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Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA)
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2019 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

All meetings start at 6:30pm at the Armatage Recreation 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 and social media. Unless specified, events take place at Armatage Recreation Center or Park.

APRIL

Egg Hunt • Saturday 4/13 • 10:00am
Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 4/16 • 6:30pm

MAY

Free Shredding Event • Saturday 5/11 • 10:00am-12:00pm
Happy Hour • Tuesday 5/14 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon • Free pizza provided by the ANA

Annual Meeting • Tuesday 5/21 • 6:30pm • Board Elections • Free Pizza • Future of ANA

Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sales • Friday 5/31 • 8:00am-4:00pm

JUNE

Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sales • Saturday 6/1 • 8:00am-4:00pm

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

Movie in the Park • Princess Bride • Wednesday 6/19 • Dusk

JULY

Happy Hour • Tuesday 7/9 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon • Free pizza provided by the ANA

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 7/16 • 6:30pm

AUGUST

Summer Festival • Sunday 8/11 • 4:00-7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Happy Hour • Tuesday 9/10 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 9/17 • 6:30pm

OCTOBER

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 10/15 • 6:30pm

Halloween at the Park • Friday 10/25 • 6:00-8:30pm

NOVEMBER

Happy Hour • Tuesday 11/12 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 11/19 • 6:30pm

Tree Lighting & Charity Drive • Friday 11/22 • 7:00pm

DECEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 12/17 • 6:30pm

ANNUAL MEETING

Armatage Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 21

6:30-8:00 PM

ARMATAGE REC CENTER

Join your neighbors for free pizza at our upcoming Annual Meeting & Board Elections! The ANA is excited to hear from you and to share our work, both over the past year and all the great things we have in store for 2019, including launching a **new Armatage Neighborhood Mini Grants program!**

Board elections: If you have ever thought about getting more involved in the community, please consider running for the ANA board. Renters are an important part of our neighborhood and are especially encouraged to run.

With changes coming from the City on how neighborhoods are governed and funded, now is a critical time to stay engaged with the ANA and all we do to support our neighborhood residents and businesses. Here's a quick list of our current programs:

- New Armatage Neighborhood Mini Grants.
- Safety Rebate Programs.
- Summer Festival.
- Informal gatherings like Happy Hours
- Neighborhood communications (eNews, social media, website, newsletter, etc.).
- Subsidized rain gardens with Metro Blooms.
- Welcome Bags for new residents.
- Support for seasonal events at Armatage Park.
- A facade improvement grant for area businesses.



Sponsor the 2019 Summer Festival

The Summer Festival, organized by the ANA board, is a great way to connect with attendees, highlight your business, and to get recognized for your commitment to our community by making this annual event possible. We are so grateful to the sponsors who have generously supported the Summer Festival in the past!

We rely on donations to make this event happen. Although we receive City funds, none of it is allowed to be spent on the entertainment or food at the festival. We hope you consider being involved this year.

Sponsorship can happen at many levels and for specific activities or areas of the Summer Festival. Benefits to sponsors include being featured in neighborhood communications, advertising for the event, and recognition at the event (attendance ranges from 500-1,500). To learn more:

- Visit our website at armatage.org/events/summer-festival.
- Contact our Coordinator at anacoordinator@armatage.org or 612-466-0296.



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

SAVE THE DATE

Movie in the Park • *The Princess Bride*
Wednesday, June 19 • Dusk

Kenny/Armatage Neighborhood Garage Sales

**FRIDAY, MAY 31 &
SATURDAY, JUNE 1
8:00 AM - 4:00PM**

NEW: Friday sales and free registration!

Our neighborhood garage sale is a great way to get a lot of bang for your buck! Clear out your clutter and make a little cash. Again this year, we will partner with our friends in the Kenny neighborhood to amp up the traffic to this event.

Due to the growing popularity of weekday sales, this year you have the option to register your sale for Friday, May 31 in addition to Saturday, June 1.

To participate, register your garage sale online at armatage.org/events/garage-sales by **Thursday, May 23**. There is no registration fee to sign up this year.

By registering your garage sale with us, you get:

- A general garage sale ad in the

StarTribune, on our website, social media and Craigslist.

- Your sale listed on the Kenny/Armatage Garage Sale Map, both printed and available through Google Maps. Printed maps will be available at Armatage Rec Center starting Tuesday, May 28.

