

# 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, March 24, 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Metro Waste Authority, Trish Radke**  
Metro Waste Authority will educate residents on disposal of yard waste, recyclables and hazardous waste. Metro Waste Authority partners with the City of Windsor Heights to provide safe, smart disposal options for residents. A fun, interactive game will be used during the presentation.
- ◆ **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**

## Yard Waste Collection 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.
- ◆ **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! 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.

### Purchase Bags, Stickers, & Cart Subscriptions

The cost of the Compost It! bag, sticker and annual cart subscription cover the cost of collection and to process the material.

Compost It! Bags	\$8.00 for a bundle of five (\$1.60 per bag). Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Compost It! Stickers	\$1.25 per sticker. Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Cart	\$105 annual subscription; \$80 one-time cart purchase. To enroll, visit City Hall or renew at <a href="http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/cartrenewal">www.WhereItShouldGo.com/cartrenewal</a> .

# City of Windsor Heights

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## 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.

## Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful 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.



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# Spring Stormwater Tips

There is an enormous amount of chemicals and yard waste associated with the spring season. Below is some information concerning stormwater pollution and some spring maintenance tips to use while caring for your lawn. Please help the City in its fight against stormwater pollution. Whenever it rains, all the rain water flows to our local rivers and streams, carrying any pollutants that are picked up along the way. We are the solution to stormwater pollution.

- ◆ **Do Not Over-Fertilize Your Yard:** Over-fertilization will not increase plant growth, but the excess will wash off your yard and down the storm drain, polluting the stormwater. Fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides pollute the stormwater and endanger wildlife. Your fertilizer nourishes algae that grow in creeks, lakes, and rivers, depleting oxygen in the water, which can kill fish and other aquatic wildlife.
- ◆ **Do Not Put Leaves or Grass Clippings into the Storm Drain:** Covered or clogged drains significantly contribute to street and yard flooding. Storm drains are not meant to accept debris or garbage but to take away overflow rainwater to prevent flooding of home and property.
- ◆ **Remember - the Storm Drainage System is Different from the Sanitary Sewer System:** The storm drainage system is a separate system from the sanitary sewer system. Any material that flows into the storm drainage system flows directly to our local rivers and streams, whereas the sanitary sewer system takes wastewater from our homes and businesses and purifies it before returning the water to the rivers and streams.

## 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  
Fire Chief ..... Christopher Cross  
Police Chief ..... Dennis McDaniel  
Planning Director ..... Sheena Danzer  
Public Works Director ..... Jason VanAusdall

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

Building Inspections ..... 645-6826  
Fire Department ..... 279-3662  
Public Works Department ..... 279-3662  
Community Center Reservations ..... 645-6821  
Animal Control ..... 286-3632

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

MARCH & APRIL 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 10/60 Meeting 5:15 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Sustainable Series 7 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (Council Chambers)	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 a.m. (Colby Park)
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Join the City Mailing List

Have you signed up for the City's email mailing list? Stay up to date on City news, updates and events! You can register by visiting [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) and scrolling to the bottom of the page or by text message. Text the keyword WINDSORHEIGHTS to 22828 to get started. Message and data rates may apply.

### 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.



### Windsor Heights Spring Cleanup

Save the date! Windsor Heights is hosting its annual Spring Cleanup Day on Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8. More information will be available in April and will be in upcoming City newsletters and on the City website.

### 2015 Pet License Registration

The time to register your pets for 2015 is here. All pet owners must register their animals January 1st through March 31st. Even if renewing, please bring a copy of your pet's current rabies certificate or bring a copy of your 2014 pet license. The fee for fixed animals is \$10 and un-fixed is \$20. Pet Licenses are available at the Windsor Heights Public Safety Building located at 1133 66th Street. The 2015 Pet License Application is available on the Windsor Heights website at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org). If you have any questions, please call the Police Department at 277-4453. Reminder to pet owners: Even if registered, pets are never permitted to run at large in the city and must be on a leash or confined at all times.

### 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 second Monday 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.

### Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

"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. Windsor Heights residents can attend the next drop-off event on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 8:00AM-12:00PM in Colby Park, located at 6th and School Street in Windsor Heights. If this date doesn't work for you, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) for the year-round drop-off in Bondurant. Review a list of items to bring at [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) and click on the Calendar for event details. Items not accepted include: latex paint, electronic waste, appliances, medications and tires.

### 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.

