



# CITYSIDE

**JANUARY 2025**

## **DISRUPTION AHEAD! AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY PREPARES FOR NEW CARPETING**

After four million visitors and many busy feet, the Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave., will soon be getting new carpet in several high-traffic areas.

"Even with being diligent with maintenance and swapping out damaged squares, it's time for a refresh," said Library Director

Sheila Schofer. "This is a big undertaking, and we appreciate the community's patience as we work to keep our library clean and inviting."

Starting in January and continuing as late as mid-March,

there will be a multi-phase project to replace carpet in the Library's Adult Services and Youth Services main floors, study rooms, Teen Space, and Vestibule. The Library will remain open throughout the project, but parts of the building will be closed to the public during certain phases.

There will be times when different collections will be unavailable to the public. At those times, small, curated collections will be available in the Lobby. Library users will also be able to request and pick up holds, though processing may be slower due to shelves being inaccessible.

The IDEA Center, study rooms, and some meeting rooms will be unavailable during the project. A computer lab with printing and scanning station will be available. Watch for more information at [www.AmesPL.org](http://www.AmesPL.org), or sign up for the Library's email newsletter at [www.AmesPL.org/page-one-newsletter](http://www.AmesPL.org/page-one-newsletter).



## **SIGN UP FOR E-NOTIFICATION TO BE ALERTED TO SNOW ORDINANCE**

When the snow falls, it's important to move your vehicle if you park on a street that's part of a snow route. Snow routes are marked with red and white signs. All vehicles must be removed from snow routes when the snow ordinance goes into effect.

How do you know when the snow ordinance is in effect? One easy way to get notified is to sign up for e-notification on the City's website. Look for

the brown e-notification button at [www.CityOfAmes.org](http://www.CityOfAmes.org) and check the "Snow Ordinance" box to receive an email.

Also, pay attention to local media, look for a red banner at the top of the City's website, or check City of Ames and Ames Police social media. The snow ordinance goes into effect when snow accumulations are 2 inches or more, but the best way to know if the snow ordinance

will be in effect is to watch the weather!

For questions or concerns about snow removal on city streets, call the Snow Desk at 515.239.5543 or email the Public Works Department at [snowstreets@CityOfAmes.org](mailto:snowstreets@CityOfAmes.org). For concerns about sidewalks that aren't cleared, call the Snow Walks hotline at 515.239.5468 or email [snowwalks@CityOfAmes.org](mailto:snowwalks@CityOfAmes.org).



## **CITY NEWS TO USE**

### **IN THIS ISSUE:**

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### **CITY OFFICES CLOSED:**

City Hall and most City of Ames departments will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, for New Year's Day.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Volunteer in your community and make a difference by joining a City board or commission. Boards and commissions make recommendations to the Ames City Council and assist the Council in carrying out various functions of local government. Every board and commission has a different focus and purpose. Please consider getting involved in one that matches your background or interests.

Several boards and commissions have vacancies occurring in the first part of 2025. The number following the name of the board or commission indicates the number of pending vacancies. The number in parentheses denotes how many incumbents may be reappointed.

Apply online at [www.CityOfAmes.org/boardsandcommissions](http://www.CityOfAmes.org/boardsandcommissions).

Applications are also available in the City Clerk's Office. **Deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.**

| Board/Commission                                    | Meeting Days/Times                            | Vacancies      |
|---|---|----------------|
| Ames International Partner Cities Association       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs./5 p.m.                 | 2(2)           |
| Ames Resident Police Advisory Committee             | Quarterly/5:30 p.m.                           | 2(2)           |
| Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs./5 p.m.                 | 2(2)           |
| Building Board of Appeals                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon./4 p.m.                   | 3(1)           |
| Campus & Community Commission                       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon./6 p.m.                   | 2(1)           |
| Civil Service Commission                            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs./8:15 a.m.              | 1(1)           |
| Commission on the Arts                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon./5 p.m.                   | 2(2)           |
| Electric Utility Operations Review & Advisory Board | As Needed                                     | 1(1)           |
| Historic Preservation Commission                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon./6 p.m.                   | 1(1)           |
| Human Relations Commission                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs./5:30 p.m.              | 3(2)           |
| Library Board of Trustees                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs./7 p.m.                 | 3(3)           |
| Parks & Recreation Commission                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs./4 p.m.                 | 3(2)           |
| Planning & Zoning Commission                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed./7 p.m. | 3(3)           |
| Property Maintenance Appeals Board                  | As needed                                     | 3(2)           |
| Project Share Committee                             | As needed                                     | 1(1)           |
| Public Art Commission                               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues./5:30 p.m.               | 6(6)           |
| Public Nuisance Appeals Board                       | As needed                                     | 3(3)           |
| Transit Board of Trustees                           | Monthly                                       | 3(3)           |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed./6 p.m. | 1              |
| <b>Total:</b>                                       |   | <b>45 (38)</b> |

