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## Businesses and Residents Envision a Thriving Business Node

Joan Bennett | Economic Development Committee member

The near term and long term future of the intersection of the 35th Street and 23rd Avenue, Corcoran's streetcar-era commercial node, have been the topic of much discussion and planning this spring.

For the past several months, business and property owners located at the intersection have been partnering with CNO's Economic Development Committee to make physical improvements on the street and raise the profile of this historic corner. CNO has hosted several meetings to identify immediate priorities and determine how they might share the cost of these improvements. Ideas that may move forward this summer include adding bike racks and planters in front of many of the buildings. CNO has committed to helping offset a portion of the costs of these improvements.

There is also strong interest among businesses in planning a block party that would showcase the great food, goods, and services available not only at the intersection but throughout the neighborhood. Businesses outside the node as well as home-based business will also be encouraged to participate. The Committee is working with business owners to develop a vision and plan logistics for the event, which would be likely to occur in the fall.

To plan for the long term of the intersection, CNO has been leading a broader discussion around how neighborhood residents and businesses would like to see the corner evolve. This will shape the formal input that the Neighborhood will give Minneapolis City Planners as they explore potential policies and programs to guide and support development in streetcar-era commercial nodes.

In late February, the Economic Development Committee held a neighborhood meeting at the new Hair & Nails art gallery to discuss big picture planning. Residents shared their hopes for the future of the corner, suggestions for improvements and their feelings on merits/risks of changing zoning to allow for more intense development. From the feedback that was shared, CNO will draft a position statement that will eventually be shared (after further neighborhood input) with the City planners who are exploring new potential policies and programs to guide and support development at former street car commercial nodes.

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, contact [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org).

## Las empresas y los residentes prevean un nudo comercial próspero

Joan Bennett | Miembro del Comité de Desarrollo Económico

El corto plazo y a largo plazo de la intersección de la 35th Street y la Avenida 23, Corcoran tranvía del nodo comercial de la época, han sido el tema de mucho debate y planificación de esta primavera.

Durante los últimos meses, los negocios y los dueños de la propiedad ubicada en la intersección se han asociado con el Comité de Desarrollo Económico del CNO para hacer mejoras físicas en la calle y elevar el perfil de este rincón histórico. CNO ha celebrado varias reuniones para identificar las prioridades inmediatas y determinar cómo pueden compartir el costo de estas mejoras. Ideas que pueden avanzar este verano incluyen la adición de bastidores de bicicletas y maceteros en frente de muchos de los edificios. CNO se ha comprometido a ayudar a compensar una parte de los costes de estas mejoras.

También hay un fuerte interés entre las empresas en la planificación de una fiesta de bloque que realza la gran comida, bienes o servicios disponibles no sólo en la intersección sino de todo el barrio. Las empresas fuera del nodo así como de negocio basado en el hogar también serán invitados a participar. La Comisión está trabajando con los dueños de negocios para desarrollar una visión y planificar la logística del evento, que podría ocurrir en el otoño.

Planificar a largo plazo de la intersección, CNO ha iniciado un amplio debate en torno a cómo los vecinos del barrio y a las empresas les gustaría ver la esquina evolucionar. Esto dará forma a la entrada formal de que el vecindario dará a los planificadores de la ciudad de Minneapolis mientras exploran posibilidades políticas y programas para orientar y apoyar el desarrollo en la era de tranvía nodos comerciales.

A finales de febrero, el Comité de Desarrollo Económico celebró una reunión en el nuevo barrio Hair & Nails Art gallery Big Picture para discutir la planificación. Los residentes compartieron sus esperanzas para el futuro de la esquina, sugerencias de mejora y sus sentimientos sobre el fondo/riesgos de cambiar la zonificación para permitir un desarrollo más intenso. A partir de la información que se compartió, CNO redactará una declaración de posición que finalmente serán compartidos (tras la entrada de barrio) con los planificadores urbanos que están explorando nuevas posibilidades políticas y programas para orientar y apoyar el desarrollo en ex coche de la calle comercial de nodos.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más o involucrarse, póngase en contacto con [Info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:Info@corcoranneighborhood.org).

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Corcoran's community gardens are now accepting applications. See page 4 or insert for more information.

Los jardines comunitarios de Corcoran están aceptando aplicaciones. Consulte la página 4 para obtener más información.



Abril – Calendario Comunitario | April – Community Calender

Meetings

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting**  
**6 – 8pm**  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.  
> For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>  
> Questions? [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Newspaper Committee**  
**6 – 7pm**  
Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.  
> Questions? [Russ Grigsby](mailto:Russ.Grigsby@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
[news@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:news@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Midtown Farmers Market Spring Vendor Meeting**  
**9am-11am**  
Annual meeting of Midtown Farmers Market vendors to discuss events, updates, and news for our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. Anyone interested in vending at the market is welcome to attend.  
> Questions? [Miguel Goebel](mailto:Miguel.Goebel@midtownfarmersmarket.org) manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**6 – 7:30pm**  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to support market staff in identified areas of need including fundraising, communications, operations, outreach and partnerships, and on-site support.  
> Questions? [Miguel Goebel](mailto:Miguel.Goebel@midtownfarmersmarket.org)  
[miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org) - 612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Economic Development Committee Meeting**  
**6 – 7:30pm**  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to build a retail environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents’ needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.  
> Questions? [Matt Kazinka](mailto:Matt.Kazinka@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
[info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457  
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Community

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Food Shelf Distribution**  
**3 – 4pm**  
Lebanon Church (21st Ave & 36th St)  
(Always the first Tuesday of each month)

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Alleycat Spring Clean-up Parade**  
**9:30am – Coffee/Donuts & Inspiration!**  
**10am – 12noon – Parade/ Trash pick-up**  
Starting Location - Corcoran Neighborhood Office  
Join us as we clean-up our alley’s and draw attention to the importance of keeping trash/ recycling/compost out of our drains and watershed. We’ll be making beautiful music, stenciling the storm drains, sidewalk chalking motivation and, of course, picking up trash/ recycling and compost! Kid-friendly event. Bring work gloves/trash pickers if you have them! All are encouraged and welcomed.  
Hopefully the weather is beautiful but our rain date is April 15th.  
> Check our facebook page for more details on starting location and engagement opportunities: [www.facebook.com/corcorangrows](http://www.facebook.com/corcorangrows)

**Due Monday, May 8th**  
**Fecha Lunes, 8 de Mayo**  
**Corcoran Community Garden Applications.**  
**Corcoran Comunidad aplicaciones de jardín**  
See insert for details -  
Vea la inserción para más detalles

Events

**Every Monday in March & April**  
**The Theater of Public Policy (T2P2)**  
**7pm**  
This spring, T2P2 will host two candidates for governor, talk with Minneapolis’s chief of police, examine business large and small, and attempt to answer “Where does our trash go?”  
Tickets: \$12 in advance · \$15 at the door.  
> Location: The Bryant Lake Bowl Theater (810 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis)  
Learn more on our interweb page: <http://www.T2P2.net> or by calling the Bryant Lake Bowl box office at (612) 8258949

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**South Minneapolis Housing Fair**  
**10am – 3pm**  
Financial resources, info sessions, smart house ideas, building, remodeling & landscape contractors, door prizes, neighborhood organizations, tiny solar house, tech dump and more!  
Free admission & free parking. For more information, [www.housingfair.org](http://www.housingfair.org)  
> Location: South High School  
3131 S 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407

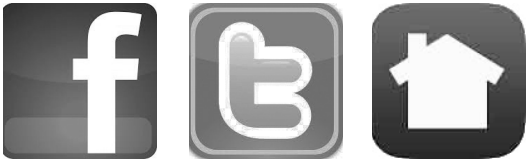
**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Pangea World Theater's: 5 Weeks by Meena Natarajan  
2:30pm on Sundays, 7:30pm Thursday - Saturday  
Pangea World Theater is excited to announce its 2017 spring production, 5 Weeks. This world premiere by playwright Meena Natarajan and directed by Artistic Director Dipankar Mukherjee tells the stories of those divided by the 1947 hastily drawn border of the British Indian Empire into India and Pakistan.  
Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 groups of ten or more, and \$12 for students and seniors. For more information visit our website, [www.pangeaworldtheater.org](http://www.pangeaworldtheater.org). Reserve tickets at [thelabtheater.org](http://thelabtheater.org) and (612) 333-7977.  
> Location: The Lab Theater, 700 N 1st St, Minneapolis, MN

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Midtown Farmers Market Opening Day**  
**8am-1pm**  
Join us for the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> Season of the farmers market with a food truck fest and many other activities to celebrate!  
> Location: Hiawatha Avenue and Lake Street  
For more information, go to [www.midtownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org).

