

## Humanizing Hi-Lake: A Look Back and A Look Ahead

Kevin Kirsch | Corcoran Neighbor

How did all this begin and where is it going? Here are some of the major highlights and accomplishments in this community-driven effort.

### 2014

Urban guru Gil Penalosa is invited to Hi-Lake to start a conversation with the community on making the intersection more humane. (Ironically Penalosa waits more than 6 minutes for a walk signal to cross Lake Street.)

Community members brainstorm ideas for improvement and media covers the event. According to a street sign, the entire entourage of 20+ is trespassing under the bridge.

### 2015

Momentum starts building when East Lake is selected as an Open Streets location.

Corcoran, Sierra Club, Longfellow and others organize around a puppet show as an engagement tool to canvass public support at Open Streets. A slogan emerges: Humanize Hi-Lake, and a Facebook page solicits ideas online.

A hungry public shares their voice: More than 500 people offer ideas and sign postcards demanding change. The roving puppet show spreads the Hi-Lake gospel at National Night Out.

(Local media coverage continues and the slogan doubles as a Star Tribune headline: How to Humanize a Busy Intersection?)

Traction! An \$80,000 engineering study, sponsored by Ward 9 Council Member Alondra Cano and Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin gets started.

The lights under the bridge are turned on!

### 2016

Study results reveal three major options. Option one and two eliminate free right turns, add speed tables, reduce signal time, and make several other small-scale improvements. Option three revamps the intersection completely, but this requires millions in funding.

Nurturing Nature: Year two of East Lake as an Open Streets location. A 10' x 20' fresh grass art installation is used to help the public envision a different Hi-Lake.

A symbol for change emerges when a neighbor's hand-written logo becomes fully realized.

1,000 postcards formally delivered to city officials, when all stakeholders gather at the Farmer's Market for a public meeting and discussion. Cano, McLaughlin, Jennifer Hager and Robin Hutcheson of Public Works, along with State Senator Patricia Torres Ray and staff of the Met Council are in attendance.

Success: After more than a decade of community organizing, a four-way stop sign is put in near Hi-Lake at the intersection of 31st street and 22nd avenue.

### November, 2016

McLaughlin and Cano attend a CNO board meeting with updates: Phase 1 of the new Hennepin County building is scheduled to open on April 1. The ground floor will include retail and the Farmer's Market will eventually have a permanent home here. Infrastructure for a Bus Rapid Transit will be installed for a future station, and the "free right turn" onto Southbound Hiawatha is

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## Humanizando Hi-Lake: Una mirada hacia atrás y una mirada hacia adelante

Kevin Kirsch | Vecino de Corcoran

¿Cómo empezó todo esto y hacia dónde se dirige? Aquí algunos de los logros más destacados de este esfuerzo comunitario.

### 2014

El maestro en urbanización, Gil Penalosa, es invitado a Hi-Lake para iniciar una conversación con la comunidad sobre cómo hacer la intersección más humana. (Irónicamente, Penalosa espera por más de 6 minutos para cruzar caminando la Calle Lake).

Miembros de la comunidad hacen lluvia de ideas para desarrollo y cobertura mediática del evento. De acuerdo a una señal, todo el séquito de 20+ pasa por debajo del puente.

### 2015

Comienza a crecer el ímpetu desde que East Lake es seleccionada como una locación de Calles Abiertas.

Corcoran, Sierra Club, Longfellow y otros se organizan en torno a un show de marionetas, como una herramienta de participación cívica para hacer campaña por el apoyo público. Surge un eslogan: 'Humaniza Hi-Lake', y una página de Facebook se dedica a buscar ideas en línea.

Un público ansioso comparte sus opiniones: Más de 500 personas ofrecen ideas y firman postales demandando un cambio. El show ambulante de marionetas lleva el mensaje de Hi-Lake al National Night Out.

La cobertura mediática local continúa y el eslogan aparece en los titulares del StarTribune: ¿Cómo humanizar una intersección concurrida?

¡Tracción! Un estudio de ingeniería de

\$80,000 dólares patrocinado por el miembro del consejo del distrito electoral 9, Alondra Cano, y el comisionado del Condado Hennepin, Peter McLaughlin, da inicio.

Las luces debajo del puente están encendidas.

### 2016

Resultados del estudio revelan tres opciones destacadas. Eliminar las vueltas hacia la derecha, agregar tablas de velocidades, reducir tiempo de señales y hacer otras mejoras a pequeña escala.

Nutriendo a la Naturaleza: Segundo Año de East Lake como ubicación de Calles Abiertas. Una instalación de arte de pasto fresco de 10' x 20' sirve para ayudar al público a visualizar una Hi-Lake diferente.

Un símbolo de cambio emerge cuando el logo hecho a mano por un vecino se convierte en realidad.

1,000 tarjetas formalmente entregadas a funcionarios de la ciudad, cuando todos los accionistas se reúnen en el Mercado de Granjeros para una discusión. Se hacen presentes Cano, McLaughlin, Jennifer Heger y Robin Hutcheson de Public Works, junto con la senadora Patricia Torres Ray y personal del Consejo Met.

Éxito: Después de más de una década de organización comunitaria, una señal de alto de cuatro sentidos se instala cerca de Hi-Lake, en la intersección de calle 31 y avenida 22.

### Noviembre, 2016

McLaughlin y Cano atienden a una reunión de la mesa directiva de CNO con últimas noticias: La fase 1 del nuevo edificio del con-

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Ver la página 4 para una reflexión sobre la vida y la muerte de Paul Knobbe.

# Diciembre y Enero – Calendario Comunitario | December- January – Community Calender

## Meetings

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and  
January 5<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? Eric Gustafson  
[eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Newspaper Committee**  
6 – 7pm

Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
[heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and  
January 18<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  
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**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and  
January 18<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.

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## Community

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Cada Miércoles**

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de Oracion**  
8 – 9pm

> dial | marque (641) 715-3580  
enter access code / entrar el código de acceso: 497-108-414 #

**Thursday – Friday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
'Jungle Book' Musical**

6 – 7 pm

Folwell School

Adults - \$5, Student / Seniors \$3, 5 years and under are free.

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Shelf Distribution**  
3 – 4 pm

Lebanon Church (21st Ave & 36th St)  
(Always the first Tuesday of each month)

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Corcoran Artist Meeting**

6:30 pm

Anyone interested in participating in the May 2017 Art Crawl is invited to attend our next meeting, being held on Dec. 15th!

Can't make it in December? Good news- we'll have another meeting on January 19th!

> For details, contact Chris at [14chrisSutton@gmail.com](mailto:14chrisSutton@gmail.com)

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Caroling**

5 – 7 pm

> Lebanon Church, 21st ave and 36th St.

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> | Viernes,  
23 de diciembre**

**Bilingual Christmas Candlelight Service**  
Navidad bilingüe velas servicio

7 – 8pm

> Lebanon Church / Iglesia de Libano (21st Ave & 36th St)

**Save the Date:**

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Corcoran Annual Book And Bake Sale**  
9am-4pm

Come enjoy yummy treats and hot coffee while browsing for new to you books. The sale will be held at Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office, 3451 Cedar Avenue South.

