

Winter Weather Reminders

With winter upon us, the City of Windsor Heights would like to remind residents of the ordinances that pertain to snow and ice. If you have any questions or concerns about the City's snow ordinance, please do not hesitate to call City Hall at 279-3662.

What are the rules regarding parking a vehicle on the street during the winter? City code states that it is unlawful to park on any street during the time of any snowfall and within the 24 hours following the end of the any snow event (60.10.10). Any vehicle parked on the street during a snowfall or within 24 hours after a snowfall faces the possibility of receiving a \$25 parking ticket and/or impoundment. It is important to remember the times when you cannot be parked on the street and that the snow ordinance automatically goes into effect when snow begins to accumulate. This allows for timely removal of snow from the streets and is needed to maintain the safety of our main thoroughfares to get emergency response apparatus to residential areas expeditiously.

What about my sidewalks during or after it snows? It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow and ice accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If the property owner does not remove snow and/or ice accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and ultimately assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as property tax. For purposes of enforcement, a reasonable time period is generally 48 hours after the snow or ice accumulations end. While the City realizes it can be frustrating to finish clearing your driveway and then have the plow come by, the snow removal policy adopted by the City Council indicates that snow placed in driveways by City plows is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed on or pushed across a City street.

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.



More information at www.windsorheights.org

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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, 2014. 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	1809 79th St	Gregg and Karol Mauk
Zone 2	7023 Bellaire	In Bo and Won Hee Jung
Zone 3	6771 College	Chris Wenson
Zone 4	1440 64th	Andy Bearbower
Zone 5	1400 73rd	Brad and Brita Meyer
Zone 6	1026 69th	Brook and Nick Roberson
Best of the Best	1440 64th	Andy Bearbower



Windsor Wonderland is December 6, 2014 at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center. Please watch the City website and Facebook page for more information.



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Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home. Did you know Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Here are some helpful tips to keep you safe this Thanksgiving holiday:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove-top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

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Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/Fire286-3632
City Hall279-3662

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Charlene Butz
Betty Glover
Dave Burgess
Tony Timm

Interim City AdminBrett Klein

Accounting ClerkMarcia Woodke

Fire ChiefChristopher Cross

Police ChiefDennis McDaniel

Public Works Director Jason Van Ausdall

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Police Dispatch286-3632
Police Admin./Records277-4453
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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.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	4	5	6 Mayor & Administrator 10/60 Meeting 5:15 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)	26	27 Thanksgiving City Hall closed	28 City Hall closed	29
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor & City Administrator 10/60 Meeting Time Change to 5:15 p.m.

The Mayor and 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 5:15-6:15pm 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.

Yard Waste Collection Ends November 29

Cool weather has arrived and raking leaves and disposing of them cannot be too far away. Compost It! yard waste is collected in participating communities weekly through November 29. To ensure collection, residents need to use Compost It! brand bags or attach Compost It! stickers to store-brand bags. Residents can sign up for the annual Compost It! cart service. CONTACT: Leslie Holsapple, program & outreach manager, 323-6501.

No Litter Hotline

Do something about littering now! Call 1.888.NOLITTR (665.4887) to report littering from a vehicle. Save this important number in your cell phone or contact Keep Iowa Beautiful at 515.323.6507 to get a free

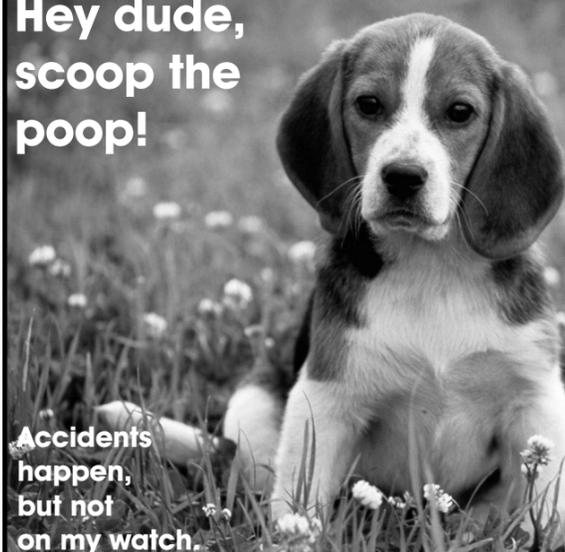


static sticker for your cell phone or windshield. Please provide as much detail about the incident as possible day, time and location the litter was thrown from the vehicle, vehicle description and license plate number. The plate number is critical to any follow up action. Offenders will receive a letter from the Iowa State Patrol. Please provide as much detail as possible regarding location, what was dumped, time discovered and other details. If you are willing to be contacted on this issue please include your name, email, phone number and address along with a convenient time to reach you.

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.

Hey dude, scoop the poop!



Accidents happen, but not on my watch.

Pet Poop Pollutes!

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