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**COPA Art Crawl**  
Enjoy a stroll through our beautiful neighborhoods as you view the many creations by our resident artists! They will graciously open their studios for your viewing pleasure. You can see what your neighbors create and help support them and our community! This coincides with the 15th Anniversary opening of the Farmer’s Market and is the eve of the MayDay Parade- making for a fun-filled weekend full of outdoor events!  
> For more information, visit [copa-artcrawl.com](http://copa-artcrawl.com) or contact [copaartcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:copaartcrawl@gmail.com)

**Saturdays & Sundays May 6th-June 11th**  
**YWCA Youth Basketball Leagues**  
Co-ed leagues for kids, ages 5-15, introduce youth to team sports while creating a mentorship environment with pre-game lessons on sportsmanship and inclusion from coaches. Cost per participant: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers, Cost per team: \$150 (minimum 7 players). Registration opens April 1.  
> Contact Bruce Smith at 612-215-4303 or [bsmith@ywcampsls.org](mailto:bsmith@ywcampsls.org) for questions.

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## Tutoring in Corcoran

Ellen Lipschultz | Volunteer Coordinator, Adult Education, Minneapolis Public Schools



Corcoran residents are valuable volunteers at Minneapolis Adult Education, helping once a week in daytime or evening classes—English Language Learning (ELL), reading, writing, math, or citizenship. The volunteers help serve the nearly 900 students who attend school at the MPS Adult Education Center (22nd Ave & Lake St).

Maricruz Avila-Tellez, a student who lives in Corcoran, comments about her classroom volunteers, “I like them because they help me a lot with questions when the teacher is busy with other students.” Two of the volunteers in Maricruz’s class live in Corcoran.

So what motivates Corcoran residents to share their time? For Sarah Bartz, “Volunteering with Adult Education is a very rewarding experience because I learn from the students and they learn from me. The stu-

dents are very hard working and determined to succeed.” Mary Buhr says, “Ever since the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris and all the anti-refugee rhetoric that followed, I wanted to take some action to counteract it. I contacted Minneapolis Adult Education to inquire about volunteering, and there was an opening for a math class assistant. It’s already been so rewarding to connect with the students and learn from them, along with the teacher and the other volunteers.” Volunteer Hannah Ramer says, “It’s fun! It’s a chance to get to know fellow volunteers and new language-learners and hear their stories. Each day there is a new activity, a new challenge.”

For more information, or to volunteer, please visit: [abempls.k12.mn.us/volunteer](http://abempls.k12.mn.us/volunteer)

## Standing with Refugees

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

Last month Transform Minnesota brought together faith leaders from around the Twin Cities for a panel discussion regarding the implications of cuts to the refugee program in Minnesota. Panelist Patricia Fenrick, of MN DHS, clarified that the current vetting process for refugees is extremely rigorous, involving six different federal agencies. Jean-Pierre, himself a refugee, expressed gratitude for the hospitality he has been shown in Minnesota, but lamented that his particular vetting process has taken thirteen years to complete. Bob Oehrig, of Arrive Ministries, stated that 95% of

refugee cases in Minnesota involve family reunification. And Pastor John Crosby of Christ Presbyterian Church reminded those in attendance that Jesus himself (and his parents) were political refugees. Each of the panelists acknowledged the current need for security, but were quick to point out that no refugee in America has ever carried out a terror attack.

For more information, or to learn how you can help refugees with resettlement, go to [transformmn.org](http://transformmn.org)



## CNO Staff Transitions | Transiciones en el equipo de CNO

Flannery Clark | CNO Board Chair & Corcoran Neighbor - Vecino y Vicepresidente de la mesa directiva de CNO

After 12 years on staff at Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Eric Gustafson has resigned to pursue a new opportunity at the Family Housing Fund, continuing his work on affordable housing. Stay tuned for an event to celebrate Eric’s dozen years of service to CNO!

The CNO Board of Directors is excited to announce that Heidi Johnson McAllister, CNO’s Associate Director for the last two years, has been selected as the new Executive Director. Heidi is currently on maternity leave, and will return June 15. [heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)

In addition, Vanessa Haight has joined the CNO staff as the part-time Interim Director during Heidi’s leave, and will transition into a new full-time role as Community Development Manager over the next few months. Please join us in welcoming Vanessa to the CNO staff! [vanessa@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:vanessa@corcoranneighborhood.org)



left: Heidi Johnson - CNO's new Executive Director



right: Vanessa Haight - CNO's Interim Director

Después de 12 años en el equipo de la Organización de Vecinos Corcoran, Eric Gustafson ha renunciado para ir en búsqueda de una nueva oportunidad en el Fondo de Vivienda Familiar, dando continuidad a su trabajo en vivienda módica. Mantente al tanto de un evento para celebrar los doce años de servicio en CNO de Eric.

La Mesa Directiva de CNO se enorgullece en anunciar que Heidi Johnson McAllister, Directora Asociada de CNO por los últimos 2 años, ha sido seleccionada como la nueva directora ejecutiva. Heidi actualmente se encuentra en incapacidad por maternidad y regresará el 15 de junio. [heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)

En adición, Vanessa Haight se ha unido al equipo de CNO como directora temporal por medio tiempo durante la ausencia de Heidi, y hará la transición hacia el rol de Gerente de Desarrollo Comunitario de tiempo completo en los próximos meses. Por favor ven para dar la bienvenida a Vanessa al equipo de CNO. [vanessa@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:vanessa@corcoranneighborhood.org)

## Adieu Corcoran! | ¡Adiós Corcoran!

Eric Gustafson | Outgoing CNO Director - Director saliente de CNO



I bought a distressed old house on 22nd Avenue in 2003, in the heart of the Corcoran neighborhood. Over the 13 years I lived in it, I put untold hundreds of hours of sweat and tears into the home’s repair and restoration. While pounding nails on my front porch one day, shortly after I moved in, some neighbors stopped by to thank me, and to recruit me. “We’re working to improve housing throughout the neighborhood, and we need you to get involved.” So I got involved, and in March 2005 I began working full time for CNO as staff. Over these last 12 years I’ve knocked on almost every door in the neighborhood and I’ve gotten to know hundreds of Corcoran residents and their stories.

It has been a joy and an honor to fight alongside so many of you for a neighborhood that’s great for everyone. It is hard to leave, but I will be moving on to a new job at the Family Housing Fund, where I’ll continue to fight for safe, decent, affordable housing. I leave CNO in the hands of a very capable and passionate board of directors and a talented and experienced staff team. My family and I remain ardent supporters and patrons of the Midtown Farmers Market, which will keep us coming back to the neighborhood that gave us a home and so much more over the years.

