



armatage neighborhood association

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## Armatage Neighborhood Association 2021 Annual Board Election Voter Guide

**Voting begins May 11 and ends May 18 at 7:00pm** during the [virtual Armatage Annual Meeting](#).

Election results will be announced live at the end of the [Annual Meeting](#) on May 18 and on the website the following day. We hope you consider registering to attend the Annual Meeting!

All Armatage residents 18 years and older and the designated representative of an Armatage business or institution are eligible to vote. Neighborhood boundaries are shown at right.



**Voting Instructions:** There are six (6) candidates running for the ANA Board of Directors this year. Please carefully review the candidate information in this guide and vote for up to six (6) candidates including a write-in option. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our Coordinator, Lauren, at [anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org).

### Armatage Board of Directors Candidates:

- [Joel H. Federer](#)
- [Vikisha Goberdhan](#)
- [Eli Johnson](#)
- [Ethan Komoroski](#)
- [Janhel Leandre](#)
- [Judy Vecere](#)

[Click here to vote in the Board Election.](#)

# Joel H. Federer

**Relationship to the Armatage Neighborhood:**  
Homeowner

**Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

I have served on the board for the past four years (two terms) and am the current president. Over the past few years I have been involved in a number of activities, including but not limited to: leading the hiring of our coordinator; helping to form the Safety Rebate program; initiating the process and working to secure over \$200k for the ANA through a funding plan modification; and helping to lead the ANA through a visioning process which lead to the creation of three new committees: Safety Equity & Outreach, Community Engagement, and the Executive Committee (policy and finance) and an updated policy of board member expectations.



**What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

I love the restaurants at 54th and Penn and Armatage Park.

**Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

We've achieved a lot over the last few years and I'd like to continue to help strengthen the board for future success.

**What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

Experience.

**Are you currently an ANA board member?**

Yes, I'm a current board member!

# Vikisha Goberdhan

## **Relationship to the Armatage Neighborhood:**

Homeowner

## **Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

Hello, I've lived in the Armatage community for the past 10 years. I am a Physician Assistant at a Med-Peds clinic. I enjoy MN summers and spending time with my friends and family. I love to travel and cannot wait for international borders to re-open fully.

## **What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

I love taking my nieces and nephew to the Armatage Park to play soccer, baseball and of course play on the playground!



## **Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

I believe in making a difference by contributing and giving back to my community. I think it's important to take actionable steps (however small) to bring about change. Being a part of the ANA allows me to do this successfully.

## **What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

As a professional, minority woman I think that it is important to have varied perspectives regarding the issues the ANA faces. I am dedicated to learning and helping the ANA to address equity and safety in our neighborhood.

## **Are you currently an ANA board member?**

Yes, I'm a current board member!

# Eli Johnson

## **Relationship to the Armatage Neighborhood:**

Homeowner

## **Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

My wife Emily and I have a 2 year old munchkin named Miles. Add that to 3 dogs and a cat...we have a full house! I work in real estate, and Emily owns a women's online clothing boutique. We moved here to start the family we now have, and we'll be here for decades! Can't wait to be more involved in the community.

## **What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

Only one? Well, with having a young kid, we are often seen at the park and playgrounds. During non-pandemic times, we also love to frequent the restaurants at 54th and Penn.

## **Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

I'd love to get more involved in the local community, doing things to help, building relationships and friendships with other residents.

## **What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

Energy, enthusiasm, optimism, and a desire for Armatage to continue to be a great place for all people of all backgrounds.

## **Are you currently an ANA board member?**

No, I'd be a new board member!



# Ethan Komoroski

**Relationship to the Armatage Neighborhood:**  
Homeowner

**Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

My wife, Sarah, and I moved to the Armatage neighborhood in October 2019. We were attracted to the neighborhood because of the cozy feel as well as the proximity to lakes, trails, and restaurants. Sarah and I met at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and have lived in Minneapolis since graduation. I'm a mechanical engineer by degree and design automated machines primarily for the medical device industry. We added a pandemic puppy, Sanford, to our family in May 2020.



**What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

Taking Sanford for a walk in the neighborhood, usually around (gasp, because it's in Kenny) Grass Lake. But we love to get out and chat with neighbors, even if it's at a distance.

**Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

I'm excited to continue my work as Welcome Bag Coordinator and Green Team Chair. It's been super motivating to be a part of the new committees and plan more meaningful events for our neighborhood. Green Team has been a blast with all of our learning and service opportunities. Things are only looking brighter as we round the corner out of this pandemic.

**What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

Environmentally-conscious. Engineering/technical background. Detail-oriented. Connector.

**Are you currently an ANA board member?**

Yes, I'm a current board member!



# Jahnel Leandre

**Relationship to the Armatage Neighborhood:** Homeowner

**Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

I joined the board a couple of months ago. I would like to continue to serve as a board member to better our community.

My family and I moved here in 2019 from Cincinnati Ohio. I'm a stay at home Dad of 3. I am

passionate about fitness, Black History, sports and my family. When my wife and I were looking at homes for our move we fell in love with Armatage.



**What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

Ride my bike and run.

**Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

To help better out the neighborhood.

**What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

Just being a voice for people of color is important to me.

**Are you currently an ANA board member?**

Yes, I'm a current board member!

# Judy Vecere

**Relationship to the Armatage  
Neighborhood:** Homeowner

**Please tell us a bit about yourself:**

I moved to Armatage from the east coast about 9 years ago to be close to my new granddaughter. It's a great place for family and I enjoy the lakes and many of the small restaurants around the neighborhood.



**What is your favorite place or thing to do in Armatage?**

Taking my granddaughter to the park, she loves the slides and the wading Pool and I enjoy walking through the neighborhood.

**Why do you want to run for the Armatage Neighborhood Association Board?**

I am currently the treasurer for Armatage and I would be privileged to get to do it for another term.

**What special skills would you bring to the ANA?**

Handling the treasurer responsibilities while being sure to follow the city rules and the ANA bylaws is important and I have been able to call upon my past work experience to handle this efficiently.

**Are you currently an ANA board member?**

Yes, I'm a current board member!