments, all with different themes and exclusive drink specials for participants. Join us at Pub Fiction on Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Participants must be at least 21 years old. Get

your ticket for \$15 at Ames Public Library or online at [bit.ly/PubFiction2019](http://bit.ly/PubFiction2019). Pub Fiction is presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds are used to enhance Library programs and services.

- Summer Lunches for kids is ending soon. The last meal will be served on Thursday, August 22 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is free to all youth 18 years and younger; Meals for adults are \$3.50. (Sorry, no baby formula is available.) These meals are provided in partnership with USDA Summer Food Service Program.
- The summer reading program is also ending soon. Those who complete the program are invited to the Dance Party Reading Celebration on Friday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. as we enjoy some fun music from our DJ and pizza and other tasty refreshments!
- Members of India Cultural Association of Central Iowa will share the diversity of traditional clothing and food from many different regions of India on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants will have the chance to try on clothing and sample traditional food.

### Police:

- Early this summer Ames Community School District expressed a willingness to take over the crossing guard program in areas immediately adjacent to schools because the Police Department has been unable to fill crossing guard vacancies or provide substitutes. The schools have staff who can add this assignment to their school day. We are working through the transition in preparation for the start of school. We are working with the Director of Elementary Education and building principals to make the crossing guard assignments and prepare the training schedule. We will continue to provide extra patrol at the beginning of the school year.

### Parks and Recreation:

- Parks & Recreation is a Teammate of the Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage program. Take a photo of this card and present to your server when you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings in Ames and 10% of your total sales (less tax and gratuity) will be donated to Parks & Recreation for youth scholarships. Share the card with your family and friends and post to your social media channels!

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- The Skunk River Riot Roller Derby Team hosted a roller derby and skating clinic at the Community Center on July 30 to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month. The clinic began with an explanation

and demonstration of a roller derby bout and then the team worked on skills with participants including plow stopping, backwards skating, skating turns and sideways skating. More advance skaters also participated in some agility drills and learned about ways to improve their technique. There were about 20 participants and about 15 team members skating in the gym. Everyone in attendance agreed it was a great time!



- "The Goonies" will be shown on August 30 as this year's Movie in Bandshell Park. This is a free event and is sponsored by Pyfferoen Dentistry, Duckworth Wearing, Ames Main Street, and Perfect Games.
- Boga Fit is a new class Ames Parks & Recreation is offering this fall at Municipal Pool beginning August 20. The Boga mat floats on the surface and is similar to a stand up paddle board, but it is anchored down. This new fitness program builds strength and improves balance and coordination. Class includes a high intensity workout on the mat, strength moves, and concludes with a Yoga cooldown to give you a total body workout in the water.



- Ames Parks and Recreation is excited to offer a new Spikeball League, which will consist of 8 weeks of play! Teams will consist of 2 players (Mixed, Men's or Women's). Go to [www.spikeball.com](http://www.spikeball.com) to learn more about Spikeball and watch player tutorials.

### **Water and Pollution Control**

- The contractor working on the safety modifications to the River Valley Park low head dam was able to resume work at the end of July as a result of flows in the South Skunk River falling to a manageable level. If the river cooperates, the work should be completed this fall.
- The department was pleased to announce that Neil Weiss has been promoted to Assistant Director. Neil is a licensed professional engineer who has worked for the Water & Pollution Control Department since 2014. He will be a tremendous asset to the department's leadership team, and his familiarity with heavy construction will provide him with a strong starting point as he assumes the responsibility of overseeing the department's capital projects.