The CNO Board of Directors has named current staff member Heidi

Johnson McAllister to be Executive Director. Heidi has been the Associate Director at CNO for over the past 2 years, supporting the overall work of the organization as well as staffing the Economic Development Committee and the Newspaper Committee. She is excited to take on this new role as the Executive Director. She looks forward to continuing to move the work of uniting the Corcoran neighborhood forward with you, the CNO board, and staff. Heidi will be on maternity leave soon as she is expecting her second child, but will be back in mid-June.

With Heidi’s maternity leave, Vanessa Haight will be filling in on a part time basis as the Interim Director. Vanessa has also accepted the role of Community Development Manager and will be phasing into that role over the next few months. Vanessa brings a unique combination of neighborhood and city planning experience, having worked for Beltrami Neighborhood Council most recently and city government in the past. She is excited to utilize her planning background as Community Development Manager and looking forward to learning more about

CNO and the Corcoran neighborhood during her interim position.

Compré una casa vieja en la avenida 22 en el año 2013, en el corazón del Vecindario Corcoran. Durante los 13 años que viví en ella, invertí una gran cantidad de horas de sudor y lagrimas en su reparación y renovación. Un día mientras clavaba clavos en el porche de enfrente, poco antes de haberme mudado, unos vecinos se me acercaron para agradecerme y para reclutarme. “Estamos trabajando en el mejoramiento del vecindario, y te necesitamos para que te involucres”. Así que me involucré, y en marzo del 2005 inicié mi trabajo de tiempo completo como parte del equipo de CNO. Durante estos últimos 12 años he tocado a las puertas de casi todo el vecindario y he conocido a cientos de residentes y cientos de historias de Corcoran.

Ha sido una alegría y un honor luchar junto a muchos de ustedes por un vecindario que sea excelente para todos. Es difícil irse, pero me marcharé a un nuevo trabajo en el Fondo de Vivienda Familiar (Family Housing Fund), desde donde

continuaré luchando por viviendas seguras, decentes y módicas. Dejo al CNO en manos de una mesa directiva muy capaz y muy apasionada y un equipo talentoso y experimentado. Mi familia y yo seguimos siendo ardientes seguidores y clientes del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown, lo que nos hará regresar al vecindario que nos dio un hogar y mucho más durante estos años.

La mesa directiva de CNO ha nombrado a la actual miembro del equipo, Heidi Johnson McAllister como directora ejecutiva. Heidi ha sido la directora asociada del CNO por más de 2 años, apoyando todo el trabajo de la organización como también dotando de personal al Comité de Desarrollo Económico y al Comité de Noticias. Ella está entusiasmada con este nuevo rol de directora ejecutiva. Espera con ansias continuar marchando con el trabajo de unificar al vecindario Corcoran, a la mesa directiva y al personal. Heidi estará pronto en incapacidad por maternidad y está esperando a un segundo hijo, pero regresará a mediados de junio.

Con la incapacidad por maternidad de Heidi, Vanessa Haight estará

cubriéndola medio tiempo como directora temporal. Vanessa ha aceptado también el papel de Gerente de Desarrollo Comunitario y estará trabajando en ese rol durante los siguientes meses. Vanesa trae una combinación única de experiencia de vecindarios y planeación de la ciudad, habiendo trabajado en el Consejo Vecinal Beltrami recientemente y en el gobierno en el pasado. Está emocionada de usar su experiencia de planeación como gerente de desarrollo comunitario y espera aprender más sobre CNO y el vecindario Corcoran durante su posición temporal.



# Community Garden Applications Due May 8th | Solicitudes ahora disponibles para parcelas en los dos jardines comunitarios de Corcoran

Genevieve Olive | Volunteer Garden Coordinator, Corcoran Community Garden & Anne Holzinger | Volunteer Garden Coordinator, Milly's Peace Garden

Applications are now open for plots at Corcoran's two community gardens! Garden plots range from 4'x12' to 10'x12' in size, and several accessible raised bed plots are available at the Corcoran Community Garden. Cost for plots varies from \$35-\$60 for the year, depending on plot size. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Check out the updates below from our garden coordinators!

## Corcoran Community Garden (3301 24th Avenue South)

Hello Spring! Welcome back, we've missed you so! I don't know about everyone else but I'm ready to start digging in the dirt! We are introducing some new plot sizes this season at the Corcoran Community Garden, and are excited to see the Healthy Bees Healthy Lives Pollinator Patch come back to life! The projected date for gardeners orientation is Saturday, May 20th at 1:00pm. See you around the garden!

--Genevieve Olive, Volunteer Garden Coordinator, Corcoran Community Garden

## Milly's Peace Garden (2017 East 38th St.)

With the arrival of spring, it's time to think about gardening! Milly's Peace Garden is starting its seventh year. We are the smaller of



the two community gardens, with just eight plots. Two plots are open this year. It's a great group of gardeners, including an herbalist who grows medicinal plants that the pollinators love. We look forward to having a couple of new folks join us for the 2017 growing season!

--Anne Holzinger, Volunteer Garden Coordinator, Milly's Peace Garden

To apply for a plot at either garden, return your completed application (sent as an insert in today's paper and available at [www.corcoranneighborhood.org/community\\_gardens](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/community_gardens)) and the annual garden fee to the CNO office at 3451 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407 by 4pm on Monday, May 8th. Contact Brettina Davis, CNO organizer with questions or for more information - [brettina@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:brettina@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.

Tenemos disponibles parcelas para jardines de 4'x12' a 10'x12' de tamaño y varias parcelas estilo cama. Todo esto en el Jardín Comunitario de Corcoran. El costo de las parcelas varía desde \$35 dólares a \$60 dólares por todo el año, dependiendo del tamaño. Hay becas disponibles para aquellos con necesidad financiera. Revisa las actualizaciones abajo de nuestros coordinadores.

## Jardín Comunitario de Corcoran (3301 24th Avenue South)

¡Hola Primavera! ¡Bienvenida otra vez, te hemos extrañado! No sé sobre ustedes pero yo ya estoy lista para escarbar tierra. Tenemos nuevos tamaños de parcelas esta temporada en el Jardín Comunitario de Corcoran, y estamos emocionados de ver una vez más el Area de 'Terreno Polinizador de Abejas Saludable y Vidas Saludables'. La fecha tentativa para la orientación de los jardineros es sábado 20 de mayo a la 1:00PM. ¡Nos vemos en el jardín!

--Genevieve Olive, Coordinadora Voluntaria del Jardín - Jardín Comunitario de Corcoran

## Jardín de la Paz de Milly (2017 E. 38th St.)

Con la llegada de la primavera, es hora de pensar en la jardinería. El Jardín de la Paz de Milly inicia su séptimo año. Somos el más pequeño de los dos jardines comunitarios, con sólo ocho parcelas. Dos parcelas estarán disponibles este año. Somos un fantástico grupo de jardineros, incluyendo a un herborista quien cosecha plantas medicinales que los polinizadores adoran. Tenemos ansias de contar con algunas gentes nuevas para que nos acompañen en esta temporada de cosecha 2017.

--Anne Holzinger, Coordinadora Voluntaria del Jardín - Jardín de Paz Milly

Para solicitar una parcela en cualquiera de los jardines, someta una solicitud (enviada en el periódico de hoy y disponible en [www.corcoranneighborhood.org/community\\_gardens](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/community_gardens)) y encargo anual a la oficina de CNO a la siguiente dirección: 3451 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407, antes de las 4PM del lunes 8 de mayo. Para más información, preguntas, o ayuda con el formulario en español, favor de contactar a Mallory, Asistente de Programas de CNO: [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) o al teléfono 612-584-3512.

# Update on Organics Recycling in Corcoran

Sean Gosiewski | Corcoran GROWS

Great news! Corcoran Neighborhood is halfway to having all of our households participating in the City of Minneapolis Organic Recycling program, with 44% of our households signing up for the GREEN organic waste recycling carts.

