

## Open Streets Expands through Southeast Minneapolis on July 23rd

Adam Tomczik | Co-Chair of CNO Land Use & Housing Committee and Miguel Goebel | Midtown Farmers Market Manager

### Breakdancing, Fun Activities, Food Trucks, and Action on Humanize Hi-Lake

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and the Midtown Farmers Market are thrilled to announce that we will once again participate in Open Streets Minneapolis on Sunday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's route includes both Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue, which will be blocked-off to be enjoyed by bicyclists and pedestrians for nearly four miles through southeast Minneapolis.

This year for Open Streets Lake Street + Minnehaha Avenue, the Midtown Farmers Market will once again be holding a breakdancing battle right beneath the Hiawatha Avenue bridge. In addition to breakdancing and all styles competitions, the Midtown Farmers Market will also be hosting an Urban Agriculture and Gardening Fair, food trucks and market vendors. Dance competitions will include an \$800 prize for the top 4 vs. 4 crew, along with prizes for an all styles competition and farmers market trivia. Be sure to check out the action under the Hiawatha Avenue bridge on Lake Street!

#### Humanize Hi-Lake!

At Open Streets 2015, CNO kicked off a campaign to "humanize" the Hiawatha and Lake Street-intersection area. We partnered with the Sierra Club, Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, Lake Street Council and Longfellow

Community Council to gather signatures on more than 500 petition postcards to raise awareness of the concerns at the intersection. The City and County responded with the Hi-Lake Interchange Study which recommended many specific changes to improve the intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists.

The CNO Land Use and Housing Committee held two public meetings to determine the most critical improvements. The top picks were: ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, "smart channels" to calm motor vehicle traffic, additional lighting and trees, and leading pedestrian intervals to give pedestrians a head-start at crosswalks.

At Open Streets 2017, we want to hear directly from neighbors about your top priorities for specific changes to the intersection. We will tally the community's response and ask our elected leaders at the City and County to fund the improvements.

#### Volunteers Needed!

Please help inform your neighbors and gather the voices of Open Streets attendees to Humanize Hi-Lake! You can find a link to the Hi-Lake Interchange Study and also sign-up to volunteer for Open Streets at [www.corcoranneighborhood.org](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org)

*About Open Streets, from [openstreetsmpls.org](http://openstreetsmpls.org): Open Streets Minneapolis brings together community groups and local businesses to temporarily close major thoroughfares to car traffic, and open them up for people walking, biking, skating, and playing. This community event is in its sixth year, and is co-sponsored by the City of Minneapolis.*

## Calles Abiertas Se Expande al Sureste de Minneapolis el 23 de julio

Adam Tomczik | Vicepresidente de CNO Uso de Tierra y Comité de Vivienda y Miguel Goebel | Gerente del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown

### Actividades Divertidas, Camiones de Comida, y Acción sobre Humaniza Hi-Lake

rganización de Vecinos de Corcoran y el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown se complacen en anunciar que, una vez más, participaremos en las Calles Abiertas de Minneapolis el domingo 23 de julio de 11am a 5pm. La ruta de este año incluye la calle Lake y la avenida Minnehaha que, por cerca de cuatro millas a lo largo del sureste de Minneapolis, serán cerradas para el disfrute de ciclistas y peatones.

Este año para Open Streets Lake Street + Minnehaha Avenue, el Midtown Farmers Market volverá a realizar una batalla de breakdancing justo debajo del puente de la avenida Hiawatha. Además del breakdancing y de todas las competiciones de los estilos, el mercado de los granjeros del Midtown también será anfitrión de una agricultura urbana y de la feria que cultiva un huerto, de los carros de la comida y de los vendedores del mercado. Las competiciones de danza incluirán un premio de \$ 800 para el equipo de 4 contra 4, junto con premios para una competencia de todos los estilos y triva de mercado de agricultores. Asegúrese de revisar la acción bajo el puente de Hiawatha Avenue en Lake Street!

#### ¡Humaniza Hi-Lake!

En Calles Abiertas de 2015 CNO inició una campaña para "humanizar" el area de la intersección de Hiawatha y calle Lake. Nos asociamos con el Sierra Club, la Coalición

de Bicicletas de Minneapolis, el Consejo de la Calle Lake y el Consejo Comunitario de Longfellow para juntar firmas por medio de más de 500 tarjetas de petición para concientizar sobre las quejas en la intersección. La ciudad y el condado respondieron con el Estudio Hi-Lake Interchange el cual hizo muchas recomendaciones sobre cambios específicos para mejorar la intersección para los transeúntes, los ciclistas y los motoristas.

El Comité de Uso de Tierra y Vivienda (CNO) realizó dos reuniones públicas para determinar las remodelaciones más importantes. Las opciones elegidas fueron: ADA-rampas para peatones, "canales inteligentes" para aliviar el trafico de vehículos motorizados, luz y árboles adicionales, e intervalos de peatones para dar a los peatones ventaja en los cruces.

En Calles Abiertas 2017, queremos escuchar directamente de voz de los vecinos sobre las prioridades sobre los cambios específicos a la intersección. Calcularemos las respuestas de la comunidad y pediremos a nuestros líderes electos en la ciudad y el condado que financien las reparaciones.

#### Se necesitan voluntarios

Por favor informa a tus vecinos y unamos las voces de los asistentes de Calles Abiertas para Humanizar Hi-Lake. Puedes encontrar un enlace del Estudio de Intersecciones Hi-Lake y también registrarte como voluntario con Calles Abiertas en: [www.corcoranneighborhood.org](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org)

*Sobre las Calles Abiertas - de [openstreetsmpls.org](http://openstreetsmpls.org): Las Calles Abiertas de Minneapolis une a grupos comunitarios y negocios locales para cerrar tempo-*

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The CNO would like to wish you all a fun & SAFE 4th of July!!.

¡La CNO le gustaría desearle una divertida y SEGURA 4 de Julio !

Julio – Calendario Comunitario | July – Community Calender

Meetings

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting**  
**6:30 – 8:30pm**  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.  
> For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>  
> Questions? [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457  
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**Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Newspaper Committee**  
**6 – 7pm**  
Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.  
> Questions? Russ Grigsby [news@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:news@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hiawatha Trail Expansion Open House**  
**6 – 8pm**  
The City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works is hosting an open house style meeting to present plans for the Hiawatha Trail Expansion. The project will restore the bicycle trail connection between 28th Street and 32nd Street. More info: [www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/future/hiawatha-trail-gap](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/future/hiawatha-trail-gap)  
> Questions? Don Pflaum, City of Minneapolis 612-673-2129  
Location: Longfellow Recreation Center, 3435 36th Ave. S

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

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Economic Development Committee Meeting**  
**6 – 7:30pm**  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to build a retail environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents’ needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.  
> Questions? Matt Kazinka [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

**Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**First meeting for the 2018 COPA Art Crawl**  
Meeting to begin planning for the 2018 crawl, members and those interested in joining or just volunteering are welcome.  
> Any questions please contact COPA at [COPAartcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:COPAartcrawl@gmail.com).  
Location: Fortress of the Arts, 3401 Chicago Ave

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Taco Sale**  
**10am – 5pm**  
Lirio de los Valles (21st Ave & 36th St)

**July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**5 Day Club (Sponsored by Lebanon Lutheran Church)**  
**10am – 11:30am**  
Corcoran Park

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Movie in the Park (Raiders of the Lost Ark)**  
**6pm**  
The movie will have Spanish subtitles.  
> Location: Corcoran Park  
See page 6 for a full list on events at the park!

