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A Message from the Windsor Heights Foundation About the 2024 4th of July Celebration



Dear Windsor Heights residents and friends,

With the start of Spring and warmer temperatures certainly ahead, your Windsor Heights Foundation is actively preparing for Nights in the Heights, our annual FREE summer music concert series! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings at Colby Park (beginning June 25th) where we will all enjoy wonderful live music and incredible food and beverages from local food trucks.

One of the main events of Nights in the Heights is our annual 4th of July celebration. As you have likely seen, Colby Park is undergoing significant renovations, with the main construction starting this April and continuing through the remainder of this summer (2024). We, like you, look forward to the completed renovations. However, these renovations have necessitated limiting the space with which we have traditionally used to gather and view our concerts. This is especially true for such a large concert as our Fourth of July celebration.

This has left the Windsor Heights Foundation with a very difficult decision. With the safety of all of our attendees paramount, we have decided that with such limited space there is not a viable way to host fireworks in a safe manner this year. For this reason, our concert will be held on July 2nd, and not on July 4th as we have in the past. We hope and intend that this is a one-time occurrence. However, hosting the 4th of July fireworks is a very expensive endeavor. Your support is what allows us to host this celebration and do so much more in our community. We would WELCOME your help and involvement to ensure that next year's 4th of July celebration is again a reality.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and patience as we make these adjustments to our annual summer plans. We are excited to gather with in our beautiful Colby Park in just a couple of months!

With gratitude,

Mark Arends, Board Chairman
The Windsor Heights Foundation

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Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful Colby Park Summer Bridge to Bridge Clean-up

Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful (KWHB) volunteers worked in the butterfly beds in Colby Park for many years. The construction of new updates for our park began in Fall 2023. The committee will work on other ways to KWHB, beginning with the clean up of Colby Park on the trail from "Bridge to Bridge". This is an open opportunity for single people, families, or groups to come and help keep the bike trail clean through Colby Park, from the Don Steele bridge all the way to the I-235 bridge. Come when you can - leave when you want! The commitment isn't for 10 hours, but you can come for whatever time you have available, whether that's 1 hour or 3 hours.

What do I need to bring? Be sure to have gloves, trash bags, and any other tools to help you pick up trash safely. All collected trash can be left near any trash receptacle in Colby Park - city workers will take it from there. There is no expectation to get into the water, to go onto unstable terrain, or to get items over 5 lbs.

There is no supervision on site, so any groups with minors need to provide their own supervision. Sign up by hitting the "click here" button!



A green graphic with a lawnmower in the top right corner. The text "MOWING REMINDERS" is in large white letters. Below it, there are two paragraphs of text.

MOWING REMINDERS

Lawns must remain under 6 inches per City Code. Windsor Heights does not participate in No Mow May and this code will be enforced through out the month.

Do not blow clippings in to the street. This can cause storm drains to become clogged and cause flooding. It can also cause a dangerous hazards to motorcycles.

A colorful graphic for a Disney Pixar Elemental movie event. It features the movie title "ELEMENTAL" in large, colorful letters. Below it, it says "JOIN US AT 8:15PM MOVIE STARTS AT 8:45PM" and "JUNE 7TH". At the bottom, it says "FREE!" and "Presented by BOLTON & MENK". There are also images of popcorn, a pizza, and a drink.

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AT YOUR LIBRARY

New at the library: Assistive Tech

The Des Moines Public Library has teamed up with Easterseals Iowa to provide a collection of assistive technology offerings for checkout from the DMPL Library of Things. Anyone with an active library card can, for free, borrow items like braille/large print Monopoly board games, exam pen readers, and more items to help those who need assistive technology. Easterseals Iowa donated the items to the library, and also has its own free lending library with hundreds of options. See more at dmpl.org/library-things.

A graphic with a blue and yellow background. It says "NOW AVAILABLE!" in a blue starburst. Below it, it says "CHECK OUT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES FROM OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS". At the bottom, there are logos for "DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY" and "easterseals Iowa".

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Project Update Hub

Keep updated on City projects going on in one place. Scan the QR Code for updates on projects including Colby Park renovations and 73rd Street reconstruction.



Big Book Sale! May 8-13, Central Library

Stop by the Central Library downtown for our biggest book sale of the year! Find great deals on books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more available for sale.

Europe and the Holocaust Monday, May 6, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Beverly Nagel Ellis of Des Moines, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, spent most of her first five years in a displaced persons camp in Germany before her family emigrated to the United States. Beverly will reflect on her family's survival of the Holocaust and their experiences after the end of World War II in this informative evening program.

Keen to spring clean? Spring Cleanup is just around the corner!