This is making a huge difference! In 2016 residents participating city-wide diverted more than 3,300 TONS of compostable materials including food scraps, non-recyclable paper including paper towels, napkins, pizza boxes and egg cartons and other compostable items.

There's no extra cost to have organics picked up every week, but you have to sign up to receive a cart. By participating in organics recycling, customers may be able to reduce the number or size of their garbage cart(s) which saves money on their City of Minneapolis utility bills. For more information about organics recycling or to sign up visit [www.minneapolis.gov/solid-waste/organics](http://www.minneapolis.gov/solid-waste/organics).

Back yard Composting is also a great option! Corcoran GROWS volunteers are composting in our back yard and we are happy to show you how or host a workshop this summer - email Joe Hesla [jhesla@juno.com](mailto:jhesla@juno.com) if you are interested. To learn how to set up a back yard compost bin you can also visit [www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/backyard-composting](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/backyard-composting)

Don't forget your recycling day - sign up for recycling reminders at [www.minneapolis.gov/solid-waste](http://www.minneapolis.gov/solid-waste)

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# COPA Artcrawl

Chris Sutton | COPA President & Artist



On Saturday, May 6th, COPA or Corcoran/Powderhorn Artists will be having an Art Crawl!

This Crawl, coinciding with the 15th Anniversary of the Farmer's Market, marks the debut of our new neighborhood event! It's the beginning of May, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, the sun is shining: why not take a stroll down our lovely, friendly streets and, with accompanying maps, go visit your neighbors' homes/studios to learn about their talents and hobbies. If you're already on your way to the Farmer's

Market, make it a family funday and make our Crawl part of your new yearly tradition. Pop into a neighbor's home to see what they're making and how they create it. You'll be surprised as to what they can do! So help support these local artists and crafters by participating in our first Art Crawl. Regardless of whether you buy their work or not, remember that compliments are free and always welcome!

The COPA mission is to represent our neighborhoods' varied artistic talents through our website and an annual Art Crawl. We aim

to celebrate and promote our members' artwork by providing resources and opportunities for artists to market their art and network with other artists.

Beyond this, the Art Crawl is not only a great community-building event for neighborhood residents, but one that will also include businesses so that the crawl and the traffic flow that it (hopefully) creates will benefit them as well. If you'd like to learn more and/or be a part of COPA or the Art Crawl, feel free to contact us at [Copaartcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:Copaartcrawl@gmail.com)

# The Civility Project Action #2: postcard writing afternoon

Susan Hensel | Corcoran Neighbor & Gallery Owner



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Friends and neighbors gathered at Susan Hensel Gallery on Saturday, March 11, to write postcards and make more buttons. Susan bought one roll of postcard stamps and the productivity outstripped the stamp count! Around 150 postcards and another 500 buttons were made in the afternoon.

If you want to join the project, you can download postcard files and databases for writing to your legislators whenever you want from the website: [www.civility-project.com](http://www.civility-project.com).

So far, The Civility Project and its community has distributed close to 1000 buttons inviting people to talk

and listen. They have been distributed coast to coast: California, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Kentucky, Florida, Minnesota, and South Carolina. One distributor told me that she distributed some in a school in Harlem. How cool is that?.

## What is the Civility Project?

The Civility Project seeks to build stronger communities and restore civil discourse. The Civility Project promotes understanding between opposing groups through the encouragement of story sharing and deep listening. These tenets will be demonstrated through the distribution of artwork, opportunities and events for gathering and conversation, as well as increased networking with people who long for peace and civility in their



neighborhoods. The Civility Project will produce new initiatives at least every two months, usually in the form of local events.

You can contact the Civility Project by emailing [susanhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:susanhensel@yahoo.com)



## Business Spotlight Martha Bird – Artist

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor & Economic Development Committee Member



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Martha Bird’s world is expanding exponentially. Just a couple of years ago, Martha would have thought herself the average person who likes to create, but things are moving and shaking for her now. As a multidisciplinary artist and basketweaver, Martha is humble about her skills but is beginning to accept her place as an artist. She’s actually embracing it, every inch of it. In fact, just last year she converted her artisanship to a professional focus and it’s really refreshing to see her excitement and dismay at all she is achieving so quickly.

The National Basketry Organization designated one of Martha’s baskets “as a benchmark of excellence in traditional and sculptural basketry that demonstrate superior technique and original concept and design.” Chosen by a former Smithsonian curator, her piece is just one of 40 pieces selected to tour the US, from Seattle to Boston – quite an achievement since over 300 were considered.

Her latest “first” is curating a show at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The show is entitled *Water’s Edge* and runs from April 9 – May 31, 2017. It includes 15 artists,

from Spectrum ArtWorks, an artist collective consisting of full time artists living with mental health issues. The program’s mission is designed to “assist dedicated artists in integrating into the larger arts community while educating the public and breaking stigmas”.

The show will feature Martha’s baskets, specifically a selection of creels (woven baskets for carrying fish) commissioned just for this occasion. I had the pleasure of getting a sneak peek and was impressed by the level of skill involved and it was interesting to watch the artistry progress with each piece.

Martha’s next big step will take her to Ireland this summer where she will study with four Irish basketmakers using willow. If you’d like to see Martha’s work, the Artists Reception will be on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30pm in the Gallery Café at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum with light snacks and live music. The show runs from April 9 – May 31, 2017. Come out, support your neighbor and the arts, learn a little more about basketweaving and then spend a day at the lovely arboretum!

## Guarda la fecha: Día de Apertura del Festival de Camiones de Comida del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown - 6 de mayo

Miguel Goebel | Gerente de mercado

El día de apertura en el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown está muy cerca, así que guarde la fecha: el 6 de mayo es el día de apertura del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown. El Mercado regresará para su 15° temporada de aniversario en 2225 E. Lake Street, en nuestra misma locación temporal como el año pasado, cerca de la esquina de E. Lake St. y Hiawatha Ave que eventualmente se convertirá en el hogar permanente del Mercado. Ve la imagen de abajo para detalles de ubicación exactos. Esta temporada estaremos operando con el nuevo Centro de Servicios Humanos del Condado de Hennepin como nuestro vecino, y tenemos muchas actividades, entretenimiento, eventos y vendedores en fila para una monumental temporada 15° de sabores frescos y locales para todos.

Algunos eventos emocionantes que hemos planeado para esta temporada nueva, incluyen un Día de Apertura del Festival de Camiones de Comida - 6 de mayo -, que incluirá algunos de nuestros puestos regulares de comida como Kabomelette y el Omnívoro Moral, el Camión de Empanadas MidNord junto a algunos camiones nuevos y emocionantes. El Mercado estará también asociándose con los Centros de Sangre Memorial para realizar una campaña de donación de sangre en el día de apertura, así que por favor considere el hacer su contribución para ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan. Habrá bastante entreten-

imiento y actividades para todos como también se incluirán Actividades de Niños cada 2° sábado, demostraciones de mercado de ciencia y actividades, Demostraciones de Cocina en Sabores de Midtown, dos campañas de sangre más y Centros de Sangre Memorial durante el curso de verano, actuaciones de baile y, claro, música semanal en el escenario del mercado. Nuestras Series de Poesía de Verano también regresarán en el 2017 gracias a patrocinadores de Wellington Management. La poesía será presentada el Día de Liderazgo Juvenil, como también en nuestras celebraciones culturales listadas abajo.

Los clientes tendrán también acceso a estacionamiento adicional esta temporada en la rampa al sur del Centro de Servicios Humanos de Hennepin County y al occidente del edificio de Educación Básica para Adultos de las Escuelas Públicas de Minneapolis. El mercado tendrá acceso de la rampa via sendero hacia el norte del edificio MPS. Equipo del mercado y voluntarios han estado trabajando duro durante el invierno para asegurar que este sea excelente. Estamos muy contentos de iniciar la temporada 2017 con un estallido y ver la gran cantidad de caras conocidas que frecuentan el mercado cada semana, así que ¡ven y visítanos cada sábado, durante todo el verano!



