



Master Plan for Corcoran Park

Comment on the Proposed Master Plan at CNO's Website

Amy Arcand | Neighbor & Chair of the So. Service Area Community Advisory Committee

The South Service Area Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is recommending that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) approve the above master plan for Corcoran Park. Once approved, the master plan will guide any improvements to the park over the next 10-20 years. For example, let's say that Corcoran Park is budgeted to get a picnic shelter in 2018. The master plan shows a picnic shelter just north of the wading pool and it also shows a stage/ bandshell in the same location. Therefore, the MPRB will work with community in 2018 to design a picnic shelter that can also serve as a stage/bandshell for special events in that location.

The current master plan calls for removal of the parking lot to increase the amount of green space for fruit trees or other types of edible plants, removal of the baseball diamond to accommodate an improved multi-use field that can be used for soccer and other activities, addition of a walking path around the park building, lawn games and a picnic shelter that can be designed to double as a stage/bandshell for events, and removal of the "tennis court" to allow for more open and growing space. The playgrounds and wading pool will remain in the same location.

The CAC was tasked with helping MPRB staff and consultants develop master plans for all 33 park properties in the South Service area. The South Service Area is bounded by Cedar-Riverside and I-94 to the southern city limits and I-35W to the river. For more information about the process or to see design recommendations for other parks in the service area, visit https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/

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El gran plan para el parque de Corcoran

Comentario sobre el Plan Maestro propuesto en la página web de CNO

Amy Arcand | vecina y presidente del área del sur (South Service Area)

El comité asesor de la comunidad para el área del sur en Minneapolis llamada en Ingles South Service Area (South Service Area Community Advisory Committee o CAC) recomienda que la junta directiva de parques y recreación de Minneapolis (Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board o MPRB) apruebe el gran plan mostrado arriba para el parque de Corcoran. Después de ser aprobado, el gran plan guiara cualquier mejoramiento para el parque a través de los próximos 10-20 años. Por ejemplo, digamos que el parque de Corcoran tenga en su presupuesto para instalar un área de picnic en el año 2018. El gran plan muestra un área de picnic justo al norte de la piscina infantil y también muestra un escenario/ concha acústica en la misma ubicación. Por lo tanto, el MPRB trabajara con la comunidad en el 2018 para diseñar un área de picnic que también se pueda usar como un escenario/ concha acústica para eventos especiales en esa misma ubicación.

El gran plan actual requiere la eliminación del estacionamiento para incrementar la cantidad de espacio verde para arboles de fruta y otros tipos de plantas comestibles, la

eliminación del diamante de béisbol para dar espacio a una cancha de usos múltiples que se puede usar para el futbol y otras actividades, una adición para un camino alrededor del edificio del parque, juegos de jardín y un área de picnic que puede ser diseñada para usarse como escenario/concha acústica durante eventos, y la eliminación de la cancha de tenis para tener mas espacio libre y verde.

El CAC se encargo con ayudarle al personal del MPRB y a consultores para desarrollar un gran plan para cada uno de los 33 parques en el área del sur (South Service Area). El área del sur cubre todo el espacio entre el vecindario Cedar-Riverside y el 94 (I-94) hasta los limites del sur de la ciudad y I-35W hasta el rio. Para mas información sobre el proceso o para ver las recomendaciones de diseños para otros parques en el área del sur, visite: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/south_service_area_master_plan/#group_3_224495

El personal de la Organización del Vecindario Corcoran (Corcoran Neighborhood Association) y del MPRB trabajaron fuerte para juntar aporte de los residentes de Corcoran y de otros usuarios del parque a través de los últimos 16 meses. Ese aporte e involucración ayudo a dar forma al plan recomendado, pero todavía hay tiempo para que usted comparte el suyo. Un periodo publico de comentario y de 45 días comenzara en junio y los comisarios del MPRB no votaran para finalizar una aprobación final hasta después de ese periodo.

Consulte la página 6 y 8 para más actualizaciones sobre Corcoran Park

Reminder:
Corcoran Garage Sale
June11th
- See page 8 for more info.

Recordatorio:
Venta de Garaje 11 Junio
- Ver página 8



Junio – Calendario Comunitario | June – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, June 2nd
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6 – 8pm
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.
The agenda for June includes:
1. Nominate new committee chair or co-chairs
2. South High master plan concept
3. Update on Humanize HiLake and City-County Interchange Study
4. Update on development projects underway in our area
5. Update on plans to connect the Midtown Greenway to Lake Street
For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>
> Questions? Eric Gustafson
eric@corcoranneighborhood.org
612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, June 6th
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm
Monthly meeting to plan the July edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, June 15th
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
612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S
> **See front page for information on MFM opening day.**

Thursday, June 16th
Economic Development Committee Meeting
6 – 8pm
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? Heidi Johnson McAllister
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612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Saturday, June 4th
Taco Sale
Noon – 3pm, each Saturday in June
Lirio de los Valles: 21st Ave & 36th St

Sunday, June 5th
Country Gospel Singer Karl Hinkle in Concert
9:30am
Lebanon Lutheran: 21st Ave & 36th St.

