

Help keep our storm sewer and waterways clean!

When mowing your lawn, please do not blow your grass clippings onto your street, sidewalk or driveway

CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

This year’s Spring Clean-up will start on Friday, May 18. Your “Solid Waste” should be placed on the curb by 6am on Friday, May 18. “Solid Waste” means garbage, refuse, commercial, agricultural and domestic activities. The term “solid waste” shall exclude 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.

READY, SET WHAMM!

2012 WINDSOR HEIGHTS ANNUAL MINI MARATHON

On Saturday, May 19, runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the 2012 Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon, better known as WHAMM and a perennial favorite in central Iowa. The 8:00 a.m. walk/race benefits the individuals and families coping with muscular dystrophy and related progressive muscle diseases.

Registration takes place 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. Runners receive a shirt, post race food and the top runners in the 5K and 10K receive medals.

Continuing for the second year will be a community health fair sponsored by the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce following the race where local businesses will share information and screenings, safety demonstrations and children’s activities. Together with WHAMM, this fair is an example of how we can create environments that support health.

For more information on registering for WHAMM, visit www.getmeregistered.com or www.windsorheights.org, contact Jenna Knox, 453-9494, MDA or Tracy Levine, 645-6821, City of Windsor Heights.

CITY WIDE GARAGE 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.

PARKING CHANGES SOUTH OF UNIVERSITY

Residents and visitors on 69th, 68th, 67th and 66th Street south of University Avenue will soon notice a change. Starting in June, the parking on these streets will move from the west side of the street to the east side of the street. The primary reason for the change is to allow for traffic to exit events at Colby Park as they come to an end. Currently, as cars park on the street and leave the park, all the traffic goes towards School Street, which can create a traffic bottleneck. These changes should allow all traffic to be pointed north, directly towards University Avenue.

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, 2011 8:00am to 1:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 (Adult), \$10.00 (Family).

WINDSOR HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND COMMENT ON COLLABORATIVE STATE WATER QUALITY PLAN

A new state water quality plan – the result of a major collaborative effort between local, state and federal government organizations, universities and a diverse set of stakeholder groups – will be the focus of five public meetings across the state in April, including one in Windsor Heights on April 26 in the Community and Events Center at Colby Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

The plan, developed over 15 months, looks at the current state of water quality in Iowa and outlines ideas for improvement. Highlights include steps to develop a more consistent public outreach message, improving technical assistance, and fostering new partnerships for improved water quality.

“The only way to realize significant changes in water quality is through steadfast collaboration between water quality professionals and the citizens of this state,” said DNR Director Roger Lande. “This plan exemplifies the kind of transparent, cooperative approach that is necessary to advance the good work already being done.” The plan is accessible on the DNR website at: <http://watershed.iowadnr.gov>.

After gathering comments from Iowans, the DNR will submit the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Clean Water Act requires that each state update and maintain a water quality plan, also called a “Nonpoint Source Management Plan,” in order to be eligible for federal program support.

KEEP WINDSOR HEIGHTS BEAUTIFUL ANNOUNCES PLANT EXCHANGE, SATURDAY, MAY 12

As the view from your window changes from snow to the first signs of spring, you’re probably getting anxious to get outside and get planting! If your current plans involve the same old flowers and plants or some parts of your garden need thinning out, *Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful* has a great solution. Diversify your plant varieties and share your favorites during the second annual Windsor Heights Plant Exchange on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lions Park (1133 - 66th Street, behind City Hall).

This free event gives you the opportunity to brighten up your garden, flower beds or flower pots in exchange for items you bring to share. Besides plants, you’re also invited to bring gently used garden accessories and art to trade for something new (to you!). Whether planting an elaborate garden or simply looking to spruce up front porch planters, neighbors will be able to get new varieties just for sharing their own.

Facing a vexing gardening challenge? Have questions about what to plant in that shady corner? Polk County Master Gardeners will be on hand to share advice and answer your questions! And be sure to visit the local arts vendors while you’re there.

The success of this event depends on you! The more people who attend, the more there will be to share.

No pre-registration is required; to make the exchange process go smoothly, fill out Plant Information Forms ahead of time. Forms are available at www.windsorheights.org or will be available on site at Lions Park. So, start planning what plants you’ll bring (you can always stop by a garden center and bring new things to share, too) – and bring a friend! Questions? Please call 515-276-1497.

The Plant Exchange is sponsored by the *Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful*, a local nonprofit partner of Keep Iowa Beautiful. The mission of *Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful* is to engage the citizens, businesses and government of Windsor Heights to take greater responsibility for beautifying and improving our community.



WINDSOR HEIGHTS SALUTES OUR ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVES AND MILITARY VETERANS

The City, community and businesses of Windsor Heights will be hosting a salute to active duty, reserves and military veterans on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center at 6900 School Street. The program is a tribute and thank you to military service members and their families for their sacrifices.

The keynote speaker will be Capt. John Hintz, U.S. Army Bronze Star recipient in both Afghanistan and Iraq. In September, 2010, Cpt. Hintz, a Newton, IA native, was company commander of a 101st Airborne Unit near the Pakistan border in Lara Logan’s segment “Relentless Enemy” on CBS *60 Minutes*.

This event is a special tribute to those with recent service in Iraq and Afghanistan but will also be recognizing military service back through World War II. The public is invited to this event to join us in thanking active duty, reserves, veterans and family members. Each member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard will be asked to stand and be recognized. Active duty and veterans of duty during the Afghanistan, Iraq, Gulf War, and Viet Nam, Cold War, Korean and World War II eras will be asked to stand for a public tribute. There will be a color guard provided by the Windsor Heights Fire and Police Departments.

Active duty, reserves and veterans as well as those who have a spouse, close friend, or family members who are presently serving or died in a conflict will be recognized.

The program will be from 6:30pm–7:30pm, followed by a chance to visit with active duty, reserves and veterans as well as stop at information tables for service in Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, Viet Nam, Korean War and World War II. There will be a free-will offering for donations to support the Iowa Army and Air National Guard’s Warrior and Family Services Fund.

For additional information, contact: David Furneaux, Windsor Heights, IA; 515-279-1365 office or email dfurneaux@aol.com



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.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The City is now accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year. At this time, guidelines and nomination forms may be picked up at City Hall or be available from the web site, www.windsorheights.org. Applications are due Friday, June 1.