



COMMUNITY NEWS March 2023

Important Numbers

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Emergencies 911

What's Inside

- Visioning Survey Results
- How to Report Street Concerns
- Compost It! Cart Renewal
- Announcing 2023 Spring Cleaning and City Garage Sale Dates
- Earth Day Celebration
- Pet License Renewal
- Deer Feeding Reminder
- Join the Planning & Zoning Commission
- City Council Meeting Recap

Calendar of Events

March 20

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

April 3

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April 4

- 2 - 4 PM Cpt. Meyer Retirement Party (Colby Park)

April 8

- 9 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Colby Park)

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

Meet the City's Interim Police Chief

Travis Ouverson was appointed the Interim Police Chief by City Council during the February 20 City Council meeting. Travis comes to Windsor Heights under the referral of Captain Derek Meyer.

Travis' career in public safety dates back to January 1990 with West Des Moines, where he retired in 2021 as Assistant Chief of Police. After retiring, Travis began serving as interim support for city police forces. He recently ended a contract with the Johnston Police Department as Interim Support Services Division Commander.



Please join us in welcoming him to Windsor Heights when you see him.

Movies in the Park is Back for 2023!

We're excited to share the full line up of the 2023 Movies in the Park series! Thank you to everyone who took our movie survey or reached out about the movie selection. We heard you and are very excited about this years line up.



- May 5: Ghostbusters
- June 2: The Incredibles + Touch a Truck
- July 21: Breakfast at Tiffany's
- August 4: Minions: The Rise of Gru
- September 1: Zootopia
- October 6: Hocus Pocus
- December 2: The Grinch

All movies will play outside at sunset in Colby Park unless weather calls for the movie to be played in the Community Center at Colby Park. Refreshments will be served 30 minutes before all movies except for Breakfast at Tiffany's. Bring chairs or blankets for a fun, free evening!

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Resident Input Helps Shape Strategic Vision of the Future of Windsor Heights

For this month's review of the 2022 Visioning survey results, we're taking a closer look at the future of Windsor Heights. Learning the concerns and values of residents through this survey is important as City Council continues to put together a strategic vision for the city.

The biggest response to concerns about Windsor Heights as we continue to grow and change was aging infrastructure with 157 responses, a little over twice the rate of the second leading concern of affordability.

The most essential change felt follows suite as improved streets and roads was the top answer to what is important for Windsor Heights to thrive in the next 10 years.

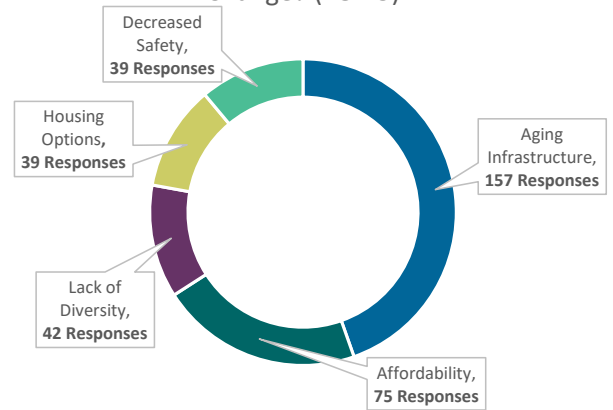
As infrastructure is a top priority for residents, we would like to take the chance to highlight some future projects we're already planning. During the February 20 City Council meeting, a bid was approved for the reconstruction of 68th Street tentatively set to begin in the Spring of 2023. City Staff is also working hard along side Bolton & Menk, the City's engineering firm, to secure financing for the reconstruction of 73rd Street between Center Street and University Avenue.

How to Report a Street Concern

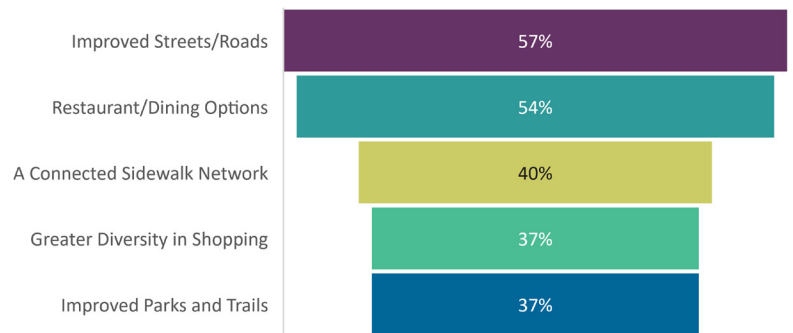
Is there a pothole on your street? Issues driving down the street? Let us know!

Head to www.windsorheights.org. Under the Residents menu select Report a Concern. Public Works Director Jason Roberts will review your concern and get the team on it.

What Are Your Biggest Concerns About Windsor Heights as we Continue to Grow and Change? (TOP 5)



What Are the Top 5 Essential Changes You Feel Are Important for Windsor Heights to Thrive in the Next 10 Years? (TOP 5)



Come Work With Us!



