

Traffic Safety Camera Update

December 2013

Speeding Citations Issued	405
Speeding Citations YTD	5,434
Speeding Trend Over Last Month	0.29mph ↓
Speeding Citations-Previous Month	33% ↑
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	13.64 mph

January 2014

Speeding Citations Issued	331
Speeding Trend Over Last Quarter	0.04mph ↑
Speeding Citations-Previous Quarter	23% ↓
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	13.74 mph

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 or call Jeff Fiegenschuh at 645-6808.

Importance of Recycling Cooking Oil

Prevents Pipe & Sewer Backups

Putting cooking oil down the drain can build up over time and plug your sink and even damage the municipal sewer system over time.

Support the Biodiesel Industry

One acre of farmland yields around 70 gallons of oil for biodiesel production, so residents and businesses are encouraged to recycle cooking oil to reduce the demand on farmland, which could be farmed for other agricultural products.

Quick Facts

- One gallon of cooking oil = one gallon of biodiesel.
- For every gallon of biodiesel used, we prevent 16 lbs of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

Metro Waste Authority offers information on recycling and disposal at their website www.WhereItShouldGo.com. There you will find a Recycling Guide to learn how to dispose or recycle common household items.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WHO IS HOT IN WINDSOR HEIGHTS?
CHILI COOK-OFF
THURSDAY, MARCH 27
5 TO 8 P.M.
COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER

THE CONTEST	TICKETS
Chamber businesses will compete to see who's the best chili cooker ever! Come out and sample chili and vote* for your favorite, all while supporting the Chamber.	\$10 for 5 samples \$1 additional samples \$3 full bowl

**Disclaimer: Businesses may try to bribe you with goodies, extra toppings or dessert!*

WWW.WINDSORHEIGHTSCHAMBER.COM FOR MORE INFO

More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Sustainable Living 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 645-6826 or sdanzer@windsorheights.org. 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, 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.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect from Asia. The larvae eat the wood under the ash tree's bark, preventing the tree from moving water and nutrients between its roots and leaves - killing it within two to four years. EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees in North America since its discovery in 2002.

Emerald Ash Borer infestation has now reached several places Iowa. Within the year, urban forestry professionals expect to find more trees infested with EAB. Declining and dying trees may not be widespread for many years. If you have an ash tree, you should consider removal and replacement with a different tree or preventative treatment. We hope to connect residents with information so they can make informed decisions regarding ash trees on their property.

Visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/trees for more information and treatment options.



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Emergency Access

When recovering from a major snowfall, it's easy to forget emergency responders not only need access to your front door, but to the equipment that will help save your home in the event of an emergency. The Windsor Heights Fire Department is recommending citizens clear a three foot perimeter around fire hydrants that are covered with snow. It's also smart to shovel an access path to the road, so fire fighters can easily thread a water hose to the hydrant from the street.

In general, for every minute a home fire goes unsuppressed or undetected, it doubles in size. Every second counts. If a fire occurs in your home or in your neighborhood, you don't want firefighters wasting those seconds shoveling snow to gain access to the fire hydrant.



CONTACT US! City of Windsor Heights

Emergency Phone Numbers
Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers
Police/Fire286-3632
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 Steve Peterson
 Charlene Butz
 Betty Glover
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 Police Dispatch286-3632
 Police Admin./Records277-4453
 Police Investigations277-4455

Fire Department279-3662

Public Works Dept.279-3662
Colby Park Reservations645-6821
Building Inspector279-3662
Animal Control286-3632

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

MARCH & APRIL 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	20	21	22
23	24	25 Sustainable Series 6 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	26 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	8	9	10	11	12
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NEWS BRIEFS

2014 Pet License Registration

All pet owners must register their animals by 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. We take cash and checks; credit cards will incur an additional \$1 charge. The 2014 Pet License Application is available on the Windsor Heights website: www.windsorheights.org.

Movies in the Park to Announce this Year's Series

The 2014 Movies in Colby Park schedule will be officially announced in April, but rest assured that it will be a terrific line-up. You can start the planning now by reserving these Friday evening dates: June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, and August 2. The movies are shown at dusk with a pre-activity for children beginning at 7 pm

Put Your Best Foot Forward

It's not too soon for walkers and runners to sign up for the Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon, better known by its acronym WHAMM. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014. Registration is at www.getmeregistered.com. Awards are given and each participant receives a t-shirt. The ever popular Pancake Breakfast is held the same morning, presented by the Windsor Heights Fire Department.

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.



DART News

Schedule times were adjusted February 23, on Local Routes 3, 6, 7, 14, 16, 51 and 52, on Express Routes 98 and 99 and on the Grimes/NW Johnston On Call Route to better serve DART customers.

DART is offering "Ride Training" on March 18. DART staff provides small group training to help individuals learn to ride the bus in Greater Des Moines. Training demonstrates how to plan a trip, read maps and schedules, recognize bus stops, pay fares, practice rider safety and more. How to Ride Training sessions are free and open to the public. Join us for the next session at DART Central Station (620 Cherry Street, Des Moines) on Tuesday, March 18 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about DART, please visit www.ridedart.com or call DART Customer Service at 283-8100.

WANTED: July 4th Parade Entries

Strike up the band and get your marching shoes in order! The City of Windsor Heights' annual Fourth of July parade is scheduled to kick off at 1 pm on Independence Day. Residents and non-residents alike are encouraged to get involved by making a float, decorating a car, or marching. Some ideas of what we're looking for include the following: Antique autos and street rods, drill teams, drum squads, floats, marching bands, flag displays, youth and adult marchers, new and vintage farm equipment, and horses or other farm animals.

The parade, which attracts crowds of spectators from local and surrounding communities, not only is an excellent marketing opportunity but also a creative way to bring attention to what businesses and organizations are about.

For parade information, contact tlevine@windsorheights.org

Iowa Food Coop

Become a member today! You can have convenient, year-round access to hundreds of food and non-food products directly from Iowa farmers and artisans. Visit www.iowafood.coop for more information.