



Celebrate Spring's Arrival with the Midtown Farmers Market

Mallory Forseth | Market Manager

Join us on Saturday, May 5th for our Opening Day Food Truck Fest as we kick off our 16th market season! In addition to hosting a slew of great food trucks, this year the Midtown Farmers Market will also be celebrating the arrival of market season with giveaways, great live music, an on-site blood drive by Memorial Blood Centers, and more. Our Opening Day celebration will run from 8am-1pm and will feature a lineup of local food trucks along with our weekly ready-to-eat food vendors including Kabomelette, Fireroast Café, Askshay Patram, Himalayan Momo, Bad Gyros and more. We will also welcome new vendors with great additions to our market offerings including freshly baked bread and bagels, nitro cold press, plants for pollinators, handmade biking attire, and more! Stay tuned to our Facebook page to get the latest news on the food trucks, live music, and the full details on new and old vendors that will be joining us to kick off the season. We hope to see you at the celebration!

Other special event days this month include Urban Ag Day on May 12th, and Bee and Pollinators Day on May 19th, which will provide a variety of resources regarding urban agriculture and gardening, and protecting and restoring bee and pollinator habitats respectively.

Some things you can expect to find at the market in the month of May include: asparagus, lettuces, greens, apples, spinach, green onions, radishes, rhubarb, seedlings, bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials, free-range chicken, grass-fed beef, pasture-raised pork and lamb, eggs, cheese, honey, maple

syrup, pickles, jams and jellies, freshly baked bread and other baked goods, omelettes, samosas, chana masala, smashed lamb meatball sliders, coffee, juices, bubble tea and a variety of local arts and crafts such as furniture, jewelry, clothing and more.

The Midtown Farmers Market is located at the intersection of East Lake Street and Hiawatha Ave, directly adjacent to the Midtown/Lake St. LRT stop at 2225 E. Lake Street. See the map for our exact location. The market offers fresh, local foods every Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm from May-October and every Tuesday from 3:00pm-7:00pm June-October.

We look forward to reconnecting with you in the sunshine soon - see you at the market!



Celebra la llegada de la primavera con el mercado de granjeros de Midtown

Mallory Forseth | Gerente de mercado

¡Únase a nosotros el sábado, 5 de mayo para nuestro Opening Day Food Truck Fest al comenzar nuestra 16ª temporada de mercado! Además de albergar una gran cantidad de excelentes camiones de comida, este año el Midtown Farmers Market también celebrará la llegada de la temporada de mercado con sorteos, excelente música en vivo, una Donación de Sangre by Memorial Blood Centers en el lugar y más. Nuestra celebración del Día de Apertura tendrá lugar de 8 am. a 1 p.m. y contará con una alineación de camiones de comida locales junto con nuestros vendedores semanales de alimentos listos para comer, incluidos Kabomelette, Fireroast Café, Askshay Patram, Himalayan Momo, Bad Gyros y más. También daremos la bienvenida a nuevos proveedores con grandes adiciones a nuestras ofertas de mercado, incluyendo pan recién horneado y panecillos, prensa de nitro en frío, plantas para polinizadores, atuendo de ciclismo hecho a mano, y más. Estén atentos a nuestra página de Facebook para recibir las últimas noticias sobre los camiones de comida, música en vivo y todos los detalles sobre los vendedores nuevos y antiguos que se unirán a nosotros para dar inicio a la temporada. ¡Esperamos verte en la celebración!

Otros días de eventos especiales de este mes incluyen Día de la Agricultura Urbana 12 de mayo y el Día de Abejas y Polinizadores el 19 de mayo, que proporcionará una variedad de recursos relacionados con la agricultura urbana y la jardinería, y la protección y restauración de hábitats de abejas y polinizadores, respectivamente.

Algunas cosas que puede esperar encontrar en el mercado en el mes de mayo incluyen: espárragos, lechugas, verduras, manzanas, espinacas, cebollas verdes, rábanos, ruibarbo, plantas de semillero, plantas de cama, cestas colgantes, plantas perennes, pollo de corral, hierba alimentada carne de res, pasto criado de cerdo y cordero, huevos, queso, miel, jarabe de arce, encurtidos, mermeladas y jaleas, pan recién horneado y otros productos horneados, tortillas, samosas, chana masala, albóndigas de carne de cordero rotas, café, zumos, té de burbujas y una variedad de artesanías locales, como muebles, joyas, ropa y más.

El Midtown Farmers Market está ubicado en la intersección de East Lake Street y Hiawatha Ave, justo al lado de la parada Midtown / Lake St. LRT en 2225 E. Lake Street. Vea el mapa de nuestra ubicación exacta. El mercado ofrece comidas locales frescas todos los sábados de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. de mayo a octubre y los martes de 3:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. de junio a octubre.

Esperamos volver a conectar con usted a la luz del sol pronto, ¡nos vemos en el mercado!

Abril y Mayo - Calendario Comunitario | April & May - Community Calendar

Meetings

Thursday, April 1st
& Thursday, May 1st
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6:30 – 8:30pm
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.
> Questions?
info@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, April 4th
CNO Finance Committee
5 – 7pm
The finance committee serves a leadership role in the area of financial oversight of the CNO, focusing on annual budgeting, financial planning, financial reporting, and monitoring internal controls and accountability policies.
> Questions?
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Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, April 9th
Monday, May 7th
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm
Monthly meeting with the paper comittee and interested parties to plan the next bi-monthly edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions?
news@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, April 25th
& Wednesday, May 23rd
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? Contact Mallory Forseth
mallory@midtownfarmersmarket.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Tuesday, April 16th
& Tuesday, May 15th
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
info@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Sunday, April 1st
Out in the Backyard
Yoga w/Darshan @ CANDO
10am
Out in the Backyard is working to improve the lives of the LGBTQ people living in the Backyard* by connecting people to each other and to resources.
All classes are FREE and open to everyone and all skill levels!
> Location: 3715 Chicago Avenue, Mpls., MN 55407
Classes/Events schedule subject to change - visit our Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/outinthebackyard

Thursday, April 5th
Greenway meeting
6 pm
Join us for the kickoff to our Extend the Greenway campaign! For more info and to RSVP, please visit the Eventbrite page: https://extendthegreenway.eventbrite.com
> Location: Anne Sullivan Communication Center, 3100 E 28th Street.

Corcoran GROWS:
Wednesday, April 11th,
Wednesday, May 2nd
GROWS University Film Series
6:30 – 8pm
GROWS is launching its University series, which will include a monthly showing of individual episodes of “Years of Living Dangerously.”
> Location: 3519 23rd Ave S

Thursday, April 26th
Composting for Slackers:
6:30-8pm
Get ready for composting ACTUALLY made easy.
> Location: @ 3435 22nd Ave.

Thursday, May 15th
7-8:30pm (note time change)
Kombucha for Everyone:
> Location @ 3207 24th ave.
> Questions?
https://www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows/

Wednesday, April 4th,
Wednesday, May 2nd
COPA Art-crawl Planning Meeting
7 – 9pm
Meeting to plan the upcoming 2018 Junebug art-crawl with COPA
> Questions? Contact Chris Sutton, rococodada@aol.com or copaartcrawl@gmail.com
Location: 3148 22nd ave
Note: May 2nd location is TBD!

Community Continued...

Wednesday, May 2nd
Market Move-In
Help us move our market equipment from our Corcoran Neighborhood Organization office at 35th & Cedar to the market site. We will have a moving truck and dollies, we just need more hands for lifting. If you can come for any length of time between 3 and 8pm, we would so appreciate the help! Many hands make light work, and there will be SNACKS at the end of it all. Bring some friends, and/or come to meet neighbors and market lovers! Please sign up at: http://signup.com/go/ojaZLPV or contact Kate at kate@midtownfarmersmarket.org with questions or for more info.

Sunday, May 6th
44th Mayday Festival and Parade
See page 3 for an article about how to be become involved in the upcoming Festival.

Wednesday, May 9th
CNO Board Elections and Potluck
5:30 – 7pm
Come meet your neighbors and help select members for the CNO Board.
> See article on page 3 for all the details.

Noteworthy & Upcoming Dates:
Friday, June 8th
Last day of school for MPS
Saturday, June 16th
June Bug Art crawl, sponsored by COPA
Satuday, June 9th
16th Annual Standish, Ericsson & Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Events

Thursday-Sunday, April 5th - 8th
2018 MN Yarn Hop
Fifteen yarn stores in Minnesota welcome you to the 12th annual Minnesota Yarn Shop Hop. Shops are designing yarn and patterns that were inspired by heroes. Our local shop, Steven Be, at 3448 Chicago Avenue in the Central Neighborhood, will be honoring firefighters. There will be drawings, giveaways, and actual Mpls firefighters. There will be a collection for canned goods and fundraising donations for Calvary Church.
If you want to visit more of the MN shops you can find more information at http://minnesotayarnshophop.com/

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Upcoming board meetings
Thursday, April 12th, 7pm
3451 Cedar Ave S
Wednesday May 9th, 5:30pm
See page 3 for the article on Board Elections
Corcoran Park Recreation Center at 3334 20th Ave S.

