

KIWANIS CLUB OF AMES, IOWA

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BULLETIN

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SEPTEMBER 15TH PROGRAM

Jody Melcher: Miracle League Park

Jody Melcher will update us on the Miracle Park at Inis Grove. We will hear about opportunities to get in on the ground floor of this new recreation venue. We know that kids love parks and need Kiwanis!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Free Little Library.** Our Little Free Library appears to be popular. Maeann reports there is a new selection of books every time she checks on it and notes quite a variety of titles. She will be collecting a few books at meetings to help keep it stocked. Please bring books to our weekly meetings.
- **Interclubs.** This Kiwanis year, we hope to attend all clubs in Division 11.
- **Aluminum.** Bud Everett reminds us to pull the tabs off our cans at the meetings and he will collect them for Ronald McDonald House.
- **Yard Signs.** We have purchased 25 signs. Please let Jim Converse know if you have a home or business that would be a good location.
- **Town Budget Meeting.** Members are invited to participate in the meeting on Tuesday, October 3 in City Council chambers at 7:00 pm. City Manager Steve Schainker is seeking citizen input related to services, revenue, and impact as they prepare the 2018-19 budget. The meeting will be aired live on Cable Channel 12 with call-in option, 515-239-5214. If you are unable to attend or call in, comments may be sent via email to sschainker@city.ames.ia.us before December 12.
- **Distinguished Club.** We are WELL on our way to being a distinguished club for another year. We have earned more than enough "points" in the areas of service and impact. However, we are lacking in one required area - membership. In order to be distinguished we need to finish the year with positive club growth, WE NEED TO BRING IN THREE NEW MEMBERS by the end of the month because that is the end of the Kiwanis year. Please invite a friend, neighbor or coworker to join our club and help us achieve this honor for President Bill and our club.
- **Apple Sales.** We begin! Paul Domoto reports we are on track for the annual apple project. Prices will remain the same for dumplings and cider but apples will be a little higher.
 - Order forms will be ready to kick off sales on September 29.
 - Orders are due by October 27 and delivery will be on November 10 when we have our club meeting at the ISU hort farm.
 - Bagging opportunities will be announced when they become available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome!** Sarah Mowery was inducted and honored with her sponsor, Lynell Dougherty. Sarah is the Development Director for YSS. She was dressed for the occasion of the "big game" with an Iowa Hawkeye shirt, honoring her alma mater. She has already helped with the backpack project and looks forward to getting involved with more projects. Sara lives in Clive with her husband, Paul.
- **Division 11 Meeting.** Division 11 meets on Saturday, September 30th, at Green Hills, 8:30 am after T&C meeting
- **Passing.** Bill Zmolek, former club member and enthusiastic song leader, passed away on September 1. There are no details for a funeral or memorial service.

KIWANIS FOUNDATION

The Kiwanis Foundation serves the children of Ames by providing college scholarships to high school seniors who excel in serving our community and who require financial assistance to further their education. Please return your pledge card with a generous donation. Contact Bill Bossenberger or Kris Meinhard for details.

MAKEUP ATTENDANCE

Kiwanis International has expanded their definition of a make up for missing a regular meeting: Contact Geri Derner for details.

COMMITTEES

- **AKtion Club.** The next meeting of CCAC will be at 3:30pm, Tuesday, September 19th at First United Methodist Church.
- **Circle K Club.** Circle K will be meeting soon. Stay tuned.

