



COMMUNITY NEWS June 2024

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



Thank you, Public Works!

The Public Works Team, with the assistance of JC Midwest Services, were out promptly the morning after the May 21 storms which brought down trees, limbs, and much more debris. In the following week, there was more than a combined count of 394 man hours and 192 truck loads of debris to clean our city. Next, the City will work with Wright Tree Service to grind and dispose of the debris.



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

Windsor Heights State of the City

06.18.24

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



Mayor Mike Jones
Windsor Heights



Dr. Matt Adams
West Des Moines
Community Schools
Superintendent



Dr. Ian Roberts
Des Moines Public
Schools
Superintendent

Free, but please register!

What's happening in Windsor Heights?

Hear the latest from Mayor Mike Jones, Superintendent Dr. Ian Roberts (invited), Des Moines Public Schools and Dr. Matt Adams, Superintendent of the West Des Moines School District.

This event will be held at Colby Park Community Center on June 18th from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



Please register by scanning the QR Code!

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.



AT YOUR LIBRARY

Keep Reading and Learning All Summer Long at DMPL!

Get ready for the Des Moines Public Library's 2024 Summer Reading Challenge! The library's annual summer reading program gives participants of all ages a chance to earn prizes just for reading and doing fun learning activities. Signing up for the Summer Reading Challenge is free, and kids get a free book just by registering.

After that, completing the challenge is easy – just read, do fun learning activities, and attend library programs like storytimes, science demonstrations, and art activities. These programs are designed to captivate children while also stimulate their mind. There will also be various passive programs, such as scavenger hunts and take-home projects. Once they complete the challenge, kids receive another small prize, and they're eligible for our grand prize drawings in August.

2024 DMPL Summer Reading Challenge!

Now-August 3, 2024

HOW: Sign up for our annual summer reading program at any DMPL location or online – by scanning the QR code. Get a free book just for registering!

PRIZES: Once you complete your game sheet, return it to any location (or track and complete online), and you'll receive a small prize and be entered into our grand prize drawings!

PROGRAMS: The library is home to hundreds of free programs all summer long. Scan the QR code and click Attend at the top of the page to start planning your summer of fun at the library!



DART Changes Coming July 1

DART riders may be affected by several changes beginning July 1:

- Wi-Fi will no longer be available on any DART bus.
- DART Customer Service hours will be reduced.
- DART On Demand fare will increase for adults paying full fare.
- DART On Demand Jordan Creek will transition to an On Call zone.
- DART On Demand River Bend service will end.

Some of these changes are needed to balance DART's budget and maintain service, while others are in response to customer demand. More detailed information on these changes is available at ridedart.com/july or by scanning the QR code.



October 5th, 2024

WHAMM 5k

Windsor Heights
Annual Mini Marathon

Registration includes
race shirt, and pancake
breakfast ticket

Early-Bird registration
EXTENDED TO JULY 1!

MPO Seeks Input on Street Safety Strategies and Areas of Concern

The Des Moines Area MPO is seeking to create a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) that will guide the region and local communities toward systemic improvements in roadway safety.

Residents are invited to help improve the safety of people driving, biking, walking and using transit on the streets of Greater Des Moines by sharing their thoughts on safety strategies and areas of concern.

Scan the QR code below to begin!



WINDSOR HEIGHTS
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL Hosts Needed!

Sponsored by



Host your block's
Ice Cream Social and meet
your neighbors!

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024
6 - 8 pm

It'll be fun!
And there's FREE ice-cream!

To volunteer for your block,
please email:

WHicecreamsocial@gmail.com

The mission of the Windsor Heights Foundation is to enhance and improve the lives of its citizens and neighbors.
Learn more: www.windsorheightsfoundation.org



WINDSOR HEIGHTS
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2024: SAVE THE DATES



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sunday, June 23

NIGHTS IN THE HEIGHTS (TUESDAYS)

June 25	DRIVE THIRTY5
July 2	FACULTY LOUNGE
July 9	COVER THAT BAND
July 16	JANA WEST & RETROSPECT
July 23	FUNKYTOWN INC.
July 30	SONS OF GLADYS KRAVITZ
August 6	BURNIN' SENSATIONS

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.



5/6/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved 73rd Street Iowa Communications Network Fiber Relocation Costs. The reconstruction of 73rd Street from University to Hickman necessitates the relocation. Staff is investigating how this will allow the City to enhance traffic signal management and allow for remote operation which could reduce traffic signal maintenance costs going forward.
- Approved Food Truck Change Order for the Colby Park Renovations. This will incorporate a food truck plaza on the West Side of the Community Center Parking lot. This was planned for a future phase, but completing this project now will help alleviate future park construction disruptions.
- Approved the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-04 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, by Amending Chapter 185, Governing Floodplain Management. This ordinance will further assist in the City's flood management goals and help the City join the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. This is a voluntary program which can help communities get flood insurance discounts.
- Approved the 2nd 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.
- Approved the 3rd 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; and to Adopt and Publish. Now passed, this ordinance will increase stormwater fees which are collected through water bills. Notices will be included in upcoming water bills and most residential bills are expected to see a minimal increase.

5/20/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved \$3,800 Reimbursement for the Sister Cities Windsor Heights Representative's 2024 Kofu, Japan Delegation Trip
- Approved Resolution No. 2024-37 - Resolution awarding General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2024A and authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the sale and issuance of Bonds and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same
- Approved Resolution No. 2024-35 - A Resolution Awarding the 2024 Televising Project to Hydro-Klean, LLC. The televising of the storm sewer will be completed to determine the condition, location, and size of select storm sewer areas. Identified defective pipe will be addressed during future capital improvement projects
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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