> Questions: Contact Heidi Johnson McAllister, [Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org), 612-724-7457.

## Events

**Friday – Sunday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**The Seward Winter Frolic**

Celebrating local artists and businesses, the weekend kicks off with an evening of food, wine and performances at the Playwrights' Center on Friday.

The Seward Art Crawl will take place on Saturday, December 3 (10 a.m.- 6 p.m.) and Sunday, December 4 (noon - 5 p.m.) Art crawlers are invited to frolic at participating businesses and churches by taking advantage of performances, giveaways and specials.

> Visit [www.sewardarts.org](http://www.sewardarts.org) for more information.

**Saturday and Sunday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday Artist Showcase at Acanthus  
Floral Art**

11am – 4pm

It's a gift-buying party! We will have snacks and drinks, art and flowers! Acanthus Floral Art is located at 3932 Cedar Avenue. On Sunday swing around the corner, when we are done at 4 o'clock, to A-Tree Service Inc. on Longfellow and 38th for their tree lighting celebration, 4 -6pm!

> For more information, go to [acanthusfloralart.com](http://acanthusfloralart.com).

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tree Lighting Celebration**

4 – 6pm

A-Tree Service Inc is hosting a celebration the 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Come join us to light the trees.

> A Tree Service is located at 38<sup>th</sup> and Longfellow.

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

4 – 7pm

Join us for our Holiday Boutique at our senior campus for holiday shopping made easy. We'll have jewelry, purses, crafts, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Jams and Jellies, and so much more! Start at one location then head across the street for additional gift options!

> Providence Place Skilled Nursing & Rehab,  
3720 23rd Avenue S, Mpls

> Minnehaha Senior Living, 3733 23rd Avenue S, Mpls

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**La Natividad**

We're taking the Nativity Story to the Streets! Who is it that gathers to welcome the little one into this world? This is the Christmas Story, the story of the Holy Child born in our midst. This unique event honors the Mexican tradition of La Posada, leading everyone on a journey to four sites in our community. Enacted with beauty, humor, soulful live music, and ending with a feast. (Performed in English and Spanish).

> For more information or to buy your tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2581251>.

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## Minneapolis Toy Library Recycles Used Toys with TerraCycle's Zero Waste Boxes

Press Release | Minneapolis Toy Library



The Minneapolis Toy Library at 8 W 60th Street is hoping to reduce the number of used or broken toys its customers send to the local landfill. The library recently started using the Used Toys Zero Waste Box from TerraCycle, so toys that would usually be thrown away are now recycled.

One of the founding members of the library, Rebecca Nutter, says the library

believes in reducing its environmental impact when it comes to toys, that when toys are broken or unusable, there needs to be a way to recycle instead of tossing them in the garbage. Nutter thinks families will be excited to use the Zero Waste Box because it provides an option for recycling that is not otherwise available in Minneapolis.

"We know families have toys in their homes that break or a puzzle that is missing a piece," said Nutter. "Donation centers won't take these materials and some families don't have the time to find where these toys can be recycled, so they probably just throw them in the garbage. Now, families can bring these items in to be recycled during one of our toy lending events. It will be a big hit, we just know it!"

Using TerraCycle's Zero Waste Box is another way for the toy library to educate their customers about consuming products without creating waste. Nutter says that recycling is very important to the library staff. "It's important for us to share this with our children. We hope that we can be a resource for families on buying eco-friendly toys, recycling toys, and donating toys that still have value."

### About Minneapolis Toy Library

The Minneapolis Toy Library aims at reducing waste, promoting development, and building community. We offer families paid memberships to have access to our inventory of toys appropriate for children birth to age 5, [mplstoylibrary.org](http://mplstoylibrary.org).

### About TerraCycle

Founded in 2001, TerraCycle, Inc., is the world's leader in the collection and repurposing of hard-to-recycle post-consumer waste, ranging from used chip bags to coffee capsules to cigarette butts. To learn more about TerraCycle or get involved in our recycling programs, please visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

## A Spotlight on Two Neighborhood Businesses: One Old and One New

### New Business in the Corcoran Neighborhood

Ellie Adams | Youth Reporter

New features are popping up all over our area. There are new businesses being established that help our community, one of those being the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore. With this great business, you can get home goods for great prices and give back to the public.

The ReStore is a home improvement outlet. They sell donated home furnishings and building materials for a fraction of the original costs. Everything found in their store is donation based and their merchandise comes every day from contractors, retailers, and private individuals.

At the ReStore you can get involved through buying, donating, and volunteering. Through shopping, the proceeds go toward Habitat for Humanity's efforts to provide decent housing. You can donate to the ReStore, but please read their donation guidelines before doing so here: (<https://restore.tchabitat.org/donate>). They accept a wide variety of items and all donations are tax deductible and 100% used towards Habitat for Humanity's mission. The third way you can get involved is through volunteering. You can volunteer as a group or as an individual. As a volunteer your

tasks could range anywhere from accepting donations, cashiering, or answering the phone. This great organization could not be run without volunteers, so if you're looking for someplace to do so, the ReStore is a great option.

Upon visiting the ReStore I was greeted by a pleasant environment and friendly staff. The building is fairly large and filled with a grand assortment of items for exceptionally reasonable prices. Towards the front you have furniture, lighting and paint. In the back of the store you can find bulk lumber, home improvement items, and much more. Everything was reasonably priced and I would feel even better spending the money there since it goes towards a good cause. My father decided to get a few items, and upon checking out we found the staff was very friendly and happy. Altogether it was a pleasurable shopping experience.

All in all, the Habitat for Humanity's South Minneapolis Restore is a great place to shop and volunteer. They are located at 2700 Minnehaha Avenue and their website address is <http://www.habitat.org/restores>. I would definitely suggest visiting there sometime in the near future.



### An Old and Trustful Business in the Corcoran Neighborhood

Parker Adams – Youth Reporter

Everett's grocery store is a full-service butcher shop that is located right in the neighborhood. It is family operated, and has been here since 1956. We go there almost every Sunday to get some of our weekly groceries, and we have gone there for a couple of years. Everett's isn't like any other store. There are many different things to show that it is the most extraordinary butcher shop there is around our area. All of the employees there are kind, and as helpful as they can be! Everett's has the best quality groceries.

Everett's has a fascinating background and history. It has been opened since 1956 and they have never changed their way of doing business. Its old fashioned butcher-style store has brought people from all over Minneapolis to our area.

Everett's has a very wide variety of grocery items to suit your everyday needs. The groceries are of the finest quality you can find. The types of cheeses in their deli counter are not the typical varieties you could find at a normal store. They have

things such as dill Havarti, extra sharp cheddar, and even apple smoked cheese. Everett's has lots of different types of juices and some are organic. They have fresh produce, and fresh fruits and vegetables that taste great.

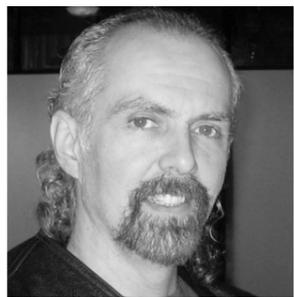
One thing that makes Everett's famous is its deli counter. They have all sorts of lunch meats for sandwiches that we use for our lunches. They have the best brats around. There are different flavored brats too which include Cheddar and Jalapeno Cheddar, to name a few. The beef sticks there are amazing. They make them themselves and are of outstanding quality.