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Events Continued...

Wednesday, April 25th
Corcoran Business Mixer
8:30 – 10am
Please come and meet other Corcoran business owners. Coffee and morning treats will be supplied. All local business owners living or working in or near Corcoran are welcome. Location: Corcoran Neighborhood Organization 3451 Cedar Ave S.

Saturday, April 28th
Independent Bookstore Day 2018
Independent Bookstore Day is a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country on the last Saturday in April. Every store is unique and independent, and every party is different. But in addition to authors, live music, cupcakes, scavenger hunts, kids events, art tables, readings, barbecues, contests, and other fun stuff, there are exclusive books and literary items that you can only get on that day. Not before. Not after. Not online.
Go to www.indiebookstoreday.com/ for more information
Our local book store Moon Palace Books will be participating, here is a list of their activities

- Geek Love Cafe Independent Bookstore Day Specials
- 9am - 11am: Grab a cup of free coffee to start your day!
- 3pm - 6pm: 2-for-1 tap beer, cider, or house wine.
- 6pm - close: Bring in 5 Independent Bookstore Day receipts from 5 different Twin Cities bookstores and get half off a 12 inch specialty pizza. Bring in 7 receipts and we'll throw in a free mini-cheese cake!
- We're participating in the fabulous Twin Cities Bookstore Day Passport and we'll have free copies of the First Annual Midwest Indie Bookstore Roadmap!
- Poetry Asylum presents: The Great Twin Cities Poetry Read
- 6pm - 9pm: Featuring an amazing line-up of 30+ local poets in the bookstore AND interactive poetic and literary activities (Tarot-reading, Order-a-poem, etc) in the Event Room.
- Oodles of exclusive merchandise! Tote bags, stuffies, comics, posters, prints, and signed items.

Wednesday, April 25th
Play readings at White Page
A reading of "A Pornography Play" by Katherine Glover. A Minneapolis antipornography ordinance in the early 1980s comes to national attention and divides the feminist community. Part of the Playwright Cabal's Fresh Pages reading series at The White Page Gallery (3400 Cedar Ave S). Refreshments at 7, reading at 7:30. \$10 suggested donation at the door, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Wednesday, May 30th
Play readings at White Page
A reading of "Friendpocalypse" by Gemma Irish. Telekinesis. A mysterious weather pattern. A falling-out between friends. Who is causing what, and can Olivia ever recover? Part of the Playwright Cabal's Fresh Pages reading series at The White Page Gallery (3400 Cedar Ave S). Refreshments at 7, reading at 7:30. \$10 suggested donation at the door, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Garden Potluck & Board Elections on Wednesday, May 9th
Flannery Clark | CNO Board Chair

You're invited to the May 9th Membership Meeting of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) from 5:30-7:30pm, to be held at Corcoran Park Recreation Center at 3334 20th Ave S.

This is a free event and all are welcome! Meet new and interesting neighbors, eat grilled food, and run for or elect your neighbors to positions on the CNO Board.

- 5:30 - BBQ Potluck begins. We'll have a hot grill and some meat and meatless burgers, and beverages. Feel free to bring food to grill or side dishes to share, or just come to eat.
- 5:30-6:00 - New CNO Member registration. You must be a CNO member to vote in the election. See below for how to become a member.
- 6:00 - CNO Board Election begins while the potluck meal continues.
- 6:30 - Potluck and Socializing continue!

LOCATION:
Corcoran Park Recreation Center at 3334 20th Ave S.

All Corcoran residents aged 18 or older are eligible to serve on the board and become voting members of CNO. Register as a voting member of CNO by dropping by the CNO office or by registering at the May 9 meeting from 5:30-6:00pm (registration closes at 6:00pm).

Learn more about the CNO Board at http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/join_the_board. To add your name to the ballot, please contact CNO Staff at info@corcoranneighborhood.org.



Courageous heARTS is Seeking Teaching Artists for the Summer.
Lindsay Walz | Founder / Chief Courageous Heart



We plan to offer different camps each week, M-Th from 2-4pm from June 25-Aug.16 (no camp the week of July 2). For the one week commitment, we can offer artists a base rate of \$100 + 10% of registration fees. Camps must have a minimum of 3 registrations to occur and compensation will be contingent on the camp happening.

We are open to all art forms and are most equipped to host: painting, mixed media, spoken word, improv, mosaic, clay, jewelry-making, found object, illustration, photography, music, and textile art. Camps will be open to youth ages 10-18, and we anticipate most participants will be in the 10-16 range due to summer jobs for older youth. Our Youth Advisory Board wants to collaborate with artists on the content, so a portion of the interview will include a presentation of your ideas and conversation with the YAB to make the camp appealing to their peers.

A full job description can be found at bit.ly/heARTSta. Proposals, including a brief description of the camp, will be accepted until April 8.

Please feel free to pass this information along to others who may be interested in this opportunity!

courageous heARTS | www.courageous-hearts.org
2235 E. 38th St. | Minneapolis, MN 55407

Editor's Note
Becky Z. Dernbach | Editor, Corcoran News

How do we choose our articles?
Recently the Corcoran News received a letter from an avid reader inquiring how we choose which articles to print. The Corcoran News is a volunteer-run submission-based neighborhood newspaper. We primarily print articles from community members and business owners in Corcoran. We are always looking for contributions and rarely turn away a submission. If you would like to contribute or have an idea for a story, please send it to us at news@corcoranneighborhood.org. Please email us by May 7 if you have an idea for the June/July issue.

Seeking a new editor
The June/July edition will be my last issue as editor of the Corcoran News, as I am leaving for graduate school in June. I've enjoyed my brief time as editor and look forward to coming back to the Corcoran News when I complete my program! We are currently seeking new volunteers and a new editor. Maybe it's you! If you're interested or have questions, please email me at becky.dernbach@gmail.com. We'd also love for you to join us at the May 7 newspaper meeting at 6 pm at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, 3451 Cedar Ave S.

Hey 2018 Mayday Neighbors
Meg Walsh | May day Volunteer & Organizer

Hello Dear Neighbors!

The 44th Mayday Festival is just around the corner. Are you a neighbor who finds a spot with a blanket to watch the Tree of Life Ceremony on the hillside in Powderhorn Park? If so, we need YOUR help:

Someone recently showed us an aerial photo taken of that hill during the Ceremony, and we were surprised by how many blankets sat empty! At the same time, there were many audience members without seats. Yikes! Could you help us fill that gap? Please, only save a spot if you know you will use all the space. And then, if you have extra room on your blanket, please welcome someone to share your space.

You might meet someone new! A new neighbor! You will then participate in the strongest purpose of Mayday—"to bring people together for the Common Good." THANK YOU!!!

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
1500 E Lake Street, Minneapolis MN 55407

Mayday Is Sunday, May 6th!
It is MayDay season! Join in to make it happen!

Help Build The Parade And Tree Of Life Ceremony
Come to the Public Workshops to build and rehearse MayDay! And bring a neighbor!

- Come once, or come many times! April 7 – May 3
- EVERY Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9pm
- AND Saturdays from 9-11am and 1-3pm

ALL WELCOME! (10 and under must be accompanied by an adult). We look forward to seeing YOU!

Help Mayday Be A Welcoming Day For Everyone!
We need "neighborhood ushers" on the day of MayDay to welcome folks to the neighborhood and to help newcomers figure out the logistics of viewing the Parade and Ceremony. Please note: This is a new WELCOMING INITIATIVE!

Call HOBT at 612-721-2535 or visit: <http://signup.com/go/FLunRnQ>

Also, volunteers are needed at each of the public Puppet Build Workshops in April and we need lots of help enacting the Parade and Ceremony on Sunday, May 6. Sign up: <https://hobt.org/mayday/volunteer/>

Free Health and Enrichment Programs for Older Adults
Tricia Theurer | Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, a local nonprofit whose mission is to support older adults in their desire to stay independent in their homes, offers monthly Health & Enrichment programs at two sites.

At Nokomis Healthy Seniors' office in Bethel Lutheran Church (4120-17th Avenue South), sessions are offered on the first Thursday of each month from 11 am-Noon. At Nokomis Healthy Seniors' partner, Nokomis Square Co-op (5135-35th Avenue South), sessions are offered on the second Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 pm. The public is invited to attend these sessions at either site. All are free—unless otherwise noted—and no RSVPs are needed.

