

# Your Waterfront Property

**D**id you know that you live on waterfront property? The storm drain in your street is a direct connection to the water in streams, ponds and lakes. Anything that washes off your yard and street runs directly to these waters. That includes lawn fertilizer, leaves, grass clippings, eroded soil, and pet waste. These are sources of phosphorus, a plant nutrient that turns lakes and rivers green with algae. To keep our lakes and rivers healthy, use less phosphorus.

### Fertilize your lawn, not the river

- Understand the fertilizer label: NPK N=nitrogen, P=phosphorus, K=potassium
- Use P free (27-0-8) fertilizer or P<3
- Follow proper application rates

### Prevent Erosion

- Phosphorus attaches to soil. Keep soil from washing into the street.

### Clean up after pets

- Pet waste contains phosphorus and harmful bacteria

### Keep the pavement clean

- Sweep grass clippings, leaves, and fertilizer from driveways and streets.

## Civics Corner: Stop Sign

**R**ecently, the City received a request to evaluate whether or not to remove the stop sign at 69th and Mott. The request was referred to the Public Works and Public Safety Committees for review. At this time, there is not plan to remove the stop sign. First, the Committee considered the history of why the stop sign was there, which was based on citizen request in 2002. Secondly, the Committee reviewed the area, which includes a parcel of land owned by the City. The City is currently evaluating the possibility of developing the parcel by adding an attractive structure to be used for additional storage. If you have any questions, please contact the City Administrator at 279-3662.



## Recycling Program FAQ

**C**an I continue using my recycle bin at the curb, after the program starts on July 1?

Once the program starts, you will no longer be able to set out your green bin for recycling. However, we have a list on Metro Waste Authority's Web site offering many ideas for using the bin - including personal storage to donation to local schools

### Will I have to pay for the new cart?

Residents will not be billed for the new carts. One will be provided to each single family residence by (MWA).

### Will there be an increase in cost for me as a resident to use the new program?

MWA is not going to charge the cities more than what is currently being charged for the curb side recycling program.

### I don't think I have enough recyclables to fill up a new large cart - is there an option to get a smaller cart?

Residents are encourage to try the new 96-gallon cart when the program begins. Cart trials throughout the Des Moines and Metro area have shown that most residents will need this size because:

- Recycling is easier, so you end up recycling more
- You will need storage for two weeks of recyclables since collection will be switched from weekly to every other week
- All cardboard will need to be broken down and placed in the container for pick up

For more information, go to [www.recycleandroll.com](http://www.recycleandroll.com).

See us on the Web at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org)!

# City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 

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**Where:** Colby Park 69th & School Street

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. (*don't be late!*)

**Date:** Saturday, April 11

**Ages:** Three Age Groups:  
3 years and under (*at the tennis courts*)  
4-7 years old (*on the baseball diamond*)  
8-12 years old (*on the field north of the tennis courts*)

**Prizes:** Eggs marked with stars get a prize!

# Annual Easter Egg Hunt



## Countdown to 50324

**T**he City of Windsor Heights is excited to countdown to the new zip code. 50324 will be the City's new zip code effective July 1st, 2009. You can actually begin to use the new zip code June 1, 2009.

Residents and businesses will have from June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to notify correspondents of the new zip code. Mail will be forwarded during that period. The City will also provide any citizen requesting it, 30 return address labels to ease the transition of notifying correspondents of your new zip code. Simply stop by City Hall and staff will help you with that.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 279-3662.



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# Choose Recycling Cart Size

Metro Waste Authority is taking orders now through March for the new rolling recycling carts that will be distributed this spring in Windsor Heights. Each residential household will automatically receive a 96-gallon cart beginning in April with automated pick-up beginning July 1. The 96-gallon cart is recommended because all approved recyclables – including cardboard – will be put in the cart creating a greater volume of materials. In addition, recycling will be collected every other week, instead of weekly collection.

For those who generate less trash, such as persons who live alone, don't fill their garbage container weekly or who, for physical reasons, may have difficulty rolling a larger bin to the curb, 48-gallon carts are available. Requests for the smaller carts must be received by March 30 to be included in initial cart delivery. 96-gallon carts will be delivered to those who do not order by that date.

If you prefer to receive a 48-gallon cart, please visit [www.recycleandroll.com/cart-size](http://www.recycleandroll.com/cart-size) and submit the online request form by March 30. If you don't have Internet access, please call Metro Waste Authority, (515) 323-6514, for more information.

More recycling information on page 4.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Chamber 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce is beginning an annual tradition of a Spaghetti Dinner as a fund raiser and a community event. This year the dinner is on March 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Walnut Creek Community Church. The cost is \$6.00 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets are available at various business including City Hall. There will also be a silent auction and some door prizes. Join the Fun on March 9! Bring your family and your neighbors!



# Scouting for Food

As they have each year since 1988, Boy Scout Troop 46 is participating in a "Good Turn Project" called Scouting For Food.

They are asking families in our Windsor Heights neighborhood to donate non-perishable food items which we will collect, sort, and deliver to the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry. The Food Pantry provides short term food supplies to families who are temporarily in need of assistance. The following items are particularly useful:

- Peanut butter (seal intact)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni/spaghetti
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned tomatoes and sauce
- Soups (canned & ramen)
- Noodles
- Canned meals (stew, chili)
- Saltines
- Biscuit muffin mix
- Canned tuna, chicken or ham
- Packaged dinners (Helpers, etc)
- Rice
- Baby food
- Baby formula
- Instant potatoes
- Gelatin
- Cereal (hot or cold)



These items are on the shopping lists that families fill out. Items not on this list will be used, but then the Food Pantry has to purchase the items above. The Food Pantry especially needs cold cereal!

Please deliver your items to the Windsor Heights HyVee store on Saturday, April 4, 2009 between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded as a result of a simple good turn performed for a stranger on a foggy London evening. Please help us continue Scouting's long tradition of service to others.

## 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.



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

## 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 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.

MARCH/APRIL 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	10 Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall) WH Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	24	25	26	27	28 Community Coffee Club 9-10:30 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
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## Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

### Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Department .....911  
Police Department .....911

### Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/Fire .....286-3632  
City Hall .....279-3662

Mayor ..... Jerry Sullivan

### Council Members:

- Diana Willits
- Flo Hunter
- Carole Tillotson
- Charlene Butz
- Steve Peterson

City Admin. .Marketa George Oliver

Chief Financial Off. .Colleen Pingrey

Fire Chief .....Christopher Cross

Police Chief .....Gary Walters

Public Works Director John Wiedman

Director of Comm. Svcs. Josh Heggen

### Police Department:

Police Dispatch .....286-3632

Police Admin/Records . .277-4453

Police Investigations . . .277-4455

Fire Department .....279-3662

Public Works Dept. . . . .279-3662

Colby Park Reservations 279-3662

Building Inspector . . . . .669-6881

Animal Control . . . . .279-3662

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