



The Victory View

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It's Garage Sale Time - June 3 !

Special points of interest:

- The City of Minneapolis and Tree Trust are making trees available to city residents to plant in their yard for just \$15.
- The Camden Civic Theater will hold auditions for the Production of Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor"

Shake off the winter cobwebs, throw open the doors and windows and get ready for the 12th annual Victory Garage Sale! Whether you plan on having a sale or just doing some heavy duty shopping, be sure to circle the date of June 3, for this year's sale.

For you shoppers there will be even more bargains this year as Cleveland Neighborhood joins us along with Lind-Bohanon and Shingle Creek Neighborhoods. And if you are setting up shop that day, the more sales there are the more shoppers will be drawn to the neighborhood from

all over the metro. Each year we see more and more people coming to the sale from across the Twin City area, alerted to the sale by our mention in the Star Tribune's Calendar of Garage Sales.

If you would like to participate in the Garage Sale, fill out the coupon and return it with your \$7 fee by **May 12th**. For your \$7 you will receive:

- Advertising in the North News, Camden News and the Star-Tribune
- The use of a yellow garage sale sign for the duration of your sale
- Your sale included on

the map which will be handed out at each sale site and in the area businesses.

Only those sales registered by the end of the day on May 12th will be on the map. We need enough time to put the map together, get it printed and ready for distribution.

Maps and signs will be distributed on Wednesday, May 31 from the ViNA office.

The Garage Sale is only one of the many events put on by ViNA each year. Turn to page 4 for a calendar of our 2006 events.

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Garage Sale Registration

Registration deadline: May 12 th

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ I want to use a sign (circle one) YES NO

Circle Days of Your Sale: Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.

Type of Items : (maximum of 10 items) _____

Please send registration and \$7.00 to: **ViNA Garage Sale**
 (Make checks payable to Victory Neighborhood Association) **2200 44th Ave No.**
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Auditions ! Auditions! Auditions!

The North Side's very own Camden Civic Theatre invites you to audition for roles in their upcoming production of "The Good Doctor," by Neil Simon. Be a part of a community theatre right here in your own neighborhood.

Auditions will be held on Monday April 10th and Tuesday April 11th at the Creekview Community Center in north Minneapolis, 5001 Humboldt Avenue North. Auditions



The Camden Civic Theater

times are between 7:00 - 9:00 each night, and an appointment is requested. Auditions will be 5-10 minutes, and those auditioning are encouraged to bring a prepared monologue at least 2 minutes in length. If you do not have a monologue prepared, we will provide you with audition material. To reserve an audition time, please visit our website: [http://](http://www.camdentheatrempls.com)

www.camdentheatrempls.com or call 612-423-1077.

If cast, rehearsals begin the week of April 17th for performances the first two weekends in June. If you want to be involved, but don't want to act, please let us know. CCT is always looking for hard working, talented volunteers.

For more information, please visit the website: www.camdentheatrempls.com

or email: info@camdentheatre.com

Volunteers Needed: Earth Day Watershed Clean -Up

Almost 1,000 people of all ages are expected to gather around the popular lakes, creeks and rivers of Minneapolis to gather garbage and celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. You are invited to bring the whole family to Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave No. from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for the 12th annual Shingle Creek Clean up. Join your neighbors doing something great for your community and the environment.

A watershed is the area from which storm water runs into a body of water. The Victory Neighborhood

is part of the Shingle Creek watershed and it is important to keep the watershed clean to prevent pollutants from draining into Shingle Creek and ultimately into the Mississippi river. Last year 7,320 pounds of trash were collected from areas surrounding our city's waters.

Gloves and trash bags are provided and same day registration makes partici-

pating easy. Following the clean up efforts a celebration will take place from 11 am to noon at Creekview. Celebration activities include Jill Ocel with Animal Productions, Digitals by Darrell, the Science Museum, food, fun and prizes. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation

Board, Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling and the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association host the Clean up.

Do something great for your community and the environment.

Help Green our City! Trees Available for \$15

The City of Minneapolis in collaboration with Tree Trust is offering 1,000 trees to residents to plant in their yards. Residents have their choice of 4 types of trees for \$15 each. The choices are Autumn Spire Maple, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Bicolor Oak and Black



Applications are due by April 15th.

Hills Spruce. The trees have 1 1/2" to 2" diameter trunks and are valued at \$150. Trees will be available for pick up at Xcel Energy Riverside Plant on May 13th or Jenny Lind School/Lind Bohanon Park, 900 50th Ave No. on May 20th.

Hurry—applications for a tree must be mailed by **April 15** and supplies are limited. Applications are available from the ViNA office or on the City's website:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Questions call Lorrie Stromme, city of Minneapolis at 612-673-2003.

Rebuilding Together— Home Repairs

In 2005 Rebuilding Together Twin Cities celebrated the completion of their 80th home improvement project and their eighth year of helping homeowners in the Twin Cities.

Rebuilding Together Twin Cities is a non profit that partners with neighborhoods and utilizes volunteers and donated supplies to rehabilitate homes at no charge to homeowners.



