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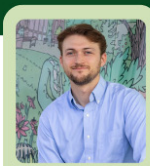
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You can also scan the QR Code to contact Council as well!

Windsor Heights City Council Candidate Forum

Monday, October 27th | 6:00pm | Windsor Heights Community Center



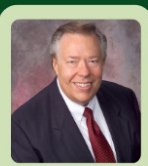
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Michael Libbie

Free, but please register!

The Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a City Council Candidate Forum.

Please join us as we hear from all four candidates running for the three open seats on Windsor Heights City Council (in alphabetical order): Fletcher Barry, Lauren Campbell, Joseph Jones and Michael Libbie.

This forum provides an opportunity for residents to hear directly from the candidates, learn about their priorities, and gain insight into their vision for the future of Windsor Heights.

The event will be moderated by EJ Giovannetti to ensure a fair and informative discussion, giving each candidate the chance to share their perspectives on the issues that matter most to our community. All registered attendees have an opportunity to submit a question to be asked during the forum. These questions can be submitted during the registration process to attend the event.

Date: Monday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Windsor Heights Community Center

This forum is free and open to the public. We encourage all Windsor Heights residents to attend, ask questions, and become informed before casting their vote.

Please register by scanning the QR code!



Make Your Voice Heard!

Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 4, from 7 AM to 8PM at our community's only polling location at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, 1240 66th Street. Every vote matters, so be sure to stop by and cast yours!



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

Bring the Magic—Decorate a Tree for Windsor Wonderland!

Windsor Heights is once again lighting up the season with Decorated Trees at Windsor Wonderland in Colby Park! As part of our annual holiday celebration on Saturday, December 6th, Colby Park will be filled with sparkling lights, cheerful music, and a festive forest of trees decorated by members of our wonderful community.

Everyone is welcome to participate! Whether you're part of a business, school, nonprofit, neighborhood group—or simply a family that loves the holidays—you're invited to decorate a tree and help bring the spirit of the season to life.

Decorating will take place between November 29 and December 4, so there's plenty of time to get creative and add your personal touch before the event.

Come stroll through the park during Windsor Wonderland, admire the uniquely decorated trees, and enjoy an afternoon full of activities, holiday treats and community!

Tree Decorating at Colby Park: Saturday, November 29 – Thursday, December 4

Windsor Wonderland: Saturday, December 6 from 3-6 pm

To sign up or learn more, please visit www.windsorwonderland.com. Let's light up Windsor Heights—one tree at a time!



The City of Windsor Heights invites all veterans to a Veterans Day Luncheon in recognition of their service and sacrifice. Join us on Monday, November 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community Center in Colby Park.

This special event will feature a complimentary lunch and an opportunity for fellowship with fellow veterans and community members. We encourage all veterans to register in advance to reserve their free meal and ensure we can properly honor each of our guests.

Please register by November 1 by scanning the QR code.



Get Involved — Volunteer for Windsor Heights Events!

Windsor Heights thrives because of the dedication and spirit of our residents. Each year, community events like concerts, festivals, and celebrations are made possible by volunteers who generously give their time and energy.

We're inviting you to be part of that tradition! Volunteering at city events is a great way to meet neighbors, support local initiatives, and make a positive impact right here at home. Whether you can help with setup, registration, children's activities, or cleanup, every contribution makes a difference.

Your involvement helps create the welcoming, vibrant community Windsor Heights is known for. Scan the QR code for current opportunities!



BEGGARS' NIGHT

6 TO 8 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25



Andy's Corner!

- Two active road construction projects are currently underway. Major progress is happening! The intersection of 73rd St and University is now fully open. Work on 73rd St – Phase 3 is ongoing as is Phase 3 on 68th St. Check out the Projects Updates on our website for the most up to date information regarding all projects.
- **Road Project and Closure Map Link:** www.whroadprojects.com/
- **Wilshire Blvd. Storm Sewer Improvements:** This project is slated to begin this October and is expected to be completed before winter. The purpose of this project is to improve and repair the storm sewer in this area on the north end of the City.
- **Winter and Mailboxes:** If you have a curb side mailbox, now is the time to ensure it is installed with the specification of the United States Postal Service. Our department plows snow from curb line to curb line.
- **Storm Drain Maintenance:** Please be mindful as fall yard clean ups take place to help keep leaves and debris out of storm intakes and catch basins.
- Here are some other projects we've been hard at work completing:
 - Road Maintenance
 - Filling Potholes
 - Storm Sewer Intake Repair
 - Concrete Street Panel Replacement
 - Sidewalk Repairs and Inspections
 - Bioswale Improvements at Colby Park

Construction Updates

73rd Street Reconstruction

Reconstruction work has been substantially completed immediately north of University Avenue and in front of Clive Learning Academy. MidAmerican Energy is expected to complete re-energizing the streetlights on Bellaire and the new crosswalk across 73rd Street within the next couple of weeks.

