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2019 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

Meetings and events take place at Armatage Park (unless specified) 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.

OCTOBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 10/15 • 6:30pm

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

NOVEMBER

Washburn Tot Lot Pop-up Play Date (with treats!) • Saturday 11/2 • 3:00-5:00pm

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

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

DECEMBER

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



Keep Leaves Out of the Street

Check out these tips from the City of Minneapolis on fall leaves:

- Residents shouldn't rake their leaves and other debris into city streets – it's harmful to our lakes and waterways and it's against the law (Title 17, § 427.270 of the Minneapolis Code).
- 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.
- Collect and bag leaves and other yard waste and place it by your regular recycling and garbage containers for city crews to haul. Visit minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste/ for more information or call 612-673-2917.

Armatage Neighborhood Funds

The Armatage Neighborhood Association has remaining, unspent funds and we need your input!

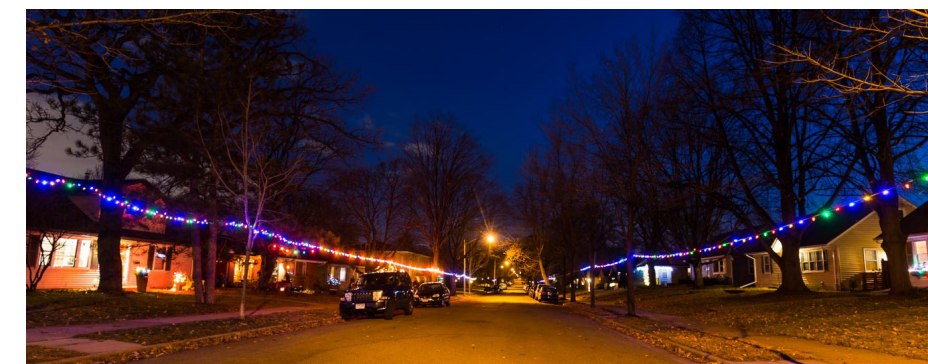
City funding for neighborhood organizations like the ANA expires in 2020. There isn't a new plan in place for 2021 and beyond yet, but funding is expected to decrease significantly (or possibly end entirely).

The neighborhood has enough remaining funds to keep popular programs and community services going for approximately the next 4+ years.

We've drafted a plan to allocate these one-time funds and need your feedback to keep Armatage a livable, lovable community. See the details at armatage.org/funds. Then...

VOICE YOUR FEEDBACK

- **Survey** • armatage.org/funds
- **Text** us at 612-466-0296
- **Email** us at anacoordinator@armatage.org
- **Tell us in person:**
 - » **Armatage Park Halloween** • Fri 10/25 • 6:00-8:30pm
 - » **Washburn Tot Lot Play Date** • Sat 11/2 • 3:00-5:00pm
 - » **November Meeting** • Tues 11/19 • 6:30pm at Armatage Rec Center (final board and neighborhood vote)



Washburn Winter Wonderland

If you saw the 5500 block of Washburn Ave S after the sun set last winter, you'll remember the magical holiday lights stretching down the boulevards. We've got the details from Armatage neighbor, Jess Bell, and posted her light hanging tips at armatage.org/lights!

What inspired you and how did the project come together?

When my husband Aaron and I lived in San Diego, a nearby neighborhood strung lights along their boulevards creating a magical experience and beautiful representation of community.

When we moved back to MN, I proposed the idea to our new neighbors. We came together on a Sunday afternoon in Nov to hang wire and lights between the trees along the boulevard. By the time the sun had set, both sides of the block were lined with lights.

What has been the impact?

We have a truly awesome group of neighbors here. The lights remind us of our community and connection during a time of year when we see less of one another. Walking down our street on a cold winter night certainly brings me joy and I'm not alone. People drive down our block because something as simple as stringing strands of lights along a boulevard transforms the block into something magical. It is a visual representation of our connection.

What advice would you give to other blocks?

Pick a date to gather neighbors and get cables and lights hung! Utilize peoples' strengths. Each neighbor is responsible for providing and powering their own lights. There are no rules for when to turn them on and off.

