

Let's "Green" Windsor Heights Together

As a homeowner living in Windsor Heights and a MidAmerican Energy customer, their EnergyAdvantage® programs can help you better manage your energy expenditures and keep your home more comfortable.

Residential HomeCheck® Program

The HomeCheck program provides heating energy customers with homes built before December 31, 1998, with an on-site home audit, as well as free installation of low-cost energy efficiency measures. Call 800-545-0762 for a HomeCheck audit, or visit www.midamericanenergy.com/homeaudit to complete an audit online.

Residential Equipment Program

Residential customers can receive rebates or discounted financing through when they replace existing space-conditioning equipment, water heaters and selected appliances with high-efficiency equipment. In addition to saving money with purchasing incentives, MidAmerican customers receive long-range benefits with lower utility bills.

Low-Income

Weatherization Program

This program is available to low-income households in MidAmerican's Iowa service territory. The program is administered through local community action agencies and the Iowa Department of Human Rights. Further information on this program is available through West Des Moines Human Services at 222-3660.

EnergyAdvantage® Financing Program

For customers interested in increasing the energy efficiency of their homes or businesses, MidAmerican offers special financing in partnership with First American Bank. EnergyAdvantage Financing is designed to provide Iowa customers the opportunity and flexibility they need to make energy-efficient improvements by providing customers access to competitive interest rates when they meet First American's credit qualification requirements and purchase and install qualifying equipment.

Plant some shade.® Program

MidAmerican partners with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and local county conservation boards to offer affordable and desirable landscape trees (6-8 feet tall) for Iowa residents to purchase and plant on their property for long-term community reforestation. The cost to residents is \$25 per tree; up to two trees per household may be purchased. For more information, visit www.midamericanenergy.com/plantsomeshade. Good shade and landscaping can also help address stormwater runoff by reducing it and making it cleaner.

Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

Homeowners can receive a tax credit for making envelope improvements to and installing energy-efficient heating, cooling, and water heating equipment in their primary residence. The incentive is 30% of the cost of eligible measures, with a \$1,500 cap on the credit per home. The tax credit for envelope improvements is based on the cost of the materials installed (insulation, windows, sealants, etc.), not the cost of labor. The credit for home heating and cooling and water heating equipment is based on both the cost of the materials and installation labor costs. For more information, please visit www.energystar.gov.



Windsor Heights Foundation Grants

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Another recent gift to the Endowment Fund was received from the Al Jordan Memorial Fund. Jordan, a long time Windsor Heights resident, and pioneer in the Iowa credit union movement, died earlier this year.

According to Hanusa, the Windsor Heights Foundation Endowment Fund will be appropriately invested and managed so that its principal can grow and interest earnings be used for programs and projects for the good of the community.

4 Friends and citizens of Windsor Heights are encouraged to consider an estate gift or significant planned gift of some kind directed to the Endowment Fund. For

information, contact George Hanusa at 255-6367; email geojanh@msn.com.

The Windsor Heights Foundation, is also the recipient of a \$400 grant from Bravo Greater Des Moines which will be used to underwrite one of the Music in the Park concerts.

Bravo, which receives its funds from hotel/motel taxes, is a non profit organization committed to strengthening the metro's arts and cultural community.

The Windsor Heights Foundation, established in 1985, has devoted itself to using annual fund contributions from Windsor Heights residents, businesses and friends for programs and projects which make Windsor Heights a pleasant and vibrant place to live and to visit.

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

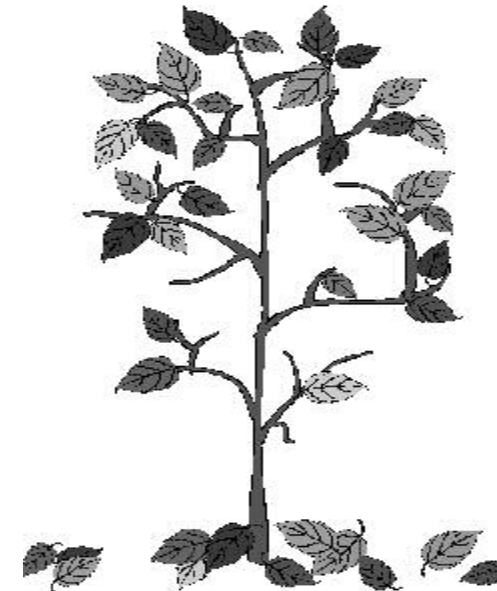
City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 

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Windsor Heights Fall Clean-up Day



Join us on Saturday, September 26 for the Windsor Heights Annual Fall Cleanup Day! Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier. Bring your family, your nonprofit group, your friends, or anyone else interested in making a difference in our community!

Meet us at our home base in the white tent north of Burger King on 73rd Street 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. on September 26. You'll get gloves, refuse bags, and an assigned clean-up area. Two hours of work from each of us will help keep Windsor Heights beautiful throughout the fall and winter. Thanks for doing your part, and spread the word! The cleanup day is sponsored by Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee.

WH Foundation Receives Grants

The Windsor Heights Foundation has been awarded a \$2,000 grant for the Foundation's Endowment Fund from the Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts.

