



# The Victory View

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### Dates to Remember

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## 15th Annual Victory Garage Sale

Spring has finally sprung and now that we are emerging from our long winter's nap, the Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) has many activities planned to spruce up, renew, build up and celebrate our community. One of the biggest and most highly anticipated events is, of course, the Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale.

The official advertised day for the 15th annual Garage Sale is Saturday, May 30 from 9 am—5 pm. As is usually the case, some residents may choose to hold their sales beginning as early as

Thursday and/or continue through Sunday. With the Lind Bohanon, Shingle Creek and Cleveland neighborhoods also having garage sales that day we anticipate as many as 100 sales in the Camden Community, attracting shoppers from all around and beyond the metro area. Last year, bargain hunters came from as far away as Isanti and Cambridge.

This year we will have a revised version of the Garage Sale Poker Game, a popular pursuit which premiered last year. Added this year will be a Plant Swap sponsored by the Northside Homeown-

ers Association from 9 am to 1 pm at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. Plan to bring your perennial divisions and annual flower & veggie starts, to swap or sell.

If you are planning to hold a garage sale on May 30, please fill out and return the registration form below and send it in with your \$7.00 fee. For your \$7 fee you will benefit from the advertising in the Camden Community News, the use of a yellow garage sale sign and will have your sale listed on the neighborhood map. Also on the registration form you have the oppor-

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### Garage Sale Registration

Registration deadline: May 13

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Circle days of your sale: Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.

I would like to be a Poker Game site  Yes  No

Type of items for sale \_\_\_\_\_

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

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tunity to indicate if you want to use a garage sale sign and if you wish to be a Poker Game site. This means that you will be given a deck of cards to pass out to those who visit your sale as they try to assemble the winning poker hand.

We need your registrations returned by **May 13** so that we will have time to create the map and have it printed and ready for distribution before the first sales begin on May 28. If we do not receive your registration by 4:00 pm on May 13, we cannot guarantee that your sale will be included on the map. Once we receive your registration we will send you a postcard that will inform you as to where and when you can

pick up your signs, maps and Poker Game supplies.

Garage Sale Day is a very busy day in the Victory Neighborhood and a great opportunity to showcase

our neighborhood to a wide variety of visitors. We hope you will participate, if not by having a sale by inviting friends and family to come and shop.

### Salvation Army Donation Truck—June 6, 2009

Do you have leftovers from your garage sale or are you cleaning out the attic or basement? You can support the Twin Cities Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center by donating your reusable household items, furniture and clothing. To make it easy to do, the Salvation Army will park one of their trucks in the Loring School parking lot on **Saturday, June 6, from 9 am to 4 pm**. The truck will be parked in the parking lot on the north side of the school off of 45th Avenue and will accept usable furniture (no rips, tears, or broken or missing parts), clean undamaged clothing, and reusable household items. They cannot accept exercise equipment and TV's and things that are not in working order. Take advantage of this opportunity to recycle items that you no longer need or use and serve a good purpose at the same time.

## Spring Cleaning Day— May 16

It's time to spruce up the neighborhood in anticipation of the numbers of people expected to visit over the spring and summer months—at our Garage Sale, concerts and Ice Cream Social. We want to let visitors know that Victory is great place to live, work, play, learn and shop! – and we take great pride in that fact.

Saturday, May 16, is Spring Cleaning and Greening Day in

North Minneapolis so join your neighbors in cleaning up our public spaces. We will kick off the day with a continental breakfast at 9 am under the pergola in Victory Park, after which we will fan out, bags and gloves in hand, to pick up litter along all the main thoroughfares, in the park, around

Loring School and on the parkway. Block clubs are asked to pick up the litter on their own streets, sidewalks and alleys. We will also be cleaning up and planting in the

community garden spaces at Loring School and at the ViNA office. Many hands will make light work- so if you are interested in participating please call the ViNA office for more details.

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Victory is a great (and green)  
place to live, work, play, learn  
and shop!*

## Memorial Concert – May 21

Honor our community veterans at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Concert on Thursday, May 21 at the flagpole on historic Victory Memorial Drive, one of the largest WWI memorials in the nation.

The event will begin at 7 pm with a flag ceremony performed



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by the Ritual Squad of the Charles Knaeble VFW Post.

The concert of patriotic music will be performed by the century old Robbinsdale City Band.

Gather at the centerpiece of the Victory Neighbor-

hood to remember and show your appreciation for the many veterans from Hennepin County who have given the ultimate for our nation.

The Victory Memorial Flagpole is located on the Parkway at Xerxes Avenue and 45th Avenue North. Bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy this inspiring concert.

