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## 2021 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

**Most meetings take place virtually on Zoom.** All are welcome to join! Sign up to get your Zoom link at [bit.ly/anameetings](https://bit.ly/anameetings).

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

### MAY

Spring Tea & Blooms • Sat 5/8 • 2:00-4:00pm

Online Board Election • Tues 5/11-5/18 • [armatage.org](http://armatage.org)

Virtual Annual Meeting • Tues 5/18 • 6:30pm • Zoom

### JUNE

Movie in the Park (we hope!) • Sat 6/12

Monthly Meeting • Tues 6/15 • 6:30pm • Zoom

### JULY

Monthly Meeting • Tues 7/20 • 6:30pm • Zoom

### AUGUST

Food Trucks & Music in the Park • Sun 8/8 • 4:00-7:00pm

Monthly Meeting • Tues 8/17 • 6:30pm • Zoom

### SEPTEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 9/21 • 6:30pm

### OCTOBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 10/19 • 6:30pm

### NOVEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 11/16 • 6:30pm

### DECEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 12/21 • 6:30pm



## Rain & Native Garden Program

The ANA is sponsoring a low-cost rain and native garden program through Metro Blooms again this year! If you have considered protecting our local waterways by installing a rain garden, we want to hear from you! Learn more and sign up at [armatage.org/programs/rain-gardens](http://armatage.org/programs/rain-gardens).

Need more financial assistance to participate? We have a limited number of grants to further lower the cost for residents who meet income guidelines at the website listed above.



## Spring Tea & Blooms in the Park

**SATURDAY, MAY 8  
2:00-4:00PM**

Grab your mask and join us for afternoon tea at Armatage Park! Jinx Tea and Sparrow Café will take orders outside, new neighborhood spot Café Cerés will share samples, and the ANA will give away take-home kids' planting kits (supplies are limited). Complete a scavenger hunt and enter to win a gift card to a neighborhood business!

**Thank you for following our safety guidelines** by wearing a mask during the event, keeping 6 feet of distance from everyone outside of your household, and bringing your treats home or into the park to enjoy.

In case of severe weather, cancellations will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

## Online Board Election & Annual Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 18  
6:30-8:30 PM**

Join your neighbors for a virtual Armatage Annual Meeting & Board Election on Zoom! Register to attend at [bit.ly/anameetings](https://bit.ly/anameetings).

### ANNUAL MEETING

On May 18, connect with elected representatives, hear how the leaders of Armatage Reparations & Equity Action (AREA) are helping neighbors renounce racial housing covenants on their Armatage homes, and enter to win a \$25 gift card to an Armatage business (must be present to win).

### BOARD ELECTION

**Online voting will be available from May 11 through May 18 at 7:00pm.** All Armatage residents 18 years and older and designated business and institutional representatives are eligible to vote in the election online and help select the next ANA Board at [armatage.org](http://armatage.org).

Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 18 and at [armatage.org](http://armatage.org) the following day.

### JOIN THE BOARD

Please consider supporting your community and running for the board. Board members have a critical role in shaping our neighborhood nonprofit for years to come. Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and the total time commitment is approximately 5-6 hours/month.

We especially encourage members of under-represented communities to run, including renters, seniors, residents with disabilities, and residents who identify as LGBTQ+ or BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color).

Visit [armatage.org/2021boardelection](http://armatage.org/2021boardelection) to enter a bit about yourself and why you want to run along with a picture. **The deadline to register to run is May 9.**



## AREA 1946

Armatage resident Katie Elden was shocked to learn that her family's home was legally segregated when it was built in 1947.

"I was angry," she said, "that my home and neighborhood had this history of blatant discrimination."

According to Mapping Prejudice, property developers used racial covenants to bar anyone who wasn't white from owning more than 750 Armatage homes.

"It was like unearthing a pervasive cancer in our family history," said David Scherer, whose home was also covenanted.