## Save the Date: Midtown Farmers Market Opening Day Food Truck Fest May 6th!

Miguel Goebel | MFM Manager

Opening Day at the Midtown Farmers Market is right around the corner, so save the date: **May 6<sup>th</sup> is Opening Day at the Midtown Farmers Market!** The Market will return for its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season at **2225 E. Lake Street** in our same interim location as last year, near the corner of E. Lake St. and Hiawatha Ave that will eventually become the permanent home of the Market. See the image below for exact location details. This season we will be operating with the new Hennepin County Human Services Center as our neighbor, and we have lots of exciting activities, entertainment, events and vendors lined up for a monumental 15<sup>th</sup> season of bringing fresh, local flavor to all!

A few exciting events we have planned for this upcoming season include an **Opening Day Food Truck Fest** on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, which will include some of our regular food truck vendors like **Kabomelette** and **the Moral Omnivore**, and **MidNord Empanada Truck** along with some new and exciting trucks as well! The market will also be partnering with **Memorial Blood Centers** to hold a blood drive on Opening Day, so please think about contributing to help those in need. There will be plenty

of great entertainment and activities for everyone as well, including 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Children’s Activities, Market Science demonstrations and activities, Midtown Flavors Cooking Demos, two more Blood Drives with Memorial Blood Centers over the course of the summer, dance performances, and of course weekly music on the market stage. Our **Summer Poetry Series** will also be returning in 2017 thanks to a sponsorship from **Wellington Management**. Poetry will be performed on Youth Leadership Day, as well as on our culturally themed celebrations listed below.

Patrons will also have access to additional parking this season in the parking ramp directly south of the Hennepin County Human Services Center and to the west of Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Basic Education building. The market will be accessible from the ramp via a walkway to the north of the MPS building. Market staff and volunteers have been hard at work over the winter making sure this year is a great one! We’re excited to kick off the 2017 season with a bang and to see the many familiar faces that frequent the market each week, so come visit us each Saturday, all summer long!



## COPA Artist: Marcus Larson

Marcus Larson, Corcoran Resident & COPA Member



As a hobbyist painter, it seems like life is often distracting me from making art. The exciting thing for me lately has been COPA. I had no idea there were so many artists living in the neighborhood. The number of galleries in the area is also an inspiration! It’s great to be painting again. I’m thrilled that Corcoran is becoming known as an arts area of Minneapolis.



### Calendario de Eventos del Mercado Preliminar:

- 6 de mayo - Apertura del Día de Camiones de Comida y Campaña de donación de Sangre
- 13 de mayo - Día de Ag Urbano
- 20 de mayo - Día de Liderazgo Juvenil
- 10 de junio - Día de la Abeja y los Polinizadores
- 24 de junio - Celebración Cultural del Afroamericano
- 15 de julio - Celebración Cultural del Africano del Este
- 29 de julio - Día de la Bicicleta
- 19 de agosto - Festival del Maíz
- 9 de septiembre - Día del Escandinavo
- 30 de septiembre - Celebración Nativoamericana

El Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown está ubicado en 2225 E. Lake St., cerca de la esquina de E. Lake St. y Hiawatha Ave y ofrece productos frescos y locales y otros artículos, los sábados de 8:00AM a 1:00PM, de mayo a octubre; y martes de 3:00PM a 7:00PM, de junio a octubre.

### Preliminary Market Events Calendar:

- May 6th - Opening Day Food Truck Fest and Blood Drive
- May 13th - Urban Ag Day
- May 20th - Youth Leadership Day
- June 10th - Bee and Pollinators Day
- June 24th - African American Cultural Celebration
- July 15th - East African Cultural Celebration
- July 29th - Bike Day
- August 19th - Festival del Maíz
- September 9th - Scandinavian Day
- September 30th - Native American Celebration

The Midtown Farmers Market is located at 2225 E. Lake St., near the corner of E. Lake St. and Hiawatha Ave and offers fresh, local produce and other goods Saturdays from 8:00am-1:00pm May-October and Tuesdays from 3:00-7:00pm June-October.



# Our City's Housing Apartheid | EL APARTHEID EN LAS VIVIENDAS DE NUESTRA CIUDAD

Evan Lee-Ferrand | Renter's Committee Chair

The Star Tribune, on March 8, wrote an article regarding the department of Regulatory Services of the city of Minneapolis and their three grade tier system to grade the living conditions of rental apartment buildings across the city. Tier 1 reflects a building with no code violations which means license is cheaper and inspections are less needed, and tier 3 refers to poorer conditions where rental licensing is more expensive along with more frequent city inspections.

Sounds great right? Depends who you ask. From a bifocal perspective, tenants and organizers that work in housing issues say this system is failing whereas landlords and the head of Regulatory Services, Noah Schuchman, simply state that, "We make adjustments as they are appropriate".

I suggest to our readers new to this issue to see this under a new light. Imagine if a certain credit score was required in order to shop at a certain type of grocery store. Now imagine if you could only access stores where the produce bins were lined with mold, and cockroaches creep out as you pick an item off the shelf. Then, you call the city and they tell you that your stores where you shop are ranked as their most sanitary businesses and that they are alleging that they are handling the matter at an appropriate pace. Even if the city were to shut down these businesses, no policy is in place to make sure that you have access to an alternative grocery store within your qualifying tier. Meanwhile some of the same grocery owners are building a new series of grocery stores for another class of consumers with better credit, and who incidentally happen to predominantly share the same skin color. For the sake of



At a renters & city meeting tenants address habitability issues, retaliation, and gentrification.

this article this higher tier of grocery store is called, *Full Foods or Funds*.

The idea of having to qualify to shop at a grocery store sounds preposterous, yet this is directly parallel to how rental housing works. Because a booming housing market raises the values for all properties, a landlord can neglect a building occupied by tenants, and still make a profit after holding down that place from decades past when the market values were much lower.

To learn more about renters' issues beyond this abridged allegory, we at CNO encourage concerned readers to contact us to find out about the next Renter's Committee meeting. Come talk with tenants and Brettina Davis, an organizer with years of experience under her belt, to talk about our actions within Corcoran to amplify the voices of these issues and to work for solutions for better housing conditions.

El Star Tribune, el 8 de marzo escribió un artículo sobre el departamento de Servicios de Regulación de la ciudad de Minneapolis y su sistema de 3 niveles para medir las condiciones de vida de edificios departamentales en renta

alrededor de la ciudad. El nivel 1 refleja un edificio sin violaciones al código lo que significa que la licencia es más barata y las inspecciones menos necesarias, y el nivel 3 refleja condiciones más pobres en donde la licencia para rentar es más cara y con más inspecciones de la ciudad más frecuentemente.

¿Suena bien, no? Depende a quien le preguntes. De una perspectiva bifocal, los inquilinos y los organizadores que trabajan en asuntos de vivienda aseguran que este sistema está fallando mientras que los dueños de las propiedades y quien encabeza los Servicios de Regulación, Noah Schuchman, simplemente declaran que "hacemos ajustes como los vayamos considerando apropiados".

