

# Trees in Walnut Creek

Trees along streams provide many benefits to people, communities, and to wildlife. These areas are called Riparian Buffers and often have trees, shrubs, and grass areas. The buffers help improve water quality by removing sediment and chemicals before it reaches surface water which is the primary source for drinking water in Iowa. Another benefit of the buffer is that it can moderate flooding as well as reduce erosion of the soil on the banks of the streams. Trees also can keep down cooling costs for surrounding homes by providing shade and studies show stress levels are reduced when trees are visible. Wildlife use riparian areas as corridors to move from one place to another. While much of the wildlife, like deer, that we think of use trees for cover and food, other wildlife can use dead trees. Many different types of birds use dead trees as nesting areas and frogs and turtles use dead logs as homes in the winter. Generally the DNR recommends that our woodlands be properly managed for a variety of reasons. Keeping the native vegetation in place is important and removing invasive species is ongoing battle. Dead trees are generally best to leave alone unless it proves to be a hazard that can lead to a loss of life or damage infrastructure, because dead trees to provide benefits. Keeping a riparian buffer in place in any community or rural area has ongoing and far reaching benefits.

# Don't Let the Wrong Things Go Down Our Storm Drains

Did you know mowing grass clippings into the street is considered an illicit discharge in Windsor Heights? An illicit discharge is generally any material, liquid or oil that enters the storm drain system. Grass clippings that get blown into the street, end up in our creek and a lot of it can cause pollution. We all need to play a role in preventing the wrong fluids, materials and runoff from washing down the storm drain since it can pollute our streams and impact our drinking water. Keeping grass clippings within our lawns is an easy practice everyone should be doing to help control pollution and water quality.

### Potential Sources of Illicit Discharges

- Used motor vehicle fluids
- Household Hazardous Waste (such as household cleaners, paints, and pesticides)
- Discharge from unpermitted industrial operations
- Animal waste
- Grass clippings and leaf litter

### What is not considered an Illicit Discharge?

- Flushing water from the fire hydrants and firefighting operations
- Landscape irrigation and lawn watering
- Air conditioning condensation and crawl space pump water that runs off property
- Dechlorinated pool water (allow pool water to sit several days before draining your pool)

IF YOU HAVE WITNESSED AN ILLEGAL DISCHARGE TO THE CITY SEWERS OR STREAMS AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REPORT, PLEASE CALL 645-6826. Please include your name and phone number, including the location of the suspected dumping.

# Most Beautiful Yard Winners

The Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Committee is proud to announce this year's winners of the Most Beautiful Yard Contest.

The first place winner is Brandon and Sara Haines at 1910 78<sup>th</sup> Street. The two runners-up are Terry and Deb Johnson at 2230 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Don and Kathleen Papian at 7150 Forest Court. These homeowners have invested countless hours and hard work in creating attractive yards that enhance the beauty of Windsor Heights.

Residents of Windsor Heights were asked to nominate the yards of other residents or could nominate their own yard for consideration. The committee encourages residents to be observing distinctive yards that would be worthy of nominations for next year.

The winner received a decorated garden stone designed and created by Mimi Senn of Solo Designs. The runners-up received \$50 gift certificates to Wild Birds Unlimited which helped to support the contest.

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

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# National Night Out

Once again, Windsor Heights will join communities across America for their award winning "Night Out Against Crime and Violence," on August 5, from 5-7 p.m. in Colby Park. This year's event will be full of FREE family activities and fun, including food, games, rock climbing, bounce house, dunk tank, canine demonstration, barrel train rides, police and fire equipment to view, and a game truck. Prizes and drawings will take place throughout the event and a helicopter will be on static display (weather permitting).

Each year, a community service project is held in conjunction with the Windsor Heights event. This year the Police Association will be collecting new gift cards to benefit families of Iowa National Guard service men and women who are on deployment. Please bring new and unused gift cards in any denomination. Donations will also be accepted that will go to the purchase of additional gift cards. Silent auction items will be available to bid on with all proceeds going to benefit our service project.

Don't forget your lawn chair and make an evening out of it! The Greater Des Moines Community Band will play at 7 p.m., as part of the Music in the Park summer concert series.

Contact Officer Amanda Woods at [awoods@windsorheights.org](mailto:awoods@windsorheights.org) or 277-4453 for additional information on the event, sponsorship information, or if you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation to the service project.

Event sponsors include: Matt Cale State Farm, Iowa Photo Booth, W.H. Foundation, Blank Park Zoo, Masonic Lodge, Edward Jones, Klassic Kids, Kruegers BP, SCI of Iowa, Sam's Club, Quick Trip, Wal-Mart, Target and Hy-Vee.



