

# Windsor Heights Chamber: What is It All About?

Slightly more than a decade ago, a group of Windsor Heights business professionals got together to form a business group, which then evolved into the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce. It was seen as important by many that Windsor Heights have a chamber to support and maintain our community's sovereignty. The Chamber would work with the City of Windsor Heights government in tandem to help grow the business community.

It seems that we have to work a lot harder these days to maintain our independence. Our borders are immobile and so in order to stay viable Windsor Heights must build the business community to increase revenues. More commercial development helps make us a destination for shopping and brings more traffic and sales for the businesses already here. All of this benefits the residents in Windsor Heights.

Somehow pitching the importance of the Windsor Heights Chamber to anyone who is not a member is an uphill battle. But we continue to wave our flag because of the people who have stood up for community growth. Lots of good work and relationships have resulted from their efforts! But, there is more work to be done. So What has the Chamber done for me? Why is it worth it?

The many benefits we provide for our members:

- A new young professional group.
- The launch of the first shop local expo for members to promote and share their business services this November 7.
- A new and improved web presence to list your events and find out more about Chamber and Greater Des Moines Partnership (GDMP) events
- A business brainstorming group that meets one Tuesday evening a month.
- Promotion and advertising opportunities via our newsletter, web and calendar.
- The lowest membership dues in the area that permit businesses to tie in to all the resources offered by the GDMP.

## Residential Swimming Pools

It is City Code that any pool with a minimum depth of 18 inches or can hold over 100 gallons of water needs to have a barrier of at least 6 feet enclosing the pool. What some may not know is that the code also applies to the common blue inflatable pools that can be purchased at a local retail center. The pools available for purchase are typically 36 inches in depth and hold over 100 gallons of water. Another code requirement is that gates and doors providing access to the pool shall be equipped with self-closing and self-locking devices and gates and doors need to be securely closed when the pool is not in use.

Are you still wondering if there is any benefit for you to join the Chamber? If you care about growing your business and helping the community of Windsor Heights, please consider becoming a member. If you are a small business trying to grow into a big business – and dollars are hard for you right now – step up with some volunteer time in lieu of dollars. Talk to us about how to offset membership dues, until you grow bigger. However you go about it, join us, roll up your sleeves and dig in! Work with the Chamber as we advocate for Windsor Heights, and for your own business. You can help us grow as you help your own business become what you want it to be. It's a win-win!

### Upcoming Windsor Heights Chamber Events

#### July After Work Social

Thursday, July 11, 6 p.m.  
515 Brewing Co.

#### Chamber Luncheon

Monday, July 15, Noon-1 p.m.  
Speaker Leng Vong Reiff of Akili Design  
Jimmy's Big 10

#### WHYPRO Power Luncheon

Wednesday, July 24, Noon-1 p.m.  
Windsor Heights Community and Events Center  
\$10 for lunch

#### Windsor Heights Annual Golf Tourney

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m.  
Waveland Golf Course

#### Shop Where You Roost Expo

Thursday, November 7  
An expo event showcasing businesses in the community. Come shop and gather useful information from our area businesses just in time for the Holidays.

City codes may vary, so at the time of purchase a person may not know what restrictions come with it. A permit is required with the City in the amount of \$25. The City will come do the inspection when the both the pool and the barrier is up. The pool cannot be filled until there has been an approved inspection of the barrier. Fences or walls used as a barrier will need a separate permit of which are also \$25.

This code is in place to protect the safety of our small children, so please follow this code as it will be enforced. If you have questions, please contact the City Inspector at 645-6826 or [sdanzer@windsorheights.org](mailto:sdanzer@windsorheights.org).

More information at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org)

# City of Windsor Heights

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## City Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities Now Tobacco-Free

The Iowa Smokefree Air Act prohibits smoking in nearly all public places and enclosed areas. However, outdoor spaces such as parks, biking trails, and recreational facilities may still allow smoking in some areas. Because only restrooms and shelter houses are regulated under the Smokefree Air Act, the City of Windsor Heights has chosen to implement a tobacco-free parks and trails policy in an effort to uphold the overall goal of park systems, which is to promote community wellness and healthy environments.

