Signs of Fall

Colorful leaves and sweaters certainly are signs, but fall also means street sweeping, leaf raking and the end of the yard waste pick-up season.

STREET SWEEPING IN MINNEAPOLIS

Fall comprehensive street sweeping will start **Tuesday October 18, 2016**. The Street Sweeping Schedule Lookup will be updated to reflect the 2016 fall sweep soon. Vehicles parked in violation of signs are subject to a ticket and tow.

Each spring and fall crews sweep every mile of the City’s more than 1,100 miles of streets to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and to protect our waterways.

Street sweeping usually takes about four weeks to complete. Signs that sweeping is coming:

- “No Parking signs” – Crews will post the signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept.
- Phone calls to residents – An automated phone call will let residents know their street will be swept the next day. Listed, residential telephone numbers will be called.

[www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping)

YOUR LAWN

- Keep your grass 2-2.5 in. tall throughout the fall. Much longer (over 3 in.) it will mat, leading to winter lawn disease problems such as snow mold. If you cut it shorter than 2 in., you’ll severely limit its ability to make and store food for growth in the spring.
- Even though temperatures might be cooler than in summer, your lawn still needs water. Grasses continue to grow throughout the fall, and watering is important to sustain growth.
- Apply a final dose of fertilizer in mid- to late October. You’ll provide your grass with nutrients that will be absorbed and stored until needed for spring growth. Lawns that have received late-season fertilizing are often the first to begin growing in the spring.
- Fall is the best time of year to establish or repair lawns by seeding or sodding. Seeding should be completed by mid-September. Cool temperatures usually make fall seeding or sodding successful. Be sure to complete your sodding before very cold weather sets in.

RAKING LEAVES

Residents should not rake their leaves and other debris into city streets – it’s bad for our lakes and waterways and it’s against the law.

Leaves are natural but decomposing leaves on streets and sidewalks can wash into storm drains and eventually end up in Minneapolis’ lakes, streams and the Mississippi River. Leaves over-fertilize lake water and encourage harmful aquatic plants and algae to thrive. The result is murky lake water that isn’t good for swimming and fishing and which harms wildlife.

[www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste)
**The Teal Pumpkin Project®**

*The Teal Pumpkin Project encourages people to raise awareness of food allergies and promotes inclusion of all trick-or-treaters throughout the Halloween season.*

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**
Halloween can be a tricky time for families managing food allergies. The Teal Pumpkin Project promotes safety, inclusion and respect of individuals managing food allergies. It keeps Halloween a fun, positive experience for all!

**WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO PARTICIPATE?**
Participating is simple. Pick up some inexpensive toys, and place a teal pumpkin and/or a free printable sign from FARE outside your home to show that you have non-food treats to hand out.

**IS THIS A BIG PROBLEM?**
Food allergies are a life-altering and potentially life-threatening disease, and a growing public health issue. In the U.S., one in 13 children has a food allergy. For these children, even a tiny amount of their allergen has the potential to cause a severe reaction.

Virtually any food can cause a reaction. Many popular Halloween candies contain nuts, milk, egg, soy or wheat, which are some of the most common allergens in children and adults. Additionally, many miniature or fun-size versions of candy items contain different ingredients than their full-size counterparts and some miniature candy items may not have labels, so it is difficult for parents to determine whether these items are safe for their child with food allergies.

Non-food treats provide a safe, fun alternative for children with food allergies and other conditions for whom candy may present a problem. The goal is not to exclude candy from the Halloween tradition. The goal is simply to ensure that children with food allergies – and other children for whom candy is not an option – are able to enjoy a safer, happier Halloween.

**CAN I STILL PASS OUT CANDY?**
Sure – just do it safely! The point of the Teal Pumpkin Project is to make trick-or-treating as inclusive as possible. You can keep the experience safe by keeping your food treats and non-food treats in separate bowls.

**IF I'M HANDLING OUT CANDY AND NON-FOOD TREATS, HOW DO I DETERMINE WHICH TREAT TO GIVE TO EACH TRICK-OR-TREATER?**
You can either ask trick-or-treaters if they have any food allergies, or give every visitor a choice of which treat they'd like: candy or a non-food item.

More info, ideas and downloads available online!

www.foodallergy.org/teal-pumpkin-project

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**TRUNK-OR-TREAT INSPIRATION**
Check out some of these sites for some ideas:

- www.tipjunkie.com/post/trunk-or-treat-ideas/
- www.ldsliving.com/50-Trunk-or-Treat-Decorating-Ideas-You-Wish-You-Had-Time-For
- www.pinterest.com/

**TRICK-OR-TREAT MAP ON NEXTDOOR**
To help neighbors know who will be handing out treats, tag your house on the Nextdoor Trick-or-Treat neighborhood map!
Halloween at the Park

Friday, October 28 • 6:00-8:30pm • Armatage Park
(weather permitting)

Wagon Rides • Bonfire • DJ • S’mores & Popcorn
Mini donuts and hot drinks by Sweet Dreams will be available for sale.
Costumes Encouraged

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Bring your carved pumpkin to the park and be entered to win prizes!
Thursday, October 27 • 2:00-9:00 pm or Friday, October 28 • 2:00-4:00 pm
Pumpkins will be on display during the event. (You can take your pumpkin home with you after the judging!)

Trunk-or-Treat

Decorated vehicles (see sidebar or visit armatage.org for ideas), stationed throughout the parking lot at Armatage Park, will hand out treats.

Get your group together to come up with your display idea! Space is limited, so be sure to register soon!

Registration is free and we provide the treats*, you just come up with a fun idea, and join us Friday night for the fun!

Be creative! Also please remember, this is a family event, so nothing too gory.

Set-up will start at 5:00 pm and all displays must be ready by 6:00 pm. An adult must stay with the vehicle throughout the event. We ask that you plan to stay until 8:30 pm, unless otherwise directed that night.

*Treats will be provided by the Park and the ANA. Some treats will be non-candy, and indicated with a Teal Pumpkin (see page 2).

Trunk-or-Treat Vehicle Display Registration

Mail or deliver to the park or email the following details to anacoordinator@armatage.org

Group/Organization Name: __________________________________________
Concept/idea: __________________________________________
Main Contact Person: __________________________________________
Phone: ______________________ □ okay to text
Email: __________________________________________
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.

Any changes to meeting time or location will be updated on our website, Facebook, eNews, Twitter and Nextdoor.
October 18
November 15 (Safety Update)
December 13
(2017 calendar to post soon)

SAVE THE DATE

Happy Hour

Thursday, November 3
4:00-6:00pm at Cafe Maude

Join members of the ANA for a casual happy hour and a chance to meet neighbors, ask questions about what we do, and share your ideas about what you'd like to see happen in Armatage.

Cash bar • Appetizers provided by the ANA

Inaugural Armatage Winter Tree-Lighting & Charity Drive

NEW THIS YEAR!
Friday, November 25
7:00pm at Armatage Park

The ANA is holding a tree-lighting ceremony at the park on Friday, November 25, at 7 p.m., to bring the neighborhood joy and warmth during the winter months. To help spread some of this good cheer, at the tree-lighting event we will be collecting diapers and formula for area charities (Crisis Nursery & People Serving People). Watch for more details online!

Connecting with your neighbors

Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA)
www.armatage.org
612-668-3206
anacoordinator@armatage.org
@ANAnighbors
#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@minneapolisparks.org
Online sports registration: www.kennyarmatagesports.com

Crime Prevention Specialist
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To receive crime alerts via e-mail, visit:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/police_criminaloute_signup

Sign up for the 5th Precinct quarterly newsletter at:
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