



# The Victory View

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### Special points of interest:

- For information on where to shop for used goods AND shop locally check out the Business Corner on page 3
- **You should have received you NRP Phase II survey in the mail.\* Make your opinion count! Please take the time to complete the survey and return it . You can :**
  - Fold and drop in the mail
  - Fold and drop in the ViNA mail slot at the office
  - Take the survey online at [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org)

\* If you did not receive a survey or need additional copies for other household members call the office at 612-529-9558.

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## October 14 - 21, 2006 is “Choose To Reuse” Week in Hennepin County

Thirty-two million pounds of usable clothing and household goods -- the equivalent of 486,000 full shopping carts lined up would stretch from Minneapolis to Milwaukee -- are thrown away each year in Hennepin County. This is despite the numerous reuse opportunities provided by repair, rental, used goods, thrift and consignment businesses, or by donating to charitable organizations. In an effort to encourage more reuse, Hennepin County will host the fifth annual Choose To Reuse Week from October 14 - 21, 2006.

The county has partnered with 67 businesses and organizations including Arc’s Value Village at 6330 Brooklyn Boulevard, National Camera Exchange 9300 Olson Memorial Highway , Turn Style Consignment in Crystal Shopping Center and many more to offer special discounts. Customers may pick up a “Choose To Reuse” coupon book at participating locations or download a copy at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

The County is also hosting a “trash to treasure”



art activity for children at six Hennepin County Libraries, showing elementary school-age children how to apply their imagination and creativity in reusing scrap material that would otherwise be thrown away.

Residents can help reduce waste, contribute to improving the community and save money by thinking about reuse when shopping. Hennepin County offers the following tips to make the most of shopping used first:

1. **Keep a list** of the items you are looking for – as you would a grocery list, adding items as you think of them. Need a skirt to match a blouse you just bought? Broke a serving plate while doing the dishes? Looking for a CD or video? Add these items to your shopping list.
2. **Know the retail price** of items you are looking for to appreciate how much money you will save by shopping used first.
3. **Shop thrift and used goods stores when you have time to**

**browse.** Try to look at everything. If you are in a rush you can easily overlook the “find” of the day! (Check out Packrats Paradise—article page 3)

4. Don’t forget about **renting, refilling or repairing items.** Renting is a great choice if you only need to use something once in a while, like tools or costumes. Refilling options are available for bulk foods, cleaners, even ink-jet cartridges. Check out a repair shop before tossing out an item and buying new.
5. **Shop frequently and visit a variety of stores.** Inventory is constantly changing and each store is unique.
6. **Check all items carefully** and know the store’s return policy.
7. **Get to know store staff,** ask about specials and sign up for the shop’s mailing list to receive sale notices

For more information on Choose To Reuse Week, visit Hennepin County Environmental Services web site at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) key word search “Choose To Reuse” or call 612-348-

# Join the Victory Trailblazer Club!

The Victory Trailblazer Club is a program to receive and recognize gifts of all sizes from area individuals, families, businesses, organizations, foundations and corporations in support of the Ryan Lake Trail project.

As part of the project, Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) plans to provide pedestrian and bicycle access between Ryan Lake and the Victory Prairie and a safe bicycle and pedestrian crossing of Osseo Road. Building a paved trail under the Osseo Road overpass and adding connecting biking and walking trails will cost an estimated \$125,000.

ViNA and its partner, Groundwork Minneapolis, assisted the City in obtaining a Minnesota DNR grant of \$43,000 to help pay for the trail. **This grant must be**

**matched by the end of 2006** and the trail construction must be complete by the end of 2007. The Victory Neighborhood Association has matched \$10,000. An additional \$33,000 must be raised to match the grant and another \$39,000 to complete the trail. Will you consider joining the Victory Trailblazer Club and becoming a partner in the construction of the Ryan Lake Trail?

