



Oktoberfest, Windsor Heights' annual fall festival, will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 2 to 6 pm at Colby Park. In the tradition of celebrating the German Oktoberfest with the festivities of Halloween, there will be plenty of good reasons to get out and enjoy the many activities being offered in Colby Park.

Featured entertainment will be a polka band, hands-on workshops for children, hearty German fare, beverages, for sale and more. You will be able to stand behind a life size cut-out

and have your picture taken in a Bavarian scene.

This Oktoberfest also invites you and your pet to dress up for costume contests. Come early for pumpkins to be given to the first 50 people to carve, display, and take home.

In true Windsor Heights style, the Windsor Heights Oktoberfest has something for everyone. Watch for the schedule at www.windsorheights.org. and in future publicity. Volunteers are needed and may sign up by calling Tracy at 645-6821.

Do Business Windsor Heights

With the generous sponsorship of the Windsor Heights Chamber, DO BUSINESS WINDSOR HEIGHTS is well on its way to creating a powerful group for business professionals and owners.

What is a business brainstorm group? Business professionals gather with others in a trusted collective to foster relationships, share solutions to challenges, energize their plans and focus on growing their businesses. Sherry Borzo, our Executive Director, and owner of her own business leads up this group. She explains what business brainstorm groups have meant for her in the past, "I worked with a small band of women business owners and learned tons about marketing, pricing, and generating real ideas for the future. They were encouraging, knew what I was talking about and why I was excited. We formed lasting friendships that organically led to getting business as well as strengthening my skills."

We've launched DO BUSINESS with great success. Our first several meetings generated terrific interest and sup-

port from business owners, city staff and city council representatives. Now we're going to roll up our sleeves and do some soul-searching and mind-bending thinking! This team-building with a trusted team of like-minded professionals that just "get it" are the folks who you know and trust to provide feedback as you work to build your business. Currently the group is accepting members and is in "open season" for participation.

How to join. Look for DO BUSINESS WINDSOR HEIGHTS events on the WH Chamber website calendar. They meet the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and have recently moved the venue to Jimmy's Big Ten on 8th Street in West Des Moines. They also send out reminders via the Chamber newsletter and can be found on Meetup.com where members can post their business information, as well as leave comments and questions.

The DO BUSINESS brainstorm group is just one more way that the Windsor Heights Chamber is stepping up to provide value for our members.

Junior Detectives Wanted

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, September 18, 5-7 p.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.



More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

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Protecting our Community

Let the Windsor Heights Police Department help you, help us. With the possibility of criminal activity in or around our neighborhood, we would like to bring our community together to prevent crime to our property.

Thieves typically look for targets of opportunity when determining where their victim. There are many things you can do as a homeowner to avoid becoming a victim, especially when you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time for any reason.

- Arrange for the Windsor Heights Police Department to watch your house.
- Have you mail and deliveries held or picked up by a neighbor or someone you trust.
- If possible, leave a car in your driveway. Ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway while you are away.
- Be sure to check all windows and doors throughout your house, including the garage, basement, and second floor, making sure they are secure. These areas are often forgotten and make easy access into your home.
- Arrange with neighbors you trust to check your house regularly and leave them a number where you can be reached.
- Don't tell everyone about your vacation plans, this includes posting it on social media.
- If possible, have lights on the inside and outside of your house turned off and on with a timer.
- Before leaving, make an inventory of your property, listing all serial numbers and model numbers available.

In the worst case scenario, should you return home to find your house has been broken into, do not enter it. Call the police from a neighbor's phone or your cell phone.

Home security checks are free service offered to residents of Windsor Heights. Please contact Officer Woods at 645-6829 or awoods@windsorheights.org to make your personalized appointment today. Please allow at least an hour for the appointment.

