



COMMUNITY NEWS April 2023

Important Numbers

City Hall 515-279-3662

Public Safety 515-277-4453

Emergencies 911

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Calendar of Events

April 17

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

April 21

- 5 PM Meet the Fire Chief Candidates (Community Center)

April 22

- 9 AM Earth Day Celebration (Colby Park)

May 1

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

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

Earth Day Celebration

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22 from 9 AM to 3 PM and head to Colby Park.

We're planning something amazing so they whole family can learn about and appreciate nature!

9 AM - 12 PM: Colby Park

Stream Clean-up

12 PM: Welcome from Windsor Heights

12:05 PM: Pot Painting with 5 Monkeys (\$20 + pre-registration required)

12:05 PM: Birdhouse Painting (Free + pre-registration required)

2 PM: Guest Speaker Polk County Master Gardener Nancy Eichmann

Visit booths through Colby Park including Beekeeping with Karen Salmi, Polk County Conservation, SOAR - Saving Our Avian Resources, Blank Park Zoo for birdseed ball making!

We'll also have seeds available for you to take home and prizes including gift cards to Earl May! Visit www.windsorheights.org and click Earth Day Celebration to register for events or scan the QR code above!



Garage Sale Registration



Grab Your (Garage) Shopping Shoes

Attention bargain hunters! It's time to register for the Windsor Heights City Wide Garage Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 6, from 9 AM to 5 PM! Sign up at www.windsorheights.org/776/City-Wide-Garage-Sale. Registration will be open until Friday, April 28, with maps being made available on our website and social media the following Monday. Happy hunting!



1145 66th St, Suite 1
Windsor Heights, IA 50324

Residents Agree...Windsor Heights is a Great Place to Live!

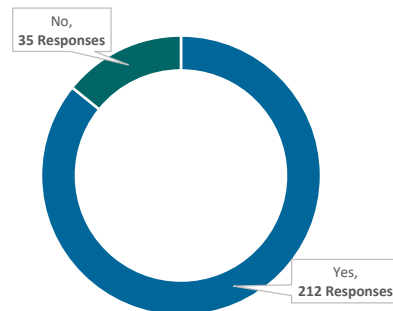
Did you know 86% of the survey respondents agree Windsor Heights is a great place to live and would encourage others to live in here?

Residents not only love the location of the city and its proximity to the rest of the metro, but they also believe it is what makes the community so special. Other qualities residents like about the city include its walkability, landscaping, and small town feel.

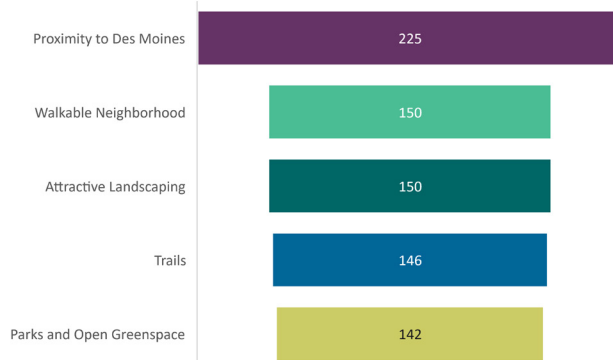
Windsor Heights residents believe the city offers value. We were thrilled to learn over 65% of respondents said they are getting value for their tax dollars. We are also proud to report City Council recently voted to keep the property tax levy the same this year after being able to reduce it the two previous years.

Thank you for participating in the survey. Your responses are helping the Council shape the vision statement and plan for the future of Windsor Heights. Please note this is the last report on our resident responses.

I Would Encourage Others to Live in the City of Windsor Heights



What Do You Like Most About Windsor Heights? (Top 5)



Let Us Know When Beggars' Night Should Be

Windsor Heights City Council is considering moving Beggars' Night to the last Saturday in October... What do you think? Last year Bondurant made a bold move to establish Beggars' Night as the last Saturday in October to make it more convenient and fun for the community.

