



## COMMUNITY NEWS September 2025

### Important Numbers

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

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- Construction Update
- Public Works Update
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- Alert Iowa Sign Up
- Relimagine DART Needs Your Feedback
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You can also scan the QR Code to contact Council as well!



**Windsor Heights FALL FEST OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH**

**Friday October 3 Movie in the Park - Nightmare Before Christmas**  
Join us at 6:20 for free pizza, popcorn, drinks, and cookies under the stars!

**Pancake Breakfast 8-11am**  
The Windsor Heights Firefighter Association's Annual Pancake Breakfast! Free will donation.

**Saturday October 4 WHAMM - 9am**  
**Windsor Heights Annual Mini-Marathon**

**Witches Ride - 10 AM**  
New this year! A bewitching bike ride for children to show off their best costumes. Sponsored by the Des Moines Children's Museum.

**Yoga in the Park - 10am**

**Windsor Heights Parade - 1pm**  
Route follows 70th south from Wilshire to University, east to 69th street, south to Colby Park.

**Saturday at Colby Park - 2pm**  
Colby Park has something for everyone Saturday! Inflatable bounce houses, silent disco, face painting, food trucks, vendor & community booths, and more! FREE fun for the whole family!

**Community Awards - 5:30pm**  
Including Citizen & Business of the Year!

**Sons of Gladys Kravitz - 6pm**  
Headlining the 2025 Fall Festival is local favorite Sons of Gladys Kravitz! Known for playing hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, everyone in the family will have fun jamming out to their hits!

**Fireworks - 7:30pm**

*Registration for WHAMM and the parade is on page 2!*



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# Windsor Heights Fall Festival

October 3rd & 4th  
Colby Park



## FREE fun for the entire family!

**WindsorHeightsFallFestival.com**  
Volunteer & Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

### WHAMM 5k

Windsor Heights Annual Mini Marathon  
Saturday, October 4th  
Colby Park



Register for WHAMM by September 17th to receive a special edition Fall Festival shirt!  
Register a [www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com](http://www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com) or scan the QR code!



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## 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](http://www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com) or scan the QR code.



**Walk in the Parade!** Sign up now to showcase your business, organization, or classic car! Visit [www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com](http://www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com) or scan a QR code.

General



Non-Profit  
or School



Classic Car



# Andy's Corner!

- Two active road construction projects are currently underway. 73rd St, 68th St. and a project along University Ave of pavement sealing and traffic markings. Please check out the Projects Updates on our website for the most up to date information regarding all projects. Road Project and Closure Map Link: [whroadprojects.com](http://whroadprojects.com)
- **Back-to-School Safety:** Remind drivers to watch for school zones, crosswalks, and bus stops as school is now back in session.
- **Street Sweeping Notice:** All streets in town will be swept this month and again before the end of the year. Street sweeping helps keep debris and contaminants from entering the storm sewers and eventually reaching our waterways.
- Here are some other projects we've been hard at work completing:
  - Road Maintenance
  - Milling and Repairing Sections of Asphalt Pavement
  - Storm Sewer Intake Repair
  - Concrete Street Panel Replacement
  - Pavement Markings Along University Ave
  - Parks and Grounds Maintenance
  - Geographic Information Systems Data Collection

## Construction Updates

### 73rd Street Reconstruction

Stay up to date on all stages of the 73rd Street reconstruction project by visiting [www.wh73rd.com](http://www.wh73rd.com). In the coming weeks, Stage 1B (just north of University Avenue) and the remaining sections of Stage 4 are expected to reopen to traffic. Work on the active portion of Stage 3 will continue through the remainder of this construction season. The final stage is scheduled to begin reconstruction in spring 2026.

### 68th Street Reconstruction

The contractor is nearing completion of Stage 2 (just south of University Avenue) and is working toward substantial completion on the full project by the end of the year.

### 74th Street Reconstruction

Resident meetings for the 74th Street reconstruction project will be scheduled later this year, once a contractor has been selected. Reconstruction of 74th St. is planned to occur primarily in 2026 over three stages.