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Neighborhood BBQ**  
**6-7:30pm**  
Vine Church (22nd Ave & 33rd St)



**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Open Streets**  
**11am-5pm**  
Lake Street & Minnehaha  
> For more information see front page and map on page 3.

**Save the Date:**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**NNO (National Night Out)**  
**6pm**  
All Registered Blocks  
Block Leaders can register here: <http://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/blockeventapp>  
If Block Leaders have kids on the block, registering will let the MPD send a bundle of Nickelodeon Mystery Tickets to share at NNO. Permits for NNO are free if registered before July 18th.

Events

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Independence Day Celebration**  
**10am – 5pm**  
Celebrate the United States' birthday at Historic Fort Snelling and explore the history of freedom in America. Just like in the 1800s, hear cannon and muskets salutes, watch a military dress parade, listen to fife and drum music and attend a mock battle.  
>For more information go to <http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/events-programs/>



**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Red, White & Boom**  
**6:30am**  
TC Half Marathon, Relay, & 5K Begins  
**6 – 10 pm**  
Live Music and Family Activities  
**10pm: Fireworks**  
Downtown Minneapolis Riverfront

**Save the date:**  
**Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Minnesota State Fair**

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## Celebrate Summer at the Midtown Farmers Market

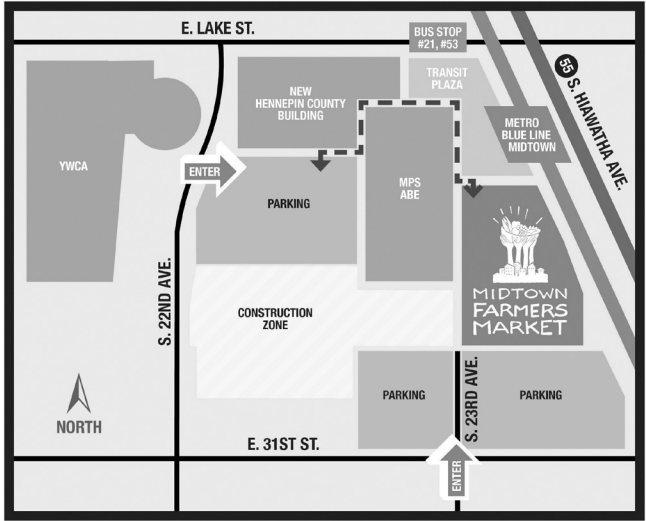
Miguel Goebel | Midtown Farmers Market Manager

Summer is now in full swing and so is the Midtown Farmers Market. As the temperatures rise the offerings of our vendors will grow and during the month of July you'll see raspberries, blueberries, peppers, tomatoes and so much more! Here are some other great items you'll find at the market this month: strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, spinach, kale, lettuces, Asian greens, green onions, beans, radishes, beets, peas, cucumbers, summer squash and zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, a variety of meats, eggs, cheese, honey, maple syrup, breads, baked goods, preserves, pickled veggies, coffee, arts and crafts and a fantastic assortment of prepared foods to enjoy for breakfast or lunch at the market.

There will also be a slew of market activities and events at the market this July including our 2<sup>nd</sup> blood drive of the summer in partnership with Memorial Blood Centers on July 1st, our East African Cultural Celebration on July 15<sup>th</sup> which will include the second installment of our Summer Poetry Series. Just in case you missed it, we'll also be participating in the Lake Street/Hiawatha Ave Open Streets on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-5pm and we'll be featuring a break dancing battle, an interactive Urban Ag. Fair, food trucks and market vendors, and farmers market trivia for market prizes and goodies. Don't miss it!

The Midtown Farmers Market is located at 2225 E. Lake Street on the corner of East Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue and offers fresh, local goods every Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm from May-June and Tuesday from 3:00pm-7:00pm June-October.

Thank you to this month's market sponsors:



## July Events at the Midtown Farmers Market

- **Saturday, July 1st, 8am-1pm**  
#FeedTheCarrot | Memorial Blood Centers Blood Drive  
8:30am—Free Yoga by Imbue Yoga  
9am-11am — music by Brian Pat  
11am-1pm—music by The Common Ground Company
- **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – NO MARKET – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**
- **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm**  
9am-11am—music by Ancestor Energy  
11am-1pm—music by Will King  
10am-noon—Second Saturday Arts for All Activity
- **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7pm**  
3:30-5:30pm—music by Lila Ammons Duo  
5:30pm—Free Zumba by the YWCA
- **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm**  
East African Cultural Celebration  
8:30am—Free Yoga by Imbue Yoga  
9am-1pm—Music, Poetry, Dance and Entertainment TBA
- **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7pm**  
3:30-5:30pm—music by Nancy Olson  
5:30pm—Free Zumba by the YWCA
- **Saturday, July 22nd, 8am-1pm**  
9am-11am—music by Ginger Bones  
11am-1pm—music by The Neighborhood Trio
- **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11am-4pm**  
Midtown Farmers Market @ Open Streets  
Lake + Minnehaha  
Breakdancing Battle, Urban Agriculture Activities, Market Trivia & more!
- **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7pm**  
3:30-5:30pm—music by Punt on Third  
5:30pm—Free Zumba by the YWCA
- **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm**  
Bike Day  
8:30am—Free Yoga by Imbue Yoga  
9am-11am—music by The Gated Community  
11am-1pm—music by Matt Yetter

### Other Special Events This Season

- August 19<sup>th</sup>—Festival del Maiz Latinx Celebration
- September 9<sup>th</sup>—Nordic Fest
- Septebmer 30<sup>th</sup>—Native American Celebration

