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Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter – Back on Chicago Avenue!

The Our Saviour's Housing Emergency Shelter moved back to 2219 Chicago Ave at the end of July after several months of construction. We are busy settling back into our renovated and expanded building, and look forward to increasing our capacity in the coming months from 21 guests to 38 guests. Critical factors for the timeline will include fundraising, as well as hiring and training additional staff.

Ongoing volunteer support is needed to finish unpacking, to support staff, to provide meals for guests, and more. Learn more about ways to get involved at oscsmn.org/shelter-expansion. Current donation needs include Twin XL sheets (fitted and flat), mugs and cups, and deodorant.

This project was funded by a capital grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. *By Robin Stramp, Our Saviour's Community Services Staff*

Hope Community Presentation on Soil Health

At Hope we're planning a soil health dinner discussion! This event will take place Wednesday, September 3 from 6-8pm. We'll have presenters sharing about the history of soil health and contamination in the Phillips neighborhood, discussing how to garden safely amid soil contamination concerns, and learning about ongoing advocacy efforts for healthier green spaces, soil, air, etc. in the Phillips neighborhood. More information and RSVP forms to come soon, but for now, save the date (Sept. 3)! *By Caroline Hall*



Minneapolis had almost 1200 registered National Night Out events. Several were in Ventura Village including resident Khadijah Ahmad and Mpls. Social Worker Emily Britz at the Pentagon Highrise event.

Ventura Village News

- Our September Neighborhood membership meeting is Wednesday, September 10th, 7 PM, at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue. You can attend via our Zoom Link by going to venturavillage.org.
- Two neighborhood construction projects are nearing completion. The New Mille Lacs Tribal Offices and Apartments (at left) on Bloomington Avenue will be opening soon. The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center's remodeled apartments will be accepting residents in the coming months. Watch for more details.
- Our neighborhood partner, the Somali Community of Minnesota (SCM) invites you to the Ventura Village Fest, Saturday September 13th, 1 - 5 PM at Peavey Park. For more information contact our website.
- Looking for fresh produce? Check out Hope Communities stand in the parking lot behind 611 E. Franklin every Wednesday from 4-6 PM.

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