



COMMUNITY NEWS May 2023

Important Numbers

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What's Inside

- Construction Update
- Spring Cleanup and Scrap Tire Event
- Earth Day Celebration
- Movies in the Park
- Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful
- Ice Cream Social Hosts Needed
- Library Happenings
- Mowing and Permit Reminders

Calendar of Events

May 13

- Spring Cleanup
- Scrap Tire Drop Off

May 15

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

June 2

- 7 PM Movies in the Park + Touch a Truck (Colby Park)

June 5

- 6 PM City Council Meeting



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Meet the City's New Police and Fire Chiefs

The City of Windsor Heights is pleased to announce that Pete Roth has been selected as the next Windsor Heights Police Chief and Jim Mease as the next Windsor Heights Fire Chief.

Pete will return to his old stomping grounds as he began his career as a police officer for the City of Clive in 1997. Through the years, Pete has climbed through the ranks in Clive, Iowa City, and, most recently, Clear Lake. He has been serving as the Clear Lake Chief of Police since August of 2015.

In addition to serving as Chief of Police, he goes above and beyond to be involved in his community such as being a member of the Clear Lake Community Schools Threat Assessment Team and Iowa Public Safety Telecommunicator Standards Committee as well as serving on multiple boards including the Police Chiefs Association and Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management Citizen's Corp.

Pete's years of service, knowledge, and involvement made him the perfect choice to become our Chief. He will begin on May 15.



Jim has been a part-time member of the Windsor Heights Fire Department since 2015. Most recently he has served as a Lieutenant/Training Officer for Norwalk since 2018. Jim also has many years as a part-time fire fighter/paramedic and part time Lieutenant for Clive.

Jim also worked for Des Moines Fire Department and is has held nearly every position on Truro's, his hometown, Volunteer Fire Department including Chief.

Jim's years of knowledge and experience in the fire service made him stand out as an excellent choice to serve as our next Chief. Jim started his new role on May 1st.

Please help us in congratulating and welcoming them both to Windsor Heights.

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Your Source for Construction Project Updates

As most have noticed, construction season is upon us. We'll be posting updates to the website for everyone to keep up to date on the various projects we have planned for this year. Bookmark www.windsorheights.org/489/Project-Updates as a place to check for any answers on construction projects. All projects are dependent on weather.



As always, drive slow and with caution around construction crews.



Windsor Heights Celebrates Earth Day

Thank you to everyone who came out last Saturday for our Earth Day Celebration and a special thank you to our volunteers who braved the chilly, early morning weather for the stream clean up event! Thank you to Councilor Susan Skeries, the Special Events Committee, and volunteers for putting it all together.

It was made even more possible thanks to our sponsors; Five Monkeys, Capital City Fruit, Peterson Painting, SOAR - Saving Our Avian Resources, Blank Park Zoo, Optimum Chiropractic, P.C., Polk County Conservation, EcoSource, Hy-Vee, MidAmerican Energy, and Wit's End Gardens.



Touch A Truck & Movie in the Park
June 2nd
7-8:15 - Touch a Truck
8:15 - Pizza, Popcorn, Drinks
& Cookies
8:45 - The Incredibles

FREE!



Join us for a showing of *The Incredibles* as part of the 2023 Movies in the Park series and come early for the family favorite Touch a Truck with special guest Metro Waste Authority!

Touch a Truck will begin at 7 PM and the movie will start at sunset (8:45 PM) and refreshments will be served 30 minutes before we push play. Bring chairs or a blanket and enjoy a fun evening for the entire family!



Help Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful

Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful is a committee of volunteers from the community that works with the city on beautifying Windsor Heights. They're looking for more volunteers to help the following days:

May 9 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM Windsor Heights Colby Park clean up of two garden beds

May 15 at 4 PM Volunteers are needed also for planting of containers around Community Center

Any questions please contact Celeste Egger at celeste.egger@gmail.com or at 515-480-8358.



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ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL HOSTS ARE NEEDED!

Sunday, June 25

6 - 8 p.m.

Host your block's social and meet your neighbors over free ice cream!

Sign up to host and learn more by emailing

WHicecreamsocial@gmail.com

Or visit

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At Your Library

Featured event at Franklin Avenue Library:
Social Security and Retirement Basics

Monday, May 22, 6:30 PM

Join us to learn the best ways to prepare to receive social security. You'll discover ways to avoid higher taxation, what you should consider when determining when you should file for social security, common threats that can erode your nest egg, and more.



Mark Your Calendars for these other great DMPL events in May:

Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) series (All events take place at the Central Library):

Wednesday, May 10, 7 PM – Emily St. John Mandel, author of Station Eleven and Sea of Tranquility

Wednesday, May 24, 7 PM – Jack Carr, author of The Terminal List

Finally – the **Des Moines Public Library Summer Reading Program** begins on **Monday, June 5!** There will be prizes for all ages. More information will be available next month.

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

Mowing Reminders

Grass Under 6" Tall

No Clippings in the Street

Be aware, unlike our neighbor the City of Des Moines, we are not participating in a city wide "No Mow May". Lawn codes will still be enforced in May.



WINDSOR HEIGHTS
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MISSION

The mission of the Windsor Heights Foundation is to develop projects and programs that enrich and enhance the lives of its residents and those in neighboring communities.

GET INVOLVED

The Windsor Heights Foundation welcomes your support!
Get involved in any one of our annual events:

Ice Cream Social
Nights in the Heights
Light the Heights

Your contributions will help support community activities and projects, which remind us why we live in a city in "the heart of it all."

Do You Have Your Permit?

Construction season isn't just for streets. Are you planning on making home improvements this year? Ensure you have the proper permits lined up as well as give time for processing and approval. Permit approval may take up to 10 business days, depending on the project. Ensure your contractor also does their research since every city's code and permit requirement differs.

Call City Hall at 515-279-3662 if you have any permit (or any) questions.

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4/3/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-21 - A Resolution Adopting FY 23-24 Budget
- Approved Fireworks Purchase for Windsor Heights Fall Festival Totaling \$15,000. Fall Fest Takes Place the Weekend of October 7, 2023.
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-23 - A Resolution Approving Expenditure of \$5,000 to the Windsor Heights Foundation for the Sponsorship of Summer Activities at Colby Park
- Approved Hiring GovHR as the City Administrator Search Firm

4/17/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held a Public Hearing on Proposed Colby Park Phase I Improvements. Council chose not to approve any bids, as they came in 40% over engineers estimated costs. Discussion on the next steps for Colby Park improvements will continue at committee level
- Approved Police Department Former Fleet Vehicles Transfer to the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Criminal Justice Program for Use in Ongoing Student Training
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-24 - A Resolution in Support of Grow Solar Polk County 2023 Group Buy In - Windsor Heights
- Discussed City Administrator Recruitment with Mark Peterson, Vice President - GovHR
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-25 - A Resolution Approving the Mayor's Appointment of Pete Roth to the Position of Police Chief