## Eventos de Julio en el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown

- **Sábado 1 de julio de 8AM a 1PM**  
#FeedTheCarrot | Campaña de Donación de Sangre de Memorial Blood  
8:30am —Yoga Gratis por Imbue Yoga  
9am-11am — Música por Brian Pat  
11am-1pm — Música por The Common Ground Company
  - **Martes 4 de julio — NO HAY MERCADO — ¡Feliz 4 de Julio!**
  - **Sábado 8 de julio de 8am a 1pm**  
9am a 11am — Música por Ancestor Energy  
11am a 1pm — Música por Will King  
10am a Mediodía — Segundo Sábado de Artes para Toda Actividad
  - **Martes 11 de julio de 3pm a 7pm**  
3:30pm a 5:30pm — Música por Lila Ammons Duo  
5:30pm — Zumba gratis por YWCA
  - **Sábado 15 de julio de 8am a 1pm**  
Celebration de la Cultural del Este de África  
8:30am — Yoga gratis por Imbue Yoga  
9am a 1pm — Música, Poesía, Baile y Entretenimiento (SE ANUNCIARÁ)
  - **Martes 18 de julio de 3pm a 7pm**  
3:30 a 5:30pm — Música por Nancy Olson  
Sábado 22 de julio de 8am a 1pm  
9am a 11am — Música por Ginger Bones  
11am a 1pm — Música por The Neighborhood Trio
  - **Domingo 23 de julio de 11am a 4pm**  
Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown en Calles Abiertas en Lake y Minnehaha  
Batalla de breakdancing, Actividades de Agrícola Urbana, Trivia sobre el mercado y más.
  - **Martes 25 de julio de 3pm a 7pm**  
3:30 a 5:30pm — Música por Punt on Third  
5:30pm — Zumba gratis por YWCA
  - **Sábado 29 de julio de 8am a 1pm**  
Día de Bici  
8:30am — Yoga gratis por Imbue Yoga  
9am a 11am — Música por The Gated Community  
11am a 1pm — Música por Matt Yetter
- Otros Eventos Especiales Esta Temporada**
- 19 de agosto — Celebración/Festival del Maiz Latinx

## Open Streets continued...

More than a street festival, *Open Streets Minneapolis* gives residents an opportunity to explore their neighborhood and local businesses in a safe, fun, and family-friendly way. It encourages the use of active transportation and healthy living, and has a goal of giving residents an opportunity to rethink our streets as public space.

## Las calles abiertas continúan...

ralmente carreteras principales al tráfico de vehículos, y las abre para que la gente pueda caminar, andar en bici, patinar y jugar. Este evento comunitario está en su sexto año y es patrocinado, en parte, por la ciudad de Minneapolis.

Mas que un festival callejero, las Calles Abiertas de Minneapolis le da a sus residentes una oportunidad de explorar su vecindario y negocios locales de forma segura, divertida, familiar y amigable. Incita al uso activo del transporte y vida saludable, y tiene una meta de dar a sus residentes una oportunidad de repensar nuestra calle como espacio público.



# New Edition of the Lake Minnetonka Map

Press Release | Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) has a brand new edition of their Lake Minnetonka map available for free!



Based on input from users of this popular publication, several features are returning including lake depths, picnic areas, public restrooms, parks, and other amenities. New features include a directory of marinas and public access points, boat safety basics, government services, and tips on how to protect the lake by preventing polluted stormwater runoff and the spread of aquatic invasive species. You can also learn about MCWD’s work in the Six Mile-Halsted Bay Subwatershed, the Big Island restoration and Grays Bay Dam operations.

Copies of the new Lake Minnetonka map are available at our office (15320 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka), various marinas, city offices and at the Wayzata and Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chambers of Commerce. To request larger quantities, please email Sarah at sbhimani@minnehahacreek.org.

You can view and download a pdf of the new map online at <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/what-can-i-do>. Enjoy!

# Corcoran Community Garden

Genevieve Olive | Volunteer Garden Coordinator & Corcoran Neighbor

Things are growing at Corcoran Community Garden! We had a really great turnout for our startup workday. Spreading wood chips generously donated by our neighbors at Bratt Tree Service. Amending plots with compost and with all the rain plants are really beginning to thrive! Happy summer everybody!



# Lawn Care for Water Quality

Sarah Bhimani | Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

‘Tis the season for turf grass maintenance! Most of us have lawns that need maintaining throughout the warmer months, but did you know that how you care for your lawn can have a big impact on water quality? What lands on your lawn can make its way into storm drains that lead straight to streams and lakes without treatment. That means if you fertilize your lawn, blow grass clippings into the street, or don’t pick up after your pet, all that might be going down the drain straight to water we rely on for drinking and playing.

But it’s easy to minimize your impact! Here are some tips:

- 1. Mow high and often.** Cut your grass to 3 inches or higher, which helps trap pollutants and leads to a healthier lawn that has stronger roots and is more resistant to weeds. Don’t cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time to avoid stressing the grass. You’ll also avoid having large mats of grass on your yard, which smother grass and are more likely to wash off into the street.
- 2. Leave your grass clippings on the lawn.** Grass clippings contain the same amount of nutrients as one round of fertilizer, which is good for your lawn and your pocketbook! Be sure to sweep up any clippings that blow into the street so they don’t run down a storm drain.
- 3. Water wisely.** Lawns don’t need as much water as you might think. Lawns generally need about 1-inch per week to stay green. Try to water in the early morning so the grass absorbs the water better and be sure to divert your sprinklers so they aren’t watering impervious surfaces. If a green lawn isn’t a concern for you, try to not water more than is necessary. Grass that turns yellow or brown in the middle of summer is just going dormant and will bounce back in the fall.
- 4. Fertilize in fall.** If you are planning on fertilizing your lawn, it will be most effective in the fall. It’s also useful to get a [soil test](#) of your yard so you know what nutrients your lawn needs. Be sure to use zero-phosphorus fertilizers and sweep up any fertilizer that falls on hard surfaces. As an alternative to fertilizing, you can aerate in the fall instead.

More tips can be found on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District website. You can help us improve the watershed, one action at a time!

# Lemonade Stand Interview with Theo (age 3)

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor



Russ: are you the owner of this establishment?

Theo: yes

Russ: how did you make the lemonade?

Theo: I made it with Grandma

Russ: why are you doing this?

Theo: to get money

Russ: how much is a cup?

Theo: \$30

Russ: what are you going to do with the money?

Theo: it’s for my dad

Russ: what is he going to do with it?

Theo: keep it

Russ: have you ever done this before?

Theo: this is my first time

Russ; how do you keep the lemonade cool?

Theo: that’s just how it is

Russ: I see you have cookies as well, how much are they?