Everett's is located at 1833 E 38th St, Minneapolis, MN. You can also contact them with their phone number at (612) 729-6626. They have a website that is informal, neat, and clean which can provide you with much more information. If you have never been to Everett's, you will have great service, great food, and you are supporting a local business.



## The Incomplete Skeptic: Fight Attendants & Fright Instructors

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



"You don't have to attend every fight you're invited to." These were words from a wise woman who I called my spiritual advisor for a great many years. Unfortunately, I did not incorporate these words into my life until I was older. I had heard a similar message in my youth. My grandmother told me to "pick your battles."

Before engaging in a struggle of will or wit, ask yourself, 'How important is it?' Is a topic tendered a deal breaker, or is it something you can be patient with and allow circumstances to take their due course? Can you trust that there is more to life than your perspective, and just sit back and observe? Silence and circumspection goes a

long way, and the better part of valor is oftentimes simply listening. Remember the Three Second Rule: before saying anything, especially in a stressful situation, wait three seconds. In the heat of the moment, we might say something we'll regret later. It's hard to undo the damage we generate when we seek to control solutions, or impose harmony. By waiting before responding to any given stressor, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to rise above the situation. By flying high like an eagle, (to the sea), we "see" the big picture.

Over time you'll experience what it's like to be a true Flight Attendant, rather than a Fight Attendant. And then maybe someday, when you've learned to compose yourself in the midst of big and small issues, you'll become a Flight Instructor instead of a Fright Instructor. Choose your words well.

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being removed.

The board learns that no funding exists at in the current 5-year capital plan for repairs to the intersection, and that other locations are "ahead" of Hi-Lake, including the Franklin/Cedar tangle.

### 2017

We have accomplished so much in the last two years, and we are forging ahead undaunted! Here's our initial plan for 2017:

Prioritize: CNO will prioritize the Tier I and II fixes and work with a county engineer to know which fixes work in concert together and be the most bang for the buck.

Find arts money, along with youth project/community project funds to act as a discrete, fundable project to help transform the corner in partnership with other organizations.

Build a broader volunteer base to continue momentum forward. Join us! Get involved. The land use committee meets next on Thursday, December 1, and then Thursday, January 5. Meetings are at 6 pm at CNO!

dado Hennepin está programada para iniciar el 1 de abril. La parte baja incluirá comercios y el Mercado de Granjeros eventualmente tendrá su hogar permanente ahí. La infraestructura para el Tránsito de Autobús Rápido se instalará para una estación futura, y se removerá la "vuelta libre hacia la derecha" rumbo al sur por Hiawatha.

La mesa directiva se entera que no se incluye financiamiento en el actual plan monetario para 5 años, para reparaciones a la intersección, y que otras locaciones están más "avanzadas" que Hi-Lake, incluyendo el triángulo Franklin/Cedar.

### 2017

Hemos logrado mucho en los últimos dos años, y vamos firmes hacia adelante. Aquí nuestro plan inicial para 2017:

Priorizar: El CNO dará prioridad a las reparaciones y desarrollo a la Grada I y II con un ingeniero del condado para saber cuáles reparaciones funcionan en esfuerzo colectivo y aprovechar el dinero al máximo.

Encontrar dinero para arte, con proyecto juvenil comunitario para actuar como un proyecto discreto y económico para ayudar a transformar la esquina, en colaboración con otras organizaciones.

Construir una base amplia de voluntarios para continuar el impulso hacia adelante.

¡Acompáñanos! Involúcrate. El comité de uso de tierra se reúne el próximo jueves 1 de diciembre y jueves 5 de enero. Las reuniones son a las 6PM en CNO.

## Ask the Yoga Instructor: Simple Holiday Gratitude Practice

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner



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Greetings from your friendly neighborhood yoga studio owner at Imbue Yoga. I'm thrilled to offer up some yogic insights in this monthly column, intending to inspire you to take a deep breath and calm the distractions of your monkey mind (not that you're a monkey, but sometimes our thoughts feel like a jungle!)

If you have a question about yoga, I'll do my best to answer to my highest ability. Email questions to [imbueyoga@gmail.com](mailto:imbueyoga@gmail.com) and perhaps your question will be answered here!

### Question:

I'm feeling overwhelmed by life and the holiday season bogs me down. Is there any yoga practice that can lighten the mood?

### Answer:

You are very much not alone in feeling down around the holidays. Whether it's time with family or not spending time with family, financial woes, time crunching, the bombardment of ads and of course the dark & cold weather - all of these things can be challenging to our mood.

How can yoga help? Yoga means "to yoke" or "unite;" uniting your body, mind + spirit or connecting with whatever the divine is to you. Simply by connecting with our breath we are practicing yoga as we are "uniting" our body and mind with awareness. Practicing yoga doesn't mean you have to put your leg behind your head — or even stand on your head for that matter — a simple act of conscious breathing can bring us into the moment and slow us down.

For the holidays, a nice practice that we can do ANYWHERE (escape to the restroom, perhaps?) is to breathe mindfully with an intention.

Let's have our intention be *gratitude*. This practice can take anywhere from 1-5 minutes or longer.

Sit or stand comfortably with a lengthened spine.

Close your eyes or focus your gaze softly in front of you

Bring your awareness to your breathing. Notice the sensations of breathing (lifting of ribs & belly, relaxing shoulders).

Start to lengthen and deepen your breath.

As you are connecting with your breath, bring your awareness to something you are grateful for: your children, the roof over your

head, your job, your pet, the pizza you had for lunch, your favorite movie on Netflix, whatever! Once you connect with something, hold it in your minds eye.

Consider a few things about your chosen object or person: appearance, feeling in your hands, the smell, the taste. Make it real in your mind.

Repeat quietly in your mind as you exhale (3 times or more), "I am grateful."

Let your intention softly go when you feel complete. Take few moments to notice how you feel before returning to your life.

Have a peaceful and nourishing December. Namaste! P.S. One of the meanings of *Namaste* is "The spirit in me honors the spirit in you."

Warm regards,  
Mary



## Sadness & Smiles: The Paul Knobbe Vigil

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Resident



On Tuesday, November 1, the life of beloved Corcoran resident Paul 'smiley' Knobbe (53) was cut short when he was shot twice by a masked man attempting to rob him after he left his job cleaning for Winner Gas Station at 34th & Cedar. Paul's fiancé Denise recalls that Paul laughed at the robber and said, "I don't have any money." Apparently Evil did not find that funny.

On Thursday, November 3, over sixty neighbors gathered by candlelight outside Hayford Auto, across the street from Winner Gas, to remember Paul and express solidarity. "We will not tolerate this in Corcoran. Whoever did this needs to know that we are a vigilant community and you will be caught. We love and respect each other. We've got each others' backs," said Rae Jones, a former community organizer, who orchestrated

the vigil. It was revealed that multiple men had rushed out of their homes to come to Paul's aid as the shots were being fired, and were able to see the masked man get into his car -- a testimony shared with investigators. "Most people recoil at the sound of gun shots, but our neighbors came out to confront it," Rae said proudly. She confessed that she had considered moving, but changed her mind when she saw the turnout at the vigil. "We are deeply saddened, but we are not afraid. We are community."

