ISSUE 9 2015 WELCOME TO WINDOM

Windom Community News

Windom Summer Community Engagement Series

Are you a Windom resident who wants to get more involved in your community? Do you want to understand how our neighborhood works with the city and other organizations to obtain funding for projects? Do you want to meet other neighbors and representatives that work with our community? Do you want to empower your knowledge on community engagement? Then come on out and join us for one or four of these informative workshops! If you complete all 4 we will even throw you a Graduation party complete with a certificate and of course food and drinks.

- **Neighborhoods 101 Tues. June 2nd 6:30-8pm or June 6th 10-11:30a.** How the City of Minneapolis Neighborhoods are sectioned, how they work with NCR and other City Departments to create better engagement. Some of the questions that will be answered include: What is a neighborhood organization? What kinds of issues do neighborhoods work on? What challenges are neighborhoods facing now? What are the on-line resources for neighborhood organizations and residents? Hosted By NCR Windom Neighborhood Specialist, Michelle Chavez
- **Loans & Grants Tuesday, June 9th or Sat. July 11th 10-11:30am.** What loan opportunities exist in the Windom neighborhood for residential homes and businesses Hosted by Center for Energy and Environment, Mpls Community Planning and Economic Development and the Nicollet East Harriet Business Association
- **Ward 11 Resources Tues. June 16th 6:30-8pm or Sat. Sept. 12th 10-11:30am**. Get to know who your Ward 11 and 5th Precinct contacts are and what City resources are available for different issues. Hosted By Council Member Quincy & 5th Precinct Crime Prevention, Jennifer Waisanen.
- **Volunteer Opportunities Tues. June 23rd 6:30-8pm or Sat. August 8th 10-11:30am**. What are the committees, events and projects that the Windom Community Council would love to have more volunteers engage with. Hosted By WCC Coordinator Amanda Vallone & WCC Committee Chairs

There will be a Windom Engagement Graduation party set for those that complete all 4 workshop topics. You will receive recognition and a token of our appreciation for getting to know more about your community. Graduation Social Hour will take place on Saturday, September 12th at noon.

New Apartments Due in October

by Steve Rawlins

Construction crews have been busy through the winter at the 5426 Nicollet building site (between the Holiday and Fire Station 27). The developer, Stonebridge Construction, is building a combined apartment/retail building which is due to open this October.

When finished, the building will total approximately 57,000 square feet. It is to be a 4-story, 45 dwelling unit October 2015.apartment building with a one level basement. The basement level and approximately half of Level 1 will be a parking garage. The remainder of Level 1 will be retail rental space and the apartments' entry lobby. Dwelling units will be on Levels 2 through 4.

Stonebridge Construction, the builder, estimates the building will be ready for occupancy by

Windom South Recreation Center

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Summer Park Hours

- June 6th to Aug. 23rd Monday through Thursday: 12 to 8 pm, Friday 12 to 6, closed weekends
- April 1st to June 5th Monday through Friday 12 to 9 pm & Saturday 9am to 4pm.
- Closed Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.

Summer Open Gym

- Teens ages: 13 to 17 Monday & Friday 2 to 4 pm
- Youth ages: 8 to 12 Tuesday & Thursday 2 to 4pm
- Adaptive ages 11 and up Wednesdays 2 to 4 pm

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation board has a new interactive website up and running at www.minneapolisparks.org. This site is available also on your smart phone. **CHECK OUT ALL OUR AMAZING SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR TODDLERS, PRESCHOOLERS, KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS!** Registration is now open.

GET YOUR SHIMMIES ON THIS SPRING! Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm from May 6th-May 27th You still have time to sign up for Belly Dance Shimmies Cost is $40 and taught by Windom resident – Grace Watkins-Wright. This class is a great way to tone up your muscles while having a great fun and is open to both men and women.

May 16th from 10am-1pm, join your friends and neighbors as we explore the Historic Riverfront on a Segway Residents pay $60 but if you are 55 or over you get $20 off when you sign up. You will learn how to operate your Segway while learning about the history of the area. Registration closes on April 25th for this trip.

June 20th from 10am-2pm join us as Wilderness Inquiry guides us in Canoeing the Mississippi. Residents pay $40 and 55 and over get $10 off when they register. This trip starts at Hidden Falls and we paddle to Harriet Island – stopping to enjoy our picnic lunch along the way. Life jackets, paddles, water, coolers and safety gear are provided along with a van ride back to your car at the end of the trip. This trip is ideal for all adults regardless of ability. Bring a picnic lunch and prepare to have some fun. Registration for this trip will close when full – so sign up early.

Are you a retired nurse or doctor interested in volunteering at the recreation center? Windom South Rec Center is hoping to add 2 health programs for seniors. One would be foot care consisting of foot massages and nail care. The other would be blood pressure checks. If you are interested please contact Rosey Vogan at 612-370-4869.

WINDOM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Windom Community Center from 7–9 PM. Community members are welcome.