To raise awareness of the covenants, Elden, Scherer, and six other neighbors founded Armatage



Reparations & Equity Action (AREA). The group worked with the Just Deeds Project to renounce their covenants, and has since inspired dozens of neighbors to join them.

Although unenforceable today, the covenants still shape Minneapolis. AREA will soon launch a reparations

project meant to counter their ongoing effects.

"Renouncing the covenants isn't the end of the work," Scherer said. "It's a starting point."

Learn more and get started at [AREA1946.com](http://AREA1946.com). Huge thanks to AREA for this article and picture.



## Meet the Board

### ETHAN KOMOROSKI

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. I'm originally from eastern Wisconsin. 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 our pandemic puppy, Sanford, to our family in May 2020.

#### Why did you join the ANA board?

Everyone deserves to feel safe, welcome, and happy in their community. I wanted to help continue the work already happening toward that goal and shape the future of our neighborhood. That, and it is a perfect intersection of civic engagement and social interaction, two things that the pandemic has taught me I really need and enjoy.

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

About 8 to 10 hours per month.

#### What motivates you?

I love working in teams to achieve a shared goal. Connecting people with particular skills with those who have great ideas is so much fun.

#### What accomplishments are you most proud of?

I've been lucky enough to be surrounded by incredible teammates during my time with the ANA, specifically on the Green Team. In the past year, we've had an in-person organics recycling workshop, a socially-distanced litter pick up, and a wildly successful and completely virtual series on plastics. Together, I hope we can continue our work toward a more climate-resilient community here in Armatage and, more broadly, in Minneapolis.

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

Sanford and I have a standing date each weekend to go jogging together at Minnehaha Dog Park and get bagels and coffee afterwards. Other than staying physically active, I enjoy reading, gardening with Sarah, and trying the latest food and drink our creative local chefs and brewers have to offer.

## Apartment & Block Clubs

How neighbors come together to support one another is among the best parts of living in Minneapolis. Apartment and block clubs can really help us feel connected to our place and those around us.

### WHAT IS A BLOCK CLUB?

Block and apartment clubs are created when neighbors living on one or more adjacent streets or in apartment buildings work together to get to know and look out for one another, create opportunities for people to safely connect, promote communication, and address common concerns.

### WHAT DO LEADERS DO?

Block and apartment leaders can maintain up-to-date contact lists, share information from the ANA or City of Minneapolis, and help organize opportunities to connect with and support one another. This

can be as simple as through email, or you can help organize a distanced happy hour, neighborhood clean-up, playgroup, National Night Out gathering, book club, street dance, etc.

Neighbors can volunteer to lead their own block or apartment club, but it's ideal to share duties with your neighbors. Visit <http://bit.ly/blockclubs> to learn more about block and apartment clubs.

If you are not sure who your block leader is or are ready to volunteer, reach out to our neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen, who manages this list (contact info at right).

### CURRENT BLOCK LEADERS

The ANA is gathering neighborhood block and apartment leader contact information and we need your help!

Currently, block leader lists cannot be accessed by the neighborhood, so if you are a leader please send your name, email address, phone, and your block(s) or building(s) to [anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org). Thanks to all who have sent theirs!

## Connecting with your neighbors

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**ANA eNews:** sign up at [armatage.org](http://armatage.org) for neighborhood updates.

Watch for this quarterly newsletter delivered to your door.



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## Volunteer on a Committee

The ANA is excited to offer more ways for neighbors to get involved through volunteering on an Armatage Committee! Meetings will be held on Zoom or distanced/masked outside. Register at <https://bit.ly/ANAmtgs>.



Meets the second Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:15pm on Zoom to plan events and educational opportunities for neighbors on renewable energy, zero waste and water quality.



Meets the first Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom to plan a wide range of neighborhood events and activities to bring our community together safely.



Meets the first Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:00am outdoors at Armatage Park (wear a mask) on equity, safety and our relationship with police. In case of rain, the group will meet on Zoom.