



Construction Update: Shelter Expansion at 2219 Chicago

Renovations at the Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter are well underway! We have been operating the shelter from a temporary site on Portland Avenue since December, and construction began at 2219 Chicago Ave S in January. The renovation and construction of our emergency shelter is funded by a one-time capital grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services and will expand our capacity by adding a second story to our shelter, along with improving safety and accessibility of the building.

We anticipate moving back into our shelter from our temporary location in July, and we intend to increase our capacity from 21 guests to 38 guests through the second half of 2025. This spring and summer, we need volunteer support to help with packing and moving back into our shelter, along with serving or sponsoring meals for our guests. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact volunteer@oscs-mn.org or call 612-386-6626.

See more on the Our Saviour's Community Services website (oscs-mn.org) and e-newsletter for more information and ways to support. Questions about the transition can be directed to Robin Stramp, OSCS Development and Communications Manager, at 612-843-3602 or robin@oscs-mn.org. *Article by Robin Stramp*



CES Food Shelf: Meeting the Need Close to Home

At Community Emergency Service (CES), the food shelf is more than just a place to get groceries it's a place to be seen, welcomed, and supported. Tucked into the heart of the Phillips neighborhood, CES is deeply rooted in the community and offers several easy ways for neighbors to access fresh, healthy food: appointments during the week, a no-barrier Friday Food Market, and outdoor food lockers for flexible pickup.

The need for food support continues to grow. More families, seniors, and individuals are reaching out every week. "It gives me peace of mind," one neighbor shared. "I don't have to worry about where my next meal is coming from." That sense of relief and stability is exactly what CES strives to provide without judgment, and with dignity.

The food shelf is open by appointment Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, anyone can come to the Food Market from 1–3 p.m. no ID, no paperwork, no questions. For those with busy schedules or transportation barriers, food lockers outside the building are stocked and available Monday through Friday at a time that works for you.

Whether you're looking for support or want to be part of the work, CES invites you to get involved. Visit www.cesmn.org to schedule a visit, make a donation, or learn more. The need is right here in the neighborhood and so is CES. *Article by Kristin VanHeel*

Four Sisters Farmers Market

The Four Sister Farmers Market celebrates its 11th year in operation on June 5th, at their flagship location on the American Indian Cultural Corridor, 1414 E. Franklin Avenue. The market's first day of the season will include a celebratory giveaway with music by Lady Xøk at noon. Over a dozen vendors will be present, and food will be available from the Pow Wow Grounds food truck, Frybread Factory.

The 2025 market season will run weekly on Thursdays from June 5th to October 30th, 11 AM to 3 PM. *Article by Destiny Jones*



Ventura Village News

Our June General Membership meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th at 7 PM. We'll meet in person at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue. See our website for more information and the Zoom Link.

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