Join the Trailblazer Club and receive:

- a certificate identifying you as a club member
- an invitation to the grand opening of the trail
- periodic updates on the trail project

- recognition according to the chart below

**For more information on how to join the Trailblazer Club call the ViNA office or visit the website : [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org) .**

| Category   | Gift Level | Gift            |
|--|------------|-----------------|
| Victory<br>Individual Plaque<br>and Trail Paver                | Gold       | \$10,000        |
|  | Silver     | \$5,000         |
|  | Bronze     | \$2,500         |
| Lake<br>Inclusion on one<br>large<br>Plaque and Trail<br>Paver | Blue       | \$1,000         |
|  | Green      | \$500           |
|  | White      | \$250           |
|  | Brown      | \$125           |
| Trailblazers<br>Certificate                                    | Red        | Less than \$125 |

## [www.victoryneighborhood.com](http://www.victoryneighborhood.com)

The new and improved website of the Victory Neighborhood is designed to be a source for all the news and information about the neighborhood for current and perspective residents as well as other interested individuals. Included is the history of the area, resources available in and near the neighborhood such as the



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businesses, schools, churches, parks, Police and Fire Department and medical services. There are links on the website that will lead you to more information on many of these resources. Information on the Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) including newsletters and meeting minutes, an events schedule and announcements are also posted. We

are also open to suggestions as to other information that residents think should be available on the website. At a residents suggestion we have added a page where all area organizations can post their volunteer opportunities **AND you can take the Victory Neighborhood NRP Phase II Survey online at the website also!**

Visit the website and let us know how you think we can improve it.

## Holiday on 44th—December 1

ViNA is a partner in one of the one of the largest and most anticipated community events on the Northside, the annual Holiday on 44th celebration now in its 9th year. This community celebration seeks to bring a free\* arts event to the community as a way of fostering understanding between people of different cultures, to improve residents' quality of life,

to support artists from our neighborhoods and support the business community .

This year's event will return to it's familiar spot on the calendar, the first Friday in December, December 1 , 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, but will expand its venue to include 44th Avenue from Humboldt Ave No to Upton Ave No. This means horse

drawn hayrides from Camden Coffee to Loring School!

If you come to Holiday on 44th you will experience many familiar artists and activities including the Kid's Cook Soup Supper at Loring School which was a big hit last year ; but also many new performance artists and artisans. Mark your calendar for December 1.

\* Everything is free except food

# Victory Business Corner

By Matt Massman

## Packrats Paradise & Design: A Neighborhood Treasure

Are you in need of a wall hanging or knick knack to fill a niche in your retro home décor? Looking for that "something old" wedding gift or "period piece" house warming or holiday gift? Or maybe you just have a passion for classy collectibles? If so, put away the yellow pages and peak around the corner where you will find a treasure chest full of vintage and retro items right here in Victory!



A treasure chest full of vintage and retro items

Packrats Paradise, located at 3860 Thomas Avenue North, offers such a wide selection of collectables that any effort to summarize is almost silly. For starters though, you will want to make Packrats your first stop if you are looking for vintage jewelry, glass ware, dishes, linens, dolls, signage, nick knacks, kitchen or household doodads, children's

toys or even if you are just in the mood for shopping but you're not yet sure for what.

For owners Patty Schoen and Denise Shea, collectables are a passion that started with the cleaning of Patty's mothers estate and a desire to give back to a community from which both share roots. Since opening in

late 2004, Patty and Denise have provided not only a an excellent gift shop but have been active in community efforts to promote peaceful and crime free Northside communities (remember the "Peace" signs). Passions alone, however, do not keep neighborhood businesses open so be sure to check out Packrats next time you are browsing for a gift or household collectable. Packrats is open Tuesday and Thursday 10-5, Wednesday and Friday 10-2, and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday.

**SAVE GAS, Shop Locally.** Dry cleaning, coffee, auto repair, tailor services, a hot breakfast, art, collectables, realtor services, barbering, hair styling, chiropractic health care, upholstery, day care, tanning, a lunch sandwich or juicy steak, massage therapy, music lessons, or a cold beer and a hot pizza! These are just some of the products and services available right here in Victory with many other needed business services available throughout Camden...from hardware to pet care, ice cream to exercise programs, fuel to flowers. **ViNA Business Happenings...** Did you know that many of our neighborhood businesses are on-line? Visit [victoryneighborhood.org](http://victoryneighborhood.org) for links to neighborhood businesses.

