

THE GREEN HILLS CHIMES



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Ames, Iowa

The Chimes newsletter is for Green Hills residents to inform one another about current trends and offerings in our community. Inside this issue:

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GHRA President's Message

Hopefully, you were able to attend one of the neighborhood meetings held this month. Kat, our Executive Director, presented a lot of information about Green Hills' ongoing activities. There were many questions and discussions during these meetings. Some of the items included personnel changes and staffing, marketing, capital planning, dining services, healthcare and home health services, grounds, tree removal, life enrichment and pool usage.

It was indicated that thirty items from the 5-year strategic plan were started and that the Long-Range Planning Committee is currently working on the next 5-year plan (2027-2032).

The Technology Committee has decided that the Technology Club should be a Technology Assistance Group to help people with cell-phones, computers, emails, or associated problems involving informational or communication issues. Stay tuned for more information in this regard.

Progress on the Maples expansion was discussed. We expect schematics to be prepared by January 2023 and cost factors determined so that we can vote on whether or not to continue the project.

It was also indicated that our wonderful Chimes Editor, Molly Ethridge, will be retiring from that task in December of this year. We are looking for a new editor, so if you have appropriate computer skills and an interest in serving Green Hills, please let us know if you would be willing to take on this task.

Finally, if you were unable to attend a neighborhood meeting or you have questions, concerns, or complaints that were not voiced in the meeting discussions, please contact Kat or me. You can drop a note in my mailbox (#402) if you want to remain anonymous. Please send me

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an email (JLH69558@msn.com) or call me at 515-520-9641(cell phone) or 5061 (Green Hills). If we are going to be the best we can be, we need to know all the issues, concerns, and complaints so they can be addressed appropriately, and prioritized depending on our resources. Thank you for your continued support and participation in efforts to make Green Hills the best it can be!

Jerry Lee Hall



Chimes editor and designer Molly Ethridge will retire from the newsletter after publication of the December 2022 issue, always a special hard copy issue printed in full color.

Molly has been editor for five years, having sent over fifty issues to press. The Chimes is published monthly except January, *i.e.*, eleven issues per year.

If you enjoy staying current with electronic layout skills and would like to be the editor/designer of the Green Hills Chimes — or work in collaboration with another designer— please e-mail Molly at mollydsm@comcast.net, or leave a note with your contact information in her mailroom cubby Maples 1407.

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15th of each month.
(No January Chimes)

Do you know someone at Green Hills who is ill, in the hospital, or has lost a loved one in their immediate family?

Whoooo you gonna call?



The Friendship Committee Co-Chairs:
Paula Toms x5141
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The Friendship Committee

Please call the following committee members if there are occasions when a contact should be made to recognize illnesses and deaths:

Contacts for November 2022:

Apts: Arlene Boyington x5114
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New Books in our Green Hills Library
on the countertop by the windows

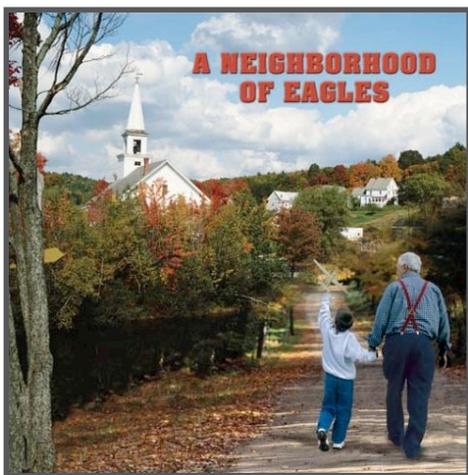
AUTHOR	TITLE	LOCATION
Backman, Fredrik	<i>The Winners: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Childs, Laura	<i>Twisted Tea Christmas: A Tea Shop Mystery</i>	Fiction
Grisham, John	<i>The Judge's List: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Kilmeade, Brian	<i>The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Their Battle To Save America's Soul</i>	History
Mah, Ann	<i>Jacqueline in Paris: A Novel</i>	Fiction
Moyes, Jojo	<i>The Giver of Stars: A Novel</i>	Fiction large print
Patterson, James	<i>Fear No Evil: An Alex Cross Thriller</i>	Fiction
Smith, Alexander McCall	<i>To the Land of Long Lost Friends</i>	Fiction
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>Nights in Rodanthe</i>	Fiction large print

BOOK REPORT

A Neighborhood of Eagles

By Norm Rudi

This article was in the works a few months ago, but it is especially appropriate that it's appearing now. We dedicate it to the memory of Norm Rudi, who died as this was going to press.



My uncle Ken served as a gunner (usually tail, but occasionally waist) in a B-17, flying missions out of England and headed to strategic locations in Germany. A few years ago I was able to read his record of the 30+missions that he flew. I was amazed that this uncle, who was such a funny, happy-go-lucky person, had come back from all those scary missions, and even a bailout in an engine fire, unscathed (physically at least).

In Norm Rudi's book you can read all about the WWII experiences of nine men with Ames connections. Bob Stafford, late husband of Ginny, is the first person featured. (Both Norm Rudi and Ginny Stafford are Green Hills residents.) Lt. Stafford not only provides his pilot's log, but tells us what it felt like to fly over the beautiful European landscapes, and then drop bombs on their target.

Several of the other eight servicemen whose experiences are covered in the book are names familiar to Ames residents: Dean Huston, Arthur Ketelsen, William Singer, Robert Underhill. Nearly all of these stories include a log of their flights, whether as pilot or bombardier or navigator, or even in intelligence. Rudi gives us background on each of the men as well, which makes for compelling stories. It's a great read and Norm Rudi has done a wonderful service by interviewing these men and getting their stories in print.