BOARD MEMBERS:

President	Pat Soulak	Mary Peterson
Treasurer	Kimberly Dalnes	Robyn Hansen
Secretary	Patrick Barrett	John Rader
	Trudy Barrett	Steve Rawlins
	Robin Krueger	Douglas Sweet
	Jeremy McKenna	
	Brian O'Shea	

WCC currently has two vacant board seats

SAVE THE DATES FOR PARK EVENTS

Friday, June 19th The movie Blindside will be featured at dusk. Come enjoy this family movie and be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on. Come early and throw a football around with other neighbors.

Monday, July 27th 6 to 8pm. Free ice cream, music and games!

July 6th or Aug. 4th from 4 to 6 pm for toddlers and their parents. Free party to celebrate MIA's 100 birthday. Please register for one of these 2 events.

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Hey, whats that big thing over where Lyndale Garden center used to be?

By Kelly Casey, Windom Resident & Community Garden member who works at Lakewinds

It's Lakewinds Food Co-Op at 6420 Lyndale Ave S

Hard to believe, we've been open for 9 months, but some folks are still learning about us. In case you don't know about Lakewinds, here's some info:

Lakewinds Food Co-op is a full-service cooperative grocery, serving the western suburbs for almost 40 years. Current locations include Minnetonka, Chanhassen, and Richfield, which opened June 28, 2014. We are a member-owned cooperative that provides the highest quality locak , natural and organic products at a good value. We are committed to outstanding service and leading the way in education and community participation.

Our Richfield location features Shizen All Natural Sushi Bar, an awesome sushi bar and Peace Coffee, a fair-trade organic coffee cooperative. Everyone is welcome to shop at Lakewinds, but ownership has its privileges! Come and visit us daily from 7am to 9pm.

LAKEWINDS LIVE!

Every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 pm there is free, live, acoustic music

brought to you by the Homestead Pickin' Parlor.

On concert nights from 6pm - 8pm:

10% OFF Deli Hot Bar & Salad Bar

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Peace Coffee will be rockin' some tasty drink specials from 6 - 8 just for ya'll to enjoy!

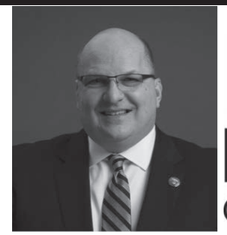
If you are a musician interested in playing at the Co-Op, please contact

Chris Sorensen, our Grocery Manager, at 612-814-8000

FARMERS MARKETS NEAR WINDOM

Fulton - 4901 Chowen Avenue South Saturdays from 8:30-1:00pm

Kingfield - 43rd St and Nicollet Ave Sundays from 8:30am to 1:00pm



Minneapolis City Council

Dear Windom Neighbors,

Minneapolis is a growing and vibrant world-class city with a flourishing economy and a pristine environment, where all people are safe, healthy and have equitable opportunities for success and happiness. We are nearly midway through our 2015 Annual Operating Budget that made significant, intentional investments in equity, public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and curbside organics recycling, among others. As we strive to build upon our successes and work together to strengthen our One Minneapolis Vision – the Windom Community plays a vital role in that vision and partnership.

Sprucing Up South Lyndale

This spring, the businesses along Lyndale between Minnehaha Creek and 56th Street-with financial support from the four adjoining neighborhood associations (Windom, Tangletown, Lynhurst and Kenny)—will be sprucing up the look of South Lyndale Avenue and making it more inviting for residents, visitors and customers. In the next few weeks, they will be installing benches, bike loops and garbage and recycling bins, as well as planting flowering plants in many of the boulevard spaces. The Windom Community Council helped with the purchase of the street furniture, and the businesses will cover all the costs of the ongoing maintenance. In future years, the businesses may plant more of the boulevard spaces. This is a project that has been in the planning stages since the completion of the reconstruction of Lyndale Avenue, and is the next step in the South Lyndale Small Area Plan. If you like the improvements, thank the businesses for making Lyndale Avenue even more inviting.

And to answer another question I am asked quite a bit, I have not heard anything more than unsubstantiated rumors and pure conjecture about what is going into the old Walgreens space at 54th & Lyndale. As soon as I hear something solid, I will be sure to let the neighborhood association know.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or input (or a solid business plan and financial backing for what you want to do in the old Walgreens space), please contact me directly at 612.673.2211 or John.Quincy@MinneapolisMN.gov. Please visit the Ward 11 Web site at www.MinneapolisMN.gov/Ward11 and sign up to receive The Community Connections Email Newsletter.

President's Letter

Happy Spring! I am happy to report that the two Winter Windom events focused on families in the neighborhood and community. Windom Reads was held 31st and attracted almost 250 people to the event. There were three 4 authors and the National Federation of the Blind who participated. There was also a childrens book exchange, in which children could bring in a book and exchange it with another one. This was so popular that we plan on expanding it next year to include adult books as well. This was an event of the shared partners of the Windom School, Windom Community Center (Minneapolis Parks and Recreation) and the Windom Council and our 3rd year for holding this event.