At its July 1 meeting, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution prohibiting tobacco use in all City of Windsor Heights parks, trails, and outdoor recreational facilities. No person shall use any form of tobacco at/or on any City-owned or operated outdoor park, trail, or facility, which includes but is not limited to; any park, playground, athletic field and complex, shelters, restrooms, trails and parking lot areas. The policy however, does not cover the Community and Events Center. This tobacco-free policy incorporates all forms of tobacco including: cigarettes, spit tobacco, snus, dissolvable tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.

While it is expected that visitors will voluntarily comply with the policy, City staff will post signs and promote enforcement via community awareness measures. According to Tobacco Free Kids, more than 90% of all adults who smoke began in their teens or earlier; and more than half became regular, daily smokers before they reached the age of 19. This type of policy reinforces to youth the dangers of tobacco in hopes that they themselves will not become users.

Along with the City of Windsor Heights; Adel, Winterset, Van Meter, Dallas Center, and Perry have all recently implemented a tobacco-free parks policy with the assistance of the Central Iowa Tobacco-free Partnership (CITP). CITP is dedicated to reducing tobacco use and associated death and disease in Central Iowa. CITP serves Polk, Dallas, Warren, Jasper and Madison counties ([www.TobaccoFreePartnership.com](http://www.TobaccoFreePartnership.com)).

If you have any questions regarding the policy, please feel free to contact the Windsor Heights City Administrator Jeff Fiegenschuh at 645-6808.

## Annual Walnut Creek Clean-up

Please join us for the Fourth Annual Walnut Creek clean-up on August 31. The clean-up is great for families, scout, school groups and anyone who loves the environment and clean water. All ages are welcome to join in the clean-up.

Volunteers will meet at the Colby Park Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Gloves, trash bags, water, and snacks will be provided. We'll gather for a

photo and then head out to a number of locations along Walnut Creek and North Walnut Creek. Come out for a great day in the creek, and help clean-up this great resource.

After the clean-up, please join us for a trash tally, refreshments, and a BBQ.

Individuals or companies interested in attending should contact [whwaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:whwaterquality@gmail.com)



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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 to include 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.



## CONTACT US! 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

Mayor .....Jerry Sullivan

### Council Members:

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

City Administrator . . . . .Jeff Fiegenschuh

Chief Financial Officer. . . . .Carrie Kruse

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### Police Department:

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

Fire Department .....279-3662

Public Works Dept. ....279-3662

Colby Park Reservations .....279-3662

Building Inspector .....279-3662

Animal Control .....279-3662

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	6 National Night Out 5 p.m. (Colby Park) Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	7	8	9 Movie in the Park: The Avengers 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	10
11	12	13 Music in the Park 7 p.m. (Colby Park)	14	15 Coffee with City Admin. 6 p.m. (Community & Events Center)	16	17
18	19 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Planning & Zoning Meeting 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)	29	30	31 Walnut Creek Clean-up 10 a.m. (Colby Park)
1	2 Labor Day City Offices Closed	3 City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (City Hall)	4	5	6	7
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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.

## 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

Keep an eye out for the new City website projected to go live the first week of August! The new website will be easier to use and contain tons of great information. The website address [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) will not be changed, and it will remain the same for the new website.

### 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!

### 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

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator

Time flies when you are having fun! I can't believe it's been seven months since I took over as your new City Administrator. I apologize if I haven't had the chance to get out as much as I would like, but with new key staff hires in place I'm beginning to connect within our community and the Des Moines metro.

Our community has so much to offer our residents, business owners and 8,000-plus commuters that travel through town daily. As we move forward this summer, some of the key priorities the Council has set that I will be working on include a multi-year street improvement program, focusing on sustainability issues, redevelopment projects, reaching out to our business community and continue finding efficient and effective ways to run City government.

Later this summer I will be hosting my first coffee with the City Administrator where I will present the FY 14 budget and go over many of the topics listed above.

Be on the lookout for the City's new website as well. The new site will be more user-friendly and contain additional information about your City government.

Feel free to contact me at City Hall or via email at [jfiegenschuh@windsorheights.org](mailto:jfiegenschuh@windsorheights.org). I look forward to meeting everyone and working to continue moving Windsor Heights forward!

And, Oh yea, Go Red Sox!

Regards,

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, ICMA-CM  
City Administrator