This book is in our Green Hills library, and is shelved with the new books on the counter under the windows. These stories will warm your heart, and perhaps bring back memories of your time in the service or of those you know who served in WWII.

—Book Report by Barbara Munson

Are Green Hills mugs languishing in your kitchen cupboards?

Green Hills mugs are meant to be returned to the “Used Mugs” corner in the lobby coffee stand. Be aware that it costs \$1,400 to purchase the minimum number of 144 mugs — that’s \$9.72 per mug. Help our budget by eliminating the need to order more. For take-out, the styrofoam cups are appropriate, but of course are bad for our environment. If a GH mug is in your car’s cup holder, please bring it back when you return from your trip or errands. Thank you from the Food Committee.



Germinating Bird Seed Must Be Stopped!

Another control conundrum for the Grounds committee:

We continue to have a problem with birdseed blowing/falling on the ground and germinating. This is especially an issue with the thistle seed that our Goldfinches love. I think everyone enjoys seeing the birds at Green Hills, but we need to ask those feeding the birds to help with this problem.

Please either purchase bird seed that is already sterilized or sterilize it before putting it in your feeders.

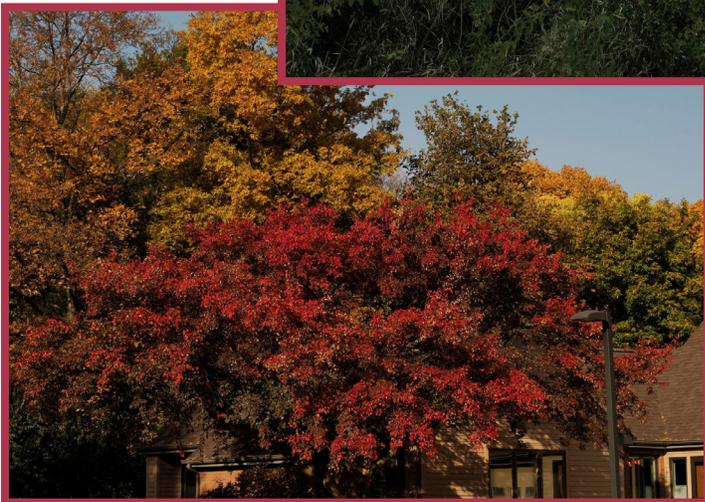
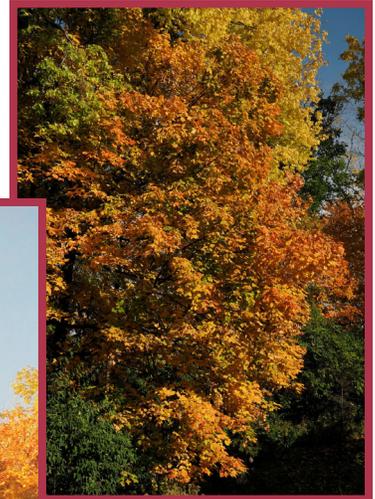
To sterilize the seed, simply put it in a pan in the oven for 30 minutes at 300 degrees. This essentially cooks it and stops it from germinating. This will not change any of the nutritional value of the seed.

Please help control weeds on our grounds!



Thanks! Suzy Shierholz,
Grounds Committee

ALLEN TRENKLE SHARES THE RECENT GREEN HILLS' FALL COLOR PALETTE



CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mike Cox, Story County Conservation Director, will speak on Wednesday, Nov.9, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room. He will be sharing plans for the recently acquired Deppe property as well as the many activities and plans of their staff. Restoring and protecting our resources are so important. It will be a very timely update.

We hope you can join us.

Norma Speer,
Chair, Continuing Education Committee



2-4-6-8! WHO DO WE APPRECIATE?

Many years ago, Green Hills residents established a no-tipping policy. Instead, they started the tradition of a December employee appreciation event to present a monetary gift to each employee of the GH Resident Association and the Health Care Corporation. This tradition continues!

Our goal this year is \$130,000 as our way to say “thank you” to our loyal employees. Last year the most common contribution was \$1,000, with the largest of \$3,800 and average of \$737. Toni Whitman stated that they give 10% of their annual fees as a contribution to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Contributions are already coming in. Please make yours by **Wednesday, November 30**. Leave your envelope with check or cash at the reception desk. Make checks payable to “**Green Hills Appreciation Fund.**” All contributions are confidential.

The 2022 Employee Appreciation celebrations will be Wednesday, December 7, at 10 a.m. for GH Resident Association employees and at 1:30 p.m. for GH Health Care employees. Please plan to attend these celebrations to offer your thanks in person.

Not included in these programs are the employees of other companies such as Kat Kilbane, Jessica Walker, Anita Howard (Salon In The Hills), Lu Ann Norlind, and Stacy Weaver. Please consider sending notes of appreciation to these folks who help us daily.

Thank you for your generosity!
2022 Employee Appreciation Committee



**Staff Helping Residents
on Mulching Day**

ART GALLERY NEWS

DEDICATION OF NEW VITRINE

The Art Gallery Committee is happy to have a new vitrine to display dimensional pieces. Bruce Munson made the pedestal which the committee is dedicating to the memory of long-time valued Art Committee member David Gradwohl.

Hanna Gradwohl will be present for dedication of this new vitrine on Monday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the lobby. There will be refreshments and time to visit.

The first items to be displayed will come from the vast Gradwohl collection.

WOODSHOP PROJECT

The large vitrine near the mailroom will hold examples of wheel toys and tops that Don Dyer, Bruce Munson, and Vikki Morain are making for children in local YSS programs.

In the December Chimes, the story of how this wooden toy project became a mission for the Woodshop committee.



Ed's Cartoon Corner

