



COMMUNITY NEWS SEPTEMBER 2024

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

2024 FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

FREE FUN AT COLBY PARK

FRIDAY

6:45 PM

Outdoor screening of Hocus Pocus at Colby Park with free pizza, drinks, popcorn and cookies as well as Silent Disco.



SATURDAY

8-11 AM

Windsor Heights Firefighter Association Pancake Breakfast at the Community & Events Center at Colby Park Free Will Donation

9 AM

WHAMM - Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon 5k! Register at www.WindsorHeightsFallFestival.com Sponsored by A King's Throne

10 AM

Yoga in the Park - FREE and open to all ages and skill levels!

1 PM

Windsor Heights Parade from 70th and Hickman to Colby Park (don't miss the candy!) Sponsored by Colby Interests

2 PM

Join us at Colby Park for bounce houses, petting zoo, live music, food trucks, local business & community group booths, silent disco, and more!

5:30 PM

Award Presentations for the Citizen and Business of the Year

6 - 7:30 PM

Live music by Sons of Gladys Kravitz Sponsored by The Windsor Heights Foundation

7:30 PM

Fireworks!

Presenting Sponsor: The City of Windsor Heights
Bronze Sponsor: Polk County Supervisors

Turn the page to learn more!



1145 66th St, Suite 1
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Windsor Heights Fall Festival

October 4th & 5th

Colby Park



FREE fun for the entire family!

WindsorHeightsFallFestival.com

Volunteer & Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

WHAMM 5k

Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon

Saturday, October 5th
9am at Colby Park



Register for WHAMM by September 16th to receive a special edition Fall Festival shirt! Register at www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com or scan the QR code!



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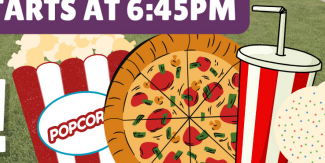
OCTOBER 4TH

JOIN US AT 6:15PM
MOVIE STARTS AT 6:45PM

Presented by



FREE!



Volunteers Needed!



We're excited for Fall Fest and need your help to make it a success! We are looking for volunteers for activities, setup, and clean-up. Your involvement will ensure a fun and smooth event for everyone. If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up and join us in making Fall Fest unforgettable! Hours can also count towards silver cord hours!

Learn more today at www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com or scan the QR code.



Park and Ride to Fall Fest!

We understand parking can be limited at Colby Park, especially during Fall Fest. That's why this year we will have a shuttle service available to add more parking without worrying about the walk!

We welcome you to park at 7900 Hickman Road and enjoy a free shuttle down to Fall Fest between 2 to 8:30 PM.

Thank you to the Windsor Heights Chamber powered by the Urbandale Chamber and Royal Rides for sponsoring the parking shuttle.



Walk in the Parade!

Sign up now to showcase your business, organization, or classic car! Visit www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com or scan a QR code.

General



Non-Profit
or School



Classic Car



Help Keep Windsor Heights Safe: Removing Dead, Diseased, or Damaged Trees

Windsor Heights features a wide variety of trees, and we are looking forward to the lush fall colors right around the corner! While we are proud of our beautiful urban canopy, even the most well-maintained trees can suffer damage, whether by storms, age, disease, or insects.

Dead and diseased trees are considered a hazard and should be removed per City code: 151.21 DEAD AND DISEASED TREES.

2. Permitting Dead or Diseased Trees or Plants to Stand.

A. No property owner shall maintain or permit to stand upon his or her property any tree, shrub, plant or part thereof which is dead, diseased, or so damaged as to be a menace to public safety.

The City will provide notice to property owners of any trees deemed nuisances and provide time for the removal of said trees. If they are not removed in the agreed upon timeframe, the City may take such action as removing the trees and assessing the cost of removal and all associated costs to the property owner

What can I do to help?

Property owners should keep trees trimmed and watch for symptoms of diseases (such as Oak Wilt) and insects (such as the Emerald Ash Borer). Assess your trees for damage after storms and remove any damaged, fallen, or partially fallen limbs. Following these tips can extend the life of your trees for years and even decades to come.

