



On behalf of the Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition and our sponsors, thank you so much for coming out and making a huge impact on Walnut Creek. With your efforts, we removed 12 cubic yards of trash, tires, and debris. Your efforts will be seen along Walnut Creek and are appreciated by everyone who enjoys this valuable resource. It was a great day to get out with our neighbors, colleagues, and friends, and we hope to see everyone next year!

*Thanks for everything you have done,*  
Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition



# Winterize your Home

Cold, winter weather will soon be upon us. Take advantage of the temperate, fall conditions to do some winterizing around your home. Here are a few tips to help you prevent your pipes from freezing:

- Cover the pipes in your attic, crawl spaces, and unheated garage with pipe insulation, heat tape or heat cables. Make sure you use material safe for pipe insulation. The more insulation you use, the better your pipes will be protected.
- Seal any leaks allowing cold air inside your home with caulk or insulation. Leaks are commonly found around dryer vents, pipes, and electrical wiring. Even a small air leak can cause your pipes to freeze during severely cold weather.
- Disconnect garden hoses and store them indoors during the winter. Cover your outdoor faucets with faucet covers, or wrap them in old rags and cover with plastic. If possible, drain water from pipes leading to outdoor faucets by shutting off the indoor valve.
- Open cabinet doors that cover plumbing on extremely cold nights. This lets heat move to areas in your home where pipes are not insulated, such as under sinks.
- Set the thermostat no lower than 55°F (12°C) if you are leaving your home for an extended period of time. Turn off the water and drain your pipes. Fire protection sprinkler systems will deactivate automatically after the water is shut off.



### Reminder for Winter Vacationers:

Contact a Des Moines Water Works Customer Service Representative at (515) 283-8700 with your departure and expected return dates. If you plan to leave your water on while you are gone, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to periodically check your home. Also, make sure you leave emergency contact information with that person.

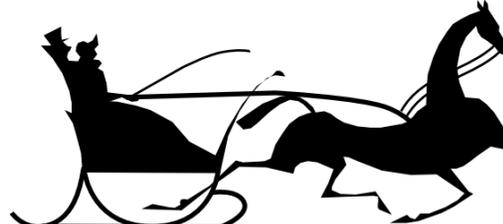
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# City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 

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# Windsor Wonderland

This year's Windsor Wonderland will be a two day celebration at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center in Colby Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food can or personal care product for the Windsor Heights Food Pantry or a winter coat to help those in need. On both days, enjoy holiday gift/craft sale. Tickets to both events are available at the Windsor Heights City Hall, beginning November 1. For more information, please visit [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org).

## Friday, December 6

Children are invited to "cozy up" by wearing pajamas, bringing sleeping bags and enjoying an evening of the Polar Express.

- 6:30 p.m. Lighting of Trees
- 7 p.m. Hands-on winter crafts
- 7:30 p.m. Showing of Polar Express

Friday activities cost \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family, and includes activities, movie, hot dog, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

## Saturday, December 7

Festivities continue with fun for the entire family.

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Photo with Santa for children, families and pets
- 9 am-Noon Live holiday music

Saturday breakfast ticket cost \$6.00 per person, and includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee.



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# Shop Where You Roost

The Windsor Heights Chamber is hosting their first buy local expo called Shop Where You Roost, which will be open to the public Thursday November 7, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center. It's an opportunity to enjoy shopping in the heart of it all as local area merchants and professionals showcase their products and services.

Windsor Heights is a unique small town nestled in Des Moines, Iowa. Area merchants that are members of the Windsor Heights Chamber will be set to provide an exciting evening to the general public. In addition to shopping, music and great food, visitors will be able to view the art of children K through 5 whose submissions from the "What do you want to be?" art contest will be on display.

Music will be performed by Two Tall Guys with Guitars. The Windsor Heights Hy-Vee will provide concessions for merchants and the general public. Come for an evening of exploring at the Windsor Heights Shop Where You Roost event and celebrate this special community.

For more information, contact Sherry Borzo, Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce at 279-3662

## CONTACT US! City of Windsor Heights

### Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Department .....911  
Police Department .....911

### Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/Fire .....286-3632  
City Hall .....279-3662

Mayor .....Jerry Sullivan

### Council Members:

Diana Willits  
Charlene Butz  
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Chief Financial Officer.....Carrie Kruse

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Police Dispatch .....286-3632  
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Police Investigations .....277-4455

Fire Department .....279-3662

Public Works Dept. ....279-3662

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Building Inspector .....279-3662

Animal Control .....286-3632

2 City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 6:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	5	6	7 Shop Where You Roost 5 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	19	20	21	22	23
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Yard Waste Ends November 30

Compost It! yard waste is collected in participating communities weekly through November 30. To ensure collection, residents need to use Compost It! brand bags or attach Compost It! stickers to store-brand bags. Alternatively, residents can sign up for the annual Compost It! cart service. Contact: Leslie Holsapple, program coordinator, 323-6501.

### Help Keep Stormwater Clean

With autumn here, leaves are falling from the trees. Residents are asked to help keep the stormwater intakes free and clear of leaves and grass clippings by please avoiding raking leaves into the street. This is because leaves in the street eventually end up in the storm sewer, clogging pipes and causing flooded streets. Windsor Heights stormwater flows to underground culverts and creeks, and eventually find its way to the Raccoon River, which is the source for all drinking water. Clean stormwater runoff not only helps keep drinking water clean and safe, it also helps protect aquatic life.

### Iowa One Call

Residents undertaking projects involving digging and excavating are reminded to call Iowa One Call. Under Iowa statute, you are required to make the toll-free call at least 48 hours before digging, excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal Holidays. The service is FREE to anyone who requests it. Before any digging or excavation starts, call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 to have utilities marked.



## Annual Holiday Lighting Contest

The Windsor Heights Foundation is pleased to announce the annual holiday lighting contest. The Foundation has divided the city into six zones, and will award a \$50.00 prize to the winner in each zone. The Foundation will award an additional \$50.00 for the "Best of the Best." The contest winners will receive a lighted sign to place in their yard. The Foundation also appreciates the businesses that decorate for the holidays.

Judging will take place between 6:30 and 9 p.m. from December 3-10, 2013. The Foundation is asking residents to have their decorations in place and lit during this time.

The Foundation has selected these criteria for judging the displays:

1. Consistent theme (not a mix of secular and religious)
2. Balanced design; not cluttered or overdone
3. Creativity in design
4. Originality, including "hand-crafted" elements
5. Minimum use of "plastic"
6. Display looks good by day as well as by night

Last year's contest winners were:

Zone 1	Brandon and Sarah Haines
Zone 2	Michael and Marta Clark
Zone 3	Tyler and Carrie Kruse
Zone 4	Joseph and Kristen Mahoney
Zone 5	Barbara Stetzel
Zone 6	Michael Diehl and Margaret Brekke-Diehl
Best of the Best	Tyler and Carrie Kruse

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