Don't get hung up on the little details, it's a process that will improve and work itself out over time. Also, if you try this year with minimal results, try again next year. Momentum will build, I promise.

Photo credit: Matt Sepeta



HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK

ARMATAGE PARK

Friday, October 25 | 6:00-8:30pm

Wagon Rides • Bonfire • DJ • S'mores & Popcorn • Bounce House

OCTOBER 24 & 25

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Drop off your carved pumpkins at Armatage Park on
Thurs.10/24, 6:00-9:00pm or
Fri.10/25, 2:00-5:00pm

Pumpkins will be on display through Friday night, and two
\$50 Amazon Gift Cards from the O'Neil Group will be award-
ed: Kid's Choice and People's Choice! Take your pumpkin
home after the judging!

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Gather a group to build a display for Halloween at the Park on October 25! Space is limited, so
register soon! Be creative, but please remember this is a family event, so nothing too gory.

Set up begins at 5:00pm on Oct. 25, and all displays must be ready by 6:00pm.

An adult must stay with the display or vehicle until 8:30pm.

****Registration is FREE, plus candy and non-candy treats are provided,
courtesy of ANA and the Park!****

TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

DISPLAY REGISTRATION

DUE 10/23

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER BY EMAILING ARMATAGE@MINNEAPOLISPARKS.ORG

Group/Organization: _____ Concept/Idea: _____

Main Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Okay to Text? Yes No



Meet the Board

PATTY GRABSKI

I am originally from Philadelphia and have lived in Minneapolis since 2006. I have been in the Armatage neighborhood for 4 years with my husband Ben, two children and our Bichon.

Why did you join the ANA board?

I joined the board as a way to give back to the community by advocating for my neighbors and to learn more about how the city government functions.

What motivates you?

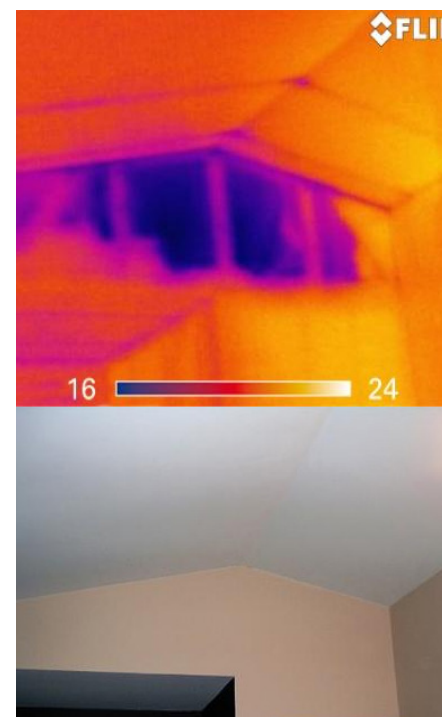
I am motivated by the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of my neighbors by working on programs that will benefit the community.

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

I have been on the ANA Green Team for 3 years and am thrilled with the enthusiastic response to our raingarden program; I was fortunate to receive one in my yard this summer and I can't wait to watch it grow while filtering our storm water. I am also very proud of last April's Nonprofit Donation Drive which I captained. We collected 117 boxes of items from neighbors!

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy playing with my kids and dog, baking, traveling, trying local restaurants, spending time outdoors in the parks and learning to speak French.



Air Leaks? Borrow the New Thermal Camera

As the weather gets colder, we all feel the drafts and air leaks at our homes, rentals and businesses a bit more.

Thanks to a new project in the neighborhood led by Armatage resident Milo Oien-Rochat, you can check out a thermal camera to pinpoint temperature-related energy waste in your home, business, or apartment. You'll get accurate information and helpful

ideas to make easy energy improvements in your space.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Sign up to check out the thermal camera for a week at **armatage.org/camera**
- Look for an email to schedule a quick training at the Armatage Rec Center, put down a refundable \$100 deposit, and pick up the camera.
- After taking images of your space, bring the camera back for your deposit and get resources to use what you learned to make energy upgrades.

This project is funded through the Armatage Neighborhood Mini Grants. Learn more at armatage.org/programs/mini-grants/

Connecting with your neighbors

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