



armatage news

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Armatage Neighborhood Summer Festival

Changes in 2017

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 • 4:00-7:00PM

We're moving our summer festival to the weekend! Plus, it will take place earlier in the day to allow everyone more time to come enjoy the fun. Planning will begin early 2017. Interested in helping make this event happen? Contact our coordinator (anacoordinator@armatage.org).



Fire on Ice: Neighborhood Skating Party

Friday, January 20 • 6:00-8:00pm

Join us down at Armatage Park for our 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!

Neighborhood Connections: Focus on Neighbors Who Rent

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

10:00-11:30AM

ARMATAGE COMMUNITY CENTER

(NOTE: CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED)

Please join the Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA) for free food and drink to build community, network, and share any questions or concerns. The ANA is especially interested in feedback on what kinds of workshops, events, or support would be useful to renters in the neighborhood.

Free copies of the book "How to be the Smartest Renter" will be available to attendees (first come, first served).



THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 • 4:00-5:30PM

2017 Happy Hours

Every other month, we will feature an Armatage neighborhood happy hour. Currently we host this at Cafe Maude starting at 4:00pm on the first Thursday. Appetizers provided. Cash bar (but great happy hour specials).

Meet neighbors, share ideas, express concerns! January we invite people interested in our new Green Team (page 3) to come share their ideas!

Please let us know what day/time might work best for future happy hours: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PW2LXX6>



Block Leader & Apartment Leader Gathering

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 1:00-2:00PM
ARMATAGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Are you a block leader or apartment leader? Want to learn about being a leader? We'd like to help support our neighborhood leaders in some fun, new ways. Please come share thoughts, concerns and ideas!

Block leader and apartment leaders help by sharing information. Typically it is as easy as sending out an email!

Leaders who are registered with the Minneapolis Police Department, receive additional updates about safety issues. The goal is that leaders share this with those on their block or in their apartment complex.

Often leaders will help organize a National Night Out event (held the first Tuesday in August) to help neighbors meet each other and build community.

But we think block leaders can do so much more to help build community and keep our neighborhood safe and a desirable place to live — without having to do a lot of work!

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

You can register with the MPD (contact our Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen (612-673-5407 • jennifer.waisanen@minneapolisismn.gov).

You can also sign-up for the ANA eNewsletter (www.armatage.org) and designate yourself as a block leader.

Finally, you can join us at our February event to learn more and share concerns and ideas.

Please RSVP for February 4, online (Facebook, Nextdoor, or our website) or send our coordinator an email (anacoordinator@aramatge.org). We hope to see you there!

Some initial ideas on ways to engage with our neighbors through our block leader program:

REBATE PROGRAMS

- National Night Out expenses
- Safety items

WORKSHOPS

- Personal safety
- Home security
- 911 vs 311

BLOCK COMPETITIONS

- Chili cook-off
- Charity drive

OTHER IDEAS

- Help identify new neighbors (so we can deliver a “welcome to the neighborhood” bag)
- Free classes for residents around a topic of interest (safety or non-safety related)
- Walking groups
- Partnering with other area neighborhoods around specific issues
- “Meet a block” highlight in our eNews or printed quarterly newsletter



Green Team

Armatage is forming a new Green Team to support

- recycling (organics, FixIt clinics, etc.)
- pollinators & native planting
- rain gardens and other watershed friendly practices
- energy conservation
- and more!

If you are interested in learning more, and maybe being a part of this team, please sign-up online for our eNewsletter and indicate your interest in the Green Team. You can update your subscription if you have already subscribed, or you can contact our coordinator (anacoordinator@armatage.org) to express your interest.

Join us at our January happy hour to share your interests and ideas. We will invite you to planning meetings, including our initial interest gathering, which will happen sometime in March/April. Watch for details online, too!

Welcome Bags

As a neighborhood association, we attempt to welcome all new neighbors when they move in. But we could use your help! If you know of a someone who has recently moved in, simply send us a note to make sure we know they have arrived and a board representative will stop by with a bag of goodies and info!

If you'd like to promote your local business in our welcome bag, we'd love to discuss ideas to have you as a part of this program.

Finally, we want to include info that new folks to the area and city might want or need to know – let us know your “must know” ideas! We will be working to grow our online resources.



Parent & Tot Playtime at Armatage

Is your child using the couch as a trampoline? Are you looking for a place where your child can burn off energy and maybe have some adult conversation? This playtime group is a total sanity-saver!

- Fridays, January 6 - March 24 • 10:30am-12:00pm
- Mondays, January 9 - March 20 • 5:00-6:30pm

Agnes 5 and under with an adult • FREE



FixIt Fund Update

The low-interest home improvement loan program recently loaned out the entirety of its funds. All four participating neighborhoods, however, have decided to re-contribute to the program, so additional funds will be available early 2017.

2017 MEETING & EVENT 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.

Any changes to time or location will be updated on our website, Facebook, eNews, Twitter and Nextdoor. Unless specified, events take place at Armatage Community Center or Park.

JANUARY

Happy Hour • Thursday 1/5 • 4:00-5:30pm • Cafe Maude

Renter Gathering • Saturday 1/7 • 10:00-11:30am

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 1/17 • 6:30pm

Fire on Ice • Friday 1/20 • 6:00-8:00pm

FEBRUARY

Block Leader Gathering • Saturday 2/4 • 1:00-2:00pm

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 2/21 • 6:30pm

MARCH

Happy Hour • Date/Time TBD • Cafe Maude

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 3/21 • 6:30pm

APRIL

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 4/18 • 6:30pm

MAY

Happy Hour • Date/Time TBD • Cafe Maude

Annual Meeting • Tuesday 5/16 • 6:30pm

JUNE

Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales • Saturday 6/3 • 8:00am-4:00pm

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 6/20 • 6:30pm

JULY

Happy Hour • Date/Time TBD • Cafe Maude

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 7/18 • 6:30pm

AUGUST

National Night Out • Tuesday 8/1

Summer Festival • Saturday 8/13 • 4:00-7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Happy Hour • Date/Time TBD • Cafe Maude

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 9/19 • 6:30pm

OCTOBER

Halloween at the Park • Friday 10/27 • 6:00-8:30pm

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 10/17 • 6:30pm

NOVEMBER

Happy Hour • Date/Time TBD • Cafe Maude

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 11/21 • 6:30pm

Tree Lighting & Charity Drive • 11/24 • 7:00pm

DECEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 12/19 • 6:30pm

Connecting with your neighbors

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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

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Online sports registration:

www.kennyarmatagesports.com

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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:

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