



## COMMUNITY NEWS December 2022

### Important Numbers

**City Hall** 515-279-3662

**Public Safety** 515-277-4453

**Emergencies** 911

### What's Inside

- City Events Bring Windsor Heights Together
- Upcoming Road Projects
- Aldi Update
- What to Do When It Snows
- Winter Yard Waste Pickup
- 2023 Curb It! Magnets
- Light Up the Heights
- Council Update
- City Holiday Hours

### Calendar of Events

**December 19**

- 6 PM City Council Meeting
- 6 PM Public Hearing on Proposed Urban Renewal Plan
- 6 PM Public Hearing on Public Safety Parking Lot Improvements

**January 17**

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

*All City Council Meetings and Public Hearings are held in the City Council Chambers at 1133 66th Street.*

### WH Parks Committee Makes

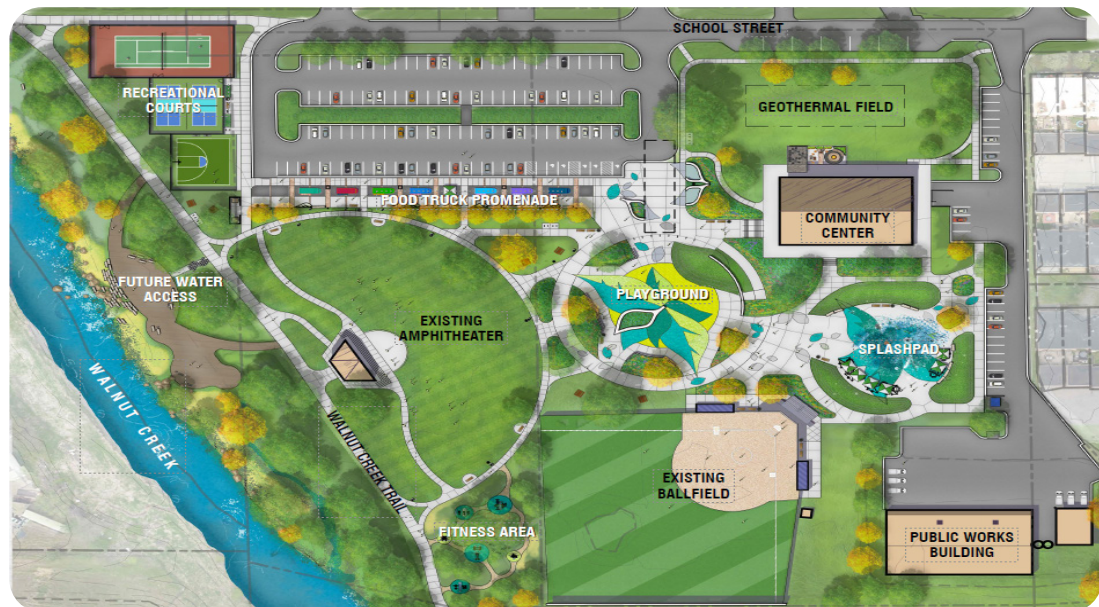
### Recommendations for Colby Park in 2023

The Windsor Heights Parks Committee consisting of residents, council members and staff have been refining the WH Master Parks Plan and are excited to share a new vision with you!

The Committee has spent several months reviewing the citizen survey, the comprehensive plan, the flood mitigation plan and city's strategic plan to put forth recommended improvements. The proposed plan for Colby Park includes enhancements to parking, new playground equipment, and landscaping as well as additions requested by residents including pickleball and basketball courts, a splash pad, and a fitness court among others.

The project will be completed in phases with phase one to include a new tennis court, fitness court, and additional parking. City staff plan to begin bidding for phase one in March 2023 with construction to begin May 2023.

You can head to [www.windsorheights.org/621/Park-Plan](http://www.windsorheights.org/621/Park-Plan) to view the entire plan and concept images.



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Windsor Heights, IA 50324



# City Events Bring Windsor Heights Together

Thank you for attending our special events in 2022! We look forward to growing our programming to bring more opportunities for everyone in 2023!



## THANK YOU WH VETERANS!

On Veterans Day, the City Council was able to host a lunch program to recognize and thank the veterans in our community for their service. We were glad to honor them with the support of many area businesses and financial support from the Polk County Board of Supervisors and RE/MAX of Windsor Heights. Thanks to all our sponsors for making this a special day for our veterans!

