



Windsor Wave

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Beggar's Night

Children will make the rounds to go trick or treating this year on Sunday, October 30, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Turn your porch light on if you want to host little visitors and if you are out driving please take special care during this time.

THE TOMORROW PLAN

Over the past few years, the greater Des Moines region has been named to various 'best of' lists, indicating that the region is doing well and is poised for the future. At the same time, though, the area faces serious challenges with economic competitiveness, social equity, environmental resilience, and a tight fiscal environment. The question, then, is how will the greater Des Moines region respond to these challenges to ensure the long-term health and vitality of the region?

Enter *The Tomorrow Plan*, a regional planning effort coordinated by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and led by a consortium representing a broad swath of area communities and organizations. This group has formed to engage the community in envisioning how the future of the greater Des Moines region might play out over the next forty years; will the region maintain the status quo, or will we create a more sustainable future for our children and grandchildren?

The 20-month planning process to chart the future of the greater Des Moines region began in July 2011 and, when complete, will provide a comprehensive framework for future development. *The Tomorrow Plan* will address socioeconomic factors as well as the built and natural environments. While the elements of the plan have been outlined, your participation and input are critical in shaping *The Tomorrow Plan*. After all, this is your tomorrow; join us today at www.thetomorrowplan.com.

A brief presentation followed by a discussion to look at strengths and challenges here will be held in the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center on Wednesday, October 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION GOES HOUSE SIDE

Metro Waste Authority (MWA) and the City of Windsor Heights have teamed up to offer residents an opportunity to properly dispose of their household hazardous waste just outside their front door.

Windsor Heights residents will be able to sign up at City Hall to participate in this pilot program, for which residents will pay a user fee of \$25 for either one or two small recycle bins (with lids) to fill with accepted household hazardous waste. Included will be an instruction sheet that contains a list of items that can and cannot be placed in the bins. Once the resident has filled their bin(s), they will contact MWA to make an appointment for pick up. An MWA representative will retrieve scheduled bins on the second Friday of each month. The material collected will be taken back to MWA's Regional Collection Center in Bondurant where it will be sorted, recycled and disposed of properly.

The emptied bins will be returned to City Hall where residents can again check them out by paying the user fee. The program is expected to start November 1.



CURBSIDE PUMPKIN COLLECTION – A REAL TREAT POST-HALLOWEEN

Problem: The trick-or-treaters have come and gone and you still have carved pumpkins on your doorstep.

Solution 1: Toss that pumpkin (and any others) in your *Compost It!* bag or cart, along with your leaves and yard waste.

Solution 2: If you have a garden, bury it (diced or whole) directly into your garden soil. The winter freeze and thaw cycle and bacteria will break the pumpkin down. But be sure to remove all seeds or you might end up with a few pumpkin seedlings sprouting.

Learn more about our solid waste, recycling and yard waste curbside collection by visiting www.MWAtoday.com/communities or calling 515-244-0021.



SAVE THE DATE FOR WINDSOR WONDERLAND

Windsor Wonderland returns this year to the Community & Events Center on Saturday, December 3. As is the tradition, there will be music, pictures with Santa, snow plow painting, decorating the new Spruce tree and more, all to take place in Colby Park.



Miss Wonderland

Have you wanted to enter a pageant but did not know how to get started? Are you a pageant contestant who loves the thrill of your moment in the spotlight? Miss Wonderland is the pageant for you! On December 1, the City Special Events Committee will hold the first annual Miss Wonderland Pageant. If you have never been in a pageant before or would like to polish your skills, there will also be a pageant primer class offered by a local pageant coach on November 30. For more information, visit www.windsorheights.org about age categories, fees and registration.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

City council election is on Tuesday, November 8. Windsor Heights has three voting districts designated as WH1, WH2, and WH3. WH1 residents vote at the Windsor Lutheran Church, 1240 66th Street. WH2 residents vote at City Hall, 1133 66th St. WH3 residents vote at the Walnut Creek Community Church, 900 64th St. Election time is a popular time for temporary and civic signs. Many people choose to participate in the process by showing their support through such a sign.

Temporary signs for non-profit civic campaigns or events are permitted in any zoning district. Please note, however, the maximum size sign is 10 square feet when located in a residential district. When placing the sign in your yard, choose a place that will not obstruct the clear view of vehicles and pedestrians. The signs may not be placed in the City's right-of-way. If you have any questions or need information on how to register or where to vote, please call City Hall at 279-3662.

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce will host a Windsor Heights City Council Candidate Forum. The event will be held at the Community and Events Center at Colby Park, Monday, October 24 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. This year there are two seats up for election. The Chamber will follow a simple question and answer format, to allow as much citizen involvement as possible. Citizens can ask a question of either a specific candidate or all candidates; they will each have a set time to respond. For additional questions please email; windsorheightschamber@live.com or contact Barb Niccum, Windsor Heights Chamber Executive Director, at 279-3662.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS RECEIVES STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE AWARD

Windsor Heights was among 10 local governments and five individuals who were recently recognized for their outstanding programmatic and personal contributions by ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. ICMA's 2011 Annual Awards Program recipients were officially honored at the Celebration of Service to the Profession, as part of the organization's 97th Annual Conference, September 21, 2011, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The ICMA Annual Awards Program recognizes creative contributions to professional local government management and demonstrates the value that profession contributes to the quality of life in our cities, towns, and counties. This year, an independent, 17-member evaluation panel reviewed 138 eligible nominations.

The ICMA awards are conferred in two categories: Professional Awards, which recognize individual achievement by outstanding chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, academics, and others; and Program Excellence Awards, which are presented to local governments and their chief administrators in recognition of their innovative and successful programs. ICMA congratulates Windsor Heights for their 2011 Annual Award:

Program Excellence Awards. Strategic Leadership and Governance Awards recognize the innovative and successful local government programs or processes that have significantly affected a local government organization's culture or strategic direction. Recipients: Windsor Heights, Iowa, Comprehensive Citizen Engagement Program, (less than 10,000 pop.), Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator, and Josh Heggen, Community Services Director; Montgomery, Ohio, organizational transformation (10,000-49,999 pop.) Cheryl Hilvert, City Manager, and Wayne Davis, Assistant City Manager; and St. Lucie County, Florida, local economic stimulus (50,000+ pop.), Faye W. Outlaw, County Manager