

Save Our Sewers

You may have noticed the big trucks connected throughout Windsor Heights to manholes in the middle of the street. These trucks are part of a slipling process in which the city is investing to protect our sanitary sewers for future generations. But homeowners need to also consider updating their own private sewer line, which is from your house to the sewer line under the street.

Partially forgivable loans are available to homeowners who need to make upgrades to their sewer. The loans are up to 50 percent forgivable, depending on property owners' income levels. The loans are administered through the Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC). As part of the NFC loan, if the homeowner resides in the home for 5 years, the forgivable portion of the loan will be 100% forgiven at the end of the 5th year. We are excited to be able to offer this to residents, thanks to the partnership and support with Polk County, the Urbandale-Windsor Heights Sanitary Sewer District and the Neighborhood Finance Corporation. However, there is a finite amount of funding available to provide the forgivable portion of the loan. In other words, future funding levels for the S.O.S. program are uncertain so this may be available for a limited time only.

City staff has developed material explaining the issue in further detail, available at www.windsorheights.org or at city hall. For more details about the financial assistance program, you can call the Neighborhood Finance Corporation at 515-246-0010 or visit www.neighborhoodfinance.org. As always, feel free to call city hall at 279-3662.

Most Beautiful Yard Contest

The Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee is proud to announce this year's winners of the Most Beautiful Yard contest. Residents had nominated seven yards in the competition, all of which had strong appeal.

The first place winner with the city's most beautiful yard is Larry and Dee Ann Wilson at 1902 80th Street. The two runner-ups are Linda Hickman at 7160 Sunrise Blvd and Russell Youngquist at 1810 76th Street. Selection of the finalists was very difficult.

The winner received a beautifully decorated garden stone made by a local artist and the runner-ups received \$50 gift certificates to Wild Birds Unlimited, which helped support the contest.

Canine Dog Support: "Thank You!"

The Windsor Heights Police Department would like to say a special "thank you" to all of the businesses and community members that have stepped forward to support the on-going fundraising efforts to add a dual purpose canine (police dog) to the police department. This spring, the department announced an effort to raise \$15,000 for the purchase and training of the animal. As of mid-August that goal has been reached!

Over the last few months countless residents have offered their support through purchasing supporter t-shirts, offering monetary donations, and speaking out in support of the idea. We would like to give special recognition to the following organizations and persons that offered official sponsorship: Platinum donors: 3E and Walmart; Gold level sponsors: Kenny & Gyl, KelTek Inc., Windsor Heights Foundation, Hy-Vee, Sam's Club; Silver donors: Stew Hansen's Dodge, Andy McBeth & Dave Jenison, Networks Inc., Dairy Queen; Bronze level sponsors: Premium Solutions, Windsor Heights Police Association, Matt & Mindy Brick, Carpenter Uniform, Matt Cale State Farm, and Racom Corporation.

Officer Bill Canada has been selected to be the dog's handler and will begin his five-week training with the animal on September 3. In early October, the canine and handler will certify with the Heart of America Police Dog Association as a patrol dog and in narcotics detection. The department expects Officer Canada and his new partner to be serving the area before the end of October. In the future, the police department will be offering canine demonstrations and safety talks throughout the community. Again, thank you to all who have been supportive of this effort.

Swing Des Moines Dance Classes

Four-week classes are \$30 per person. Members of Swing Des Moines pay half price. No partner necessary and no experience necessary for any level I class. Classes begin in September and will feature the Jitterbug and Charleston. In October learn the Lindy and continue on with the Jitterbug. November will feature a swing class. For more information, visit www.windsorheights.org. To register, please email or call Swing Des Moines, register online at www.swingdesmoines.com, or mail this form with payment to Swing Des Moines, 4200 Kingman Blvd, Des Moines IA 50311.

More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Windsor Heights Oktoberfest blends traditional Oktoberfest with Halloween. The Windsor Heights family friendly Oktoberfest is the area's premier fall celebration with fun for children and adults. The festival begins at 2 pm at Colby Park on Saturday, October 6.

In true Windsor Heights style, the Windsor Heights Oktoberfest has something for everyone. From interactive inflatables and activities for children to the free performance of an award winning polka band and a strolling accordion player, it is a not to be missed celebration geared to all

ages and members of a family.

Combined with Halloween, this Oktoberfest invites you and your pet to dress up for fantastic costume contests. Additionally, the perennial favorite pumpkin carving contest, where pumpkins will be available to carve, is going to show off participant's artistry.

And, don't forget to bring your appetites. Traditional German food of brats and sausages will be for sale, sponsored by the Windsor Heights Police Association. Other refreshments including beer and soft drinks will also be available to purchase.

For more information, go to www.windsorheights.org. Parking is available in the Park and around the side streets. There is no admission to attend Oktoberfest, nor parking fees. Tickets for the inflatables will be sold for \$1/each. Artwork and fresh produce from local sources will also be for sale.

