



# VENTURA VILLAGE

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## Pathways to Connection and Support

### By: Kala Hotakainen, Our Saviour's Community Services

Have you ever wondered how community members can access the programs at Our Saviour's Community Services? The answer is ... it depends!

The English Learning Center receives referrals from Minneapolis Adult Education and local social service agencies, but many students find us through informal connections, too. To get started, interested adults can stop by 2315 Chicago Avenue Monday - Thursday between 9:30AM - 12:30PM or 5:30PM - 8:30PM, register directly on our website, or call 612-874-9963. After registering, students take a test to be placed into a class that fits their current English language level. Our classes are free, are offered in the morning and evening, online and in person, and are open to adult English language learners aged 18 and up.

We cannot accommodate walk-in participation, however, for Our Saviour's Housing. There are currently two ways to access the Emergency Shelter. The first way is through Adult Shelter Connect. If you are a Hennepin County resident experiencing a housing

emergency, please call the new Hennepin Shelter Hotline (612-204-8200) as a first step toward Adult Shelter Connect. Providers at some M Health Fairview locations can also refer patients experiencing homelessness and in need of follow-up care to the medical respite program at the Emergency Shelter.

Residents in our Permanent Supportive Housing program are referred to us through Hennepin County's Coordinated Entry System.

We also operate a small food shelf at 2301 Chicago Avenue. This food shelf is designed as a resource for our Permanent Supportive Housing residents. It is also open to the public by appointment only on Wednesdays from 10AM - 3PM. Please call 612-872-4021 ext 1 to make an appointment.

Seeking your input - tell us what you'd like to hear about for future Our Saviour's Community Services articles in this space! Contact us at [communications@oscs-mn.org](mailto:communications@oscs-mn.org).

### Ventura Village News

- Our May general membership meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th at 7 PM. We'll meet in person at ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue and via Zoom. Our committees will meet there on Thursday, May 25th, at 5:30 PM.
- Join us to plant our flowers on Franklin Saturday, May 20th. We'll distribute plants at 10 AM in the Alley at 1815 13th Ave. S. We'll have wagons and tools to share otherwise bring your own.
- Need tools or advice for your yard or garden? Contact us through our website. We also have supplies to remove graffiti and pick up trash.
- Join Hope Community as they prep their garden at 1900 Portland every Tuesday from 4 - 6 PM beginning May 9th. On May 27 from 10 - 3 PM join them for their big planting day. Want more gardening time? Reach out to [fic@hope-community.org](mailto:fic@hope-community.org).

## 20th Annual Open House

Join NACC as we celebrate our 20th annual Open House! This year, we will focus on the grandfather teaching "Wisdom" as we reflect on the last 20 years of being in the community.

Community meal, swag bags, vendors, raffles and more!

**Friday, May 19th  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Native American Community Clinic  
1213 E. Franklin Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55404**



### Open House and Events

#### By: Kali Pliego

On behalf of Inspector Gomez and the entire MPD Third Precinct Staff, I cordially invite you to the 3rd Precinct Open House.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

**Place:** 19 N 4th Street

**Time:** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

There will be interesting and interactive outdoor displays and information from the Bomb Squad, Canine, Horse Patrol, S.W.A.T., BRRT (Bicycle Response Team), and Minneapolis Fire. There will also be an opportunity to speak with Officers, plus, many other City Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies. Count on having plenty to see and do! Join us for a noon snack and to learn more about your Minneapolis Police Department. I hope to see familiar faces there!

#### Fridays in June Block Party

Contact me ([kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov)) if you are willing to host a block party on a Friday this June!