Upcoming topics range from book club discussions, to mental health in older adults, to reverse mortgages, decluttering, and paying for care. For more information, visit nokomishealthy-seniors.org or call 612-729-5499.

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SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION

Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday

April 29th

8 to Noon

3131 19th Avenue South

Tickets available at the door

Adults: \$10 Children 5-12: \$5 Under 5: Free

All you can eat pancakes, plus sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk & coffee.

Great prizes donated by alumni, local businesses, and friends!

Don't miss the delicious food and fun get-together!

Business Spotlight: Arbeiter Brewing

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

3036 Minnehaha Avenue

Juno Choi, Josh Voeltz, Garth Blomberg, Co-Founders and Aaron Herman, Head brewer

<https://www.arbeiterbrewing.com>



Anyone still devastated about Harriet Brewing closing should be watching the old space closely this summer. Arbeiter Brewing will be remodeling and taking over the space and should open in late fall. With the German name, they will feature German-style brews, but plan to be innovative and customer-driven when it comes to developing new beers. With ten tap lines, it doesn't sound like anyone will ever need to drink a style of beer they know they won't like.

I also have no doubt that the beer will be delicious as the guys have a collective 40 or so years of experience in the beer industry, from marketing and events to retail and brewing (both home and commercial). In fact, they all met through Northern Brewer where they worked together in some capacity or another. Additionally, Aaron, their brewer, can boast five years of brewing experience at Town Hall with three as the lead brewer.

I had the pleasure of meeting the guys and touring the space and I can tell you there will be some big changes from the former tenant. The taproom will move to the front of the building and have garage doors that open to a patio on the parking lot side -- think big windows and lots of light. As for events, they are already planning to partner with Moon Palace Books to bring outdoor events to the green space between the buildings and are working to build relationships with other area businesses. The taproom plans include long communal tables to bring that German feel and encourage socialization which will be great for larger groups and for making new neighborhood friends. They will also have some cozy seating for that first date or special occasion.

For neighborhood beer enthusiasts, you may want to check out the Arbeiter Union Beer Club Membership. Donate a minimum \$1,000 and receive triple credit when they open. Yes, that adds up to a 66% discount! Other memberships or special offers are in the works, so keep your eye on the webpage for exciting updates. Join me in welcoming Arbeiter, because every neighborhood needs a good beer and a place to gather.

April Business Networking Meeting

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

CNO will be hosting a Business Networking Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th, from 8:30am-10:00am at the CNO office (3451 Cedar Ave S). If you have a business in the neighborhood, or hope to start one soon, come join us!

We will be giving a presentation on the various resources that exist to help neighborhood businesses be successful. Our featured guest speaker will be Twila G. Kennedy, an Economic Development Specialist at the Small Business Administration Minnesota District Office.

It will also be a good chance for business owners to get to know each other better and find ways to support each other. We especially encourage you to join us if you have a home-based business so we can learn more about you and help promote your business!

Vittles Deli Closes, but Catering and Food Truck Live On

DeAnna Miller | Corcoran Neighbor

Neighborhood carry-out spot Vittles Deli has closed, a victim of its creators' own success.

The good news is that the storefront will remain the catering headquarters for Vittles Catering, and the great news is that you can still order many of their popular items for pick-up. (Go to www.vittlesdeli.com, click on Catering, then click on Deli Menu.)



It all started with a food stand. Corcoran residents Greg and Chelsea Miller started Kabomelette as a food tent at the Midtown Farmers Market in 2011. They started by offering gourmet omelettes and steak kabobs. As the menu grew, so did their sales, and they were quickly able to expand to a mobile red and yellow food truck. Now the food truck can be seen all over town.

"People do eat eggs at all times of the day," said Chelsea Miller, though she mentioned that when they are at, say, a brewery taproom, they change up the menu a little and offer things like nachos as well.

The Millers were also growing quite busy developing their catering business, called Vittles Catering. By March 2017, they were able to build out the space in the storefront at 3507 23rd Ave, just across from The Chatterbox and next to Blue Tree Music Education, into their central commercial catering kitchen facility. At the front of the kitchen, they opened Vittles Deli. Corcoran residents celebrated the arrival of this carry-out joint that featured a menu that changed daily and offered scratch-made, healthy food.

On March 10, after a year in business, Vittles Deli announced that it was closing. "Vittles Catering is thriving and it was too hard to run the catering company and the deli out of the current space," the announcement read. "We are so grateful to all of our customers. Thank you!"

Chelsea said it was a challenge to generate the volume of carry-out sales necessary to sustain the deli - without offering seating. They figured they had room in the space to put seating, but not the large restroom that would be required if they offered seating. So it had to remain carry-out only. As they approached peak catering booking season this spring, Chelsea and Greg decided to re-focus on the aspects of their business that gave the best return on their time. They are exploring the possibility of having a Vittles stand at the Midtown Farmers Market.

Chelsea doesn't regret the work put into developing the deli only to have to close it after a year. "It's really great to take risks and live outside your comfort zone," she said. "As an entrepreneur, you can't be afraid to take a risk and learn from that."

But they're only closing the deli part. "We're excited to stay at the [farmers] market," Chelsea said, "and stay active in the neighborhood!"

You're Invited

Corcoran Business Networking Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th
8:30am-10:00am
Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office
3451 Cedar Ave S.

If you have a business in the neighborhood, or hope to start one soon, come join us

Featured guest speaker will be
Twila G. Kennedy,
Economic Development Specialist

Corcoran Park Happenings

Dillon Clements | Corcoran Park Director



- Track & Field – Fly Eagles Fly! Track season begins May 1st and we still have openings on the team! Kids ages 9 – 18 can come learn or continue to improve their speed, stamina and strength through our track program. Practice location TBD due to construction of South High School's facilities. Cost: \$35/child
- Summer Rec Plus at Corcoran Park – Kids entering grades 1 - 6 can enjoy structured programming in Corcoran Park Monday – Friday from 7am – 6pm. Each week kids will go on field trips, play sports, do crafts and go on field trips! Cost: \$40/child/day
- Fundamental Soccer – Kids ages 4 - 7 can come learn the fundamental skills of soccer in Corcoran Park! Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 - 5:45pm. Class runs June 19 - July 19. Cost: \$20/child.
- Music Lessons – we still have openings for private or group music lessons this summer! Call 612-370-4919 to schedule dates and times! Cost \$75 for 10 lessons, musicians must be between ages 7 and 18.



- Ice Cream Social – come enjoy some ice cream in the park on July 18th! This is a free event for the community; all are welcome to join us!

Drop-in Programs – these programs are offered at no cost, but registration is required online. All classes are held in the multipurpose room in the Corcoran Recreation Center.

- Zumba on Mondays from 5 - 7pm
- Self-defense class on Tuesdays from noon - 2pm
- Zumba on Wednesdays from 5 - 7pm
- Bojutsu on Thursdays from 7 - 9pm
- Zumba on Fridays 4:30 - 6pm

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The Incomplete Skeptic: Quotes, Poems & Prayers that Helped Shape My Life

Timothy G Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



Quotes
“Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.” Corrie ten Boom
“No one has the right to be an obstacle to another human being getting well.” The Incomplete Skeptic

“Never get into a pissing contest with a skunk.” MaryJo Robinson
“First God throws a pebble, and then He throws a brick.” Oprah
“If you love someone, you will not hurt them.” The Incomplete Skeptic, Timothy G Cameron.
“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:8
“If you don’t tell at least three people a day that you love them, you have probably wasted a day of your life.” Timothy G Cameron
“In God’s Economy, nothing is wasted.” Timothy G Cameron
“God’s favorite word is ‘Impossible.’” Lombardi
“It’s not illegal to be crazy. It’s only illegal to act crazy.” Unknown
“Don’t worry, be happy.” Bob Marley
“If equal affection cannot be, let the more loving one be me.” W.H. Auden
“Be the change.” Gandhi
“Take what you like and leave the rest.” Cy D. (heard my first day in AA)
“Acceptance is the answer to all my problems...” “...and we quit fighting everything and everybody...” Big Book
“Find out who you are, and then be who you are.” Henrietta, Al-Anon
“Regarding the Serenity Prayer: Serenity, courage and wisdom are granted when asked for and are not earned. It’s a gift.” Anonymous
“More important than having the courage of your convictions is to possess the courage to question your convictions. This is a sound source of freedom.” Anonymous
“Ignis aurum probat, miseria fortes homines (Fire is the test of gold; adversity proves strong humans).” Seneca
“When the student is ready, the teacher appears.” Buddha
“Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.” Unknown
“When I want to make God laugh, I just tell him my plans.” An Anonymous Friend
“We don’t get ready to meet God, as much as we meet God to get ready.” Mary Jo R.
“Most of the corners we paint ourselves into are synthetic.” Dr. Laura
“Change your mind and your life will follow.” Karen Casey
“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us...If I choose to bless another person, I will always end up feeling more blessed.” Marianne Williamson
“Be still and know that I Am, God.” The Holy Bible
“You must be shapeless, formless, like water. When you pour water in a cup, it becomes the cup. When you pour water in a bottle, it becomes the bottle. When you pour water in a teapot,

