

Meet the Staff: Carrie Brannen, Chief Financial Officer



Carrie began working for the City of Windsor Heights as Chief Financial Officer last March. Carrie handles the day to day financial operations of the City as well as the City's investments, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, annual budget and files required reports with the state. Her educational background includes a master's degree in business and administration from Drake University and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Simpson College.

A lot of Carrie's spare time is devoted towards helping local charities. Carrie currently serves as treasurer on the executive board of directors for the Iowa Chapter Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is also currently in the process of training for the Chicago marathon to help raise funds for the American Red Cross.

"Working for the City of Windsor Heights is very rewarding. I really enjoy having the opportunity to make a difference in our community and work with my fellow citizens. I look forward to serving the greatest little city in the Des Moines metro for years to come."

Holidays at the Community and Events Center

Is your home getting too small for your family holiday gatherings? The Windsor Heights Community Center at Colby Park is open and ready for your rental! The calendar is filling up quickly so please contact us to reserve the center for your next event.

The Windsor Heights Community and Events Center features a fully functional catering kitchen, indoor and outdoor access restrooms and a state of the art audio and visual system. The Center is ideal for your family reunion, wedding or simple neighborhood gathering. The main open space can be broken down into two separate rooms to accommodate smaller events on one side and larger events on the other. If you haven't driven by the new center recently, please take a special trip and drive by and visit Colby Park and our signature facility. If you are interested in renting the Center for your next event, please contact Tracy Levine at 645-6821 or tlevine@windsorheights.org.

At Your Service ...

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.

Reusing Dirt; Saving Money

Recently, the City replaced the Community Center Access/Public Works Driveway. As part of that project, there was a substantial amount of dirt that would normally have to be hauled away. Last December, the City Council approved an economic development grant to assist a local business in redeveloping a property on University. As part of the agreement, the City committed to in-kind services of house demolition, which included providing fill dirt for the hole where the demolished basement once stood. Instead of having to purchase fill dirt and having to pay to haul away the driveway excavation dirt, the City's Public Works crews coordinated the projects to be able to use the excavated dirt on the site of the redevelopment on University Avenue! It was a resourceful way to reuse the dirt, save money and create a win-win!

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.

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

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Remember Stormwater this Fall when Raking



As summer winds down and the bright brilliant colors of fall begin to fill our trees and lawns we trade our

potting tools in for rakes and lawn bags. Some of us may think, how does Stormwater relate to this?

Avoid blowing lawn clippings into the street or dumping them down the storm drain. Once it rains, those leaves and grass clippings will be washed into Walnut Creek. The nutrients they contain could then cause algae blooms, which decrease the amount of light and oxygen in the water, resulting in fish and native plant kills.

Don't pile yard clippings and tree branches on a storm drain. If possible, wait to put them out until the night before your yard trash pick up and make sure that they are placed on your grass, not any impervious surfaces. Instead, place them on a grassy area or in plastic garbage cans used only for yard waste. If you do use the plastic bins, remember that we still do not want to place them on the storm drains because in a rainstorm, they can still be washed out.

Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing and reuse other yard waste as mulch by spreading them under bushes and flower gardens. The nutrients in these items make them the best and cheapest fertilizers your lawns and gardens can receive.

Composting is another way to reuse leaves, grass clippings and other small cuttings. By mixing these items with household wastes such as vegetable and fruit scraps, eggshells and coffee grounds, you create a perfect medium for improving soil structure, promoting soil fertility and stimulating root development in plants.

Blowing your leaves from your yard into the street is another way of polluting our stormwater drainage system. If leaves enter our storm drains it can clog them up and will have to be cleaned out by hand by our City crews. So please think about our stormwater system and Walnut Creek before blowing your leaves and yard clippings into the street, properly bag them or use them as mulch around your bushes and flower gardens.



