



# Windsor Wave

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City of  
Windsor Heights

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**Help Windsor Heights Keep Walnut Creek Clean.**  
**Please help Windsor Heights ensure that Walnut Creek is**  
**clean by choosing ice and snow removal products**  
**that do not contain harmful chemicals.**

## A THANK YOU FROM THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION

The Windsor Heights Foundation Board of Directors has experienced a successful fall annual fund campaign and wishes to thank the almost 200 donors who contributed a total of over \$8,000.

Among the gifts were those given in memory of James P. Lensing, Nancy J. Thomsen, and Al Hunter and in honor of George and Janet Hanusa.

The Foundation relies on these gifts to finance the popular free Music in the Park summer concert series and to support other projects that benefit the community. Most recently that includes making a grant to the City of Windsor Heights for a podium for the new community center and adding to funds provided by the disbanded Windsor Heights seniors group to purchase a picnic table for Colby Park.

This year’s Music in the Park concert series will again include traditional favorite performing groups. A highlight this year will be a Jazz in July event in Colby Park on July 12.

Those wishing to become part of the donor group should make their check out to the Windsor Heights Foundation and mail it 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](mailto:geojanh@msn.com).

## ANNUAL KEEP WINDSOR HEIGHTS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring is not so far away in Windsor Heights! In fact, the annual Spring Clean-Up of the Windsor Heights community has been announced for Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

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 – 10:30 AM 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 cleanup 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!

## CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

This year’s Spring Clean-up will start on Thursday, May 19th. Waste Management will try and collect the entire city on that Thursday, but if they are unable to complete the entire city in one day, they will return on Friday, May 20th to complete the pickup. Your “Solid Waste” should be placed on the curb by 6 am on Thursday, May 19th. “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.

### 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

### 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.
- Brush waste will be accepted on Friday also, provided you have the correct stickers/bags/ premium compost it container needed for your brush waste.

\*The City is sponsoring a Clean Up Crew event for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste on Saturday, August 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at Colby Park.

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

For disposal options on the Items Excluded from the Collection above, go to [www.MWAtoday.com](http://www.MWAtoday.com).

## EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald ash borer (EAB), is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree’s ability to transport water and nutrients. Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. Emerald ash borer is also established in Windsor, Ontario, was found in Ohio in 2003, northern Indiana in 2004, northern Illinois and Maryland in 2006, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2007, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia in summer 2008, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky in the spring of 2009, Iowa in spring of 2010, and Tennessee in the summer of 2010 . Since its discovery, EAB has:

Killed tens of millions of ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota,

Missouri, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Quebec, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Caused regulatory agencies and the USDA to enforce quarantines (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Kentucky) and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs or hardwood firewood from moving out of areas where EAB occurs.

Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars.

As soon as the Emerald Ash Borer is found in Polk County (currently a few counties in Eastern Iowa have confirmed cases) a wood quarantine will be put into place. This means once your ash tree is removed, whether because it is diseased or not, that tree cannot leave the county without being properly treated. This could be expensive to a homeowner, business or local government. With that in mind, it is advised that any ash tree on your property be truly reviewed as to it’s currently value and whether it should be removed now, instead of later, when it could be much more expensive and difficult to remove. According to city ordinance, one a tree is identified as diseased or dead, it must be removed at the homeowner’s expense. If you choose not to remove your ash tree at this time, you may want to plant a replacement tree, knowing that within the coming years, that tree may die because of the emerald ash borer.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC

Bob Evans is an award winning, Canadian finger-style guitarist. He combines an eclectic mix of contemporary finger-style guitar and traditional roots music with a warm vocal style, tilted sense of humor and down to earth stage presence to provide a refreshing performance experience for music lovers in general. Definitely not just for “guitar geeks”.

He will be playing at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center in Colby Park, 69th Street south of University Avenue, on Friday, April 1 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

For more information contact Donald Bustell at 515-975-4041 or [guitar@ramtell.com](mailto:guitar@ramtell.com). Bob’s web site is at <http://bobevansguitar.com/>.

## POP CAN DRIVE FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT CLIVE ELEMENTARY.

Do you have lots of empty pop cans and bottles laying around?? The Playground Committee at Clive Elementary will be holding a redeemable can drive on Saturday, March 26th from 9am-Noon in the south parking lot of the school (1600 73rd St.). All you have to do is drive up and drop off. We’ll take care of the rest! ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS A NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND! This event is open to the community so please let your friends and neighbors know!! Together, we CAN build a new playground for our school!!! Contact Aimee or David Keenan at 440.0274 with questions. Thank you!

## READY, SET WHAMM!

**2011 Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon Walk, Run, Be Healthy**

On Saturday, May 21st, runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the 2011 Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon, better known as WHAMM and a perennial favorite in central Iowa. The 8:00 am walk/race benefits the individuals and families coping with muscular dystrophy and related progressive muscle diseases. The Muscular Dystrophy Association provides comprehensive medical services to over 500 people in Central Iowa.

Registration takes place at [www.getmeregistered.com](http://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. Parking is available at the Remax parking lot, 66 & University. Contact Danielle Etter, 515-453-9489, MDA or Tracy Levine, 645-6821 for more information.

## BEST PRACTICE ALERT: STREET SWEEPING

The Windsor Heights City Council recently approved an agreement with the City of West Des Moines for street sweeping. The City previously contracted for street sweeping services with a private contractor and the average cost for the service was \$4,986 per sweep. Streets were swept four times per year, bringing an annual cost to approximately \$19,944.

Staff worked with the City of West Des Moines staff to develop a 28e agreement for street sweeping services. The City of West Des Moines has newer equipment than was used by the private contractor and has agreed to handle sweeping activities for \$95 per hour. Previously, it took the private contractor 12-16 hours to sweep the entire city. If it were to take West Des Moines’ personnel the same amount of time, the cost would be \$1,520 instead of \$4,986. It should be noted that the newer equipment is also faster, but until West Des Moines has done an initial sweeping, staff will not know exactly how much time it will take to sweep Windsor Heights’ streets.

Windsor Heights’ staff is recommending a sweeping schedule of six times per year, instead of four. This would bring the annual cost to approximately \$9,120, meaning that the City would receive more service, for less than half the cost. Staff appreciates the opportunity to work with West Des Moines on this service.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m.  
Colby Park  
Ages: Three age groups  
(3 years and under,  
4-7 years, 8-12 years)  
Prizes: Eggs marked with a star  
get a prize