it becomes the teapot. Water can drip and it can crash. Become like water my friend.” Bruce Lee
“Action & Intuition. Love is a Verb & a Noun who got along.” The Incomplete Skeptic
“Don’t serve time. Make time serve you.” The Incomplete Skeptic
“Resting on Creator’s Heart, my life is God’s Medicine Bag. I hear & feel Creators’ Heartbeat. I pray my life & voice echo the sound of God heartbeat. Creator, mold my life into the shape & sound of Your heart.” The Incomplete Skeptic
“Looking for consciousness in the brain is like looking inside a radio for the announcer.” Nassim Haramain
“Sorrow prepares you for joy. It violently sweeps everything out of your house, so that new joy can find space to enter. It shakes the yellow leaves from the bough of your heart, so that fresh, green leaves can grow in their place. It pulls up the rotten roots, so that new roots hidden beneath have room to grow. Whatever sorrow shakes from your heart, far better things will take their place.” Rumi
“Let there be spaces in your togetherness, And let the winds of the heavens dance between you. Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Fill each other’s cup but drink not from one cup. Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf. Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone, even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music. Give your hearts, but not into each other’s keeping. For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts. And stand together, yet not too near together: For the pillars of the temple stand apart, and the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other’s shadow.” Kahlil Gibran
“Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding. It is the bitter potion by which the physician within you heals your sick self. Therefore, trust the physician and drink his remedy in silence and tranquility.” Kahlil Gibran
“It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.” E.E. Cummings
“Knowledge is a polite word for dead but not buried imagination.” E.E. Cummings
“Who pays any attention to the syntax of things will never wholly...” E.E. Cummings
“Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don’t say it mean.” Meghan
Truth without compassion is cruelty.
This Too Shall Pass.
Only dogs get mad (don’t be a Mad Dog).
“You don’t have to attend every fight you’re invited to.” MaryJo Robinson
“Quit walking with the enemy.” MaryJo Robinson
Poems
“The More Loving One” by W.H. Auden and “Since Feeling is First” by E.E. Cummings
Songs
“Life is a Mystery” and “What I Needed Most” by Michael Monroe.
Prayers
The Serenity Prayer
The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
The Set Aside Prayer (God, help me suspend everything I think know, that I may be open to learning).

Solid Waste & Recycling Program News

Press Release | City of Minneapolis, Division of Solid Waste & Recycling

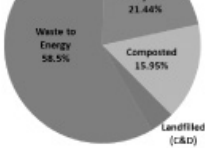
Solid Waste & Recycling services survey



Solid Waste & Recycling wants to hear from you! All City Solid Waste & Recycling customers are invited to participate in a 10-minute services survey. Information gathered from the survey will help staff evaluate current outreach and educational messages and methods, and guide future conversations on potential program changes.

Survey participants will be randomly selected to win one of 40 prizes valued at \$10 each. Thanks in advance for participating in the survey. You can take the survey at <http://bit.ly/2018recycling>

2017 Solid Waste & Recycling residential waste overview



Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers continued to divert more waste from the garbage in 2017 by participating in the City’s recycling and organics programs. In 2017, the amount of garbage sent to the

Hennepin Energy Recovery Center decreased by over 1,200 tons and residents recycled 27,235 tons of paper products and plastic, glass and metal containers that were made into new products.

Residents composted 1,300 more tons of organics than in 2016 and an additional 3,312 homes signed up to start participating in the curbside organics recycling program, composting their leftover food scraps, paper towels, napkins, paper egg cartons, and more. In 2017, all Minneapolis neighborhoods achieved at least 20% participation in the organics recycling program. In addition, the citywide sign-up rate surpassed 43% and six Minneapolis neighborhoods were awarded Green Partners Grow grants from Hennepin County to continue to increase participation in the organics program in their neighborhoods in 2018.

Solid Waste & Recycling staff look forward to continuing outreach and education efforts in 2018 on preventing waste and ways to continue to increase the amount of material diverted from the trash.

Recycling reminders

Make sure you don’t miss your recycling pick-up day, and read up on the latest recycling and organics tips when you subscribe to Minneapolis’ Recycling Reminders, an email sent to you every other week reminding you that your recycling day is tomorrow, seasonal service reminders, recycling do’s and don’ts, and more.

Become a recycling block leader

Are you passionate about reducing waste? Sign up to be a recycling block leader and educate your neighbors about recycling and waste reduction. As a recycling block leader, you can give as little or as much of your time as you are able.

Learn more and sign up: minneapolismn.gov/recyclingblockleader

Help keep our city clean

Are you tired of seeing litter on the ground outside by your bus stop or in front of your local coffee shop? There are several ways that residents, community groups and businesses can help keep the city clean. By adopting a litter container, recycling container or ash receptacle, Solid Waste & Recycling will place the container at a location of your choosing. Adopters agree to empty the container(s) when full. Bags are provided by Solid Waste & Recycling at no cost. If you choose to adopt a block or street, Solid Waste & Recycling will provide you with free bags and gloves to assist with cleanup.

If you can’t meet the commitment to maintain your block or street for two years, you can request supplies for a one-time litter clean-up activity with friends, family, or community groups. For more information about these and other Clean City programs, visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/cleancity.

Recycle more.
Ask me how.

minneapolismn.gov/recycling

Why are bags hanging from SHS trees?

Reprint from South High Newsletter

Who knew the trees on campus were prime specimens? Social Studies teacher Vincent Patton did! A member of the Lakota Sioux tribe, Patton took his early life experiences tapping sap and created an integrated econ/science lesson for students!
An integrated economics/science lesson from centuries ago is taught by Mr. Patton (Lakota Sioux) as he leads students in tree tapping of prime maples surrounding South's campus. In the end, 40 gallons of sap will equal one gallon of maple syrup!



Meet the Staff at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization!

Alicia D. Smith | Executive Director, Mallory Forseth | Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market



Dear Corcoran Community,

It's my great pleasure to address you for the first time in my new position as the Executive Director of Corcoran Neighborhood Organization. I will be hitting the ground running very soon, and look forward to connecting with you to talk about all of the ways we can work together this year.

I bring wide-ranging expertise to Corcoran Neighborhood Organization. I previously held multiple positions at the YMCA of Greater Twin Cities and my own consulting firm Crowns & Thrones LLC. As a lifelong community builder, I feel lucky to be able to talk to people face-to-face about their passion as well as work with other motivated community members.

I am a believer in a strong work ethic, displaying elegance in execution and collaboration in performance. I spent my early years being the oldest child of a single mom, excelling in school and athletics. I have always pushed the points of excellence and achievement which became a foundation from which to go forth in the world. Thus, college was followed by graduate school, followed by AmeriCorps and the continual pursuit of new ideas and learning best practices.

One of my major focuses is on supporting and building community-based programs, farmers market growth and collaborations that can be offered to the broad spectrum of youth, young adults and elders.

I am looking forward to building upon all of the incredible work that has helped create a powerful organization and movement. We've made a name for ourselves by constantly making connections between issues such as renters' rights and building up our beloved farmers market. We make those connections because we know intimately that one issue cannot be separated from the other for the members of our communities. Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you!

In Partnership,
Alicia D. Smith
Executive Director



Hi neighbors! I assumed my current position as Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market in December, after two seasons in the Assistant Manager position, and I'm excited to work in collaboration with you to continue the market's long history of work to strengthen our local economy, unite neighbors,

and provide fresh local flavor for all in South Minneapolis.

My passion for food systems work is fueled by a family history in food and farming. I was born and raised in a farming community in southwest Minnesota, where my grandparents ran small dairy farms and my parents raised animals and worked weekends helping neighboring farmers plow, plant, and harvest in the fields. I grew up chasing kittens through the milking parlors, playing hide-and-go-seek with cousins in the cornfields, and cooking and sharing homegrown meals with family and neighbors after long days of hard work. I find joy in soaking in this same sense of community connect-edness over locally grown food at the market, and it is an honor to work in service of the market's mission to ensure that everyone in our community has access to fresh, nutritious, culturally appropriate food and spaces to gather and share that in community.

One thing I've learned in my two seasons with the market is - none of what we do is possible without the support of our neighbors. While our small but mighty crew of volunteers does a great job of making it look easy, pulling off 48 major events from May-October takes tremendous amounts of planning, resources, and labor. Now more than ever, we need you. As we move through several years of construction and transition around the market site, we will rely on the loyalty of our customers, time and talents of our volunteers, and generous contributions of our supporters to ensure the market lands on its feet in its permanent home in a few years stronger than ever. Up to the task? Learn about opportunities to get involved at www.midtownfarmersmarket.org/join-us and reach out to let us know how you'd like to help. We appreciate you, and look forward to continuing to build with you at the market this season!