Rae was not alone in bringing everything together. Phillip & Kelsey Maddox canvassed for the event and brought balloons and candles.

North Minneapolis peace activist KG Wilson officiated. He is an ambulance chaser in the most positive sense, and quite literally the city's on-call

chaplain, traveling to communities where homicides have occurred, and helping to lead street vigils. This was #15 for KG this year.

Fazal and Sumera, owners of Winner Gas, were visibly shaken -- not so much from fear, but from broken hearts. Paul had been more than a hired hand. He was a friend, and one they had routinely welcomed into their home. Sumera suggested that if a smile is a form of charity, then Paul touched a multitude with that charity. But now she is crying out for justice and urged us as a community to keep in touch with the police. "I am extremely sad, but Pastor Becky's words calmed me."

Becky Hanson of Elim Church led prayers of anguish and lament alongside KG. She had met Paul eight years ago in their outreach into the homeless

community. Paul had asked Jesus to forgive his sins, and in turn became a very forgiving person himself. Haji, who runs the front desk at Hayford Auto, marveled that even when Paul was mistreated, he had a smile on his face. "He did not hold grievances against anyone. He brought people together."

Zoe, age twelve, never met Paul, but she is confident that the vigil was an extension of Paul's values. "The murder made me feel unsafe until I got to the vigil. It was very emotional but it brought our community together because now we can smile if we see them on the street." Her eyes widened recalling two students from Sanford, who were also at the vigil. "We are in different friend groups at school, but now we can say hi in the halls."

For Zoe's five year old sister, Alice, the candlelight was especially significant. "Candles show how sad everyone is, even if the person who died wasn't your friend."

Sarah, one of Paul's foster moms, fought back tears as she recalled pronouncing Paul's last name phonetically as "Nahbie," until Star Wars came out. Since then he has always been "Kenobi."

Anybody with information can text the Police Department at 847411. Texters should enter MPD, a space and then their information. They also can call the department's tip line at 612-692-8477.



## Corcoran GROWS Engaging Neighbors to Impact Water Quality

Paula Holden | Corcoran Neighbor

Did you know, that depending upon where you live in Corcoran neighborhood, your sidewalk and street water flows to either Lake Hiawatha or directly to the Mississippi River? Too much leaf matter, lawn nutrients, sidewalk salt -or yes, even garbage - washing out of the street when it rains creates poor water quality in the lake and river. Leached-out leaf nutrients lead to algae growth in the water, causing a lack of oxygen and a poor environment for lake creatures, yucky water for swimming in, and ultimately, contributing to such things as the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Who knew that leaving the leaves in the street and the gutter is now totally not cool?!

Positively impacting the quality of the water flowing out of our neighborhood is part of a year-long focus on various water-related issues that Corcoran GROWS

has committed to. In conjunction with other nearby neighborhoods, enlisting residents to sign a Clean Water Pledge and take actions such as keeping their street gutters cleared of leaves is part of the plan.

On Saturday, November 5, with nice weather helping the effort, a dozen Corcoran GROWS residents hit the streets with rakes in hand to spread the word to neighbors about signing the Clean Water Pledge. We raked out 60 storm drains, 37 people signed-up to adopt a storm drain on an ongoing basis, and 73 pledged to mow at least 3" high, and rake leaves off their street gutters after more leaves drop, especially before it rains! Many folks also said they already don't use much sidewalk salt, and agreed to keep it to a minimum. If we didn't find you already and you'd like to sign the pledge and help with this effort, you can go on line to

[www.allianceforsustainability.com/cleanwaterpledge](http://www.allianceforsustainability.com/cleanwaterpledge) to sign up. Specifically for adopting a storm drain, go to [www.minneapolismn.gov/adoptadrain](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/adoptadrain).

In coming months we will be educating ourselves and looking at water more broadly, tying in the big picture with the local, and noting where we can take action. From supporting the Water Protectors at Standing Rock in North Dakota, to raking out our gutters, we have lots we can do to protect the water! Watch for gatherings featuring music, art, potlucks, and /or movies this winter and spring on the Corcoran GROWS Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows](http://www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows), or call for more info: Paula at 724-6795 or Joe at 722-6493 and we can put you on our email list.

*Corcoran GROWS is a group of Corcoran residents building supportive relationships and resilient community in the face of climate change.*



## Corcoran Soup Cook-off Success!

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran Neighbor

Once again, our Corcoran neighbors have proven to be excellent soup/chili makers! Nearly, 50 neighbors filled the Corcoran Neighborhood office on Wednesday evening to enjoy our community and fill our bellies. Over eleven soup-makers joined in the

cook-off with savory, spicy, and homemade delights. Each one was better than the next!

In the end, only three could be on top! The winners were: Angie Brown and Laury Johnson's cutfoot curry soup. With Kim and

Tom Medin's seafood chowder coming in second and Lauryn Przybylowski's cajun gumbo coming in third.

The only thing better than this year's cook-off is looking forward to next years. Keep on cookin' Corcoran!



### CUT FOOT CURRY

Wes Pruett  
(Administration)

- 1 chicken breast (cut in bite size pieces)
- 2 bratwurst (cut in bite size pieces)
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 5-6 cloves garlic (finely chopped)
- 2 stalks celery (chopped)
- 1 serano or green pepper (chopped)
- 2 (14½ oz.) cans tomatoes (diced)

- 1 can chicken stock
- 1½ C. dry mixed beans or 3 cans beans i.e. black, kidney, chick peas, etc.
- ¼ C. barley
- 2 carrots (diced)
- ¾ C. raisins
- 4 tsp. curry powder
- ¼ tsp. cayenne
- Salt & pepper
- Water

Saute' chicken, sausage, onion, garlic, celery, pepper. Add tomatoes, stock, beans, barley, carrots, raisins, seasonings. Add enough water to cover beans and simmer. Add additional water as necessary. Simmer 3 to 4 hours if you used dry beans. Canned beans should simmer about 1 hour. Add hot pepper to taste. Consistency should be thick and hearty. Serve over rice or couscans. Freezes well. Garnish with peanuts or coconut.

## Recap: Operation Christmas Child

About 50 people came to Corcoran Park on Friday, November 4th. 246 shoeboxes were packed Going to Caribbean and South Africa. Anyone who still wants to help can donate online at [Samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://Samaritanspurse.org/occ)



## Reduce Wasted Food Over the Holidays

Press Release | City of Minneapolis

**FORTY PERCENT**  
OF FOOD IN AMERICA IS WASTED.



Americans generate an extra 5 million tons of household waste, including three times as much food waste, during the holidays (World Watch Institute). Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling encourages you to be realistic this holiday season about the amount of food you prepare to reduce wasted food:

- Get an accurate head count of guests that you will be cooking for and prepare amount of servings needed accordingly
- Make a list of the amount of food you need before going to the grocery store
- Begin saving your old containers and tupperware and/or ask your guests to bring their own to take leftovers home from the

holiday meal

- Delegate a specific dish for each guest to bring so you don't end up with three uneaten green bean casserole and not enough dessert
- If you do have food scraps to dispose of, you can compost them through Minneapolis' organics recycling program. If you don't already have an organics recycling cart visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/organics](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/organics) or call 612-673-2917 to sign up.