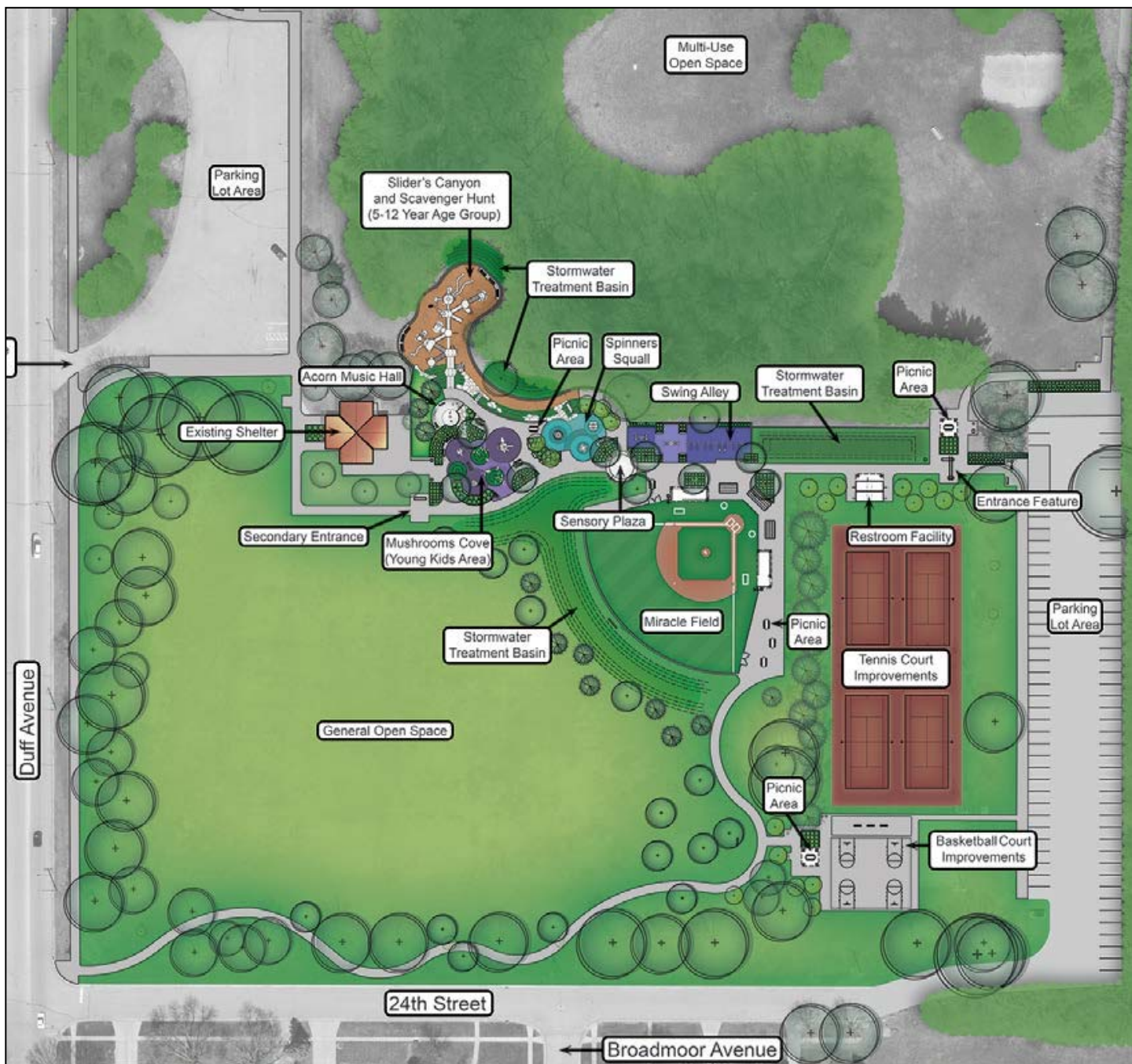
CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Web Site:** Club Webmaster Bud Everett, in coordination with our Board of Directors, has built a new club web site, using a new internet service. The page looks great and will serve us well as an updated version of our old system. Type into the browser address bar: www.amesnoonkiwanis.org.
- **Facebook.** Maeann Unser and Doug Meinhard have redesigned our page on Facebook. The address is: Ames Noon Kiwanis. Please visit it and BOTH Like it and Friend it. Send photographs of our events to either Maeann or Doug to post.
- <https://www.facebook.com/amesnoonkiwanisclub/>
- **Roster:** Go to "Member Login" on our web site. Login with your email address & your password. Click on "Members" in the left-side navigation column.

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Jody Melcher provided us with an update on the planned Miracle Park at Inis Grove. Wowzers! The park will include a baseball field, sensory plaza, “mushroom cove,” “slider’s canyon,” “spinner’s squall,” “acorn music hall,” picnic areas, and more, all designed for persons with a wide range of physical abilities. The age-appropriate playgrounds offer fun and challenges to grow and learn. The park will be open to all “children,” no matter how old they are!



TWO MINUTES IN THE HOTSEAT

John Core grew up in Ames and after moving away for several years has been back in Ames for the past 12 years. He is the "procurement guy" at BASF, formerly Becker Underwood, and is responsible for purchasing chemicals and packaging. You may have met David, his partner of 26 years, at the recent picnic but you probably have not met their dog, Tucker.

INVOCATIONS

Contact Ronnie Lindeman if you can give an invocation to start our business meeting.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

- Center Grove Orchard Fundraiser - we are going to sign up as a group of 3 to 5 people on Saturdays October 7 and 21. These are non-ISU home game days. Sign up to help with admissions, food service, tractor driving, train driving or parking. We will be paid \$9 per hour. Shifts are 3 or 4 hours long. Cynthia Gaunt is lining up volunteers.
 - Thus far, 12 members have signed up to help on October 7th and 21st.

PROJECT REPORTS

- **Gift Wrap.** Now is the time to organize ourselves for one of our important fundraising events.
 - Thank you to Deb Russell, who has agreed to serve as chair of this committee. Contact Deb to help organize our Gift Wrap Project.
- **Project Eliminate.** We have met our goal in receipts and pledges to become a Model Club! More later on this very exciting news.
- **Amazon.Smile.** When you purchase through Amazon, login through smile.amazon.com , designate the Kiwanis Club of Ames Foundation as your benefit organization, and purchase as usual with no extra charges. Part of your purchase price (.5%) goes to our club!
- **Younkers Coupon Books.** This project involves selling coupon books for Younkers. See Board Meeting Notes for the details. More about this later.