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2021 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

Events and Monthly Meetings will shift from outside at Armatage Park to Zoom and/or masked indoors. Sign up for meeting info at bit.ly/ANAmtgs

Community Engagement, Green Team, and Safety Equity & Outreach meetings are at armatage.org/events

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

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 9/21 • 6:30pm

Meet Your Community Helpers • Sat 9/25 • 2:00-5:00pm

Park Board Candidate Forum • Tues 9/28 • 7:00-8:30pm

OCTOBER

Fall Clean-up • Sat 10/2 • 9:00-11:00am

Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum • Mon 10/4 • 7:00pm

Jim Crow of the North Screening • Thurs 10/7 • 6:30-8:00pm

Charter Amendment Forum • Date TBD

Monthly Meeting & Final Bylaws/Funding Plan Approval • Tues 10/19 • 6:30pm

Halloween Decoration Tour • 10/22 - 10/31 • 6:00-8:00pm

NOVEMBER

Monthly Meeting • Tues 11/16 • 6:30pm

DECEMBER

Holiday Light Tour • 12/10 - 12/19 • 5:00-8:00pm

Monthly Meeting • Tues 12/21 • 6:30pm



Fall Clean-up

**SATURDAY, OCT 2
9:00-11:00AM**

Join the Armatage Green Team for our annual Fall Clean-up! This is a great opportunity for kids, teens and adults to show neighborhood pride and keep trash and recycling out of our waterways. Sign-up as a team or as an individual at armatage.org/clean-up/.

We will provide lightweight cloth gloves, grabbers, bags, and a map of your assigned clean-up area. Bring a mask and any other supplies you need. Rain date: Saturday, Oct 9 from 9:00-11:00am.



Meet Your Community Helpers

**SATURDAY, SEPT 25
2:00-5:00PM**

You're invited to an outdoor event at Armatage Park with the helpers that serve our community including the Minneapolis Fire Department, Solid Waste & Recycling, USPS, MPD, EMTs and more!

There will be educational demos, activities, and TRUCKS to check out!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are also holding a school supply drive for Armatage Elementary during the event. Check the wish list at armatage.org and bring items to donate to get entered for a door prize (one of which is a Ring doorbell!).

COVID-19 SAFETY

Please plan to wear a mask and distance when you're able at the event. Stay home if you're experiencing any symptoms, were recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19 or are waiting on a COVID-19 test. Thanks for keeping our helpers, neighbors, staff and volunteers safe!

Hosted by the Armatage Safety, Equity & Outreach Committee.

Armatage Bylaws & Funding Plan

This fall, the ANA needs your help! The neighborhood will update its governing bylaws in order to comply with the City of Minneapolis's new funding program.

The ANA has also drafted a neighborhood Plan Modification to shift more funds from recently repaid home loans to its long-term community engagement and staffing budgets to enable the ANA to operate as long as possible.

We hope to have as many Armatage community members weigh in on

both before the ANA Board makes a final vote in October.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD THROUGH OCT 15

Read through the proposed Bylaws and funding plan at armatage.org, share feedback and cast your vote now through October 15 when the public comment period ends.

All Armatage residents ages 18 and up (both renters and homeowners) and designated Armatage business or institutional representatives are eligible to vote.

VOTE AND SHARE FEEDBACK

» Online at armatage.org

» In person at the Meet Your Community Helpers event on September 25.

» By calling or texting the ANA at 612.466.0296

» By emailing anacoordinator@armatage.org

FINAL APPROVAL

The ANA Board will go through the feedback and votes received, make any final edits, and vote to approve at the October 19 Monthly Meeting. Neighbors are encouraged to join and participate in this meeting!

Register at bit.ly/ANAmtgs to attend. The final approved versions of both the Bylaws and Plan Modification will also be shared on armatage.org on October 20.



Support Your Neighborhood

The Safety Rebate Program. Spring and Fall Clean-ups. Holiday Tours. Welcome Bags. Free workshops and community conversations. Neighborhood events. Safety and green initiatives.

Over the past 30 years, your neighborhood association has worked hard to make Armatage a place where **all** feel welcome, empowered, and connected.

Our goal is to strengthen the neighborhood through safety initiatives, annual community-building events, environmental work, advocacy, and communications that keep you informed and engaged.

The ANA does this by listening to all community members' needs and serving as a key connector between residents and government.

