

YAPPY HOUR

Every Friday in September, join us at the Windsor Heights Dog Park for Yappy Hour. Starting at 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, come unwind after a long work week and let your dog have some fun! There will be drinks and food for purchase. Bone-A-Patreat will have goodies on hand to buy. Beef Cake Fuel will be the food truck at Yappy Hour. Different animal adoption agencies will be on hand to present information on adoptions. Our goal is to reach 75 adoptions. There will be music for entertainment. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for Yappy Hour updates.



Windsor Heights Chamber Update

Are you a Member of the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce?

If not, join today by signing up at www.windsorheightschamber.org/join!

- Basic membership includes:
- Being listed as a member of the Chamber on the Windsor Heights Chamber website, Windsor Heights Business Guide and the Greater Des Moines Partnership website.
- Receiving our monthly electronic newsletter and sponsorship opportunities.
- Highlighting your business in our Membership Spotlight on our website and on our Facebook page.
- Participating in a live interview on Insight on Business-The News Hour KRNT 1350.
- Receiving a 25% discount on a rental of the Windsor Heights Community and Event Center located in Colby Park.

Gaining access to resources of the Windsor Heights Chamber and Greater Des Moines Partnership to increase your visibility and grow your business. Memberships start as low as \$75 for an individual and are based on size for companies and organizations.

Our mission is to promote and support members, local businesses and organizations through advocacy, publicity and education while working to promote the growth of our members, economic development and the quality of life in Windsor Heights.

Thank You Garden Tour Participants

Thank you to Windsor Heights residents and Cowles Montessori School for opening up their gardens for the Windsor Heights Garden Tour in June. Shown left to right are Jim and Linda Rankin and Rose Ingersoll as they receive stained glass bricks to thank them for being on the tour. The bricks were made by local artist Mimi Senn. Others on the tour were Anne Avise, Linda Bacon, Sandy Dixon and Larry Petersen, Kathy and Gary Witkovski. The tour was sponsored by Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful.



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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WALKABILITY UPDATE

The City Council discussed recommendations for improving the community's walkability at the July 18 Council meeting. It was their first discussion following weeks of public input on the Walkability Committee's report.

The Committee's report aims to improve walkability. You can read the Committee's recommendations here: <http://www.windsorheights.org/media/38516/SIDEWALKS-UPDATED.pdf>

After reviewing comments received, including those at the Public Hearing and City News Hour, and additional public input at the July 18 meeting, the Council asked the Committee to review their recommendations in the context of public comments to date and explore all walkability options.

The walkability committee includes:

- Residents Donald Steele, Louisa Dykstra and Patricia Schneider
- Facilitator Zach Young, Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Windsor Heights Director of Public Works Doug Stone
- City Council Representatives Betty Glover and Zac Bales-Henry

The Committee's recommendations will be on August 15 Council meeting agenda. Additional comments can be directed to City Hall or email info@windsorheights.org by August 10, 2016.

What are Complete Streets?

Complete streets are streets that are for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders. People of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across streets in a community, regardless of how they are traveling. Complete streets are good for business, neighborhoods and residents' well being. Streets designed for people of all ages and abilities create stronger, healthier and safer communities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's resources on complete streets:

<https://dmampo.org/complete-streets/>

AARP resources on walkability courtesy of Age-Friendly Greater Des Moines:

Walkable City Checklist - <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/sites/default/files/walkabilitychecklist.pdf>

Sidewalks & Streets Survey leaders guide -

<http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/info-2014/aarp-sidewalks-and-streets-survey.html>

Livability Fact Sheet on Sidewalks -

<http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/livable-communities-fact-sheet-series.html>

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AUGUST 2016

National Night Out

Looking for a family friendly atmosphere? Well, look no further! Mark your calendars for the Windsor Heights Annual National Night Out against crime August 2, 2016. With food, inflatables, helicopter display, balloon animals, stickers, coloring books, face painting, spin art, barrel train rides, rock wall, K-9 demo, prizes and drawings and jaws of life demo, there's something for every member of the family to enjoy. We will kick the festivities off at 5 PM and ends at 7 PM at Colby Park. National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs such as Neighborhood Watch; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. There will be a coin and food drive to benefit Urbandale Food Pantry. Gather your loose change, bills or a check in any denomination to support this local non-profit organization. Contact Officer Chad Norris at 515-277-4453 with questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone at National Night Out! A list of complete items needed is listed on windsorheights.org A special thank you to Hy-Vee.



Important Dates

- AUGUST-**
- Aug 1– City Council Meeting 6 PM Council Chambers
 - Aug 2 – National Night Out 5 PM-7PM Colby Park
 - Aug 2- Des Moines Community Band 7 PM Colby Park
 - Aug 5– Chamber Speed Networking at 11:30 AM Community Center
 - Aug 5– Summer Movie– Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory at Dusk Colby Park
 - Aug 8– City News Hour 5:30 PM– Windsor Heights Community Survey– Community Center
 - Aug 15– City Council Meeting 6 PM Council Chambers
 - Aug 24– Planning and Zoning 5 PM Council Chambers
 - Aug 24– First day of School
- SEPTEMBER-**
- Sept 2– Yappy Hour 4:30– 7 PM Dog Park
 - Sept 6- City Council Meeting 6 PM Council Chambers
 - Sept 9– Yappy Hour 4:30– 7 PM Dog Park
 - Sept 12– City News Hour 5:30 PM– Economic Development Community Center
 - Sept 16– Yappy Hour 4:30– 7 PM Dog Park
 - Sept 19– City Council Meeting 6 PM Council Chambers
 - Sept 23– Yappy Hour 4:30– 7 PM Dog Park
 - Sept 28– Planning and Zoning 5 PM Council Chambers
 - Sept 30– Yappy Hour 4:30– 7 PM Dog Park

