



## 2022-2023 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

You're invited to neighborhood events and meetings! Most happen at Armatage Park or Community Center (2500 West 57th St) unless noted.

Sign up for a committee e-list or to volunteer at an event at [armatage.org/get-involved/](http://armatage.org/get-involved/)

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Check our calendar at [armatage.org/events/](http://armatage.org/events/)

- **Monthly Board Meeting** • 3rd Tue of the month • 6:30pm • Armatage Community Center
- **Community Engagement** • 1st Thu of the month • 6pm • Book Club (5411 Penn)
- **Green Team** • 2nd Thu of the month • 7pm • location varies - email [anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org)

## 2022

- **Kenny/Armatage Holiday Light Tour** • Fri 12/9 – Sun 12/18 • 5–8pm • Register by 12/6 at [armatage.org/2022holidaylights/](http://armatage.org/2022holidaylights/)

## 2023

- **Fire & Ice Skating Party** • Fri 1/27 • 6–7:30pm
- **Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up** • Sat 4/22 • 9:30am–12pm
- **Garden Tool Swap** • Sat 5/13 • 9am–12pm
- **Annual Board Election**
  - Register to Run and Vote In-person • Sat 5/13 9am–12pm
  - Vote Online • Sat 5/13 – Fri 5/19 • [armatage.org](http://armatage.org)
- **Armatage Annual Meeting** • Tue 5/16 • 6:30pm



## Halloween Tour

Thank you for another great tour, this time with Kenny! Special thanks to Book Club for generously donating prizes to the following displays:

- Best use of Pumpkins: 5642 Oliver (bottom left)
- Spookiest: 5621 Morgan (top left)
- Kenny Neighborhood Fave: 5428 James (bottom right)
- Armatage Neighborhood Fave: 5821 Sheridan (top right)



## Holiday Light Tour

**FRI, DEC 9 – SUN, DEC 18**  
**EACH NIGHT FROM 5–8PM**

Enjoy the colorful city streets and light displays of the Armatage and Kenny neighborhoods this holiday season! The self-guided tour runs from 5–8pm each night from Fri, Dec 9 through Sun, Dec 18.

The tour is self-guided and this year's map will be available at [armatage.org](http://armatage.org) by Dec 8 so you can plan your route.

Please be respectful of neighbors on your adventure. If you drive, turn off your vehicle when you arrive at each stop to minimize idling.

## SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR BY DEC 6

Love to decorate for the holidays? Sign up at [armatage.org/2022holidaylights/](http://armatage.org/2022holidaylights/) by Tue, Dec 6 to be a part of the Holiday Light Tour and have your address published on this year's map. You will also be entered to win one of several \$50 gift cards to local businesses!

## Support Your Neighborhood

After decades of support, neighborhoods across Minneapolis are facing drastic cuts in funding. The city has cut the ANA's budget by over 55% to just \$14,000 in 2023. Our neighborhood, the events we host, and the programs we run typically cost \$35,000/year. While we have one part-time staff member, we rely on our volunteer board and committee members to make things happen and help us stay connected.

Neighborhood organizations like ours help keep residents informed about road construction, new businesses, and local issues. We offer programs like Safety Rebates, Welcome Bags for new neighbors, free workshops, and environmental programming. We bring neighbors together for movies, skating parties, food truck events, and more.

All these things not only give us a sense of what it is to live in Armatage, but it is through these connections that we help create a neighborhood that is safe, welcoming and supportive to all who live and work here.

## YOU CAN HELP IN TWO WAYS

**One** – you can let our city leaders know that you value your neighborhood organization and support a budget increase. Visit <https://bit.ly/mpslsbudgetcomment> to leave a public comment for the City Council on increasing neighborhood funding in the 2023-2024 city budget.

Without a change in city funding, it is unclear how long the ANA can continue to operate. In 2023 there will be cuts to programming, such as hosting fewer park events and pausing on rain gardens, while we will dip into our reserves.

**Two** – you can donate! Big or small, every gift matters. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, your donation to the ANA is tax-deductible. Some employers will even match donations, doubling your gift.

Scan the QR code at right to make a secure donation through GiveMN or use the envelope in this newsletter to send a gift.







## Volunteer with the ANA

By Board Member and Green Team Chair Ethan Komoroski.

