



Windsor Wave

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Help Windsor Heights Keep Walnut Creek Clean.
Please help Windsor Heights ensure that Walnut Creek is clean by remembering to keep leaves out of the streets.
Leaves can clog storm water sewers and carry pollutants into the creek.

REGISTER YOUR IN-HOME BUSINESS

Have an in-home business? Please remember to register your business with the City of Windsor Heights. When registering your in-home business, several questions will be asked to help determine whether your business is permissible under Windsor Heights City Code. If a home-based business has minimal impact on traffic and neighborhood infrastructure, it is likely a permissible business. It is important for the City to know the locations of our home-based businesses for zoning and public safety purposes, which is why it is necessary to register your home-based business. The form can be found at www.windsorheights.org. You can print the form and mail a check or stop by City Hall.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS HISTORY TO BE UPDATED

In connection with the 70th anniversary next year of the incorporation of the City of Windsor Heights, George Hanusa will update city history. He is asking all city residents or former residents for historical items, pictures to loan, or just early memories of how Windsor Heights was before and after incorporation. Please contact him at 255-6367 or email geojanh@msn.com or regular mail at 7204 Reite Ave.

WINDSOR WONDERLAND IS COMING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4. Windsor Wonderland will be back, this time in the new Community & Events Center at Colby Park. There will be all kinds of holiday activities. The day will come to a close with everyone's favorite, tree lighting. Come out and enjoy the music, crafts, and family fun.

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item and/or a personal care product to donate to the Emergency Food Pantry which assists Windsor Heights residents in need. The Des Moines Area Religious Council distributes the food and personal care products. Executive Director Sarai Schnucker Rice acknowledges the crucial need to support low income families, "Windsor Heights is one of ten food pantry sites around the city that gather items for distribution."

For more information about Windsor Wonderland, visit this web site: www.windsorheights.org



WINDSOR HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETING

Residents of Windsor Heights are invited to attend the Quarterly Meeting for the Windsor Heights Neighborhood Watch, scheduled for Saturday, November 20, from 10:30am to noon. The meeting will be held at 3E, located at 953 - 73rd Street in the large conference room.

All residents of Windsor Heights are more than welcome to attend.

Included on the agenda will be a membership update, treasurer's report and a presentation, "Computer Security," by Vicki Harris. Ms. Harris is a employee of the Iowa Communication Network. A "Q & A" session will follow.

There is no cost or obligation to attend or to join the Neighborhood Watch. Members are dedicated to providing greater citizen involvement in the prevention of crime. The all volunteer organization encourages residents to report suspicious incidents to the police. Citizen alerts are e-mailed to members.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Shepherd at 515-650-3100 or by email at whneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com.

BRIDGE LESSONS OFFERED AT NEW COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER

Have fun and meet others while playing what many consider the world's greatest card game, bridge. If you have played bridge in the past and would like to refresh your memory, Nancy Wilson, accredited bridge teacher, will be teaching at the new Windsor Heights Community and Events Center.

6 weeks, 1x/week \$5/per lesson

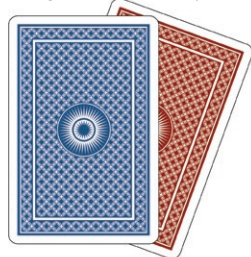
First lesson free

Wednesday afternoon, from 1 - 3:30pm

The dates are: January 19, 26, 2011

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2011

To register call Tracy at 645-6821



BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Windsor Heights wants to be known as the most green community in the Des Moines Metro area. Our first step towards this goal is creating a plan, with the help of our businesses and citizens. If you would like to volunteer on a Going Green Committee, please email Josh Heggen or call at jheggen@windsorheights.org or 279-3662 to fill out a Boards and Commission application. The major goal is to develop a clear and concise plan that citizens and staff can clearly follow to achieve the goals set forth by the committee. The plan will be broken down in three areas, businesses, citizens and the city plan. Each area of focus will have short term, mid-term and long term achievable energy efficient goals and benchmarks.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND EVENTS CENTER



Is your home getting too small for your family holiday gathering? The Windsor Heights Community & Events Center at Colby Park is open and ready for rental. The calendar is filling up so contact us to reserve the Center for your next special occasion.

The Community & Events Center features a fully functional catering kitchen and a state of the art audio and visual system.

The Center is ideal for a family reunion, wedding or simple neighborhood gathering. The main open space can be broken down into two separate rooms to accommodate smaller events on one side and larger events on the other.

If you haven't driven by the new Center recently, please take a special trip and drive by and visit Colby Park and this signature facility, the new Community & Events Center. If you are interested in a rental, please contact Tracy at 645-6821 or tlevine@windsorheights.org.

GARBAGE TALK

As a reminder, effective December 1, Windsor Heights residents will have their garbage/recycling/yard waste collected on Friday only. Recycling will still be collected every other Friday.

Thanksgiving may push back trash, yard waste, recycling collection. For residents who normally have their garbage, yard waste and green *Curb It!* recycling carts collected on Thursday or Friday, the Thanksgiving holiday will delay collection by one day. Residents who have normal collection on Thursday will be provided with collection service on Friday, November 26. Residents with normal collection on Friday will be serviced on Saturday, November 27. Normal collection will resume the week of November 29, 2010.

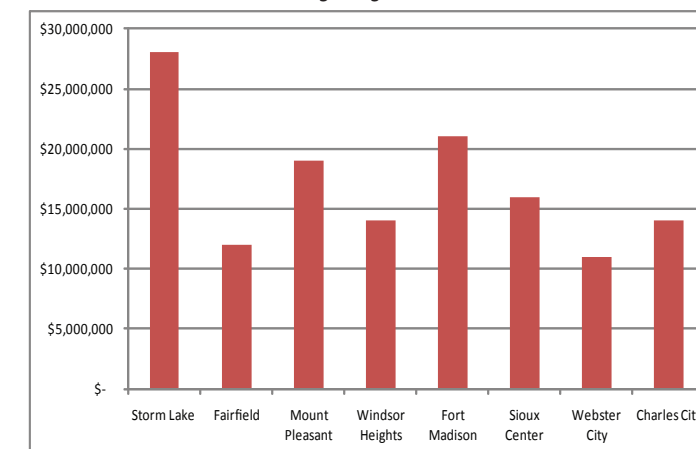
End of Yard Waste Season: The last collection day for residents in Windsor Heights is Friday, December 3, depending on weather (if snow strikes early, it could end the season).

WINDSOR HEIGHTS OUTSTANDING DEBT COMPARISON

Recently Windsor Heights compared ourselves to cities throughout Iowa who share similar property values. The below graph shows the amount of debt those cities have compared to Windsor Heights. The average level of outstanding obligations for communities with similar valuation (excluding Windsor Heights) is \$17,880,826 and the median level of outstanding obligations is \$16,816,000. Windsor Heights has \$13,973,842. Some examples of outstanding debt for Windsor Heights include bonds that have helped pay for the widening of University Avenue, 63rd Street, new bridges at Buffalo Road leading into Wal-mart, the new Community Center and economic development projects including Hy-Vee, Wal-mart, and the Town Center. The cities most recent bond includes an effort to redevelop and widen sections of Hickman Road and 63rd Street.

Comparison of Debt Communities +/- Valuation

Outstanding Obligations as June 30, 2010



Source: Iowa State Department of Management and Iowa State Treasurer's Office

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