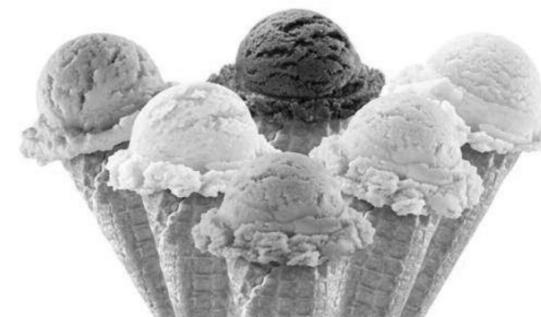
POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# Ice Cream Social Night

Do you want to acquaint yourself with your neighbors while enjoying a bowl of ice cream on your front lawn? The Windsor Heights Foundation is seeking volunteers to host their neighbors for an ice cream social in their yard on Sunday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. We want many yards throughout the city to be filled with neighbors meeting neighbors.

We'll provide the invitations, ice cream, bowls and spoons, your neighbors will bring their own lawn chairs, and you provide the yard.

To volunteer, contact: Sandy O'Brien at 279-8942 or [odenob@aol.com](mailto:odenob@aol.com) and Laura DeBartolo-Tow at 975-0228 or [ttow95@msn.com](mailto:ttow95@msn.com).



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# Voice Your Opinion



In collaboration with Quester, a national marketing research company headquartered in Windsor Heights, we are asking for residents to voice their thoughts and opinions about our city by completing this online survey.

The survey will run through the end of August and is included in the link below. We are asking for feedback of the services, facilities, and activities Windsor Heights provides, as well asking for your vote on a few key topics. Please take time to visit the website and complete the survey. By doing so, you're investing in our community by helping us maintain areas of excellence, and improve areas of opportunity.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/windsorheights> to take the survey. If you don't have access to a computer, please call the City Administrator at 645-6808 to schedule a time to use a computer for free at City Hall.

## 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.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	5 National Night Out 5-7 p.m. Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	6	7 Mayor & Administrator 10/60 Meeting 6 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	8	9
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24 Neighborhood Ice Cream Social Night	25	26	27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	28	29	30
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### City Hall Summer Hours

Beginning August 1, and running through September 26, 2014, City Hall will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays only. This is only during these stated dates to determine if this should be looked at for the entire summer next year. City Hall will remain open during its normal business hours the rest of the week. For questions please call the City Administrator.

### Safety Heights

Windsor Heights Police Department's will host "Safety Heights" child education program on August 7 or 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Safety Heights is age appropriate community policing program for children entering kindergarten. Education topics will include school bus safety, bike safety, fire awareness, window safety, stranger danger, gun safety and bullying awareness. A \$25 registration fee will be required. Registration fee includes a tee shirt, bike helmet, drink and snack. Each session is limited to the first twenty-five (25) students to enroll. Enrollment is not limited to Windsor Heights residents so bring a friend or register your grandchildren.

### Junior Detectives

The Windsor Heights Police Department is accepting enrollment for our new Junior Detective class. Children will work with Windsor Heights Police Officers to solve a mock crime and are taught criminal investigative techniques. They will learn the difference between theft, burglary and robbery. They will view an interactive video, process fingerprints and collect evidence found at a crime scene. The final session will be held on August 25, 5-7 p.m. The program is for kids ages 7-12. Cost is \$10 per child. For questions or to register, contact: Officer Woods at 645-6829 or [awoods@windsorheights.org](mailto:awoods@windsorheights.org)



### Mayor & City Administrator 10/60 Meetings

The Mayor/Administrator will continue hosting regular monthly 10/60 community meetings for Windsor Heights residents. The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center. Residents are encouraged to attend. They will have 60 minutes to ask their Mayor and Administrator any 10 questions they want. Please call 645-6808 with questions.

### Rain Barrels for Sale

The City of Windsor Heights still has rain barrels for purchase at \$50. If you're interested, please come to City Hall to purchase and take home a rain barrel the same day. Just make sure you can fit one in your vehicle! They can easily fit into the backseat of a standard sized car. If there are any questions, please contact Sheena Danzer at 645-6826 or [sdanzer@windsorheights.org](mailto:sdanzer@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.



### 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 the drop-off events on October 25, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Clive Aquatic Center, located at 1801 NW 114th Street.

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

### Traffic Safety Camera Update June 2014

Speeding Citations Issued	513
Speeding Citations YTD	2639
Speeding Trend Over Last Quarter	0.08mph ↓
Speeding Citations-Previous Quarter	7.46% ↓
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	13.77 mph