For more information about how to reduce wasted food this holiday season visit [www.SaveTheFood.com](http://www.SaveTheFood.com).

## Minneapolis Curbside Organics Recycling Program Reached 40% Opt-in Rate

Press Release | City of Minneapolis

As of October, 40 percent of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers have signed up for organics recycling, making the Minneapolis program one of the most successful opt-in programs in the county. This is an important milestone, as a study conducted before the program was rolled out estimated a 40 percent opt-in participation rate.

### Here is how organics recycling for composting works:

1. Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers sign up for a green organics collection cart. There isn't any extra cost for a cart because it is already included in customers' base fee for services.
2. Residents collect organics in compostable bag and bring it out to their organics cart.

3. Items that are accepted in organics recycling include all food scraps, un-lined non-recyclable paper products, and other compostable products. A full list can be found at [www.minneapolismn.gov/organics](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/organics).

4. Collection crews empty organics carts once a week, on the same day as garbage, and organics are brought to a commercial composting facility in Rosemount, MN where they are turned into compost instead of being incinerated at the Hennepin County Energy Recovery Facility.

To sign up for organics recycling, and for more information about organics, visit the city's website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/organics](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/organics) or call 612-673-2917.



## Momento de incertidumbre para Inquilinos de Apartment Shop | Moment of Uncertainty for Apartment Shop Renters

Edaín Altamirano | Organizador de CNO and Vecino de Corcoran / CNO Board Member and Corcoran Neighbor

Debido al fallo en favor de la corte en favor de los inquilinos en el caso del edificio de 14th ave s, servicios regulatorios tomo la decisión empezar la revocación de licencias en 62 edificios de Apartment shop, tras esperar la respuesta del señor Steve Frenz para que hiciera las reparaciones en los edificios en el periodo que la ley dictamina y al no recibir respuesta ya que el costo por esta falta de reparaciones es muy elevado, servicios regulatorios empezó el proceso de revocación de licencias a mediados del mes de noviembre.

En vista que este proceso suele ser confuso para los inquilinos la ciudad envió una carta a todos los inquilinos de Apartment shop para saber mas de este proceso y dejarles saber que este no es un momento de pánico ya que este proceso puede demorar 18 meses o más, también ha convocado a 2 reuniones para responder preguntas acerca del proceso.

Al empezar a llegar estas cartas a los inquilinos se empezó a crear un momento de tensión y preocupación en los inquilinos ante la incertidumbre de que podrían ser desplazados.

Debido a la preocupación de los inquilinos Corcoran en conjunto a HomeLine y Minneapolis Renters Coalition, prepararon una postcard con puntos claros

que pueden ayudar a los inquilinos a enter este proceso más fácil. También tocaron puertas el fin de semana en los edificios para hacer llegar esta postcard y también para invitar a los inquilinos a las reuniones que la ciudad proveerá en el 16 y el 28 de noviembre en los centros de recreación de Whittier y Corcoran a las 6pm.

Esto es con el propósito de que los inquilinos presenten sus dudas y preocupaciones para que la ciudad provea una solución.

- Algunos de los consejos para los inquilinos son
- No necesitan mudarse por el momento.
- Sigán pagando la renta a Apartment shop.
- En caso de preguntas llamar a HomeLine 612-728-5767 en ingles, 612-255-8870 español y 612-255-8860 somali
- Asistir a las reuniones que la ciudad proveerá

Ya que este no es un momento de pánico, es un momento de unir en comunidad como vecinos que somos, trabajar en conjunto para darnos apoyo uno al otro y pedir a la ciudad que ponga una solución que beneficie a los inquilinos y que esta solución tome en cuenta las preocupaciones de los inquilinos y sus peticiones

Due to the court's ruling in favor of the tenants in the case of the 14th Ave Building, regulatory services made the decision to begin withdrawing licenses in all 62 Apartment Shop buildings. After waiting for the response of Mr. Steve Frenz to make the repairs in the buildings in the period that the law dictates and not receiving a response, regulatory services began the process of withdrawal, or revocation, of licenses in the middle of November.

Since this process is usually confusing for tenants, the City of Minneapolis sent a letter to all tenants of Apartment Shop explaining more about the process and letting them know that this is not a moment of panic due to the process taking 18 months or more. The City of Minneapolis has also convened 2 meetings to answer questions about the process.

As tenants began to receive these letters, we began to hear concern from the tenants when they realized that they could be displaced. Due to these concerns, Corcoran in conjunction with HomeLine and the Minneapolis Renters Coalition, created a postcard with clear points to help tenants understand this process easier. We also door knocked in the buildings to give tenants this postcard and also

invite them to the meetings the city was hosting on November 16 and 28 in the park recreation centers in Whittier and Corcoran neighborhoods at 6pm.

The purpose of these meetings is for tenants to submit their concerns, and for the city to provide a solution. Some of the tips for renters in these buildings are:

- You do not need to move at the moment.
- Keep paying rent to Apartment Shop
- In case of questions, call HomeLine 612-728-5767 in English, 612-255-8870 in Spanish, and 612-255-8860 Somali
- Attend the City of Minneapolis meetings

Since this is not a moment of panic, it is a moment to unite as a community and as neighbors that we are. We will work together to provide support for each other as we ask the city to find a solution that benefits the tenants and takes into account their concerns and requests.

## Stepping Up on Renter's Rights

Alondra Cano | City of Minneapolis Council Member

It started with relationships, neighbors meeting in each other's kitchens, sharing food and stories of what it was like to live with mold that triggers a baby's asthma. They talked about the leaky windows that require the whole family to bundle up even as the energy bills get higher and higher. No one could fathom having to put up with pests, rodents, cockroaches and bedbugs the way they had.

When the community moved from kitchen table meetings to meeting with elected officials, demanding full rental license inspections and bravely calling for the attention of the owners of the property asking for improvements, many knew that they were risking retaliation, as the residents became tenant organizers in their own right, inspiring action and support from policy makers, nonprofit advocacy organizations, and ultimately a top law firm.

When Steve Frenz purchased the portfolio of Spiros Zorbalas in 2013 after his rental licenses were revoked for failure to comply with City regulations, there was a sense of relief in many communities that residents were not displaced. It turns out that according to attorneys, Frenz and Zorbalas conspired through the use of LLCs to maintain Zorbalas' involvement in the ownership structure of the buildings,

which may constitute fraud. And they kept making money while doing it. Frenz and Zorbalas have collected \$4 Million in rent since 2013.

While the residents continue to pursue legal action in the form of receivership of the building and rent refunds, the City's department of Regulatory Services has determined that they have grounds to move forward with revocation of all rental licenses held by Frenz and Zorbalas, their families, and associated LLCs. I want to stress that the City is focused first on ensuring that residents are safely housed in homes that are affordable for them. I foresee that this process will move forward slowly and intentionally and that Council Members and staff will work hard to protect renters, especially those who face the biggest threat of displacement.