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Don't let your Christmas tree end up in the landfill. The City of Ames provides free disposal of Christmas trees at the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Shop, 700 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.



Trees can be deposited during daylight hours through Friday,

Jan. 31, 2025. All trees will be recycled into wood chips, which will be used in Ames parks. The Parks & Recreation Maintenance driveway will be marked with a sign. The tree stand, tinsel, and all ornaments should be removed before leaving the tree for disposal.

## HELP KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR

As snow piles up along the curb, it does more than hamper visibility for drivers. Mounds of snow can obscure locations of fire hydrants. Ames firefighters ask residents to check fire hydrants located near their homes or businesses to ensure they are visible. During an emergency, every second counts. If the fire hydrant is covered, we need your help!

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14

5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 (CIP Workshop)

6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG/CCMEETINGS](http://WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG/CCMEETINGS)



## YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

**YOUTH DANCE - RECITAL SESSION (AGES 3-9):** Teeny Ballet, Tiny Dancers, Dance Blast, Hip Hop, Ballet offered. Register by Jan. 1.

**PARENT/CHILD DANCE (AGES 2-3):** Learn basic dance moves through fun music and games. Parents will take an active role in this class. Register by Jan. 1.

**YOUTH GYMNASTICS-RECITAL SESSION (AGES 5+):** Gymnastics 1 & 2 levels are offered. Register by Jan. 1.

**YOUTH TUMBLING (AGES 2-5):** Tumble Bugs (parent/child), Tumbling Tykes, and Tumbling Tots. Register by Jan. 1.

**START SMART BASKETBALL (AGES 3-5):** Parents partner with participants as they learn the basics of basketball. Register by Jan. 15.

**K-2 BASKETBALL:** Find the level that best meets the participants needs and skills - Mini Dribblers, Little Dunkers, and Big Shooters. Register by Jan. 15.

**TAE KWON DO (AGES 5 AND UP):** Dragon, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Competition, and All Levels classes offered. Register by Jan. 1.

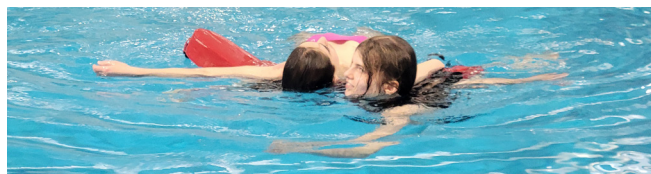
**YOUTH (GRADES 1-6) & ADULT (17+) TENNIS LESSONS:** Instruction led by the tennis professionals at Ames Fitness Center. Register by Jan. 1.

**PARENT/CHILD TENNIS LESSONS (AGES 3-5):** Learn a new sport through fun games and activities. Register by Jan. 1.

**ADULT WINTER INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE:** Women's, Men's, & Co-Ed Leagues offered. Season starts Jan. 22. Register by Jan. 7.

**EUCHRE & CRIBBAGE LEAGUE:** Euchre offered on Monday evenings and Cribbage on Wednesday mornings and/or evenings. League begins the week of Jan. 15. Register by Jan. 10

## AQUATICS



### WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (WSI):

This comprehensive training prepares instructors to teach all level and age groups swim lessons. Must be 16 by the end of the course. Course available Jan. 6-7 or Jan. 8-11.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

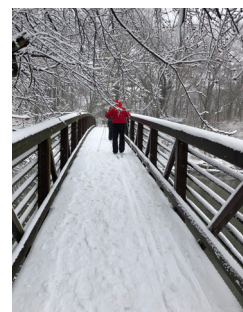
**ICE RESURFACER EXPERIENCE (AGES 18+):** Learn about ice maintenance and drive the ice resurfacer at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. Class is Jan. 1, 3-4:30 p.m. Must have valid driver's license.

