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Special points of interest:

- Enjoy winter fun at the Camden WinterFest on February 5
- Thinking about a rain garden? ViNA can help.
- Support our high school—Patrick Henry
- Improve your home security with a ViNA rebate.

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Dinner and a Movie in the Victory Neighborhood !

The Victory Neighborhood Association Environment Committee is proud to present a series of environmental movies on the third Saturday of January, February, and March. The documentaries will be shown at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road and will be preceded by a dinner special in partnership with one of our local restaurants and followed by a facilitated discussion of the movie.

The movies will be free of charge but seating is limited to 50 people, so reservations will be required.

“**DIRT!**” was shown on January 15 at The Warren with pizza by the slice from Papa’s Restaurant and Deli for pur-

chase.

On February 19, “**Food Inc**” will be shown. This movie explores where the food we buy in the grocery store really comes from and what this means for the health of future generations. By exposing the comfortable relationships between business and government, the movie makers gradually shine light on the dark underbelly of the American food industry.

“**Fresh**” will show on March 19. “**Fresh**” celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model and con-



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fronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources and morbid obesity.

If you wish to reserve a seat for any of these showings, contact the Victory Neighborhood Association at 612-529-9558 or info@victoryneighborhood.org Watch the ViNA website and Camden News for more info on the dinners and movies.

ViNA Board sets 2010 Priorities

At the November 2010 retreat, The ViNA Board of Directors set long and short term goals for the organization and identified five focus areas for 2011. The five focus areas: are youth, community engagement/ inclusiveness, livability, environment and business. The two immediate goals determined were

block clubs and communications/inclusiveness/connections.

The board set a goal that by the end of 2011, 60% of the blocks in Victory will have an identified key contact—whether that is a block club leader or just someone who serves as conduit for information between the residents on

their block and ViNA. Several strategies such as defining block clubs, identifying those we have, and recruiting leaders will be employed, to help reach this goal and ViNA welcomes all residents’ ideas and assistance in implementing these strategies and reaching this goal.

Community Energy Services

If you have not already taken advantage of the Community Energy Services program, there is still time for you to learn how to reduce your energy use and save money. Only 69 Victory residents have taken advantage of the program so if you are one of the next 31 Victory residents to register you can receive a home energy audit for only \$20, thanks to ViNA.

Community Energy Services is a comprehensive one-stop residential energy program. Through the program you will have access to:

- FREE educational workshops to teach



Save energy—Save money

you how to lower your energy use and save money;

- A customized home energy visit from two qualified professionals who will identify additional ways for you to save in your home, and provide you with up to \$400 in services and materials
 - Customized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next 12 months.
- Before you can schedule your home visit and receive your materials and customized home energy use inventory you must attend a workshop. Victory hosted a workshop in October but you can register for upcoming

workshops and still be eligible for the \$20 home visit.

- February 8th -6:30pm - Logan Recreation Center, 690 13th Ave NE
- March 1—6:30 pm—Lucy Craft Laney School—3333 Penn Ave N
- March 24—6:00 pm North Regional Library. 1315 Lowry Ave

To register for one of the workshops or for more information contact Kyle Boehm at the Center for Energy and Environment at 612-219-7334 or kboehm@mncee.org.

Funding for this program was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Camden Winter Fest—February 5

Calling all crockpots, kitchen masters, and chefs extraordinaire! Mark your calendars for the third annual Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off Saturday, Feb 5th, 2010 11-2pm at Bohanon Park, 49th and Bryant Ave N at the Bohanon Warming House! Come out and taste Camden's best chilies competing for the prestigious golden ladle! Enter your favorite chili recipe! Be one of the

first 10 to enter your chili recipe by January 30th and receive a gift. The winning entry and runner up receive prizes! .

Try out the snowball launcher, make a pinecone bird feeder, try snow shoeing, snow golf, ice skating,

roast a hotdog over an open fire, s'mores, music, wintry fun for the whole family! All this food and fun

for \$5.00 for those 16 and older! Children under 16 free! Bring the whole family!

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for more details

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Support Your Community High School—Patrick Henry

In December 2009, US World and Report included Patrick Henry High School in the top 3% of US schools! Take some time to learn a little bit more about our community's high school at www.henry.mpls.k12.mn.us. In the meantime, you can support Patrick Henry students in their



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athletic endeavors this winter.

The boy's basketball team, which has won the State Basketball Championship several times in recent years, will play home games at 7 pm on Jan.20, Jan 25, Feb 1, 3, 8 and 10. Basketball not your game? The wrestling

team will host a triangular meet against Minnetonka and Minnehaha Academy on Thursday, Jan 27 at 4:00 pm. And you can Cheer on the PHHS Nordic ski team at Theodore Wirth Park at 4 pm on Jan.26 or at the City Tournament at 12 pm on February 3. Go Patriots!

