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Armatage **Mini Grants**

Funds for neighborhood projects Apply by February 29, 2020

2020 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 designated business representatives are eligible to vote on ANA business.

Any changes to time or location will be updated on our website and social media.

IANUARY

Neighborhood Happy Hour • Tuesday 1/14 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon Pizza

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 1/21 • 6:30pm

Fire & Ice Skating Party & Armatage Chili Cook-off • Friday 1/24 • 6:30-8:30pm

FEBRUARY

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 2/18 • 6:30pm

Organics Recycling Workshop • Wednesday $2/26 \cdot 7:00$ pm

MARCH

Neighborhood Happy Hour • Tuesday 3/10 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon Pizza

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 3/17 • 6:30pm

APRIL

Egg Hunt • Saturday 4/11 • 10:00am Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 4/21 • 6:30pm

MAY

Neighborhood Happy Hour • Tuesday 5/12 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon Pizza

Annual Meeting & Board Elections • Tuesday 5/19 • 6:30pm

JUNE

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

Movie in the Park • date TBD (check armatage.org)

JULY

Neighborhood Happy Hour • Tuesday 7/14 • 7:00-9:00pm • Red Wagon Pizza

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 7/21 • 6:30pm

AUGUST

Summer Festival • Sunday 8/9 • 4:00-7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 9/15 • 6:30pm

OCTOBER

Monthly Meeting & Safety Update • Tuesday 10/20 • 6:30pm

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

NOVEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 11/17 • 6:30pm

DECEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tuesday 12/15 • 6:30pm

Apply for a Mini Grant

Applications are now available for our second round of Armatage Neighborhood Mini Grants!

If you have a neighborhood project or idea you have always wanted to explore, now is the time to apply for a Mini Grant to support that dream.

Any resident or organization connected to Armatage can apply for up to \$1,000 to support a project that directly benefits the neighborhood.

Some restrictions apply: grant funds cannot be used for general operating, food, entertainment, religious, partisan or capital expenses.

Grants will begin in late April and grantees have one year to complete their project. Download an application and learn more at armatage.org/mini-grants

INFO SESSIONS:

Learn more about the program and get feedback on your application at one of two upcoming info sessions:

- Thursday, January 30 from 7:00-8:00pm at Book Club (5411 Penn Ave S).
- Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00-8:00pm at Armatage Park.

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First Annual Armatage Chili Cook-off

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 6:30-8:30PM **ARMATAGE PARK FIRE & ICE**

Do you claim to have the best chili? Put it to the test and sign up for the First Annual Armatage Chili Cook-off to compete against your neighbors and claim the prize of the best chili in the neighborhood.

The Chili Cook-off takes place inside the Armatage Rec Center on Friday, January 24 from 6:30-8:30pm as part of Armatage Park's Fire & Ice Skating Party. Registration closes on Sunday, January 19 so competitors are encouraged to sign up at **armatage.org** as soon as possible to reserve their spot.

It's free to compete and just \$5 to eat. Competitors should plan to bring a full crock-pot or instant pot of chili to the park by 6:00pm on January 24.

COME FOR THE CHILI

Help judge our competitors' offerings! Come to the Chili Cook-off to taste each entry and vote for your favorite chili in Armatage. The cost to eat is \$5 per person and tasting is open to all.

Bring or borrow skates and enjoy music and cocoa as part of the Fire & Ice Skating Party and help us crown the neighborhood's 2020 Chili Champion.



Winter Organics **Recycling Workshop**

Join the Green Team for its Organics Recycling **CONFIDENT(ial)** workshop on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00pm at Armatage Park!

Whether you are already recycling organics and ready to up your game or still thinking about taking the plunge and getting started, we will cover examples, tips, tricks, and ideas for home set-ups to help make organics recycling a breeze.

The workshop is free to attend. Light refreshments and free compostable bags provided. The ANA Green Team will continue to work on organics



recycling and helping our neighbors be even more sustainable in 2020. If you're interested in getting involved or joining a new neighborhood organics recycling e-list to stay in the know, email us at anacoordinator@armatage.org.

Meet the Board



ADAM MILLER

My wife Andrea and I moved to the Armatage neighborhood in April 2017. We were attracted to the area because of the great sense of community, close proximity to the lakes, and fun neighborhood restaurants within a short walking distance. We are expecting our first child this month. Professionally, I am an attorney working for the Hennepin County court system on an initiative to increase access to justice and help find ways to promote positive outcomes for victims and families experiencing domestic violence.

What makes being a part of the ANA meaninaful?

I find the work of ANA so important and meaningful because it is a great way to address the needs of our community and it helps bring our fellow neighbors together. ANA provides me the opportunity to directly engage with my neighbors and share ideas on how we can build a stronger community.

What do you bring to the ANA?

I believe my background working on community initiatives and engaging diverse groups of people to find creative solutions that incorporate those voices is something that I bring to ANA. I also have an extensive background working in government at various levels so I have experience navigating these often complex systems.

Why did you join the ANA board?

I joined the ANA board because I believe that successful communities are built and sustained through strong neighborhood leadership.

Having a neighborhood association that listens to and promotes the interests of those they represent is one of the critical aspects of creating these ideal communities.

What motivates you?

I am motivated to see my community grow and to help create a neighborhood where our children can succeed.

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

I hope to come up with new ways to bolster community engagement and to ensure that everyone feels welcome in Armatage. I would like to see the presence and awareness of the ANA continue to grow as well as enhancing the programs we currently offer to ensure we are addressing our neighbors' needs.

What do you enjoy doing in *your free time?*

I enjoy traveling, cooking, running and biking the lakes, spending time with friends and family, and trying new restaurants.

Comment on the Future of **Neighborhoods**

Funding for Minneapolis neighborhood organizations like the ANA will end in December 2020. There is no plan in place to continue funding yet.

The ANA is one of 70 neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis and currently relies on annual City funding to operate. Thanks to the funding plan that 160 of you weighed in on this fall, we now have reserve funds set aside to keep operating through 2023. We hope to stretch these funds even further with a small amount of continued City support.

This winter, you will have one more opportunity to comment on plans to continue funding for neighborhood organizations and increase equity within each of our neighborhoods and throughout



Get Ready for the 2020 Census

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau works to count every person in the United States, including Minneapolis. Your voice is critical and we hope you take the time to weigh in.

STAY INFORMED:



The resulting count will guide the distribution of billions of dollars to our communities, determine political representation for the next decade (including Minnesota's number of congressional representatives), and provide data that shapes how policymakers and business leaders decide to invest public and private resources.

Getting an accurate and complete count of all residents is vital. The City has many resources on their website at mineapolismn.gov/ census for you to volunteer to help, sign up for updates, see a sample census form, or access census guides in English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong and more.

• Sign up for the Armatage eNews at armatage.org for information on the comment period as soon as it's available.

Visit minneapolismn.gov/ ncr/2020 to learn more about neighborhood funding and how to weigh in.

everyone living in Minneapolis.

Connecting with your neighbors

Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA) www.armatage.org 612.466.0296 anacoordinator@armatage.org Coordinator: Lauren Anderson

ANA eNews: sign up at armatage. org for a neighborhood updates. Watch for this quarterly newsletter delivered to your door.



Armatage Park & Recreation Center

612.370.4912 armatage@minneapolisparks.org Online sports registration: www.kennyarmatagesports.com

Minneapolis Police Department's 5th Precinct: www.minneapolismn.gov/police/ precincts/police_about_5th-

precinct

Crime Prevention Specialist

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To receive crime alerts via e-mail, visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/police/ crimealert

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