



VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

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Summer Park Activities

By: Seng Vang

Our neighborhood Recreation Centers, including the Phillips Community Center, East Phillips and Peavey Park offer great recreational, technology and STEM programs. Our Youth Program specialists engage with youth ages 12-17 in positive leadership experiences while connecting youth to adult mentors in the parks. Our current specialists in Upper South Parks are Seng Vang at Phillips, Sahur Alibarre at Peavey, and Courtney Gillman at East Phillips. Programming will continue this fall. Here are some highlights from the summer:



- Phillips Community Center had Basketball Tourney's on Tuesdays, Self Defense Classes, and Thursday teen pool time
- Peavey Park had Games on the Patio, Chess and Tea, and Cooking Classes
- Every Friday our three Upper South Parks ended the week with a fun day at either a beach or pool

For any questions regarding our programs you can stop in at our parks, go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/Activity_Search, or email svang@minneapolisparcs.org or SALibarre@minneapolisparcs.org.

KRSM Youth Find Their Groove

By: Emmett Bostic, KRSM Intern

The KRSM Youth Media Interns have found their groove with their roles. Host's and Dj's have been really polishing their shows and programs and they have been learning more every day. Engineering students have been helping shows run smoothly by controlling the sound boards and making sure everything sounds how it is supposed to. Engineers have also been learning the editing software Hindenburg to censor songs, edit ad reads, and more! These young people are really learning a lot from their mentors as well as from each other and it has been really cool to watch them grow. In August, they got to share what they did this summer at the annual Pillsbury United Communities Youth Summer Showcase. As September rolls in their shows will have ended but this experience will have taught them a lot about radio and hopefully they can take this experience with them as they go into the working world. Here are the shows the students produced this summer:

- **Afternoon Chasedown:** On the Afternoon Chasedown, Max and Sanyii discuss various basketball topics, news, and debates. They both bring their own individual perspectives and original opinions with every take they give on the show, trying to make it as authentic as possible. If you want to hear the perspective of two high schoolers and NBA fans on some of the most interesting discussions surrounding the basketball community, definitely give the show a listen!
- **Tuneapolis:** On Tuneapolis you will often find our host Jack playing rock music, talking about the history of the songs they chose, and introducing listeners to songs they may not have heard before.
- **Hot Talks:** Hosted by Billan, Libin, Amira, and Aisha Hot Talks is a place for these 4 to come together and talk about what they find interesting. Whether that be True Crime, Internet stories, or whatever else is on their mind, Hot Talks is the show to listen to!
- **It's A Whole Vibe:** A variety show hosted by Special K and Joseph. In this show, the two hosts explore a variety of topics while also jamming out to some good music. The name isn't a lie, it really is a whole vibe.
- **F.e.l.i.x:** A music show hosted by Felix where he shares songs and records that he enjoys. He mainly shares older music and a lot of Minneapolis centric music including The Replacements and Prince. If you're looking for a throwback to the past in Minneapolis, F.e.l.i.x is the right show for you.
- **DJ Safia:** Hosted by Safia and co-host Rahmla. These two like to play some fun music while also sharing stories they find online and sharing their opinions on them! It's a good time to hang out, listen to some music, and explore the wild world of the internet.

Archives of our KRSM Step Up Youth Internship shows are available at <https://www.krsmradio.org/youth/>

Back to School Safety

By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

Riding the Bus

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus, and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking

- Talk with your parent and discuss the safest route for you to take. Take the same route every day. Keeping the same route will be helpful if someone needs to find you in case of an emergency.
- Obey all traffic signals and the crossing guard (if present). Never cross the street at a traffic light unless the walk signal is lit, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Be very careful crossing roads in the fall and winter when it may still be dark on your way to school
- Wear something reflective on your clothing, backpack, or bike. You might also consider carrying a light. This will make you more visible to street traffic.
- Be aware of any unleashed dogs. Cross to the other side of the street if you are concerned.

Be an Involved Community Member (non-students)

- Plan your daily walks during bus pick up and/or drop off times. Your presence in the neighborhood increases safety for kids making their way home from school.
- Report suspicious activity to Minneapolis 311; call 911 for emergencies.
- Keep sidewalks shoveled.
- Use dusk to dawn porch lights; this will help keep the street illuminated for kids out walking to the bus/school.

Group Volunteering with Our Saviour's Housing!

By: Robin Stramp

Our Saviour's Housing (OSH) is looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve delicious meals for our Emergency Shelter residents. Groups can prepare meals at home or use the shelter kitchen. Or get a group together and prep a freezer meal or two! Freezer meals are so appreciated and help our staff provide food when we don't have a meal provider group scheduled. Interested? Contact OSH at Volunteer@OSHHousing.org or fill out an application at <https://oscs-mn.org/osh-group-volunteer-application/> to get started. Our Saviour's Housing is a program of Our Saviour's Community Services.

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- Our next membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th at 7 PM. We will meet in person at ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue or you can access us via Zoom.

- National Night Out gatherings in Ventura Village included Hope Community and St. Paul's at 19th and Portland, Genesis Communities at 1813 Park Avenue and Ventura Village Flats 1818 14th Avenue. You can share pictures of your events by sending them to our website. *(photo right)*

- Community Harvest Days at Mashkiikii Garden: Stop by the garden anytime Thursdays between 11am and 2pm to grab some of the foods and medicines we are harvesting that week for free. No need to sign up – we hope to see you there!



- On Tuesday, August 9th, the 4 - H Club at the Franklin Public Library partnered with Ventura Village to plant flowers by their front entry. Check them out next time you're by the library. *(photos below)*

