

Stormwater Basics

MANAGING STORMWATER IN OUR COMMUNITY

Stormwater can pose a risk to our water resources. Pollutants in stormwater can impact lakes, streams and rivers. New programs to control storm water pollution are being adopted by our community.

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater runoff is rainfall or snowmelt that runs off impervious surfaces like roads, buildings, and compacted soils. Stormwater runoff is collected and conveyed through storm sewers directly into streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated.

THE PROBLEM

Pollutants accumulate on impervious surfaces between rainfall events. Frequent, small rains wash pollutants into streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants negatively impact water quality.

As communities grow, impervious areas increase. Greater impervious surfaces cause the volume and rate of stormwater runoff to increase. This can result in flooding, stream channel degradation, and increased water pollution in our surface waters.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The traditional approach to stormwater management focuses primarily on flood control. Today, our city is required to manage for both water quality and

quantity by using practices that infiltrate more rainfall and reduce the volume of stormwater runoff.

STORMWATER REGULATIONS IN OUR CITY

To comply with new federal regulations, our city is required to implement a new stormwater management program. Some requirements include:

1. Managing stormwater runoff for water quality protection,
2. Reducing sediment loss from construction sites,
3. Developing ordinances to meet program goals,
4. Inspecting storm drain outlets for unwanted discharges, and
5. Providing public education and involvement.

AWARENESS & RESPONSIBILITY

Daily activities can impact water quality. Most rainfall drains untreated to streams and lakes through storm drains in neighborhoods. There are many ways you can prevent stormwater pollution:

1. Wash your car at a carwash or on the lawn, not the driveway,
2. Re-direct roof drains to gardens or other vegetated areas,
3. Properly dispose of all hazardous household waste
4. Minimize use of fertilizers, and
5. Clean up after your pets.

Windsor Heights Young Professionals

The Windsor Heights Young Professional Group (WHYPro) is a meaningful networking organization of dedicated, talented young professionals who either live, work or are acquainted with Windsor Heights, Iowa.

WHYPro started with a simple agenda, to enrich our community by uniting and developing our young professionals. We invite you to help build this momentum by joining WHYPro. For only \$35 a year, there are many ways to participate and contribute — review our page on the Windsor Heights Chamber’s website at www.windsorheightschamber.com to learn more about the opportunities.

Sustainable Living Series

The Sustainable Living Spring Educational Series continues in April and May, at the Community and Events Center in Windsor Heights’ Colby Park, located at 6900 School Street. The educational presentations will be free of charge to attend and open to the public. Cookies and punch will be provided! The City requests attendees register for the event with Sheena Danzer at 645-6826 or sdanzer@windsorheights.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

- **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.

More information at www.windsorheights.org

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Spring Cleanup

Please join the Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Committee on Saturday, April 26, for our Annual Spring Cleanup Day. We are blessed to live in a beautiful community and a couple of hours of work on a Saturday morning can let us put the best of our city on display as we head into spring and summer. The more hands we have the lighter the work for each one of us, so the more the merrier. Bring along neighbors, friends, groups or anyone who cares about our city and making a difference in the community.

Our home base will be in a white tent just north of Burger King on 73rd Street and we'll be working from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Gloves and refuse bags will be provided and you will be assigned an area for cleanup. Please join us and spread the word to all.

Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful is an offshoot of Keep Iowa Beautiful and its mission is to engage citizens, businesses and governments in Windsor Heights to take greater responsibility for beautifying and improving the community we all love.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at 9:00am in Colby Park. Ages 5 and under will hunt in the tennis courts, ages 6-9 will hunt in the ball fields, and ages 10-12 will hunt in front of the Community Center. Come say hi and get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny and Sparky the fire dog! There will be 7,000 candy- and prize-filled eggs with a few large special prizes for the golden eggs. The event will take place rain or shine, so please dress accordingly.



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Spring Cleanup Day

It's time to roll up your sleeves and get rid of the things that you no longer need or want. Don't miss the opportunity to de-clutter your home and have items removed from your curb at no charge. Windsor Heights is hosting its annual Spring Cleanup Day on Friday, May 16. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure collection. All small items must be contained in a bag or box.

The following items are NOT accepted: appliances, tires, vehicles or major auto parts, building materials, concrete (any size), shingles exceeding 65 lbs., banned substances such as: lead, acid, batteries, oil, explosives, medical waste, drugs, poisons, combustible material, paint, and hazardous waste, and animal carcasses.

What to do with NOT accepted items?

Appliances: Purchase Large Item Stickers from Hy-Vee or City Hall and call ASI (964-5229) to schedule curbside collection.

Hazardous Waste: House-side Service is available and local Drop-Off Events begin March 30. For more information about either option, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/WH.

For more information about how to properly dispose of items, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com, and then select the Recycling Guide.

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
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.

| APRIL & MAY 2014 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 6 | 7 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Easter Egg Hunt 9 a.m. (Colby Park) |
| 20 | 21 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall) | 22 Sustainable Series 6 p.m. (Community & Events Center) | 23 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall) | 24 | 25 | 26 Annual Spring Cleanup 8:30 a.m. (Burger King) |
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NEWS BRIEFS

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.

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

DART News

There are many reasons to ride DART services in April. To celebrate Earth Day, to save money or to discover a better way commute, there is something for everyone.

Ride DART Local Route 51 – Merle Hay Crosstown for free in April. Whether you're heading to work, lunch or out to shop, get onboard Route 51 and ride FREE in April. To promote DART's newest route that runs from Merle Hay Mall to DART Central Station, all rides on Route 51 are free April 1-30, 2014.

25% off first three month's RideShare fares. Any first time rider who joins a RideShare vanpool in April or May 2014 will receive a 25 percent discount on the first three month's fare. DART RideShare helps commuters locate others with like travel patterns to share rides in vanpools.

For more information about DART promotions or services, please call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100 or visit www.ridedart.com.

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events

"Toxic," "Flammable," "Keep Away from Children." Do you have items with these types of words on the label? If so, stop storing it and get rid of it. Every year, Metro Waste Authority partners with the western suburbs to help residents get rid of household hazardous waste the safe and smart way.

All metro residents (including Windsor Heights) can attend these west side drop-off events from 8 a.m. to Noon.

May 10, Waukee Middle School, 905 Warrior Lane
June 28, West Des Moines Valley Stadium, 4440 Mills Civic Pkwy.

October 25, Clive Aquatic Center, 1801 NW 114th St.

If these dates don't work for you, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com for the year-round drop-off in Bondurant.

Review a list of items to bring at www.WhereItShouldGo.com and click on Calendar for event details. Items not accepted include: latex paint, electronic waste, medications and tires.

Roll Your Yard Waste to the Curb!

If you're tired of lugging your yard waste bags to the curb, then you may want to consider shaking things up this year by enrolling in the cart service.

A Compost It! cart is on wheels, just like your Curb It! recycling cart. The 96-gallon cart holds the equivalent of three yard waste bags. This service is an ideal option for:

- Residents who purchase at least 68 yard waste bags a year
- Those who garden, bag grass clippings, have a lot of trees and shrub clippings
- Those who just don't want to hassle with bags

First-Time Enrollment: Call or visit City Hall to purchase a yard waste cart and pay the annual sticker fee of \$105.

Need to Renew? Existing customers can renew online. The annual fee is \$105. This covers the cost of collecting and processing the yard waste for the year. City Hall will then mail your 2014 sticker.

2014 Yard Waste Season: March 31 through November 29, plus an additional two-week winter collection, December 29 to January 9. Yard waste is picked up weekly on your normal garbage collection day. For more information, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 244.0021.