

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 08, 2026 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Aus der tiefen Gruft" No. 86 vs 4-7 Seite 84

Testimony: Ursula Mayer Ronneburg, July 15, 1718

Scripture: Acts 27:27 - 44
Psalm 147

Closing Hymn: "Meine Sorgen, Angst und Plagen" No. 702 Seite 702

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Lord Incline Thine Ear" No. 31

Closing Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 285

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (Nachtgebet) begins at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

The live link for the 10:00 A.M. service is: <https://www.facebook.com/theamanachurch>

Links to services posted online may be found at: <https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

HOMESTEAD SANITARY DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Bid review and Letting for Homestead Lagoon repairs 6 pm Wednesday March 11 at The Homestead Welfare Club.

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Paul Bruhn Grants – Application Opens for Colony Preservation Projects

In 2024 the Amana Colonies Land Use District was awarded \$748,000 through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant program from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Because the Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark and there are people here working to rehab and preserve Amana's historic buildings, the Amana Colonies Land Use District was eligible to apply for this program which helps state and local certified governments, tribes and state historic preservation agencies fund "sub grants" to qualified projects.

Specifically, the goal of the Paul Bruhn Grant program is "to support the rehabilitation of historic properties at the national, state, and local level of significance to rehabilitate, protect, and foster economic development in rural communities (less than 50,000 population)."

The Amana Colonies Land Use District working with the National Park Service Paul Bruhn program developed the Amana Colonies Historic Revitalization Sub Grant (ACHRG) to distribute these dollars via grants to qualifying projects that apply and score well meeting granting criteria. That process has now begun.

The grant application, grant guidelines and the grant evaluation scoring sheet are now available on the ACLUD website under the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant tab at the top of the ACLUD website home page.

Completed applications must be submitted to the ACLUD office before May 15, 2026.

Last fall Peter Hoehnle was appointed by the ACLUD Board of Trustees to administer the Amana Colonies Historic Revitalization Sub Grant program and facilitate the process working with the National Park Service. To ask about the grant application or program you may contact Hoehnle at peterahoehnle@gmail.com

The Historic Revitalization Sub Grant will be given until all of the available Paul Bruhn grant money is awarded. This may mean that a second round of applications will be accepted, however it depends upon the quality and number of applications received during this round.

Who is able to apply for these Paul Bruhn funds?

Private property owners, businesses, for profit developers, tax exempt entities (nonprofit groups) and public institutions.

How can the funds be used?

The funds can be used for structures built prior to

AMANA SOCIETY PRAIRIE RESTORATION & MANAGEMENT EVENT

Please join the Amana Society Conservation Committee for an event discussing current prairie restoration efforts and the benefits of managing prairie grass areas. Speakers will include Amana Society Forestry staff, staff from The Nature Conservancy, and the Iowa County Naturalist.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Date: Thursday, March 12 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Location: Amana Performing Arts Center, 39 38th Avenue, Amana IA

THIS IS MY STORY: GENEALOGY WEEK
Amana Heritage Society

Join us in the Amana Heritage Museum Auditorium for a variety of talks and discussions about heritage in the Amana Colonies on March 10th-13th from 9am to 11am. Get a close look at specific people and families who lived during the Communal Era and after! These events are FREE and open to the public. The schedule is:

3/10 Tues. 9am RC Eichacker and 10am Marlene Trumpold

3/11 Wed. 9am Ramona Gerard and 10 am- Caroline Ertz and Mary Burgher

3/12 Thurs. 9am Peter Hoehnle and 10 am- Anne and Jerry Rehffuss

3/13 Fri. 9 am Videos by AHS Staff and 10 am- Roundtable discussion-Homestead

Questions? Send us an email at amanaheritage@southslope.net or call 319.622.3567.

1932 and located within the ACLUD boundaries. The building must be a contributing structure to the Amana Colonies National Historic Landmark. Property must be owned by the applicant. As stated in the grant guidelines on the ACLUD website the goal is "to rehabilitate at-risk structures that have the promise of improving the area's economic viability, either directly for economic purposes or indirectly adding to the area's historic value. The primary goal is to identify and fund properties that are at the tipping point for rehabilitation..."

What can funds pay for?

Applicants may apply for funding to pay for pre-development (engineering / architectural work) and construction/ supplies. Predevelopment costs shall not exceed 20 percent of the total project cost. Plans for all physical preservation work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and all projects must adhere to any additional applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances including the ACLUD Design Guidelines. Grant requests shall be no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$175,000.

Costs eligible for funding include but are not limited to: exterior structural repairs to foundations, chimneys, wood siding, tuckpointing; restoration work on windows, sashes, doors, wood steps, wood shingles, chimneys, doors, hoods, porches, return

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Wilma Rettig will turn

85 this year!

Her birthday is March 23, and it would be fun to see how many cards she will receive, along with a note saying how you know Wilma! Please send to

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Amana Community Library
 3023 220th Trail
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Spring Break Activities

Monday, March 16 - 10 am
 Lego Challenge

Tuesday, March 17 - 10 am
 St Patrick's Day 🍀
 Craft ~ Green Slime

Wednesday, March 18 -
 CLOSED

Thursday, March 19 - 10 am
 Craft ~ Lava Lamp

Friday, March 20 - 10 am
 IA CO Master Gardeners
 Plant a Spring Seed

All events are free!
 Family Friendly Fun!

