



COMMUNITY NEWS September 2023

Important Numbers

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

What's Inside

- Election Candidate Filing Open
- Windsor Heights Veterans Day Event
- Library Happenings
- What to Do with Large Trash Items
- Suspicious Text Alert
- School Year Driving Reminder
- Beggars' Night Date to be Decided

Calendar of Events

September 18

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

October 2

- 6 PM City Council Meeting

October 6 - 7

- Fall Festival

October 16

- 6 PM City Council Meeting



Fall Festival

in the heart of it all!

Friday
October
6

Movie in the Park - Hocus Pocus

Join us for free pizza, popcorn, soda, and cookies and watch Hocus Pocus under the stars!

Pancake Breakfast 8-11am

The Windsor Heights Firefighter Association Pancake Breakfast is back! Stop by the Community & Events Center at Colby Park for a delicious breakfast supporting a great crew! Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family!

Saturday
October
7

WHAMM - 9am Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon

This 5k fun run along the scenic Greenbelt Trail is a good time for the whole family! Early bird discount \$27, registration after September 1st is \$35. Includes t-shirt and pancake breakfast ticket.

Yoga with Mary McCarthy - 10am

Meet us at the pavilion with a yoga mat or towel for this FREE yoga class with Mary McCarthy. Whether this is your first yoga class or you're an expert Yogi, this class is for you!

Windsor Heights Parade - 1pm

The Windsor Heights Parade is back! Sponsored by the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce, the parade is full of fun - and CANDY - for the whole family! Route details: 70th south from Wilshire to University, east to 69th street, south to Colby Park. *Parade entry registration is open, sign up today!*

Saturday at Colby Park - 2pm

Colby Park has something for everyone Saturday! Inflatable bounce houses, petting zoo, silent disco, food trucks, vendor & community booths, live music and more! FREE fun for the whole family!

Community Awards, including Citizen & Business of the Year at 5:30pm

Dick Danger Band - 6pm

Des Moines Finest Top Forty R&B, Funk band, The Dick Danger Band headlines our 2023 Fall Festival, sponsored by the Windsor Heights Foundation. Bring your chairs and get here early - you won't want to miss out!

Fireworks - 7:30pm

Consider yourself warned - you DO NOT want to miss the best fireworks show this town has ever seen!



Scan QR
Code
for more
events!



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



Want to be on the ballot this November for City Council? File your candidate paperwork with the Polk County Election Office by September 21.

City Hall is not accepting any paperwork. Scan the QR code to visit our election resource page including a candidate resource guide, election day information, and how to register to vote.



The City of Windsor Heights is once again saying "Thank You" to our Veterans for their service at our annual Veterans Day luncheon. Veterans and their guests can register for the event by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions, need assistance registering, or would like to volunteer, email Councilor Susan Skeries at susan.skeries@windsorheights.org or call City Hall at 515-279-3662.

AT YOUR LIBRARY: AUGUST 2023

Fall Author Series: William Kent Krueger

Wednesday, August 16, 7 PM | Central Library, 1000 Grand Ave.

Join best-selling and award-winning author William Kent Krueger as he discusses his latest standalone novel, *The River We Remember* (release date: September 5). Krueger is also the author of the popular Cork O'Connor mystery series, which are set in the great north woods of Minnesota.

Prairie Talks at Franklin Avenue Library

Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge

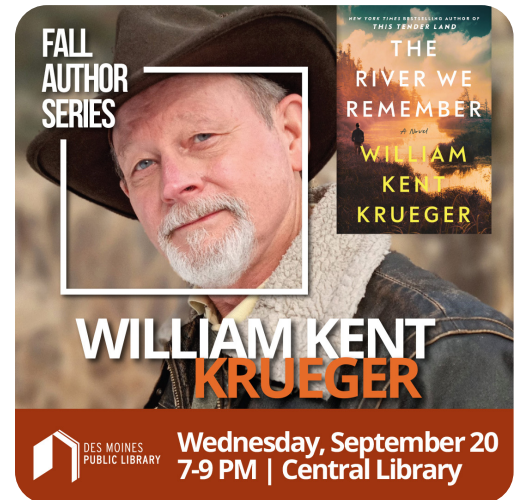
Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library, 5000 Franklin Ave.

Discover how Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge staff and volunteers are bringing back Iowa's native tallgrass prairie and oak savanna ecosystems and wildlife populations. Learn how the refuge manages the landscape and wildlife populations, including bison and elk herds.

Stephanie Badsoldier Snow

Monday, September 11, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Stephanie Badsoldier Snow, the education coordinator for the Meskwaki Nation, will talk about Iowa prairies and Native cultures. While here, visit the Franklin Avenue Library's new prairie roots display.





Volunteer Sign-up

Your help is needed to make the 2023 Fall Festival a success! Scan the QR Code to volunteer or visit www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com. Have a student? This a great way to get silver cord hours!

Receive a Text from the City?

There have been a few reports of text messages being sent out from a company who claims to be doing a survey on Windsor Heights. This is not a legitimate survey through the City!

If you receive this text:

- Do not reply
- Do not release personal information
- Do not click any suspicious links

Have More than Can fit in Your Cart?

Whether you're cleaning out your house, or making room for that new appliance or couch, sometimes you need to get rid of things that don't fit in your cart.

The good news is you can still get rid of those large or extra items curbside with the large and extra item sticker program. Hold onto the chart below for the next time you have more to throw out than you can fit in your cart!

