

# Sustainable Living Educational Series

This will be the fourth year for the Sustainable Living Spring Educational Series at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center located in Colby Park at 6900 School Street, Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324. The City is excited about the variety of presentations lined up this year for its residents. 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 515-645-6826. 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, April 28, 7:00pm – 8:00pm, 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.
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 26, 7:00pm – 8:00pm, To Be Announced**

## Spring Lawn and Landscape Tips

As snow melts and spring rains arrive, water runoff funnels from streets and driveways into storm sewers and into lakes, rivers and wetlands. Please do your part to keep our waters clean.

### Keep Spring Runoff Clean

- ◆ Remove pet waste and trash from streets, sidewalks and driveways.
- ◆ Clean gutters regularly. Put leaves and twigs in a compost pile or bag with other yard trimmings.
- ◆ Direct water from downspouts away from paved surfaces and into lawn.

### Restore Lawns

- ◆ Remove debris and yard trimmings.
- ◆ Reseed bare spots. If spots were caused by salt, reseed with a salt-tolerant grass mix.
- ◆ Keep newly seeded areas moist for three or four weeks.

## 2015 City-Wide Garage Sale

The annual Windsor Heights city-wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Don't miss the opportunity to sell your items or find great bargains!

### How to Register

Stop at City Hall (1145 66th Street, Suite 1) and fill out a registration form OR email [dhockenberry@windsorheights.org](mailto:dhockenberry@windsorheights.org) and include address, time of sale, and a general description of items.

### Garage Sale Maps

Maps and listings will be available for pickup at City Hall on Monday, April 27 at 12:00PM. They will also be posted on the City Facebook page, website, Craigslist, and sent to the City's mailing list.

### Cost

FREE! There is no charge to be placed on the map and included in listings. It is the seller's responsibility for any further advertising. Notice will be placed in City newsletters, Craigslist, Des Moines Register Online Calendar, CVB calendar, and other possible media outlets that the city-wide garage sales are being held and how to obtain a map and listings.

### Deadline

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 23 at 12:00PM.

# City of Windsor Heights

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Annual Spring Curbside Cleanup

Mark Your Calendar, May 7 and May 8 is Spring Curbside Cleanup! Is that ugly, green chair from the '90s still taking up space in your basement? If you haven't made that trip to the landfill, or if you keep forgetting to buy a Large Item sticker at the grocery store, then you're in luck! Spring Cleanup is right around the corner, on May 7 and May 8. Items MUST be at the curb prior to 7 a.m. on May 7. To ensure collection, all small items must be contained in a bag or box.

### The following items are examples of items NOT accepted:

- ◆ Appliances
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Vehicles or major auto parts
- ◆ Building materials
- ◆ Concrete (any size)
- ◆ Hazardous Waste



### What to do with NOT accepted items?

**Appliances** – Purchase Large Item Stickers from participating stores or City Hall and schedule a curbside pick-up with your hauler, ASI at 964-5229.

**Hazardous Waste** – Visit the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off in Bondurant or attend the Windsor Heights Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event on September 26, 2015 in Colby Park. For more information about either option, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/dropoffevents](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/dropoffevents). For additional information about how to properly dispose of items, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com), and then select the Recycling Guide.

## ART in the HEIGHTS

Each artist has donated one of their works for a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Windsor Heights Special Events.



The City of Windsor Heights presents *Art in the Heights* on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 4:00PM-9:00PM at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center located at 6900 School Street. Bring your friends, it's free to attend! Enjoy an evening of great art from the following Central Iowa Artists:

JEFF HAYS - Pottery	CURT STAHR - Photography	NICOLE JAMES - Prints & Mosaics
JOHN JENTSCH - Photography	ALYSSA TAUBER - Prints	DEB JURSHAK - Sculpture
MELINDA KABEL - Pyrographics	JIM HUBBARTT - Pottery	DOUG FLETCHER - Paintings
MARY ELLEN KIMBALL - Lithography	SUSAN MOORE - Paintings	MICHAEL LANE - Mosaics

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# Plant Exchange In Park

Members of the Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee have planned an afternoon in the park for individuals who want to exchange plants, discuss garden concerns, and enjoy refreshments while looking forward to a rewarding garden season. The fifth annual Windsor Heights Plant Exchange takes place on Saturday, May 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lions Park (under the gazebo behind Windsor Heights City Hall on 66th Street).