Mallory holds an M.A. in International Development from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies with concentrations in Program Evaluation and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security as well as a B.A. in International Relations and Spanish from St. Cloud State University. Her prior experience includes work conducting evaluations of U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service projects in Latin America and Africa, directing educational programs and facilitating anti-oppression, environmental, and food justice workshops for youth and adults at an urban farm, market, and food justice organization in Denver, Colorado, and several years working as an academic coordinator in the Linguistics and Cultural Exchange Department of the Escuela Politécnica Nacional in Quito, Ecuador. Mallory is English/Spanish bilingual. Mallory can be reached at mallory@midtownfarmersmarket.org or 612-724-7457.



Kate Sheldon is a resident of Midtown Phillips and Assistant Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market. Kate is also the Co-Founder/Co-Director of The White Page, a gallery and residency program for emerging artists just a block away from the CNO office. In addition to her work at The White Page, Kate most recently worked as an arts administrator for Public Art Saint Paul. In these roles, Kate has planned and executed artist markets and gallery events, implemented communications plans, and been active in managing social media marketing campaigns for both organizations.

"I'm so excited to be a part of the Midtown Farmers Market!" says Kate. "Over the past month I have been learning the ropes and gradually meeting vendors, market founders, and fellow market-goers. It's been inspiring to see all of the passion and hard work people pour into the market to make sure it runs smoothly and responds to the community it serves."

Ask The Yoga Instructor: Chakras

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What on earth are the chakras?

Happy spring from Mary and all of us at Imbue Yoga! We hope you have been feeling as excited about the freshness of the season as we are!

The chakra system seems to be all the rage in the yoga and alternative wellness industries these days. And yet, chakra theories have been around for thousands of years. Energy centers were mentioned in early Hindu texts in 1 BCE and more deeply in Buddhist tantric texts around the 8th century. (I'm no scholar, so please research for yourself!)

Chakras are a part of our "subtle" body - psychological / emotional / non-physical mind-body. The main seven chakras are referred to as spinning wheels of coiled energy located along the central channel of our body from the top of our head, down to the base of our spine. These "energy centers" are said to have different qualities - colors, elements, emotions, and stages of life associated with them.

It is said that our chakras can be balanced or imbalanced due to our personal growth or what life hands to us.

Here is a short, non-comprehensive list of the seven main chakras:

- Root Muladhara Chakra: Red / base of spine / groundedness, family, safety
- Sacral Svadhisthana Chakra: Orange / near belly button / creativity, sexuality, possibility
- Solar Plexus Manipura Chakra - Yellow / center of breastbone / personal will and power
- Heart Anahata Chakra - Green or Pink / compassion, love
- Throat Vishuddhi Chakra - Light Blue / expression, truth
- Third Eye Ajna Chakra - Indigo / intuition, knowledge, inner knowledge
- Crown Sahasrara Chakra - Violet or White / pure Consciousness, bliss, liberation

While this might sound like a load of colorful rubbish to you, to meditate on the chakras is to meditate in general — and the benefits of meditation are widely recognized in research. Some may come to it through the chakras, some may come to it through needing to find a way to calm a frazzled and stressed mind. I say, whatever gets you through the door!

Namaste! Please join us for a two-hour Chakra Yoga and Sound Healing with Crystal Singing Bowls event on April 6th! For details and to register, see imbueyoga.com/workshops.

Now Accepting 2018 Corcoran Garden Applications

Lorien Kinzel-Auer | Newspaper Co-chair & Volunteer



Corcoran Community Garden at 3301 24th Ave S and Milly's Peace Garden at 2017 E 38th St are now accepting applications for the 2018 gardening season. Due to time constraints we are unable to mail out the application with the paper this year. But we will have the application available online for download at our website, www.corcoranneighborhood.org/. Or you can come pick one up in person at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, located at 3451 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

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Midtown Greenway Coalition Launches Extend the Greenway Campaign

Peter Bajurny | Corcoran Representative, Midtown Greenway Coalition

If you travel to the far eastern end of the Midtown Greenway, you'll find it ends rather abruptly before crossing the Mississippi River. While the Greenway follows the railroad tracks on its east end, it does not follow them across the river. In 2006, a study was done looking at ways the Greenway could cross the river, including reusing the existing railroad bridge, but no progress has been made to bring the Midtown Greenway into St. Paul since then.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has always envisioned extending the Greenway across the river. It's the reason we've included the Prospect Park neighborhood in our coalition. Now we've assembled a partnership of more than 30 non-profits and local businesses to push for a Greenway crossing of the river. The first step of this effort will be to commission a new study of the existing bridge to see how much it would cost to rehabilitate the existing railroad bridge for use as a bike and pedestrian crossing. While the original 2006 study looked at the bridge, it merely assumed that a new bridge would be needed, and did not actually evaluate the condition of the existing bridge to see if it could be used. The new study will evaluate the actual condition of the existing bridge and hopefully find out what it would cost to rehabilitate it.

On April 5th, the Greenway Coalition and our partners will be announcing a crowdfunding effort to raise funds to pay for this study, as well as a matching/challenge gift.

Information about the Extend the Greenway Campaign can be found on our website, <http://midtowngreenway.org/>



Calling All Entrepreneurs!

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor



The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization is now accepting applications for the Midtown Farmers Market Try It! Program. This program allows you to vend 1-2 Saturdays at the market with a limited investment. We pay the fees, tent, table and program sign (valued at \$1,000)! You provide any required licensing and insurance.

You can apply to be a vendor to sell any of these eligible products: arts, crafts, clothing, food products under the MN Cottage Food Law, fresh produce, plants, rootstock, shrubs and trees, farm products, consumable foods, prepared foods and licensed services.

To see full details, requirements, deadlines and review the application, visit http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/try_it.

We hope to see you at the Market!

Corcoran GROWS: Updates and Upcoming Meetings

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran GROWS member & Corcoran Neighbor

GROWS University Community-led learning for a resilient future

2018 spring has arrived and so have more educational and community skill-sharing events! We'll continue a monthly showing of individual episodes of "Years of Living Dangerously" and our neighborly skill-shares. Meet, learn and experience what your neighbors are doing to turn global climate issues into personal moments of transformation and ingenuity.

This is an ongoing program that we hope will spur new relationships, spark ideas for changing the way we live, and ignite a passion for leading the way in alternative and community-focused economies.

Mark your Calendars:

- Wednesday, April 11th from 6:30-8pm at 3519 23rd Ave. - Years of Living Dangerously ep. 4
- Thursday, April 26th from 6:30-8pm at 3435 22nd Ave. - Composting for Slackers: You've heard about the layering and the carbon/nitrogen balance and the temperature and the turning -- now hear about the reality! Anne Holzinger, Jeanette Torkelson and Marissa Tappy share different ways in which they've made composting work for them, their time and their household. Get ready for composting ACTUALLY made easy.
- Wednesday, May 2nd from 6:30-8pm at 3519 23rd Ave. - Years of Living Dangerously ep. 5
- Thursday, May 15th from 7-8:30pm (note time change) at 3207 24th Ave. - Kombucha for Everyone: No doubt you've heard about it! Whether you're a consumer of it or a maker of it you will benefit from Ethan Nuss' knowledge and experience on the subject.

Keep updated by following us on [facebook.com/CorcoranGROWS](https://www.facebook.com/CorcoranGROWS)

Years of Living Dangerously: "This groundbreaking documentary event series explores the human impact of climate change. From the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy to the upheaval caused by drought in the Middle East, combining blockbuster storytelling with the reporting expertise of Hollywood's brightest stars and today's most respected journalists."



Volunteer Opportunities with the Midtown Farmers Market

Kate Sheldon | Midtown Farmers Market Staff

The Midtown Farmers Market is in need of volunteers for the 2018 season!

As a local, community driven market determined to bring fresh, delicious, locally sourced food to the Corcoran and South Minneapolis community we depend on community volunteers like you.

On-site volunteers are needed for 3-4 hour shifts every Saturday to assist with processing SNAP-EBT token and credit card token sales, customer service, set-up and tear-down of the market, photography, customer counts, fundraising, and customer engagement. Bring a friend or family member and make a fun day of it!

We also have openings for ongoing skills-based volunteers in the following areas (2-5 hours per month): market photography, handyperson (carpentry, equipment repair, etc), outreach & marketing, customer engagement, market writer/reporter, and database management.

Contact Kate at kate@midtownfarmersmarket.org for more information or to sign up. Thanks for your support of the market!



