



# The Victory View

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## How to Build Community

- There is no limit to the things man can accomplish if he doesn't care who gets the credit—Ronald Reagan
- If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it change your attitude. Don't complain.—Maya Angelou
- Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength—Eric Hoffer



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Turn off your TV ☺  
 Know your neighbor ☺  
 Play together ☺ Greet people ☺ Garden together ☺ Organize a Block Party ☺ Pick up Litter ☺ Dance in the street ☺ Turn up the music ☺ Buy from local merchants ☺

Neighborhood revitalization is not just about bricks and mortar; home improvement loans, business facade grants, and bike trails. It is also about building social capital; building community. A connected, cohesive community is a safe, and vibrant one. This is the vision that the Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) has for our neighborhood and ViNA is excited to offer YOU many opportunities to help build community this spring and summer.



**May 17— North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day—** Greet your neighbors, pick up litter and garden together! Meet at the Victory Office at **9 am** for coffee, juice and pastries. Pick up gloves and bags and help with a street clean up on 44th Avenue

North between Patrick Henry and Loring schools. Block clubs can pick up gloves and bags to clean up their own and/or surrounding blocks. There will also be opportunities to help out in the Community Garden at Loring School and with landscaping at the Victory Office.



**May 22— Memorial Concert at the Flagpole—** Greet people, and turn up the music. Join the community at the flagpole to enjoy the music of the Robbinsdale City Band in honor of the veterans for whom Victory Memorial Parkway is dedicated. B. Y.O. blanket or chair. **7 pm to dusk.**



**May 31— Victory Garage Sale—** Know your neighbors and buy from local merchants! One man's junk is another man's treasure at this 14th annual event. This is also our premier opportunity to showcase our neighborhood as many shoppers come from around the metro area. See **page 4** if you are interested in participating with a garage sale. Consider a block club sale or

swap meet! Don't want to have a sale? Consider shopping outside of immediate block and meeting neighbors in other parts of the neighborhood. **9 am—5 pm**



**June 25— Ice Cream Social—** Greet people and play together at our 15th annual community gathering at Victory Park next to Loring School. Bring a neighborhood child and enjoy ice cream, music, children's games, pony rides and good old fashioned neighborliness. **7–9 pm.**



**July 17— Classics Big Band concert** - Greet people and dance in the street! This is a favorite concert of many of our neighbors—in all directions (yes even Robbinsdale). Dance lesson may even be offered! **7 pm**



**August 22— Movie Night at the Flagpole—** Turn off your TV and greet people! Join us at the flagpole for an outdoor community viewing of a popular movie—title to be announced. **6:30 pm**

## PAL—“Cops Coaching Kids”

The Police Activities League (PAL) is a youth crime prevention program that uses educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth. The Minneapolis PAL was established in 1995 and the program is currently housed in the MPD Special Operations Center at 4119 Dupont Ave No. (The former Hamilton School.)

PAL offers after school programming in sports such as baseball, football, boxing, volleyball, and bowling to name a few; field

trips to the Science Museum, Twins games, Children’s Theater Company, fishing tournaments and summer educational camps. The camps include a Safety Camp, Backpackers, Winner’s Circle (job readiness skills), Canoe Outreach, and Law Enforcement Exploring.



Police Activities League (PAL) is housed at 4119 Dupont Ave No. #132

All youth residing in Minneapolis between the ages of 5 and 17 are eligible to participate in PAL programs with no expense to them or their families. All the PAL programs involve police officers as teachers, chaperones, mentors and camp

counselors. Firefighters, City employees, parents and **citizens** also volunteer to coach, mentor, guide and support PAL members.

PAL chapters across the nation serve approximately 2 million youth and studies have shown that when PAL is introduced into neighborhoods, those neighborhoods experience a drop in juvenile crime during the peak out-of-school time between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Youth can get a membership form and adults can get a volunteer form by calling 612-673-2121, - or from the Victory Office. PAL is funded entirely by grants and donations (not tax dollars) and they will gladly accept your tax-deductible gift.

## Home Painting for Seniors —Metro Paint-A-Thon

The Metro Paint-A-Thon helps seniors and people with disabilities continue to live independently in their own homes. In 2007, they scraped, primed and painted 135 home exteriors for low income clients at no cost to the homeowners.

Are you a low income senior or disabled homeowner of a single family home? If your house or garage

needs a coat of paint but no major repair. Metro Paint-A-Thon can help you. You must be over the age of 60 OR permanently physically disabled and your monthly income must not exceed \$1700 (for one person) or \$2280 (for two

people) to be eligible.

For more information or to apply for the program call 612-721-8687 x321. Applications are also available from the Victory Neighborhood Office. Application deadline is May 9 and the painting will be done the weekend of August 2-3.

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## Help with Home Repairs - A Brush with Kindness

A Brush with Kindness, a program of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, offers home preservation services such as house painting, minor repairs and general clean up for low income homeowners.



A program of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

businesses such as Valspar, Home Depot and 3M and volunteers from churches, businesses and service organizations work throughout the year.

Homes must be owner-occupied and homeowners

must make less than 50% of the area median income. (\$36,000 for a family of four).

