



## COMMUNITY NEWS June 2025

### Important Numbers

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

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- Road Construction Update
- Tour the Landfill!
- Bring Your Plastic Bags to City Hall
- Nights in the Heights Returns
- Help Keep Windsor Heights Beautiful

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You can also scan the QR Code to contact Council as well!



The whole family can come to Colby Park for a special Family Storytime presented by the Franklin Avenue Library!

Bring your own blanket or chairs and join us for stories, songs, and rhymes in the great outdoors.

*In the event of inclement weather storytime will be cancelled.*

*Check our website at [dmpl.org](http://dmpl.org) for updates.*

## Storytimes start at 10:15 AM

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

### FRIDAY, JULY 25



6900 SCHOOL STREET, WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IA



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# Andy's Corner!

- Two active road reconstruction projects are currently underway: 73rd St from University Ave to Hickman Road and 68th St. from School St. to University Ave. Work on Phase 1 and Phase 4 of the 73rd St project are both active. Phase 4 includes the area directly adjacent to Clive Learning Academy. Phase 4 work lines up with the academic calendar of the school. The contractor is continuing to work to complete Phase 1 just north of University Ave. Please check out the Projects Updates on our website for the most up to date information regarding both projects.
- Spring Clean Up is June 14! This is a great opportunity to get rid of large items or extra garbage right at your curb. Those directly impacted by the current construction projects, please reach out to the Public Works Department for assistance in participating in the program by calling 515-645-6825.
- The Sidewalk Improvement Grant Program and the Stormwater Best Management Practices Program are still accepting applications. Please visit the Public Works Department page on the City's Website for more information regarding both projects!
- There is a lot happening down at Colby Park this summer. Come down to the park to enjoy all the free to attend events. Check out the Events page for a calendar and listing of all events.
- Here are some other projects our crew has been hard at work completing: splash pad start-up, tree removals and plantings, and road maintenance.

## Explore Where Your Waste Goes: Free Landfill Tour on June 28

Curious about what happens to your trash after it leaves the curb? Join Metro Waste Authority on Saturday, June 28, from 3–5 PM for a free, self-paced driving tour of Metro Park East Landfill in Mitchellville—the largest landfill in Iowa.

This 30-minute educational experience offers a behind-the-scenes look at how garbage, recycling, and yard waste are processed. You'll drive through disposal zones, view habitat preservation areas, and learn about innovative recycling efforts.

Along the way, enjoy audio guides, a fun scavenger hunt, and an up-close look at a garbage truck and heavy equipment. It's a unique and family-friendly way to discover how safe, smart disposal works. Learn more at [WhereItShouldGo.com/LandfillTour](http://WhereItShouldGo.com/LandfillTour).



### 73rd Street Reconstruction Update

Construction on Stage 4, located in front of Clive Learning Academy between Jefferson Avenue and Del Matro Avenue, is currently in progress and will continue through the summer break. Work is also ongoing in the Stage 1 area, just north of University Avenue. Pavement removal on the east side of Stage 1 is scheduled to begin in mid-June.

### 68th Street Reconstruction Update

Repaving of School Street is underway and is expected to be completed by mid-June, at which point it will reopen to traffic. Currently, Colby Park remains accessible via 69th Street.

### Forest Court Mill and Overlay Update

The resurfacing project on Forest Court, between 64th Street and 66th Street, is tentatively planned for mid-summer. The project is expected to take approximately 2 to 3 weeks to complete.

Weekly Construction Updates on our website at [www.windsorheights.org/489/Project-Updates](http://www.windsorheights.org/489/Project-Updates)



### Plastic Bag Recycling Initiative

The City is proud to announce a new sustainability initiative encouraging residents to donate plastic bags for recycling at City Hall. This community-driven effort supports the upcoming Forest Court Mill & Overlay project, where recycled plastic will be transformed into roadway materials through a partnership with Driven Plastics, a leader in plastic reuse innovation.

This partnership with Driven Plastics allows Windsor Heights residents to contribute directly to local environmental stewardship. By reducing plastic waste and investing in resilient infrastructure, the city is setting an example for how small towns can lead in sustainable public works.

Residents can participate by bringing clean, dry plastic bags to the collection bin at Windsor Heights City Hall.



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

Spring Cleanup in Windsor Heights will be on June 14. 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 14, 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.WhereltShouldGo.com/SpringCleanup](http://www.WhereltShouldGo.com/SpringCleanup).



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 14, 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.

## How's Our Newsletter?

## Nights in the Heights Returns with Rockin' 2025 Lineup

Get ready for another summer of music and fun at Nights in the Heights, the free concert series held Tuesday nights in Colby Park! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes as we welcome a fantastic lineup of local talent.

### 2025 Concert Schedule:

- June 24 – Bob Pace and The Power
- July 1 – FL Funk (aka Faculty Lounge)
- July 8 – RetroSpect with Jana West
- July 15 – Stark Raving Madge
- July 22 – Flying Silos
- July 29 – The Sons of Gladys Kravitz

Whether you're a longtime fan or a first-time guest, there's something for everyone at Nights in the Heights. Mark your calendars and come enjoy great music in the heart of Windsor Heights!

## Help Keep Windsor Heights Clean, Safe and Beautiful

Windsor Heights is a wonderful community, and we all play a part in maintaining its charm and safety. If you notice an issue in your neighborhood or around town, we encourage you to let us know.

You can report concerns in the following ways:

- Call City Hall at 515-645-6826
- Submit an online report by visiting [windsorheights.org](http://windsorheights.org) and selecting "Report a Concern" under the Residents menu
- Email Deputy City Clerk Nate Leuthold directly at [nleuthold@windsorheights.org](mailto:nleuthold@windsorheights.org)

As a seasonal reminder, please keep these city code items in mind:

- Mow your lawn regularly and ensure it is free of litter and debris
- Clean up after your pets and always keep them on a leash when outdoors
- Park vehicles only on paved surfaces—parking on the grass is not permitted

Thank you for helping us keep Windsor Heights a great place to live!

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

# AT YOUR LIBRARY

**The Summer Reading Challenge is Underway** - Read to succeed with the Des Moines Public Library during this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Starting June 7, you can sign up at any Des Moines Public Library location or online at [dmpl.org](http://dmpl.org).

The Reading Challenge, open to ages 0–18, helps kids and teens keep up their literacy skills over summer through fun activities and prizes. Participants get an activity log at signup and earn progress by reading 20 minutes or completing a summer activity. Completed logs enter them into a grand prize drawing. Prizes include a Duplo set, LEGOs, snacks, and a journal. Everyone gets a free book at signup and small prizes for finishing the log. The challenge ends August 2. Learn more at [dmpl.org/summer-reading](http://dmpl.org/summer-reading).



**Camp Read S'more** - Read for 30 minutes a day on 30 different days this summer to become eligible to win a Camp Read S'more tote bag! You can also earn small prizes for making progress and increase your chances of winning with bonus challenges. Learn more at your local DMPL location or online at [dmpl.org/camp-read-smore](http://dmpl.org/camp-read-smore).



WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOSTS FOR YOUR BLOCK FOR THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

JUN 22, 1 6:00-8:00PM

We are looking for block hosts! You provide the location, and we provide the Ice Cream. This is a great way to socialize with your neighbors and community!



Please Call Trisha Davis at 515-778-9733  
or  
Email [WHIcecreamsocial@gmail.com](mailto:WHIcecreamsocial@gmail.com)



## 5/19/25 City Council Meeting Recap

- Iowa Bicycle Coalition presented on their organization. Afterwards, Mayor Jones signed the Bike Month proclamation declaring May as Bike Month signaling a commitment to safe, sustainable transportation.
- Council took no action on setting a Public Hearing on a lease for 1151 65th Street. The lease would be with Central Iowa Shelter and Services, who has plans to operate a shared housing shelter. Council asked staff to do publish a request for proposals to solicit additional organizations for the property allowing for additional interested parties to propose a use for the property.
- City Council discussed the public art plan, including potential funding methods and locations for public art installations. Funding methods included redirecting current funds, requiring public art in development agreements, and exploring grant options. The formation of a public art subcommittee of the communications committee was also agreed on. Staff will adjust the public art plan and bring it back for approval at a future meeting.

## 5/5/25 City Council Meeting Recap

- City Council discussed the potential lease of a duplex at 1151 65th Street for a shared housing model. Central Iowa Shelter and Services proposed a two-year lease with a maximum of five individuals per duplex, with restrictions on occupancy and a requirement for the tenants to maintain a rental certificate. The shelter would provide case management, employment assistance, and financial planning for the residents. The council expressed support for the initiative. The next steps include setting a public hearing and drafting a lease agreement.
- An agreement with Bridges of Iowa for the installation of a public art project at Colby Park was approved. The project will be a bridge over the bioretention cell in the park's parking lot.
- Council discussed the 28Es and funding contributions to both BRAVO and CatchDSM. Council expressed concerns about the potential impact on regional commitments and the need for further discussion. No action was taken with the BRAVO agreement, meaning it will continue as is, and table the decision on the CatchDSM agreement.