Windom Tot's Rock was held March 21st and was a joint venture of the Windom Community Center and Windom Council. The rockin' DJ was Shinya McHenry of Dance Life Studio who had almost all of the 200 people who attended were on their feet and moving. Sponsors for the event were Lakeshore Learning, Red Current and Family Fun Twin Cities. There was also a beARTrageous Creation Station, a caricaturist and photographer taking "Rock Star" photos for families to take home, along with nutritious snacks available to munch on.

The next event is the Annual Meeting at The Museum of Russian Art on Thursday May 14th. There will be social hour at 5:30 with appetizers followed by special speakers and elections for new board members. Everyone is invited to this wonderful event and we are thankful to the Museum of Russian Art for hosting this for the Windom Neighborhood.

Windom meetings are held the 2nd Thursdays for the month at the Windom Community Center at 5843 Wentworth from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and if you live or work in Windom, you are invited to attend.

Best
Pat Soulak

Tom Haas

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Residential organics recycling!

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers will soon be able to recycle fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, breads, eggshells and other food scraps. The new organics recycling program is an easy way for residents to reduce waste.

To take part, residents must sign up by contacting Solid Waste and Recycling at 612-673-2917 Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. or at SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov. Organics recycling will begin in two phases, with 25 percent of customers having organics recycling available in August 2015 and the rest in spring 2016. The phases are by area for the most efficient collection routes.

Even if you don't have organics recycling pickup at your home, you can bring your organics for recycling to one of five organics recycling drop-off sites. The closes drop-off site for Windom residents is at Armatage Park at 2500 West 57th Street.

Kellie Kish, Recycling Coordinator for City of Minneapolis will be speaking about the organics program roll out at our Windom Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 14th. If you have questions come on out and ask!

Meet Robyn Hansen

I grew up in South Minneapolis and moved to California where I got my bachelors in Communications. After doing Americorps in Minneapolis, volunteer work in Guatemala for 2 years, and then nursing school in DC, I moved back to California for several more years where I started a family. Somehow Minneapolis pulled my family back home 2 years ago and we're now happily settled in our Windom home with a daughter in kindergarten at Windom Spanish Immersion and a daughter at Joyce Spanish preschool. I am an ER nurse at North Memorial and my husband is an energy and sustainability advisor.

I'm glad to be back but sure do wish it were warmer here though!

I've lived in Windom for 2 years. I love that right out my door is a great community, trails, water, restaurants, schools, and a library.

I believe in equality, I believe it takes a village

I believe in Savinougn Blanc in the summer and Pinot Noir in the winter. My favorite quote is "Live on the good side, the bright side, the true side of everything."

Christian D. Larson

Garden Cleanup and Work Weekend Dates

The Windom Community Garden will be working on expanding in 2015, including adding fruit trees, herb spirals, a rain garden, and berry patches. Through our partnership with MnDOT, the garden site will also see the addition of a significant rain garden this year as part of efforts to control runoff and add to the overall aesthetics of the site. Besides the addition of the rain garden, we have also discussed the addition of fruit trees and berry shrubs that could be used by all member gardeners.

This year the Windom Community Garden again plans to participate in neighborhood food shelf programs. Last year the garden donated a total of 85 pounds of food – hopefully this year we can top 100 pounds!

- April 25th & 26th will be our Garden clean up days. Join us as we plan to pick up garbage on site, work on some fence repairs and other small projects. The Windom Community Council will provide lemonade and cookies for all those that come out to help during these community garden weekends.
  Shifts will be 11am – 2pm and 2pm – 5pm on Saturday the 25th and 12pm- 3pm and 3pm – 6pm on Sunday the 26th
- The Windom Community Garden work weekend will be May 8th, 9th, and 10th. This year, we will be primarily dealing with the paths between the plots, compost additions, as well as the addition of some communal herb spirals and berry patches.
  Shifts will be 5:30pm – 7:30pm on May 8th, 11am – 2pm and 2pm – 5pm on Saturday the 9th and 12pm- 3pm and 3pm – 6pm on Sunday the 10th

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Uncommon Gardens Will Be Missed!

By Amanda Vallone

The Windom Community was home to one of my favorite garden shops in the Twin Cities and many people will miss its beauty, their amazing staff, their shop cat and the all the wonderful families that came each month to build the Garden Elves Club home. Peggy Poore, owner of Uncommon Gardens was very much part of the Windom community, always participating in the neighborhood festivals and helping build community relationships that truly bloomed.

A simple yet touching statement went out to the many customers that Uncommon Gardens brought to Windom each season. It stated,

After 13 wonderful years, we've decided to see what's down a new garden path and have closed our beloved store. You've been the best bunch of customers anyone could ask for! Whether you came for plants, decor, Christmas trees or the Garden Elves Club, it's been a total joy to serve you, and we deeply appreciate your loyalty and friendship.

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The Museum of Russian Art

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- **Refreshments & Snacks**
- **Crime & Safety Update**
- **Community Garden**
- **Future Projects**
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- **Q&A**

Guest Speakers Include:
Ward 11 Council Member John Quincy

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