# Buy a Home in Victory with City of Lakes Community Land Trust

Let your friends and family know that now they can become your neighbor as well by purchasing a home in the Victory Neighborhood with the City of Lakes Community Land Trust. Over the past 4 years, The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) has assisted over 85 households achieve responsible homeownership across the City of Minneapolis. Over 20 of these homeowners have purchased homes in North Minneapolis in the Shingle Creek, Victory, Lind-Bohanon, Hawthorne, Near North, Cleveland, Webber-Camden, and Folwell neighborhoods



Help fill our homes with your

through the assistance of the CLCLT. Many of these homes have been purchased through the CLCLT Homebuyer Initiated Program (HIP). HIP provides buyers up to \$60,000 in affordability assistance to purchase single family homes across the City of Minneapolis. Buyers are also potentially able to access the City of Minneapolis Advantage Program (up to \$10,000 in additional assistance), claim a tax credit (if purchased before November 30, 2009), and access neighborhood assistance. Victory is offering an additional \$5,000 grant to

qualified buyers who purchase with the assistance of CLCLT. Homebuyers must earn less than 80% of Metro Median Income (\$64,000 for a family of four) and complete the CLCLT buyer purchase steps prior to purchasing a home. Call 612-721-7556 x 18. Because of the mortgage foreclosure dilemma and the economic down turn we, unfortunately, have many high quality homes standing vacant; but these same factors are providing a great opportunity for new home buyers. Help fill our first class housing stock with your friends and family. Chance are that if you enjoy living in the Victory Neighborhood they will also.

## 15 + Rain Gardens in the Victory Neighborhood

In March, eighteen home owners were chosen to receive assistance from Metro Blooms and the Victory Neighborhood to install rain gardens on their property. The eighteen were chosen from those who applied after the information Workshop conducted by the ViNA Environmental Committee on February 28. All eighteen participants attended

a Metro Blooms training on March 26 and have received a consultation with a landscape assistant at their homes. The landscape assistants will create a rain garden design for each homeowner. In addition, crews from the Minnesota Conservation

Corps will come to 15 homeowner's properties and remove the sod and dig out and remove 6 inches of soil for the rain gardens. This is a pilot program with Metro Blooms and is funded by ViNA NRP funds and a grant from the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission.

*Watch for a Victory Neighborhood Garden Tour this summer to showcase our new rain gardens.*

## Business Corner

The Victory Neighborhood Association is the recipient of a second Great Streets grant from the City of Minneapolis; this one to provide matching grants to the businesses on 44th and Penn for façade improvements. Funds from the current ViNA grant program can be used in part to match the Great Streets Grants. Funds from



Support our local businesses in tough economic times.

the first Grant Street grant were used to hire Wenck Associates to do an analysis and recommend a strategic plan to improve the pedestrian friendliness and neighborhood character of the intersection. The Victory Business Association is hoping this latest grant coupled with our current façade im-

provement grant program will help us reach some of the goals outlined in the plan. Several of the businesses at the intersection have already expressed interest. Residents of the Victory neighborhood can help by supporting all of our local businesses in these tough economic times. Eat out, have your clothes tailored, get a hair cut, see a play all in the neighborhood!

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**Ice Cream Social - June 24- 7 pm—9 pm**

Greet your neighbors, enjoy music and ice cream, learn more about neighborhood projects, let the kids enjoy pony rides and the petting zoo . All at the 16th annual Victory Neighborhood Ice Cream Social on June 24th in Victory Park \*

All of our favorite foods and fun are scheduled to return , but due to the economic times and dwindling budgets we may be forced to raise our ticket prices for some of the activities. However there will be additional community information tables including the Sustainable Resources Center and City of Minneapolis Health Department to conduct lead screening of children ( with parental permission).



So mark your calendar to join us on June 24 for one of our premier community events .

\* Victory Park is located at 4414 Upton next to Loring School

**Food Coop Update**

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in working to get a co-op in the Victory community. We had a very successful meeting in February. As a follow-up we are looking to create a steering committee to move forward with planning, grants, studies, etc. If you are interested in working on the steering committee and have time to work on getting a food co-op in our community, please send Kris Brogan an email at [krisbrogan@hotmail.com](mailto:krisbrogan@hotmail.com)

Thank you for all the interest. Let's keep the momentum going!!!

**Victory Neighbors Contribute to March Food Drive**

Thank you to all who contributed to Victory's March Food Drive; through your generosity 586 pounds of food and \$65 in cash were contributed to the Northpoint Health and Wellness food shelf. Another symptom of our economic times is the rise in the number of families depending on food shelves to help feed their children and Victory can be proud of their efforts to help those in need. Special thanks go to all our local businesses and churches who served as drop-off sites for the Food Drive including, The Warren, HousingResourceCenter Northwest, Steamworks Coffee and Tea, Faith Baptist Church , Loring School, Hair Fair and Papa's Restaurant and Deli. In addition Papa's contributed 10 cents for each item donated at their restaurant.



**Camden Farmers Market Returns**

The wildly successful Camden Farmers Market is scheduled to return the parking lot of The Warren , 4400 Osseo Road for its second year on July 9. Four farmers are anxious to return with their locally grown fresh produce, herbs and flowers. Plan to buy your fresh food on Thursdays from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Camden Farmers Market

**Live on the Drive 2009**

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association will present 3 concerts in their popular Live on the Drive concert series. The concerts will be performed at 34th and Memorial Parkway on the second Thursdays of each summer month at 6 pm. Scheduled for the first concert on June 11 is Camden resident and world renown musician Peter Ostrushko. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy