

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

At the moment, meetings take place virtually on Zoom. All are welcome to join! Sign up to get your Zoom link at armatage.org.

Residents (18-yrs and older) of the neighborhood and designated representatives of Armatage businesses or institutions are eligible to vote on ANA business.

JANUARY

Monthly Meeting & Board Special Election (details at armatage.org)
• Tues 1/19 • 6:30pm • Zoom

The Story of Plastic Virtual Screening • Link available 1/17-1/21

The Story of Plastic Community Discussion • Thurs 1/21 • 8pm • Zoom

Problem with Plastic & Practical Alternatives Workshop • Thurs 1/28 • 7:30pm • Zoom

FEBRUARY

All We Can Save Reading Circle Meeting #1 • Mon 2/1 • 7pm • Zoom

Monthly Meeting • Tues 2/16 • 6:30pm • Zoom

MARCH

Monthly Meeting • Tues 3/16 • 6:30pm • Zoom

APRIL

Monthly Meeting • Tues 4/20 • 6:30pm • Zoom

MAY

Annual Meeting & Board Election • Tues 5/18 • 6:30pm

JUNE

Monthly Meeting • Tues 6/15 • 6:30pm

JULY

Monthly Meeting • Tues 7/20 • 6:30pm

Distanced Winter Fun at Armatage Park

Armatage Park has so many great winter program offerings! Visit www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities to learn more and sign up for one of these or other options:

- Social Distanced Sledding (#116710) held weekly on Saturday 1/9-2/13 from 10am-12pm.
- KidCreate Studio take-home art kits with online instruction videos (search for "KidCreate Studio"). Options from Feb - May and from toddlers to tweens.
- Ceramics Private Studio (ages 15 and up). Register for a set of 10 (#116844) or 20 visits (#116845). All time slots are individual.



Green Event Series

LIMIT PLASTIC USE IN THE NEW YEAR

The Armatage Green Team is hosting a series of great events in January to help you learn about the problems with plastic, why recycling alone isn't the answer, and practical strategies to rethink your purchasing and drastically limit your use of plastic.

Sign up for any and all of the series at <https://armatage.org/plastics/> Events are open to everyone so please invite friends and neighbors!

- **Jan 17-21: The Story of Plastic Community Screening.** Get your own link to screen the fascinating documentary *The Story of Plastic* whenever works for you!
- **Thursday, Jan 21 at 8pm: Armatage Conversation on *The Story of Plastic*.** After screening the film, join the community conversation to discuss it on Zoom.
- **Thursday, Jan 28 at 7:30pm: The Problem with Plastic & Practical Zero Waste Alternatives Workshop.** Attend our free virtual workshop with City of Mpls Recycling Coordinator Kellie Kish & local zero waste hub Tare Market Educator Dee Lukas. Learn what happens to our plastic and how to use less in 2021.

First-ever Holiday Decoration Tours

THANK YOU FROM THE ANA

With holidays that looked very different thanks to COVID-19, the Armatage Neighborhood Association put together two self-guided holiday decoration tours to bring neighbors together safely and at a distance.

We put the call out, not sure what to expect, and 15 neighbors registered for the first-ever Halloween Decoration Tour. Another 20 signed up to be part of the Holiday Light Tour. Visitors were asked to vote for their favorites and close to 300 votes came in between both tours! People far and wide joined in on the fun and discovered the Armatage neighborhood.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these events! We were blown away by the incredible displays put together by our neighbors, the response from the community, and the kind notes we received from folks who appreciated the tours.





Armatage Welcome Bags

Attention new neighbors! If you've recently moved into the neighborhood, we want to bring you a Welcome Bag!

The groovy, reusable tote bag's contents include useful information on the Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA), elected representatives, governmental services, local businesses, and a couple of fun items to welcome you.

HOMEOWNERS

Be on the lookout for friendly ANA volunteers Ethan (pictured) or Kevin with a Welcome Bag with your name on it! They'll swing by to do a masked, distanced drop-off.

RENTERS

If you are a renter who moved in during the past year or if you own a rental property in the neighborhood and have new tenants, please reach out to us at anacoordinator@armatage.org and let us know where we can drop off a Welcome Bag!

Armatage Reading Circle

FIRST MEETING: MON FEB 1 7:00-8:00PM ON ZOOM

The ANA Green Team is looking for neighbors to join its first-ever winter Reading Circle! We will be reading *All We Can Save - Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*.

