

Windsor Heights Youth Council

The City wants our youth involved in our community. In order to achieve this goal, the City has developed a City Youth Council. The Youth Council gives members an opportunity to develop leadership skills, gain experience in local government, and advance our community. The Youth Council is heavily involved in city activities like the 4th of July activities and Octoberfest. The Youth Council meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber. If you or anyone you know is currently a Windsor Heights resident in 7th-12th grade and is interested in helping the community please contact Josh Heggen, 279-3662 or jheggen@windsorheights.org.

55th Annual Pancake Day

Join us for the Windsor Heights Firefighters Association 55th Annual Pancake Day on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Windsor Heights Firefighters Association will soon be going door-to-door selling tickets for this year's Pancake Day. Tickets are \$5.00 (Adult) or \$10.00 (Family). Tickets may also be purchased at City Hall.



This is the Firefighter's annual fund raiser. Residents are encouraged to purchase tickets even if they cannot attend to help support the Association.

Hope to see you there!

Important Pet Info



The City of Windsor Heights would like to remind pet owners of the following ordinances.

No owner of any dog, cat, or other animal, or person having control or responsibility thereof, shall:

- Allow or permit such animal to run at large.
- Allow or permit such animal to urinate or defecate on private property without the express consent of the owner of such property.

- Fail to pick up and dispose of any feces deposited by such animal on private property without the express consent of the owner thereof.
- Allow or permit a dog to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping.

Dog and cat owners are reminded to have their pets licensed and tagged. This allows the City to quickly notify their owners should the pets stray and be picked up. Licenses cost \$10.00 for altered pets and \$20.00 for unaltered pets. There is an additional \$1.00 per month penalty if your pet is not licensed prior to April 1. Pets must have proof of their current rabies vaccination from their vet, with a minimum of 6 months remaining before expiration. Thank you to all who have registered.

July 4th Parade and Vendors

If you have a business or organization and are interested in having a float in Windsor Heights 4th of July Parade or you want to be a vendor at Colby Park on July 4th, please visit www.windsorheights.org for an application or stop by city hall. If you have any question please call Josh Heggen at 279-3662 or email at jheggen@windsorheights.org.

Vision Clearance at Intersections

With spring approaching, everyone is anxious to begin that new landscaping project.

One important consideration of landscaping installation is maintaining visibility at intersections. There are a few street intersections in the city at which visibility is partially obstructed. These obstructions consist of trees, shrubs, bushes, fences, and signs. The traffic hazard caused by these obstructions is obvious. Residents are reminded the city code requires these obstructions to be placed outside a "vision clear zone". The "vision clear zone" is the area defined by a triangle with legs of 25 feet from the point at which the curbs or edges of two intersecting streets meet. Nothing shall be placed in this area which will materially obstruct the view of drivers approaching the street intersections. Thank you for your cooperation. This diagram illustrates the "vision clear zone".

Windsor Heights City Wide Garage Sale

This year's annual Windsor Heights city wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 10. If you wish to be listed on the garage sale map, please email your name, address, phone number and a few main items to: jheggen@windsorheights.org or stop by city hall and fill out a City Wide Garage Sale Form. The cost for inclusion in the City Wide Garage sale list is \$5.00 A map of sale locations will be distributed to local businesses one week prior to the event and will be posted on the city's website for potential customers.

See us on the Web at www.windsorheights.org!

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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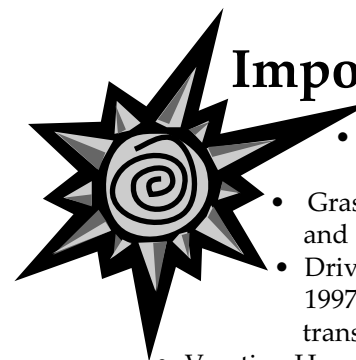
On March 3, the City Council held hearings on bonds for three different capital projects: Hickman Road Redevelopment; the final phase of Colby Park and City Hall expansion and renovation.

The Council heard from citizens that they thought the three large projects in one year were too much for the City to address in that period of time. In response to citizen concerns, one project was delayed to an undetermined future date.

The capital projects were a driving factor behind a proposed levy rate increase. The affect this action had on the proposed tax levy for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 was to reduce it from \$15.05424 to \$14.79484.

Following is a table showing what effect the new rate would have on a \$150,000 house.

	FY 08	FY 09
Assessed value	\$150,000	\$150,000
Rollback%	45.5596	44.0803
Taxable value	\$68,339	\$66,120
Levy rate	\$12.40382	\$14.79484
Annual city taxes	\$847.67	\$978.24
		\$10.88 monthly difference



Important Reminders for the Warmer Seasons

- Vehicles & Boats - Must be parked on hard surfaces such as concrete or asphalt. City Code prohibits the parking of vehicles or boats on your lawn.
- Grass - Is not allowed to grow more than 6 inches tall. It is also illegal to blow leaves and grass clippings into the street.
- Driveways - Residential driveways which were not hard-surfaced as of December 1, 1997, (per the Zoning Code) shall be required to come into compliance prior to a transfer of title following the earliest sale of such property.
- Vacation House Checks - The Windsor Heights Police Department will perform house checks for residents who are planning to be out-of-town for a minimum of 7 days. Residents are requested to provide the telephone number where they can be reached in the event of an emergency. It is also helpful to leave a key with a neighbor or relative. Residents requesting this service should contact the City of Windsor Heights Police at 277-4453.

Thank you for your efforts to make Windsor Heights cleaner and more attractive.



