



Renovation Update: Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter

We expect that by the time this issue is printed, renovations will be underway at our Emergency Shelter at 2219 Chicago Avenue! The renovation work is funded by a capital grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. For more information, contact robin@oscs-mn.org.

During the renovations, we're fortunate to be able to make use of another great space in Phillips. Our 21-bed emergency shelter for adults has temporarily relocated to 2545 Portland Avenue for the next 6-8 months. This location, less than a mile from our permanent site, will be a great temporary fit for guests, volunteers, and staff. We extend our gratitude to all who have helped with the move or preparing the temporary space for our guests!

Article by Robin Stramp



Artist's rendition of new shelter



Temporary home of Our Saviour's Shelter

Ventura Village News

- Our first meeting of 2025 will be on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7 PM. We'll meet at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue and on Zoom.
- Thor Adam and Chris Delaurentis will begin 3 year terms on our Board. We have room for more board members if you are interested. Contact us.
- Besides the Our Saviour's Shelter remodelling we have several other building projects going on. They are a reminder of the investment people and organizations are making in our neighborhood. They include:
 - The Indigenous Peoples Task Force (IPTF) broke ground in October and has begun work on the Mikwanedun Audisookon Art and Wellness Center at 2313 13th Avenue S.
 - The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Building at 23rd and Bloomington is taking form.
 - The Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC) will be constructing a new facility along Franklin Avenue.
 - The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) has begun their remodel.
 - While KRSM will retain their space at the Phillips Community Center and their presence in the neighborhood, they will be moving to a new studio next to the FullCycle Bicycle Shop at 35th and Chicago.
 - The Minnesota American Indian Center, which opened this past May, has become a very valuable gathering place on Franklin Avenue.

Hope Community

Hope Community Inc.'s Food, Land, and Community (FLC) program is wrapping up another year of growing food with community for community! The FLC program runs 3 garden sites in close proximity to Portland and Franklin avenues, hosting weekly community work nights and free produce distribution stands. This past summer, the program distributed approximately \$10,000 worth of fresh produce from the gardens to community members. FLC also hosted 8 skill share workshops this year, including cooking and canning classes, an herbalism and tea-making workshop, yoga in the garden, and a container gardening class. All are invited to participate in FLC's gardening, food distribution, and programming! To receive updates, join our mailing list, and learn about the upcoming 2025 garden planning night, contact flc@hope-community.org.

Article by Caroline Hall



FLC Final Harvest