ANNUAL FUNDING

The ANA needs \$40,000 annually to support these efforts and initiatives. After a short-term boost in 2021 thanks to your advocacy, annual funding from the City of Minneapolis

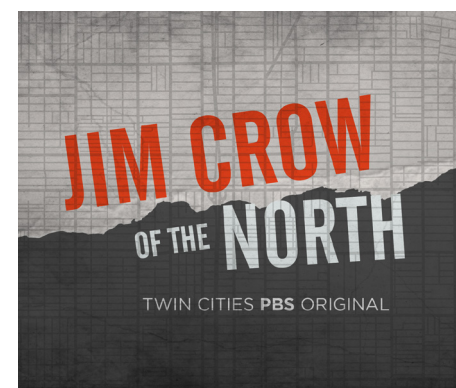
is now scheduled to drop to \$18,800 in 2022 and to just \$14,100 in 2023.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

A donation of just \$5 makes a difference and goes directly back to the ANA's work in our community.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to the ANA are tax-deductible and eligible for employer matches.

Return the envelope in this newsletter with your donation or donate online at www.givemn.org/organization/Armatage-Neighborhood-Association.



Free Screening & Discussion

**THURSDAY, OCT 7
6:30-8:00PM**

Join your neighbors and members of the Armatage Safety, Equity and

Outreach Committee for a FREE community screening of the TPT documentary, *Jim Crow of the North*, on the history of redlining in the Twin Cities.

After the film, join a discussion led by a panel of representatives from local organizations that are actively working to address racial inequities in home ownership in Minneapolis, including Maria Cisneros from The Just Deeds Project, and find out how you can support their work.

This will be an outdoor event held outside the front door of the Armatage Recreation Center (2500 West 57th Street). Hot cocoa and popcorn will be provided. Please dress for the weather! Rain date: Tuesday October 26, 2021

Register at armatage.org/jimcrowofthenorth/.

Candidate & Election Forums

We've teamed up with our neighboring communities to host non-partisan City Council and Park Board candidate forums as well as an educational series on the proposed charter amendments to help you get ready for Election Day on November 2!

PARK BOARD DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATE FORUM

Attend the Park Board Candidate Forum on Tuesday, September 28 from 7:00-8:30pm! Sign up at bit.ly/mprbdist6 to attend in-person at Mount Olivet Church (50th & Knox) or live stream the forum from home. In-person space is limited and masks are required. Please

submit questions by September 21, also at bit.ly/mprbdist6.

WARD 13 CANDIDATE FORUM

The Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum will take place on Monday, October 4 at 7:00pm. Attend in-person at St. John's Episcopal (42nd & Sheridan) or via live stream. Learn more and sign-up at armatage.org/voter-education-forums/

CHARTER AMENDMENT EDUCATIONAL FORUM

This fall, Minneapolis votes on three charter amendments that will determine the future of public safety, rent control, and the structure of our local government.

Sign up for a nonpartisan educational session in-person or via live stream, likely on Saturday, October 16 from 10:30am-12:00pm. Learn more at armatage.org/voter-education-forums/.

Halloween & Holiday Tours

It's almost time for the 2nd Annual Armatage Halloween Decoration and Holiday Light Tours! We're so excited to offer these popular neighborhood events again this year!

Sign up for either tour and be a bright spot around the neighborhood! You could also win a \$50 gift card!

Both tours are self-guided. Maps will be available at armatage.org the day before each tour begins. Please be respectful of neighbors, plan to distance and minimize the amount of time your car is idling if you drive.

VOTING

Once you've checked out each tour, head back to armatage.org and vote for your favorites! To keep things as fair as possible, hold off on voting until you've visited each stop.

The top three addresses will each get a \$50 gift card to an Armatage business! Results will be announced at armatage.org and on social media after each tour wraps up.



HALLOWEEN TOUR

Experience the sights and frights around Armatage during the Halloween Decoration Tour!

Tour Dates & Times: 10/22 - 10/31 from 6:00-8:00pm

Sign-up Deadline: 10/18

Tour Info: armatage.org/halloweentour/

Map Available: 10/21

Voting Categories: Best Use of Pumpkins, Spookiest and Neighborhood Favorite.

Prize: The display with the most votes in each category will win a \$50 gift card.



HOLIDAY TOUR

Enjoy the colorful city streets and light displays around the Armatage neighborhood this holiday season!

Tour Dates & Times: 12/10-12/19 from 5:00-8:00pm

Sign-up Deadline: 12/6

Tour Info: armatage.org/holidaylights/

Map Available: 12/9

Voting Categories: None. Visitors will pick their three favorite displays from the tour.

Prize: The three displays with the most overall votes will each win a \$50 gift card.

Connecting with your neighbors

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ANA eNews: sign up at armatage.org for neighborhood updates emailed 3x/month.

Watch for this quarterly newsletter delivered to your door.



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