The residents who rent from Frenz and Company have already received a letter from the City informing them about the process and steps. There will be a community meeting on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corcoran Park and Recreation Center to discuss the details of this letter and to have residents ask questions. I hope to see you there to continue to fight for high quality affordable housing for our neighborhoods.



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## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

**Present:** Flannery Clark, Lisa Barajas, April Riordan, Ellie Watkins, Alberta Smith, Adam Tomczik, Russ Grigsby;  
**Staff:** Eric Gustafson; **Guests:** Peter McLaughlin (Hennepin County Commissioner), Alondra Cano (City Council Member), Kevin Kirsch;  
**Absent:** Matt Kazinka, Mike Novak, Edain Altamirano.

**Call to order.**

**Appoint new members.**

- A. MOTION to appoint Russ Grigsby as News Chair and Ellie Watkins as At Large members. Motion passes.

**Conversation with Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin**

- B. County capital dollars for Hi-Lake interchange implementation. Peter: not in current 5-year capital plan; don't have a pot of money. Trying to create a set-aside pot of money to deal with unsafe/inappropriate intersections. Modest, lower-cost Tier 1 and Tier 2 improvements can be done in medium-term, doesn't preclude fuller build-out. Arts and Youth employment dollars might be able to address public art and lighting; could be done within 2 years. Once we have a project, we can look for money – may be foundation dollars that multiple organizations could pursue. Lisa asked if project could be put in queue for capital investment. Peter: maybe but set-aside pot of money is a better approach. Working on amendment for County's budgeting process that starts in Dec. – then could get done within 2 years. Interested in your reaction to pursuing lower-cost improvements. Lisa: agree some key improvements such as removal of eastbound right turn lane improve safety, but build-out can't end with lower-cost fixes (others agree). Are there other outside sources we can look toward, such as safe routes to school funding? Peter: (re. capital) once we had a project-level plan, could shop it around for funding. County leadership's

perception is plenty has been invested in intersection already, and \$57M into the service hub under construction and slated for April 1 opening. Also want to make sure I am able to secure dollars for farmers market (plaza). Cano: City staff looking for smaller investment in Phase 2 study focused granular level of what we want to do; cost is \$50-100k, ideally paid by City and County. Cano asks McLaughlin to find \$50k to invest. Peter: will see what I can do.

- C. Lisa: County commitment of staff point person to drive Hi-Lake implementation.

- Peter: not a staff job, it's my job. CM Cano and I are champions for this project.

- D. Lisa: we want to reconvene the Oversight Group established within the Cooperative Agreement. For instance need to keep moving conversation on governance and programming of future plaza. Discussed early January for timeframe – all agreed reasonable. Eric asked if the Phase 1 housing developer could be invited to an upcoming CNO Land Use & Housing meeting – Peter will work on it. Board members also noted CNO's role in recruiting retailers for the new retail space being constructed on Lake Street, and interest has been very high.

**Discuss CNO's next steps on Crime & Safety – from the Board's email exchange:**

- E. Around 65 people attended the vigil for neighbor Paul Knobbe, who was murdered on Nov. 1 behind the Winner Gas station on 34<sup>th</sup> and Cedar. We have invited MPD crime prevention specialist Karen Notsch to our Nov. 16 Soup Cookoff. CNO staff are door-knocking around the gas station to invite people to the event.

- F. Board members discussed the purpose and agenda of the Soup Cookoff, which has always been informal and about building community connections. Board members want

to acknowledge we lost a neighbor and decided to have a moment of silence at the beginning of the event and share a brief update on the investigation, and refer people to Karen if they want to talk further. Staff have also invited Las Canadas owner Juan to participate in the Soup Cookoff.

**Budgeting & Strategic planning (April)**

- G. April presented July, August, Sept. Financials starting with our current status.

- **MOTION** to approve July, August, September financials. Motion passes.

- H. Present updated Mission – Money – Matrix and feedback from October.

- I. Present draft 2017 Budget and Narrative and capture feedback.

- J. MOTION to approve Community Participation Program (CPP) application. Motion passes.

**Committee motions and updates**

- K. MOTION: The CNO Board will coordinate with Cano, South, South Alumni, and forward their Jan. 2016 letter to MPS superintendent and staff, and offer to host a meeting with MPS, South High parents, residents, others to discuss next steps. Motion passes.

**Fall Fundraising next steps**

- L. Appeal Letter has been mailed. Plan follow-up calls by Board and Staff. Nov. 16 pitch at Soup Cookoff and Nov. 17 Give to the Max day

**Announcements (All) and Adjourn**

- o Lisa presented to an equitable development group convened by the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability on the cooperative agreement we helped craft for the master plan at Lake and Hiawatha.
- o Next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at CNO office

# Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

Our neighborhood was rocked by the death of resident Paul Knobbe earlier this month. While the investigation is ongoing the MPD is unable to share more information at this time other than it is believed to have been a robbery. Karen Notsch (612-673-2856, karen.notsch@minneapolismn.gov) our neighborhood's Crime Prevention Specialist shared with me the following to help us protect ourselves.

## ROBBERY PREVENTION What you can do:

1. Carry only what you need. Do not take large amounts of cash or unnecessary personal items with you.
2. Be extra cautious about your surroundings. Trust your instincts. Be aware of strangers loitering in your area. If anyone is acting suspiciously, call 911.
3. **Don't get distracted! Cell phones, iPhones and other electronics can be a distraction to you and could draw the attention of someone who wants to take it from you.**
4. Be on the lookout. **The police want you to call 9-1-1** for any suspicious activity such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, the sound of glass breaking or loud banging, and unfamiliar

- trucks or vans lingering in your alley. Talk to your neighbors about what you've seen and ask them to be alert to suspicious activity. **We need everyone's help.**
5. If you are confronted, stay calm and cooperate. Your life is worth more than your money or phone!
  6. If you are a victim of robbery, report it immediately by calling 911. Try to remember as much suspect information as you can when you are talking to 911.

Thank you for your help! Minneapolis Police Department

## REVENCIÓN del ROBO Lo que puede hacer:

- Lleve solamente lo que necesita. Nunca lleve mucho efectivo ni artículos innecesarios contigo.
- Tenga mucho cuidado con sus alrededores. Confíe en sus instintos. Sea consciente de los extraños merodeando en su área. Si alguien está actuando sospechosamente, llame al 911.
- **Nunca se hace distraído. Celulares, iPhones y otros electrónicos pueden ser un distracción a usted y podría provocar atención a ladrones.**

