



# VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



## JULY '22 NEWS

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### Construction at Norway House Update

By: Joseph Grødahl

Norway House's construction project is making rapid progress. The new building, designed to evoke a ship oriented toward its Norwegian church neighbor, will house a large event space, additional offices, and an interactive exhibit for exploring genealogy. The current building will continue to house a cafe, gallery, offices, and meeting



spaces. They will be connected by an architecturally unique connecting building with a main entrance on the south-side and a sidewalk entrance along Franklin. Projected completion date is mid-November. See their website for more on the expansion:

<https://www.norwayhouse.org/expansion>



Peacekeepers at Norway House Construction

### Start Thinking About Summer Block Activities Now

By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

August 2nd (National Night Out) is right around the corner, and I encourage all Block Club Leaders to start preparing now. Think about details—Will there be food? Do you need tables? Games? Art? Discussion prompts? Prizes or attractions for kids? Once you have a vision for the party you want to throw, think about which neighbors you can invite to help you cross off items on your NNO to-do list. Getting people involved gets them invested. Having invested neighbors creates a system that lends itself to increased safety. Contact [Luther.Krueger@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Luther.Krueger@minneapolismn.gov) to get started by registering your party with the City.

Don't wait until August to engage your neighbors with fun activities. Do you have a favorite neighborhood restaurant or business? Invite your block club to join you for coffee or breakfast there! This helps you build relationships with each other and helps bring business to local shops and supports the neighborhood economy. Use social media to "check in" while you're there and give them a good review.

Take a minute to sit on your front steps and observe what's happening on your block. Think about what makes you proud to live there and make a list. Then, use your list to brainstorm ideas of how you can celebrate the unique personality of your block with a cool activity that draws neighbors out of their houses. That's abstract advice, so here are some concrete ideas:

- Dog walking club (for a block with lots of dogs)
- Afternoon play hour for kids (if there's a mix of little kids and teens; teens can plan and supervise activities for the littles)
- Multi-cultural potluck (for blocks with diversity in nationality and culture)
- Ice cream social (who doesn't love ice cream!)

I can't wait to see what blocks come up with for summer activities! Remember, you can always reach out to me ([Kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov)) if you want to invite police officers or myself to your event. We would love the opportunity to connect with your blocks!

### KRSM Radio Summer Activities

By: Andrea Pierre, Station Manager

KRSM Radio is a low power FM radio station broadcasting at 98.9 FM. Our studios are located in the Phillips Community Center and we are a social enterprise of Pillsbury United Communities. We at KRSM are so happy to be a part of the community in person this summer of 2022. Things are picking up at the station and we wanted to give you some updates.

KRSM will once again host a radio camp for young people at St. Thomas University with MIGIZI, MPR, American Family Indian Center, and Threesixty Journalism. This year the camp is focusing on Indigenous Narratives. Maria Isa Perez and KRSM host Charlie Thayer from "Lake Street Store" along with Beverly Busyhead from the "Heart of the Movement" will be presenting workshops for the students. We will also be having our KRSM Youth Step Up interns this summer, led by Youth Media Manager Michel Be.

We have a show called "Power Perspectives" that airs every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9 am. Power Perspectives is hosted by myself, Andrea Pierre, KRSM station manager and ShaVunda Brown, Pillsbury United Communities' Community Engaged Storyteller. The show highlights art, life and policy in Minneapolis. We are looking forward to talking about mental health, housing justice, self-care, and more with our communities. Please join us. If you'd like to join us on air and talk about an issue that is important to you and community, email [ShaVundaB@pillsburyunited.org](mailto:ShaVundaB@pillsburyunited.org).

KRSM will be at several community events this summer including all five Open Streets events, the Powderhorn Art Fair and FLOW, the Northside Arts Crawl. The dates are listed below:

- July 10th Open Streets Franklin Ave (Collaboration with Seward Coop)
- July 28th -30th FLOW Northside Arts Crawl
- August 6th & 7th Powderhorn Art Fair
- August 13th East Lake Open Streets
- September 10th West Broadway Open Streets
- September 17th Powderhorn Porch Fest

Lastly, the recent spring storms did damage to our transmitter sight, so unfortunately the station was off air for a few days in May and caused some unexpected costs. If you love what we do, please consider supporting us with a financial contribution. If you can donate to KRSM and become a monthly subscriber for \$10 a month we will send you a KRSM tote bag as a thank you gift!

### Ventura Village Neighborhood News

- Our July General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday July 13th At 7 PM. We'll meet in person at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue and via ZOOM. You can call us or email us to obtain the Zoom link.
- The Franklin Avenue Open Streets Event is back and will happen on Sunday, July 10th beginning at 11 AM. We'll have a table at Trinity First School, 13th and E. Franklin, across from NACC. There'll be a Bocce Ball Court set up and we'll be sharing space with the Alley Newspaper.
- On May 20th 10 volunteers filled the planters up and down Franklin Avenue with flowers to help beautify Ventura Village's main street. This year we even moved 3 planters onto Chicago Avenue by Centro Cultural Chicano.
- Our neighborhood is a part of the Southside Peacekeeping Coalition which has contracted with Brothers EMpowered Peacekeepers to have a presence in the Franklin - Elliot and Chicago area 3 days a week. They also offer a food shelf at PPL's CVI Building the second Friday of the month.
- The information obtained by the census taken in 2020 has been made available. You can see who lives in Ventura Village by going to this link:  
<https://www.mncompass.org/profiles/city/minneapolis/ventura-village>



### A LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

Honor & Celebrate the life of Robert (Bob) Albee  
06/16/1944 - 10/06/2020

Saturday, July 9, 2022

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

1815 13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN

RSVP Sharon Albee

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Note: To keep us healthy, I request you wear a mask.

### Happenings at Hope Community



### Saturday Community Garden Work Days

Join us for community garden projects!  
-No experience necessary.  
-Lunch, drinks, gloves & tools supplied.  
-Bring a waterbottle, wear appropriate clothing & shoes for garden work, & bring sun protection.

4th Saturday of the month:  
• June 25th • September 24th  
• July 23rd • October 29th  
• August 27th • November 26th

10am-3pm  
1900 Portland Ave, Mpls, MN or  
2012 Oakland Ave, Mpls, MN

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### COMMUNITY GARDEN NIGHTS

EVERY THURSDAY  
4-6PM

1900 PORTLAND AVE  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN