

Miss Wonderland Pageant

The first Miss Wonderland Pageant, held at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center on the evening of Thursday, December 1, was a terrific success with 18 contestants and more than 100 people in attendance. Colleen Kelly of Big Ken and Colleen in the Morning on Star 102.5 and also a former Pageant winner, served as the emcee.

The Windsor Heights Special Events Committee would like to thank Colleen and the area businesses that contributed to the success of Miss Wonderland, including Steve Pope Photography, A to Z Rental, Walmart, Hy-Vee and Dairy Queen. Thanks also go to Clive Elementary School for use of their stage; Mike Smith and Liquid Digital Entertainment for outstanding sound and lighting; and Kelly's Pageant Coaching, for offering the pageant primer class. Pageant judges, Carissa Becker, Miss Iowa Teen USA; Kris Gregerson of Premium Solutions; Kelly Brown of Kelly's Pageant Coaching and Sue Pierson of America's US Miss Scholarship pageant did a fantastic job.

Congratulations go to the winners of the Miss Wonderland Pageant, each of whom was invited to make an appearance at the following Saturday at Windsor Wonderland, the popular annual holiday open house, also held at the Community & Events Center.

Additional thanks go to all of the contestants for being part of this first time pageant event. Their contributions were the most important of all!



Miss Wonderland
Jeena Lynch
of Jessup

Sponsored by Jay Lynch
and Crystal Ford



Jr. Miss Wonderland
Victoria Monson
of Des Moines

Sponsored by Caroline Monson
and The Bridal Connection



Little Miss Wonderland
Ardianna Johnson
of Des Moines

Sponsored by
Holly Johnson

Windsor Wonderland Thanks

The Windsor Heights Community & Events Center was filled with cheer and festive atmosphere at the annual Windsor Wonderland held on Saturday, December 3. Thanks to the participation of many, the event continues to be a source of delight.

Participating Businesses and Groups

A huge thanks goes out to the businesses and not for profit groups for their generous support and donations. Please take a minute to look over their names and let them know your thanks for all they do:

- Balance Chiropractic
- Hy-Vee
- Steve Pope Photography
- Walmart
- Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Walnut Creek Community Church & Rieki Meyer
- Windsor Heights Lutheran Church & the Five Belles
- Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association

Volunteers

A special thank you to our valued volunteers who, without them, nothing could be done:

- Sarah Boots
- Tim Reinders
- Dean Boots
- Robin Schulte

- Karrie Bowen
- Charlene Butz
- Betty Glover
- Josh Heggen
- Flo Hunter
- Colleen Lange
- Donna Markley
- Marketa Oliver

Musicians

The rich musical sounds were thanks to the top notch musicians that made the afternoon all the more melodic and beautiful. Thanks go to:

- Rachel Amann
- Cole and Dayna Meyers
- Haley Kessinger
- 5 Belles for Christmas bell ringers

Thank you to Rieki Meyer and her team who coordinated the performers, and to whom we are so grateful.

Windsor Wonderland is presented by the City of Windsor Heights with assistance from the Special Events Committee. Please join us for next year's event on Saturday, December 2. Anyone who would like to become involved with the planning of Windsor Wonderland, contact Tracy at 645-6821.

- Kathleen Simpson
- Mayor Jerry Sullivan
- Ashley Willits
- Diana Willits
- Jim Willits
- Valley High School & Silver Cord Program
- Brook Wade

More information at www.windsorheights.org

City of Windsor Heights

AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Sustainable Community

As a community completely surrounded by other cities, we simply cannot grow our borders to expand our city. Instead, we have to improve everything we have. An important step towards a healthy, sustainable community is educating our citizens on the efforts the city has undertaken to become more green. In addition, individuals can do a tremendous amount themselves to make their own home more green. Throughout the year, we will be offering an informational series on sustainability on a variety of topics. Below are the first two scheduled events.

January 18 • 6:00 pm • Community and Events Center

Emmons and Oliver Resources (EOR) will speak about the Walnut Creek Watershed Assessment on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m. The City of Windsor Heights recently contracted with EOR to complete a watershed assessment and stormwater management plan in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, EPA and State of Iowa guidelines. The information presented to attendees will focus on the findings from the assessment of the City as well as the Walnut Creek watershed. The presentation will include approaches to improve the watershed and Walnut Creek.

February 16 • 6:00 pm • Community and Events Center

3E, Electrical Engineering and Equipment Company based in Windsor Heights, will be presenting on different types of lighting, occupancy sensors, etc., available and how evolving technology can be used in a person's residential home to save electrical costs and help the environment. Specific information on how up-front costs can be negated by the significant long term energy cost savings will be available.

Your Vision for Hickman Road and 63rd Street

Hickman Road near 63rd Street is one of the last locations with open land in Windsor Heights. The city owns the property and is working to create a master plan vision for what type of growth the city would like to see in that area. What are your ideas? Do you want to see new homes, senior housing, intergenerational but senior-friendly housing, a pharmacy, grocery store, park, convenience store or restaurant, etc.? The master plan will be a guide as the city looks to grow one of the last remaining open spots within the city. Please join us on Tuesday, January 10, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for an open house, 6:00 p.m. for a formal presentation followed up by comments and questions from the public. The meeting will take place at city hall and is open to everyone. We want your input! For more information on the open house and the Hickman Road development, check out the Windsor Heights website at www.windsorheights.org.