Spring Cleanup in Windsor Heights will be on June 15. This is a great opportunity to get rid of large items or extra garbage right at your curb!

What's Accepted?

Items that can be set at your curb include:

- Couch
- Desk
- Lamp
- Toys
- Mattress
- Chairs
- Doors
- Carpet (must be cut into 4' long x 18" diameter rolls)

What's Not Accepted?

Items that should not be set out at your curb for Spring Cleanup include:

- Appliances
- Hazardous waste
- Yard waste
- Broken glass
- Tires (can be taken to 6900 School St., June 15, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM)

Make sure all your items are set at the curb by 6 AM on your scheduled cleanup day. Some haulers like to start before the sun rises!

Wondering about an item that's not listed above? Give Metro Waste Authority a call at 515.244.0021, or visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/SpringCleanup.



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TIRE DROP-OFF

JUNE 15, 2024
8:00 AM-2:00 PM
6900 SCHOOL STREET

Spinning your wheels trying to get rid of an old tire or two? We can help! Windsor Heights has partnered with Metro Waste Authority for a tire drop-off event June 15, from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. During this event, residents can drop off up to five tires at 6900 School Street free of charge. Tires from tractors and bicycles, or solid tires from lawnmowers or golf carts, are not accepted.

2024 City Wide Garage Sale



Attention bargain hunters! It's time to register for the Annual Windsor Heights City Wide Garage Sale, scheduled for Saturday, June 8! Registration will be open through May 24. A list of participating sales will be made available the following week.

Sign up clicking the "click here" button!





October 5th, 2024

WHAMM 5k

Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon

Registration includes race shirt, and pancake breakfast ticket

Early-Bird registration until June 1st

[CLICK HERE](#)

Recycle Mercury Bulbs at City Hall
Mercury containing compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes and HIDs bulbs can be dropped off at City Hall all year round!

How to drop-off: Bring your ID showing Windsor Heights residency and drop off up to fifteen intact eligible light bulbs to City Hall weekdays between 8-4:30 and we'll recycle them for you at no charge. Light bulbs can also be brought to Bondurant Metro Waste at no charge.

4/1/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- During a special meeting immediately before the regular council meeting, the public hearing on the proposed tax rate levy was held. No action was taken. The tax rate levy will be accepted with the FY25 City Budget on April 15
- Held Public Hearing on North 73rd Street Project Award
- Approved Resolution 2024 - 26 - A Resolution Awarding the 73rd Street Improvements - Phase 1 project to Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. and Resolution No. 2024-27 - A Resolution Approving the Scope and Fee Proposal from BMI for 73rd Street Improvements - Phase 1 Construction Services
- Approved the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, by Amending Chapter 101 Relating to the Storm Water Drainage which will raise the City's storm water fee
- Approved the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-01 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156, Adding Subsection 102.11.23 to Section 156.04, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, with Regard to Enforcement Procedures for Rental Housing; and to Adopt and Publish
- Approved the Community Center Solar Electrical Design Contract
- Approved the Public Art Plan Grant Application. Perspective projects include the Little Brother building mural and a perspective public art easement from Casey's. There are also potential art locations at 63rd and University and Colby Park. This grant would also set the stage for future art projects and help qualify the city for future public art grants through BRAVO
- Discussed Potential Parkland Dedication, Land Exchange and Other Topics Related to The Windsor Project
- Discussed the Windsor Heights Trail System Name. Council decided on The Windsor Trail. At the next meeting, Council will formally vote on the trail name

4/15/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- CatchDSM and WestCom both presented updates about their organizations to Council
- Held Public Hearing on adopting the FY25 and approved Resolution 2024-28 - A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual City of Windsor Heights Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Held Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Windsor Heights Consolidated Urban Renewal Area and approved Resolution 2024-29 - A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Windsor Heights Consolidated Urban Renewal Area
- Approved Resolution 2024-30 - A Resolution Naming the Trail Paths Within Windsor Heights City Limits "The Windsor Trail". Staff will be working to update trail signs and alert community resources
- Approved a 2024 Earth Day Proclamation and WestCom National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation (April 14 through April 20)
- Approved the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-02 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, by Amending Chapter 101 Relating to the Storm Water Drainage which will raise the City's storm water fee
- 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-03 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, by Amending Chapter 136, Governing Sidewalk Regulations. The ordinance will update missing, outdated, and unfunded items within the Chapter that include updates to definitions, removal of seasonal sidewalk construction restrictions, City assuming 50% responsibility for defects due to street trees, and more.
- Approved Resolution 2024-31 - A Resolution Approving and Updating the Community Events Center Guidelines and Information including extended hours and a new lower resident rate. Council also approved Resolution 2024-32 updating the CEC section of the City Fee Schedule

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