



# VENTURA VILLAGE



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**Summer is a great time to be outside and we wanted to highlight activities going on in our neighborhood**

**You're invited to help at 2 community gardens.**

- Hope Community's Rose Garden invites you to join them every Tuesday 4 to 6 PM for produce giveaways, yoga and health classes, and other activities through July. The Rose Garden is at 1900 Portland.
- Our Saviour's Garden at 2215 Chicago meets Mondays at 6 PM and Thursdays at 9 AM. On Mondays, Tami Schimnoski from Augsburg University leads a project encouraging residents at the Our Saviour's shelter next door to help in the garden. By participating they have an opportunity to improve their nutritional, physical, mental, and social health. Join us and you will have that same opportunity!

**Trash and graffiti are a constant problem** around our neighborhood. Here's a group from PPL's Collaborative Village cleaning the neighborhood on Elliot Avenue earlier this year.

Contact us for supplies and watch our website for neighborhood events this summer.



*Photo courtesy of Rico Morales*

**We are also supporting the soccer program** of the Somali Community of Minnesota (SCM). Their program is for youth 6 through 17 years old. The purpose is to keep those youth engaged and motivated in healthy and positive ways. Their activities will start later this summer and continue later into the year.

**Keeping kids busy doing positive things in the summer is important.** One program our neighborhood supports is Hard In The Paint Hoops (HITP Hoops). They will be at the Phillips Community Center (PCC) July 29th to August 1st.

Ibrahim Oduniyi, the director, graduated from South H.S. in 2004. Charles Hallman, a coach at South, encouraged him to stay involved with youth after his college career. He was also inspired by the Clyde Turner Basketball camps he had attended. He worked with the city Youth Coordinating Board for years and in 2015 started HITP Hoops as a summer program.

This summer they will be at the PCC in July. Participants will also attend classroom activities offered by James Mullins with Outside the Box Solutions.

You can still register boys and girls aged 10 to 18. The clinic on August 1st is for children 10 and under.

Go to their website at [hitphoops.com](http://hitphoops.com) for more information.



*Photo courtesy of Ibrahim Oduniyi*

### Neighborhood News

- Our July Neighborhood meeting will be Wednesday, July 10th, 7 PM at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue and also on Zoom. Go to our website for more information, events, and resources.
- Our committees will not meet in July and we will not have our membership meeting in August. Our committees will meet Thursday, August 29th.
- National Night out is August 6th. Mark it on your calendar!
- Our neighborhood has an assortment of tools and supplies to borrow. Contact our website for more information.

**Make a difference!  
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Join our Board  
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