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2012 Compost It! Season

The last pickup is November 30

K-9 UNIT READY TO SERVE



Officer Bill Canada and his new canine (K-9) partner took to the streets of Windsor Heights on October 15. The police department's newest member is named Argos; he is a Belgium Malinois. Malinois are a similar breed to the German Shepherd, but are known for their great agility and work ethic. The name "Argos" comes from a faithful dog to the king of Ithaca in Greek mythology. Argos was trained and purchased from Canine Tactical out of Chariton, Iowa. Argos underwent training from a very young age to become an effective police dog. In September and October, Officer Canada and Argos underwent an intensive five-week final training program under the teaching of Joshua Morton, owner of Canine Tactical. Morton is a retired Navy SEAL who trained K-9 teams for the military.

Their training started at a basic level and ended with more advanced detection and apprehension work. The course also included intensive physical fitness for Officer Canada and Argos to develop and create a lasting bond. During the course, Officer Canada and Argos worked in all different elements and lighting conditions to prepare for the endless possibility of environments the team could be faced with. The final week of the course was scenario-based. These scenarios portrayed real life incidents that the K-9 team will respond to while on duty. Officer Canada and Argos successfully completed and were certified by Joshua Morton.

The following week Officer Canada and Argos traveled to McPherson, Kansas to receive national certification at the Heart of America K-9 Association Trials. The certification process took place the week of October 8. Argos is now fully certified in narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, handler protection and tracking. In matters of court hearings and prosecution, these certifications for the canine team are vital to achieve and maintain on an annual basis.

Officer Canada and Argos will be available around-the-clock as an added resource to the City of Windsor Heights as well as neighboring jurisdictions. In the future they will also be available for demonstrations and utilized as a public forum to discuss on-going community safety and wellness issues. As you see Officer Canada and Argos out in our community, please be aware that this is a working dog with a degree of training similar to that of a professional athlete. Because of this, he is very focused on his job and should not be approached unless approval is given from his handler and, unfortunately, he will not be able to accept any special treats you may want to offer.

Thank you again to our business community, residents, and elected officials for making this additional resource possible!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER

Holiday Store Clearance Sale

Sunday, December 2 • 1–6pm

Need an unusual holiday gift? Come to the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center and choose between hundreds of unique items, 50–75% off retail prices. Some of these include cookie cutters, wreaths and lots more, all featured in national magazines. Part of the proceeds goes to support the special events of Windsor Heights.



WINDSOR WONDERLAND 2012

This year's Windsor Wonderland will be a two-day celebration at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center in Colby Park.

On Friday, November 30, children are invited to "cozy up" by wearing pajamas, bringing sleeping bags and enjoying the Windsor Polar Express Event.

Friday, November 30, 6:30–9pm – Windsor Polar Express Movie Night

6:30pm Lighting of Trees

7:00pm Hands on Winterfest Crafts

7:30pm Showing of film: Polar Express

\$3 per person includes activities, film, cup of hot chocolate, bag of popcorn, hotdog

The following day, much joy will be spread.

Saturday, December 1, 8:30— 1 pm Windsor Breakfast with Santa

8:30–11:30am Pancake breakfast, Photo with Santa

\$6/per person, all you can eat

11:30am–1pm, Pet Photo with Santa, free of charge,

Both Days: Shop Holiday and Craft Sale, including many unique items not available in stores

Tickets to both events are available at City Hall, 1133 – 66th Street, Windsor Heights. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food can or personal care product for the Windsor Heights Food Pantry.

For more information go to:

www.windsorheights.org or call 645-6821.

VACATION WATCH REMINDER

As the holiday travel season nears and we get ready for some residents to leave town for warmer weather, the Windsor Heights Police Department would like to remind everyone of the Vacation Watch services that it provides. The Department has made it as convenient as possible to request vacation house checks on your home. Just go to www.windsorheights.org and click on the 'Police Department' page and then the 'Vacation Check' link on the left hand side, or you can stop by City Hall to fill out the necessary form. Reminders:

- Please submit your request at least one week before you leave.
- Complete all fields in the form as completely as possible.
- Always include your emergency contact information and details about anyone who may be a local point of contact in your absence.
- Be sure to follow the other helpful tips explained on the website registration page.
- If your departure and return dates change, be sure to let the Police Department know.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2012 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

The Windsor Heights Foundation is pleased to announce the 2012 holiday lighting contest. The Foundation will divide the city into six zones and 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 recognition sign to place in their yard. The Foundation also appreciates the businesses that decorate for the holidays.

Judging will take place between 6:30–9:00pm from Tuesday, December 4, 2012 through Tuesday December 11, 2012 and 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.

For further information contact Sandy O'Brien at 279-8942 or George Hanusa, 255-6367.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Sponsors are needed for the 2012 Holiday Adopt-a-Family program to provide a holiday meal and presents to residents in Urbandale and Windsor Heights who qualify for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Last year, sponsors assisted 147 families during the holiday season.

Clients must live in Windsor Heights or Urbandale and qualify for LIHEAP to be matched with a sponsor family. To sign up for the program, clients must bring the LIHEAP approval letter and ID's for each family member to the Urbandale Food Pantry during its hours of operation, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am–2:00pm and Monday evenings from 5:30–7:30pm.

For more information, contact the Urbandale Food Pantry at 251-6688 or visit urbandalefoodpantry.org

