

Foundation Elects Officers and Board Members

The Windsor Heights Foundation Board of Directors elected a new president and welcomed a new board member at its June 4 annual meeting.

David Swartz was elected president for a one-year term replacing George Hanusa who served in that office the past six years. He will continue on the board for the two years remaining on his term.

Brook Wade was elected to a three-year term replacing Will Canine. Re-elected to three-year terms were Bob (Lewy) Lewis, Angie Piziali and Flo Hunter.

Officers re-elected to one-year terms were Angie Piziali, vice president; Kevin Gilchrist, secretary; Kory Hirth, treasurer. All of the new terms of officers and board members begin July 1.

Other board members continuing to serve are Sandy O'Brien, Bart Warford and Mary Anderson.

The Windsor Heights Foundation was incorporated in 1985 with a mission of raising funds to develop projects and programs to enrich and enhance of the life of residents of Windsor Heights and neighboring communities. The major project of most of its history has been sponsoring the annual free summer Music in the Park concert series. The non-profit organization also sponsors an annual holiday lighting contest, and provides grant support to the City of Windsor Heights for July 4th activities and special

needs like the newly inaugurated Windsor Heights Police Department K-9 unit.

Several years ago, the Foundation contributed to the City \$12,500 toward the upgrade of the playground in Colby Park. It is now helping to fund the installation of a play-on-it fire truck in the playground, dedicated in memory of Al Hunter, long time chief of the Windsor Heights Fire Department. That will be installed soon and dedicated during one of the Music in the Park concerts.

An endowment fund was established in 2008 to provide a vehicle for interested people and businesses to dedicate funds which will have long-ranging benefit for the community. That fund, started with an inaugural gift of \$20,000 from 3E—Electrical Engineering and Equipment Company—headquartered in Windsor Heights, and augmented with contributions from the Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts, and other contributors, now totals more than \$40,000.

For information on how to make a gift or bequest to the endowment fund, please contact George Hanusa at 255-6367 or David Swartz at 698-7878 or 278-2118. Gifts to the foundation Annual Fund can be sent to the Windsor Heights Foundation at 1133 66th St., Windsor Heights, IA 50324.

MOVIES in the PARK

The Movies in the Park series is back again this year in Colby Park. With a better than ever line-up, it will be outdoor cinema at its best, thanks not only to the setting but also to the selections made by an all-volunteer committee. The movies are shown at dusk, with a pre-activity beginning at 7 p.m. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnics are all welcome. For more information go to www.windsorheights.org or call 279-3662.

July 12	Rise of the Guardians, 2012
July 19	Dolphin Tale, 2012
July 26	Up, 2009
August 2	The Avengers, 2012

MUSIC in the PARK

Sponsored by the Windsor Heights Foundation, Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Colby Park. The concerts are free and include beverages provided by Bankers Trust; snow cones by the Windsor Heights Lions Club; free popcorn by the Windsor Heights Foundation. There will be door prizes as well!

Music in the Park is being underwritten by donors to the Windsor Heights Foundation annual fund, the Windsor Heights Lions Club, and grants from Prairie Meadows Community Betterment, and Polk County Community Betterment, with in-kind support from the City of Windsor Heights.

July 2	Party Gras Classic Jazz Band
July 9	Bristols (music from the 1960s)
July 16	Urbandale Community Adult Band
July 23	Hold On
July 30	Hot Club of Des Moines
August 6	Greater Des Moines Community Band
August 13	Free Style

More information at www.windsorheights.org

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National Night Out

Join us Tuesday, August 6, at Colby Park, 5-7 p.m. for National Night Out. "America's Night Out Against Crime" began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states.

National Night Out now involves over 37 million people and 15,000 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

The Windsor Heights Police Association, along with several sponsors, will be hosting free family fun, including games, photo booth, bounce houses, crash test dummies and McGruff the Crime Dog. Meet your Windsor Heights Police Officers and Fire/EMS Personnel. Meet Argos, our K-9 officer and see a demonstration of his skills. Weather permitting; the KCCI helicopter will be on display. There

will be prizes and drawings, including two bikes, provided by Wal-Mart. The Windsor Heights Hy-Vee will sponsor free hot dogs and hamburgers (while supplies last). Popcorn will be sponsored by the Windsor Heights Foundation. Other snacks and drinks will be provided free of charge while supplies last.

This year we are excited to help area schools by collecting school supplies for students in need. Bring new items like notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, markers, rulers, etc. We will divide the supplies between Windsor Elementary, Clive Elementary and Cowles Montessori.

We hope you can attend our event. Please contact Officer Amanda Woods at 515-645-6829 or awoods@windsorheights.org if you have any questions.



Stormwater Ordinance

After years of degradation of Walnut and North Walnut Creeks from the effects of stormwater runoff, the City of Windsor Heights has enacted a new ordinance that will manage stormwater runoff from redevelopment projects in the future.

As the city developed, all of the stormwater generated from streets, parking lots, roof tops and other impervious surfaces was directed by pipes to the creeks without any treatment, causing flooding and erosion of the creek banks. The Windsor Heights Planning Commission and City Council began work in March of 2013 to develop an ordinance that protects the creeks and treats stormwater runoff as a sustainable resource instead of a waste product.

