

armatage safety news



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NEXT MEETING

Due to scheduling conflicts, our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **July 14, 6:30 pm** in the park building.

See inside for information about what the ANA does and how you can get involved!

THANK YOU

Kristina Erazmus for you years of service both as our coordinator and as a member of our board.



**Monday, August 10
6:00-8:30pm**

Armatage Park & Community Center

- Food trucks: Red Wagon Pizza, Tommy Z's Fish & Chicken and more! (cash only)
- Bounce houses, giant slide, face painting and carnival games! (\$7 wristbands for unlimited access)
- Magic show and balloon animals
- Classic car show
- Prize raffle (tickets \$5 each)
- Live music by the Melvilles
- Free water from Mpls Tap - bring your water bottle - or buy an ANA bottle for only \$2!

We need lots of volunteers to help make this event happen, If you are willing to donate a half hour to an hour of your time, please let us know! Email our neighborhood coordinator, Nikki Lindberg, at anacoordinator@armatage.org.

Bring a blanket
and stay for the
movie in the park
at dusk.



Minneapolis joins PaintCare for paint recycling!

PaintCare sites accept house paint and primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings but do not accept aerosols (spray cans), solvents, and products intended for industrial or non-architectural use. Paint must be in its original container with a label and a secured lid. They cannot accept open or leaking cans, and must be in containers that are no larger than 5 gallons in size.

Settergren's is a PaintCare site, but sites have limits on how much paint they can accept, so it's best to call before bringing your paint to recycle. Learn more at <http://www.paintcare.org/>

Tips for Summer Safety

Even though we live in one of the safest areas in Minneapolis, there are simple ways to help you and your neighbors be safe this summer!

Summer is when most cities see an increase in property crime. As the weather warms up people spend more time outside and open their windows and doors, increasing the opportunity for crime. We want to remind you to keep doors locked and windows closed and locked, even when you're home and even when you're working or relaxing in your yard, just as you would when you leave your home. Stay vigilant and prevent "sneak-in" burglaries over the summer months by following this advice and other key home safety tips.

PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE

- Have your children observe the curfew hours:
 - Under 12 years old:** weekdays, home by 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by 10 p.m.
 - 12-14 years old:** weekdays, home by 10 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by 11 p.m.
 - 15-17 years old:** weekdays, home by 11 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by midnight
- Parents should be aware of where their children are going and set guidelines as to when they should return or check-in.

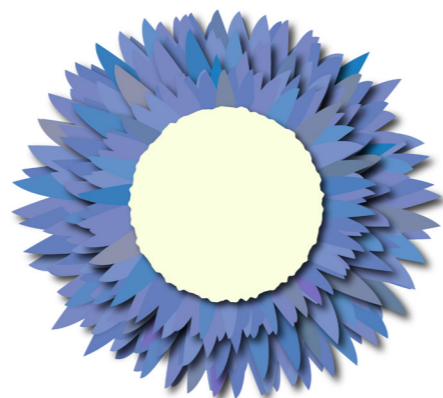
- Never leave children unattended or unsupervised near bodies of water. This should include area lakes, swimming and wading pools and hot tubs.
- Whenever possible have your children take part in organized activities such as with the Park Board, local libraries, SSP and the YMCA to name a few. Busy kids are less likely to find themselves in trouble

PREVENT BICYCLE THEFT

- Register your bike and record the makes, models, serial numbers and descriptions and keep this information in a safe place. (Call 311 to register, or online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles>.)
- Keep your bike, mower and other items you value in a locked garage. Be sure to lock your bicycle to a stationary object and make sure both wheels are locked. The best locking device is a hardened steel u-shaped lock.
- Remove any accessories that can easily be taken.

YARD SECURITY

- If you're working in the front yard, lock the back door and garage. If you're working in the back yard, lock the front door and garage.
- Don't keep ladders or other equipment in the yard that could be used to gain access to your home.