**FIFTH AND CLARK FRIDAYS - CONCERT SERIES:** The series continues Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 at the Ames City Auditorium. Shows start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Students get 2-for-1 admission by showing their student IDs at the door.

### FREE CROSS COUNTRY SKI

**CLINIC:** January date TBA!

Clinic offers an indoor practicum at Homewood Clubhouse and outdoor practicum at Carr Park. Participants are responsible for equipment. Local rental options available. Pre-registration is preferred.



## FITNESS & WELLNESS - VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON OPTIONS

*First 2025 session of Fitness Classes begins Jan. 3-Feb. 11.*

*Register for three fitness and/or yoga classes and attend unlimited classes!*

*For a full list of classes view the Fitness & Wellness Brochure online at [www.AmesParkRec.org](http://www.AmesParkRec.org)*

**HEALTHY FOOT:** This class will help you alleviate or prevent pain with proper alignment and stretches. Meets every Tues., Feb. 4-25. Register by Jan. 26.

**INBODY SCAN:** Measure your body composition with the Inbody 570. Measurements include muscle mass, body fat percentage, muscle imbalances, and much more! Fee is \$30. Contact Nancy Shaw at 515.239.5353 to schedule.

**YOGA BASICS:** Welcome to Yoga! Four-week session begins Jan. 12.

**ADULT DANCE:** New six-week session begins Jan. 22 of Beginner Line Dance and Beginner or Intermediate West Coast Swing Dance. No partner required!

**PERSONAL TRAINING:** Let our Nationally Certified Personal Trainers help you reach your 2025 fitness goals through one-on-one or semi-private training. Three, five, 10 and 15-session packages are available.

**REGISTER, FIND MORE INFORMATION, OR VIEW FACILITY SCHEDULES AT  
[WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG](http://WWW.AMESPARKREC.ORG) OR BY CALLING 515.239.5350.**

# ENERGY Q&A

**Q: I know that there are excellent electric vehicle (EV) charging options within Ames and that if I buy an EV, most of my charging is going to take place at home. What about a road trip? Can I count on EVs for long-distance travel? Is there adequate infrastructure out there on the road?**

A: EVs are an increasingly reliable option for a road trip, though they currently may require a bit more planning than with a gas-powered vehicle. Charging infrastructure across the country is expanding rapidly, with many well-traveled routes equipped with fast-charging stations.

New federal initiatives like the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program are actively working to make charging more accessible. NEVI is investing in a nationwide system of convenient, high-speed chargers along highways, which will improve coverage and make road trips in an EV more practical.

Recently the Iowa Department of Transportation awarded over \$16.2 million to install 28 new electric vehicle direct-current, fast-charging (DCFC) stations along Iowa's interstates with a goal of ensuring that there is one fast-charging station every 50 miles or less along I-29, I-35, I-80, and I-380. Each of the selected sites are no more than one mile from the interstate and

will include a minimum of four charging ports providing continuous charging of at least 150 kilowatts of power per port concurrently.

This first round of funding doesn't fully accomplish that goal, but there will be four separate fast-charging stations on I-35 between Des Moines and the Minnesota border, including one in Ames. EV Gateway was one of the recent awardees of the competitive NEVI grant. They plan to install six DCFC chargers at exit 113 of I-35 in north Ames near the Quality Inn & Suites on 13th St. EV Gateway will install, own, and operate the chargers.

As more EV charging infrastructure is completed, whether spurred by the NEVI program or not, drivers will benefit from a more consistent and reliable EV charging infrastructure. This will help provide greater peace of mind when planning longer journeys.

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## AT-A-GLANCE ENERGY NUMBERS FOR OCTOBER 2024

**11** LED STREETLIGHTS INSTALLED FOR A  
TOTAL OF **6,352**

**45,000** MILES OF VEHICLE CHARGING AT  
PUBLIC ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS

**307,437** KILOWATT HOURS OF ENERGY  
PRODUCED BY SUNSMART AMES  
SOLAR FARM

### RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT

• REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL: **1,825 TONS**

### RECYCLING:

- GLASS: **19.70 TONS**
- METALS: **93 TONS**
- FOOD WASTE DIVERSION: **0.85 TONS**
- PLASTIC: **0.96 TONS**
- CARDBOARD: **10.31 TONS**
- MIXED PAPER: **2.94 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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