

# Sustainable Community

The Community and Events Center has hosted two separate events this year so far meant to educate our citizens on sustainability and the environment we all live in. So far, a watershed analysis has been shared and 3E showed how you can save money and electricity with simple home upgrades.

## March 29 • 6:00 pm • Community and Events Center

Every year, the sanitary sewer pipes in Windsor Heights, through broken and deteriorating pipes, leaking joints and manholes and also through private residential lines with the same problems (and other connections like perimeter home drains and sump pumps), send thousands of gallons of rain and ground water into on sanitary sewer lines. As you can imagine, this creates a massive problem for our environment, the city as a whole and sometimes, individual property owners. Not only does all the water in our sanitary sewer lines have to be treated in a waste water treatment plant, costing millions of dollars, but this also causes sewer backups into people's homes - a problem no one wants to deal with. The City of Windsor Heights has worked with the Windsor Heights-Urbandale Sanitary Sewer District and Polk County to create a fund, administered by the Neighborhood Finance Corporation, to help residents offset the costs with fixing their private sanitary sewer problems. Plan to attend and learn more about financing available to help solve your home's problems.

## 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.

# Spring Cleanup Day Announced

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.

## 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](http://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.

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

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

# City of Windsor Heights

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AMERICA'S CROWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# 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 7

**Ages:** Three Age Groups:  
3 years and under; 4-7 years old; 8-12 years old

**Prizes:** Eggs marked with stars get a prize!

# CodeRED Notification



In preparation for the upcoming storm season, the possibility exists that Walnut Creek may experience flooding conditions. If your property is near an area that may be affected by flooding, please visit the Polk County Emergency Management website at <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergencymanagement> and take the time to register your home or cellular phone with the CodeRED

Emergency Community Notification system. The City of Windsor Heights can utilize the CodeRED system to notify residents when flooding conditions are imminent.

CodeRED can, by using the E911 system, recognize an address' phone number if they utilize a "land line" for phone service. If the residence uses a cell phone instead, the residence will not be called by CodeRED. In order to be called by the CodeRED system in the event of an emergency, the resident must register their mobile number with the system by visiting the Polk County Emergency Management website and clicking on "CodeRED" to register your mobile number and property address.



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# KWHB Sponsors 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!

## 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 Bugress

City Admin. ....Marketa George Oliver

Chief Financial Officer. ....Carrie Kruse

Fire Chief .....Christopher Cross

Police Chief .....Dennis McDaniel

Public Works Director Jason Van Ausdall

Community Svcs Director Josh Heggen

### 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

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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.

MARCH & APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	6	7	8 WH Chamber Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM (Community Center)	9	10
11	12	13 Mayor's Hour 9-10 AM	14	15	16	17
18	19 No Council meeting - Rescheduled for March 26	20	21	22	23	24 Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)
25	26 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	27	28	29 Sustainability Series 6 PM (Community Center)	30	31
1	2 City Council Meeting 6 PM (City Hall)	3	4	5	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	27	28 Community Coffee Club 9 AM (Grounds for Celebration)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Spaghetti Dinner

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce invites you to its Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Dinner will be held at the Community Center at Colby Park on Thursday, March 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available in mid-February, and can be purchased at Bankers Trust, Matt Cale State Farm or City Hall. There will be a silent auction, activities and lots of family fun. We hope to see you there! A big thank you to our sponsors: Barilla and Windsor Heights Hy-Vee.



### Scouting for Food

In what started in 1988 as an Eagle Scout Project, Boy Scout Troop 46 is once again organizing its "Scouting For Food" campaign. The troop is asking for your support by purchasing Red Barrel Bags from our Scouts on March 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Hy-Vee. We will also accept your cash donations. The non-perishable food items will then be delivered to the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry. This Food Pantry provides short term food supplies to families in need of food assistance.

These bags contain many basic food needs including; peanut butter, tuna, noodles or rice and canned vegetables. Each bag sells for \$5 or you can buy a \$10 bag with twice the product.

Boy Scouts of America was founded as a result of a simple good turn performed for a stranger on a foggy London evening. Please help us continue Scouting's long tradition of service to others by purchasing a bag at HyVee on March 10.

### 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 are on the city website or you can stop into city hall and license your pet today! City offices are open late on Council meeting nights, so you can stop by on your way to the meeting.

### Pysanka Workshop (Ukrainian Easter Eggs)

Learn the traditional technique for creating Ukrainian Easter eggs. Eggs have been a symbol of new life, rebirth, and the coming of spring. They are an incredibly beautiful and engaging art form. The method for creating pysanky (from the Ukrainian "to write") has been passed down from generation to generation. Pysanky are made using a resist process, similar to batik. Beeswax is applied, using special tools, and then the egg is dyed. The process is repeated, working from light to dark colors, until the beautiful design is complete. Then the wax is removed over a candle flame to reveal it. Legend has it that as long as pysanky are decorated, good will prevail over evil throughout the world.



This special workshop will be held March 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center. Cost for the class is \$25 per person. All materials, including eggs, are provided. Preregistration required; to register, email sallybat38@mchsi.com.

### 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.



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