

# Windsor Heights 2014-2016 Mayor and Council

The City of Windsor Heights is pleased to present your new Mayor and City Council for 2014-2016. Each member's contact information can be found on the City's website at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org).



Diana Willits  
Mayor



Steve Peterson  
City Council Member &  
Mayor Pro Tem



Charlene Butz  
City Council Member



Betty Glover  
City Council Member



Dave Burgess  
City Council Member



Tony Timm  
City Council Member

## Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

- INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a PHOTOELECTRIC smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke alarms should be INSTALLED away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

## FACTS

- ! Roughly two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

More information at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org)

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Sustainable Living Spring Educational Series

This will be the third year for the Sustainable Living Spring Educational Series at the Community and Events Center in Windsor Heights' Colby Park, located at 6900 School Street. The City is excited about the variety of presentations lined up this year for its residents. Starting on Tuesday, February 25th and continuing on the fourth Tuesday of each month through May, we hope the information provided will assist homeowners in our efforts in becoming a greener community.

As always, the educational presentations will be free of charge to attend and open to the public. Cookies and punch will be provided! The City would prefer for attendees to register for the event with Sheena Danzer at [sdanzer@windsorheights.org](mailto:sdanzer@windsorheights.org) or 645-6826. Walk-ins are also welcome. A notice will be posted on the City's website if the event would need to be cancelled or re-scheduled due to weather conditions.

- **Tuesday, February 25, 6-7 p.m. Trees Forever, Leslie Berckes**  
In her role at Trees Forever, Leslie serves as a program manager and field coordinator for the central Iowa region working with volunteers and organizations on projects such as tree plantings, tree care education, native prairie plantings, and more. Leslie enjoys sharing information on the programs that Trees Forever offers and helping Iowa towns take advantage of these programs to make their communities vibrant places to live. Leslie will present information on how to care for the trees in your yard, proper planting techniques just in time for spring planting season, the benefits and stresses facing our trees, and more.
- **Tuesday, March 25, 6-7 p.m. Iowa Urban Conservationist, Jennifer Welch**  
Jennifer Welch is an Urban Conservationist with the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District. She encourages developers and homeowners to use urban conservation practices. Urban landscapes generate runoff with almost every rainfall event. Conservation measures capture and infiltrate stormwater and reduce a property's contribution to water quality degradation, flashy stream flows and flooding. Jennifer will provide information to homeowners on practices they can use on their own properties such as rain gardens, prairie plantings, infiltration trenches and other infiltration and conservation practices.
- **Tuesday, April 22 6-7 p.m. Debris Management in Windsor Heights, Public Works Director, Jason VanAusdall**  
Jason VanAusdall is the Public Works Director with the City of Windsor Heights. Jason has recently been a part of a Capital Crossroads initiative on a Debris Management Plan in the metro area and increasing local government collaboration. He will provide information to residents on the process in the event of large scale disasters (i.e. assessing tree damage) and the impending Emerald Ash Borer threat to our trees.
- **Tuesday, May 27 6-7 p.m. Make Your Own Rain Barrel, Darren Fife**  
Darren Fife is a resident of Windsor Heights and a member of the Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition. Darren is an advocate for water conservation and will show homeowners how easy it can be to capture runoff and reuse just as he does at his own home.



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# Bead and Jewelry Fair

Leave the cabin fever and weather behind and join in some beadin' fun! Fine art jewelry and beads available for sale. The 15th Annual Bead and Finished Jewelry Fair will be at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center on Saturday, February 22, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, February 23, 10 am-3 pm. Vendors from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois with all kinds of jewelry, beads and beading supplies. Admission is \$4.00, with some of the proceeds supporting special events in Colby Park.

# Vacation Watch

The Windsor Heights Police Department is a full service Police Department that recognizes its most valuable assets are a close relationship with the community and the members of the Department. To provide the best possible service, the Department has made it as convenient as possible to request vacation house checks on your home. To sign up to have your home checked while on vacation, visit [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) or call 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 .....Diana Willits

### Council Members:

Steve Peterson  
Charlene Butz  
Betty Glover  
Dave Burgess  
Tony Timm

City Administrator .....Jeff Fiegenschuh

Accounting Clerk .....Stacie Wright

Fire Chief .....Christopher Cross

Police Chief .....Dennis McDaniel

Public Works Director Jason Van Ausdall

### Police Department:

Police Dispatch .....286-3632  
Police Admin./Records .....277-4453  
Police Investigations .....277-4455

Fire Department .....279-3662

Public Works Dept. ....279-3662

Colby Park Reservations .....645-6821

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.

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	18	19 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	20	21	22
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 2014 Pet License Registration

The time to register your pets for 2014 is coming up. All pet owners must register their animals January 1 through March 31. Please bring a copy of your pet's current rabies certificate with you. The fee for fixed animals is \$10 and un-fixed is \$20. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 am-5 pm. Cash and checks are accepted and credit cards will incur an additional \$1 charge. The 2014 Pet License Application is available on the Windsor Heights website: [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org).

### 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.



### Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in getting more involved in local government? The City is looking for great volunteers to serve on numerous committees and boards. If you are interested in making a difference in Windsor Heights and want to learn more about how local government operates download an application at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) or call Jeff Fiegenschuh at 645-6808.

### Coming Soon: Art in the Heights

Save the date: Saturday, November 1: "Art in the Heights" will offer an opportunity to purchase original art pieces directly from a dozen handpicked central Iowa fine and Indie craft artists. From experienced collectors looking to add to their collection to first time art buyers, there will be something to suit everyone's taste and budget. There will also be hands-on activities for children, a fantastic line-up of musicians and refreshments for sale. There's no admission and plenty of parking is available. Gift certificates are also available for sale. Anyone who would like to help with the planning or as a volunteer the day of the event, please call Tracy at 645-6821.

# The City is Moving Forward

I can't believe it's been a full year since I began my duties as your City Administrator. In the past year, our City has seen some great accomplishments with exciting new projects to come. I first want to congratulate our new Mayor Diana Willits on her election, along with Betty Glover, Steve Peterson and Tony Timm on their elections to the City Council. We have a great team moving forward. I would be remiss if I did not thank former Council Member David Jenison for his four years of service on the City Council. Dave was a voice of reason and always listened to both sides of every issue. Dave you will be missed.

Last May, the City Council met for a goal setting session, out of which came two priorities: Funding a street paving program and working to develop the City owned property at 63rd and Hickman. I am happy to say both projects are now moving forward. This January, the City Council voted to issue \$3 million in general obligation bonds to fund a 4.1 mile street resurfacing and reconstruction project. This is the first major street project in over 20 years and a great starting point for the Council's plans to fund a major repaving program every two to five years.

The other major accomplishment is the sale of the 7.5

acres located at 63rd and Hickman to Hurd Properties. The sale of the property is opening the door for major development projects to move into our community. Mayor Willits and our staff will continue working with Hurd Properties to bring responsible and sustainable development to Windsor Heights that will increase property values and overall quality of life.

Finally, this spring, Mayor and Willits and I will begin holding periodic 10/60 meetings with the public. These meetings will allow residents to ask up to 10 questions of the Mayor and City Administrator in a 60 minute time frame. The intent of these meetings is to continue to allow for open access to your elected and appointed City officials, while allowing residents the opportunity to learn more about what is going on with their city government. This concept has worked well in other communities and I know it will be a success here.

As always, feel free to call me at 645-6808 or drop me an email at [jfiegenschuh@windsorheights.org](mailto:jfiegenschuh@windsorheights.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, ICMA-CM  
City Administrator