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gables, gutters and downspouts; rehabilitation of aesthetic features like fences, lighting and trellises. Go to the ACLUD website to read the full application and guidelines. Yes, cost estimates, a written plan and photos of the building and the specific work will be needed for the application.

Who will see and score the grant applications and make the selection for grants?

A review committee is being established which will include people (from here in the colonies and elsewhere in the state of Iowa) with a background in historic preservation/ rehabilitation and/ or construction. Each application will be read and scored according to a score sheet. That score sheet is on the ACLUD website along with the grant application and other materials pertaining to this grant.

Judd Lawler Shares Information on Job Fairs

Iowa Statehouse Representative Judd Lawler, (Republican) District 91 which includes Iowa County was asked last week by this reporter via email about the Whirlpool Amana layoffs.

He was asked what he and other Iowa lawmakers are doing with regard to the Amana Whirlpool layoffs. He was also asked if he had communicated with Whirlpool about the Amana plant?

He stated in his email to me, "The layoffs at Whirlpool are very frustrating. I hate seeing another hit to rural manufacturing jobs in Iowa. We were dealing with a similar event just a year ago. The state's efforts to help those affected this year will be very similar to its efforts last year. Here's what I understand is happening: to provide support, Iowa Workforce Development and local IowaWORKS teams have been engaged to help make sure employees have access to tools to help them navigate this time."

He then gave these dates times for job fairs and information meetings. IowaWORKS is hosting two, in-person Worker Information Meetings onsite at Whirlpool on Thursday, March 5 from 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. They will also hold a virtual session on March 6 from 12-1:30 p.m.

The Cedar Rapids IowaWORKS Center will hold a manufacturing-themed job fair on March 9 to help affected employees search for new opportunities. The Mobile Workforce Center will also be at the Cedar Rapids IowaWORKS office from March 9-12 and March 18-20 to assist any employees that have been impacted. If you or someone you know needs more information, please visit workforce.iowa.gov/rapid-response <<https://iowasenatepublicans.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5b58cfd2cf8182ce2e2c0f456&id=ef10eb05ed&e=5c00bdf10b>>.

Iowa State Senator Dawn Driscoll, (R) district 46 has not yet responded to my email except for an auto reply acknowledgement that it had been received.

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Mowing, Aerating, Thatching, Spring Yard Clean-up, Garden Tilling, and Stump Grinding. Call Rob Jeck at 319-521-4018

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FOUND PET

Found in East Amana. Long hair cat black & white male neutered. Call 319-622-3240

Amana Colonies Land Use District (ACLUD)
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative Agenda
March 9, 2026- 7 p.m. ACLUD office
4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve February 9, 2026 Regular meeting minutes.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items that are not on the agenda
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
 - a. 2026-012 David & Shauna Graesser /4204 H St/ R-1/ Remove wood siding on house/garage. Tyvek wrap w/insulated white vinyl siding, white aluminum on entry door/garage. Install white overhead garage door. Replace existing white vinyl windows with new.
 - b. 2026-013 Four Winds Farm /4502 220th Trail/ HP-C/ Install LP Smart siding on S & W sides of the building where there are currently none. Paint entire building grey.
 - c. 2026-009 Lanny Haldy /2612 220th Trail/ HP-R/ Replace 15 (9/6) 28X56 & 3 (6/6) 28X46 windows with vinyl replacements. Wooden sashes & storms (4) on N side will remain wooden.
 - d. 2026-002 Hotel Millwright /800 48th Ave./ HP-I/ The applicant requests an amendment to the permit not approved on January 12, 2026, to modify vinyl windows to be aluminum. Replace (2) 48 3/8" X 73 1/2" wooden windows with vinyl replacements in room 141. Replace (3) 41 1/2" X 74 1/2" wooden windows with wooden replacements in room 127 & 129.
 - e. 2026-008 Lisa Lamme /606 13th Ave. High Amana/ HP-R/ GRANT APPLICATION: Replace roof on house with gray asphalt shingles. Install ice/water protection on eaves and valleys. Replace all flashings as needed on roof and chimney. GRANT CHECK APPROVAL NEEDED.
- VI. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion/Action: Board of adjustments
 - b. Discussion/Action: Scheduled ordinance review
 - c. Discussion/Action: 2026-2027 budget
 - d. Discussion/Action: Review updated design guideline document
 - e. Discussion/Action: Pertaining to roof pitch/accessory building height
 - f. Discussion/Action: Alternative Materials
 - g. Discussion/Action: Zoom links for meetings
 - h. Discussion/Action: Paul Bruhn update
- VII. Review/Approve March Disbursements Report.
- VIII. Review/Approve the March Treasurer's Report.
- IX. President's Report (if applicable).
- X. Administrator's Report.
- XI. Adjourn.

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