



armatage news

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25 Reasons

2016 is the 25th anniversary of the Armatage Neighborhood Association. As part of our celebration, we'd like to showcase "25 Reasons" we love Armatage! Email your reason to anacoordinator@armatage.org and we will share our reasons at our summer festival.



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Contact Experience SW at info@experiencesouthwest.com with any questions or suggestions.



Fire on Ice: Family Skating Party

Friday, January 22th
6:00-8:00 pm
Armatage Park

Join us down at Armatage Park for the second annual Fire & Ice Skating Party! Grab your mittens and hat for this outdoor neighborhood celebration. Enjoy a night with family and friends skating (weather permitting) and a variety of outdoor activities or keep warm with hot chocolate and bonfire. No registration required, just come on down!



Save the Date

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

Interested in helping plan this awesome event? The committee will begin meeting in late January and all are welcome. Contact our coordinator if interested (anacoordinator@armatage.org).

Get Engaged

We are also expanding our community engagement committee. We'd love your input and involvement! If you are interested in helping find new ways to improve our neighborhood engagement, let us know and we will invite you to our next meeting (anacoordinator@armatage.org).

16 Zero-Waste New Year's Resolution Ideas for 2016

As of December 14, the number of households signed up to participate in organics recycling in the Armatage neighborhood is 726. This is 34.13% of all households in the neighborhood.



1. **Sign up for organics recycling** by emailing SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov or by calling 612-673-2917. Sign up by February 1 to make sure you get your cart in Spring 2016!
2. **Sign up for Minneapolis Recycling Reminders***! An email is sent to you the day before your recycling day to remind you to set your recycling cart out, and include holiday reminders, seasonal service updates, fun facts and more!
3. **Reduce wasted food** by:
 - a. Planning meals before going shopping
 - b. Creating a grocery list to make those meals
 - c. Make new meals with your leftovers
 - d. Learn to store food to maximize its freshness for longer (visit Eureka Recycling's Prevent Wasted Food webpages for more information*)
4. **Eliminate disposable single-use food-service items** like zip-lock bags and cling wrap. Instead use reusable glass or plastic food storage containers and bee's wrap*.
5. **Give Grasscycling* a try!** Grasscycling is the act of letting grass clippings fall where they're cut and allowing them to decompose naturally. By grasscycling all year, you avoid the need to purchase bags for yard waste and provide the equivalent nutrients of one chemical fertilizer application!
6. **Bring your own bag to the store.** The Natural Resources Defense Council states that the average American family takes home 1,500 plastic bags a year. Make your new year's goal to always bring your own bag.
7. **Bring your own water bottle or coffee mug.** Not only do you reduce waste, but you may also get a discount for using your own container!
8. **Buy less new items** – shop at reuse, thrift and consignment stores. Check out Hennepin's Choose to Reuse Guide* for local reuse outlets.
9. **Donate unwanted items.** By posting items on websites like Next Door, the Twin Cities Free Market, and Craigslist, items may be kept in use within your community, or donate to a local second-hand store.
10. **Reduce packaging waste** by placing individual produce items in your shopping cart – without the bag. If you like to use produce bags consider buying reusable produce bags or make your own!
11. **Bring your own to-go containers** to restaurants. The Minnesota Department of Health is ok with people bringing their own to-go containers to restaurants.
12. **Recycle Everywhere!** Don't forget to collect items from your bathroom, laundry room, and home office! Visit Hennepin County's Recycle Everywhere webpage* to request free stickers and bags for recycling throughout your home!
13. **Opt to repair** electronics, appliances, shoes and clothes instead of buying new. Visit a "Fix It Clinic*" and see what you've been missing out on!
14. **Wrap gifts in reusable cloth or recyclable wrapping paper** or consider giving gifts that need no wrapping like making or paying for dinner or a show.
15. **Tape your recycling guide to your fridge** or inside a cabinet door. Refer to the guide when you aren't certain an item can be recycled. "Wish-cycling" (the act of placing materials in the recycling cart that you wish were recyclable, but aren't) causes many issues at the recycling facility. Common wish-cycling items include: plastic bags, garden hoses and drinking glasses.
16. **Recycle your Holiday lights!** Working and non-working holiday lights may be recycled each year from November 15 – the end of January at participating drop-off locations*.

