



VENTURA VILLAGE

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On Sunday, September 10, join Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Our Saviour's Community Services in supporting the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute! We are hosting a community pizza party and fundraiser at 2315 Chicago Ave between 12 and 2PM to:

- Hear from advocates planning for the future of the Roof Depot site
- Celebrate the work that neighbors and advocates have accomplished to build towards a community hub in the East Phillips neighborhood, complete with an urban farm and housing
- Participate in an auction with proceeds going to the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute
- Enjoy free pizza made in our backyard pizza oven
- Tour the shared Our Saviour's Lutheran Church/Our Saviour's Community Services campus and weigh in on your dreams for the future of this space

The event is free to attend, and all are welcome. We will be collecting voluntary financial donations for the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute to support pre-development costs for the Roof Depot site. Visit www.oursavioursmpls.org or www.oscs-mn.org for more information!

Back to School Safety Tips

By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

The start of a new school year is exciting and brings a range of anticipations and emotions. I am sharing bus riding safety tips from the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association with the intention of taking anxiety or fear of bus riding out of the equation for your family. Here are some safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

And an appeal to community members who aren't swept up in the back-to-school motions—would you consider taking your early morning or afternoon walk past neighborhood bus stops? It is a benefit to our kids to have trusted adults nearby when they're waiting for the bus or walking home from the bus stop. It's a simple way we can come together and feel good about the community we create together.

Our next Ventura Village Neighborhood meeting is September 13th at 7 PM

Summer is a special time in our neighborhood when people can get outside and do things they can't do the rest of the year. Here are some events, some pictures, and some opportunities as the summer winds down.

- Waite House celebrated their youth programs with their showcase event, August 3rd. Mackenna Cristilly, Food Systems Youth Coordinator, reported her interns:

-Planted, maintained, and harvested produce from the Waite House Community Center Garden and distributed it to the community.

-Furthered cooking skills by preparing over 20 homemade lunches.

-Explored a variety of food system topics through offsite field trips and community member led workshops.

- KRSM youth learned how to operate a radio station and had their own live show by the end of summer. Another group of middle school students participated in an oral history project titled "Stories and Narratives of East Lake Street".

- National Night Out was August 1st and a number of neighborhood groups and block clubs held events. Here are Pentagon Highrise neighbors playing Bocce Ball and youth activities.



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- At Hope Community, volunteer Glenda Eldridge (*center with apron*) led a cooking class using vegetables including beets from their garden in a stir fry. Hope will continue to give away produce every Wednesday 4 - 6 PM and watch for other special events.