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Haunting in the Heights



In celebration of Halloween, the very popular, "Haunting in the Heights...NIGHTMARELAND" returns in October sponsored by the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce. Located at 6322 Hickman, this event is geared toward children, middle school through high school. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Bring two non-perishable food items and receive a \$2.00 discount off the price of admission. Area actors will be involved with the nightly experience. Days and times for "Haunting in the Heights" are:

October 2: 7:00-10:00 pm	October 22-23: 7:00-11:00 pm
October 8-9: 7:00-11:00 pm	October 24: 7:00-9:00 pm
October 10: 7 - 9 pm	October 27: 7:00-10:00 pm
*October 15-16: 7:00-11:00 pm	October 29-30: 7:00 pm-midnight
October 17: 7:00-9:00 pm	October 31: 6:00-10:00 pm
October 21: 7:00-9:00 pm	

*On Friday, October 15, and Saturday, October 16, "Monsters vs Aliens" will be shown beginning at 6:00 pm. This happy, family-friendly movie is another reason not to miss stopping by the Windsor Heights Haunted House.

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
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 Police Investigations277-4455

Fire Department279-3662

Public Works Dept.279-3662
Colby Park Reservations . . .279-3662
Building Inspector279-3662
Animal Control279-3662

2 City Council Meetings - 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, unless posted otherwise.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	13	14	15	16
17	18 City Council Meeting rescheduled to October 25	19	20	21	22	23 Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
24 Lion's Club Chili Supper 5-7:30 PM (WH HyVee)	25 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	26	27	28	29	30 Beggar's Night 6-8 PM
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21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	26	27

NEWS BRIEFS

Beggar's Night

Children will make the rounds to go trick or treating this year on Saturday, October 30, from 6:00- 8:00 pm. 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.

Annual Lions Club Chili Supper

The annual Lions Club Chili Supper is set for Sunday, October 24 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at your local Windsor Heights Hy-Vee. Proceeds raised from this event help fund charitable and community events during the upcoming year. Watch for a local Lions Club member coming to your door over the next few weeks selling tickets. They will also be available at Hy-Vee during the dinner. Lions Club members will also be passing out a 10% off coupon for food purchases at the Windsor Heights Hy-Vee (see coupon for details). Support local charities and your community by buying chili supper tickets!

A Swingin' Good Time

Swing Des Moines, the organization that boasts being "the area's expert on swing dance," invites the public to their "Jive Junction" on Friday, October 15 at the new Windsor Heights Community and Events Center. A free (with admission) introductory dance lesson at 8:00 pm is offered, with music from 8:30-11:00 pm.

The dance is truly for all ages and a partner is not needed to participate. The music is Dj' by members of Swing Des Moines and they play a variety of styles – big band, rock & roll, and even some other music thrown in for fun. Don't miss out!

Garbage Collection Day

Effective December 1, Windsor Heights residents will have their garbage/recycling/yard waste collected each Friday. Public Works Director Jason VanAusdall is a proponent for this one time a week change. Says Jason, "No longer will there be confusion over which day trash is to be picked up.

Additionally, Jason notes, "by consolidating trash, recycling, and yard waste to same day pick-up there is less opportunity for accidents to happen and only one day having trucks traveling through the neighborhoods."

Save the Date for Windsor Wonderland!

Windsor Wonderland returns this year so do not forget to please hold Saturday, December 4. 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 at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center in Colby Park

Thank You!

The Windsor Heights Neighborhood Watch wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following stores and companies for their most generous donations in making the watch's first Chicken Noodle Dinner turn out to be a tremendous success.

Marzetti Food Management & Staff
 Vernon Chiles
 Hy-Vee Management & Staff
 Randy Kruse
 Mary Baer-Sucich
 Sams Club Management & Staff
 The Bake Shoppe Management & Staff
 David Shark
 City of Windsor Heights for beautiful, new Community Center. It was a great place to hold the dinner.

The Watch also wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the members and residents that braved the rainy day that came out to show their support; you all made our dinner a HUGE success. We hopefully plan on making this an annual event so those of you that missed this year can come next year and enjoy getting to know the people of the community.

Individual thanks go to the following, for all their very hard work and dedication they show and do every day to make the Watch the great success that it has become:

Dennis Block
 Connie Chiles
 Terry Anderson
 Cindy Chamberlin
 Sylvia Owens
 Susan Travis
 Chief Dennis McDaniel
 Officer Ryan Rupiper

Chief McDaniel and Officer Rupiper were not there just to have a great meal, they were there to help us in whatever way we needed help. This is above what they normally do and shows what kind of people they are and our police department.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill Shepherd at 515-650-3100 or whneighborhood-watch@gmail.com.