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

MayorDiana Willits
Council MembersSteve Peterson
Betty Glover
Tony Timm
Threase Harms
Zachary Bales-Henry

City Administrator
Treasurer..... Marcia Woodke
Police/Fire Chief
Planning Director.....
Director of Public Services...Doug Stone

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

Building Inspections.....279-3662
Fire Department..... 279-9450
Public Works Department..... 645-6825
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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sunset Terrace Construction Update

The Contractor has completed the pavement removal on the south side of the roadway between 66th Street and 65th on Sunset Terrace and is in the process of installing the new water main on the south side of the road. One-way traffic is being maintained on the north side of the existing roadway from 64th Street to 66th Street during this time. The contractor has run into concerns with the sewer laterals due to the presence of Orangeburg pipe and is currently coordinating with the City and residents to address the issue. The Contractor anticipates closing the entire section of roadway for preparation of paving approximately August 3rd. At this time the courtesy cart will become available to residents for use. Residents are asked to provide their email and/or phone numbers to the City Engineer if they haven't already so any updates can be provided. Send your contact information to Nichole Sungren at MSA Professional Services at 515-635-3404 or nsungren@msa-ps.com. Updates can also be found on the City's website.

Fire Department Citizen Academy

The Windsor Heights Fire Department (WHFD) Citizen Fire Academy will take place during October and November 2016. The goal of this program is to enhance relationships between Windsor Heights residents and the staff of the Windsor Fire Department. At this time, the Academy is open only to residents of Windsor Heights or immediate family of City employees. This academy is designed to give a clearer understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the fire department within the community. Participants of the program will have the unique opportunity to learn how the Windsor Heights Fire Department provides quality services to its residents. For registration questions call Ryan Van Arkel at 279-9450.

Annual Neighborhood Ice Cream Socials

The Windsor Heights Foundation is sponsoring the Ice Cream Socials on Sunday, August 28 from 6:30 until 8 PM. We are looking for host families. Each host will be asked to invite their neighbors to bring lawn chairs and come enjoy socializing in the driveway, on the deck, or in the yard. The Foundation will provide the invitations, yard signs, bowls, spoons, and ice cream. We hope to have all areas of Windsor Heights represented. Everyone is welcome!

City News Hour– August 8

The City News Hour meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2016, at 5:30 P.M. at the Community and Events Center, 6900 School Street. Join Mayor Willits and Brian Pins from Quester as they host a presentation on the Windsor Heights Community Survey. This is an opportunity for all the citizens to view the presentation and have a question and answer session.

Library Services Changes

Just a reminder that we partnered with Urbandale for all our li-

brary services. If you are a library user and haven't renewed your membership – please go to the Urbandale Library on 86th street to do so. Through the Urbandale Library, Windsor Heights residents will receive all the same services in the past from books to e-book downloads. All residents are still able to use the other libraries across the city for all services EXCEPT e-books and e-magazines and e-audio.

Sign Up For Email Updates

It is easier than ever to get updates and news from the City of Windsor Heights. In addition to our monthly newsletters found in the water bill and the Windsor Heights Living Magazine, you can sign up to get email updates, known as the Windsor Wave and the City News Bulletin, sent directly to you. This is the best way to get up-to-date information on special events, council meetings, etc. In addition, emails are sent out when issues or events arise. You can sign up for the Windsor Wave by texting windsorheights to 22828 or email jvogel@windsorheights.org. You can get updates from our various social media outlets, Twitter or our Facebook page. We have now added Instagram, follow us! City_of_Windsor_Heights. Tag us in things happening around the City.

City Administrator Update

The Mayor and Council held interviews for the City Administrator on July 20, 2016. There were three viable candidates. Keep watch for an announcement of the new City Administrator in the next newsletter and hopefully the City Administrator will be at the City News Hour on September 12th.

Fourth of July Thank You

Wow! What a Fourth of July! Thank you to everyone who came out and spent their day with us. It really meant a lot to us to have all of you celebrate the 4th as well as our 75th anniversary. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who was part of our parade and we hope to see you next year! Thank you also to Sherwood Forest, especially Akili Design & Marketing, Jon Lutz from Edward Jones, and The Ridgemont for providing food and water for the parade folks. A big thank you to all our City staff who helped make the day possible, including our fabulous police and fire fighters. A shout out also to our effective Public Works team for keeping the park running the whole day. We also want to recognize the Special Events Committee and volunteers (Sarah and Dean Boots, Donna Markley, Mike Stueckrath, Sarah Roberts, Trisha Davis, Edye Beckerman, Paul Strand, Betty Glover, Tony Timm, Steve Peterson, Catherine Wilson, Flo Hunter, Sylvia Owens, Kerry Bowen and David Swartz) for all their hard work in making the day possible. Thank you to Nicole Miller, Dr. Feelgood, Sheltered Reality, Brother Trucker, Professor Prometheus and the Combustible Circus and Abby Normal providing amazing entertainment. Finally, a huge thank you to Wal Mart, Storage Mart, Doll Distributing, and Windsor Heights Foundation for their continuing support of our events.