

Stormwater Basics

MANAGING STORM WATER IN OUR COMMUNITY

Storm water can pose a risk to our water resources. Pollutants in stormwater can impact lakes, streams and rivers. New programs to control storm water pollution are being adopted by our community.

WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

Storm water runoff is rainfall or snowmelt that runs off impervious surfaces like roads, buildings, and compacted soils. Storm water runoff is collected and conveyed through storm sewers directly into streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated.

THE PROBLEM

Pollutants accumulate on impervious surfaces between rainfall events. Frequent, small rains wash pollutants into streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants negatively impact water quality.

As communities grow, impervious areas increase. Greater impervious surfaces cause the volume and rate of stormwater runoff to increase. This can result in flooding, stream channel degradation, and increased water pollution in our surface waters.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

The traditional approach to storm water management focuses primarily on flood control. Today, our city is required to manage for both water quality and quantity by

using practices that infiltrate more rainfall and reduce the volume of storm water runoff.

STORM WATER REGULATIONS IN OUR CITY

To comply with new federal regulations, our city is required to implement a new storm water management program. Some requirements include:

1. Managing storm water runoff for water quality protection,
2. Reducing sediment loss from construction sites,
3. Developing ordinances to meet program goals,
4. Inspecting storm drain outlets for unwanted discharges, and
5. Providing public education and involvement.

AWARENESS & RESPONSIBILITY

Daily activities can impact water quality. Most rainfall drains untreated to streams and lakes through storm drains in neighborhoods. There are many ways you can prevent storm water pollution:

1. Wash your car at a carwash or on the lawn, not the driveway,
2. Re-direct roof drains to gardens or other vegetated areas,
3. Properly dispose of all hazardous household waste
4. Minimize use of fertilizers, and
5. Clean up after your pets.

Is Your Number Up?

If you have an emergency in your home or business, emergency personnel cannot help you if they cannot find you. When you call the Windsor Heights Fire Department to request assistance, a vital piece of information is your address.

It is important that you have your address visible so that emergency vehicles responding to your aid will be able to reach the scene in a timely manner.

Numerical addresses for each building should be at least 4 inches in height, contrasting color, and readily visible from the roadway. It is also helpful if the numbers are reflective so they're visible at night.

By posting your home or business numbers, you will be helping the Windsor Heights Fire Department help you without unnecessary delays. If you need more information regarding the placement of your address, please contact the Windsor Heights Fire Department at 279-9450.



More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt



What: Annual Windsor Heights Easter Egg Hunt

Where: Colby Park

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2013

Ages: Three Age Groups:
3 years and under; 4-7 years old; 8-12 years old

Prizes: Eggs marked with stars get a prize!

Welcome New City Administrator



Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, Windsor Heights' new City Administrator comes to our community with over nine years of municipal management experience. Jeff began his career as the City Administrator in David City, NE before moving with his family to become the City Administrator in Sac City, IA in 2005. From 2008 through 2011 Jeff proudly served as the City Manager in Princeton, IL. Most recently he served as the Village Administrator in Shorewood, IL. Jeff earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State College and his MPA from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Jeff is married to Crystal Fiegenschuh and has three wonderful children; Courtney (16), Abbey (12) & Carter (10).

According to Mr. Fiegenschuh he wants to continue to build upon the past success of the community. "Windsor Heights has a great tradition of excellence and I'm excited to work with Mayor Sullivan, the City Council, City staff and our residents to continue this proud tradition."

Please feel free to call or stop by to visit Jeff. His direct phone number is 645-6808.



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End of Life Issues Presentations

The Windsor Heights Foundation will be hosting a series of topical seminars titled "How to Feel Secure about End of Life Issues." The series will be held on five Thursday evenings, April 11 through May 2, from 7:00-8:15 p.m., at the Community and Events Center in Colby Park, Windsor Heights.

Information will be provided about many decisions you may want to consider, such as funeral planning, proper titling of assets, minimizing estate taxes, and financial planning considerations.

Experts will lead each nightly topic:

- April 11: Planning your Funeral—what you should know and do
- April 18: Wills and Probate—ensuring your assets go where you intend
- April 25: Substitute Powers—how others can make decisions when you can't
- May 2: Trusts—the power to protect and the flexibility to preserve
- May 9: Financial Planning—are you following your plan, including pre-retirement planning?