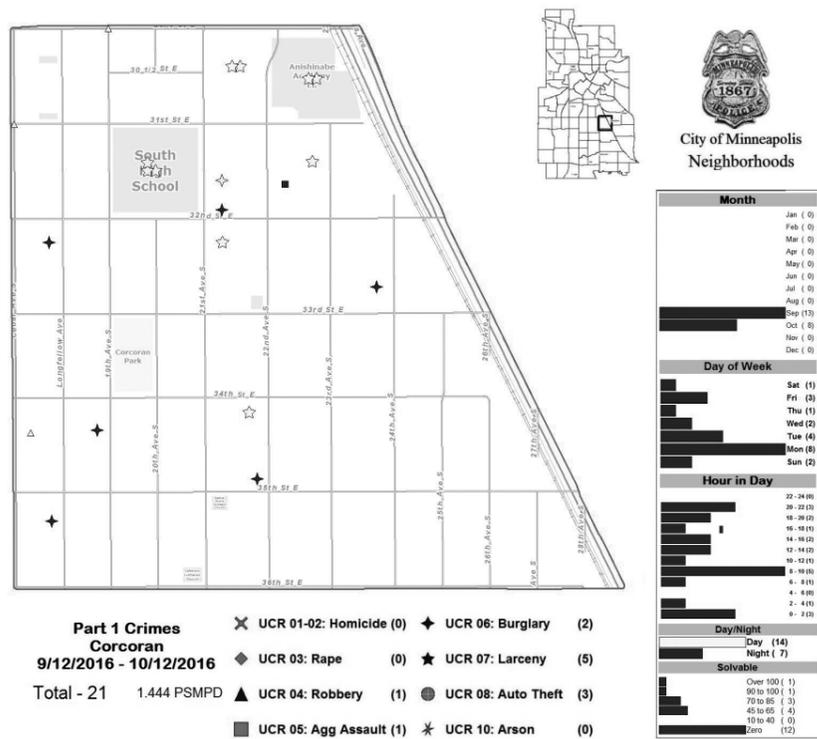
- Esté atento. La policía quiere que llame al 9-1-1 para cualquier actividad sospechosa como extraños caminando en yardas o entre casas, el sonido de romper el vidrio o golpeando fuerte y camiones desconocidos o furgonetas persistentes en su callejón. Hable con sus vecinos sobre lo que ha visto y los pide a fijarse a las actividades sospechosas. Necesitamos la ayuda de todos.
- Si está confrontado, mantenga la calma y coopera. La vida vale más de dinero o telefono.
- Si usted es una víctima de robo, repórtelo inmediatamente llamando al 911. Trate de recordar tanto sospecha información como le sea posible cuando está hablando a 911.

Gracias por su ayuda. Departamento de la Policía de Minneapolis

## KA HORTAGIDDA DHACA Waxad sameyn karto

- Qaado waxa aad u baahantahay oo kaliya. Ha qaadan lacag badan iyo alaab badan.
- Foojignaan dheeraad ah same agagaarkaaga. Naftaada aamin. Ka foojignow dadka aadan garaneyn ee is-istaaga

## Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-October 2016 to Mid-November | Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-octubr 2016 a medio-noviembre



source: MPD, Karen Notsch, karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov, 612/673-2856

agagaarkaada. Haddii aad aragto shakhsi is tuhun leh u dhaqmayaa wac 911.

- **Yaan lagu mashqulin/jeedin. Telefoonka gacanta, I phone iyo qalabka kaleba waxay noqon karaan kuwa ku mashquuliya, waxayna soo jitaan dadka raba in wax kaa dafaan.**
- Mar walba is ilaali. Booliska waxuu doonayaa in aad wacdo 911 ka markasta oo aad aragto shakhsi meelaha

iska is-istaagan, fiirfirinaya guryaha gadaashooda, ama aad maqasho codka muryaadda baabuur oo la jabinayo ama jugweyn ama baabuur luuqa guryahiina iska taagan bilaa micno. La hadal deriskaaga waxa aad aragtay una sheeg in ay ka foojignadaan arintan tuhunka leh. Waxaan u baahanahay caawinada qf walba.

- Haddii lagu soo weeraro, is deji oo yeel sida lagu

amro. Naftaada ayaa ka qaalisan lacagta iyo telefoonka.

- Haddii aad tahay dhibbane la dhacay, soo sheeg si deg-deg ah adigoo wacaya 911 kaisku day in aad xasuusato macluumaadka dambilaaha inta aad kari karto marka aad la hadleyso 911 ka.

Aad ayaad u mahadsantihiin. Waaxda Booliska ee Miniyaabolis.

## Thank you to October & Give to the Max Donors!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Thank you to those who invested in CNO in October and for Give to the Max Day! Your generosity contributes to CNO building up participation and leaders, addressing renters' rights issues, and running a robust farmers market. We rely on the participation, leadership, and financial support of residents like you. In our fall giving campaign, our goals are:

1. To raise \$5,000. We have raised \$3,156, with \$1,844 left to raise before December 31.
2. To add 15 new sustainers, with 2 new sustainers thus far.
3. To add 25 new givers. 12 donors have given for the first time!

You still have time to give before December 31. Go to [www.corcoranneighborhood.org](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org) to donate.

- Nicholas Adelman\*
- LisaBeth Barajas\*
- Stacey Burns\*
- Melanie Casiday\*
- &rea Cecconi\*
- Timothy Counts
- Sage Dahlen
- Erika Garcia\*
- Jullonne Glad\*
- Lauren Giammar
- Barbara & Stephen Greenhalgh
- Russ & Jenna Grigsby\*
- Eric & Kimara Gustafson\*
- Ethan Fawley
- Alissa Fountain
- Fierce Ferments\*
- Marilaurice Hemlock
- Susan Hensel\*
- Mary Jansen\*
- Heidi Johnson McAllister
- Meline Juarez\*
- Matt Kazinka\*
- Ruth Koontz
- D & B Leaneagh
- Nathan Matter
- Gwen McMahan\*
- Sonia Meade
- Kim & Tom Medin\*
- Frank Neubecker
- Genevieve Olive\*
- Deanna Olson
- Hannah Pallmeyer
- April & Simon Riordan
- Roberto de la Riva
- Tanya Snyder\*
- Chase Shutak\*
- Marissa Tappy\*
- Julie Toth
- Adam & Devin Tomczik\*
- Michael Vitt
- William Weber
- Laura Wilhelm
- Chao Xiong
- Annie Young
- Andrew Zimmer\*

\*denotes CNO Sustainers

## Support the Work of CNO

Lisa Barajas | CNO Board Member and Corcoran Resident

When I first moved to Corcoran eight years ago, my husband and I were on the verge of starting our family and were looking for a great place to raise our children. We had both lived in Minneapolis for a number of years already, but Corcoran was different. Our neighbors immediately welcomed us and made us feel at home. Two of our neighbors were board members at CNO and introduced us to the work that CNO does to improve our neighborhood. As we settled in and our family grew, I decided to get involved in CNO to see how I could contribute to that work.

I quickly learned about the broad reach and variety of topics that CNO covered, from operating our Midtown Farmers

Market, to starting community gardens, to influencing new building in our community, to offering programs to help residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes. All of these make our community a great place to live. Over the last five years, we have continued that work (and gotten better!).

We have also changed the way we reach out to residents, because we want to ensure that our work represents all of our neighbors and their wants and desires for this neighborhood. Through these efforts, we have expanded our efforts to support the needs of renters; particularly in some of our larger apartment buildings where landlords are not providing digni-

fied living conditions for tenants. We helped tenants to organize in their buildings, understand their rights as renters, and supported them. In turn, these renters have taken on the injustices they face in their homes. I am so proud of how our neighbors have become leaders in this work, starting in our neighborhood, and now working in a city-wide coalition to give voice to an issue that was previously under the radar.

