

Spring Clean-up Day Announced

This year's Spring Clean-up will start on Thursday, May 19. Waste Management will try to collect the entire city on that Thursday, but if they are unable to complete the entire city in one day, they will return on Friday, May 20 to complete the pickup. Your "Solid Waste" should be placed on the curb by 6:00 am on Thursday, May 19. "Solid Waste" means garbage, refuse, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities. The term "solid waste" excludes yard waste, Household Hazardous Waste*, and other similarly discarded solid or semisolid materials including but not limited to such materials resulting from industrial materials, as defined by the Metro Waste Authority and may exclude other materials as defined by the Authority.

ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM THE COLLECTION

- Tires
- Vehicles and/or major auto parts
- Buildings, major building parts, or large piles of building materials
- Concrete chunks (ALL SIZES)
- Asphalt shingles over 65 lbs. in total weight
- Banned substances such as lead acid, batteries, waste oil, explosive material, medical waste, drugs, poisons, highly combustible material, paint and other toxic or hazardous substances
- Any appliances.
- Animal carcasses

For disposal options on the Items Excluded from the Collection above, go to www.MWAtoday.com.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED AT THE CURB, PREFERABLY IN BOXES OR TRASH CONTAINERS.

- All items must be put out at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick up day, and no earlier than the night before.
- Brush waste will be accepted on Friday also, provided you have the correct stickers/bags/ premium compost it container needed for your brush waste.

*The City is sponsoring a Clean-up Crew event for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Colby Park.

**The City reserves the right to refuse service if a request is not within the intent of the program or is considered unreasonable.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. Emerald ash borer is also established in Windsor, Ontario, was found in Ohio in 2003, northern Indiana in 2004, northern Illinois and Maryland in 2006, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2007, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia in summer 2008, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky in the spring of 2009, Iowa in spring of 2010, and Tennessee in the summer of 2010. Since its discovery, EAB has:

- Killed tens of millions of ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Quebec, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- Caused regulatory agencies and the USDA to enforce quarantines (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West

Virginia, Wisconsin, and Kentucky) and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.

- Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars.

As soon as the Emerald Ash Borer is found in Polk County (currently a few counties in Eastern Iowa have confirmed cases) a wood quarantine will be put into place. This means once your ash tree is removed, whether because it is diseased or not, that tree cannot leave the county without being properly treated. This could be expensive to a homeowner, business or local government. With that in mind, it is advised that any ash tree on your property be truly reviewed as to it's currently value and whether it should be removed now, instead of later, when it could be much more expensive and difficult to remove. According to city ordinance, once a tree is identified as diseased or dead, it must be removed at the homeowner's expense. If you choose not to remove your ash tree at this time, you may want to plant a replacement tree, knowing that within the coming years, that tree may die because of the Emerald Ash Borer.

See us on the Web 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. (*don't be late!*)
- Date:** Saturday, April 23
- Ages:** Three Age Groups: 3 years and under; 4-7 years old; 8-12 years old
- Prizes:** Eggs marked with stars get a prize!

KWHB Sponsors City-wide Clean-up

Spring is not so far away in Windsor Heights! In fact, the Annual Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Spring Clean-Up has been announced for Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

It has been said "many hands make light work," so the more the merrier. Bring your family, your non-profit group, your friends or anyone 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 April 16. You'll get gloves, refuse bags and an assigned clean-up area. Refreshments will also be available at the meeting site.

Two hours of work from each of us will help keep Windsor Heights beautiful! Thanks for doing your part - please spread the word! The clean-up day is sponsored by Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful committee. Refreshments and supplies are being furnished by Grounds for Celebration, HyVee and Sam's Club. We are appreciative of our corporate citizens!

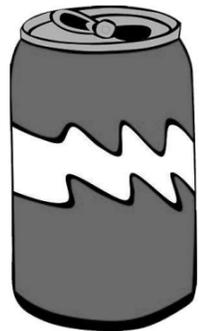


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Pop Can Drive

Do you have lots of empty pop cans and bottles laying around? The Playground Committee at Clive Elementary will be holding a redeemable can drive on Saturday, April 30 & Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the south parking lot of the school (1600 73rd St.). All you have to do is drive up and drop off. We'll take care of the rest! **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS A NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND!** This event is open to the community so please let your friends and neighbors know! Together, we CAN build a new playground for our school! Contact Aimee or David Keenan at 440.0274 with questions.