We're currently looking for applicants for the following positions:

- Firefighter/EMT
- Police Officer

Scan the QR Code to learn more!

now available:
**SIGN UP/RENEW
COMPOST IT! CART
SERVICES**



Enjoy the convenience of wheeling yard waste to the curb each week during the Compost It! collection season starting April 3. For an annual subscription, residents can utilize a 96-gallon cart for yard waste collection!

Learn more at www.mwatoday.com or call Metro Waste Authority at 515-244-0021. Cart renewal or sign up is not available through City Hall. Yard waste bag stickers are available for purchase at City Hall though.

Clean the House (And Maybe Make a Profit)

We're excited to share the City Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 6 this year.

For anything that you are still wanting to get rid of and aren't able to sell, the Spring Clean Up day will be the following Saturday on May 13. Also that weekend will be the Scrap Tire event.

Keep an eye on the City's website and social media as more details will be shared closer to May!



Mark your calendars for the morning and afternoon of Saturday, April 22. We're planning something amazing for the full family to learn about and appreciate nature!

- Stream Cleanup at Colby Park
- Speak with a Beekeeper
- Make Seed balls
- And More!

Keep an eye on the City's Facebook and social media for more details in the coming days!

Feeding Deer Prohibited in the City

Per chapter 55 section 33 of the city code, no person shall place or allow any feeding device or feed to be placed outdoors on any public or private property for the purpose of attracting or feeding deer. Violations may result in a monetary penalty.

Join the Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission has an open seat we're looking to fill. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the Windsor Heights City Council regarding land use, changes in zoning, and review of sub-division plans or plats. Terms are 5 years.

Apply by visiting www.windsorheights.org and selecting the Planning and Zoning Commission Opening on the home page. Call City Hall at 515-279-3662 with any questions.

Come Wish Captain Derek Meyer a Happy Retirement!

Police Captain Derek Meyer will be retiring from the City of Windsor Heights on April 4 after 20 years of invaluable service.

We welcome you to join us in sending him off on April 4 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Community Center in Colby Park. Light refreshments will be served.



Did you see? The Windsor Heights Foundation announced the 2023 Nights in the Heights line up! We'll see you at Colby Park for some rocking evenings this summer.

- June 27: Jana West & Retrospect
- July 4: Faculty Lounge
- July 11: Bob Pace and the Muddy Walter Band
- July 18 Burnin' Sensations
- July 25: Get Off My Lawn
- August 1: Sons of Gladys Kravitz

All concerts are 7 PM to 8:30 PM, except for July 4 which will start at 6:30 PM and go until 10 PM. Food trucks will be announced at a later date.

How's Our Newsletter?

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



Pet License

Register Between
January 1 - March 31

Spayed/Neutered - \$20

Unfixed - \$30

Fee Doubles After March 31



	<p>Windsor Heights Firefighters Association</p>
<p>9AM APRIL 8TH</p> <p>Colby Park Windsor Heights, IA</p>	<h1>EASTER EGG HUNT</h1>
	<p>AGES 5 & UNDER: TENNIS COURT AGES 6-9: BASEBALL FIELD AGES 10 & OVER: IN FRONT OF COMMUNITY CENTER</p> <p>Don't Forget Your Basket!</p>

2/20/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held a Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and Estimated Cost for the 68th Street Reconstruction Improvements
- Approved Contract Documents and Estimated Cost for the 68th Street Reconstruction Improvements
- Approved Bid from All Star Concrete, LLC for the 68th Street Reconstruction Project
- Approved Interim Police Chief Contract for Travis Ouverson
- Discussed Snow Plow Truck Purchases and Tabled Until March 20 City Council Meeting
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-13 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the City of Windsor Heights and the City of West Des Moines for Street Sweeping Services
- Discussed Spring Cleanup Day (May 13) and City Wide Garage Sales (May 6)
- Reviewed FY 23-24 Budget

2/6/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 23-03 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22.01 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights Related to the Appointment of the Public Works Director
- Approved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 23-03
- Waived the Second and Third Readings and Adopted Ordinance No. 23-03
- Held a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 23-04 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 35.03 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights Related to the Appointment of the Fire Chief
- Approved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 23-04
- Waived the Second and Third Readings and Adopted Ordinance No. 23-04
- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23-02 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55.02 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights Related to Types and Numbers of Animals Permitted
- Waived the Third Reading and Adopted Ordinance No. 23-02
- Tabled Consideration of up to \$7,000 in Reimbursement to Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Representative Ricki King for 2023 Kofu, Japan Delegation Trip. Inviting Ricki to Discuss the Trip at the Next Council Meeting.
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-10 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter An Agreement for the City's Audit for Fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024- 2025
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Council Goals and Objectives
- Discussed the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)