Corcoran Renters on Strike

DeAnna Miller | Corcoran Resident

Eighteen tenants in Minneapolis have banded together to organize a rent strike, and it's getting results: A county court has ordered that tenants in several apartment buildings -- including five buildings just south of 31st Street on 22nd Avenue in Corcoran -- be refunded three months' worth of rent.

A coordinated rent strike of this size has probably not been seen in Minneapolis since the 1980s. It is just one of many legal actions involving Spiros Zorbalas, a landlord who in 2011 was banned from owning rental property in the city of Minneapolis for five years, but secretly and illegally retained co-ownership with Steve Frenz. Tenants report terrible conditions as their residential units fall apart around them: rat infestations, black mold, nonworking heat, holes in walls, ice forming inside living spaces, bad plumbing, and more. Landlords are required by law to maintain their rental units "fit to use," in reasonable repair, and compliant with the housing code.

"The heat hasn't been over 45 degrees since mid-February," a resident of 3116 22nd Ave S told the Southwest Journal. After her infant son was hospitalized with the flu this winter, the hospital wouldn't let him return to their cold apartment,

which also has issues with mice, roaches, and black mold. "I shouldn't have to live with this."

It is not fair to have to continue to make a full rent payment when you are watching your upstairs neighbor's sewage seep through your ceiling while the owner of the building does nothing about it. But a tenant cannot just tell the landlord, "Well, until you fix it, I'm not paying." That is grounds for eviction.

Fortunately, tenants do have options. They all require patience and good documentation, but not necessarily a lawyer.

No one interviewed for this story wanted to share their names or building addresses. They encouraged anyone with similar problems to reach out to Legal Aid (www.mylegalaid.org) or an organization like United Renters for Justice (Inquilinx Unidxs Por Justicia, <http://www.inquilinxsunidxs.org>).

A tenant's first option is to contact the city and ask for the property to be inspected. There is a form online that makes this easy: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections/report/rental-complaint>. You have the option to email yourself a copy of the form. Do that. You want to keep copies of everything in this process. After you fill out the form, the city can send an inspector to the property

to document code violations and give the landlord a deadline to address these issues. Be sure to talk to the inspector and get a copy of the report. It is illegal for a landlord to retaliate against any tenant who requests an inspector. They can't evict you, increase your rent, or treat you differently than any other tenant.

The next option a tenant has is the rent strike, or technically a "rent escrow action." You still have to pay rent -- but instead of paying it to the landlord, the tenants pay their rent into an account managed by the county court system. Once the rent has been paid into the escrow account, a judge will hold a hearing within two weeks to address the concerns. Now the judge can address the needed repairs in a way that fits the property: The judge can order the landlord to fix the problem, or allow the tenant themselves to make the repairs and deduct the cost from the rent, or appoint an administrator to collect rent and order repairs. The judge also determines what happens with the rent paid into the escrow account: It can be paid to the landlord once the repairs are made, or some of it can be refunded to the tenant. That is what has happened during this organized rent strike. The court order says they get three months' rent back so far. This creates a

situation where the landlord finally has a financial incentive to bring the unit back up to code as quickly as possible. From there, the legal options escalate: taking the landlord to conciliation court or bringing a lawsuit in district court.

The tenants interviewed for this story all report that they are not looking for free rent. They just want timely repairs to the units they are in. They would also like some input into who owns these buildings, which provide more affordable housing stock in Corcoran. If current owners sell to developers, the developers could raise all the rents and drive the tenants out.

To find instructions on how to proceed with a rent escrow action, visit www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Landlord-and-Tenant-Issues.aspx. You can also visit the Housing Court in person at Hennepin County Government Center at 300 South 6th Street, Room C-300, but staff there cannot give legal advice.

Memorial Blood Centers is Calling All Life-Savers

Press Release | Memorial Blood Centers

The number one reason eligible blood donors don't donate is because nobody asked them to.

So we're asking everyone in our community: will you step up and help save lives?

Memorial Blood Centers invites all eligible blood donors to roll up their sleeve and give blood. Every two seconds someone needs blood -- from heart transplant and cancer patients to accident victims and premature babies. The need for blood is constant, but the supply is not. Only volunteer blood donors can make a life-saving difference to someone in need.

Step up to give blood at a blood drive or donor center in your neighborhood and help save lives. Donating blood is convenient and safe when you are:

- In good health
- Free of antibiotics for 24 hours, unless taken daily for a skin condition
- Symptom-free for at least 3 days following a cold or a flu
- 17 years or older—16 with written parental consent (form available at MBC.ORG)

While walk-in donors are always welcome, we encourage appointments to be made in advance. To register for a blood drive, go online to MBC.ORG or contact the sponsoring organization directly. Visit MBC.ORG and search blood drives to find the most up-to-date blood drive list in your community. You can also donate at a local donor center, sponsor your own blood drive, or gather friends to donate together at a Donor Day event.

Patients in our local hospitals depend on Memorial Blood Centers to be there with the right blood type they need to survive. All types are needed—especially O negative (O-) and O positive (O+).

- 04/11/18 - 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Sponsor: Roosevelt High School
4029 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis
- 04/21/18 - 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sponsor: Bleedin' for Amina Bloodmobile
3032 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis
- 04/30/18 - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sponsor: Roosevelt High School
4029 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis
- 05/05/18 - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sponsor: Midtown Farmers Market
2225 East Lake Street, Minneapolis

About Memorial Blood Centers

Memorial Blood Centers has been saving lives for 70 years as an independent nonprofit supplying life-saving blood to area hospitals and other partners throughout the U.S. Operating 10 donor centers and conducting hundreds of blood drives each month, Memorial Blood Centers also provides comprehensive testing and expert technical services as a national leader in transfusion medicine. For more information, call 1-888-GIVE-BLD (1-888-448-3253) or visit MBC.ORG. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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Application Process: Please complete and sign the Application Form and Gardener Agreement and return both with your payment to the CNO office by Monday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the office. Payment is by cash or check (payable to CNO). This is a lottery system and applicants will be notified within one week if they will receive a plot. Applicants not selected will have their application fees returned. Application and Agreement forms must be complete and signed, with payment included.

Plot Size And Cost: Corcoran plots are 4'x12', 6'x12', and 10'x12' in size; Milly's plots are roughly 72-96 sq feet. Several accessible raised bed plots will be available for disabled gardeners. Cost for plots vary based on size. Raised beds and 4'x12' are \$35, 6'x12' is \$50, and 10'x12' is \$60; \$10 of this will be returned at the end of the season after inspection by the Garden Coordinator confirming final clean-up of your plot. If you would like to share a plot with another gardener, please specify this in the application. If you are financially unable to pay \$35-\$40, contact CNO staff for help.

Lottery Process: Garden plots will be assigned to applicants using a blind lottery administered by CNO. The lottery will give top priority to returning gardeners; they will receive the same plot if they request it. Second priority will be given to residents who live within ¼ mile of their preferred garden who do not have access to gardening space at home. Third priority will be given to other residents who live within ¼ mile of their preferred garden. All other applications will be considered in the final round of the lottery.

Questions?
Please contact info@corcoranneighborhood.org or 612-724-7457.



Legislative Update: Gun Safety, State Employees, Property Taxes And More

State Rep. Jim Davnie | Cooper Neighborhood

Dear Neighbors,

This is the last week of the legislative session before next week’s Easter/Passover break. The second deadline for legislative committees to pass bills is today (Thursday). Here’s an update on what’s been going on:

March for Our Lives

A growing number of Minnesotans are demanding we do something about gun violence this year. That was on full display Saturday, as 20,000 students and others marched from Harriet Island to the Capitol to protest and demand policy change. More voices, including Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk and Greater Minnesota editorial boards like the Mankato Free Press are urging the Republican majority to take action. Two common sense solutions we should be acting on are universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people who pose a risk to themselves or others. To date however, those bills have been tabled in the Public Safety committee and are not moving forward. Please join me in continuing to push for action!

State Contracts Passed, Pension Updates Remain

On Monday the contracts for 30,000 state workers were finally ratified. The Governor signed them immediately. These contracts were negotiated and approved last year but held up by partisan delays. I heard from many neighbors who are state employees who were increasingly apprehensive about the delays and the threat they posed to their family’s financial stability. As

a state, we owe gratitude to the Minnesotans who plow our roads, keep our water clean, monitor health emergencies, and respond when our state is in crisis.

Also on Monday, the Senate passed legislation to strengthen the long-term viability of state pension plans. The bill asks all involved in public pensions -- employers, employees, and retirees -- to contribute to this solution. I am hopeful that soon the House will follow suit. We have a responsibility to both taxpayers and retirees to fulfill our promise of a secure retirement.