Sugiero que nuestros nuevos lectores en torno a este tema vean esto con nuevos ojos. Imagina si un cierto record de crédito fuese necesario para poder comprar en cierta tienda de abarrotes. Ahora imagina si pudieras solamente ingresar a tiendas en donde los contenedores de los productos estuvieran llenos de moho, y las cucarachas salieran cuando recoges un artículo del estante. Luego, llamas a la ciudad y te dicen que tus tiendas en donde compras están catalogadas como

sus negocios más limpios y te alegan que están manejando la situación a un paso apropiado. Incluso cuando la ciudad cerrara estos negocios, no hubiese ninguna política en su lugar para asegurar de que tuvieras acceso a una tienda de abarrotes alterna dentro de tu nivel de calificación. Mientras tanto algunos de los mismos dueños de las tiendas estuviesen construyendo una nueva serie de tiendas de abarrotes para otra clase de clientes con mejor crédito, y quienes accidentalmente comparten el mismo color de piel. Por el bien de este artículo, este nivel más alto de tienda se llama, Comidas Completas o Fondos.

La idea de tener que calificar para comprar en una tienda de abarrotes suena absurdo, sin embargo esto es un paralelo a la forma en que la renta de viviendas opera. Debido a que el mercado floreciente de viviendas incrementa el valor de todas las propiedades, un dueño puede descuidar un edificio ocupado por inquilinos, y aun así sacar ganancia después de desatender el lugar por décadas desde cuando el valor en el mercado era más bajo.

Para aprender más sobre problemas con arrendatarios más allá de esta breve metáfora, nosotros en CNO invitamos a los lectores consternados a contactarnos para averiguar sobre la próxima reunión del Comité de Arrendatarios. Ven a hablar con inquilinos y Brettina Davis, una organizadora con años de experiencia en su haber, para hablar sobre nuestras acciones dentro de Corcoran para ampliar las voces de estos asuntos y trabajar rumbo a soluciones para mejores condiciones de vivienda.

# The Incomplete Skeptic Morning Ritual

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



"I paint not by sight but by faith. Faith gives you sight."  
-Amos Ferguson

The way we start our day can make or break us. When I awake in the morning and open my eyes, I also open my heart, mind and spirit with an "Attitude of Gratitude," thanking my Higher Power for another day of life. Regardless of what might be happening in my life, this is my law of self-care.

How did I get inspired to take this course of action? Well, I initiated this Morning Ritual as a result of hearing Chris Berg speak at a Mother Against Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel. A drunk driver hit Chris, and she incurred severe brain trauma in the crash, losing all of her memory from the point of impact backward. She did not remember her family and friends, fiancé, the fact that she was a manager for a store, or valedictorian education, pets, etc. Chris went through hell to get her life back. She is now married and has a beautiful daughter. Chris said, "Every morning when I wake up when my feet hit the floor, I thank

God for another day of living." Chris is a fantastic role model. I figure if Chris can do it, then maybe I can do it too. From that day forward I have been thanking God for another day of living every morning that I wake up. Thanks for that Chris.

Next, I grab a pen and paper so I can take notes, and turn on encouraging programming. I spent the next half-hour listening and processing ideas to give me strength. I pray and meditate upon how I can use what I learned to help someone in the day ahead. "If you want to keep that you gotta give it away."

Then I turn to my daily readings. At the time of this transcription, this morning, I read from The Artist's Way, A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity". Then I read my daily reflection on Facebook, written by Karen Casey. Lastly, I look for ways to offer encouragement to someone in need. Every good thing in my life has come as a direct result of helping others, so it's a win/win to give and receive love for healing.

Finally, I turned to my prayer list, and let the spirit lead me in what to pray.

Now I'm ready to meet my day with gratitude and vigor. Love is my religion. Action is my Gospel. Laughter is my Holy Spirit. Now, make someone's day magical.

# Thank You to CNO & Midtown Farmers Market Donors

Mallory Forseth | CNO Staff

Our work to unite neighbors to strengthen our community would not happen without you. We rely on residents like you who volunteer or donate to support our work. We are continually grateful for the generosity as well as the years of involvement and dedication to create a community that is a great place to live!

Thanks to the following residents who gave in February.

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# Corcoran News Survey Update

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

The Corcoran News committee would like to thank all who participated in the survey regarding your preferences in the newspaper. We are taking your suggestions to heart and though we may not be able to accommodate every request, hopefully you will notice many new implementations going forward. Thank you again!



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# CNO Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

- A. Call to Order and Introductions
- B. Conversation with MN Sen. Patricia Torres Ray & MN Rep. Jim Davnie.
- C. Discuss key CNO priorities (below), lawmaker priorities, legislative session, starting with lawmaker priorities.

Rep. Davnie is DFL lead on Education Finance, work closely with Minneapolis Public Schools; sit on Tax committee; sit on Jobs, Growth, and Energy Affordability committee (decides DEED and Dept of Employment budgets). Feb. 21 6:30-8:00pm co-hosting Town Hall with Rep. Wagenius and Sen. Torres Ray at CWA Hall on 35th / East Lake. Also notes that he will continue to oppose “Preemption” bill that would prevent Cities or Counties from establishing a minimum wage and/or sick leave or other benefits higher than the State of MN’s (House File 600).

  - Matt asks about majority threats to funding that currently pays for a number of utility-run home energy improvement programs.

Sen. Patricia Torres Ray serves on Education Finance committee, Local Government committee, Environmental Policy committee. Recent focus on Real I.D. and Preemption bill. Real I.D. requires all states to comply with Federal direction; Minnesota is one of 3 states that has not moved forward. Senator notes language in House bill effectively says undocumented people cannot get a driver’s license. She is also concerned about Republican direction to take away City’s rights to protect workers and protect the environment. In addition, Torres Ray is concerned about a proposed bill that would remove the commissioner’s authority to decide scholarships for early childhood education; specifically, the criteria are left to the commissioner to determine, and concerned this is a step toward privatizing education.

  - Adam asks if any lawmakers are still talking about universal Pre-K education? Davnie: yes, the governor is but unsure of chances given political landscape; discusses some other, related bills being introduced this session.

Shift conversation to CNO priorities, starting with the crisis in safe, decent, affordable rental housing (privately-owned and run).

  - Lisa: could you see a bill to reinvigorate a rental version of “This Old House” legislation, as you’ve discussed with us previously? Davnie: don’t think so; to review, previous program postponed tax increase for improved properties.
  - Evan: pressing issues include renters stuck in a year-long

lease, often move in to find pre-existing conditions e.g. bedbug infestations, and then face rent increases while their wages are not going up. Renters often end up in situations where the landlord will spend thousands of dollars on litigation rather than spend hundreds of dollars on repairs.

- Senator Torres Ray: I would like to see State and City officials and staff and community leadership to discuss issues and solutions; including City regulations that are problematic. Goal would be to leave the meeting with assignments. Can also serve to gauge opposition, formulate a plan of action. In order to propose legislation, we need to get clear on what the barrier is.

Discussion on additional CNO priorities -- including the development of a public plaza for the Midtown Farmers Market and civic uses; and capital and master planning for the South High campus -- were postponed due to time constraints.

- D. Present and approve Oct, Nov, Dec 2016 Financials

April presented the financial dashboards included in the board packet, noting the following key numbers.

  - Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities) is about 16
  - Days Cash on Hand is 118
  - Finishing the 2016 fiscal year with \$1208 net income
  - Discussed status of McKnight Foundation grant proposals

Motion to approve Oct, Nov, Dec financials as corrected (2016; flip Capital & Misc Income). Motion passes.
- E. Minneapolis 2040 Plan and Corcoran Small Area Planning

Lisa presented a document showing board members’ stated priorities from those listed in the previously-discussed “Minneapolis 2040 Plan and Recent Work by CNO” document. Motion to ask Lisa to write a letter to the City on behalf of the CNO Board sharing its input on the Minneapolis 2040 Plan. Motion passes.