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Stormwater Winter Tips

As rain showers turn into snow and ice, there are still practices everyone can do to prevent excessive storm water runoff. Salt and other deicing chemicals are two of the most widely used agents during snow and ice seasons. Here are a few tips that everyone should practice.

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for de-icing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into ground rather than directly into nearby storm drain or stream.
- Sodium Chloride, rock salt, is the cheapest and most common de-icing product but Calcium Chloride has more benefits. Calcium Chloride doesn't have the chemical additives that rock salt has; it is less harmful

to vegetation, and only one third as much needed. It also works well at low temperatures (25 degrees F).

If you must use de-icing chemicals, follow these suggestions:

- Control application of chemical deicers, a little goes a long way, avoid applying to much
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally sensitive areas, such as drinking water cells
- Sand can be used as a substitute to salt to assist with traction on driveways.
- Consider using salt substitutes that are less harmful to the environment and to concrete walkways, including Calcium Chloride and Calcium Magnesium Acetate.

Contact Us! City of Windsor Heights

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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	10 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	11	12	13	14
15	16 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	17	18	19	20	21 Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Chamber Legislative Coffee 9 AM (3E Conferece Room)
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5	6 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	7	8	9	10	11
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NEWS BRIEFS

Yoga for all Levels

The Windsor Heights Community & Events Center is pleased to announce a winter line up of one hour yoga classes with Stephanie Abbott, beginning Tuesday, January 10, 5:30-6:30 pm and continuing for 9 consecutive weeks. The first class is FREE. There is a per class charge of \$8.00 after the first class.

Stephanie Abbott has been a student of yoga since 2001. She received her Yoga Alliance 200 hour RYT certification in 2011. Stephanie has studied with other well known teachers in the yoga world and is extremely highly regarded in the field.

The 1 hour level 1 class explores body, breath, and the basics of Yoga. The fundamentals of Yoga are explored in a safe and playful environment. The class is appropriate for beginners and ongoing students alike. A yoga mat, comfortable clothing and the desire to go deeper in your yoga practice are all that's required. For more information or to sign up, please contact Stephanie Abbott, steph4yoga@yahoo.com.

Special Winter Classes Boost Creativity

Registration is now being taken for three classes offered at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center. Artist and educator Barbara Vaske leads these classes. Barb is a 4th generation Iowan and from age 5 knew she wanted to be an artist. She received her BA in Art from the University of Northern Iowa and her Master's degree from the prestigious California College of Arts and Crafts. A former art professor at Iowa State University, Barb has managed art galleries in both Los Angeles and Des Moines. Currently she is the director of the Ankeny Art Center. Her artwork has been exhibited both nationally and internationally as well as in galleries and universities throughout Iowa.

To sign up, e-mail, tlevine@windsorheights.org.

Right Brain Journaling (\$44.00)

January 9, 16, 23, 30 - 7:00-9:00 pm

Learn new ways to problem solve and enhance your creative spirit through journaling exercises.

Introduction to Drawing (\$84.00)

January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13 - 1:00-3:00 pm

Learn about Right Brain art theories and how to use them to improve your drawing. Material list provided.

Colored Pencil Drawing (\$44.00)

February 20, 27, March 5, 12 - 1:00-3:00 pm

Try your hand at color. Students create a still life drawing. Material list provided.

Windsor Wave Email Newsletter

It is easier than ever to get updates and news from the City of Windsor Heights. In addition to our monthly newsletters found in the water bill and the Windsor Heights Living Magazine, you can sign up to get email updates, known as the Windsor Wave, sent directly to you. This is the best way to get up-to-date updates on things like special events, council meetings, etc. In addition, emails are sent out when things like the snow ordinance goes into effect. You can sign up for the Windsor Wave at www.windsorheights.org/emailsingup.htm

In addition, you can get updates from the city by following us at Twitter or visiting our Facebook page. Windsor Heights has one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date open communications with our citizens and businesses and we appreciate everyone who participates in this open process.

Renew Pet Licenses

It is the time of year when dog and cat owners are reminded to have their pets licensed and tagged. This allows the City to quickly notify their owners should the pets stray and be picked up. It also verifies animals have proper rabies vaccinations. Licenses cost \$10 for altered pets and \$20 for unaltered pets. There is an additional fine if your pet is not licensed prior to April 1, so license your pet as soon as possible. Pets must have proof of their current rabies vaccination from their vet. Registration forms will be on the city website or you can stop into city hall and license your pet today!

Emergency Access

When recovering from a major snowfall, it's easy to forget emergency responders not only need access to your front door, but to the equipment that will help save your home in the event of an emergency. The Windsor Heights Fire Department is recommending citizens clear a three foot perimeter around fire hydrants that are covered with snow. It's also smart to shovel an access path to the road, so fire fighters can easily thread a water hose to the hydrant from the street.

In general, for every minute a home fire goes unreported or undetected, it doubles in size. Every second counts. If a fire occurs in your home or in your neighborhood, you don't want firefighters wasting those seconds shoveling snow to gain access to the fire hydrant.