Attacks on Union Rights

Last week, a bill that would bring Wisconsin-style anti-union changes (HF 3723) was amended and passed out of the Government Operations Committee on a roll-call vote of 10-8. The bill cripples the ability of public sector unions to collect dues for independent expenditures and eliminates their ability to accept voluntary paycheck deductions that contribute to a union’s political advocacy work. Workers in Minnesota have a right to organize for higher wages, safer working conditions, and a path to retire with dignity. I will be doing everything I can to oppose this bill.

‘Restore The Vote’ Tabled in Committee

For another year, the House Public Safety Committee has delayed HF 951, which would restore the right to vote for people convicted of a felony once they have been released from custody. MPR story available here: <https://blogs.mprnews.org/capitol-view/2018/03/wait-will-go-on-for-felons-seek->

[ing-return-of-voting-rights/](#)

Your 2018 Home Value Assessment

Many homeowners received home value notices from the City Assessor this week. Some of us surely raised eyebrows at the amounts our home values have gone up and our market value home-stead exclusion have gone down. The lion’s share of the cause for these changes is the hot housing market we find ourselves in currently, and I want to make sure you know about the property tax process and your tools to appeal the assessment you received from the city. Keep in mind that your property valuation and your property taxes are not the same thing, and that next year’s property taxes will not be set until late this year. The following is information provided from the City Assessor’s Office:

Value notices were mailed to property owners the week of March 19, 2018. This important notice provides 2018 property value and classification information. Note: The 2018 property value and classification are used to calculate property taxes payable in 2019.

The value notice provides information on appeal options, definitions of values and exclusions, and the property tax notice schedule.

I welcome your questions and feedback, and encourage you to email me at jim.davnie@house.mn or contact me at 651-296-0173.

Sincerely,
Jim Davnie
Cooper resident

Editor’s note: this update is from a March 29 email.

Senate District 63 DFL Convention Recap

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Resident

Saturday, March 24th was the Senate District 63 (SD63) DFL convention. This convention was to endorse state-level candidates, elect local party officers, and ratify the SD63 constitution for the next two years, as well as pass on resolutions to the State Convention for review and acceptance. Attendance was high but many delegates were not present initially having gone to attend the “March for Our Lives” protest at the State Capitol. Numerous candidates for Governor attended (Erin Murphy, Rebecca Otto, Tim Walz) as well as many candidates from the other state positions up for election this year.

SD63 is split into two House Districts; HD63A (south/south-east Minneapolis) and HD63B (south Minneapolis/Richfield). HD63A, which includes the Corcoran neighborhood, unanimously endorsed Jim Davnie, who

is seeking re-election unopposed. HD63B had five candidates but ended endorsing incumbent Jean Wagenius after one round of balloting. The convention broke into a walking subcaucus where delegates organized themselves by interest. There were over 70 walking sub-caucuses. After two rounds of walking subcaucus people were elected as delegates and ranked alternates for the State Convention. The split was fairly evenly distributed between Murphy for Governor (plus various issues), Otto for Governor (plus various issues), Walz for Governor (plus various issues), and various uncommitted issue-specific delegations.

The overall tone of the convention was a discussion of progressive politics, education, single-payer healthcare, environment (specifically protecting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area) and candidates were challenged to not accept “dark money.”

Vote!

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Resident

Minnesota has a history and culture of political involvement and voter turnout. However, mid-term elections usually see on average a drop in voter turnout of around 25% compared to presidential election years. 2018 is an important, some could argue more important, election year than in the past. In Minnesota, all constitutional offices are up for election (Governor, State Auditor, Attorney General), all state house represen-

tatives, and all U.S. level positions are up for election (8 U.S. Representatives, 2 U.S. Senators). This election is vital for determining the future direction of our state and is instrumental in shaping the tone of Congress at the federal level. Until the election you will see in the newspaper various articles with the intent to urge all eligible voters in our neighborhood to get out to vote. These articles are intended to help educate voters on

Many spoke in support of gun control reform and were generally anti-NRA. The convention elected 32 delegates and 32 alternates to send to the Congressional District 5 (CD5) and State Convention (first weekend of June). Additionally a new SD63 DFL constitution was ratified that included the election of a new committee position, technology officer. The new constitution also amended gender-based language to be more inclusive and align basic language with that of the state-level constitution. New chair, vice-chair, and treasurer were elected as well as a new set of directors. More information can be found at: <http://sd63dfl.org>.

Honduras in Resistance

Becky Z. Dernbach | Editor and Corcoran Resident

Honduras is the most dangerous place in the world to be an environmental activist. A 2017 Global Witness report documented the murders of more than 120 Hondurans who were defending their water and land from extractive dams, mining projects, logging, and agriculture since 2010. The report traced these murders to state forces, security guards, and hired assassins. And US tax dollars are funding these human rights abuses.

But these deadly intimidation tactics haven’t stopped a powerful resistance in all corners of Honduras as people fight for their land and access to water sources. “These are our ancestral lands. Everywhere I walk, my ancestors walked,” said Consuelo Soto from an encampment in defense of a forest in Locomapa. “The company’s not going to deny me that.”

The US has funneled more than \$200 million to Honduras for military and police assistance since the 2009 coup. The State Department insists the US funds only the “good”

Honduran police and military forces. But the reality is that these lines of distinction are not particularly meaningful in Honduras as money, resources, and even uniforms flow freely among different security forces, including private security and hired assassins.

Water-intensive palm oil plantations, hydroelectric dams, logging, and mining projects have made water harder and harder to come by for many Honduran communities. While the Honduran government is quick to criminalize water defenders, crimes against the water defenders generally go unpunished, with a 98% impunity rate for human rights abuses. But since the assassination of Berta Cáceres in 2016, the Honduran resistance movement has only grown.

As part of a Witness for Peace solidarity delegation I recently visited several Honduran communities who are defending their land and water. The community of Jilamito in the Nombre de

Dios mountains has been holding down an occupation for over 300 days in defense of their river. Four rivers once provided water to this community, but three have already been dammed. This river is their last water source.

Ironically, hydroelectric dams have become lucrative in Honduras because of international climate change agreements like the Kyoto Protocol that consider them renewable energy. But dam companies use incredibly aggressive and sometimes deadly tactics to take critical water sources from indigenous communities, ignoring their right to free, prior, and informed consent, contributing to desertification, and violating human rights.

“When companies come offering money, they are trying to instill fear. But it makes us feel braver and stronger, and fills us with rage. As women we experience the worst impacts. We need water to cook, for hygiene, for future generations,” said Gualpina Santos from Jilamito. “Our best

weapon is our dignity and the force we carry as women.”

Since the November 2017 election, the human rights crisis fueled by our tax dollars has only gotten worse. The need to end US funding of the Honduran military and police is starker than ever. Rep. Keith Ellison is one of 67 co-sponsors of The Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act, HR 1299, which calls for suspension of “security assistance to Honduran military and police until such time as human rights violations by Honduran state security forces cease and their perpetrators are brought to justice.” Reps. Betty McCollum and Rick Nolan have also signed on. In March, state Sen. Patricia Torres Ray and state Rep. Ilhan Omar introduced a bill in the Minnesota legislature calling on Congress to support the Berta Cáceres Act. One way you can support the Hondurans fighting for water and human rights is by asking your representatives to sign on to these bills.



A police post in indigenous Lenca territory that reads “Honduras National Police. Welcome to Lenca Territory.” Crossed out are the words “To serve and protect is our commitment.” They are replaced with spray paint that reads “You kidnap and kill.”

A path from the Jilamito encampment to the river. The Honduran flag hangs above a banner which reads “We want water for life!”



CNO Board Of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 11th, 2017, 7 – 9 pm at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Attending: Flannery Clark, Lisa Barajas, Ellie Watkins, Adam Tomczik, Matt Kazinka, April Riordan, Mike Novak, Lori Kinzel-Auer, Mandie Kender, Chris Sutton, Heidi Johnson McAllister (staff), Amy Arcand (staff), Mario Hernandez (guest)

Absent: Marvin Applewhite

Call to Order and Introductions (Lisa)

A. Appoint Chris Sutton to CNO Board

MOTION: Approve the appointment of Chris Sutton to the CNO Board to represent COPA. Motion by Adam, seconded by April to elect Chris to Board.

B. Strategic Planning Update (Guest: Mario Hernandez from Propel)

Mario led the discussion sharing the strategic planning process, SWOT analysis, and community forum plan/dates

He reviewed the questions to be used in the surveying that grew from the various discussions and SWOT analysis.

The board asks that this group report monthly at the board meeting.

C. Transition Update and Overview (Amy)

Amy introduced herself and her approach to the transition. Amy was upfront about annual or other activities that may have to be canceled, delayed or taken over completely by volunteers (like the book sale and soup cook off)

Mallory will develop the market strategy and the two will

work to hire an assistant.

