



# Windom

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Windom Corner Gets Creative!

When my husband and I moved into the neighborhood a few years ago, we knew it was a great space but had no idea of the friendships that we would make with our neighbors. We initially became active with crime prevention, which just led to us taking over planning our National Night Out. We have been doing it for the past two years with the help of our neighbors, and have had an amazing response. Since we are kind of tucked into our own little corner of Windom (on the west side of Lyndale Ave) we created our own Facebook group named "Windom Corner" and went door to door inviting all of our neighbors on 61st St, 62nd St, Colfax Ln, and Dupont Ave. We grill out, have people bring a dish to pass, and have games for the kids. The past two years we have had attendance of close to 100 people!

After the first year of NNO with that many people, we realized that our neighborhood demographic was changing. There are a lot more younger families and kids in the neighborhood and we wanted to start doing other neighborhood events to keep people involved. We started with a chili cook-off, and just had the 2nd Annual Windom Corner Chili Cook-Off last weekend. We have a big email list that lets us all communicate with each other regarding crime or neighborhood news. We did an evite and asked people to knock on their neighbors doors that aren't on our list to invite them.

How it works: You bring a pot of chili, we get a bonfire going, hang out and talk to different neighbors, eat/try a lot of different chili, and then vote for your favorite chili. The person with the most votes gets the traveling trophy, made by our own Craig Claeys. This year we had 13 different chilis in the cook-off and close to 50 people. It is a lot of fun and we have definitely started a neighborhood tradition.

Craig also started another neighborhood event, the Windom Corner Drive-In, that he hosts in the summer/fall. He puts a big screen up on the sound wall, hooks up some movie/sound equipment, pulls out the popcorn maker, and shows family movies on the big screen well into the night. The kids (and adults) love it!

After doing these three events last year, we realized that not everyone could come to these events since they were a one time thing. We decided to start a rotating neighborhood happy hour. Every Thursday night someone new would host a neighborhood gathering. We have a traveling pink flamingo, named Petey Fresh, to let people know whos backyard we are in. You bring whatever you would like to drink, an appetizer if you wish, mingle with the adults, and let the kids play. Some weeks we would have 5 people, others we had close to 30, so it was pretty low key. It was just a way to keep up with each other about not just what was happening in the neighborhood but also in each others lives. It has helped us all become more aware of who our neighbors are and create a community that is our home.





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**Facebook**

Check out the Windom Neighborhood group on Facebook by entering “Windom Neighborhood” in your search box.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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### Metropolitan Airport Commission:

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### MN Department of Transportation:

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### Senior Dining Reservation: 612.370.4980

### Senior Resources Southwest: 612.822.3194

### South Metro Airport Action Council:

612.861.1061

### Southwest Family Room (ages 0–6):

612.827.3918

### Windom Community Center: 612.370.4980

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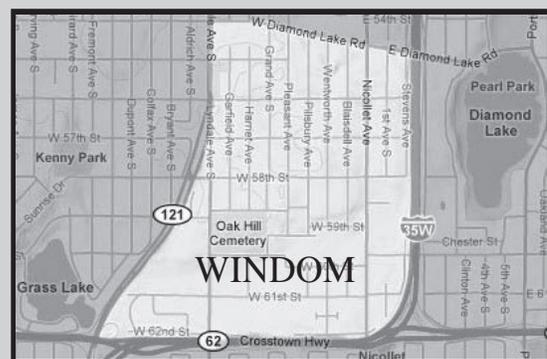
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## WINDOM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*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:

<i>President</i>	Pat Soulak	Jeremy McKenna
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kimberly Dalnes	Brian O’Shea
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# Calling all little pizza lovers