All of this work and resident-driven leadership makes our neighborhood one of the best places to live in Minneapolis. That is why I continue to volunteer and donate as a CNO Sustainer. I thank all of our neighbors who have volunteered their time to any of the many efforts underway in the community. I also thank all of you that have donated to CNO. This year we have raised \$2,256 for Give to the Max with a matching grant from the board of \$1,000, totaling \$3,256. But it's not too late to donate for us to reach our goal of \$5,000! Help us reach our goal with any amount that works for your budget. It goes a long way to paying our staff and supporting all of these efforts. Your time and your funds are what keep this work going, and keep improving our neighborhood.





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# Wife in the Cities: Local Holiday Shopping

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor



Holiday shopping is upon us and wouldn't it be great if we could get all of our shopping done right in our little neck of the woods?! You can cross people off of your "nice" list, all while supporting local businesses and artisans and I have a couple recommendations for you!

Are you looking for an inexpensive little gift for that "hard to buy for person", the jewelry lover or even the gentleman in your life (I know you don't want to keep buying him socks)? Then you should certainly check out Flamingo's Divine Finds at 3404 Cedar Ave. They are an occasional shop filled to

the brim with unique little gifts, jewelry, small furniture and fabulous little trinkets. There is something for everyone here in this little shop of wonders. Please check them out on Facebook or www.flamingosdivinefinds.com to find out when they will be open in the next months. If you missed their "Pink Sale" in November, they'll be open again December 7-11th.

And how about the gift of self care? A gift certificate to Imbue Yoga at 2223 E. 35th St. is an excellent option for the person needing some spiritual energy and healing. Also, consider a day of pampering with a gift certificate to Shear Art Hair Studio at 2228 E. 35th St. There are also small gifts available inside, so make sure to check these items as well for great gift giving options.

And last but certainly not least, consider connecting with a local artisan from right here in Corcoran! They are all around us! Here is a short

list of some local artisans that you can purchase items from for that special someone:

- Rita Lowinske  
clair54@gmail.com for beaded treasures and knitting goods
- Jane St.Clair jnstclair@gmail.com  
Prairie Yard Works, jewelry and visual arts
- Chris Sutton  
rococodada@aol.com  
Painting, Sculpture, Mixed Media
- Marcus Larson  
marcusmn68@yahoo.com  
Paintings
- Sree Nail  
Snghi10@aol.com  
Sculptures & other treasures
- Therese Krupp  
You can find her print making at the HighPoint Loop Opening on Dec 9th from 6:30-9:00.

Happy local shopping neighbors!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/wifeinthecity/> and @ladydextergoesrogue

# Subvención Nacional Ayuda a los Estudiantes y Residentes Locales Con Pasos Para Convertirse en un Ciudadano Estadounidense

Comunicado de prensa | Escuelas públicas de Minneapolis

Escuelas Publicas de Minneapolis Educacion Para Adultos (MPS-AE) estan emocionados en ser parte del Programa de Subvenciones para la Ciudadanía y Integración por parte de Servicios de Inmigración y Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos (USCIS). (MPS-AE) Recibió la subvención de USCIS conjuntamente con Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) (Asistencia Legal de Minneasota) ubicado en Minneapolis.

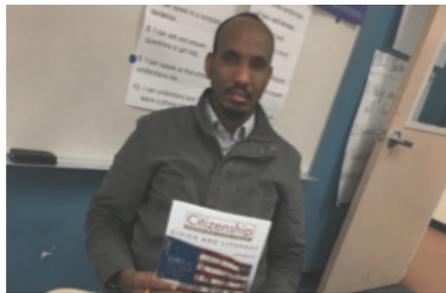
(MMLA ) sirven las necesidades legales de los residentes legales permanentes en el proceso de naturalización

Los maestros de MPS-AE ayudan con los componentes de hablar , escuchar, leer y escribir en Ingles para el examen y la entrevista de naturalización.

Los maestros también educan a los estudiantes en la historia y cívica de los Estados Unidos para el examen y la entrevista.

Según el director del USCIS, León Rodríguez, el Programa de Subvenciones de Ciudadanía e Integración del USCIS ha sido una prioridad clave en la Administración de Obama.

El objetivo de la subvención es mover a los residentes permanentes de su estado actual a los de un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos para participar en una vida de elecciones y reclamar derechos y participar plenamente en la sociedad de los Estados Unidos.



# Hello Corcoran!

Lucas Auer | Corcoran Neighbor and Youth Cartoonist



# National Grant Helps Local Students and Residents with Steps to Become a U.S. Citizen

Press Release | Minneapolis Public Schools

Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Education Program (MPS-AE) is thrilled to be part of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USICS) Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. MPS-AE was awarded the USICS grant in conjunction with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) located in Minneapolis. MMLA serves the legal needs of Legal Permanent Residents in the naturalization process. MPS-AE teachers help with the English speaking, listening, reading, and writing components of the naturalization exam and interview. Teachers also educate students on the U.S. history and civics portion of the exam and interview.

According to USCIS Director León Rodríguez, the USICS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program has been a key priority in the Obama Administration. The focus of the grant is to move permanent residents from their current status to that of a U.S. citizen in order to participate in a lifetime of elections, and to claim rights and full participation in U.S. society. There were well over 800,000 naturalizations in the United States last year and the USCIS Citizenship Integration Grant Program assisted some of the new U.S. citizens with the naturalization process.

The USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program focuses on assisting permanent residents with the naturalization process. The grant especially helps those with lower English skills. At a meeting of grant recipients last month, Director Rodríguez stated that the legal and educational organizations that are part of the USICS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program represent the "elite" of groups performing such work across the United States. MPS-AE and MMLA received one of the 46 grants awarded throughout the U.S.

In the first 2-year USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program cycle, MPS-AE served over 200 students in Minneapolis. The students represented new Americans from over 20 different countries. The grant also helps permanent residents in Anoka County by collaborating with Metro North Adult Basic Education Program. In the first 2-year grant, MPS-AE and Metro North ABE served over 250 students on becoming U.S. citizens.

Currently, MPS-AE offers citizenship classes at the main South Campus site (2225 East Lake Street) on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Saturday mornings. Please contact MPS-AE (612-668-3800) for future citizenship class information.

The above photographs are from a recent Saturday morning class at South Campus Adult Education Program in Minneapolis, MN.

# Corcoran Park Happenings

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Director



Corcoran Park Rec Center has 5 openings for the PreSchool Kindertots program. The program is held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-3pm for ages: 3-5 (must be able to go to the bathroom independently). The winter program runs from January 3, 2017-March 23, 2017. Take advantage of this time for your little one to make new friends while playing and learning new social skills. Each day your child will enjoy music, storytelling, and creating artwork. Parents, pack your child's favorite food for lunchtime each day at the park. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity for your little one.

Call 612-729-1125 or book online at [sheararthairstudio.com](http://sheararthairstudio.com)  
2228 E. 35th St. Minneapolis, MN 55407

*Shear Arts would like to thank the community for another great year of support to our business!!!*