Business Corner—Spotlight—Victory 44

Thank you to Chef Erik Harcey and co-owner Jody Heyerdahl for creating the chef driven, chef as servers and chefs as everything restaurant, Victory 44, in the our neighborhood. The award winning and much lauded Victory 44 is located at 2203 44th Avenue North, offers a very versatile and changing menu and attracts diners from across the metro area.

Visit Victory 44 to sample from the ever changing chalkboard menu and experience the unique serving style where every



Victory 44 is a gem for the Northside

table is a chef's table. The items on the menu can range from the "perfect" burger or roasted chicken to rabbit sausage or almond agnolotti . Not sure what that is ? Just ask your waiter—he is also your chef! And if you would like to sample a few different things Victory 44

offers a Chef's 5 course Taster for \$30. And be sure to try the dessert platter— several amazing desserts to serve 2-4 people for only \$10.

Victory 44 offers daily specials. Monday is Movie Night; starting at 7 pm wine is 1/2 off. Tuesday is Date Night with 2 for the price of

1 on the Chef's Taster. Wednesday's is All Day Happy Hour when tap beer and house wine is half off all day. Thursday is Vegetarian Date Night; 2 for 1 on the Vegetarian Chef's Taster. And stay tuned for upcoming Sunday Brunches.

Victory 44 has been called a gem for the North side by Star Tribune food writer Rick Nelson and it is definitely an asset for the Victory Neighborhood. .Support our local business by walking to this neighborhood gem. You will be greeted, cooked for and served by their friendly staff. Opening daily at 11 am and until 9 pm Monday–Thursday, 10 pm Friday -Saturday and 8 p m Sunday.

Home Security Rebates

In 2010 violent crime in Minneapolis dropped to the lowest levels in the past 25 years. At the same time there was an increase in property crimes, especially burglary , in the Victory Neighborhood. This means we need to increase our vigilance and prevention practices. To aid Victory residents in this, the Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) is offering rebates to Victory Neighborhood residents and rental property owners who make improvements that enhance the security of

their homes or property. Funds will be distributed by ViNA to reimburse property owners / dwellers for up to \$125 of such improvements.

In order to be eligible for the rebate applicants must schedule and complete a Home Security Check Security Workshop conducted by our Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS), Mary Etzioni, and she must approve the proposed home security improvements prior to the im-

provements being made.

The complete guidelines including information on the types of improvements that are eligible and the application are available on the ViNA website victoryneighborhood.org or you can request the information from the ViNA office at 612-529-9558.

You can schedule a home security check with Mary Etzioni at 612-673-3364 or mary.etzioni@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.



Enhance your home security with a ViNA Rebate

Think Spring—Think Rain Garden !

Though it may not seem like it, spring will come and with it the opportunity for the ViNA Environmental Committee to help several more residents install rain gardens. In 2009 we installed 15 , an-

other 9 in 2010 and ViNA still has the resources to assist with a few more.

A rain garden is a depressed bed planted with native plants that is intended to capture and soak up

runoff and prevent it from entering the storm sewer or your basement!

If you would like assistance with installing a rain garden in your yard—ViNA would like to help. Contact ViNA for more info or to apply.

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Neighborhoods' NRP Funds Frozen by City

Recent actions by the Mayor and City Council point to an uncertain future for neighborhood organizations including the Victory Neighborhood Association. On December 14, as part of the 2011 budget approval process, and in an effort to provide property tax relief, the City Council adopted a staff directive that the City go to the State Legislature to request the elimination of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and secure City control of NRP funds that have been committed to neighborhoods, but that have not yet been spent. In addition, the staff directive would limit neighborhood NRP Phase II allocations to 50% of the allocation that the City had previously approved at 100% on June 18, 2010.

For Victory Neighborhood that means \$240,135 of NRP funds will be frozen and unavailable for programs for home improvement assistance, rehabilitation of vacant property, youth activities, Ryan Lake public access and loans to assist new business start-ups in Victory. The City intends to go to the state legislature to request an end of the NRP and to gain control of the funds to provide property tax relief in 2012 and 2013. State legislation in the late 1980's allowed for the creation of the NRP, and so it cannot be dissolved without amended legislation by the State.

While everyone can appreciate tax relief, NRP has proved its value by funding initiatives in neighborhoods that have leveraged several times the

tax investment. New businesses opened in neighborhoods, parks and playgrounds were improved, residents fixed up their homes raising everyone's property values, and grant makers and other government jurisdictions contributed to bricks and mortar and infrastructure improvements that would not have been made without NRP. If you are concerned about the efforts of the City to end the NRP, contact the Mayor at 612-673-2100 (rt@minneapolis.org) or your councilperson Barbara Johnson at 612-673-2204 (Barbara.Johnson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). Encourage your state legislators NOT to dissolve the NRP; Representative Joe Mullery 651-296-4262 (rep.joe.mullery@house.mn) and Linda Higgins at 651-296-4262 (sen.linda.higgins@senate.mn)

