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Peavey Park Raised Beds Available

By: Becca Gross, Community Garden Program Coordinator

Peavey Park is home to a community garden under Minneapolis Park and Recreation's Community Garden Program. 17 raised beds are available. Interested gardeners can apply until February 15th to use a raised bed in the park for growing their own food. Participation is free. Minneapolis residents who don't have access to land outside the parks and who plan to grow food will be prioritized. The application for a plot can be found here:

<https://form.jotform.com/90916575115157> and more

information about the program can be found here:

www.minneapolisparcs.org/communitygardens



Using The Minneapolis Crime Dashboard

By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/government-data/datasource/crime-dashboard/>

The above link provides a way for community members to look up crime data from the City of Minneapolis. There are two tables available to view, each containing multiple menus to narrow or broaden the scope of data. This is an under-utilized resource that our city offers!

You can go to the Ventura Village website for more details about how to use the dashboard. I am always available to answer questions at kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov.

Minneapolis American Indian Center Update

By: Mary LaGarde, Executive Director

The renovation and expansion of the Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC) is expected to be completed for the grand re-opening on May 1st, 2024. This day is also the kick-off for American Indian month in the Minneapolis – St. Paul, Minnesota, area. It will be a day of celebration, and all are welcome to attend.

When we embarked upon this journey, we could not have anticipated many of the bumps in the road, including a pandemic, civil unrest, and global supply chain and inflation challenges. But *we have persisted in maintaining our vision* to create a destination worthy of Minnesota's diverse Indigenous community. In addition to the construction progress, we have continued towards our *goal of \$32.5M – raising \$29.25M to date*.

The renovation and expansion will allow the MAIC to continue to be a central gathering place. Additions to the MAIC will bring new opportunities for our young people to explore the field of technology. The MAIC is committed to providing resources to support a healthy Indigenous community, and will continue to provide social services, workforce development, fitness and nutrition, and Indigenous culture, arts and language learning opportunities.

I look forward to achieving our Campaign and construction goals this year and sharing our new home with the community. For updated information on the May 1st, 2024, grand re-opening, visit the Minneapolis American Indian Center's Facebook page. [Miiigwech](#).



Our February Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, February 14th at 7 PM. We'll meet in person at the ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue and also via Zoom.

View the newsletter on our website for a list of many more events and resources available.

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