



# The Victory View

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## Summer Fun in the Neighborhood

### Special points of interest:

- Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" on the MPRB outdoor screen at the Flagpole on July 15—8:30 pm
- Classic Big Band and the Nostalgics Quartet—at the Flagpole—July 19—7 pm
- Learn Percussion at Victory Park—Tuesdays—6:30—8:30 pm beginning July 12.
- U of MN Alumni Band concert— Tuesday, August 14—6:30 pm at the Flagpole

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### Summer Programming at Victory Park

-Two MPRB staff will be conducting activities for youth at Victory Park playground this summer from June 18 through August 17, Monday through Thursday, 3 pm to 8 pm and on Fridays from noon to 5 pm. Youth ages 5-18 can also register in the "Float Factor" swim program at Victory Park where they will be picked up and bussed to North Commons Water Park for swimming lessons.

**Tiny TOTS** - Three three-week sessions of Tiny Tots for 3-5 year olds will be held at Victory Park, Monday through Wednesdays from 9 am to 11 am. Each session will have a fee of \$35 and the tots will enjoy games, art activities, environmental learning, stories, snacks and swimming. You can register at the park for one or more of the following sessions:

June 18 – through July 5  
(rather than July 4)  
July 9 – July 25  
July 30 – Aug 15

**Young and Old -  
Come and Learn Percussion in the Park -**

The Victory Neighborhood Association and the Camden Music School will bring good music, active music instruction and big fun to Victory Park this summer. Adults and youth are invited to participate in creating drums and learning about rhythm, dynamics drumming technique and how to successfully play together as a group. CMS instructor David Degenerate will teach the 'class' on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 –7:30 pm from July 12 through August 14. The class will be limited to 25 people, so if you want to participate come to the first session on July 12 to sign up or call the Camden Music School at 612-618-0219.

### Concerts at the Flagpole - Xerxes and Memorial Parkway - Thursday July 19th - 7 pm

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the music of the Classic Big Band and the Nostalgics Quartet. "Simons Delivers" will provide ice cream.

### Tuesday August 14 - 6:30 pm

Thrill to the sounds of the University of Minnesota Alumni Band as they march from the Lincoln Statue to the Flagpole where they will play a concert of familiar



"Minnesota" marches and fight songs.

**Movie at the Flagpole – Sunday July 15 – 8:30 pm** This is a new event this year.

Bring a chair or blanket to view Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" on the MPRB new outdoor screen. The Victory Neighborhood Association will provide popcorn. As an added bonus the Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days fireworks can be viewed from the flagpole with minimal sound effects.

**Loring Schoolyard Garden Events** - Kid's Cook will sponsor Gardening Evenings and Pot Luck Picnics in the Loring Schoolyard Garden on several Sundays over the course of the summer. The gardening evenings on June 24, July 8 and 22 and August 5 will begin at 5 :00 pm in the garden on the south side of Lor-

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ing School. Each garden gathering will include time in the garden (bring your gloves), games in the schoolyard or movies in the park. For more information on the Kids Cook program and garden visit their website at [www.kidscook.org](http://www.kidscook.org).

**Parade of Community Gardens**—On August 18, from 10AM to 2PM, the second annual Parade of Community Gardens will



Loring Schoolyard Garden I

celebrate art, beauty, and food, all growing in community gardens metro-wide. Urban gardens throughout the Twin Cities feature lush floral treatments and often organic food production as well.

The **Loring Schoolyard Garden** is one of 4 north-side gardens on the 2007 Parade, the others being:

- **Jordan Community Garden**  
NE corner of 27th St & Knox Ave
- **Camden Gateway**

**Sculpture Garden** 4101 Lyn-dale Ave. N

- **Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden** 3351 4th St. N (Cityview School)

Walk, bike, or drive from garden to garden, where community gardeners will show the public all the ways that community gardens are assets to their community.

