

KWHB City-wide Cleanup

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 21, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

It has been said "many hands make light work," so the more, the merrier! Bring your family, your nonprofit 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 a.m. 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!

Compost Season

Yard waste was banned from Iowa landfills by the State Legislature in 1989, preventing residents from throwing their grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris in the trash. To help Central Iowa comply with state law and to provide a healthier alternative to burning, Windsor Heights and Metro Waste Authority offer the Compost It! yard and garden waste program.

Garden Waste Accepted

Last year the program expanded to accept garden waste. Any fruits and vegetables that don't make it to your kitchen, are accepted in the weekly Compost It! collection. Food scraps (meat, dairy, etc.) are still NOT ACCEPTED due to the amount and the smell it generates during collection and as it decomposes at our Metro Compost Center.

Bag & Sticker Program

You can recycle yard & garden waste one of three easy ways:

1. Compost It! bags: No sticker required. \$7.75 for a bundle of five (\$1.55 per bag)
2. Generic or store-brand bags: Compost It! sticker required for each bag (\$1.15 per sticker)
3. Brush bundles : Compost It! sticker attached to each bundle \$1.15 per sticker

Where to buy Bags & Stickers: You can purchase bags and stickers at city hall, local grocery, hardware, home improvement and other stores in the metro area. A complete listing can be found on www.MWAtoday.com. NOTE: Sales tax applies to bags and stickers.

Cart Service

Residents may also participate in Compost It! by filling a 96-gallon wheeled cart with yard and garden waste. Collection is conducted weekly. Service is confirmed annually through the purchase of a sticker to attach to the cart.

Collection & Placement: Yard and garden waste is collected weekly on your regular garbage collection day. Carts are placed at the curb (please set them three feet apart at minimum).

Excess Yard Waste: Residents with excess waste can purchase bags or stickers and place the bags or stickered bundles at the curb with the cart.

To sign up, call City Hall at 279-3662 or visit the city's website. First-time participants must sign up through city hall or public works to purchase a container for (What is the amount?) a container and purchase an annual sticker for \$103.

Already participating? Be sure to purchase your 2012 sticker online at https://www.mwatoday.com/residential/compost_it_premium.aspx or visit City Hall.

To learn more about this program and how your yard and garden waste is turned into compost for local purchase, visit www.MWAtoday.com and click on Residential > Yard Waste or call 224-0021.



More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

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Ready, Set, WHAMM!

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon (WHAMM) on Saturday, May 19, at 8:00 a.m. Whether you're novice running and want to run the 5k or training for the Dam to Dam race and want to run the 10k, this run is both challenging and rewarding. Registration is open, now is the time to start training! All proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Register for WHAMM at www.getmeregistered.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. Shirt, post-race food, and medals to the top males and females in the 5K and 10K overall.

Following the race, visit the health fair with local businesses sharing information and screenings, safety demonstrations and children's activities. Together with WHAMM, this add on fair is an example of how we can create environments that support health.

For more information, contact Jenna Knox at 453-9494 (MDA) or Tracy Levine at 645-6821 (City of Windsor Heights).

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 160 donors who contributed a total of \$8,300. Gifts ranged in amounts from \$5 to \$250, and included over \$1,100 from 22 new donors.

Among the gifts were those given in memory of Jerry Orman, James P. Lensing, Leon Eggers and Mary Lou Warford and in honor of Bobby and Sheri Horner and Mildred Harmon who will be 100 years old in May.

In addition, grants have been awarded to the Windsor Heights Foundation - \$400 from BRAVO Greater Des Moines, \$1,000 from Prairie Meadows Community Betterment, and a grant pending from 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 to support the February 29 "Leap Into Spring" event held at the Windsor Heights Community and Events Center.

This year's Music in the Park concert series begins Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m., with the Ralph Zarnow Orchestra, directed by Dan Hartzler. One concert will be on Sunday afternoon, July 1, instead of Tuesday, July 3.

A highlight this year will be a concert on July 31 by a 20 piece brass band from Altenmedingen, Germany. A German supper will precede that concert, more information coming soon.

Those wishing to become part of the donor group should make their check out to the Windsor Heights Foundation and mail 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 email geojanh@msn.com.



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“Thank you!” to the Community

At the end of 2011, the police department received word that it would receive an award from the National Association of Town Watches (NATW) for agency and community partnership involving this city’s celebration held on August 2nd for National Night Out. For this event the police department partnered with the community to collect “goodies” and resources to send to troops overseas serving in Afghanistan. One of Windsor Heights’ own police officers was serving as a First Sergeant with the Air National Guard at an airbase where troops were being treated for wounds suffered in battle and being stabilized prior to airlift to Germany.

WHPD Officer Hector Arias worked to coordinate the donations received from the city and had them re-disseminated among troops through the Wounded Warrior Project and to service men and women serving at forward operating bases that didn’t have regular access to “treats” or personal care products. Because of this overwhelming show of support by our community, we donated over 800 pounds of materials! The NATW chose to recognize our police department as a National Award winner. The Windsor Heights Police department was one of only 31 departments across the nation in its class (population under 15,000), and the only one in the state of Iowa that received this recognition.

We are proud of this award, grateful to the council and Mayor for their support, and for the outstanding community effort given to the men and women that choose to serve our country. And because of this outpouring of resources by the community, we have decided to make a community service project a part of each year’s National Night Out celebration. We are currently looking for suggestions of worthwhile organizations to target for our 2012 event that is scheduled for August 7, at Colby Park.

Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

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Colby Park Reservations ..279-3662

Building Inspector279-3662

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

APRIL & MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	3	4	5 WH Chamber Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM (Community Center)	6	7 Easter Egg Hunt 9 AM (Colby Park)
8	9	10 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	11	12	13	14
15	16 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	17	18	19 Sustainability Series 6 PM (Community Center)	20	21 Spring CleanUp 8:30 AM (Burger King Parking Lot)
22	23	24	25	26 Sustainability Series 6 PM (Community Center)	27	28 Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	8 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	9	10	11	12 KWHB Plant Exchange 9 AM (Lions Park)
13	14	15	16	17	18 City-wide Spring Pickup Day	19 WHAMM 8 AM Firefighters Pancake Day 8 AM (City Hall)
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NEWS BRIEFS

City Wide Grage Sale

This year’s annual Windsor Heights city wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 12. 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 60th 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 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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, 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.



Cleanup Day

This year’s Spring Clean-up will start on Friday, May 18. Your “Solid Waste” should be placed on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18. “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. Please visit www.windsorheights.org for a complete list of items that are excluded from the pickup.

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

Sustainable Community

The Community and Events Center has hosted three events this year focusing on sustainability and the environment we all live in. So far, a watershed analysis has been shared, 3E showed how you can save money and electricity with simple home upgrades and information on the Windsor Heights-Urbandale Sanitary Sewer District’s Save our Sewer (S.O.S.) Program. The next informational meeting is:

April 19 • 6:00 pm • Community and Events Center
Did you know the roof of a house literally sheds thousands of gallons every rain event? That water can be harvested and used to help water your lawn, plants, and gardens. But all too often, that water rushes into our stormwater system and ultimately to our streams, leading to increased flow that eats away at the stream bed, causing erosion, siltation, and flash flooding. Rain barrels are not a new idea. Constructing and installing them on your house may seem like a lot of work, when in reality, it is fairly simple. Join us this April to learn about rain barrels, different types and sizes and installation of rain barrels for your house.

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