Theo: about \$100

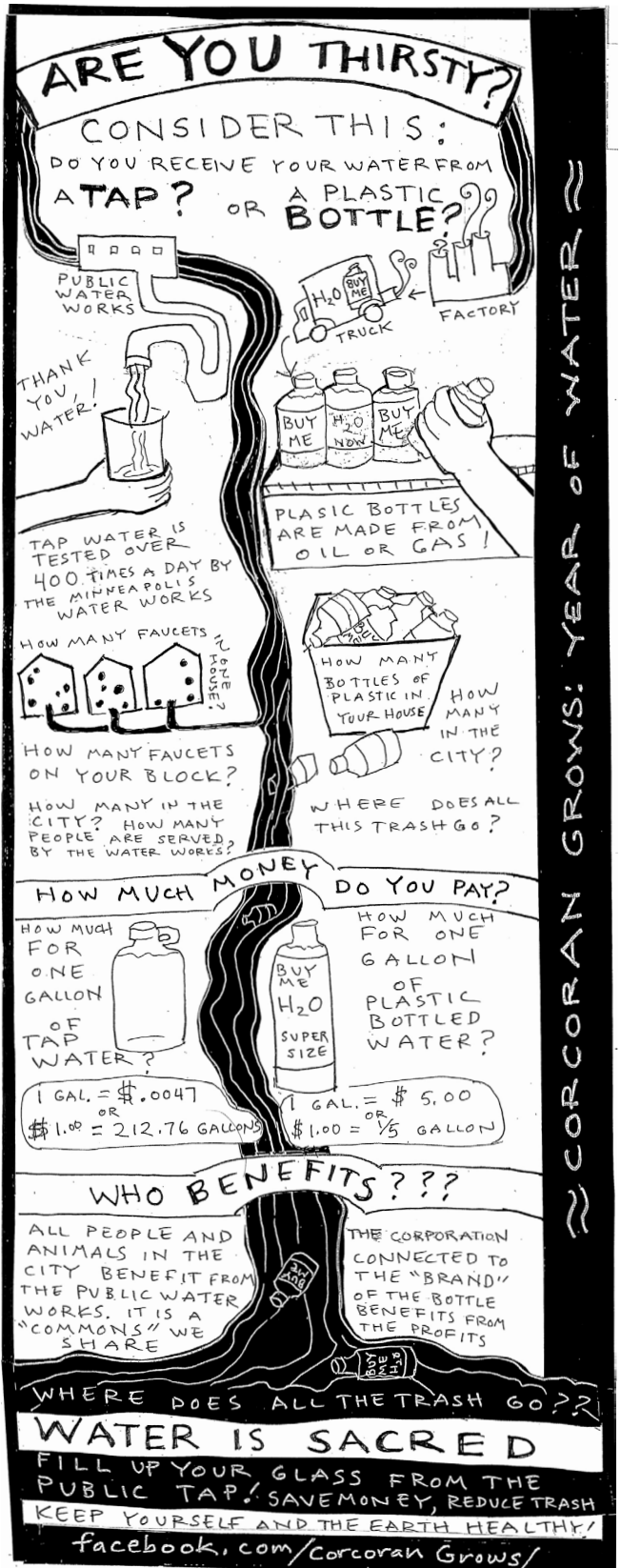
Russ: thank you for your time

Theo: I have to take a nap

*Editor’s Note:* sources confirmed that the price of a cup of lemonade was actually 50 cents, though the cookie price could neither be confirmed nor denied.

# Corcoran GROWS: A Year of Water

Sandy Spieler | Cocoran Grows & Corcoran Neighbor



# GROWS is the for the Bees!

Sara Nelson | Cocoran GROWS & Corcoran Neighbor



The Corcoran Pollinator Network is a new GROWS project that aims to increase pollinator habitat in the neighborhood via neighbors helping each other install new pollinator gardens with plants donated by other neighbors. So far we have installed two boulevard gardens with 15 different species of perennial pollinator plants donated from four different neighbors. This is a new project and we are in need of some willing Corcoran neighbors that want to be a site for new pollinator gardens!

We also need people who would like to donate plants, sign up to help with a garden installation, or help with outreach or mapping.

If you are interested or have any questions, email Sara at [saracelia@gmail.com](mailto:saracelia@gmail.com). This is a really fun way to meet gardeners in the neighborhood, learn about gardening, and get beautiful free plants that help the bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

# Ask The Yoga Instructor: Finding steadiness & ease this summer

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner of Imbue Yoga Studio

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Summer in Minnesota as we well know is a time of great activity. Many of us try to pack it all in, every weekend booked with camping, gatherings, weddings. The general energy can feel like a mild mania. However wonderful and fun it may seem, by the end of these hot months some of us crave some winter hibernation. How can we find steadiness and ease this summer?

In the great text The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, a concept arises called *shтира* & *sukha*. *Shtira* means to “hold steady” with even energy and engagement (as in a yoga posture w/o strain, or alive in the flow of your life). *Sukha* essentially means “good space.” Put those together and you have steadiness and ease, something we can strive for in our every day lives. What are some tactics we can employ to fill our lives in this good space?

The yoga teachings speak of what our modern society would call common sense. Establishing a soft routine in each day (soft as opposed to rigid). Eating fresh, local food at regular times (Midtown Farmers Market!!). Adequate sleep. Exercise. If possible,



making time (5-10 minutes) to meditate. In meditation, have no judgement. Sit comfortably, in a chair or on the floor with a tall spine. Feel your breath. As thoughts arise allow them to come and go, returning always to the breath. Meditation is very grounding. Another tool is to find anchors to remember to breathe mindfully: buckling your seatbelt, first thing upon waking, before sleep. Use those anchors to take three deep, cleansing breaths. Every time you breathe mindfully you are linking body, mind and spirit in yoga (*yoga* means to “yoke” or unite), setting the stage for *shtira* & *sukha*. Happy summer & namaste!

## Recap: Neighborhood Garage Sale June 10th

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

There were 103 sales total in Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran on a hot and sunny day that reached 96 degrees. While numbers are still coming in, we estimate \$20,000 was generated, and 10,000 items re-homed.



Corcoran neighbor Vince Adams braces for the heat.



Corcoran neighbor Brady Schmidt is thankful for his shade tree.

# Building a Boat

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep. Psalms 107:23-24

Maybe it was those early childhood memories on the boundary waters, or the experience of watching freighters part the Duluth canal, or perhaps simply living in the land of 10,000 lakes, but whatever the reason, Ed Granquist is a shipbuilder...well, at least of the small boat variety.

On any given evening, he can be found building a fifteen foot cedar canoe, literally piece-by-piece, in a Corcoran garage owned by his long-time friend, Matt. This five year labor of love has tested their friendship, and even endured a year’s hiatus, but is now nearing completion. Yet when asked when it will be finished, Ed’s answer is always, ‘ad kalendas Graeces,’ which means ‘at the Greek calends,’ i.e. never, since the Greek had no calends. In all seriousness, Ed had initially given himself a July 4 deadline, but life caught up with him, and now he is hoping for August 16 (his birthday!). He still needs to attach the fiberglass with epoxy, but insists that is the ‘easier’ part. His fingers show the scars of sliver cuts, having whittled hundreds of thin slips of wood into a

tetris puzzle of sorts that has become the canoe’s hull.

The adventure began in 2012 when he came across the sale of wood on Craigslist, but the idea did not seriously launch until 2015 when he actually bought blueprint plans. Ed is modest enough to insinuate that anyone can do this, but one look at this craft and I know better. Capable wood-working knowhow and skill is at hand. His brothers are both engineers, and he himself has a background in models. He started building the little wooden ships in bottles and later transitioned to creating planes from balsa wood. He eventually built a plywood kayak with his father, but made a point of clarifying that they were only dealing with six or seven sheets of wood. What a breeze!