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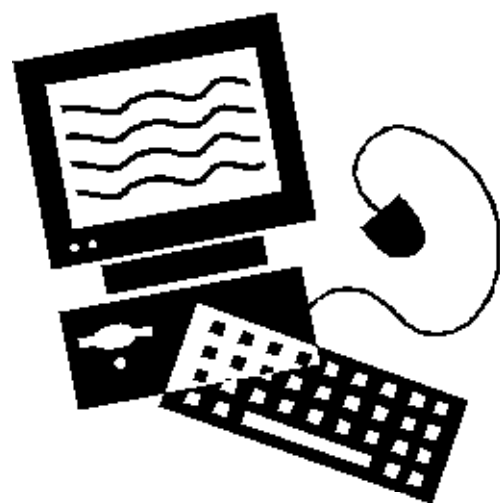
What Do I Do with My Electronics and Medical Waste?

E-Waste Recycling Collection: If you want to recycle your E-Waste products and don't want to include them in your curbside collection. Artistic Waste strongly encourages responsible management of electronic equipment through recycling: Any electronic such as TV, Computer monitors, VCR, etc. can be disposed of at Artistic Waste's Metro Recycling Center @ 1817 W. Euclid Avenue in Des Moines. Artistic will also come to your home and pick up such equipment for a fee of \$.50 per pound or \$20 for a computer unit or \$25-40 for a TV.

Medical Waste: Medical Waste such as needles (sharps) can cause problems for family and waste workers who handle them. A safe way to handle sharps is to use a OSHA approved container.

Artistic offers a mail back sharps container that provides the home user and the professional a total system for the safe disposal of sharps waste. Each system includes a sharps container, postage-prepaid return box, tracking form and destruction at a certified medical waste resource recovery facility. Contact Artistic for more information.

For additional questions please contact Artistic Waste Services, Inc. at 262-4040 or visit their website www.artisticwaste.com.



Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

Emergency Phone Numbers
Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers
Police/Fire286-3632
City Hall279-3662

Mayor Jerry Sullivan
Council Members:
Diana Willits
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Carole Tillotson
Charlene Butz
Steve Peterson

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Chief Financial Off. .Colleen Pingrey
Fire ChiefChristopher Cross
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Police Dispatch286-3632
Police Admin/Records . . .277-4453
Police Investigations . . .277-4455

Fire Department279-3662

Public Works Dept.279-3662
Colby Park Reservations 279-3662
Building Inspector669-6881
Animal Control279-3662

2 City Council Meetings - 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

APRIL/MAY 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	8 Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall) WH Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	9	10 WH Seniors Comm. Meeting 9:30 AM (City Hall)	11	12
13	14 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	15	16	17	18	19 Community CPR Class 9AM-12PM (United Methodist Church)
20	21 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	22	23	24	25	26 Community Coffee Club 9-10:30 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 10:30 AM (3E)
4	5 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	6	7	8 WH Seniors Committee Meeting 9:30 AM (City Hall)	9	10 City Wide Garage Sales
11	12 KWHB Meeting 7PM (City Hall)	13 Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall) Windsor Heights Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	14	15	16	17 WHAMM 8 AM Firefighters Assoc. Pancake Day 8 AM - 1PM (City Hall)
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*Note, different week, due to Memorial Day.

NEWS BRIEFS

Windsor Heights Foundation

The Windsor Heights Foundation invites memorial and "in honor" contributions and has attractive folders and mailing envelopes available for both. The honor cards are a good way to provide recognition or a gift for that "hard-to-know-what-to-get" person. The cards can be picked up at the Windsor Heights City Hall or you can contact George Hanusa (phone 255-6367).

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges a recent gift from Windsor Heights residents Michael and Rosemary Larkin in memory of John Larkin.

Windsor Heights Seniors to Meet

The Windsor Heights Seniors will meet April 17, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at the WH Lutheran Church (1240 66th Street) Speaker: James Hamilton, retired from 30 years with the Iowa Department of Revenue. "Deep in the Heart of Taxes". Coffee and conversation will follow program. All seniors welcome. Any questions call, 986-0461.

Iowa One Call

Before you dig, call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 to have their utilities marked. It's not only in your best interest, it's the law.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Neighborhood Watch meeting for block captains. If you are able to help or would like to be a block captain please attend this meeting on April 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 3E Conference Center (953 73rd Street). The Neighborhood Watch meeting for all members will be on May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 3E Conference Center (953 73rd Street).

Community CPR Class

Join us for Community CPR Class on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Windsor United Methodist Church (6222 University Avenue). Call Stacey Long, 274-3801, to reserve a spot in this class. The class is a non-certificated CPR program through the American Red Cross. CPR on adult and child and choking will be covered. A nominal donation is requested (but not required) to cover the cost of equipment rental.

At Your Service ... Sewer Problems

Residents experiencing slow drains and/or sewer back ups are encouraged to call the Public Works department at 279-3662 or after hours at 286-3333.

Windsor Heights Citizen of the Year

The City is currently accepting nominations for "Citizen of the Year." The nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall or you may get this form from our website @ www.windsorheights.org. Please consider the following criteria when making your selection:

- 1.) The number of years of volunteer/community service to Windsor Heights.
- 2.) Extent of Involvement (Please list individual activities).
- 3.) Resident or Non-Resident.
- 4.) Must be living (no posthumous nominations).

Please complete the nomination below and return it to Windsor Heights City Hall by June 13, 2008. Thank you for your participation and support in keeping Windsor Heights a head above the rest.

- 1.) Name of Nominee: _____
- 2.) Number of years of service: _____
- 3.) List of individual activities performed (if more space is needed, please attach an additional sheet of paper).

- 4.) Resident of Windsor Heights? Yes: ____ No: ____