The ViNA Business Committee meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM and more volunteer voices are always welcome. For more information on meetings or to report a business happening, contact the ViNA Office at 612-529-9558.

## Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will host safe, family friendly Halloween celebrations throughout the City October 28 through October 31, 2006. On Tuesday, October 31, Webber Park, 4400 Dupont Ave No. and Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling will host their parties from 6 pm to 8 pm and Creek View Park, 5001 Humboldt from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

The Minneapolis Police Department offers excellent tips for keeping children safe while trick and treating:



Be smart and safe when trick or treating.

- Walk with other kids or with a trusted adult
- Stay on the sidewalks and don't cut across people's lawns
- Cross streets at intersections and obey the traffic lights
- Make-up is safer but if you wear a mask be sure the holes are big enough for seeing and breathing through easily.
- Do not wear costumes that are too long or too loose
- Go only to houses that are well lit.
- After dark use a flashlight.
- Trick-or-treat only in your own neighborhood
- Don't go into other people's houses; stay outside.
- Wear bright reflective colors that drivers can see after dark.
- Be courteous and say thank you
- Have an adult check your candy for tampering. If you see anything suspicious, throw it away!

Remember if you want children to stop by our house on Halloween, make sure your house is well lit. If you have a porch light make sure it is turned on.

**HAVE FUN!**

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**Calendar of Events**

**October 24—Energy Fair at Jenny Lind School**  
•For more information see article below

**October 25—ViNA meeting**  
•7 pm - Victory Lutheran Church -4301 Thomas Ave No

**October 31—Halloween Parties at Parks**  
•See article on page 3

**November 7 - Election Day!**  
•To find your precinct visit the City of Minneapolis  
•website:  
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/  
or call the Victory Office and we will find it for you!

**November 23—Thanksgiving Holiday**  
• There will be NO ViNA meeting on November 22!

**December 1— Holiday on 44th**  
•Along 44th Ave from Humboldt to Upton Aves.  
6:00 pm to 9:30 PM  
See article on page 2

**December 6—ViNA meeting**  
•7 pm - Victory Lutheran Church -4301 Thomas Ave No  
•Bring holiday treats to share  
•Door prizes to be awarded

**December 10– 30—Holiday Lights Contest**  
• All lighting displays in the neighborhood will be eligible and will be judged . Cash prizes will be awarded in January.

# Join the Minnesota Energy Challenge!

By 2025 Minnesotans are expected to consume 35% more energy than we do today. The easiest way to reduce climate-changing greenhouse gases is to reduce energy consumption, especially energy powered by fossil fuels like gas, oil and coal. The Minnesota Energy Challenge will encourage residents to “take an energy diet” by taking easy steps to reduce their personal energy use.

The Minnesota Energy Challenge is a statewide initiative, developed by the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE) to encourage every homeowner, renter, business owner, educator, worship leader, city manager and student to re-

duce their electricity and energy use . CEE has projected that a 2 percent annual reduction in electrical energy use will eliminate the need to build more coal-fired energy plants in Minnesota.

The primary component of the campaign is a new website

[www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org) that allows users to calculate their energy use, reduce their energy use

and compare their energy conservation with residents of other cities. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will launch a joint campaign to encourage residents of both cities to understand and reduce

their energy consumption. Rybak and Coleman will promote the new website and personally take the Energy Challenge to reduce their own energy use.

(CEE) and the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul have scheduled three neighborhood energy fairs that will feature demonstrations and displays on home energy audits, energy efficient furnaces, renewable energy, financing options for energy-saving improvements and how to participate in the Minnesota Energy Challenge. The Northside Energy Fair will be:

**Tuesday, October 24, 6-9 pm**

**Jenny Lind Community-School**

**5025 Bryant Ave No**



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