

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

All in person Amana Church services are suspended and services will be live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 or Facebook. Must be parked near the church for radio.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in Middle Sunday, February 28, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Come children let us journey" No. 55

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Büdingen, December 27, 1737

Scripture: John 6:1-13
1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Hebrews 10:24
Psalm 34:1-15

Closing Hymn: "O how lovely 'tis to be" No. 62
Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 01, 2021 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

WANTED: CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS FOR LIST

The Amana Colonies Land Use District Administrator is preparing a list of contractors and suppliers. The intent is that the information will be published on the ACLUD website, and made available in the ACLUD office, as a resource for property owners within the land use district.

If you are a contractor or supplier and would like to be included on the list, please send your name, contact information, specialty (if applicable) and other relevant information to the Elly at aclud@southslope.net.

If you are a property owner who has received great service from a contractor, please share this information with them and ask that they send their information to aclud@southslope.net so that they can be included.

Contact Elly at aclud@southslope.net or 622-3840 with any questions.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

My mother, bless her heart, had a real fondness for celebrities. She would often tell us about having met Ronald Reagan when he was a radio sportscaster at WHO in Des Moines, and she was very proud that a picture of her with actor Ernest Borgnine at the Amana VIP was once on the front page of the Gazette.

Once, when we were planning to go to Washington, D.C. dad had her call Senator Hickenlooper to request tickets to get into the gallery of the Senate and, we hoped, see John F. Kennedy or Richard Nixon – then running against each other for the presidency - in action. The reason that she was the designated caller was because my grandpa was the secretary of the Amana Society and knew the Senator. Mother not only got the tickets, real prizes because of the upcoming Kennedy/Nixon election but, wonder of wonders, we all were able to meet with Hickenlooper in his office. We also even got to ride the little underground train used by senators and congressmembers to go to the Capitol building.

From the gallery, we saw Nixon, then Vice President, preside from the chair. Suddenly, there was a little "buzz" in the gallery, as everyone turned in their seats to see Senator Kennedy enter the chamber, with his very recognizable mop of reddish-brown hair. The Senator entered with a group of men and only stayed on the floor for a few minutes, much to our disappointment.

I was a young teenager at the time, and truthfully have no recollection about what the Senators were discussing on the floor; I was more concerned that Hickenlooper's aide had taken my

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Where to Get a COVID-19 Shot in Iowa County

If you are 65 years of age or over, or if you are in one of the approved groups to receive a vaccine, you should call one, or all, of the sites noted below to be placed on their waiting lists to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Once the site has available vaccine doses, they will call you, schedule your appointment, tell you where to go for your shot. If you are unclear as to where you go for the shot – ask them for clear directions.

The appointments are entirely dependent upon the supply of doses sent to Iowa County, so it is important to get on a waiting list now if you are 65 years old or older so that you can be contacted when a dose is available.

Vaccine sites in Iowa County according to websites:

- The Iowa County Department of Health, 319-741-6422. Call Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Compass Memorial Hospital in Marengo, 319-642-5542 and their clinics: Compass Memorial Marengo Family Medical Clinic, 319-741-6789 and Compass Williamsburg Family Medical Clinic, 319-668-6788.

• The Amana Pharmacy and Cornerstone Apothecary are on the State's approved COVID-19 vaccine distribution sites for Iowa County, however, as of Monday, Feb. 22 neither had received information as to when they might have vaccine doses to give. Neither business was taking names for a list as of Feb. 22. Follow their Facebook pages or check with them periodically to learn when they receive doses.

Are you unclear if you qualify for a COVID-19 shot at this time? Go to the Iowa Department of Public Health website at idph.iowa.gov to learn more. Persons aged 65 years and older, first responders, health care workers, police and firefighters, PK-12 teachers and early childhood education workers, are all on the state's Phase 1B "tier 1" priority list.

Some Amana Colony residents have been able to receive COVID-19 vaccines through CVS Pharmacy, Walgreen's or Hy-Vee in Linn and Johnson counties. All three of these businesses are signing up individuals when they have vaccine doses to administer. To find out more go to their websites for sign-up. If you need help signing up or going online to find an appointment, contact Emilie Hoppe at 319-622-3639 to be paired with a volunteer.

Amana Golf Course Groundskeeper Honored

Under that layer of thick snow rests lush green fairways and perfectly maintained greens at the Amana Colonies Golf Club.

Reid Pickering of the AC Golf Club won the 2020 Superintendent of the Year Award. This honor was announced at the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America Iowa Chapter Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, Amana Colonies Golf Club general manager Stephen Kahler reported Monday.

