

### COMMUNITY NEWS June 2023

### Important Numbers

**City Hall** 515-279-3662 **Public Safety** 515-277-4453 **Emergencies** 911

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- Smart Irrigation Schedule
- July 4th Activities
- Pick Up After Your Dog
- Movies in the Park
- Alert Iowa
- Storytime in the Park Returns
- Library Happenings
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## Calendar of Events

June 19

• 6 PM City Council Meeting

#### June 23

 10:15 AM Storytime in the Park

### June 25

6 PM Ice Cream Social

### June 27

7 PM Nights in the Heights



Scan QR Code for more events!

## Windsor Heights Council Members Take DC

Mayor Mike Jones and Councilors Susan Skeries, Lauren Campbell, and Michael Libbie were in Washington D.C. from May 10 to 12 advocating support for the Windsor Heights RAISE grant application. The grant would allow for the reconstruction of 73rd Street allowing for safer roadways, walkways, and more!

Council members met and discussed the project with Senators Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley and Representative Zach Nunn.

The support of Iowa's Senators and Representatives will be key in being awarded the grant and improving 73rd Street.

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE grant, is a program funded and awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.





## Urbandale, Windsor Heights Chambers Join Forces Through Merger

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce have announced plans to merge operations beginning June 1. The merger is designed to help the organizations combine their resources to best serve members while still maintaining unique identities.

The Urbandale Chamber of Commerce will be the lead organization powering the Windsor Heights Chamber Committee with staff and resources. This modern model allows for Windsor Heights to maintain its community identity.



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Mother Nature has blessed us with spring showers, but it's still critical to ensure your lawn watering system is set to follow Des Moines Water Works' Use Water Wisely plan when drier summer months arrive.

Follow this schedule for outdoor spray irrigation systems and other lawn watering:

- No watering on Mondays
- Do not water during the hottest part of the day, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses (ex: 120 Main St.) water on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, before 10 a.m. to after 5 p.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses (ex: 123 Main St.) water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

## UNE!

SUMMER KICKS OFF, OUTDOOR FUN TAKES OVER BUT...

JUNE IS THE MOST ACTIVE MONTH FOR TORNADOES IN IOWA

Never A Better Time To Sign Up!

- Address Based Weather Alerts
  County/Community Specific Alerts
- Builtiple Languages
- Secure and Easy Sign-up
- Ability to Choose Alerts by Text, Phone Call, or Email



Don't Be Caught Unaware!

Sign up for Alert Iowa Today at <u>ww.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management</u> or scan the OR code





PACK A PICNIC AND A BLANKET FOR A DATE NIGHT IN WINDSOR HEIGHTS

# ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

**MOVIE STARTS AT 8:45PM** 

2:322

Help keep Windsor Heights clean and do your part by cleaning up after your dog when out on walks.

It's not only respectful to your neighbors and against City Code, but dog waste can carry parasites and bacteria that can spread to other dogs and even humans.



# Story Time in the Park Has Returned!

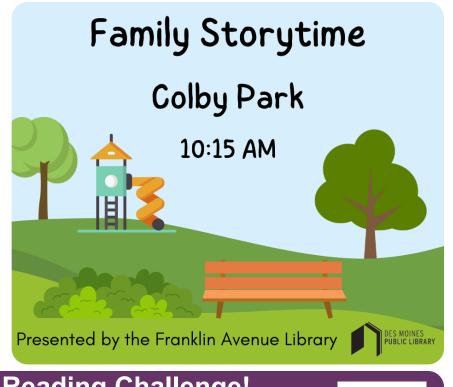
Come for a story, stay for the fun! The Franklin Avenue Library Youth Staff will be reading a children's book for Storytime in the Park in Colby Park. Join us for a children's story and an individually packaged snack and drink to enjoy!

Come down to the park the following Fridays!

- Friday, June 23
- Friday, July 14
- Friday, July 28

All storytimes will start at 10:15 AM. Keep an eye on the City's social media pages in case of any changes due to weather. Police officers and firemen stopped at Windsor Crossing to help celebrate the Windsor Crossing Queen Shirley Wells' 92nd birthday.

Patty Mitchell spoke for all the tenants saying, "They made her birthday and it was so awesome for them to take the time to stop in and surprise her. Most of them have been here to help several of us in a emergency, but this was just going beyond their duties. We all really appreciate them and all they do."





### Summer Reading Challenge!

The Des Moines Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge gets underway Monday, June 5! Stop by the Franklin Avenue Library or any other Des Moines Public Library location to sign up for free and get a free book! You can also sign up online at dmpl.org or by scanning the QR code.



Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge is easy. Read for 20 minutes or complete one of the summer reading activities chosen by our librarians. When you complete the challenge, you'll win a small prize and be eligible for our grand prizes at the end of the summer. The challenge includes three different age groups, so there are great prizes for everyone, including toddlers, elementary school students, and teens.

Adults also have a chance to read and win prizes this summer by taking part in the Summer Checkout Challenge. When you complete the challenge, you'll receive a small prize and be entered into a drawing for our grand prize pack full of goodies for readers. Complete the challenge multiple times and you'll earn more entries for that grand prize drawing!

# 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



### 2023 Free Summer Concert Series

Colby Park, Windsor Heights

JUNE 27 - 7 P.M. BRING FIDO NIGHT Jana West & RetroSpect - 70's and 80's JULY 4 - 6 P.M.

CELEBRATE AMERICA - STAY FOR THE FIREWORKS! Faculty Lounge - Funk

JULY 11 - 7 P.M. COOL CAR NIGHT Bob Pace & The Muddy Walter Band - Chicago Blues

> JULY 18 - 7 P.M. BICYCLE NIGHT Burnin' Sensations - Contagious Grooves

> > JULY 25 - 7 P.M.

TBD Get Off My Lawn - Rock

AUGUST 1 - 7 P.M. TROPICAL NIGHT

Sons of Gladys Kravitz - Classic Rock

Join us for live music, food trucks, and free fun! For more information: www.windsorheightsfoundation.org www.facebook.com/WindsorHeightsIAFoundation

# 5/1/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Resolution No. 2023-28 A Resolution Approving the Interim City Administrator's Appointment of Jim Mease to the Position of Fire Chief
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-29 A Resolution Approving a 28E Agreement By and Between Government Entities Represented on the Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC) for Funding and Implementation of Homeland Security Services Within the Metropolitan Area
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-30 A Resolution to Appoint Mayor Jones as A Member and Councilor Skeries, Police Chief Roth, and Fire Chief Mease as Alternate Members to the Polk County Emergency Management Commission
- Approved Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Windsor Heights and Bolton & Menk, Inc. - 68th Street Construction Observation Amendment. Allowing for Additional Hours of Project Management Based on a Updated Contractor Construction Schedule
- Approved University Avenue Holiday Display Purchase

## 5/15/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held Public Hearing Amendment of Current Budget City of Windsor Heights Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2023
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-31 A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023
- Approved Resolution No. 2023-36 A Resolution Establishing a Seatbelt/Restraint Use Policy for the Employees of the City of Windsor Heights
- Discussed Resolution No. 2023-37 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa to Submit Sites to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Staff is gathering additional information about the program and additional consideration will occur at a future meeting.



### ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, June 25 (6 - 8 pm)

### We all love ice cream!

### We need hosts:

Celebrate summer with your neighbors by hosting your neighborhood's ice cream social!

**To host:** WHicecreamsocial@gmail.com

### Not sure where to go?

Attend our city-wide ice cream social at the Windsor Heights Community Center at Colby Park.

**Learn more:** www.windsorheightsfoundation.org