In case of a flood event, impacted residents can receive alerts through Alert Iowa. Residents and businesses in or near low lying areas are encouraged to sign-up for Alert Iowa using the QR code above. During a flood, anyone in flood prone areas should seek higher ground and if assistance, needed go to the nearest evacuation center such as the Giovannetti Shelter in Walker Johnston Park at 9000 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale.

Additional information on the City of Windsor Heights Flood Response Plan is available at [www.windsorheights.org/794/Flood-Response-Plan](http://windsorheights.org/794/Flood-Response-Plan) or scan the QR code to the right!



## 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

# AT YOUR LIBRARY

## 2025 Fall Author Series

An amazing librarian, a cat-and-mouse suspense novel with an Iowa connection, and a twisty legal drama — you can find it all at the 2025 Fall Author Series! Three great events mark this year's series. All events are free and open to the public, with book signings before and after each event. The series will kick off on Wednesday, September 17 at Central Library with David Ellis, a judge and an Edgar-award-winning author of ten novels of crime fiction. Doors will open at 6 PM, and the program will begin at 7 PM.

### Use your library card to get a free ticket to Ballet Des Moines

The Des Moines Public Library is proud to partner with Ballet Des Moines on their new community ticketing program. Beginning this season, Ballet Des Moines will offer complimentary tickets to anyone (ages 7 and up) who hold a public library card. While supplies last, library card holders will have access to one complimentary ticket for each of the four Ballet Des Moines productions in the 25/26 season.

To reserve a ticket, present your library card to the performance venue box office during the specified selection timeframes, generally a few weeks before the performances, select your seat and you're all set! Each library card will be able to reserve one ticket. Learn more at [dmpl.org/ballet](http://dmpl.org/ballet).

## 8/18/25 City Council Meeting Recap

- Approved Super Quick Mart liquor license. The store owner was present and made assurances that the store has implemented several processes to end sales to minors.
- Approved the 2025 Employee handbook with minor changes from the 2024 handbook.
- Approved the second reading of ordinance 2025-02, which aligns the City zoning code with state laws that went into effect July 1 of 2025 as well as makes minor typographical changes.

## 8/4/25 City Council Meeting Recap

- Public hearing for ordinance 2025-02, which aligns the City zoning code with state laws that went into effect July 1 of 2025 as well as makes minor typographical changes. Council approved the first reading.
- Discussion was held on uses for the city-owned property at 1151 65th Street. Uses included partnering with non-profit organizations and employee housing. Council was supportive of continuing discussions with Nancy's Place, who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Dr. Michael Gossen, principal of Cowles Elementary, was in attendance to discuss concerns about traffic and pedestrian crossing. The city will continue to collaborate with the school to address these concerns.
- Council considered modifying on-street parking along 65th and 66th Street adjacent to University Avenue, switching parking from the west side to the east side. No action was taken with Council concerned about potential safety concerns the modification would create.

# REIMAGINE

## Share Your Feedback on the Future of Transit

DART is reimagining its transit network, and the draft plan is now available at [reimaginedartdsm.com](http://reimaginedartdsm.com). This new network is designed to make buses more frequent and convenient across the metro, and your feedback will help shape the future of regional transit.

For Windsor Heights, the draft plan means:

- Two bus routes serving our community daily.
- Route 3:** Running along University Avenue into Windsor Heights every 15 minutes most of the day, 7 days a week. It continues to Drake, Valley West Mall, and every other bus extends to Jordan Creek Town Center.
- Route 4:** A two-way loop with 30-minute frequency along 73rd Street. It connects Windsor Heights residents to downtown, the VA Medical Center, Grand View University, the Capitol Complex, and the East Village.

DART is hosting in-person meetings to gather input as well as an online survey. Public feedback is open until September 30. For more information on providing feedback, visit [reimaginedartdsm.com](http://reimaginedartdsm.com).