The ordinance is based on the concepts of Better Site Design and Low Impact Development, which protects open spaces, reduces impervious surfaces through more effective site design, manages stormwater runoff on site through practices like rain gardens that promote infiltration and filtration of the runoff, capture and reuse of the runoff to provide irrigation, and the use of native plantings to reduce the need for fertilization and irrigation.

"This is a first of its kind step to encourage effective stormwater management and sustainability as we look to the redevelopment of our commercial areas in Windsor Heights," said City Administrator Jeff Fiegenschuh.

Please see the City's website at www.windsorheights.org or contact Sheena Danzer at City Hall if you would like to learn more about promoting sustainable practices in Windsor Heights.



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Solid Waste Collection

New solid waste carts will be delivered to Windsor Heights residents on July 19, 2013. The new carts are tan with black lids, and have the Metro Waste Authority logo stamped on the side. They are being provided to residents free of charge.

When you receive your new cart, please roll your new cart back to your house the day you receive it. Do not transfer your garbage from your old cart to your new cart. You can start using your new cart AFTER the July 19 collection day.

Residents should set out their old cart (with your garbage in it) on July 19, and should LEAVE THE OLD CART AT THE CURB after it is emptied. Crews will be around that day to collect the old carts. The order and timing in which the new carts are delivered and old carts are emptied and taken away will not necessarily be the same.

How Much will I Pay?

Residents will continue to pay the same monthly solid waste collection fee of \$10.78, which includes garbage and recycling collection. No fee will be charged for the new cart. Contact Windsor Heights City Hall at 515-279-3662 if you have questions about rates.

New Large and Extra Item Stickers

Current large item pick-up stickers and extra trash tags will be expiring on June 30, 2013. If you have these old stickers, please use them before they expire. Effective July 1, ORANGE Metro Waste Authority tags must be used. These new tags will be sold at City Hall and local grocery stores for the same low price of \$5.00 or \$1.00, respectfully.

Please contact Metro Waste Authority at 244-0021 or www.WhereItShouldGo.com if you have questions.

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Animal Control279-3662

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

JULY & AUGUST 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	2 Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	3	4 July 4th Parade and Activities (Colby Park)	5	6
7	8	9 Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	10	11	12 Movie in the Park: Rise of the Guardians 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	13
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NEWS BRIEFS

Junior Detectives

The Windsor Heights Police Department is accepting enrollment for our new Junior Detective class. Children will work with Windsor Heights Police Officers to solve a mock crime and are taught criminal investigative techniques. They will learn the difference between theft, burglary and robbery. They will view a mock burglary video, process fingerprints and other evidence found at the crime scene. The class will be Tuesday, July 23, 9-11 a.m. The class is for ages 7-12 and the cost is \$10.00/child. The class is limited to a maximum of 10 participants. Please contact Officer Woods at 645-6829 or awoods@windsorheights.org for registration or questions.



Young Professional Group

The Windsor Heights Young Professional Group (WHYPro) is a meaningful networking organization of dedicated, talented young professionals who either live, work or are acquainted with Windsor Heights, Iowa. WHYPro started with a simple agenda, to enrich our community by uniting and developing our young professionals. We invite you to help build this momentum by joining WHYPro. For only \$35 a year, there are many ways to participate and contribute — review our page on the Windsor Heights Chamber's website at www.windsorheightschamber.com to learn more about the opportunities.

Reminder Regarding Grass Clippings

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn NOT the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains.

Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain. The grass clippings can form blockages in the storm drains or flow down Walnut Creek. Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways.

Also, please remember that City Code requires the growth of grass or weeds can be not be over 6 inches in height!

Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition

Formed in 2012, the Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition (WCWC) is dedicated to partnering with local governments, businesses, non-governmental organizations and individuals to promote and encourage sustainable management of the Walnut Creek Watershed. This grassroots organization began with people gathering for a creek clean-up and has expanded to include a broad range of projects, intent upon protecting and improving Walnut Creek's water quality and fostering a sense of ownership and stewardship among those who live, work, and play within this watershed.

The primary focus of the Coalition is promoting an awareness of our place in the watershed. Having residents become aware that this waterway is named Walnut Creek or North Walnut Creek, and is in the Walnut Creek Watershed is a key early step. To that end, the WCWC partnered with the City of Windsor Heights to install watershed signs at the Walnut Creek Bridge on 73rd street and the North Walnut Creek Bridge on College Avenue. Signs are also going up next to the creeks along the Windsor Heights Trails and in Colby Park. Through raising this awareness, hopefully people will think how their actions impact the creek, and they'll be encouraged to make their impact a positive one.

The WCWC has also begun a rain barrel program to reduce run-off into Walnut Creek. Through a partnership with the City of Windsor Heights to start, the WCWC hopes to expand this program to other communities and schools in the Walnut Creek Watershed. The intent of the Windsor Heights rain barrel program to not only provide a rain barrel to residents who wish to have one, but to allow residents to take an active role in reducing storm water runoff. The WCWC has provided rain barrels to the City of Windsor Heights at no cost, with the proceeds used to maintain the program in perpetuity. Stormwater runoff is a serious issue, as is water conservation. Through purchasing a rain barrel (or two) a resident can make a positive impact right in their very own backyard.

The WCWC will continue to support other local groups and municipalities, working together to promote sustainability and education from a watershed approach.