So what has this latest adventure cost? Not including the incalculable labor hours, materials alone are approaching \$1,000, and they have all been individually purchased. He jokes that he did it the ‘organic way,’ rather than going with a kit, even though the latter would have provided everything for around the same price. But Ed is satisfied knowing he has a piece of himself invested in this project. To quote Robert Rose, “Boats are the nearest things to dreams that hands have ever made, for



Above: Ed (left) and Matt (right) have weathered a monstrous project

Below: Eyeing a masterpiece, Ed has affectionately named his craft, The Honorable S.S. Edward Fritz Granowitz



somewhere deep in their oaken hearts the soul of a song is laid.”

Ed promised Matt that if he could use his garage he

would build him a canoe as well. Matt laughed it off saying, “Yeah, sure, just build your own first!” Well Matt, get ready.

## Word Find: "Summer Time"

School is out in Minneapolis! And it's time for some fun in the sun. What kind of things do you like to do in the summer?



- BACKYARD
- BIKE
- CAMP
- CLUB
- CORCORAN
- FIREWORKS
- FRIENDS
- FUN
- GARDEN
- GRILL
- HOT
- MARKET
- MINNEAPOLIS
- MOVIES
- PARK
- POOL
- SUN
- VACATION

Answers on page 7  
No Peeking!!!

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# Corcoran Park Happenings | Acontecimientos en el Parque Corcoran

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Director



## Bojutsu Japanese Martial Arts: Thursdays June 1 – August 24th 7pm-8:30pm 14+ \$25

Bojutsu is a Japanese martial art specializing in the use of a five-foot staff. Students learn improved hand skills, coordination, physical conditioning and some aspects of Japanese culture. The curriculum includes forms performed alone and two-person action techniques for disarming and pinning partners.

## Family ZUMBA Dance Class: Mondays/Wed 5-7pm Friday 4-6pm June 2nd – August 25th Free

Come to the park for a comfortable setting for all ages to get a workout on. Certified ZUMBA instructor and Corcoran resident Silvia Perez leads this class with youth and adults welcome.

## Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park Event: Wednesday July 19th 6pm-8pm Social; Movie begins at Dusk. Free all ages

Ice cream will be provided by the park, come meet your neighbors, while children can play in the bounce house, enjoy some ice cream, and have FUN! Movie in the park will begin at dusk: Raiders of the Lost Ark, with Spanish subtitles.

## Kindertots Summer PreSchool: July 11th – August 17th 10am-1pm 3+ \$270

Time for your little one to make new friends while we encourage positive social interaction. Parents please pack your child's favorite food for lunch each day at the park. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity for your little one to learn and grow. The last hour will be spent in the pool (weather permitting).

## Summer food Program: June 19th – August 18th 3pm snack 5pm dinner every day. 18 and under Free

The Summer Food Service Program provides children nutritious meals during summer vacation. Times and types of meals served (breakfast, lunch, snack or dinner) vary by site and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Select sites serve reduced-waste meals, focusing on reducing both food and packaging waste. The Summer Food Service Program is free to all children 18 and younger.

## Bojutsu Artes Marciales Japonesas: Jueves 1 de junio - 24 de agosto 7 pm-8:30 pm 14+ \$ 25

Bojutsu es un arte marcial japonés que se especializa en el uso de un personal de cinco pies. Los estudiantes aprenden habilidades mejoradas de manos, coordinación, acondicionamiento físico y algunos aspectos de la cultura japonesa. El plan de estudios incluye formularios realizados por separado y técnicas de acción de dos personas para desarmar y fijar a los socios.

## Familia ZUMBA Clase de Danza: Lunes / Miércoles 5-7pm Viernes 4-6pm 2 de Junio - 25 de Agosto Gratuito

Venga al parque para un ambiente cómodo para todas las edades para hacer ejercicio. La instructora certificada de ZUMBA y la residente de Corcoran Silvia Pérez lidera esta clase con la bienvenida de jóvenes y adultos.

## Ice Cream Social y Película en el Parque Evento: Miércoles 19 de Julio 6 pm-8pm Social; La película comienza al atardecer. Gratis para todas las edades

¡El helado será proporcionado por el parque, venga a conocer a sus vecinos, mientras que los niños pueden jugar en la casa rebote, disfrutar de un poco de helado y divertirse! La película en el parque comenzará al atardecer: Raiders of the Lost Ark, con subtítulos en español.

## Kindertots Preescolar de verano: 11 de julio - 17 de agosto 10 am-1pm 3+ \$ 270

Es hora de que su pequeño haga nuevos amigos mientras fomentamos la interacción social positiva. Padres por favor empacar la comida favorita de su hijo para el almuerzo cada día en el parque. No querrá perderse esta oportunidad para que su pequeño aprenda y crezca. La última hora se pasará en la piscina (si el tiempo lo permite).

## Programa de Alimentación de Verano: 19 de junio - 18 de agosto 15:00 snacks 5pm cena todos los días. 18 y menos

El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano ofrece a los niños comidas nutritivas durante las vacaciones de verano. Los horarios y tipos de comidas servidas (desayuno, almuerzo, merienda o cena) varían según el lugar y están disponibles según el orden de llegada. Los sitios selectos sirven comida reducida, centrándose en la reducción tanto de los alimentos como de los residuos de envases. El programa de servicio de comida de verano es gratuito para todos los niños de 18 años o menos.

# Neighborhoods 2020 Update Conversations, Focus Groups, On-Line Survey and Next Steps

Press Release | City of Minneapolis, NCEC & NCR

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) and the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) partnered with neighborhood groups across the city in hosting a series of five meetings to discuss the future role of neighborhood organizations. The five meetings were held between April 25 and May 8, 2017 in each sector of the City: Downtown, North, East, South and Southwest. A total of 517 people signed in at the five meetings, and 262 filled out demographic cards.

Based on the review of demographic data, NCR set up two additional events to gain further input from under-represented groups. The first was held at Harrison Community Center on May 23rd with 36 Hmong and Lao community

members and the second was held at Waite House on May 30th with 30 members of the Latino and American Indian communities.

NCR is currently compiling data from all the meetings and will meet with the NCEC 2020 Committee on Tuesday June 13th 5:30pm for a preliminary discussion of the data and on Monday June 19th at 6:00pm for a more streamlined look at results of the outreach. Both meetings will take place downtown at the Crown Roller Mill Building – 105 5th Avenue South.

NCR has also developed an online survey for additional input from individuals who were not able to attend the meetings. Please share with your network!

Please check the Neighborhoods 2020 Web Page for frequent updates, demographics and reports.

# Mark your calendar to get rid of your household hazardous wastes at this summer event

Press Realease | Hennepin County

You can drop off your household hazardous wastes for free at this Hennepin County event in Minneapolis from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday-Saturday.