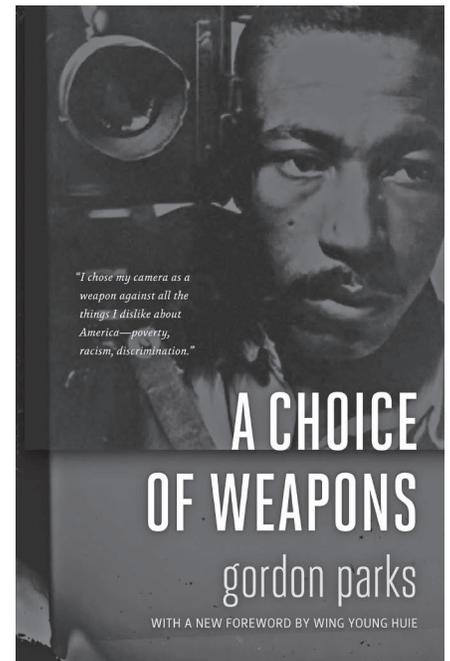
Toppers Pizza on Diamond Lake Rd. and Nicollet Ave. is starting a “Junior Pizza Maker” Program. Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1pm. It is open to kids 2-12 years old and completely free. The kids will get their own dough ball and make their own pizzas. They will be able to enjoy some free pizza and also a certificate with their name on it! Just reserve a spot in advance: only 8-10 spots at each event - [emailtoppers2681@gmail.com](mailto:emailtoppers2681@gmail.com).



## One Minneapolis One Read

Read the book. Join the conversation. One Minneapolis One Read is Minneapolis’ community read where everyone in town is invited to read the same book. This will be the third year of the citywide “read,” where the entire community is encouraged to read a single book and join in a community conversation.

The book is “A Choice of Weapons” by Gordon Parks. Gordon Parks--photographer for Life magazine, writer, composer, artist, and filmmaker--was only 16 in 1928 when he moved from Kansas to St. Paul, Minnesota, after his mother’s death. This compelling autobiography, first published in 1966, tells how Parks managed to escape the poverty and bigotry around him, and launch his distinguished career, by choosing the weapons given him by “a mother who placed love, dignity, and hard work over hatred.”



# Windom South Recreation Center

5843 Wentworth Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55419  
 612-370-4980  
 Recreation Supervisor – Rosey Vogan (612-370-4869)

**Park Hours:**

(Labor Day to Memorial Day) Monday – Friday, 3 to 9 pm  
 & Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

**Youth Sports Registrations:** Be watching in November for information on how and when to sign up for youth basketball teams. We have a fundamental in house league for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders, a Squirt in house program for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and then competitive teams for youth in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Competitive teams – are neighborhood teams that play other parks in the city. In house programs – play at their local parks. Youth from Windom South, Kenny and Armatage recreation centers all feed together to form a competitive league team. We are always looking for volunteers to coach at all these age levels. You will be required to complete a background check, concussion training and a sports certification program, no experience is necessary just a desire to help youth grow through sports. If you are interested please contact Kris at Armatage (370-4912) or Rosey at Windom South (370-4980).

**2013-14 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:**

Armatage Park: November 12 & 19 (6:30-8pm) also during regular hours after November 21.  
 Kenny Park: November 14 & 21 (6:30-8pm)

**Date to Remember:** Winter and Spring Program Registration begins Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. Be watching for new and exciting programs for all ages.

**Taste of Fun**

A “Taste of Fun “at Windom South Recreation Center will be held on Monday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 pm for youth ages 8 to 12. This is a free program and a great way to get your kids active during the holidays. A variety of fun activities will be offered during that time: dance, art, gym games, cheerleading and karate under park staff leadership. Youth will get to “taste” a sample of our park programs and get to know the park staff. Be sure to register starting on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, to save your spot for this fun day!

**Romp and Play:**

Beginning Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Romp and Play for this fall and winter on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 AM to noon – bring your toddlers to Windom South Recreation Center to run off some of that excess energy. We have an indoor gym set and toys set up in the multi-purpose room for your toddlers to enjoy while you get to know your neighbors. This is a free program. Parents will be required to get a free Activepass card. This program does not meet on school release days.

**Adult Open Gym:**

Friday nights are reserved for adults to come down to the gym and enjoy some hoop time with their friends and neighbors. Adult open gym runs from 6 to 8:30 pm. Cost is \$4, proper gym wear is required along with your Activepass card.