Love Armatage? Wondering how to express that love? Consider joining a committee or even running for the neighborhood board!

The ANA's Community Engagement Committee and Green Team would love to count you as a team member.

Volunteers make the neighborhood events and programs you love happen. There are so many ways to contribute, such as:

- Offering your perspective as a regularly-contributing member of a committee or the Board
- Event planning and organization
- Day-of event help (set up, take down)
- Program development

Rest assured, your skills have a place and will be appreciated in the ANA's work. Consider getting involved today!

To sign up, visit [armatage.org/get-involved/](https://armatage.org/get-involved/) or scan this QR code!



Photo credit: Jacob Tapia



## Meet the Board

### CHARLIE WOLFE

*Tell us about yourself.*

I am originally from Florida, met my wife in New York, and we moved back to Minnesota, her home state, in 2000. We have two sons, a college

Sophomore and a high school Sophomore. Both were educated in the Minneapolis Public School system.

*Why did you join the ANA board?*

I knew that there were caring and conscientious people on the board already, so if I can help support that effort, great!

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

Varies, but maybe 6-10 hours, depending on if we have a community event that month.

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

I joined the ANA to help serve Minneapolis at the most basic level - our own neighborhood.

*What motivates you?*

The idea that we are moving our community forward, even if it's just in small ways.

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

I'm a sucker for our Fall and Spring clean-up days. There's something satisfying about pulling a 30 year old Hamm's Beer can out of the creek, you know? As for the future, I am hoping to see more events where our neighborhood partners with other neighborhoods - like we did for the Kenny/Armatage Halloween Decoration Tour.

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

Youth sports and a spoiled dog means free time is limited. But I like to be outside, go biking, cooking ('cause I really like to eat) and I like to spend time with our friends who live in the neighborhood.



## Armatage Affirmations

### 5700 WASHBURN HALLOWEEN PARTY

For the past two years, the neighbors from the 5700 block of Washburn Ave S have been holding an annual Halloween Party. Sarah and Dean

Koopman graciously open their home and amazing backyard for the space for this gathering. This shindig typically involves hot cider, chili, a candy hunt, music, treats, and a projected Halloween movie (kid's choice). Being a part of this gathering encapsulates a sense of community. All are welcome... ghouls, goblins and all.

- Board Member Sharla McIntosh-Ziegler

### SHARE AN ARMATAGE AFFIRMATION

Share your own shout out to a neighbor! Send a high resolution photo and a short description (2-3 sentences) to [anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org).

The ANA will share your affirmation in the Armatage eNews (sent 3x a month) and on social media with the hashtag #armatageaffirmations.

Don't get the eNews yet? It takes less than a minute to sign up at [armatage.org](https://armatage.org).



## Neighbor Connections

### BLOCK LISTS & GROUPS

With cold weather here, now is the perfect time to update or set up your block's contact list to get in touch to move cars during a snow emergency, offer shoveling help, or in case of winter safety concerns.

Have new neighbors moved in? Knock or drop off a note to get their contact info and send the updated list out to everyone.

Know someone on your block who prefers a note, phone call or knock on their door? Designate a neighbor or two to regularly check in.

Virtual tools like a Google Group, Whatsapp chat, Facebook group, Nextdoor group, or a text thread with everyone's cell numbers are great ways to stay in touch.

## Connecting with your neighbors

### Armatage Neighborhood Association (ANA)

[www.armatage.org](https://www.armatage.org)

612-466-0296

[anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org)

Coordinator: Lauren Anderson

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

Watch for this newsletter delivered to your door 3x/year.



### City Council, Ward 13

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### Crime Prevention Specialist

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Whatever your block uses, have it handy and up-to-date. A more connected community, where neighbors look out for one another, is a safer community.

### ARE YOU A BLOCK LEADER? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you are a block leader and haven't shared your info yet, please send your name, address, email address, phone, and the block(s) you represent to [anacoordinator@armatage.org](mailto:anacoordinator@armatage.org).

City block leader info can't be shared or accessed by the neighborhood so we're working to build our own list. The ANA only has contact info for 30 of the roughly 90 blocks in Armatage and we really need your help! Thanks to those who have already shared their block leader's contact info. We appreciate it!