Fall Leaves and Stormwater



Summer is winding down and the bright, brilliant colors of fall are beginning to fill our trees and lawns. With turn of the season, leaves begin to fall. Please help keep our stormwater intakes free and clear of leaves and debris as you rake your lawns. Do not rake your leaves into the street as they will eventually end up in the stormwater intakes and the storm sewer, potentially clogging the pipes and causing flooded streets and possible homes. Windsor Heights stormwater flows in underground culverts, open ditches and creeks, and eventually finds its way to the Raccoon River, which is the source of our drinking water. Clean stormwater runoff helps protect aquatic life, and helps make our drinking water cleaner and safer too!



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Trail and Street Closures

Walnut Creek Trail Closure

Due to unforeseen issues, the contractor will need an additional three to four weeks to construct the Interstate bridge over the trail and creek. This will require the trail to remain closed until approximately September 20, weather permitting. If you have any questions, please contact IDOT at (515) 261-9501.

73rd Street from Wilshire Street and Hickman Road

73rd Street in Windsor Heights between Wilshire Street and Hickman Road (one block) is closed to both northbound and southbound traffic through mid-November. The Contractor will be expanding the intersection and turn lanes of 73rd Street at Hickman Road, while providing new concrete roadway and complete pavement markings during the closure period. The project area will be open to local traffic only and will reopen in mid-November, weather permitting. Alternate routes south on 63rd and 70th Streets are encouraged, to reduce congestion in the area. Traffic in and around the affected area should exercise caution, as delays will occur.

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

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day City Offices Closed	3 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	17	18 WH Chamber Golf Outing 11 a.m. (Waveland Golf)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 Oktoberfest 2-6 p.m. (Colby Park)
6	7 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	22	23 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	24	25	26 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 7:30am-12:00pm (Colby Park)

NEWS BRIEFS

Chamber Annual Golf Event

Join us for our Annual Golf Event at Waveland Golf Course on September 18. Tee off time is 11:00 am. If you have questions or are interested in sponsorship please email Sherry at windsorheightschamber@live.com

New City Website

The City of Windsor Heights new website will be up and running by the end of August. The new site address will remain the same as the current site: www.windsorheights.org. Please let us know what you think of your new site. A committee comprised of staff and council members worked hard to create a website that is more user-friendly and easier to navigate. We know you will find the updates to be a nice addition.

Rain Barrels for Sale

The City of Windsor Heights still has rain barrels for purchase at \$50. We are limiting them to one per household. Interested persons can come into City Hall, purchase and take home a rain barrel the same day. Just make sure you can fit one in your vehicle! They can easily fit into the backseat of a standard sized car. If there are any questions, please contact Sheena Danzer at 515-645-6826 or sdanzer@windsorheights.org.

Beggar's Night

Ghosts and goblins will be in the neighborhood for trick-or-treating on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00- 8:00 pm. Turn on your porch light if you would like to host little visitors. Please be extra careful while driving at this time as well.

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.



Your City Government at Work

It's been a great summer in Windsor Heights. I want to thank the Windsor Heights Community Foundation for all their hard work in putting on another successful year of Music in the Park. I hear compliments all the time about this event and have seen first-hand the number of people it brings to our community. I also want to thank Police Chief Dennis McDaniel and the entire Police Department for their efforts putting together Windsor Heights' National Night out on August 6. This event truly epitomizes the meaning of community policing. The smiles on the kids' faces alone made the entire event worth it. If you haven't had a chance to meet the two newest members of our team at City Hall, stop in and say hello. Danielle Nelson, our new Professional Admin Assistant, has worked for the City since April, and Chris Reischl, our newest Police Officer, began in May.

I have been hearing numerous concerns from residents about the condition of our streets. I want everyone to know this issue is a top priority for the City Council and me. Last May during our annual goal setting session, the City Council instructed staff to make a street project a top priority for the coming year. For the past several months staff has been working with our engineer to develop a plan for street resurfacing and reconstruction. This fall, I will present a \$2.5 million street preservation and reconstruction plan to the City Council. If approved, the City will move forward with financing the project this fall with the intent to begin the project in late spring or early summer 2014. There will be more news about this project in future newsletters.

As always, feel free to contact me at City Hall with any questions or concerns you might have.

Regards,
 Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, ICMA-CM
 City Administrator