<p>Saturday</p> <p>October 6</p> <p>at</p> <p>Colby Park</p>	2:00-6:00 pm	Brats, sausages, and other refreshments
	2:00-6:00 pm	Interactive inflatables, pony rides
	2:00-6:00 pm	Artwork and local produce for sale
	2:00-3:00 pm	Strolling accordion player
	2:00-4:00 pm	Pumpkin carving contest
	2:30 pm	Kids costume contest
	2:30-5:30 pm	Drake's Heartland Mini Railroad
	2:30-5:30 pm	Hands-on workshops
	3:00-6:00 pm	Polka band and dancers
	3:30 pm	Pet costume contest
3:30-5:30 pm	Balloon animals	
4:00 pm	Contest winners announced	
4:00-6:00 pm	Hula hoops	



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Windsor Heights Fall Clean-Up

Join Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee on Saturday, September 22 for the Windsor Heights Annual Fall Clean-up Day! Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier! Bring your family, your nonprofit group, your friends, or anyone else interested in making a difference in our community.

Meet us at our home base in the white tent north of Burger King on 73rd Street at 8:30-10:30 am on September 22. You'll get gloves, refuse bags, and an assigned clean-up area. Two hours of work from each of us will help keep Windsor Heights beautiful throughout fall and winter. Thanks for doing your part, and spread the word!

The clean-up day is sponsored by Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee with the help of our corporate sponsors: Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart and Mustards

Firefighters Wanted

The Windsor Heights Fire Department is recruiting paid-per-call firefighters. Making the decision to become a paid-per-call firefighter should not be taken lightly. It requires hundreds of hours of training and a strong commitment to service. The Windsor Heights Fire Department employs full-time and paid-per-call fire fighters. The paid-per-call positions are normally filled late summer to early fall of each year before the annual fire academy begins for new recruits. We are always interested in additional paid-per-call applicants that are physically fit and have time to devote to training and emergency responses. Applicants should visit the City's website at <http://www.windsorheights.org/employment.html> for the application and more information.

NEWS BRIEFS

Political Signs Placement

Election time is a popular time for temporary and civic signs. Many people choose to participate in the process by showing their support through such a sign. Temporary signs for non-profit civic campaigns or events are permitted in any zoning district. Please note, however, the maximum size sign is 10 square feet when located in a residential district. When placing the sign in your yard, choose a place that will not obstruct the clear view of vehicles and pedestrians. The signs may not be placed in the City's right-of-way. If you have any questions or need information on how to register or where to vote, please call City Hall at 279-3662.

Help Keep Stormwater Clean

With autumn around the corner, leaves soon will be falling from the trees. Residents are asked to help keep the stormwater intakes free and clear of leaves and grass clippings by please avoiding racking leaves into the street. This is because leaves in the street eventually end up in the storm sewer, clogging pipes and causing flooded streets.

Windsor Heights stormwater flows to underground culverts and creeks, and eventually find its way to the Raccoon River, which is the source for all drinking water. Clean stormwater runoff not only helps keep drinking water clean and safe, it also helps protect aquatic life.

Animal Protection and Control

Residents should remember that pets are not allowed to 'run at large'. City Code 55.01.5 defines 'at large' as being off the premises of the owner. All pets, both dogs and cats should be confined within a suitable enclosure under the control of a competent person or under the control of a person competent to restrain and control the animal, either by leash, cord, chain or similar restraint not more than 10 feet in length.

Iowa One Call

Do you have yard projects planned this spring? 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.



Figures Reflect: Colby Park is a Destination, Making life Better

The past fiscal year for the City of Windsor Heights shows the exceptional success of the Community & Events Center and Colby Park in general. From standing room only little league practices at the ballfield to the popular usage of the Pavilion for concerts and nuptials to the daily crowds of children that visit the playground, Colby Park is host to a myriad of activities. The beautiful Community & Events Center which has raised the visibility of the City, continues to generate higher than budgeted figures.

Rental Highlights (July 1, 2011 – June 30 2012)

- 291 rentals
- 41,000 attendance
- \$129,000 rental revenue

Presenting Special Events

The above attendance records do not include those in attendance for the City sponsored special events offered throughout the year, adding 7,650 participants for:

- Movies in the Park, presented by Sam's Club and Walmart
- Music in the Park, presented by the Windsor Heights Foundation
- July 4th Parade and Celebration
- Oktoberfest
- Windsor Wonderland
- Miss Wonderland Pageant
- Leap into Spring

Classes got a boost as well with offerings in exercise (Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi), drawing, egg decorating, cooking, among others. A children's summer camp and swing classes also were offered to the public.

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Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Police/Fire286-3632
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Animal Control279-3662

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Labor Day City Offices Closed	4 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 WH Chambers Annual Golf Outing	13	14	15
16	17 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	18	19	20	21	22* Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Fall Clean-up Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1 City Council Meeting 6 pm (City Hall)	2	3	4	5	6 Oktoberfest 2-6 pm (Colby Park)
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 Community Coffee Club (Grounds for Celebration)

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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.