You may attend all or any of the sessions. The cost for one session is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. The cost for all five sessions is \$10/person or \$20 per couple. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required. For information or to register, contact George Hanusa at 255-6367 or geojanh@msn.com.

CONTACT US! City of Windsor Heights

Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/Fire286-3632
City Hall279-3662

MayorJerry Sullivan

Council Members:

- Diana Willits
- Charlene Butz
- Betty Glover
- Dave Jenison
- Dave Burgess

City AdministratorJeff Fiegenschuh

Chief Financial Officer.....Carrie Kruse

Fire ChiefChristopher Cross

Police ChiefDennis McDaniel

Public Works Director Jason Van Ausdall

Police Department:

Police Dispatch286-3632
Police Admin/Records277-4453
Police Investigations277-4455

Fire Department279-3662

Public Works Dept.279-3662

Colby Park Reservations279-3662

Building Inspector279-3662

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.

MARCH & APRIL 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Easter Egg Hunt 9 am (Colby Park)
31	1 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

NEWS BRIEFS

Sustainable Living Educational Series

Last year the City of Windsor Heights hosted the first ever Sustainable Living Spring educational series at the Community and Events Center in Windsor Heights' Colby Park. Due to its success we have put together a 2013 Program with the help of a Metro Waste Authority Grant. These educational presentations will be free of charge to attend and will cover a wide variety of topics.

- Thursday, March 21, 5:30-7:00: Trees Forever presentation on their programs and processes, projects and funding sources. Basic tree care and an introduction to the new Tree Keeper's program will also be presented.
- Thursday, April 18, 5:30-7:00: Darren Fife, a resident of Windsor Heights and member of the Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition will show other residents how simple it can be to create your own rain barrel. A rain barrel program will be discussed for Windsor Heights residents which was made possible through a grant received by Metro Waste Authority.
- Thursday, May 16, 5:30-7:00: 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.

Please RSVP your attendance to one or all of these free events, to Sheena Danzer at sdanzer@windsorheights.org.

Iowa One Call

Residents undertaking projects involving digging and excavating are reminded to call Iowa One Call. Under Iowa statute if you plan to dig deeper than 12 inches, you are required to make the toll-free call at least 48 hours before digging. 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.

At Your Service

Residents experiencing slow drains and/or sewer back ups are encouraged to call the Public Works department at 279-3662. Public Works will check the main and clean any blockages. Blockages located in the home sewer system are the responsibility of the home owner. Windsor Heights has a scheduled inspection and maintenance program. Be advised, according to case law, municipalities cannot be held responsible for any damage resulting from sewer back-ups if they maintain an inspection and maintenance program.

WH Foundation Annual Campaign

The Windsor Heights Foundation Board of Directors has again experienced a successful annual fund campaign and wishes to thank the more than 170 donors who contributed a total of \$9,062. Gifts ranged in amounts from \$5 to \$500, and included \$775 from 24 new donors.

Among the gifts were those given in memory of Marylynn Bennink, Bill Skirnick, Loren E. Cracraft, Jim Hamilton, Lyle Christensen, Dr. Richard Wooters, Ryan Sims, and Pat Moreland; and in honor of George and Phyllis Krumrey, Loren Cracraft, and Nora Turner.

In addition, grants have been awarded to the Windsor Heights Foundation from the Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts, Prairie Meadows Community Betterment and Polk County Community Betterment.

The Foundation relies on these gifts and grants to finance the popular free Music in the Park summer concert series, the Windsor Heights July 4th celebration and to support other projects that benefit the community. Most recently that included a grant to the City of Windsor Heights Police Department in support of the K-9 unit. Projects pending include financing additions to the Colby Park playground.

This year's Music in the Park concert series will include traditional favorite performing groups and a polka band. The weekly concerts begin June 11, 7 p.m.

A special program this year will be a series on "How to Feel Secure About End of Life Issues," with five sessions on Thursday nights, April 11 through May 9, 7-8:15 p.m. Held at the Community and Events Center in Colby Park, the sessions will deal with wills and probate, trusts, funeral planning, substitute powers and financial planning.

Those wishing to become part of the Foundation donor group should make their check out to the Windsor Heights Foundation and mail it to the Foundation at 1133 66th St., Windsor Heights, IA 50324.

If you wish to consider how to make a long-lasting gift to the Windsor Heights Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact George Hanusa at 255-6367 or geojanh@msn.com.