



VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

JUNE '19 NEWS

MAY AND JUNE ARE BUSY MONTHS. HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENED AND WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE SCHEDULE:

On May 13, about twenty volunteers helped the 24th St. Coalition plant medicinal and native perennials around the Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop.

On May 18, our neighbors got together and added color to Franklin Ave by planting the flower pots from 16th Ave to Portland. To the right is a poem that Verla Cuff, an 80+ year-old resident wrote last year about the flowers.

The Peavey Park renovation is nearing completion and had its grand opening on May 31.

Beginning Thursday, June 6, Ventura Village's only farmer's market opens at the Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop at 15th and E. Franklin. Open every Thursday from 11-3.

Northern Spark, an annual night-time arts and cultural event will be held June 14 and 15 at the American Indian Cultural Corridor on Franklin Ave. Look to the right for more information.

Aloha! I'm Melissa Anderson (Mel), the new 24th Street Urban Farms Coordinator. I'm a long-time resident within the community and am very excited to begin my new role! Please contact me for volunteer gardening opportunities. We can always use your help! Mel24thstreetfarm@gmail.com.

Rain showers
Bring flowers
People dress up sidewalks so nice.
Under the sky
People pass by
From Heaven to earth brings out spice in our life



It went
Heaven sent
Sent by clouds from cloud Heaven.
Sent by clouds from cloud Heaven.
Snapping pictures
With great textures

-Verla Cuff



The Northern Spark festival will take place along Franklin Avenue on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th from 9 pm to 2 am each night.

Northern Spark is a free, late-night art festival produced by Northern lights.mn that celebrates our vibrant cultural communities in the Twin Cities. Please join us!

Visit northern.spark.org for information on artists, other festival locations, or to volunteer. Please contact info@northern.lights.mn with questions

MEET KALI! THE NEW CPS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Greetings Neighbors! My name is Kali Pliego, and I will be serving Ventura Village, Phillips (West, Midtown, and East) and Little Earth as your Crime Prevention Specialist. This role, if you're not familiar, is within the Minneapolis Police Department. As your Crime Prevention Specialist, I will join you in community meetings, help connect you with resources to keep your property and neighborhood safe, and problem solve with you regarding patterns of crime in the community. I look forward to seeing you out and about and getting to know you as I find my way in this new role.

I live with my husband, Felix, and almost 3-year-old son, Mateo, in the Central neighborhood. As a mother, I care deeply about my family's safety and my community's ability to flourish and shine. As a longtime resident of South Minneapolis, I am invested in extending my dream for my own little family to all of us who live, work, worship, dine, shop, and own businesses here.

I come to MPD from Park Nicollet Health System, where I worked for the past 12 years in the Interpreter Services department. At Park Nicollet, I did everything from interpreting (Spanish), to scheduling interpreters, to approving invoices. During the same timeframe, I served as the Executive Director of a little non-profit in Guatemala which I founded, called Sé Luz. In 2012, I graduated from Bethel Seminary with a Master's Degree in Community Organizing. My job, as your Crime Prevention Specialist, will be like sticking the highlights of my resume in a blender and flipping the switch. We have a lot of work to do, folks. Let's get started, together!

Here's how to contact me:
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Planting flowers at Pow Wow Grounds Cafe on Monday, May 13



Earlier this month at the Waite House seed/plant giveaway

UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, June 12th: Board of Directors Meeting: 6 pm
- Tuesday, June 25th: Community Engagement Committee 6pm
- Thursday, June 27th: Housing & Land Committee: 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 12th: General Membership Meeting: 7 pm
- Tuesday, June 25th: Wellness, Gardening & Greening: 7 pm
- Thursday, June 27th: Crime & Safety Committee: 6:30 pm

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE: VISITORS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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