

Pancake Day

The Windsor Heights Firefighters Association will soon be going door-to-door selling tickets for this year's 56th Annual Pancake Day. Tickets may also be purchased at City Hall.



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

Please plan to attend on Saturday, May 16, 2009 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 (Adult) \$10.00 (Family).

Spring Mowing

Spring is here again and the mowing season is about to start. We would like to remind all residents the City Code regarding grass height has changed. According to the Code: Chapter 31, Nuisance. AB. Dense growth of all weeds, grass, vines, brush or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety or fire hazard, or which otherwise constitute a nuisance under this chapter. All growths of grass or weeds in excess of six inches (6") in height shall be deemed to be a nuisance. Please remember this information when caring for your yard this year.

Pet Ordinance Reminder

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.

Pet Licenses

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 1st. Pets must have proof of their current rabies vaccination from their vet, with a minimum of 6 months remaining before expiration.

Important Reminders

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. Public Works will check the main and clean any blockages. Blockages located in the home sewer system are the responsibility of the home owner. Windsor Heights has a scheduled inspection and maintenance program. Be advised, according to case law, municipalities cannot be held responsible for any damage resulting from sewer back-ups if they maintain an inspection and maintenance program.



Iowa One Call

Residents undertaking projects involving digging and excavating are reminded to call Iowa One Call. Under Iowa statute if you plan to dig deeper than 12 inches, you are required to make

1-800-292-8989
www.iowaonecall.com



the toll-free call at least 48 hours before digging. The service is FREE to anyone who requests it. Use of Iowa One Call eliminates the risk of service disruption in homeowners' and neighbors' yards. It also greatly reduces risk of severe personal injury, and even death. Before any digging or excavation starts, Iowans need to know they should first call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 to have their utilities marked. It's not only in their best interest, it's the law.

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

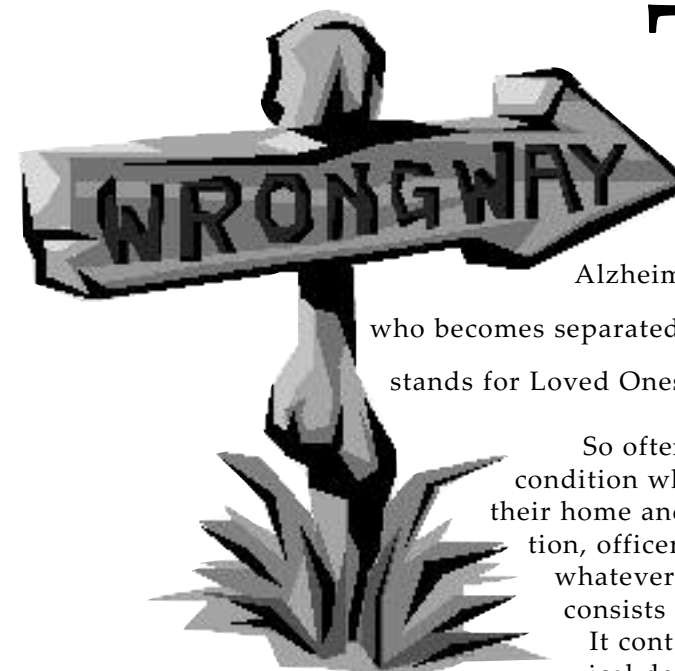
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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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L.O.S.T. in Windsor Heights



The Windsor Heights Police Department, in collaboration with the Des Moines Police Department and the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter, is proud to announce the creation of a new law enforcement program aimed at helping reunite individuals suffering from Alzheimer's (or any other medical condition which affects memory)

who becomes separated from their families. The program is called L.O.S.T. which stands for Loved Ones Safe and Together.

So often individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's or another medical condition which involves memory loss or confusion will wander away from their home and police officers are called to assist in locating them. In addition, officers occasionally come across individuals who are lost but for whatever reason, have not been reported as such. The L.O.S.T. program consists of a computer database that is stored at the police department. It contains information about the person such as name, address, physical description, birth date, etc. It also contains information about the

potential activities of the person, where they may be heading or where they have been found before when lost and what symptoms they may exhibit when located by the police officer. The database contains provisions for a photograph of the individual which can be sent directly to searching officers via in-car computer systems, or the media, should they be notified to assist in finding the person. The database can be upgraded as new information or changes occur with the person.

