

# Snow and Ice Removal

Snow routes:

Typically main thoroughfares are given first priority for salt and snow removal. The City's snow ordinance will go into effect once snow begins to accumulate, and streets are normally being plowed when snow accumulations exceed 1 inch. Remember when emergency snow or ice removal operations are in progress, you may **not park** your vehicle on any City Street in Windsor Heights until 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

## Enforcement – City Ordinance 60.10.10

Vehicle owners will be ticketed and/or towed. The cost of a ticket is \$25.00 – warnings are not issued.

\*Deposits of Snow on Public Property: Keep in mind that snow removed from parking lots and driveways cannot be placed in the street or public right-of-way.

\*To help ensure that sidewalks are cleared for pedestrian use, the City of Windsor Heights requires residents to have snow and ice removed from sidewalks within 48 hours following the end of a snowfall. Property owners who do not comply are subject to a fine.

# Winter Safety Tips

## Water That Tree

What's a holiday party or even the traditional Christmas morning scene itself without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household, as those of more than 33 million other American homes, includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion: "Keep the tree watered." That's good advice and not just to create a fragrant indoor winter wonderland atmosphere. Christmas trees account for 250 fires annually, resulting in 14 deaths, 26 injuries and more than \$13.8 million in property damage. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well watered trees are not a problem. Remember, a wet tree is a safe tree!

## Chimney Fires

As you snuggle in front of a cozy fire or bask in the warmth of your wood stove, you are taking part in a ritual of comfort and enjoyment handed down through the centuries. The last thing you are likely to be thinking about is the condition of your chimney. However, if you don't give some thought to it before you light those winter fires; your enjoyment may be very short-lived. Why? Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures, destroy homes and injure or kill people. Chimney fires don't have to happen. Here are some ways to avoid them: • Use seasoned woods only (dryness is more important than hard wood versus soft wood considerations) • Build smaller, hotter fires that bum more completely and produce less smoke • Never burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, trash or Christmas trees; these can spark a chimney fire • Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, so you can adjust burning practices as needed • Have the chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis. Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep inspects your solid fuel venting system annually, and cleans and repairs it whenever needed. Your sweep may have other maintenance recommendations depending on how you use your fireplace or stove. CSIA recommends that you call on certified chimney sweeps, since they are regularly tested on their understanding of the complexities of chimney and venting systems.

# City of Windsor Heights

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# You're Invited!

Community Vision Open House

Windsor Heights Community and Events Center

6900 School Street

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

5:00 PM- 6:30 PM

We need your ideas for the future of Windsor Heights! What are your top priorities for our community – More walking and biking options? New local businesses? Preserving Walnut Creek? "Re-branding" our city? Improvements to University Avenue? Join us at the open house to tell us your ideas. All residents are invited to stop by any time during this 90-minute session.

The open house is part of the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan, a long-range vision that guides public and private decisions about our collective future. Your input will establish goals and priorities for the Plan. (This event will build on input from similar events you may have attended in the past.)

At the event, you can participate in interactive idea stations and talk with the team leading the plan update. You'll also learn about projects already in the works, including development plans for several important sites.

Concurrent with the Comprehensive Plan, Windsor Heights is completing a trail hub feasibility study to determine where and if a trail hub is needed in Windsor Heights. Members of the trail hub study team will also be present to hear your comments. Please join us!



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# Vacation House Watch

The Windsor Heights Police Department is a full service Police Department that recognizes its most valuable assets are a close relationship with the community and the members of the Department. To provide the best possible service, the Department has made it as convenient as possible to request vacation house checks on your home. REMINDERS: • To sign up to have your home checked while on vacation, visit [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org). • Please submit the form at least one week before you leave. This allows our staff to distribute the information to the Police Officers on patrol. • Complete all fields in the form as completely as possible. • Always include emergency contact information.

## 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 Nuetzman

Director of Public Services ..... Doug Stone

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.

November and December 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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	25 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5 p.m. (Council Chambers)	26 Thanksgiving City Hall Closed	27 City Hall Closed	28
29	30	1	2	3	4 Windsor Wonderland 7 PM-10 PM	5 Santa Day 8 AM-1 PM Windsor Wonderland 1-5
6	7 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 10/60 Meeting 5:15 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Council Chambers)	22	23 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5 p.m. (Council Chambers)	24 Christmas Eve City hall closed	25 Christmas City Hall Closed	26

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Christmas Tree and Winter Yard Waste Collection

The holidays often include bringing in the new and disposing of the old. As you're shuffling things around, make sure to get your Christmas tree to the curb in time for collection. Christmas trees, just like yard waste, are collected from the curb and recycled into compost. Trees are picked-up on your regular garbage day between December 28 and January 8, and they must have a Compost It! sticker attached. Stickers are sold at participating grocery and hardware stores for \$1.25. Please remove all decorations. Wreaths and garland are not accepted. This is also the last chance to have any remaining yard debris collected before spring. Be sure to use your Compost It! yard waste cart, Compost It! bags, or attach Compost It! stickers to generic bags to ensure your yard waste is picked up. For more information about yard waste collection, visit Metro Waste Authority at [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) or call 515.244.0021

### What's going on Windsor Heights?

Want to know what is going on in Windsor Heights? Sign up for our e-newsletter, The Wave to get up to date information. You can sign up from our webpage or email [jvogel@windsorheights.org](mailto:jvogel@windsorheights.org) to get on our list. The Wave will update you weekly on what is happening in Windsor Heights.

Check out the City of Windsor Heights Facebook page. We have now added Instagram, follow us! [City\\_of\\_Windsor\\_Heights](https://www.facebook.com/City_of_Windsor_Heights). Tag us in things happening around the City.

### 2016 Pet License Registration

The time to register your pets for 2016 is coming up. 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 2015 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 2016 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. Re-

minder 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. All pet ordinances are in Chapter 55.

### Help Keep Winter Salt and Sand Out of Walnut Creek

At your home, you can prevent pollution to the river and backwaters by limiting the amount of salt and deicers you use on your driveways and sidewalks. Did you know one teaspoon of salt can contaminate five gallons of water? As a rule of thumb, if there is a layer of salt remaining on your driveway after the ice melts, you used too much salt. If you do have excess sand or salt, sweep it up and throw it away so that it is not washed into the storm sewer. The earlier you shovel after a snowfall, the less likely you are to need salt. Consider using an anti-icing agent before it snows as it will prevent the snow from bonding with the pavement

### Sustainable Series

This will be the fifth 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. Starting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing on the fourth Tuesday of each month through May, we hope the information provided will assist homeowners in our efforts in becoming a greener community. Mark your calendars for :

February 23, 2016 7:00– 8:00 PM

March 22, 2016 7:00— 8:00 PM

April 26, 2016 7:00-8:00 PM

May 24, 2016 7:00– 8:00 PM



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