Construction continues on 73rd Street from south of Del Matro Avenue to north of Sunset Terrace and is anticipated to be substantially completed by December, weather permitting. Once this phase is finished, the entire 73rd Street corridor will reopen for the winter. The final phase of reconstruction, from Sunset Terrace to City Wide, is scheduled to begin in the spring and continue into the summer of 2026. Reconstruction of 73rd St. south of University Ave. is tentatively slated in the City's capital improvement plan for 2030-2031.

68th Street Reconstruction

Paving of Mott Avenue (west of 68th Street) and 68th Street (south of Mott Avenue) is expected to take place in early October, with these sections reopening to local traffic later in the month. The remaining section of 68th Street under construction, located north of Mott Avenue, is anticipated to be substantially completed by December, weather permitting. MidAmerican Energy plans to relocate light poles along 68th St. in the spring 2026, after which the remaining sidewalk panels will be installed.

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

Host Your Holiday Celebration at the Windsor Heights Community Center!

Looking for the perfect spot for your holiday gathering? The Windsor Heights Community Event Center at Colby Park offers a beautiful, accessible space ideal for parties, family get-togethers, and celebrations of all sizes. With seating for up to 200 guests, two full kitchens, and audio-visual equipment, the venue is ready to make your event shine.

Planning something smaller? The space can be divided to suit your needs — the 1/3 space seats up to 70, and the 2/3 space seats up to 100 with A/V access. Recent upgrades, including new ADA-accessible sidewalks and railings, make it easier than ever to host your event in comfort. Contact Deputy City Clerk Nate Leuthold at 515-645-6826 today for a tour or quote!



AT YOUR LIBRARY

Fall Author Series: Hank Phillippi Ryan Thursday, October 16, 2025, 7 PM | Central Library

Hank Phillippi Ryan is a USA Today bestselling author of 16 thrillers, a 37-time Emmy-winning investigative reporter, and the winner of five Agathas, five Anthonys, and the Mary Higgins Clark Award. Her newest book, *All This Could Be Yours*, features scenes set at the Des Moines Public Library.

This program will be moderated by bestselling Iowa author Heather Gudenkauf. Books will be available for purchase before and after the event, and Ryan will sign copies following the program.

Photography Series at the Franklin Avenue Library Thursdays, October 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Join DMACC professor Andy Langager for a three-part series exploring the history of photography.

October 16: Discover fascinating personalities and events that shaped photojournalism and the documentation of everyday life.

October 23: Learn how moving images evolved from the 1870s horse-in-motion photographs to the innovations of early filmmakers.

October 30: Examine photo editing techniques, artistic and ethical implications, and examples from art photography, “spirit” photography, photojournalism, propaganda, and AI.

Celebración del Día de Muertos / Day of the Dead Celebration Sunday, November 2, 4–6:30 PM | Central Library

Bring the whole family to the library’s annual Day of the Dead celebration and learn about this vibrant Mexican tradition. Enjoy traditional treats and view the ofrenda created by Latinx Immigrants of Iowa in partnership with DMPL.

9/15/25 City Council Meeting Recap

- Held the public hearing of the leasing of 1151 65th Street to Nancy's Place and approved the rental agreement. Nancy's Place is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nancy's Place will begin making necessary improvements to the dwelling this fall.
- Held the public hearing on the 2025 Tree Removal Project and approved an agreement for tree removal services with Wright Outdoor Solutions. The project involves the removal, trimming, and stump grinding of an estimated 19 tree on private property that were deemed to be dead or a hazard.
- Approved the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost for the Walnut Creek Access Project. This project is part of the larger planned ICON Water Trails project installing access points along multiple water ways through out the metro. The City's access point will be behind the pavilion at Colby Park.
- Approved the application for a public art grant through BRAVO. The grant, if awarded, would be used towards the installation of a mural on the west side of 6587 University Ave. Plans and an artist are yet to be selected through a RFQ process.