# Windom community council

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## Welcome Wagon

By Robyn Hansen

WCC has been delivering Welcome Bags to new residents for several years. We are aware we don't get it to every new resident. It's not easy to figure out who new residents are and fill the bag with useful content. We are looking for people to join the Welcome Wagon Committee. We are also looking for good stuff to fill the bags with. Right now it has things like organics info, local bike trails, coupons to a few restaurants, salt water taffy from Macs, and a certificate for a free Pizza from Toppers (Thanks TOPPERS!). People seem to love it!

We could use some ideas of loot to put in the reusable grocery bag and would really like some people and businesses to bring us content useful to our new neighbors. Also, if anyone knows of a good way to figure out who just moved into the neighborhood (renters and owners) that would be great. Email Robyn at robyn_hansen@yahoo.com with any ideas, input, donations, or interest in helping out on the committee!

## Windom Reads

Calling all readers. Join us Saturday morning, February 4th at Windom School for the fifth annual "Windom Reads" event.

This beloved event, made possible by the shared-use partnership of Mpls Parks and Rec, Windom Spanish Immersion School and Windom Council, celebrates February Reading Month by showcasing local authors and exposing kids and adults to literacy. Highlights of this morning event include:

- Police and Firefighters reading to children
- Mega Meuli, "Family Fun Twin Cities Guide"
- Kirky Otto, "Riley's Red Squirrel"
- Eileen Baha, "The Secrets of Eastcliff-by-the-Sea"
- Dave Fingerman, "Two Degrees Closer to Hell" (Adult Mystery)
- Peter Pearson, "How To Eat An Airplane"
- Sara Rose, Windom School Media Specialist
- The National Federation of the Blind demonstrating Braille
- Book exchange for children and adults. (Please drop off books you wish to donate the day of the event, so others may share them)

There is no charge and light, healthy snacks will be provided.

See you at Windom School on Saturday, 4th February from at 9:30am-11:30am

# President's Letter

By Steve Rawlins

Life takes some detours now and then, and we adjust.

Our board president, Stacia Nelson, moved to St. Paul this past fall. Given the move and time constraints, Stacia resigned as president, but she remains a Windom home-owner, and thus a Windom Community member.

We are on the board thank Stacia for her service as president these last 6 months, for her winning presence, intelligence and energy - and her willingness to take on the leadership role and contribute over the last year and a half. When you move back into Windom, Stacia, we'll coming knocking!

I have agreed to complete the remainder of Stacia's term, which ends in June 2017. I look forward to serving this beautiful neighborhood which I've called home since 1990. I also look forward to meeting new neighbors and listening to your concerns and interests.

All residents and business-owners are welcome to attend our regular board meetings. We usually have some formal business to conduct, but there is time for open forum too. Councilman John Quincy often joins us, sharing his view from downtown. We typically meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7PM at Windom School, but please double-check our Website or Facebook to confirm before going.

Whether hoping to serve, share ideas or just listen, please join us if you are interested in learning more about your neighborhood association.

Sincerely,
Steve

## HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY FAMILIES: Protecting Windom Families from Radon, Lead, and other home health risks

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**
**10-11:30 a.m.**
**Windom Community Center, 5843 Wentworth Avenue**
**Multipurpose Room**

Presenter: Nathan Olson, REHS
Lead Risk Assessor
Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program
Minneapolis Health Department
AND
Long time Windom resident

Everyone is welcome to attend, and especially families with young children:

- Celebrate National Radon Action Month by learning more about radon and receive a free test kit for your home.
- Learn about how to prevent lead exposure in your home, with free lead testing for children 1 to 6 years old, pregnant women, and anyone else interested in being tested.
- Free testing for lead in toys, your favorite coffee mug, dishes, or other household items that might pose a risk of lead exposure.
- Learn about mold, asthma triggers, and other unhealthy home hazards.
- Light and healthy snacks will be provided.

Please register your family at: http://www.windommpls.org/

## 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* Steve Rawlins
*Vice President* Brian O'Shea
*Treasurer* Becky McIntosh
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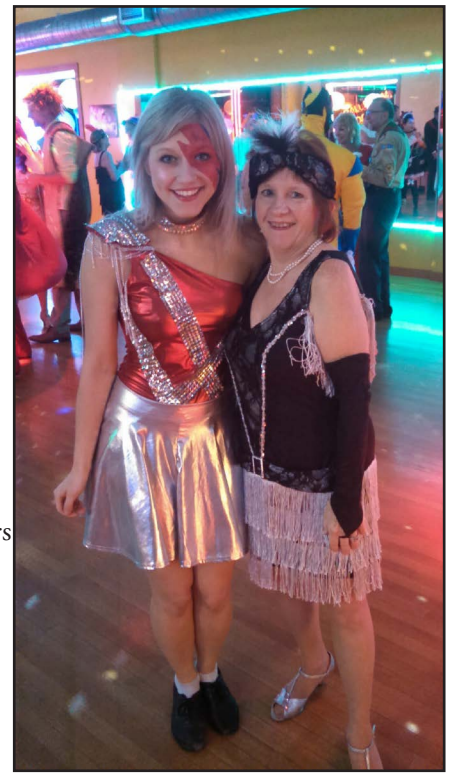
# Holloween Dance

By Pat Soulak

The 3rd Annual Windom Halloween Dance was held on October 29th at Dance Life Ballroom. Windom Council Event Committee Pat Soulak, Patrick Barret and Trudy Barret planned and coordinated the event. Shinya McHenry from Dance Life provided 3 instructors and Windom Council rented 2 ballrooms. Dance instructors Modie, Jordan and Beau taught the 20 attendees the basics moves of 5 dances in one hour and 30 minutes. We all had a great time laughing and learning the dances. After the dance classes, dancers then went into the Grand Ballroom from 8-10 pm with music provided by DJ Shinya to practice what they learned on the dance floor. Windom Council also provided warm apple cider, 2 party platters of meat, cheese, fruits along with cookies to all who attended the dance that evening.



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