- Aug. 18-19, South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S. (Enter off 21st Avenue S.)

## Accepted from households

- Automotive fluids (except oil) and lead-acid batteries
- Household, lawn and garden hazardous waste
- Aerosols
- Batteries – tape both terminals
- CFLs and other fluorescent lamps and HID lamps (limit 25)
- Drain, oven and other corrosive cleaners
- Gas cylinders – propane less than 40 lbs. Specialty gases (oxygen, helium, etc.) less than 59 lbs. will be evaluated onsite; some may not be accepted.
- Mercury thermostats
- Paint, stain, varnish, solvents (limit three 5-gallon pails); no limit on 1-gallon pails or smaller)
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals

## Not accepted

- Asbestos
- Business generated waste
- Construction debris
- Electronics\*
- Explosives
- Garbage\*
- Major appliances\*
- Medicines
- Oil
- Oil filters
- Radioactive material
- Recyclables – cardboard, glass, metal, paper, phone books, plastic, etc.\*
- Sharps
- Tires
- \* These items are accepted curbside through the City of Minneapolis solid waste and recycling program.

For more information, visit [www.hennepin.us/collectionevents](http://www.hennepin.us/collectionevents) or contact Hennepin County Environment and Energy at 612-348-3777 or [environment@hennepin.us](mailto:environment@hennepin.us).



# Recap: Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

More than 15,000 Minnesotans joined hands with fellow neighbors to pack an astounding 4.9 million meals at the MobilePack for Somalia in June. Each of these meals will feed children like those on the brink of starvation in Somalia and restore hope to their families.

Did you know? For just \$7 a month you can feed a child a meal a day for an entire year.

To learn more go to [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)



Above: The St. Paul Rivercenter was transformed into a packing plant June 2-5.

Below: Corcoran Neighbors Russ Grigsby, Roger Grosklags, Penny & Angel Arcos help pack meals.



# Get Hooked on Saving Lives

Press Realease | Memorial Blood Centers

June 20, 2017 (St. Paul, MN) – When tragedy strikes, it's the blood already on the shelves that saves lives in our local hospitals. Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is encouraging members of our local communities to help keep those shelves stocked by becoming regular blood donors, and is offering great incentives to get them started.

All presenting blood donors will receive a free “Fishing for Donors” t-shirt. In addition, all month long, MBC is partnering with Noodles to give donors a \$5 off coupon for an online order of \$10 or more. To learn more, visit [MBC.ORG/Noodles](http://MBC.ORG/Noodles).

Volunteer donors are needed to step up and give blood during the summer months, when blood donations are often low. It's also important for donors to keep their blood donation appointments, as these appointments help MBC plan a stable supply of blood for local hospitals. Patients depend on MBC to be there with the right blood type they need to survive.

To register for a blood drive, visit us online at [MBC.ORG](http://MBC.ORG), or contact the sponsoring organization directly. While walk-in donors are always welcome, we encourage appointments to be made in advance. All types are needed—especially O negative (O-) and O positive (O+).

DATE: July 1st  
Sponsor: MFM  
Time: 8am-1pm

## About Memorial Blood Centers

Memorial Blood Centers has been saving lives for nearly 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](http://MBC.ORG). Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.



# Support Groups: You're Not Alone!

Tricia Theurer | Nokomis Healthy Seniors

If you'd like a safe place to talk to others experiencing similar health challenges, know that you're not alone. Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) hosts three support groups—Diabetes, Low Vision, and Caregiver—that are free and open to the public.



The Diabetes Support Group meets the first Friday of each month from 1-3 pm at the Nokomis Public Library. The Low Vision Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at Nokomis Square Cooperative. The Caregiver Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 pm at NHS' offices in Bethel Lutheran Church at 4120-17th Avenue South.

No RSVPs are needed. For more information, visit .nokomishealthyseniors.org or call NHS at 612-729-5499.

# Thank You to May Donors!

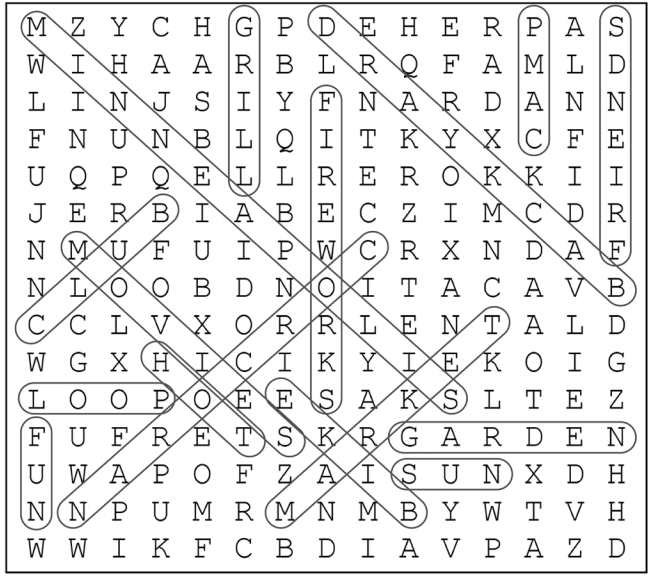
Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

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

Thanks to the following residents who made donations to CNO and/or the Midtown Farmers Market in May:

- LisaBeth Barajas\*
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  - Mary Wittenbreer\*
  - Andrew Zimmer\*
- \* denotes CNO Sustainers

# Word Find Answers



Please keep an eye out for more fun activities for our younger readers over the summer months.

# Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Neighbor & Block Leader

Last month was a post about how silence can be bad for public safety. This month will be how to identify and report suspicious activity. Karen Notsch our neighborhood's CPS provided me a link to U.S. Army's Fort Detrick guide on identifying suspicious activity: <http://www.detrack.army.mil/dptms/pdf/suspicious.pdf>

I recommend reading the whole document, but I will summarize and streamline the key points that are most applicable to our neighborhood, I will include [edits for applicability to our neighborhood in brackets]. The excerpt below has been edited for content and length.

## So How Do I Identify A Suspicious Person As Suspicious?

Let's Start With: **"People aren't suspicious, behavior is."** [emphasis mine]

Although we all say "suspicious person", it is in fact their behavior that is suspicious. The following are some signs and behaviors that may be suspicious:

- **Person Running:** Does this behavior indicate someone being in a hurry or does it have a heightened sense of urgency or tension about it? It would be suspicious if he were looking about furtively, as if he were being observed or pursued. Possible significance - he is fleeing the scene of a crime.
- **Stranger Carrying Property:** If this occurs at an unusual hour or location, and especially if the items are stereo equipment, office machinery, laboratory equipment, carrying a locked bicycle, does this person appear to be carrying something inside their clothing? This behavior is suspect. Possible significance - the subject is leaving the scene of a robbery, burglary, or theft.