- Keep shrubs, bushes, hedges, and fences to a height of three feet or less.
- Residential lighting should be used to light up home entry points. Motion detector lights are an inexpensive deterrent for areas where continuous lighting is unnecessary.

IN THE HOME

- Pin your windows to allow ventilation but prevent them from being opened too wide.
- Don't advertise your vacation plans. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the mail and papers and to cut grass.
- Use light timers which will turn two or more lights on and off at predetermined times, similar to times when lights would be on or off normally. The living room and at least one bedroom would be good choices.

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Park your vehicle in well lighted or supervised/patrolled places.
- Never leave anything of value in your vehicle. Even coins, sunglasses and cords may be a target for a thief.
- Take your garage door opener inside with you if you park on the street to prevent a car break-in leading to a home break-in.

Neighborhood Organizations

All you ever wanted to know about neighborhood organizations but were afraid to ask.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION?

Minneapolis has 70 recognized neighborhood organizations. Each is an autonomous nonprofit and has a volunteer board of directors elected by residents.

All neighborhood organizations receive funding through the Community Participation Program (CPP) and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Some neighborhood organizations do additional fundraising, grant-writing, or have financial support from other sources.

Most neighborhoods have at least one part-time staff person but some may be entirely run by volunteers. Each organization must represent the neighborhood in its entirety, ensure membership and participation is open to all residents and hold regular open meetings.

WHAT DO NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS DO?

- Engage residents (community meetings; focus groups; surveys; newsletters and email lists; online presence through websites and social media)
- Respond to local issues (housing; environmental; safety; transit and infrastructure)

- Organize community activities (community gardens; block clubs and patrols; neighborhood festivals and events; online community forums; candidate forums)
- Plan (neighborhood action plans [NRP and NPP]; strategic organization plans; commercial corridor planning; park planning; redevelopment planning)
- Respond to issues (development proposals; zoning variances and conditional use permits; street and highway construction, upgrades and repair; commercial development proposals; environmental issues)
- Deal with complex community issues and conflict (historic preservation and neighborhood character; community discussions on race and class; proposed development; changing populations and demographics)
- Respond to emergencies, such as a tornado (provide services; organize volunteer cleanups; provide resources)
- Paperwork, lots and lots of paper work (writing grants and funding proposals; reporting on use of funds and activities; news and information; annual reports and legal filings; regular financial reports; meeting minutes; other record keeping)

No Experience Required

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Membership is the right of any person who:

1. Is 18 years of age or older and resides within the boundaries of the Armatage neighborhood.
2. Is a single representative of any commercial business property, school, park, or church within the boundaries of the Armatage neighborhood.

All members may take part in discussions, make or second motions, and vote at general meetings. Our meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of each month.

Whether you attend meetings, join the board, help on a committee, or volunteer at an event, we need you!

We are looking to expand through the formation of new committees, which currently include: safety, community outreach and environmental. There are also opportunities to join the board as we have 8 current members but can have up to 11.

Feel free to contact our coordinator with questions, volunteer interest and any ideas for our neighborhood!

anacoordinator@armatage.org



Scrapers are taking my recycling. What can I do to stop it?

Recycling theft or "scavenging" is the unauthorized collection of recyclable materials set out by residents for

authorized collection programs with the City. It may appear to be a harmless act, but scavenging gives individuals

an opportunity to survey what items you have in your alley, garage and home and takes revenue from the City that could

have helped lower your solid waste fees. You can discourage "scavengers" by:

- Not putting your recyclables out until the day of pickup.
- Call 911 if you see "scavengers" taking items.

Connecting with your neighbors

Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA)

2500 West 57th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55410
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www.armatage.org
anacoordinator@armatage.org

*Sign up online for our electronic communications.
Join our Facebook group! .*

Crime Prevention Specialist

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

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way for you and your
neighbors to talk online
and make all of your lives
better in the real world.
And it's free.*