This free event gives participants an opportunity to diversify their garden plants and share favorite plants with others in attendance at the exchange. Whether planting an elaborate garden or looking to brighten flower boxes, plant lovers will be able to get new varieties just for sharing their own. In addition to plants, individuals are invited to bring gently used garden accessories and garden art to trade during the event. Stopping by a garden center to purchase new items for the exchange might be an option for some who plan to take part in the day's activities but don't have extra plants from their gardens to share at the exchange.

Lorin Knapp of Windsor Heights, author of the book *A Garden on the Edge*, will speak at 1:30. His topic will be monarch butterflies and their habitat. Other speakers may be announced at a later date.

The plant exchange is open to anyone who wants to participate and requires no pre-registration. The goal of this event is to encourage citizens of Windsor Heights to continue the beautification and improvement of the community.

## 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 ..... Brett Klein  
Treasurer ..... Marcia Woodke  
Police Chief ..... Dennis McDaniel  
Planning Director ..... Sheena Danzer

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

Building Inspections ..... 645-6826  
Fire Department ..... 279-9450  
Public Works Department ..... 645-6825  
Community Center Reservations ..... 645-6821  
Animal Control ..... 286-3632

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

APRIL & MAY 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Easter	6 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 10/60 Meeting 5:15 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	21	22 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)	23	24 Art in the Heights 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	25 KWHB Spring Cleanup 8:30 a.m. (Tent North of Burger King)
26	27	28 Sustainable Series 7 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	29	30	1	2 City-Wide Garage Sale 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	5	6	7 Windsor Heights Annual Curbside Cleanup	8 Windsor Heights Annual Curbside Cleanup	9 KWHB Plant Exchange 1-3:00 p.m. (Lions Park)
10	11 10/60 Meeting 5:15 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	12	13	14	15	16 WHAMM and Pancake Breakfast
17	18 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day City Hall Closed	26 Sustainable Series 7 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	27 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)	28	29	30

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 75th Anniversary Committee

The Windsor Heights 75th anniversary committee needs you! In 2016 the City of Windsor Heights will celebrate 75 years. Join the anniversary committee and help plan events for 2016. Many events of different types are needed and your creativity can be put to good use. One or two meetings a month are planned. Please contact the committee co-chairs with your name and contact information: windsorheights75@gmail.com. The next meeting will be announced and will be sometime in April. Come participate in the planning!

### KWHB Spring Cleanup Day

Windsor Heights' residents and friends are invited to join together in cleaning parks, trails, and other litter-prone areas in Windsor Heights beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th. Volunteers are asked to meet at the white tent located north of Burger King on 73rd Street. Bags, gloves, and litter tongs will be provided as well as coffee, water, and pastries. The cleanup should last two hours. This event is sponsored by Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful which is a nonprofit organization with a mission to engage the residents, businesses, and government of Windsor Heights in taking greater responsibility for beautifying and improving the community. Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful is affiliated with Keep Iowa Beautiful. April is Keep Iowa Beautiful month.

### Windsor Heights Annual 4th of July Celebration

It's our biggest community celebration and it's back again this year! Mark your calendars now for July 4th, 2015 and make plans to come spend the day celebrating our country's independence.



Fireworks. For updates and more, check out future newsletters, Windsor Heights Living or follow us on the City Facebook page.

### Yard Waste Season Starts March 30

Yard waste collection runs weekly from March 30 to November 28, 2015. Residents can get rid of yard waste right from the curb through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program. Pick up is on your garbage day with two easy options:

#### Bags & Stickers

**Compost It! Bags:** The cost of this bag covers the cost of collection, no sticker is required. Do not exceed 40 lbs. per bag. \$8.00 for a bundle of five (\$1.60 per bag). Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.

**Store-brand Bag + Compost It! Sticker:** A Compost It! sticker must be attached to a generic bag. The sticker cost covers the cost of collection. It's a good idea to face the sticker toward the street so the hauler can see it. Compost It! Stickers are \$1.25 per sticker and sold at most grocery stores.

**Compost It! Sticker + Brush Bundles:** Attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle and place it next to carts or bags. Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches in diameter or four feet in length.

#### Cart

A Compost It! cart is on wheels, just like your Curb It! cart, making it a convenient alternative to yard waste bags. Simply wheel it to the curb on garbage day during Compost It! season. The 96-gallon cart can hold the equivalent of three yard waste bags, but you can always use the Bags & Sticker program if your yard waste exceeds the cart's capacity.

Consider a cart if you garden, purchase more than 65 bags a year, or bag grass clippings and don't want to hassle with bags. \$105 annual subscription; \$80 one-time cart purchase. To enroll, visit City Hall or renew at [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/cartrenewal](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/cartrenewal).

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 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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