If you have questions or experience issues registering online, please contact the ANA office at anacoordinator@armatage.org or 612-466-0296.



Meet the Board

LARA BERGMAN

My name is Lara Bergman and I have lived in the Armatage neighborhood since the spring of 2014 with my husband and two young children. I grew up in the nearby Windom neighborhood and so I have a lot of pride in this place I call home. My professional background is working with children and families primarily as a Montessori preschool teacher, though currently I am a stay-at-home mom.

Why did you join the ANA board?

I joined the ANA board because I love to connect with and give back to my neighbors. I am also passionate about social justice and equity and want to do my part to make Armatage a welcoming place for all of our neighbors.

What makes being a part of the ANA meaningful to you?

Being on the ANA board has made me realize how much of an impact

we as residents can have on the policies and decision-making that affect our city. I have been impressed with the level of involvement and feedback the ANA has had with Linea Palmisano, our city council member, as well as other city representatives as we go about our business of advocating for the needs of our neighborhood, such as safety at the 54th & Penn intersection.

How much time each month do you commit to serving the Armatage neighborhood?

Board meetings are once a month and I also try to make it to the quarterly happy hour at Red Wagon for more informal conversations with neighbors. In addition to that there are projects and committees that could always use the help, so I'd say I commit 4-6 hours in total.

What accomplishments are you most proud of or hope to see happen?

In my time on the board I hope to engage more neighbors in the work of the ANA through intentional outreach and education. Admittedly, before joining the board I had never attended a meeting and I now realize what a lost opportunity that was! The board is here to advocate for the needs of all our neighbors and so it is important that we hear from all stakeholders. That being said, don't be surprised if you see me coming around to do some door knocking one of these days :)



Armatage Rain Gardens

The ANA is teaming up again with Metro Blooms to offer discounted rain or native gardens to Armatage residents. Rain gardens protect nearby lakes and rivers by using native plants to filter rainwater runoff through the soil instead of flowing into storm drains. They also provide beautiful habitat for pollinators and are placed to capture runoff before it leaves your property.

Participants receive an onsite consultation and rain or native garden design from Metro Blooms. Sometime over the summer, teams from the Conservation Corps of

MN will excavate the raingardens, haul away extra soil, and mulch. Participants pick up and plant their new plants and get lots of information on maintaining their new garden. This year the ANA is increasing our subsidies, so residents will pay just \$250-\$460, depending on the size and design of their rain or native garden.

NEW IN 2019:

The ANA is offering two new programs to help more members of our neighborhood participate.

Renters: Several rain garden slots are reserved for renters this year. We will help you apply, get approval from your landlord and offer assistance to help get your garden established, even if you move.

Grants: Need additional assistance to participate? We have a limited number of grants to further lower the cost for residents who meet income guidelines.

Learn more, sign up to get a rain garden, and apply for additional assistance at armatage.org/programs/rain-gardens. Slots are available on a first come, first served basis so apply today.

New: Apply for a Mini Grant

How can we make our neighborhood a better place and engage our neighbors? If you have ideas and want to implement them, the ANA is launching a new **Armatage Neighborhood Mini Grant Program**. Learn more about the guidelines and application process at armatage.org/programs/mini-grants or at a Q & A session at the Annual Meeting on May 21.

Grants are available for up to \$1,000 and subject to the City requirements that prohibit spending on food, entertainment, or religious or politically partisan activities.

The deadline to apply is June 15.

Award notifications will be made by August 1 and grantees will have up to a year to complete their projects. If you have any questions, contact anacoordinator@armatage.org.



Street Resurfacing

Look for more construction around Armatage and Kenny this summer. Resurfacing will happen east of Penn Avenue, south of 54th Street, north of 58th Street, and west of Irving Avenue. The goal of resurfacing is to extend the life of local streets by overlaying them with a new layer of asphalt. If you have any questions about the assessments on this project, please contact the City of Minneapolis's Special Assessments Office at 612-673-2401.

Connecting with your neighbors

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Armatage eNews - stay in the know

Visit armatage.org and sign up to get a neighborhood update in your inbox 2-3 times per month.



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

Sign up for the 5th Precinct quarterly newsletter at:

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