Laurie Belin, Windsor Heights resident, and representative of the Iowa Foundation, presented the gift at the July 28 Music in the Park concert at 7:00 p.m., in Colby Park.

"We are grateful for this gift," Windsor Heights Foundation Board of Directors president George Hanusa said, "because it adds significant dollars to the inaugural commitment to the Endowment Fund made last year by the 3D Corporation, based in Windsor Heights. The fundamental purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide long range benefits to the community by making it possible for people to make bequests or other planned gifts." *continued on page 4*

Keep Stormwater as Clean as Possible

Fall is just around the corner and soon leaves will be falling from the trees. Please help keep our stormwater intakes free and clear of leaves and debris as you rack your lawns. Do not rake your leaves into the street as they will eventually end up in the stormwater intakes and the storm sewer, potentially clogging the pipes and causing flooded streets and possible homes. Windsor Heights stormwater flows in underground culverts, open ditches and creeks, and eventually finds its way to the Raccoon River, which is the source for all our drinking water. Clean stormwater runoff helps protect aquatic life, and helps make our drinking water cleaner and safer too.



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Space for Rent

Need a building to rent for your birthday party or graduation or other family event? Recently the City bought 6322 Hickman Road (old Little Cheaper Building) as part of the Hickman Road Redevelopment project. The building will be demolished later next year as the project progresses but until then, the City would like to offer the building up for rent as a community center type building. The rental fee will be \$150, with a \$50 discount for residents, making their total rental fee \$100. The building is currently occupied the entire month of October for a WH Chamber Haunted House, but will be available following that event. For more information, please visit www.windsorheights.org or call 279-3662

Oktoberfest

Please join us Saturday, October 3rd in Colby Park for the Windsor Heights Oktoberfest Celebration! Events will include:

- Battle of the Bands
- Kid's Costume Contest
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Inflatables
- Pet's Costume Contest
- Youth Council's Canned Food Drive

Please visit our website, www.windsorheights.org for more information including times as the event date approaches.



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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 Police Dispatch286-3632
 Police Admin/Records277-4453
 Police Investigations277-4455

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.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7 Labor Day City Offices Closed	8* Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM (City Hall) City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	9	10	11*	12
13	14 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	22	23	24	25	26** Fall Clean Up Day! Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
27	28 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	29	30	1	2 Haunting in the Heights Starts (6322 Hickman)	3 Oktoberfest (Cobly Park)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 KWHB Meeting 7 PM (City Hall)	13 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM (City Hall) WH Foundation meeting 8 PM (City Hall)	14	15	16	17
18	19 City Council Meeting 5:15 PM (City Hall)	20	21	22	23	24 Community Coffee Club 9-10:30 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
25	26	27	28	29	30 Beggars Night 6-8 PM	31

*September 8: WH Foundation Meeting 8 PM (City Hall)

NEWS BRIEFS

Foundation Thank You

The Windsor Heights Foundation is grateful to the following Windsor Heights business for providing door prizes for this season's Music in the Park:

- The City of Windsor Heights
- Matt Kneifl/Edward Jones
- Premium Solutions
- Klassic Kids Child Development Center
- Windsor Heights Dairy Queen
- Balance Chiropractic and Wellness
- The Hearing Clinic
- Celtic Traditions
- Wine and Spirit Gallery
- Matt Cale/State Farm Insurance
- Great Clips

Special thanks to the Windsor Heights office of Bankers Trust for providing free beverages for all of the concerts and for the employees who volunteered their time to bring and serve them. Thank you also to the Windsor Heights Lions Club and its members for providing the snow cones.

The Windsor Heights Foundations would also like to acknowledge the memorial gifts received so far this year:

- In memory of Pauline Tursi, from *Karla Tillotson*
- In memory of Bill Shambaugh, from *Windsor Heights Lions Club*
- In memory of Al Jordan, from *George and Janet Hanusa*
- In memory of Lena Rienstra, from *Flo Hunter*
- Gift from the Al Jordan Memorial Fund to the Windsor Heights Foundation Endowment Fund

Movies in the Park Sponsor Thank You

The Windsor Heights Special Events Group would like to give a huge thank you to Matt Cale's Statefarm Insurance, Max Schott and Associates and the Windsor Heights Foundation for sponsoring our movies in the park series at Colby Park. This past summer Movie in the Park featured: Madagascar 2, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, Kung Fu Panda and Get Smart. These movies brought hundreds of people to Colby Park for a great family event. We hope to expand our movie offerings next year once the community center is complete. Thank you again to our sponsors!



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.



Haunting in the Heights

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce in partnership with 3B Productions Presents: Haunting in the Heights...A Journey through Madness.

The empty building at 6322 Hickman will be transformed into a frightful, haunting adventure through a maze of terrifying visions, certain to scare you to the core. It will be open throughout October.

Admission is just \$12 – OR save \$2 if you bring two non-perishable food items OR two personal hygiene products (toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) Donations will benefit the Windsor Heights/Urbandale Food Pantry.

Days and times will vary; please visit www.hauntingintheheights.com for all of the details.

Look in the new Windsor Heights Living monthly magazine for a coupon exclusively for Windsor Heights residents.