Appliance Pick-up

Midwest Recovery is announcing Windsor Heights city-wide appliance and scrap metal clean-up on May 28 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm at the Public Works Department, 6800 School St, Windsor Heights. We will be accepting your junk appliances and electronics. All appliances and electronics will be disposed of for free (except TV's and monitors). For more information, see our Web site at: www.midwestrecoveryofiowa.com.

- Items Accepted Free of Charge:**
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| Water Heaters | Exercise equipment | Computer CPU's |
| Washers/Dryers | Video game systems | VCR's |
| Freezers | Microwaves | DVD players |
| Dishwashers | Riding Mowers | Cell phones |
| Stoves | Push mowers | Printers |
| Furnaces | Backyard grills | Copiers |
| Refrigerators | Batteries | Humidifiers |
| Air Conditioners | General scrap metal | Dehumidifiers |

Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

Emergency Phone Numbers
Fire Department911
Police Department911

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers
Police/Fire286-3632
City Hall279-3662

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- Charlene Butz
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- Diana Willits

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Police Dispatch286-3632

Police Admin/Records277-4453

Police Investigations277-4455

Fire Department279-3662

Public Works Dept.279-3662

Colby Park Reservations ..279-3662

Building Inspector279-3662

Animal Control279-3662

2 City Council Meetings - 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, unless posted otherwise.

APRIL & MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	13	14	15	16 KWHB Community Clean-up 8:30 AM (Burger King)
17	18 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	19	20	21	22	23 Easter Egg Hunt (Colby Park) Community Coffee Club 9 AM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	11	12	13	14 City Wide Garage Sale
15	16 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	17	18	19	20 City Wide Spring Clean-up	21 Firefighter's Pancake Day WHAMM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Appliance Drop Off (Public Works) Community Coffee Club 9 AM

NEWS BRIEFS

City Wide Garage Sale

This year's annual Windsor Heights city wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 14. If you wish to be listed on the garage sale map, please e-mail your name, address, phone number and a few main items to: jheggen@windsorheights.org or stop by City Hall and fill out a City Wide Garage Sale form. The cost for inclusion in the City Wide Garage Sale list is \$5.00. A map of sale locations will be posted on the City's Web site and available at City Hall for potential customers. This list will NOT be published in the Des Moines Register.

Pancake Day

The Windsor Heights Firefighters Association will soon be going door-to-door selling tickets for this year's 59th Annual Pancake Day. Tickets may also be purchased at City Hall. This is the Firefighter's annual fundraiser. Residents are encouraged to purchase tickets even if they cannot attend to help support the Association. Please plan to attend on Saturday, May 21, 2011 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 (Adult) \$10.00 (Family).

July 4th Parade and Vendors

If you have a business or organization and are interested in having a float in Windsor Heights 4th of July Parade or you want to be a vendor at Colby Park on July 4th, please visit www.windsorheights.org for an application or stop by City Hall. If you have any question please call Tracy Levine at 279-3662 or email at tlevine@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 or after hours at 286-3333. 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.

Ready, set, WHAMM!

On Saturday, May 21, runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the 2011 Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon, better known as WHAMM and a perennial favorite in central Iowa. The 8:00 am walk/race benefits the individuals and families coping with muscular dystrophy and related progressive muscle diseases. The Muscular Dystrophy Association provides comprehensive medical services to over 500 people in Central Iowa.

Registration takes place at www.getmerged.com. Both the 5K Run/Walk (single loop) and the 10K (double loop) start and end at 66th and University and travel through the beautiful neighborhoods of Windsor Heights. Parking is available at the Remax parking lot, 66 & University.

Des Moines MDA Executive Director Danielle Etter notes, "WHAMM brings the community together for a worthwhile cause. It's a great opportunity to have fun and spend time with friends while helping others."

Last year's WHAMM raised over \$5,000, and it's hoped this year's event will beat that total. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate in this community wide event. Shirt and post race food will be provided to all participants, and medals to the top males and females in the 5K and 10K overall.

New this year will be a community health fair following the race where local businesses will share information and screenings, safety demonstrations and children's activities. Supporters and participants include Blood Bank of Iowa, the Mercy Hospital mammography screening, a dietician from Hy-Vee, and the Windsor Heights Police with information about car seat safety. Together with WHAMM, this add on fair is an example of how we can create environments that support health.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat muscular dystrophy and related diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, advocacy, and far-reaching professional and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

For more information about WHAMM, visit www.getmerged.com and www.fitnessports.com or contact Danielle Etter, 515-453-9489, MDA or Tracy Levine, 645-6821, City of Windsor Heights.