As course superintendent at Amana, Reid oversees the grounds of roughly 500 acres of land, which includes 200 acres of maintained turf. Reid also manages a team of about 12 sea-

sonal employees on the grounds crew. Pickering is a graduate of the Turf and Grass Management program at Kirkwood Community College and has been in course care for 30 years. Reid has been with Amana Colonies Golf Club for five years.

Kahler told us, "Reid was the first associate I hired back in February of 2016 when we formed Kahler Golf LLC. . . People often ask what's our key to success. It's pretty simple, I try to hire associates that have the same passion I have for golf business, and take pride in providing the

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022						
Name of District: MIDDLE SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 3/10/2021 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Sanitary District Office						
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.						
Contact Name: Tony Berger			Contact Telephone Number: (319) 361-8459			
Fund	FYE 6-30-2020 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2021 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2022 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	Estimated July 1, 2021 Beg. Balance & All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount to Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	5,200	4,590	6,820	68,719	69,016	6,523
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	5,200	4,590	6,820	68,719	69,016	6,523
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation \$ 0.21500						

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best experience possible for our guests. Reid is a perfect example of that."

"This will just be another feather in the cap for Amana Colonies Golf Club," he added. The Amana Colonies Golf Club has again been ranked as one of the top 5 golf courses in the state by Golf Magazine and it hosted the 2019 Iowa PGA Section Championship, which according to Kahler, "received rave reviews from players for course conditions, customer service, and overall experience. Amana Colonies Golf Club is definitely back on the map!"

River Rescue: Sick Geese Receive Helping Hand

Jessica Birk Emerson and her son, Derik, Amana, were hoping to see bald eagles on the Iowa River by the open water at the "roller dam" near the Iowa River Power Company restaurant in Coralville last Friday. When they arrived however, they saw something that just about broke their hearts.

Canada geese were laying lifeless or obviously struggling on the ice or on the far shore. Some geese were alive, but unable to hold up their heads or move freely. Many birds were dead.

As Jessica Birk Emerson explained, "Derik and I went Friday to watch eagles and when we got out the car, Brandon Caswell and Jessica Darby were putting lifeless geese in a car. . . We asked them what was going on. . ." Caswell and Darby introduced themselves to the Emersons and told them that they had seen the sick geese and contacted the Iowa Bird Rehabilitation Center in Des Moines. Their goal was to get as many live birds to waiting volunteers who would transport them to the center for vet care. They suspected the geese were suffering from hypothermia, but later, after a veterinarian drew blood from several geese and it had been sent to the ISU Veterinary labs for testing the real problem was discovered.

Wearing their facemasks and dressed very warmly, as it was very cold last Friday, Derik and Jessica Emerson were able to carry 12 geese to their own van for transport. Forty three were rescued by the group. All but one was still alive as of Monday morning and appeared to be improving, according to volunteers with the IBR in Des Moines. To learn more and to see photographs of the geese and the rescue go to the Iowa Bird Rehabilitation Facebook page.

As Jessica explained, most of the birds did not struggle at all, but allowed themselves to be picked up and carried across the foot bridge and placed in vans. "Once they realized that we were warm," they let themselves be carried.

By Tuesday afternoon after the blood tests came back, it was determined that the geese were suffering from a vitamin deficiency as a result of the freezing cold limiting their food intake to freshwater shad. Wildlife managers observed geese eating freshwater shad at this location. Shad contain an enzyme called thiaminases. Geese who eat too much freshwater shad ingest too much thiaminases which can lead to a deficiency in vitamin B1. That means loss of brain function, loss of motor function and eventually death. Giving the geese proper feed, plus warmth and fresh water helped them to revive and recover.

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father's camera and returned it with a slip so that he could claim it later.

Walking through the capitol was just eerie. I had seen so many pictures but to see it in person was awesome.

I remember our tour of Statuary Hall, with its famous "whispering spot," and those stern looking statues standing around. Because of the architecture of the room and its half dome, a person standing a good distance away can be heard speaking distinctly. After his presidency, John Quincy Adams served in Congress which, until the Civil War, met in the room that is now Statuary Hall. His desk was at this unique whispering spot and, legend has it, the elderly former president often pretended to be asleep at his desk while listening in to conversations across the room.

This past January, it was horrifying for me to watch live footage of the rioters moving through these same spaces. It was upsetting to hear about looting and damage to the Capitol building and its contents, let alone the members of Congress sheltering in some of the same train tunnels that we had been so interested to travel through sixty years ago.