Lisa and Adam then led a discussion on a draft document “Small Area Planning Process,” which was characterized as a “plan to make a plan.” The purpose of the document is to begin to define a scope of a new small area plan for Corcoran neighborhood, and to identify crucial next steps in the small area planning process. The Board will continue this discussion at its March meeting.
- F. Finalize CNO input to Hennepin County on Plaza Concept plan (2225 East Lake)

Eric: at a January meeting with Hennepin County, CNO leadership agreed to provide feedback on the County’s January schematic concept plan for the future plaza at the 2225 East Lake development. We asked the relevant CNO committees – Midtown Farmers Market, Land Use & Housing, and Economic Development – to review and comment. Eric presents a memo that consolidates the committees’ comments.

Lisa notes that our Midtown Farmers Market has experimented with the extreme scenarios of no trucks (during Open Streets) and “any vendor can have trucks” (our original scenario in 2003 operating in a giant, open parking lot).

Based on board discussion, Eric proposes to direct staff to immediately explore vendor fee and layout scenarios with variations in quantity and ratio of vendor stalls with parked trucks vs. walk-in vendor stalls.

Grass vs. artificial turf is discussed related to the central lawn area. It is agreed to withhold input on this topic at this time, given the various opinions and the preliminary nature of the design.

**Motion to approve the Memo as revised. Motion passes.**  
The Board directs Eric to share the final version with Hennepin County.

- G. MOTION to allocate \$893 toward a Housing Mini grant per draft guidelines, with a revision to make the maximum grant amount \$100 given the small amount available in this year’s budget.

Motion passes.
- H. Plan a Board Training retreat.

Flannery explains that the Board has typically held a training retreat in the summer, but leadership is proposing to hold this sooner given the number of new members. Eric distributes a draft list of training topics for members to review and prioritize and add to. The Board makes tentative plans to schedule a training on a Saturday morning in April or May. Schedule will be finalized at the next Board meeting, so members are asked to bring their calendars.
- I. Announcements

Flannery: If you haven’t already, please complete and sign CNO Conflict of Interest disclosure. Forms were handed out to new Board Members with a short explanation.
- J. Adjourn

# Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

Correction:

Last month the crime map didn’t match the statistics. Our CPS has been made aware and we’ve made sure this month is correct. Sorry about the oversight.

As the winter has been mild and the weather has been nicer the incident of graffiti has been on the rise in the neighborhood. Especially tags of “SUR-13” in the NW corner of the neighborhood and “Latin Kings” in the SE corner. The City of Minneapolis asks that anyone seeing graffiti in progress to call 911. Other reports of graffiti can be made to 311 or via the Minneapolis 311 app.

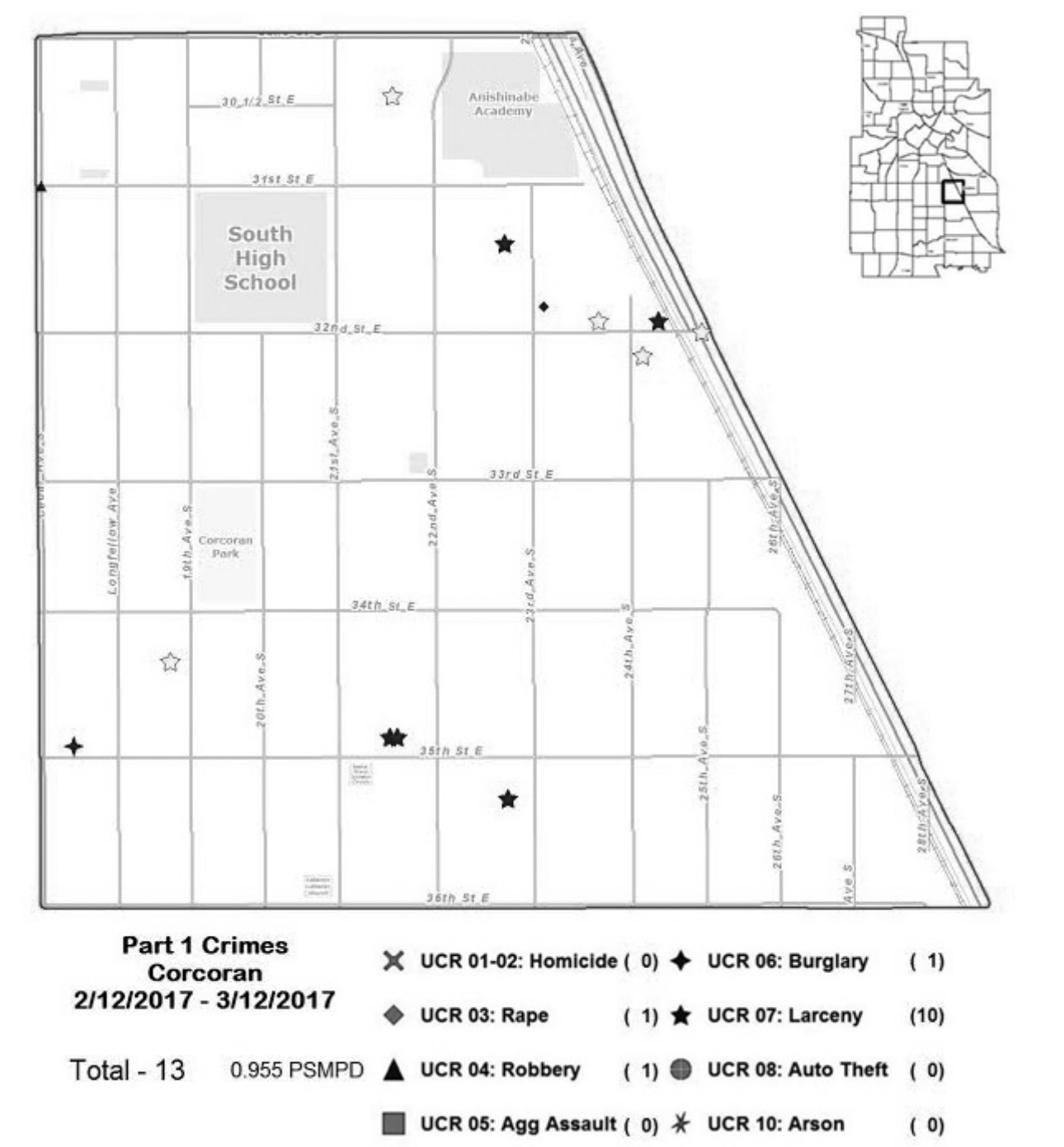
When asked our CPS Karen Notsch provided the following:

“Not just Corcoran but a lot of neighborhoods got hit with VL or Sur 13’s. The Lt responded to the Councilmember with this:

I do not believe that there is any increased threat to public safety because of the graffiti.



Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-February 2017 to Mid-March | Mapa de Delinuencias en Corcoran desde medio-febrero 2017 a medio-marzo





## March 11th Power Outage

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

At first it was a flicker...then, complete darkness. The time: 6:50pm (pre-daylight savings), Sunday, March 11. According to police, a transformer blew at the corner of 36th & Cedar, causing a powerline to release and drop on at least two parked vehicles. The owner of one (from Burnsville) had lent his green minivan to some friends for the weekend, never imagining this would be the reward for his generosity. Each time the line sparked and hit another part of the metal roof, a massive explosion would result. Thankfully, no injuries were reported. Meanwhile, social media lit up with a blaze of questions. Laura: "Did anyone else's lights just go out in the Corcoran neighborhood, up near Lake & Cedar?" Flannery: "Yup, it looked like most of Corcoran was out from our house." Linda: "Xcel said 1596 customers were affected, with an estimated time for fix of 10:15pm. They also said it could be an additional 3 hours." Peggy: "I hope everyone is ok." At this point, Bryce chimed in with some lighter perspective: "Starting a fire in the Woodstove, lighting some candles and embracing the darkness this full moon." That got some nervous cheers.

As the property manager for five congregations that

meet in the church located a few blocks from the scene, I urged the leaders of *Lirio de los Valles* to evacuate. What I did not anticipate was the response of this resilient group from El Salvador. Every single one of them remained for the duration of their worship service...in darkness. Only this group came equipped with the illumination of their phones, waving them around like lighters at a concert as they happily sang a cappella, unfazed.

Our city (police, fire, and utilities) deserve credit for quickly containing the scene and restoring power much earlier than anticipated, around 8:30pm. When the lights came back on, I breathed a sigh of relief. I think the whole event proved to be a good lesson for us as a neighborhood, showcasing how dependent we have become on electricity.

I know if this happens again, after making sure my family is ok, I am going to grab a brät with Bryce, and then head over to *Lirio de los Valles* to sing praise songs. After all, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).



above: "Is this an André Rieu concert? No. It's church!" Members of *Lirio de los Valles* wave their phones for light.



## Ask The Yoga Instructor: Happy Spring

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner of Imbue Yoga Studio

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Happy spring from all of us at Imbue Yoga! I'm here to answer any yoga related questions you might have to my best ability. If you have a question about yoga or meditation, shoot me an email at [imbueyoga@gmail.com](mailto:imbueyoga@gmail.com) and maybe you'll be in next month's addition!

Q: I keep hearing about cleanses and spring detoxes. Is yoga "detoxifying?"

A: Short answer, yes. Long, convoluted answer, I'm not a fan of the word "detox" because it implies that we are toxic. Yes, we are exposed to toxins in food, water & air all the time but our liver works really hard to purge these toxins from our bodies. Certain yoga practices, namely *asana* (postures & stretching - which is what most of us know of as *yoga*) can help circulate & change blood flow which DOES have an impact on our organs. These postures when practiced while flowing together (*vinyasa*) can build heat and get us to sweat which "feels" cleansing

— which is why some folks get hooked on hot yoga ... however - and I may make some enemies here - scientifically, twists & power yoga flow don't exactly MAKE our liver "detox" our cells more than it normally would.

To take on some spring cleaning of your lifestyle, I recommend yoga classes (of course!) to get those touted benefits of stress reduction, improved sleep, increased circulation, burning a few calories, toning muscles & making new friends. Adding mindfulness to your eating habits: more fresh, local produce (Midtown Farmer's Market is almost here!), chewing slowly, paying attention to alcohol intake. Make sleep a sacred time. Try simple meditations like noticing your breath for 2-5 minutes. Walk through the neighborhood, slow down, and stop to smell the flowers.



## Older Adults: Stay Socially Connected, For Your Health!

Tricia Theurer | Nokomis Healthy Seniors



Recent studies show older adults face serious health implications of social isolation. Isolation is a growing health epidemic for adults age 50 and older. A 2015 study in *Perspectives on Psychological Science* cites that "prolonged isolation can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day." Nokomis Healthy Seniors has been serving the Nokomis area of south Minneapolis for more than 20 years. Our mission is to keep older adults independent in their homes. Our programs, which include exercise, social activities, health and wellness educational events, support groups, and games, are all based on the notion that social interaction is especially important for those who may be lonely or isolated. Most programs are free or low cost. Give us a call at 612-729-5499 to find out how you can get involved!

## Corcoran Park Happenings | Acontecimientos en el Parque Corcoran

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Director - Director del Parque Corcoran

Here are a few updates for spring and summer...

Spring break hours: F 3-31 12-9pm  
M-F: 4-3 – 4-7-17 12-9pm

- Dinner theatre Program \$4 Register now!  
Pre-registration required  
Staff will be cooking up an easy kid friendly meal for the kids while, they watch an animated Disney / Pixar movie in our dinner theatre style lounge.  
Dates: 4-13, 4-27, 5-11, 5-25  
Ages 5-12
- Family ZUMBA Exercise Dance Class Drop in Free!  
Come to the Park for a comfortable setting for all ages to get a work out on. Youth and adults are welcome in this FREE class. Certified ZUMBA instructor Silvia Perez is the facilitator.  
M W 5-7pm F 4-6pm
- Rec+ After School Child Care  
There is still openings for after school Rec+ at Corcoran Park from 2pm – 6pm. Please come in and talk with Rec+ Coordinator Mackenzie Rodine or Park Director Ryan Flanders for more information.

\*\*\*\* Coming SUMMER 2017 REC+ @ Corcoran park\*\*\*\*

Come in for more details and information.

Child care in the summer from 7am-6pm with enrichment activities, field trips, and much more fun!

- Track and Field \$35 register now!  
Coach ML is back for another season, come run for the Eagles!  
Youth Track and Field Program Ages: 9-18 Meets: The season will be comprised of 4 regular season meets. Tournament: City-Championship Meet will be offered to those who participate and qualify. Officials: MPRB staff work as timers and officials at all meets Meet Location: Roosevelt High School or Washburn High School Dates: May to July Boys and Girls Events include: Shot Put, Running Long Jump, High Jump, Turbo Javelin, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1600m (mile), 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays.  
Meet Details: Individuals can enter a maximum of 3 events. (2 running and 1 field or 2 fields and 1 running relays not included).

Aquí algunas actualizaciones para la primavera y el verano...

Hora se vacaciones de verano:

Viernes 31 de marzo. De 12 a 9PM

- Lunes a viernes - 3, 7 y 17 de abril. De 12PM a 9PM  
Programa de Cine y Cena \$4 dólares ¡Regístrate ahora!  
Se requiere registraci3n previa  
El equipo cocinar4 una comida sencilla y amigable para los ni1os mientras miran una pel3cula de Disney /Pel3cula en nuestro cine-cena estilo sala.  
Fechas: 13 de abril, 27 de abril, 11 de mayo, 25 de mayo  
Edades de 5 a 12
- Clase de Ejercicio y Baile de ZUMBA familiar ¡Gratis!  
Ven al parque para acomodamiento comido para todas las edades y para hacer ejercicio. Los j3venes y los adultos son bienvenidos a esta clase gratis. La instructora certificada de ZUMBA es la que dirige.  
Lunes y mi3rcoles de 5PM a 7PM. Viernes de 4PM a 6PM
- Rec+ Cuidado de Ni1os despu3s de la escuela  
A1un hay lugares para despu3s de la escuela Rec+ en el Parque Corcoran de 2PM a 6PM. Por favor ingrese y hable con Rec+ Coordinadora Mackenzie Rodine o el Director del Parque Ryan Flanders para m4s informaci3n.

\*\*\*Pronto el VERANO 2017 REC+ en Parque Corcoran \*\*\*  
vis1tanos para m4s detalles e informaci3n. Cuidado de ni1os en el verano de 7AM a 6PM con actividades de enriquecimiento, excursiones y mucha diversión.

- Atletismo \$35 d3lares - ¡Reg1strate ahora!  
El entrenador ML est4 de regreso para iniciar una nueva temporada, ven y corre por las Aguilas.  
Programa de atletismo para edades de 9 a 18 a1os. Competiciones: Esta temporada estar4 conformada por 4 competiciones regulares. Torneo: Competici3n de Campeonato de la ciudad se ofrecer4 para aquellos quienes participen y califiquen. Oficiales: El equipo de MPRB trabajan como cronometradores y oficiales en todos los encuentros. Lugar de Competici3n: Preparatoria Roosevelt o Preparatoria Washburn. Fechas: De mayo a julio, ni1os y ni1as. Los eventos incluyen: lanzamiento de bala, salto largo, salto de altura, jabalina, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m y 1600m (millas), 4 x 100 y 4x 400 relevos. Detalles de la competici3n: Las personas pueden entrar a un m4ximo de 3 eventos. (2 carreras y una cancha o 2 canchas y una carrera de obst4culos no est4n incluidos).