There is no cost to participate in this program. For further information or to enroll in the L.O.S.T. program simply contact the Windsor Heights Police Department at 515-277-4453. In addition to the completing an information form, we will ask that you include a recent photograph of your loved one. If you do not have a photograph, arrangements will be made for an officer to come to your home to take a photograph for the database.

The L.O.S.T. Program is an innovative way to assist police in locating and identifying persons affected by medical conditions which could result in them becoming lost. We encourage you to participate in this proactive program for the sake of your loved ones.

Residents of Windsor Heights can contact the Windsor Heights Police Department for a form or information on this program. Please contact Tammy Breese 277-4453.



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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.

Ready, Set, WHAMM!

It is never too early to start training for this year's Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon! Sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, WHAMM will be held May 16th, 2009 beginning at 8:00 a.m. It begins and ends at 66th and University. And, don't forget to join us this year for a Mascot Race! Mark your calendars for this exciting event! Sign up forms will be available on the city's website, at Fitness Sports and at city hall. Watch area businesses for additional details.

NEWS BRIEFS

City Wide Garage Sale

This year's annual Windsor Heights city wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 9. 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 posted on the city's Web site and available at City Hall for potential customers. This list will NOT be published in the Register.

Neighborhood Association Meeting

The Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association annual meeting is planned for Sunday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Lutheran Church located at 1240 66th Street (just north of University). It's a pot luck supper, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to pass and the main dish will be provided. On the agenda will be election of officers and a continuation of the discussion about vision planning for Windsor Heights. Members who bring a new paid member(s) are eligible for a \$25 door prize, good at any Windsor Heights business. Please plan to attend and we'll see you there!

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.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The Windsor Heights Neighborhood Watch will be holding their next quarterly meeting on May 2, 2009 At the 3E building north of the Freeway at 953 73rd Street from 10:30am to 12:00pm Meeting held in the Large Conference room.

The topic will be "How Safe is Your Home?" and improving the safety/security of your home Presented by Officer Ryan Rupiper of the Windsor Heights police department.

Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

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Police Department911

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

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 Charlene Butz
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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 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)					Easter Egg Hunt 9 AM (Colby Park)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall) WH Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WH Neighborhood Assoc. Mtg. 6:30 PM (WH Lutheran Church)	City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)					Community Coffee Club 9-10:30 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
						WH Neighborhood Watch Meeting 10:30 AM (3E Bldg.)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day City Offices Closed					

City Spring Clean-up

This year's Spring Clean-up will be on your regular trash day again, Thursday or Friday, whichever it may be.

Your normal trash day will be the day Artistic will pick up your "Solid Waste." This means if your normal pick up day is Thursday, you will put out your "Solid Waste" on Thursday May 14th, 2009. If your normal pick up day is Friday, you will put out your "Solid Waste" on Friday, May 15th, 2009.

"Solid Waste" means garbage, refuse, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities. The term "solid waste" shall exclude brush waste, hazardous rubbish, and other similar discarded solid or semi-solid materials including but not limited to such materials resulting from industrial materials, as defined by the Metro Waste Authority and may exclude other materials as defined by the Authority.

ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM THE COLLECTION

- Tires
- Vehicles and/or major auto parts
- Buildings, major building parts, or large piles of building materials
- Concrete chunks (ALL SIZES)

- Asphalt shingles over 65 lbs. in total weight
- Banned substances such as lead acid, batteries, waste oil, explosive material, medical waste, drugs, poisons, highly combustible material, paint and other toxic or hazardous substances
- Any appliances.
- Animal carcasses

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN BOXES OR TRASH CONTAINERS.

- All items must be put out at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick up day, and no earlier than the night before.
- Brush waste will be accepted on these days also, provided you have the correct stickers/bags/premium compost it container needed for your brush waste.

The City reserves the right to refuse service if a request is not within the intent of the program or is considered unreasonable.

Disabled persons who have difficulty or are unable to move items to the curb for collection may call Pubic Works at 279-3662 and arrangements can be made for assistance.