I am still unsettled by what happened, and the overall sense of hatred that has been growing between different groups of people in the nation during the past few years. Perhaps our national temperature is all the higher because of the isolation wrought by the pandemic which, for us in Iowa, has been added to by a long and snowy winter.

Then again, that visit to the Capitol all those years ago comes back to me. While I cherish it as a pleasant memory of my childhood, I also can look back on that time with some distance. Three years after I saw him enter the Senate chamber, John F. Kennedy was assassinated. While we sat there in the gallery that day the long war in Vietnam had already started. Like today, we lived with a nagging anxiety – in those days it was not a pandemic, but the Cold War with the Soviet Union. Just two years later, our nation would come very close to an all-out nuclear war in the Cuban Missile crisis. In the south, African Americans were living under Jim Crow segregation, and women, like my sister and me, faced a world that offered us limited opportunities. So, times were difficult and "interesting" back then, even if we did not always realize it. Those troubles passed, eventually, and so will our current troubles. If there is anything consistent in our national life, it is the hope we have that by facing our troubles and disagreements, squarely, and with courage, we can ultimately advance the cause of creating that "more perfect union" that the founders intended. Anyway, let's hope so.

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Historic Preservation Commission****Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 22, 2021**

I. Call Meeting to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District Historic Preservation Commission Chair Alex Momany called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Present: A. Momany, Betsy Momany, Jeff Conquest, Elisha Presson-TePoel, Peter Hoehnle, Administrator Elly Hoehnle and members of the public.

II. Set Agenda. Motion by P. Hoehnle, second by B. Momany, to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Review/approve the January meeting minutes. Motion by P. Hoehnle, second by Conquest, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. 2020-076, Jeff & Suzanne Conquest, 621 46th Ave. Request to modify design of south stairs on previously issued permit. Applicants changed the approved railing design without prior authorization.

Discussion of historic appearance and safety. Motion by P. Hoehnle, second by Presson-TePoel, to not recommend approval of the changes made. Motion carried 4-0 with Conquest abstaining.

b. 2021-001, Jeff & Suzanne Conquest, 621 46th Ave. Replace windows, change attic vent. Motion by B. Momany, second by Presson-TePoel, to recommend approval of the application as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with Conquest abstaining.

V. Adjourn to work session. Motion by P. Hoehnle, second by Presson-TePoel to adjourn and enter a work session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

NEW GATES ON THE KOLONIEWEG

Remember, gates have been installed on the Millrace section of the Trail that will be temporarily closed in extremely wet weather and during the spring thaw to avoid the deep ruts that bikes can cause. Your help in keeping bikes off the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated.

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
February 22, 2021**

I. Call Meeting to Order. Amana Colonies Land Use District Board of Trustees President Lynn Trumpold called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: L. Trumpold, Bruce Trumpold, Joe Parcell, Ithiel Catiri, Laura Kay Sheely, Andrew Conquest, Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp, and Administrator Elly Hoehnle. Several members of the public also attended.

II. Set Agenda. Motion by Catiri, second by Parcell, to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Discussion: Proposal for live plant sales/outdoor merchandising

Sheely and Parcell presented the following draft proposal:

The proposed change would be for C-2 and C-3 Districts. Section 31.28.030 Add F
Section 31.30.030 Add B

The use of outdoor space for the purpose of showcasing and selling merchandise and plants will be permitted on a limited basis during the time period of March 1 through November 15 upon receipt of a Special Permit approved by the Administrator of ACLUD on an annual basis. This space is to be limited to no more than 30% of the total available space and must fall within the designated bulk restrictions outlined in Section 31.28.040 and the minimum open space requirements in Section 31.28.050. The materials showcased must all be listed for sale with price tags or stickers. Each year the retailer must submit their exterior retail site plan to the ACLUD Administrator and receive approval before presenting any materials for sale. Any questionable proposals or appeals can be brought to the ACLUD Board of Trustees for review. The outdoor retail site plan should include safe customer walkways, designated entry points for customers and be compliant with all other ACLUD requirements for retail spaces. All materials and landscaping constructed to showcase the retail items must also meet all other ACLUD ordinances.

Cost of the Permit: \$150 per business

Fine for non-compliance: \$1500 per violation

Discussion points included: changing the allowed space to be a percent of the front yard of the property; make the permit an annual permit and eliminate the dates; include C-1 and HP-C districts; Keep festival display time?; festivals only permit v. annual permit; enforceability; feedback from SHPO; add to section 31.28.050?; need a form for the retail site plan.

Sheely will revise the proposed changes, based on Trustee feedback. The Administrator will draft a form and make available to Trustees for changes/comments.

IV. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Catiri, second by Parcell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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