We know everyone is busy these days, so this will be a slothful book club: each month, neighbors will read one section of the book individually, then come together as a group to discuss.

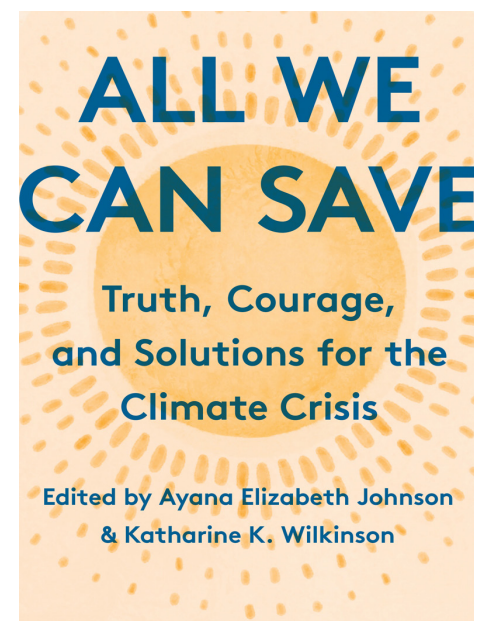
The pace ensures everyone can digest each section without feeling rushed and engage in deeper dialogue about the current climate crisis in a way that fosters genuine neighborly connection, creativity, and maybe even some action, using this book as a guide.

More enthusiastic members can dive deeper into supplementary materials if they wish!

Register for the first circle on Monday, February 1 from 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom at <https://armatage.org/reading-circle>

To get ready for the first conversation, pick up your copy of *All We Can Save* from a local bookstore and read Chapter 1: Root.

We know this is tough time for many, so if you are unable to purchase a copy but would like to participate in the reading circle, please email us at anacoordinator@armatage.org, and we can get you a copy.



Block Leaders

WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

To increase neighborhood safety and improve communication with residents, the Armatage Neighborhood Association is working to gather block leader contact information.

Currently, block leader information cannot be shared or accessed by the neighborhood. If you are a block leader, please send your name, email address, phone, and the block(s) that you represent to anacoordinator@armatage.org.

Interested in learning more about block clubs and how they work? Visit <http://bit.ly/blockclubs>.

Not sure if there is a Block Leader on your block? Check with our area Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen, at jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov or 612.673.5407 and if not, think about signing up.

Thank you for your support!

Meet the Board



SAM BILD

My family and I moved to Minnesota in 2018 from Tennessee to put down roots near family. When looking for homes, we kept getting drawn to the Armatage neighborhood due to the people, green space, schools, lakes, and restaurants - and we couldn't be happier to call this place home!

Professionally I'm a Sales and Marketing Operations leader at a global company here in Minneapolis. I love getting to interact with people around the world daily. My husband and I have two kids, 3 & 5, with one starting kindergarten at Armatage Montessori next year!

Voter Turnout

Armatage's voter turnout in the November election topped 90% of registered voters!

Turnout for Ward 13 Precinct 8, which includes the portion of Armatage north of 58th Street was **92.4%**. For Ward 13, Precinct 9, which includes all of Armatage

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

ANA provides our community with an opportunity to engage with neighbors - whether that be listening to concerns, contributing to ideas for community enrichment, volunteering for an event that brings people together, or something else! I also feel people stay in places that feel safe and welcoming and think the ANA is a platform that can impact the neighborhood's identity.

Why did you join the ANA Board?

I joined the ANA to understand better how to get involved with the neighborhood and leverage my marketing background to promote cultural and community events.

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

Lately, I haven't spent as much time as I would like with a new job and kids at home due to the pandemic, but in 2021 I plan to commit at least 3 hours each month to board meetings and activities.

What do you enjoy in your free time?

I love to cook, bike the lakes, and explore different parts of the city with my family. I also love working on home projects - from painting rooms and organizing closets to refinishing our deck and landscaping!

south of 58th Street, turnout was **91.5%**.

Overall, citywide voter turnout was 81.3% of registered voters so well done, Armatage! In a year with so many changes, thank you for everything you did to roll with it and spread the word!



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 neighborhood e-updates three times a month.

Watch for this quarterly newsletter delivered to your door and find us on social media.



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Armatage Park & Recreation Center

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Online sports registration:

www.kennyarmatagesports.com

Virtual and in-person activities:

www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities/

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