



Windsor Wave

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City of Windsor Heights

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Help Windsor Heights Keep Walnut Creek Clean.

Please help Windsor Heights ensure that Walnut Creek is clean by remembering to keep leaves out of the streets. Leaves can clog storm water sewers and carry pollutants into the creek.

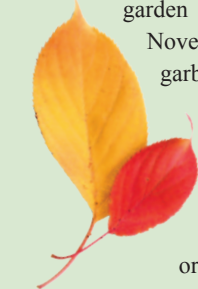
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION GOES HOUSE SIDE IN WINDSOR HEIGHTS

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.

ENJOYING FALL LEAVES, 'TIL THE RAKE HAS TO COME OUT

Fall is your last hurrah to enjoy the weather and the fall leaves – until you have to rake them up. Collection for yard and garden waste ends the last week of November (Nov. 28 to Dec. 2) on your garbage collection day. Make sure your lawn and garden is ready for winter by raking up leaves and clearing out any rotten vegetables.



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

FUN BUDGET FACTS!

Outside grant funding has created a better Windsor Heights. It is that time of year again that city leaders are working on developing the budget year that will begin July 1, 2012. The City has been extremely successful in receiving grants and other outside funding. Since 2001, the City has received more than \$7.4 million in grants. Outside funding has been used on a variety of projects. Some of the largest outside funding sources have been used to improve the roads we all drive on almost every day. The road work currently being completed at 63rd Street and Hickman Road has received over \$2.2 million dollars. A combination

of state, local and federal dollars made this much need improvement possible. Past grants have gone to the new Community and Events Center at Colby Park, which received over \$640,000 from an I-Jobs grant. Federal Stimulus funds worth \$537,640 helped pay for the 73rd Street Resurfacing project in 2009. Smaller grants from Metro Waste Authority have been used to purchase recycling bins and rain barrels at Colby Park. MidAmerican Energy grants have been used to purchase trees at Colby Park. The Windsor Heights Foundation regularly supports events like July 4th and helps purchase items like the new podium in the Community and Events Center. Next year, the city will begin traffic improvements at 73rd and Hickman Road with a \$388,000 grant from the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program. Additional federal stimulus dollars are currently being utilized to make the city more energy efficient, with LED traffic lights and crosswalk lights. The city regularly applies for grants and has been extremely successful in receiving outside funds to improve and make our city a better community.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION SPONSORS ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST



The Windsor Heights Foundation is pleased to announce the annual holiday lighting contest. The Foundation will divide the city into six zones, and award a \$50.00 prize to the winner in each zone and a "Best of the Best." The contest winners will receive a recognition signs to place in their yard. The Foundation also appreciates the businesses that decorate for the holidays. The Foundation will continue a tradition started last year, by awarding a \$25.00 prize for the best decorated door. Residents who wish to compete for the best door honor will need to notify Carroll Bennink at 252-6122, or George Hanusa at 255-6367. For information on judging criteria and the judging period, please go to www.windsorheights.org.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Windsor Heights Foundation was founded in 1985 to raise funds to implement, support and maintain projects and programs that benefit city residents and businesses.

The Foundation conducts a fund raising drive each fall to raise money, and welcomes contributions throughout the year. All residents and businesses in the 50324 zip code area will be receiving a letter later this fall to provide an opportunity for making a tax deductible contribution to the Foundation.

The Foundation relies on the generosity of residents of Windsor Heights, local businesses and organizations that provide grants to fund Music in the Park and other projects.

Please open and read the letter when it comes. Make a contribution and partner with the Foundation in helping make Windsor Heights a great place to live and do business.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TOWN HALL MEETING

The City of Windsor Heights, in conjunction with the Windsor Heights Police Department, will be holding a traffic safety forum in a "town hall" style meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center in Colby Park to discuss a proposal by the police department to introduce Automated Traffic Enforcement systems into the city's jurisdiction. A public presentation will be given to discuss information and data to support the introduction of a fixed, section control system of automated speed enforcement on westbound I-235 between the 63rd Street and 73rd Street exits and deployment of a mobile speed unit to be utilized within the community. The police department has been studying recurring traffic safety problem areas within their jurisdiction and will present solutions to addressing these on-going issues.



The Windsor Heights city council and city officials will be in attendance for this presentation and to hear from residents on their questions and support or opposition to the proposal. Scheduled to speak that evening are Windsor Heights Police Chief Dennis McDaniel, Cedar Rapids Police Chief Greg Graham, Gatsos USA President Andrew Noble, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 7 liaison Dean Scott.

WINDSOR WONDERLAND IS COMING – NOT TO BE MISSED!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Windsor Wonderland will be back at the Community & Events Center in Colby Park. There will be all kinds of holiday activities including pictures with Santa, art making, cookie decorating and more. The day will come to a close with everyone's favorite, tree lighting. Come out and enjoy the music, hands on activities, and family fun. New this year will be the added Miss Wonderland Pageant. The pageant will be on Thursday night December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Community and Events Center.



Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item and/or a personal care product to donate to the Emergency Food Pantry which assists Windsor Heights residents in need. The Des Moines Area Religious Council distributes the food and personal care products. Executive Director Sarai Schnucker Rice acknowledges the crucial need to support low income families, "Windsor Heights is one of ten food pantry sites around the city that gather items for distribution."

For more information about Windsor Wonderland, visit this web site: www.windsorheights.org.

MISS WONDERLAND PAGEANT



The Miss Wonderland Pageant will be held on December 1st beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please join us and emcee, Colleen from Big Ken and Colleen in the morning on Star 102.5 for the Miss Wonderland pageant! Everyone is welcome to help recognize exceptional young ladies and enjoy an evening of pageantry and entertainment. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a donation for the Urbandale-Windsor Heights Food Pantry. The event is at the Community and Events Center in Colby Park.