Maps, brochures and garden descriptions are available free at [www.gardenworksMN.org](http://www.gardenworksMN.org). For more information, please contact: Kirsten Saylor, at [ksaylor@greeninstitute.org](mailto:ksaylor@greeninstitute.org), 612-278-7123.

## Use July to Get Ready for National Night Out - August 7<sup>th</sup>

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out (NNO) will take place on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>. On NNO people get together with their neighbors, meet many for the first time and have a block party to strengthen community and safety on their block. This year's theme is Join the Movement: Putting "Neighbors" back in the Neighborhood. If your block hasn't had a party before or didn't have one last year, or isn't planning one for this year, it's a great time to join the movement to make your block a neighborhood. NNO is coordinated by CCP/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. Use July to get everything ready for NNO August 7. For the first time, the process to register your block parties and apply to close off your street is easy, free and can be done at the same time while visiting one web site: [http://](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/NNO)

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**Register your event by July 24<sup>th</sup>** to get free reminder door hangers, name tags, coloring sheets, child ID kits (limit 10 per event while supplies last), ride tickets for the Park at MOA (limit 10 per event while supplies last), Minnesota Twins Tickets (10 vouchers per registered event) and your block will be entered into a drawing for door prizes donated by Minneapolis businesses. Ask when you register if you want a police car or a fire truck to visit your event. There's no guarantee they'll make it but it's worth asking.

You don't have to close your

street to have an NNO party, **but if you want to close your street, it's free if you apply by July 24<sup>th</sup>**. You must have the OK from 75% of the residents on the street you want to close so start getting those signatures now. From July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a \$100 fee to close your block and after August 2<sup>nd</sup> no street-closing applications will be accepted.

### Attention New NNO Blocks: Free Starter Kits

CCP/SAFE has a limited supply of free NNO start-up kits for blocks holding NNO events for the first time. The kits contain plates, cups, plastic utensils, and napkins for 50 people. If your block is new this year to NNO, call 612-673-2977.

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## Volunteers Needed for Shoreline Restoration at Ryan Lake

Volunteers are needed to assist with the maintenance of the shoreline restoration at Ryan Lake. The shoreline restoration was initiated in 2004 in an effort to improve the water quality of Ryan Lake and enhance the landscape around

North Minneapolis' only lake. The native plants trap stormwater runoff, allowing the water to infiltrate and prevent excess nutrients from entering the lake where they degrade the water quality. With some help from residents

on the shoreline, it is hoped that we will be able to take down the fence that surrounds the plantings this fall. If you can help call the Victory Office at 612-529-9558 or e-mail us at [vina@mninter.net](mailto:vina@mninter.net)

# Business Corner

**In-Home Business Survey Reminder**—ViNA recently mailed a survey form to all Victory households in an effort to identify and support businesses being operated out of homes. The response so far has been great with many in-

home businesses wishing to be listed in a business directory and some considering future expansion into commercial storefronts. If you are a Victory-based professional artist or professional musician or operate a business out of

your home and wish to be included in the survey, please complete and return the mailed survey as soon as possible or contact the ViNA Office for a survey form, 529-9558 or [vina@mninter.net](mailto:vina@mninter.net)

## BIZ Trivia - Can you score a perfect 100!

How much do you know about the goods and services offered by businesses in the Victory neighborhood? See if you can provide a correct answer to each of the 10 questions below, compiled by the ViNA Business Committee. Each answer is worth 10 points. (Answers below )

- 1) Is it possible to get your hair cut or styled, get a massage, go to dinner and see a theatre performance or art exhibit without leaving the Victory neighborhood?
- 2) Victory is home to five restaurants/coffee houses, can you name three?
- 3) Where is the nearest art gallery in Minneapolis?



- 4) How many Victory businesses offer tailoring (and dry cleaning) services?
- 5) What auto related business features the newest commercial construction in Victory?
- 6) What services are offered by "The Doorway," located at 44<sup>th</sup> & Osseo Road?