How Many Stickers Do You Need?

The larger the item, the more it costs to get it gone. Use the list below to help with common items. If you don't see your item, or a similar one, contact Metro Waste Authority at 515-244-0021.

\$1 Sticker

- Bag of trash under 30 lb.
- Box of trash under 30 lbs.
- Kid's toys (under 30 lbs., e.g. big wheel)
- TV or computer monitor (19-inch screen and smaller)*

\$5 Sticker

- 5 boxes or bags of trash (under 30 lbs. per piece)
- 5 carpet rolls (4 foot length x 18 inch diameter)
- Bicycle
- Couch or love seat
- Crib
- Desk
- Door (per door)
- Entertainment center
- Grill (no propane)
- Kid's toys (over 30 lbs., e.g. big wheel)
- Kitchen chairs (4 maximum)
- Kitchen sink
- Push mower (drained of gas and oil)
- Sectional (one \$5 sticker per piece)
- Single/double mattress
- Snow blower (drained of gas and oil)
- Table
- Toilet (one sticker for base, one for tank)
- Window (one)

\$10 (2 - \$5 stickers)

- Queen/king mattress
- Queen/king box spring

\$35 (7 - \$5 stickers)

- Appliances (Fridges or freezers of any size ((doors must be removed)), washers, dryers, microwaves, etc.) - scheduling required

*TV - Give Metro Waste Authority a call at 515-244-0021. The size and weight of the television varies greatly. We can help you determine how many stickers you'll need based on the TV you want to dispose of.

Appliances require special handling. Give Metro Waste Authority a call at 515-244-0021 to schedule your appliance pick-up before setting at the curb.

Large and extra item stickers can be purchased at City Hall or online at www.mwatoday.com.

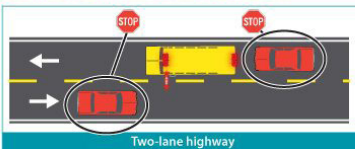
How's Our Newsletter?

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

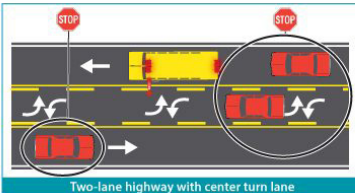
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS PASSING LAWS IN IOWA

www.iowadot.gov/schoolbus/requiredstopping.html

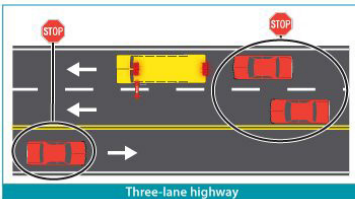
3 LANES OR FEWER: ALL VEHICLES MUST STOP



Two-lane highway

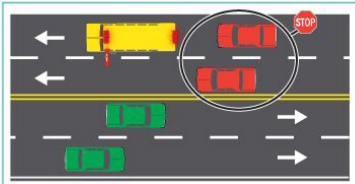


Two-lane highway with center turn lane

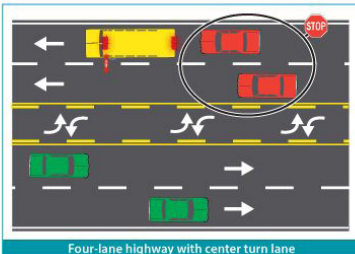


Three-lane highway

4 LANES OR MORE: VEHICLES APPROACHING FROM THE REAR MUST STOP



Four-lane highway



Four-lane highway with center turn lane



School Year Driving Reminders

- Take your time, SLOW DOWN, and watch for kids going to or coming from schools.
- NEVER pass a school bus with flashing lights.
- Be courteous to others in the area dropping off or picking up.
- Do not park where you are blocking driveways, within 10-feet of an intersection, where you are blocking a crosswalk, or where otherwise posted.

Learn more about school bus safety by visiting iowadot.gov/schoolbus or scanning the QR code.



WINDSOR HEIGHTS
FOUNDATION

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."

STAY
CONNECTED



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WindsorHeightsIAFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/WindsorHeightsIAFoundation)

www.windsorheightsfoundation.org

Weigh-in on Date For Beggars' Night

City Council is set to make a decision on when to hold Beggars' Night during the September 18 City Council meeting. They are welcoming any additional comments from residents before making a decision.

The meeting will begin at 6 PM on the 18th and Zoom will be available for individuals who are unable to attend in person.

You can also send comments to City Clerk Adam Strait at astrait@windsorheights.org.

8/21/23 City Council Meeting Recap

- Presentation from MS4 on Storm water Practices
- Presentation from Wyatt Archer - Bolton & Menk on Code Updates to Chapters 165 - 177 and Chapter 180
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 - Public Safety Building Parking Lot and Pay Request No. 3 - 68th Street Reconstruction
- Approved Resolution 2023-44 Approving City Administrator's Ability to Waive Rental Fees for the City of Windsor Heights Special Events Committee and amended to add "City events are those events coordinated and planned by the City's Special Events Committee" on to the last "whereas"
- Approved the Purchase of Police Department Hybrid Fleet Vehicle
- Approved Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program, a grant program to assist residents repair damaged sidewalks, and amended to include an exception allowing the program eligibility to include bringing a resident's full sidewalk to ADA compliance if the sidewalk is under ADA width requirement.
- Approved the Purchase of a Dog Park Fence through America Fence Company