## Holiday Magic Comes Alive at Windsor Wonderland

The City started the holiday season by turning Colby Park into a Windsor Wonderland with an ugly sweater fun run, santa visit, horse-drawn carriage rides and more holiday fun!



Thank you to everyone that attended, our volunteers, city staff, and sponsors who made it a success.

Sponsors included:

- The Bake Shoppe
- Raygun
- HW CBD
- Bankers Trust
- Hy-Vee



## 2023 Street Improvements Coming Soon!

The following street projects have been contracted and are scheduled for construction beginning in the spring of 2023. The City will keep residents aware of traffic impacts as construction gets underway.

Roadway Patching (\$430K)

By Iowa Civil Contracting Inc:

- Colby Avenue (64th to 66th)
- Jefferson Avenue (70th to 73rd)
- Wilshire Blvd. (70th to 7100 blocks)

Overlay Projects (\$510K)

By InRoads LLC:

- Crocker Street (Mariner Place to 65th)
- Mariner Place (Crocker to Center)
- Sunset Terrace (63rd to 64th)



# What Should You Do When It Snows?

Windsor Heights is a great place to live, and your help is needed in keeping it clean, safe, and beautiful.

Winter is officially here which means snow and we need your help to keep sidewalks safe and roads cleared.

How can you do your part?

- Keep your sidewalks shoveled and clear of snow within 48 hours of snowfall
- Don't park on the street when it snows and 24 hours after snow fall
- Don't push snow from your property into the street



If you notice a concern around town, let us know by calling City Hall at 515-279-3662 or submitting it online at [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) and selecting "Report a Concern" on the homepage.

Not sure what the Windsor Heights snow ordinances are? They can be viewed online! Go to [www.windsorheights.org](http://www.windsorheights.org) and select "City Code of Ordinances" on the homepage. There is a convenient search function that allows you to search for keywords such as "snow".

## Aldi Set to Open 12/15

Aldi has announced an opening date of Thursday, December 15 for the highly anticipated Windsor Heights location.

We are excited to officially welcome them to the Windsor Heights Community!



## curb it! 2023

missed collection?  
515.244.0021

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Recycling Week GREEN LID BLACK LID  
Holiday Schedule DELAYED TO NEXT DAY

Metro Waste Authority  
[www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) | 515.244.0021

The 2023 Curb It! calendar from Metro Waste Authority is available online at [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com). Recycling days for Windsor Heights are the black lid weeks.

City Hall has magnets of the calendar available for pick up Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM or call 515-645-6826 to have one mailed to you.

## WINTER YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Winter Compost It! Collection is your final opportunity to recycle live Christmas trees and any remaining yard waste.

To ensure collection, remove all decorations and attach a Compost It! Sticker. Note: Wreaths and garland are NOT accepted.

December 26, 2022  
January 2, 2023

# Let's Light the Heights!

Light the Heights first started as a way to brighten all of Windsor Heights during the dark and isolating times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, this luminary campaign has been a way to not only celebrate the new year, but also contribute to community initiatives.

Consider participating in this now annual tradition of making a gift to the Windsor Heights Foundation and receiving a luminary kit to "Light the Heights" with your neighbors!

A \$25 gift provides you all you need to decorate your yard with 10 candlelit luminaries on New Year's Eve.

**Deadline:** You must order the luminary kits (candles, paper bags, and sand) by Friday, Dec. 16

**Payment:** You can donate online at [www.windsorheightsfoundation.org](http://www.windsorheightsfoundation.org)

**Pickup:** Your kits will be ready for pickup at the Windsor Heights Community Center on Dec. 28 from 2-6 PM



## 11/21/22 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Public Works Shop Heater Units

## 11/7/22 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Resolution No. 2022-47 - A Resolution of Appreciation for Service to the Citizens of Windsor Heights, Iowa by Eagle Scout Jamie Briggs
- Discussed Windsor Heights TIF and Debt Capacity Summary
- Approved TIF Debt Certification Report
- Approved Urban Renewal Report
- Approved ICON Water Trails 2022-2023 Jurisdictional Support
- Approved Residential Tax Abatement - 6720 University Avenue
- Approved Public Works Director Job Description and Position Posting

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

**CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS  
BUILDINGS CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 \* MONDAY, DECEMBER 26  
MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

# How's Our Newsletter?

Share your comments and suggestions or ask a question! Email Deputy City Clerk Adam Strait at [astrait@windsorheights.org](mailto:astrait@windsorheights.org) or call 515-279-3662