Propel process may be altered as we pursue hiring an ED.

May need to look at why there was high staff turnover.

May need to determine what work may need to go on hold or needs to be adjusted because of restricted funding.

MISCO may fit in this category.

Matt, April and Ellie volunteered to work on ED Search. Flannery will also participate.

Lisa and Adam will work with Transition Team in addition to the Executive Committee.

D. Oversight Committee (Matt)

Review documents: Governance Document and CNO’s Response to the Considerations section of the Plaza Governance Document. The board discussed how the board that would oversee the plaza would be formed, should it wait for the SWOT plan to be finished, and new director to be hired and in place.

Board discussed the ability of the CNO to take over management of the permanent Market plaza when finished, asked who would possibly fund the position if it was added to the CNO staff. There was agreement this would be in our best interests, but without an ED the board was unsure how this would look in the future.

E. Review Community Engagement Plan

F. Committee Updates

1. MFM Advisory Committee
No further updates
2. Land Use and Housing
Follow up with meeting on Saturday of potential sites.
3. Renters Work Update -
Brief update of status of Frenz properties
4. Economic Development
5. Newspaper
Becky Dernbach has agreed to take the position of editor for the Corcoran News. She and Lori will continue to do layout and they will co-chair the publication. The paper will likely become bi-monthly, due to budget concerns, but that the newspaper will continue to hold monthly meetings to check in, review past issue and start planning for fundraising and articles for the next issue. Lori informed the board that there was some new interest in the paper and there had been a lack of awareness that the paper was understaffed.

- 9:00 Announcements (All) and Adjourn**
- Next Board Meeting: February 8, 2018
 - 2017 Fall Fundraising Update - \$10,048
 - MRC Open House: Friday, January 19, 2018, 1-4pm

CNO Board Of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 8th, 2017, 7 – 8 pm at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Present: Flannery Clark, Ellie Watkins, April Riordan, Matt Kazinka, Mike Novak, Mandie Kender, Lori Kinzel-Auer, Adam Tomczik, Marvin Applewhite, Amy Arcand (staff) and Simon Riordan (guest)

Absent: Mandie Kender, Chris Sutton

Call to Order and Introductions (Lisa)

A. Search Committee (Simon Riordan)

Simon reviewed CNO Search Process and ED job description

Board reviewed updated job posting and proposed timeline hiring a new ED

Motion to accept the position descriptions. Adam and Lorien second, Passed

Motion: To approve CNO Search Process and appoint Simon Riordan as Chair

of the Search Committee. Motion Motion: Matt, seconded Mandie. Passed

Recruiting for the position: Simon shared how the beginning of the search for a new executive director is going with the new search committee.

Simon will rework organizer position so it will be ready when new ED begins.

B. Newspaper (Lori)

Review updated Corcoran News Process, and how the current responsibilities are split.

Lori explained new divisions of responsibilities of the two co-chairs of the paper, between the Editor position and the co-chair who will represent the paper to the board.

Went over the planned schedule for the year of the bi-monthly paper, for Cannon Valley Publishing Schedule.

Motion: To approve Corcoran News Process and new Co-editor job descriptions.

Motion Matt, Mike Second, passed.

Motion: To appoint Lori Auer-Kinzel and Becky Dernbach as Co-chairs.

Motion Adam, Matt Second, Passed.

C. Midtown Farmers Market Program Brief (Mike)

Mike went over the current proposal from the city for the permanent market plaza vs. what the Market committee and the board are asking for and agree on. The current list of requests is still what we need/are asking for. There were some concerns from Adam and Lori about the ability of the Market to be successful if we don’t have room for enough stalls and bathrooms. Adam reiterated that we need to really start pushing what we want in the market.

Motion: To reaffirm the Midtown Farmers Market Program Brief*

D. Personnel Policy Updates (Lisa)

Proposed changes to CNO Personnel Policy to give Market employees additional week of vacation in the off-season to help prevent burnout from the intense summer schedule, and allow Regular Part-time employees the opportunity to earn holiday pay as well as

existing sick leave and vacation time.

Motion: To approve changes to the Personnel Policy* Flannery, Mandie Seconded. Passed

E. Strategic Planning (Amy)

Does everyone have the February 21st Community Stakeholder meeting on the calendar? 7-9pm at Corcoran Park, plan to arrive early for set up

Have committee chairs invited 2-3 people? RSVPs?

Are we ready to door knock? Any questions? Amy asked for all surveys to be turned in by March 16th and reminded board members to do their assigned door knocking.

Matt will share his email invite with the Board to use for writing emails to guests. Mike Novak will design and produce handout to be taken with door knocking if residents are not home or would like information to complete the survey later. Matt agreed to create the survey and supply Mike with a tiny URL.

F. Committee Updates1

1. Economic Development (Matt)
Slower pace right now. Business Mixer next week.
Will try Home Based businesses as get to know you.
Will be continuing with the Try It program again this year with new vendors at the MFM, they will get help with application fees, set-up and paperwork.
There will be funds this year for Storefront fix-up project where city money doesn’t cover.
Retail project leases close.
2. Land Use and Housing (Adam)
1901 update in March
3. MFM Advisory Committee (Mike)
Kate Sheldon will start on February 20 as the new Market Assistant manager.
Committee updated, and reviewing all phases of the market.
4. Newspaper (Lori) - No further updates
5. COPA (Lori in place of Chris) COPA decided on an art crawl date (June 16th) and have decided to rename the crawl itself the Junebug Art crawl, freeing the COPA name to do other things in the future. COPA would like to have a table at the market.

- 8:55 Announcements (All) and Adjourn**
- Next Board Meeting: March 8, 2018
 - Community Stakeholder Meeting February 21 from 7-9pm at Corcoran Park
 - Amy will be out of town February 15-19

The New CNO Finance Committee is Seeking Members

Matt Kazinka | Chair of Economic Development

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) is seeking members for its Finance Committee, which helps oversee the organization's financial management. Although the Board of Directors of CNO carries responsibility for financial oversight of the organization, the finance committee serves a leadership role in this area, focusing on annual budgeting, financial planning, financial reporting, and monitoring internal controls and accountability policies. If you have experience with non-profit organizational management or are interested in learning about the topic, please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 4th from 5pm-7pm at CNO's office (3451 Cedar Avenue S).

Thank You to CNO Donors

Alicia D. Smith | CNO Staff

CNO continues to invest time and energy into working with you to create a stronger neighborhood. We work with renters, help foster new development in the neighborhood, run the Midtown Farmers Market, support businesses in the neighborhood, and enable changes to the intersection at Lake and Hiawatha. This work will not happen without you - whether you give your time or donate to CNO or the MFM, we rely on residents like you. 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 made donations to CNO and/or the Midtown Farmers Market in January and February 2018:

- LisaBeth Barajas*
 - Mary Buhr*
 - Stacey Burns*
 - Andrea Cecconi*
 - KT Simon Dastych and Gerald Dastych
 - Kate Duffy*
 - Fierce Ferments*
 - Erica Garcia
 - Ann Gibney
 - Russ and Jenna Grigsby*
 - Susan Hagler
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 - Chelsea and Greg Miller*
 - Minneapolis Business Photos*
 - Genevieve Olive*
 - April and Simon Riordan*
 - Kelly Savage*
 - Tanya Snyder*
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Consent Is Key

Lillian Crawford | South High School Student
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Loafy • Issue 2

Art by Lillian Crawford

Consent is Key

Hopefully everyone remembers me from my last issue,

And it's good to be back!

Guess who's back?

And if you don't that's ok too!

I Understand..

USE PEOPLE'S PREFERRED PRONOUNS

#respect

PRONOUNS ISSUE 1

Consent

But today I'm here to talk about something Very important...

Recently there was a huge movement on social media, where women from all over the world, came out and shared stories of sexual assault and harassment...

Najwa Z. •
#Metoo
And I was blamed for it
I was told not to talk about it.

xoxo, Gaga •
#Metoo.

Empowerment

Through

Empathy

me too

Tarana Burke, the initiator of the #metoo movement, one day received a reply on twitter from actress Alyssa Milano with an open letter to Harvey Weinstein.

Susan Sarandon •
Huge respect for @AshleyJudd + all the women who broke their silences for the article on Harvey Weinstein. Brave!

Ashley Judd • - Thank you

Within weeks more and more women started to come out against men in Hollywood. With two words the me too movement was born.

Literally just ask!

YES

Great! Be safe!

NO

Respect your Partners wishes!

It may seem weird to ask at first... but direct is really helpful!

I bet you're wondering: "Loafy how can I be sure my partner is comfortable?"

You should never take "I don't know" or "Maybe" as an answer. Always get a direct yes or no from your partner!

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