



## COMMUNITY NEWS OCTOBER 2024

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**City Hall** 515-279-3662

**Public Safety** 515-277-4453

**Emergencies** 911

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

## Colby Park Reopens with Splash Pad

On October 4th, Colby Park's playground reopened to the public and was enjoyed by kids across the metro as part of Windsor Heights Fall Festival! Over the course of the next couple of months we anticipate completion of the lighting and seating at the food truck plaza as well. Join us next spring when the splash pad will officially open on or around Memorial Day. The Colby Park Master Plan anticipates future improvements that include tennis and pickle ball courts, a creek access, and a fitness circuit. The City plans to pursue grant funding for some of these elements and will continue to work through capital improvement plans to determine the timeframe for their construction. Thank you to residents for their patience during the work this year and thanks to everyone involved in the planning. We hope everyone is as thrilled as we are with the improvements.



**BEGGARS' NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
 6 TO 8 PM  
 LAST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER



We're excited to remind you that Beggars' Night is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26 from 6 to 8PM. Last year, City Council designated the last Saturday of October as Beggars' Night. This beloved tradition is a fantastic opportunity for our children to enjoy a night of fun, costumes, and, of course, treats!

Be sure to prepare your homes and stock up on candy to welcome our little trick-or-treaters. Let's make this a memorable evening for everyone in the community!



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

# Free Tiny Trees Still Available

Register for a free tiny tree online on at [www.windsorheights.com/Activities/Activity/Detail/Tiny-Tree-Giveaway-655](http://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 Street Construction

## Update

Stage six of 73rd St. reconstruction reopened to local traffic September 27th. Stage five is currently on schedule to reopen by December. Plans are for 73rd St. to be open for this winter and for construction to resume on additional stages Spring of 2025.

Keep up to date with weekly updates at [www.windsorheights.org/796/73rd-St-University-Ave-to-Hickman-Road-R](http://www.windsorheights.org/796/73rd-St-University-Ave-to-Hickman-Road-R) or scan the QR code!



# 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 Metro Waste Authority's 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](http://www.mwatoday.com).

# Introducing Andy's Corner!

I'm Andy, your Public Works Supervisor, and I'm excited to share the latest updates from our department. As we strive to enhance the infrastructure and services that keep our community running smoothly, we've made significant progress in several key areas. From road repairs and maintenance to new initiatives aimed at sustainability, our team has been hard at work to ensure that our public spaces are safe, efficient, and enjoyable for everyone.

- Public Works Staff has been working alongside our Colby Park Contractor to finalize the construction of Colby Park and we can not wait for the park to reopen! It looks fantastic! See you all soon!!
- 'Tis the season for Crack Sealing! Now that the weather is more suitable for the application of tar on the roadways, expect to see our crew out all over town laying down tar. Sealing cracks in the pavement prevents water and debris from infiltrating the pavement structure and allowing for more rapid deterioration.
- Here is some other work our crew has been hard at work completing:
  - \* Four full depth street panels along 74th Street were reconstructed
  - \* Hot Mix Asphalt Patching took place throughout town. Areas of heavy activity took place along 64th Street north of University Ave., Marilyn Dr., 67th Street south of University, and Elmcrest Ave.

## Sidewalk Improvement Grant

Sidewalks are an important part of making a community walkable and connecting neighbors. In order to make maintaining sidewalks more affordable, the City is rolling out the Sidewalk Improvement Grant for 50% of the cost for necessary improvements. Properties without existing sidewalks are not required to install sidewalks as part of City Ordinance.

Scan the QR code to learn more and apply!



## Veterans Day Luncheon

**11 November 2024**  
**1130am-130pm**  
**Community Event Center**  
**6900 School Street**

**RSVP by 1 November 2024**  
**using the QR code or call**  
**Susan Skeries at**  
**515.250.2206**



## WINDSOR Wonderland

**06 December**  
**Citywide Holiday Lights Contest**

**07 December**  
Colby Park, Windsor Heights  
Visit Santa and Live Reindeer  
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides  
Ugly Sweater Fun Run  
Tree Lighting  
Ice Sculptor  
Movie: ELF  
Food Trucks

**Save the Date**

[www.windsorwonderland.com](http://www.windsorwonderland.com)

Looking for a great place to host an event? Look no further than the Windsor Heights Community Event Center! Located within Colby Park, the Center is now more accessible than ever. Our park upgrades this year included a new ADA accessible sidewalk on the east side and a more direct ADA accessible sidewalk with railings on the west side. The full space includes space for up to 200 seated guests, two full kitchen spaces, audio-visual equipment, and more! Smaller party? No problem! Our room divider can split the space, with each space getting their own kitchen. Our 1/3 space seats up to 70 people while our 2/3 space seats up to 100 and has access to the audio-visual equipment. Interested in a tour or a quote? Contact Deputy City Clerk Nate Leuthold at 515-645-6826 today!

# AT YOUR LIBRARY: FRANKLIN AVE PROGRAMS

**Model Train Display with DesMoiNTrak** Saturday, October 12, 10:30 AM-5 PM and Sunday, October 13, 12-12:30 PM

Trains are taking over Franklin Avenue Library! Come see a giant model train display set up by the DesMoiNTrak modular railroad club. We'll also have fun train activities for all ages.

**Political Polarization: It's Ugly, and There's No End In Sight** Monday, October 14, 6:30 PM

American politics has entered a troubling era during recent elections, but this era didn't begin and won't end with the Trump presidency. This presentation, by Drake University Politics Professor Dennis Goldford, will discuss the major factors that led to our current political conflicts and the challenges we now face.

**TeenTober Laser Tag Party!** Saturday, October 19, 6-8 PM

Celebrate TeenTober at the library with this special after-hours party. You'll get to play laser tag and video games, and enjoy food, prizes and more. For grades 6-12. Registration required at [dmpl.org/events](https://dmpl.org/events).



## 9/16/24 City Council Meeting Recap

- Discussed potential changes to The Windsor's University Avenue access. The approved plan had the access align with 64th Street, but the developer was able to gain an easement that allows the access move west. This allows for the access to be further from the 63rd Street intersection
- Approved a Change Order to Wash, Caulk, Stain and Seal Community Event Center Patio which will improve the exterior of the center to better match the park renovations occurring as the center is not being updated as part of the project
- Approved A Deer Management Zone And Establishing Dates For The Special Bow Hunt As September 21st, 2024 Through January 19th, 2025. The hunt will take place on the property of 1705 Plaza Circle with hunters authorized through the City
- Approved the termination of the current 28E with the Metro Home Improvement Program followed by the approval of entering a new 28E with the program. This was done as the administration of the program has shifted from the City of West Des Moines to The Mid Iowa Planning Alliance
- Authorized City Administration To Negotiate an Agreement With Walnut Creek Watershed Authority. The goal of the agreement will be to create substantial regional detention and to reduce flood risk for the City
- Approved the 3rd 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; and to Adopt and Publish. The ordinance adds additional enforcement procedures for rental housing
- Approved the 1st Readings of Ordinance No. 2024-07 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175, Revising Subsection 175.05 To 175.09-04, Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Windsor Heights, With Regard To Design Elements For On-Premises Signs and Ordinance No. 2024-08 - An Ordinance Amending Chapters 153 And 175, Revising Subsection 175.02 To 175.03, Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Windsor Heights, With Regard To Design Elements For On-Premises Signs. Both ordinances are to support businesses and allows for said businesses to promote their services effectively through more business friendly sign ordinances

## How's Our Newsletter?

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