City Council is considering following suit and would like to hear from the community about this potential change. Scan the QR code or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMWC5NN to take the survey.



THE BEST \$0
YOU CAN SPEND

GET  CARDED



- VISIT our libraries for hundreds of free programs each month, from storytimes to book clubs to author visits.
- ATTEND some of the area's best museums and attractions for free with an Iowa Adventure Pass. Your library card allows you to bring your family to the Science Center of Iowa, Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines Botanical Garden, and Des Moines Children's Museum once per year.

Get carded today by going to dmpl.org/get-carded.

Reminder to all Windsor Heights residents: You have FULL access to all Des Moines Public Library resources! When you sign up for a FREE Des Moines Public Library Card, you immediately can:

- ACCESS digital library featuring more than 37,000 items through the library's Libby app. This includes more than 21,000 eBooks and more than 11,000 eAudiobooks.
- STREAM 26,000 films for free on the Kanopy app.
- BROWSE more than 444,000 books, DVDs, and audiobooks in our physical collection at six library locations, including the nearby Franklin Avenue Library.



MEET THE CANDIDATES FIRE CHIEF

APRIL 21
5 - 6 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER



The City of Windsor Heights invites you to join us on April 21 from 5 to 6 PM to meet the candidates for the next Windsor Heights Fire Chief. Come ask questions and get to know all the candidates! We look forward to your feedback.

Scan the QR to add this to your calendar.



Help Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful

Windsor Heights is a great place to live, and your help is needed in keeping it clean, safe and beautiful as the season changes. Here some reminders of some seasonal code items to keep in mind. If you notice a concern around town, let us know by calling City Hall at 515-279-3662 or submitting it online at windsorheights.org and selecting "Report a Concern" under the Residents menu.

- Keep your lawn mowed and free of trash and junk
- Clean up after your pets and keep them on leashes
- Keep your vehicles parked on pavement and not grass

3/20/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Resolution No. 2023-19 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the City of Windsor Heights and the Des Moines Public Library for the Provision of Library Services through 2026
- Held a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Certain Levies
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-18 - A Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Certain Levies
- Approved the Purchase of One Snow Plow Truck
- Discussed and Approved up to \$3,800 Reimbursement for the Sister Cities Windsor Heights Representative's 2023 Kofu, Japan Delegation Trip
- Discussed Changing Beggars' Night to the Last Saturday of October. A Survey Will be Put Out for Community Feedback
- Discussed FY 24 Budget
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-20 - A Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Hearing to Be Held April 3.

3/6/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-14 - A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-16 - A Resolution Authorizing the City to Submit to the US Department of Transportation a Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application
- Discussed FY 2023-2024 Budget
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-17 - A Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing to consider the FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Date set for March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 1133 66th Street, Windsor Heights, IA

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

Spring & Summer Events

April 22 - Earth Day Celebration · 9 AM - 3 PM

5 - Movies in the Park: Ghostbusters

6 - City Wide Garage Sale *

13 - Spring Cleanup *

13 & 14 - Scrap Tire Cleanup *

May

2 - Movies the Park: The Incredibles + Touch a Truck

23 - Windsor Heights Foundation Ice Cream Social *

June 27 - Nights in the Heights: Jana West & Retrospect

4 - Nights in the Heights: Faculty Lounge

11 - Nights in the Heights: Bob Pace & the Muddy Walter Band

18 - Nights in the Heights: Burnin Sensations

21 - Movies in the Park: Breakfast at Tiffany's

25 - Nights in the Heights: Get Off My Lawn

July

1 - Nights in the Heights: Sons of Gladys Kravits +

August National Night Out



* = City wide events. All other events take place at Colby Park.

Movies in the Park start at sundown.

Nights in the Heights start at 7 PM except July 4 will begin at 6:30 PM.

Scan the QR code to visit the City website for more details about each event.

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Contact Council Form