## Person Going Door-To-Door In An Office Building Or In A Residential Area:

One leading crime statistic is theft of unattended property from unsecured offices [or homes/garages/cars/etc.]. Thieves often look like they belong here, but if they wander in and out of offices, or are seen moving slowly down hallways [yards, or streets and alleys] trying doors, they may be looking for an opportunity to steal. If you see a person, or persons, going from house to house and then if one or more goes into a back or side yard, you may be witnessing a crime in progress. It becomes especially suspicious if one or more persons remains in the front while this occurs. Possible significance - they are 'casing' a house to burglarize or are burglarizing a house.

## Unusual Activity Involving Vehicles

- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle, especially at night and in one of our parking areas, is highly suspect.
- If a person is seen detaching mechanical parts or accessories, call [911] immediately. While the person's behavior may be appropriate, you are more likely to be witnessing a burglary, theft, or malicious mischief crime in progress.
- If you observe one or more persons sitting in a parked car closely scanning the area around them, you may be observing lookouts for a burglary, robbery in progress, a crime being planned, or surveillance for a terrorist event. [We also see this in our neighborhood for drug dealing and prostitution.]
- If you see someone being forcibly taken into a vehicle, you may be watching a kidnapping. A complete description of the

vehicle and occupant(s) is crucial and must be relayed to a law enforcement agency immediately.

- **Certain Moving Vehicles:** Suspicious if it is moving slowly and running without lights, or if its course appears aimless or repetitive. Possible significance - 'casing' buildings to burglarize.

## Exhibiting Unusual Mental Or Physical Symptoms

A person seen in an environment where he/she doesn't belong or "fit in" may seem

suspicious. Non appropriate attire, unable to hold meaningful conversation, or focus on a particular subject. Possible significance - the person may have been injured in an accident, is under the influence of drugs or medications, or otherwise needs medical or psychiatric assistance.

## Unusual Noises

If you hear gunshots, screaming, sounds of combat, an explosion, abnormally barking dogs, or anything suggesting foul play, danger, or illegal activity, call [911] immediately.

## Describing A Suspicious Person Or Vehicle

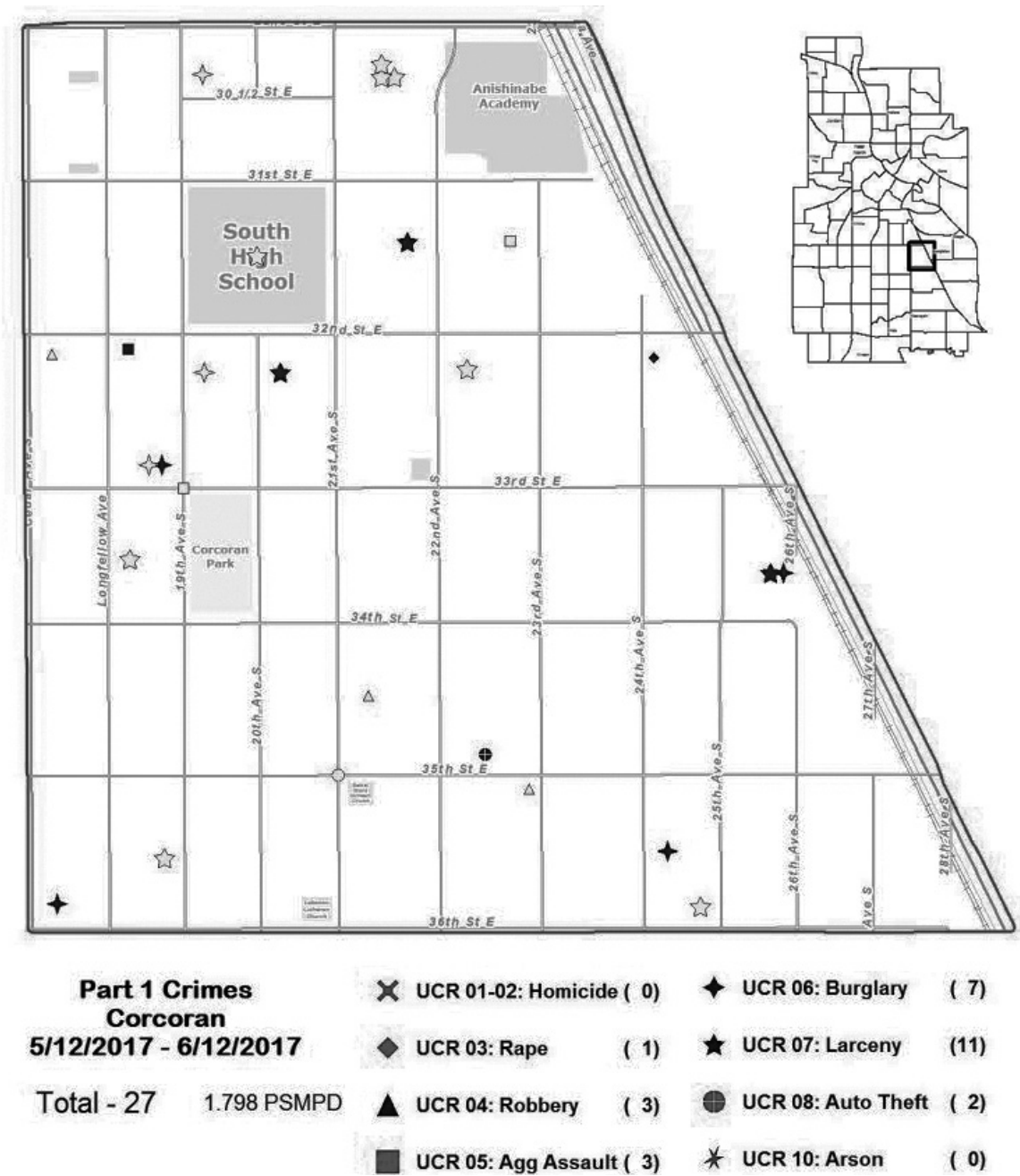
A good description of a suspicious person or vehicle play a major role in the ability of responding officers to identify the right person to stop or the right vehicle to investigate.

## Maintain Human Dignity & Case Integrity

Do not verbalize your personal conclusion of the suspicious person/behavior to all passersby. The behavior may be a result of mental illness, an accident, stroke, drug interaction, missed medication, Alzheimer's, cul-

tural differences (differences in social norms), variations in communication (i.e. sign language), etc. The possibilities are endless and not always the fault of the person displaying the behavior. Don't start a panic or impede on an investigation by allowing yourself to get caught up in the moment. Leave investigations and diagnosis to the professionals in that field. Never become complacent, but continue to be aware and report any suspicious person's behavior. Always maintain your professional demure and the dignity of all involved."

Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-May 2017 to Mid-June | Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-mayo 2017 a medio-junio



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

# CNO Submits Comments on Streetcar-Era Commercial Nodes

Matt Kazinka | Economic Development Committee



At its June meeting, the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization’s Board of Directors decided to submit comments to the City of Minneapolis regarding the future of streetcar-era business intersections, such as Corcoran’s business node of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South. The comments, drafted by CNO’s Economic Development Committee, were intended to help the City consider how it will support similar business nodes as it crafts its 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South is an important commercial and social hub for the Corcoran Neighborhood. Like many other small commercial intersections in the interiors of neighborhoods, that corner sprung up around a streetcar line that once zig-zagged through Corcoran. Today, the 22 bus line follows the approximate route of the streetcar and makes a turn at that intersection.

The mix of local independent businesses at the intersection

are valued by our neighborhood for the goods, services, and jobs they provide, as well as the positive foot traffic they generate. Many of the local business and property owners on this intersection work hard not just to generate profit, but to support local initiatives and serve the community’s needs.

Since 2014, CNO has engaged neighborhood residents and business owners surrounding in identifying the value in that node as it stands, the obstacles faced by business owners there, and a positive vision for its future. As a result of that engagement, CNO has begun collaborating with business and property owners at the node coordinate joint marketing initiatives, events, and investments in the intersection.

One major challenge that the Economic Development Committee has identified at the intersection is that it is not currently eligible for the City’s economic development programs that are intended to help businesses, such as its’ façade improve-

ment matching grants. Other similar commercial nodes that are wedged in the heart of neighborhoods and sprung up around historic streetcar lines face the same challenge.

This comments to be submitted to the City lay out principles that CNO believes the City of Minneapolis should take into consideration for supporting the future of streetcar-era nodes similar to the one at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Some of those principles include:

## Maintaining diversity and accessibility:

Many commercial nodes in the interior of neighborhoods serve as entry points for small and early-stage businesses. The City should ensure that its tools and resources are made available to help these small businesses thrive and grow.

## Design pedestrian-oriented streetscapes and a vibrant public realm:

One of the best things about streetcar-era nodes is

that the businesses in them often serve neighbors within walking distance. The City should take care to ensure pedestrian safety at these nodes and do what it can to calm motorized traffic. Additionally, where welcomed by local businesses, the City should consider methods for encouraging the use of sidewalk furniture and other amenities at these intersections.

## Guide new development:

Given current market conditions, CNO believes that significant new construction at the intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is unlikely in the near future. However, if new development were proposed, CNO encourages the City and developers to seek neighborhood input. New developments should include a mix of uses, contribute to the pedestrian experience, and prioritize locally-owned businesses in new commercial spaces.

These comments will be considered by City planners as they develop the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. In the meantime, CNO will continue working with businesses and residents at the intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> to help it meet the needs of the neighborhood and thrive. Stay tuned for future articles exploring more of the history and future of this intersection!

# Business Spotlight: Chatterbox

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor



Chatterbox Pub  
2229 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN  
Chatterboxpub.net

Long before I moved to this neighborhood or knew of a place called Corcoran, I would come to the Chatterbox. This local vintage speakeasy has been in continuous operation since 1923! If you’ve been there, you know it’s a comfortable place - somewhat akin to hanging out with friends in your parent’s basement in the 70s or 80s – filled with second hand lamps, furniture and retro games including old school Atari!

For the last 17 years, this has been my “go to” on a cold snowy afternoon or as a meet up spot during happy hour. As with all places, the workers come and go and some menu items change, but the Chatterbox has stayed true to its original mission of bringing craft beers and a higher quality of food to the public, long before it was a Twin Cities trend.

Sitting down with owner, Steven Miller, we joked a bit about “Chatterbox” lore. Yes, there are many myths or misnomers about the place and I’ve decided to put them to rest.

First is the theory you will leave smelling like a smoky French fry. Long ago the city put a smoking ban in place, the Chatterbox installed newer ventilation and removed deep fryers. Although some menu items require a pan stir fry, French fries are baked and you will not be taking home unwanted scented memories.

Next item of lore says they do not serve “real” beer. While it’s true they do not serve hard alcohol, but specialty beers do not come in lower alcohol batches and I can verifiably say they have been serving beer as strong as anywhere else in town for the last 17 years. More importantly, their “event tap lines” rotate every 4-6 weeks. Currently you will find sour beers, next up will be infusions, and by mid-September the Octoberfests will be in circulation. These taps are all craft and heavily local.

Lastly, they plan to stick around. After a ten year run with multiple locations, the owners decided to “right-size” to accommodate their busy lifestyle with 4 children. This meant refocusing on the original Chatterbox and rolling out some new things that weren’t possible with multiple locations.

The new cast iron, skillet, deep dish pizza might be my favorite result of this new focus. The crust is homemade and had been in the works for 4 years. It’s truly delicious. In fact, most of their food is made from scratch, including all sauces. May I suggest trying one of them on a popular menu item like the slow smoked ribs?

In addition to Open Mic on Tuesdays, Karaoke on Wednesdays and Music Trivia on Thursdays, watch for the return of themed DJ music nights. Whether you’ve been many times or never, stop by to hang out at a local gem and a chance to enjoy a pint with a neighbor or two.

# You are Invited to Attend a Small Developers 101 Training Course

Press Release | Daniel Bonilla, City of Minneapolis

## Are you an Emerging Real Estate Developer in Minneapolis?



The City of Minneapolis is hosting a Small Developers 101 Training to promote the development of women and minority-owned real estate developers. This introductory course will provide participants with basic tools used to consider a real estate development project. The course’s main goals are:

- To build capacity and diversify the pool of real estate developers in Minneapolis.
- To educate new and inexperienced small developers in risk management and the real estate development process.
- To educate decision makers, community partners and City staff on the importance of developer capacity/experience in the evaluation of development proposals.

Go to <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@cped/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-197056.pdf> to see the course curriculum.

## When

Selected participants will attend 4 sessions:

- Sat 7/8 8am-10:45am
- Tue 7/11 6pm-8:45pm
- Sat 7/15 8am-11:00am
- Tue 7/18 6pm-8:45pm

## Place

City of Minneapolis Innovation Center, 105 5th Ave S, #150, Minneapolis, MN 55401

## Eligibility

- Businesses, neighborhood groups, nonprofits, and individuals with a specific real estate project located (or to be located) in Minneapolis.
- Complete the registration form and commit to attend all 4 sessions.
- Ideal participant will have prior experience in construction, real estate or development.

## Selection

- The training is limited to 35 participants.
- The City would like to have a mix of participants from different types of entities (businesses, nonprofits, neighborhood groups, etc.) and development types (residential and non- residential).
- Within these groups, participants will be selected based on the quality and impact of their real estate project to be developed, and on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please fill out an application form by June 23 (register here). Registrations will not be accepted after the deadlines. Selected participants will be notified by June 30th.

## Cost

This program is sponsored by the City of Minneapolis, and is free to participants. Class materials will be provided.

## Questions

Contact Daniel Bonilla, City of Minneapolis

This training is part of the City’s B-TAP Program. Visit the D-TAP website ( <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/D-TAP> ) for more information.

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