- 7) Can you name three of the seven hair care/personal care businesses located in Victory?
- 8) What decorative feature did Parsons Preferred Dental add to the exterior of their building (located at 44<sup>th</sup> and Penn) with the help of the ViNA Business Grant program?
- 9) Name a real estate firm located in Victory?



- 10) What is the name of the upholstery & drapery business located at 39<sup>th</sup> & Thomas ?



**BIZ QUIZ ANSWERS** 1) Yes. 2) Emily's, Papa's, Rix, Steamworks, and Dominos. 3) 44<sup>th</sup> & Osseo Road—The Warren: An Artists Habitat. 4) Mighty Stitch and Sisters of Sewing. 5) Nghia's Auto. 6) Massage 7) Cutting Edge, Jackie Ann's, Tom's, Hair Fair, Clean Cut, George's, and Haja's Braids. 8) Awnings. 9) Camden Homes Realty or Best Value Real Estate. 10) Golden Fleece.

The Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) Business Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month; for more information contact the ViNA office at 612-529-9558 or visit [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org).

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**Block Leaders**  
**Please Register Your Contact Info with ViNA**  
In an effort to facilitate communication between the Victory block clubs, **ViNA is hoping to identify a contact person for each block in the neighborhood.** If you are the block leader of an organized block or are willing to serve as the contact person for your block if you do not have an "official" block club, please let us know what block you are willing to represent. Ideally we would like an e-mail address so that we could forward important information that comes to us from the City, Police Department or other block clubs. Please call us at 612-529-9558 or e-mail us at [vina@mninter.net](mailto:vina@mninter.net)

**Victory Neighborhood Association  
Annual Meeting**  
**September 26th, 2007—7 pm**  
**Victory Lutheran Church**  
**4301 Thomas Avenue North**  
The Board of Directors will present the NPR Phase II plan for neighborhood approval (see below). In addition 3 seats on the board will be up for election. All residents of the Victory Neighborhood of legal voting age or individuals owning or operating a business in the neighborhood, are eligible to run for a seat on the board. For more information, or to nominate yourself or someone else, please call or e-mail us at 612-529-9558 or [vina@mninter.net](mailto:vina@mninter.net)

# NRP Phase II Plan—Ready for Approval

The NRP Steering Committee, which consists of 10 neighborhood volunteers, has completed most of their work and presented to the ViNA Board of Directors their final draft of the NRP Phase II plan.

Since beginning their work in the spring of 2006, the Steering Committee has interviewed residents at last year's Ice Cream Social, developed a neighborhood survey which was delivered to every residence and business in the neighborhood, conducted 3 focus groups of residents and reported on their progress and requested feedback at several neighborhood meetings. The committee members then discussed all the information gathered and developed the plan at dozens of evening meetings over

the course of the last 4 months

The result of all of their work is a Neighborhood Action Plan that should direct the activities of ViNA for the next 5 years. With a directive from NRP that 70% of the dollars granted to the Victory Neighborhood must be allocated into housing programs, the plan includes programs for low interest home improvement programs, conditional loans for rental properties, emergency deferred home improvement loans, rehabilitation of vacant properties, assistance for affordable housing, foreclosure prevention assistance and a housing coordinator to implement all these programs. Non-housing related programs provided for in the



The plan is a result of many meetings

plan include a Block Club Summit, a safety coordinator and a graffiti removal team; a new resident welcome program, a Loring School/ Neighborhood Liaison, environmentally friendly landscaping education, youth activities, start up loans for targeted businesses and much more.

The ViNA Board will be reviewing the plan during the months of July and August and will **present it for neighborhood approval at the annual meeting on Wednesday, September 26.** After approval by the neighborhood, it will then go before the NRP Policy Board and the City Council for approval. Copies of the plan will be available as soon as the board has approved the final draft. Anyone interested in having a copy should call the ViNA office at 612-529-9558 or e-mail at [vina@mninter.net](mailto:vina@mninter.net)