* Visit www.armatage.org for all web page links.



School Showcase

SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 2016 FROM 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER
 1301 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Explore public and charter schools for pre-K-12 students:

- Meet school staff
- Learn about educational pathways
- Free parking and shuttle service
- Free childcare for children ages 3-5

For more information contact Student Placement Services at 612.668.1840

SCHOOL REQUEST CARD DEADLINE

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Placement letters are mailed in early April.

CITYWIDE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Student Placement Services

Davis Center
 1250 W. Broadway Ave.
 Minneapolis 55411
 612-668-1840

Regular Walk-In Hours:
 Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Print or view all materials at:
<http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us>

- Explore MPS catalog (Pre-K - HS book)*
- Pre-K, K-8 and high school request forms*
- Preparing for Kindergarten booklet*

* Available in English, Hmong, Somali & Spanish

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Early Childhood Screening is a process that supports children being ready for kindergarten. The program helps find children with possible health or developmental concerns that may impact learning. The process includes a check of vision and hearing, child development and a review of the child's health. The program helps families access services for their children that will help them to be ready for kindergarten.

Early Childhood Screening offers two programs: (1) 3-5 Early Childhood Screening for all children prior to kindergarten entrance and (2) Birth-2 Central Intake for families who are concerned about how their child is developing.

Minneapolis Public Schools recommends that children be screened at age 3.

Three reasons to screen at age 3*:

- Screening can assist your child to be ready for school.
- Any health or developmental concerns can be found earlier and help provided sooner.
- Because screening is FREE, it's easy and it's good for your child!

When your child turns 3 years old:

- Call 612.668.3715 or email earlychildhoodscreening@mpls.k12.mn.us to schedule an appointment.
- Complete the health forms that will be sent to you.
- Bring your child to screening appointment, where trained staff will check your child's:
 - Vision and hearing
 - Growth and development
 - Immunizations and family history
- Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records to screening.
- Screening is preferred at age 3, but can be done at 4 or 5 years old.

Call 612.668.3715 or email earlychildhoodscreening@mpls.k12.mn.us to schedule an appointment.

*State law requires all children to be screened before entering kindergarten.



2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 6:30 pm in the Armatage Community Center and are open to the public. Residents (18-yrs and older) and business owners are eligible to vote on ANA business. Childcare available on request.

Any changes to meeting time or location will be updated on our website, Facebook, eNews, Twitter and Nextdoor.

- January 19 (Safety Update)
- February 16
- March 15
- April 19 (Safety Update)
- May 17 (Annual Meeting)
- June 21
- July 19 (Safety Update)
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15 (Safety Update)
- December 13 (tentative)



Park Programming for Older Residents

The ANA and our neighborhood park want to offer programming to older residents that they would like to participate in! Some ideas we have come up with are listed below. Circle those that interest you and/or tell us what you'd like to have available in our neighborhood!

- Mail to the ANA (2500 W 57th St, Mpls 55410)
- Email your suggestions to anacoordinator@armatage.org
- Chime in on Facebook, Twitter or Next Door

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| Book club | Adult sport league (volleyball, basketball, other) |
| Walking club | Classes (cooking, yoga, other) |
| Gardening club | Monthly event (cards, dancing, other) |

Connecting with your neighbors

Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA)

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 #armatage

Sign up for ANA eNews on our website. Get a neighborhood update 2-3 times per month. Watch for this quarterly paper newsletter delivered to your door.



Armatage Park & Recreation Center

612-370-4912
armatage@minneapolisparcs.org
 Online sports registration:
www.kennyarmatagesports.com

Crime Prevention Specialist

Jennifer Waisanen
 612-673-5407
jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov

To receive crime alerts via e-mail, visit:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/police_crimealert_signup

Sign up for the 5th Precinct quarterly newsletter at:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/precincts/police_about_5thprecinct

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