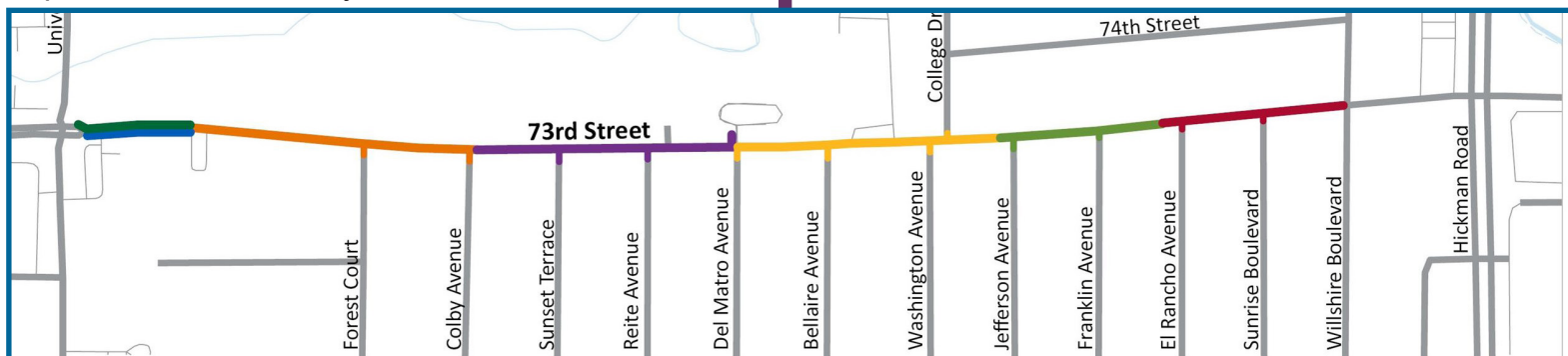
Even with these precautions, however, some trees will need to be removed. Removing damaged limbs and dead trees lowers the risk of property damage and injury. Do you have a tree you are concerned about? Contact an arborist or tree removal company today—they can tell you if a tree is past the point of saving and can offer recommendations for new plantings.

Colby Park Construction Update

Construction of the Colby Park splash pad, playground, and food truck plaza are well underway. Despite a wet summer, the contractor anticipates substantial completion of the project by October 1st, just in time for Windsor Heights Fall Festival! Food truck plaza lighting and benches are expected to be completed by Spring of 2025. Solar panel installation on the Community Center's south roof is also expected to get underway by October. When complete, the solar panels will provide nearly all the electricity necessary to operate the Community Center.

Free Tiny Tree Giveaway

Register for a free tiny tree online on **September 18 at 9 am** at www.windsorheights.com/Activities/Activity/Detail/Tiny-Tree-Giveaway-655 or scan the QR code. Trees will be available for pick-up at City Hall the second week of November during regular business hours. Available species include aroniaberry, black cherry, northern pecan, river birch, shagbark hickory, and wild plum. The tiny trees are one to two feet tall and are intended to be planted on private property. Don't forget to call Iowa One Call before digging!



73rd St. Reconstruction Update

Reconstruction of 73rd St. Stage 6 is nearing completion (finally!) and will reopen for 73rd St. resident use mid-September. The contractor has now begun work on Stage 5, between El Rancho and Jefferson Avenue. Stage 5 is expected to be complete by December at which point 73rd St. will reopen to through traffic for the winter. Work on 73rd St. north of University Ave will resume Spring of 2025 and continue until complete.

AT YOUR LIBRARY

Get a Card, Use a Card! September is National Library Card Signup Month, and there is no better time than now to get that FREE Des Moines Public Library card if you and your family don't have one yet. Stop into Franklin or any of our five other branches to get a card now. All it takes is a photo ID and a current proof of address. A sampling of those other offerings that come with your card:

- Borrow thousands of books
- Keep up with the news with free, unlimited digital access to The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal
- Take the family out for a fun day at the zoo, science center, or children's museum with an Adventure Pass
- Take your library with you by using Libby, the library's eBook and audiobook app

City Development News

There are two private development projects underway at 63rd St. and University. On the southwest corner, Caliber Development is constructing a 105-unit apartment complex named The Windsor. The property was acquired from Windsor Presbyterian Church who had long utilized a portion of the property for parking. The University Ave. entrance to The Windsor will be located west of 64th St., to help mitigate adverse traffic impacts along University Ave. and to preserve the ability to make further traffic flow improvements if warranted.

On the northwest corner of the University Ave. and 63rd St. intersection, Windsor Presbyterian Church has demolished three vacant houses and submitted a site plan to construct a new parking lot for their congregation.

8/5/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Awarding the Salt Shed Improvements Project to JC Midwest Services, LLC, for the total base bid amount of \$106,220.62
- Approved Forest Court Mill And Overlay Design Contract
- Discussed the \$10,000 Wellmark Set the Pace Challenge Grant awarded to the City and where to best use the funds
- Discussed how to best update the Temporary Sign Ordinance to make sure it is fair and affordable to businesses
- Approved the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-06 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156, Revising Subsection 102.11.6 To Section 156.04, Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Windsor Heights, With Regard To Enforcement Procedures For Rental Housing Approved the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-05 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, By Adding Chapter 182, Vacant Property Registration; and to Adopt and Publish

8/19/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved purchase of a crack sealer to facilitate improved road maintenance
- Approved purchase of roof package for installation on the new Public Works salt shed
- Approved purchase of a Toyota Sienna Hybrid for Police Department
- Approved appointment of Sarah Engquist to Public Works and Public Safety Committees
- Approved execution of I.T. Managed Service contract with Iowa Solutions Inc.
- Approved professional services agreements with Bolton & Menk for design of 74th St. reconstruction and Wilshire Blvd storm sewer improvements.
- Approved 2nd reading of an update to Chapter 156 revising enforcement procedures for rental housing inspections.
- Discussed delays in 73rd St. reconstruction due to the unusually rainy summer and Council support for beginning Stage 5 of 73rd St. reconstruction immediately to try and complete the stage prior to winter.

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