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# SAVE THE DATE! Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 6 in the Community & Events Center

## CREEK CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Colby Park – Windsor Heights – August 25, 2012, 10:00am–2:00pm. Please join us for the 3rd annual Walnut Creek clean-up.

The clean-up is great for families, scout, school groups and anyone who loves the environment and clean water. All ages are welcome to join in the clean-up. Volunteers will meet at the Colby Park Pavilion at 10:00am. Gloves, trash bags and water will be provided. We'll gather for a photo and then head out to a number of locations along Walnut Creek and North Walnut Creek. Come out for a great day in the creek and help clean-up this great resource. After the clean-up, please join us for a trash tally, refreshments and a BBQ. Individuals or companies interested in attending should contact [whwaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:whwaterquality@gmail.com). Sponsored by the City of Windsor Heights and Metro Waste Authority.

## SWING DES MOINES OFFERS DANCE CLASSES

Windsor Heights Community and Events Center. Monthly through November. Four-week classes are \$30 per person. Members of Swing Des Moines pay half price. No partner necessary. No experience necessary for any level I class. Schedule and prices subject to change.

To register, please email or call Swing Des Moines, register online at [www.swingdesmoines.com](http://www.swingdesmoines.com), or mail this form with payment to Swing Des Moines, 4200 Kingman Blvd, Des Moines IA 50311.

SEPTEMBER 2012

**Jitterbug I** Easy to learn, Jitterbug is great for beginners. 6-count dance adaptable to many music types! Great introduction to swing dancing! Tuesdays, Sept. 4–25, 7:00pm. \$30 non-members / \$15 members

**Charleston** Solo and Partner Charleston. Fun upbeat fad dance from the '20s. Tuesdays, Sept. 4–25, 8:00pm. \$30 non-members / \$15 members

OCTOBER 2012

**Lindy I** Learn the "grandfather" of swing dances, which originated in the '30s. Tuesdays, Oct 2-23, 7:00pm (Dennis). \$30 non-members / \$15 members.

**Continuing Jitterbug** Expand your basic swing with these fun moves. Tuesdays, Oct. 2–23, 8:00pm (Dennis). \$30 non-members / \$15 members.

NOVEMBER 2012

**THE CORE: A Swing Sampler** The original swing dance survey class gives you a taste of the major swing dances. This class covers the basic moves of dances such as Jitterbug, Lindy, Charleston, Balboa and more. Nothing too crazy, just the basics. It's ideal for both beginners, as well as more experienced dancers. Tuesdays, Nov. 13–27 (3 nights) 7:00–9:00pm. \$40 non-members / \$20 members.



## MOST BEAUTIFUL YARD CONTEST WINNERS

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.

## WINDSOR HEIGHTS COMMUNITY & EVENTS CENTER

Seating: 200 people. Size: More than 3,000 square feet. Amenities: Tables, chairs, full and commercial grade kitchens, floor to ceiling refrigeration, ice maker, concession kitchen and window, drop down screen and projector, sound system and wireless mics, sliding room dividers, nearby parking, access to adjoining Colby Park, ballfield, Pavilion and bike trail. Caterers: Renter's choice. Rental times: Sunday–Friday (2 hour minimum), Saturday (5 hour minimum), November–March; 10 hour minimum April–October.

Fees: 1/3 of room \$50 per hour (includes use of concession kitchen); 2/3 of room \$65 per hour (includes use of catering kitchen). Full room \$90 per hour (includes use of both catering and concession kitchen). \$25 administrative fee for each rental. All day Saturday rental for the full space: \$1,300. All day Saturday rental for the full space including Friday starting at 8pm: \$1,700.

Discounts: Windsor Heights residents and members of the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce receive twenty percent discount during the week and weekends; non-profit groups receive twenty percent during the week. Website: [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org).

## SELF-DEFENSE COURSE OFFERED FOR WOMEN

The Windsor Heights Police Department is currently gathering contact information for area residents who may be interested in participating in a women's education and self defense course called Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.). Dates of the course have tentatively been set for Monday and Thursday evenings in October (15, 18, 22, 25 from 6:00–9:30pm) at the Windsor Heights Community and Event Center. Class size will be limited to twenty students and attendance at all classes is recommended to complete the program successfully. There will be a one-time registration fee of \$25 due prior to the first class along with pre-event paperwork and waivers. Returning students are welcome at no charge.

The RAD program for women's basic self defense is the largest nationally recognized women's self defense organization in the world ([www.rad-systems.com](http://www.rad-systems.com)). Interested women, high school age and above, may contact Officer Woods at the Windsor Heights Police Department during normal business hours at (515) 645-6829 or e-mail her at [awoods@windsorheights.org](mailto:awoods@windsorheights.org) with questions. Registration for the course will begin Tuesday, September 4th at City Hall, 1133 66th Street.



## WHAT A YEAR!

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

The past fiscal year (July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012) 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. Preview: For the new coming year, look for an equally enticing line-up of activities including the possibility of a farmer's market and art fair to surface. Many thanks to all who have supported and contributed to the successful past twelve months. We could not have done it without you.

## WINDSOR HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Windsor Heights Police Department will utilize online communication services, effective today, allowing us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology through the Nixle Community Information Service, Facebook and Twitter.

Nixle allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Nixle is a free service and once you activate your account you will begin receiving information. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). In addition to Nixle we will also use Facebook and Twitter as social networking services to keep people informed of safety initiatives, alerts and tips to promote safe communities.

We encourage residents to 'like' us on Facebook, 'Windsor Heights Police Department' [www.facebook.com/WHgtsPolice](http://www.facebook.com/WHgtsPolice) and 'follow' us on Twitter @whpolice. Messages may include information about an urgent situation requiring the public's assistance as well as other relevant safety and community event information to keep you informed and educated.

"We want to engage our followers with information about safety, criminal activity and community outreach events and opportunities," says Lieutenant Derek Meyer.

Nixle messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