**Seniors:**

Are you an active adult over the age of 55? Interested in trying new activities, making new friends or helping assist other seniors in the Windom Neighborhood? Perhaps you know a senior on your block who would benefit from gathering with other seniors. If any of these apply, please come join us at Windom! Presently we offer senior dining through VOA (noon Mon-Thurs). Stay after for cards, dominoes, or to shoot some pool. If you have a suggestion for other activities (e.g. Bridge, Ping-pong fitness walking club or field trips), please tell us – we are interested. We want to serve all the seniors in the Windom neighborhood.



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# Letter from the President

It is hard to believe the autumn is here already when just a few weeks ago the temperature was in the 90s. The Windom Council had a summer retreat session in June, meeting at Toppers Pizza to focus on goals and action plans for the neighborhood. We focused on getting solid committees with representation not only from the board, but also from the community at large. The committees have developed action plans and goals for the coming year to better meet the needs of the community. On August 8th, with the addition of Robin Krueger (Robin's Nest), the Windom Board reached a full complement of 13 members. We now have active committees for: Safety and Security, Communications, Welcome Wagon, Community Garden, Share Use (with Windom School and the Windom Community Center), Public Arts, Finance and Events. In the future we would like add committees for Intergenerational, as well as Land Use and Economic Development.



O'Shea continues to lead this project. On August 10th, the neighborhood had a community potluck at the garden to celebrate. The garden will be on the "Gardening Matters" Community Garden Tour.

Although Windom did not have a Festival this summer (due to lack of volunteers), we had a great turnout for the Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park on August 17th. Next summer, we would like to bring back the Festival, but that is contingent on people volunteering.

In the coming months, stay tuned to Facebook and the Windom Website for more information about future events. Watch for the February "Windom Reads" and, in March, "Tots' Rock", both at the Windom Spanish Immersion School.

The Windom Council meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7pm in the Windom Community Center (5743 Wentworth). Members of the community are invited to attend. We continue to need participation as part of our plan to engage the community.

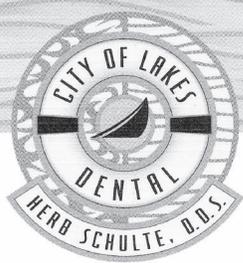
Best,  
Pat Soulak

Next year the Public Arts Committee will focus on covering, or "wrapping", traffic signal boxes in the neighborhood. There will be input from the community at large for this project. The Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods have wrapped some of their utility boxes with custom artwork, so take a look next time you are up there.

In the near future, Windom will launch its website to announce neighborhood events, so you will be able to easily access information about the community.

The summer was busy with neighborhood events in August. This was the second year for the Windom Community Garden on 62nd and Nicollet and it was a great success. Next year, there are plans to develop more plots and to make the area a neighborhood focus to gather, with picnic tables and more shade. Board member Brian

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  - Reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners
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# New Business



Robin's Nest on Diamond Lake Road & Nicollet

Art Teacher and new Windom Board Member, Robin Krueger, opened her namesake "Robin's nest" in August, with her partner Vito Mattioli. The new shop, at 5456 Nicollet Avenue, features thrifty finds, furniture (some refurbished), consignment by local artists, and original artwork by Robin and Vito.

Robin Krueger has been teaching art at Olson Elementary School in Bloomington for 14 years and has operated a painting business out of her home for 10 years. Lately, Krueger has been refurbishing furniture and creating mosaics. Vito Mattioli received his art degree from the University of Manchester, and has experience running craft shows across Great Britain. Lately, Vito has been creating what he calls his "Block Heads", figures made from metal and plastic pieces from machines he has taken apart.

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# Windom's Holiday Stop & Shop Celebrates & Supports

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More than 200 organizations have already joined American Express OPEN, the company's small business unit, in declaring the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

The Windom Community Council and NEBHA will promote the annual Holiday Stop & Shop to coincide with Small Business Saturday here in the Windom neighborhood.

Throughout the day businesses will offer special discounts, fun happenings, and holiday cheer for all who walk in and shop local. Every participating store will have a Gift Wrapped Box in which you will be able to put your contact information in order to win a gift certificate to that particular store. The more businesses you shop in the more chances you will have to win!

A listing of businesses and featured specials and events will be posted on the WCC and NEHBA website and facebook page as the date approaches.

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