

Countdown to 50324!

The City's new zip code, 50324, takes effect July 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. Don't forget to write "Windsor Heights" as the city.

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 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.



Compost It! Tips

Keep yard waste out of the trash by recycling with Compost It! Yard waste is banned from Iowa landfills! That's right - yard waste needs to stay out of the garbage! What can you do with all of those grass clippings, falling leaves and brush bundles? Recycle them with Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program.

It's officially spring, and yard work is just around the corner. The following are some tips for residents on how to use Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! yard waste bag program.

There are three ways to use Compost It!

1. Use Compost It! bags (there is no need to attach a sticker to them).
2. Use store-brand yard waste bags, and attach a Compost It! sticker to each one.
3. Attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle that does not fit in the bag.

Residents can place lawn trimmings and garden waste, such as leaves, grass clippings, brush and branches in the Compost It! bags. Stumps, garbage, stone, concrete, building materials, food scraps and other non-yard waste materials are not accepted. The weight limit on the bags is 40 pounds, so larger pieces of brush and twigs need to be bound separately with a Compost It! sticker attached to each bundle. The bundles must be no more than 18 inches in diameter and no more than four (4) feet long. Like the bags, bundles can't weigh more than 40 pounds.

Residents should set yard waste bags and bundles at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day. The material is brought to Metro Waste Authority's Metro Compost Center in Des Moines where it is composted and made available to residents and businesses on a day-to-day basis.

While Metro Waste Authority manages Compost It! for participating communities, it does not collect yard waste, trash, or recyclables. If your yard waste was not collected, residents should contact your local hauler.

Where do I get the bags and stickers?

Compost It! bags are sold in bundles of five; the stickers are sold individually. Both can be bought at hardware, grocery (Hy-Vee and Dahl's) and convenience stores across the metro area, you may also purchase "Compost It Stickers" from Windsor Heights City Hall, 1133 66th St. The costs of the bags and stickers does not completely cover the costs of providing the program, including collection, processing and storage.

The Compost It! program is a user-friendly, convenient and environmentally friendly way of managing yard waste in the metro area. For more information on Compost It! or other programs and services provided by Metro Waste Authority, visit www.mwatoday.com.

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

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Windsor Heights Named a Finalists for a 2009 All-America City Award



The National Civic League announced Windsor Heights as one of the finalists on March 31st, in the 60th annual All-America City Awards competition, which will be held June 17-19 in Tampa, Florida. The honor is given to ten winners each year for outstanding civic accomplishments.

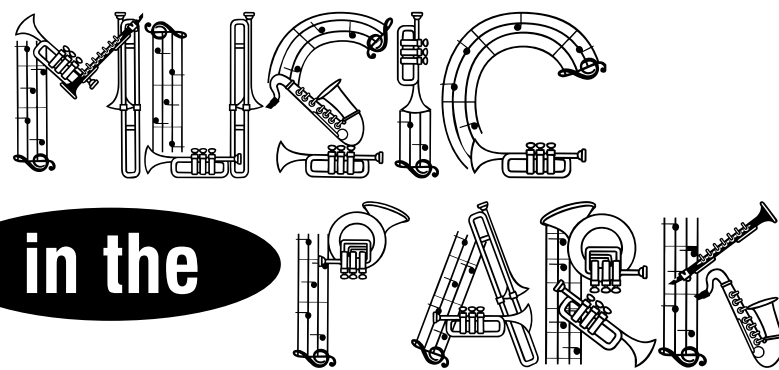
The All-America City Award (AAC) is like a civic 'Oscar' for communities of all sizes. It's unique because it recognizes the efforts of entire communities. AACs demonstrate inclusiveness, collaboration, civic engagement, and innovation. The City of Windsor Heights submitted the University Avenue reconstruction and redevelopment project; the zip code; and the Colby Park playground project, focusing on the involvement of school children in the planning of that amenity for consideration.

An All-America City has a proven capacity for community-based problem solving, grassroots civic engagement and cooperation between sectors (public, private and nonprofit). To become a finalist, each participant completed an application documenting three community projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental sustainability, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery.

During the three-day competition, a delegation from each community will present its challenges and solutions to a jury of national experts from across the United States. Windsor Heights City Council members, Chamber members, Neighborhood Association, Foundation and staff from Windsor Heights have all been invited to join the event in Tampa. The designation as an All America City is a highly prestigious honor and would recognize the efforts of all of our community members who work together on a regular basis to make Windsor Heights a great place to live and do business. The city is seeking financial support from any area businesses or citizens interested in supporting Windsor Heights presentation in Tampa. Contributions for the All America City campaign are tax deductible and can be sent to City Hall at 1133 66th Street, Windsor Heights, IA 50311. Thank you and good luck to our presenters!



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Great music returns to Colby Park starting June 9, 2009. The concerts are free and will start at 7:00. Popcorn and pop are also free. Bring a lawn chair and join us for some great summer fun. Park at Walmart for the concerts and walk over the bike path.

2009 SCHEDULE

- June 9 Hot Club
- June 16 Parti Gras
- June 23 Sacred Heart Sax and Brass
- June 30 Urbandale Community Band
- July 7 Blue Grass Pals
- July 14 Hold On
- July 21 Tone Wheel
- July 28 Java Jews
- August 4 Des Moines Community Band
(Including activities sponsored by the WH Police Department)
- August 11 To be Announced

Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

Emergency Phone Numbers
 Fire Department911
 Police Department911

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

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 Carole Tillotson
 Charlene Butz
 Steve Peterson

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Fire ChiefChristopher Cross
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Public Works Director John Wiedman
Director of Comm. Svcs. Josh Heggen

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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

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

MAY/JUNE 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	5	6	7	8	9 City Wide Garage Sale
10	11 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	12 Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall)	13	14 -- Spring Clean-up Days --	15	16 WHFD Pancake Breakfast 8AM-1PM WHAMM Race 8 AM
17	18 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	19 WH Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall) WH Foundation Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	9 Mayor's Hour 9-10AM (City Hall) Music in the Park (Hot Club) 7 PM (Colby Park)	10	11	12	13
14	15 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	16 Music in the Park (Parti Gras) 7 PM (Colby Park)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Music in the Park (Sacred Heart Sax & Brass) 7 PM (Colby Park)	24	25	26 Movie in the Park (Colby Park)	27 Community Coffee Club 9-10:30 AM (Grounds for Celebration)

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.

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.

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.

Join Your Neighborhood Association!

With just \$15 annual dues you can plug into your community and become aware of what's going on throughout Windsor Heights. It's an easy way to get to know your neighbors and build a strong, vibrant and connected community while having fun at the same time! Quality of life is important and your contribution can make a difference! If this sounds interesting please join us by logging on to www.windsorheightsna.org or call Betty Glover, Membership Chairman at 277-1817.

Windsor Heights Citizen of the Year

The City is currently accepting nominations for "Citizen of the Year." Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall or you may get this form from our Web site at 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) Must be living (no posthumous nominations).

Please complete the nomination below and return it to Windsor Heights City Hall by June 19, 2009. 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: ____