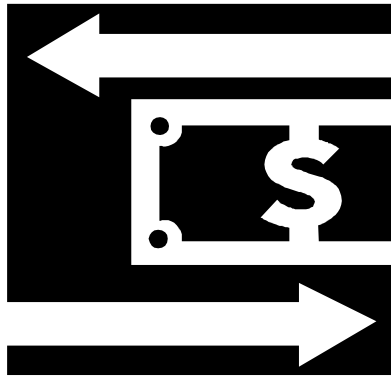
Applications are accepted year round and home assessments began in March. For more information or an application call 612-788-8169 or the Victory Office at 612-529-9558.

Supplies are donated by area

# Get Financially Fit

Does stretching your dollars or managing your money frustrate you? Do you know how to budget your money or handle credit cards? Learn how to take control of your money, get out of debt and become financially fit!

**WomenVenture**, in partnership with **Northway Community Trust**, is bringing Financial Literacy Services to North Minneapolis. These **FREE**



Learn how to take control of your money.

classes will help you become empowered and in control of your money.

• **Budgeting to Create Savings:**

Learn how to create a workable budget and begin saving. May 7, 6-9 pm

• **Debt Reduction and Asset Building:**

Learn how to improve your net worth, handle and prioritize your debt and the importance of building assets—May 14, 6-9 pm

• **Building a Good Credit Rating:**

Learn how to im-

prove your credit score. Get a free copy of your credit report and learn how to interpret it.—May 21 6-9 pm

• **Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions:**

Learn to build relationships with banks. Discover various types of insurance and learn how to protect your identity and assets. May 28, 6-9 pm.

All classes are free and held at Northway Community Trust, 1501 West Broadway. An information session will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 6-7 pm at Northway Community Trust offices. For more information call Shawna Thompson at WomenVenture 651-646-3808.

## ViNA Committees Need You !

ViNA has only one, part-time staff person and the activities, events, committees and operations are conducted primarily by resident volunteers. In order to continue their work of promoting and protecting neighborhood interests ViNA is asking residents to get involved with one of the standing committees.

Events Committee: First Saturday

of the month, 9:30 am in the ViNA office. Next meeting May 3.

Housing Committee: First Monday of the Month, 6:30 pm at the offices of Otogawa-Anschel, 1214 42nd Ave No.

Livability Committee: Second Saturday of the month, 9:30 am at Papa's Pizza and Pasta, 4159 Thomas Ave No. Next meeting, May 10.

Sustainability Committee: Second Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm in the ViNA office. Next Meeting May 14.

Business Committee: Third Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm in the ViNA Office. Next Meeting April 16.

Environment Committee: Call office for next meeting date and location.

## Business Corner

The ViNA Business Committee is currently reviewing proposals from 3 consulting firms to perform a pedestrian needs analysis for the 44th Ave, Penn Avenue and Osseo Road intersection. This study is made possible by a "Great Streets" grant awarded by the City of Minneapolis to



44th and Penn is not pedestrian friendly

the Victory Neighborhood Association.

The consultant chosen will analyze traffic and infrastructure conditions that diminish pedestrian safety, undermine access and convenience and deter patronage of businesses. The analysis will contain spe-

cific recommendations for steps to be taken by the neighborhood, businesses, city and county governments and other partners to rectify those conditions.

The Business Committee hopes to determine which consulting firm will be hired to do the analysis at their April 16 meeting so that the analysis can be done over the summer months.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm , St John Missionary Baptist Church, 4301 Thomas Ave  
April 23, May 28th, June 25—Ice Cream Social—Victory Park/ Loring School—2600 44th Ave No.

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## May 31— 14th Annual Victory Garage Sale

Spring has finally bloomed in Camden and once again brings with it the Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale. As it has been the last 13 years, the sale will be held on the Saturday following the Memorial Day holiday, which this year is May 31, from 9 am to 5 pm. And as usual, residents who wish to start their sales as early as Thursday and/or continue through Sunday are welcome to do so. Each year the Garage Sale offers residents the opportunity to 'clean house' and in addition gives us the chance to showcase our neighborhood. Hundreds of people from across the metro area visit the Camden community on Garage Sale day.

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

- Advertising in the Camden News and the StarTribune
- The use of a yellow garage sale sign for the duration of your sale
- Your sale information included on the map which will be handed out at each sale site and in the area businesses.

Last year there were 62 registered sales in Victory and maybe just as many unregistered sales, which is why this may be the last year that Victory can afford to sponsor the Garage Sales. While the Garage Sale was never intended as a money making venture, with the reduction of NRP funds , ViNA cannot absorb the losses that it has experienced the last two years. While expenses for the sale have continually risen, revenues have declined, either because fewer people are participating or because many participate without registering and contributing their \$7 to offset the expenses of the sale.

The ViNA Events Committee has expressed concern that in these times of reduced funding in many directions , continuing to subsidize the Garage Sale will limit ViNA's ability to provide other 'free events' such as the Ice Cream Social, concerts at the Flagpole and the Movies in the Park.

The Victory Garage Sale has become a signature event over the last 14 years and we would hope to continue it for many years in the future, but it will require all participants to contribute to the expenses in order for that to happen.

**SALE**

### Garage Sale Registration

Registration deadline: May 12

**SALE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ check here if you would like to use a sign

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

Circle Type of Sale: Garage Plant Sample Craft

Type of Items for sale \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration and \$7.00 to:  
(Make checks payable to Victory  
Neighborhood Association)

**ViNA Garage Sales**  
**2200 44th Ave No.**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55412**