Work is done by volunteers with donated materi-

They work with low income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled and families with children so that they can continue to live in warmth, safety and independence.

Materials are donated by local companies or purchased with generous donations from individuals and corporations. A year of thoughtful planning culminates with Rebuilding Day, when volunteers of all ages, faiths and walks of life come together to build, paint, clean

and repair.

If it is possible that you could benefit from this program, please call the ViNA office for more information or a an application. Applications for the September Rebuilding Day are due by July 15.

You can help your neighbors here in the Twin Cities by donating your time, your talent, materials and/or dollars. More information is available by calling 651-776-4273 or by e-mailing info@rebuildingtogethermsp.org. There is a national website: www.rebuildingtogether.org.

North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day

Saturday, May 20TH has been set aside for community building and promotion of a cleaner, greener, healthier, North Minneapolis. Neighborhoods and organizations across North Minneapolis, have set aside the day to hold the “North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day”. Each neighborhood’s activities will vary, from planting a City of Minneapolis/TreeTrust tree, gardening green-ups, and cleaning up public spaces; the same goals are shared by all:

§ Provide community members with a positively charged opportunity to participate and support an initiative that impacts their 70,000 neighbors.

§ Encourage residents to reacquaint and connect themselves with their

neighbors after the winter “hibernation” months.

§ Demonstrate a North Minneapolis unified in addressing the issue of promoting a cleaner, greener, healthier, engaged Northside.

In the Victory Neighborhood, Block Clubs will be encouraged to jointly clean up the sidewalks, streets and alleys of their blocks. Individuals and groups will be encouraged to “adopt” some of the public spaces in the neighborhood for clean up, such as the Parkway, Victory Park, Lincoln

“Park”, the Flagpole Memorial and Ryan Lake. The Community Gardeners at Loring School will do garden clean up that day and welcome any volunteers who wish to help. ViNA will ask the business owners to clean up the sidewalks and streets in front of their businesses and we will be asking the Loring School children and staff to do a clean up of the grounds.

The day will start at 9:00 am with a “Litter Pickin” Breakfast of juice, coffee and rolls for all participants at Victory Park. ViNA will be providing bags and gloves for the clean up and they can be picked up at the Park at that time, after which everyone will spread out to do the clean up. If you want to participate in the North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day please call the ViNA office at 612-529-9558 so we can be sure to have enough food, bags and gloves on hand.



North Minneapolis does Spring Cleaning on May 20th.

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ViNA 2006 Events Schedule

- ★ Saturday , May 20—North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day 8:30 am to noon.
- ★ Thursday, May 25 — Memorial Concert at the Flagpole 7:00 pm Robbinsdale City Band
- ★ Saturday, June 3 —Victory Garage Sale—9 am to 5 pm
- ★ Wednesday, June 28—Ice Cream Social—Victory Park 7 pm to 9 pm
- ★ Thursday, July 20—Aquatennial Picnic and Band Concert—Flagpole—6 pm to 9 pm
- ★ Tuesday, August 8—Band Concert at the Flagpole—6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- ★ Sunday , September 17— Headwaters Walk for Justice
- ★ Friday , December 1—Holiday on 44th
- ★ December 12- 31 - Holiday Lights contest

Business Corner

In this and future issues of the Victory View we will be highlighting one or more of the businesses that serve the Victory neighborhood and surrounding community.

Rix Bar and Grill - 2203 44th Ave No.—(651)588-2228

Rix Bar and Grill has been open just a little over one year in the Victory Neighborhood and has received favorable reviews in both the StarTribune and Mpls/St.Paul magazine. Jeremy Iggers, StarTribune restaurant critic calls Rix “A neighborhood joint that’s stylish but unpretentious, with a menu that runs the gamut from burgers to pan-blackened



Two new neighborhood restaurants

wild salmon. There’s a list of beverages that ranges from Bud Light and MGD to boutique brews such as Blue Moon and a choice of premium wines.” In the last year Rix has proven to be a popular gathering place for neighbors to meet and eat and a great asset to our neighborhood. Rix is open Tuesday—Thursday 11 am to 10 pm , Fridays and Saturdays 11 am to 11 pm and Sundays 11 am to 8 pm.

www.rixbargrill.com

Papa’s Pizza and Pasta -4159 Thomas Ave No.—(612)-521-7272

Victory is fortunate to have not one but two new eateries in the

neighborhood with the arrival of Papa’s in July of last year. “ Everyone eats when they come to my house” says “Papa” Mick Brogan. Papa’s, as the restaurant has come to be called, strives to be a neighborhood restaurant in a walkable community. They invite you to come often, stay long, bring the family and meet friends. They offer a variety of Italian– American pasta dishes, New Jersey style Tomato Pie pizza , hoagies, Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches, soups, salads and Papa’s signature cheesecake. They also have domestic and imported beers and red and white wines.

All menu items are available for take out but they do not deliver. They want you to “come to their house” to eat.

www.papaspizzaandpasta.com