Sunday, June 19th
Juneteenth
For Juneteenth Weekend Event & more information visit www.juneteenthminnesota.org
> **See page 5 for information about Juneteenth.**

Save the date:
Monday, July 13th,
15 minutes before sundown
Free movie in the park: Raiders of the Lost Ark
Location: Corcoran Park: 3334 20th Ave South
> https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/events/2015/06/21/1701/raiders_of_the_lost_ark

Wednesday, June 15th
Corcoran Park Potluck
5 – 7pm
Location: Corcoran Park: 3334 20th Ave South
>**See page 8 for more information.**

Events

Saturday, June 11th
9:00am-3:00pm
Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale
The neighborhood garage sale is a community wide event that extends from Lake Street to the Minnehaha Parkway and Cedar Avenue to Hiawatha Avenue. A Sales Guide and Map of homes having sales will be available online and at the Midtown Farmers Market.

Save the Date:
Sunday, July 17th,
Taco Tour on Lake Street
10:00 am to 5.00 pm
Discover the spicy flavors of the Latino food district on Lake Street by touring 10 authentic restaurants offering their own versions of the iconic Mexican specialty: TACOS!
WHERE:
Start point at K-Mart Minneapolis 10 W Lake St. Minneapolis, MN 55408
REGISTER:
Taco Tour is a free event for everyone regardless of if you join the tour by foot, bike, or your own car. Also, check out our free Van services: just click on “register” to reserve your place in the tour. There’s limited space on the buses and a limited number of free tacos. Registration for the event is expected to fill up again. However, all participating restaurants will have promotions that day if you are able to come.Everyone wishing to attend the tour must register and may only register once.

Save the Date:
Sunday, July 24th
Open Streets!
East Lake Street: between Elliot & 42nd
11 am to 5 pm
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. 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.

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Meet Edain – a New Organizer at Corcoran Neighborhood

Edain Altamirano | CNO Staff

Hola, soy Edain Altamirano soy una persona que renta en el vecindario de Corcoran por mas de 2 años y me encanta este hermoso vecindario, empecé a ser parte y trabajar con la comunidad cuando el organizador de Corcoran golpeo mi puerta y empezó hablarme y mostrar interés en los problemas de la comunidad y de los inquilinos. Ross me invitó a formar parte de la comunidad y empecé a trabajar con los inquilinos en el vecindario. con el gran apoyo e interés que los miembros de la mesa directiva, me dieron forme parte de la mesa mesa directiva , ahora tengo el gran placer ser una organizadora y trabajar con la comunidad para tener un mejor vecindario, seguridad y dar un mejor futuro para nuestras familias y niños, estoy muy feliz y lista para trabajar juntos organizando y creciendo como comunidad unida!

Hi, I'm Edain Altamirano. I am a person who has rented in Corcoran neighborhood for over 2 years and love this beautiful community. I started to be part of and work with the community when the CNO organizer knocked on my door, started talking to me, and showed interest on the problems of the community and tenants. Ross invited me to join the Renter's Committee and started working with tenants in the neighborhood. With the interest and support from members of the board, I was asked to join the table. Now I have the great pleasure of working with the community to have a better neighborhood as an organizer at CNO, for safety and to give a better future for our families and children. I am very happy and ready to work together as a community organizing and growing together!



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Heather Borgman | South Community Education Cordinator

South Community Education is offering a class for you this summer! We have classes to bring out your inner artist like watercolor and oil painting, memoir writing, or beginning ukulele. Don't see yourself as an artist? Try one of our essential oils workshops and learn simple steps you can bring home to improve your overall well-being and environment. For those who like to get their hands dirty try our urban gardening workshops! The owner of Powderhorn Feed Co. is presenting workshops on urban chicken farming, permaculture, and gardening for renters and apartment dwellers. We are also offering a parent and child yoga class on Tuesday afternoons to nurture that creative and active energy!

Classes are offered Monday-Wednesday evenings at the Community Ed Adult Education South Campus building - 2225 E Lake St Mpls, MN 55407

For questions, comments or inquiries of any kind contact South Community Education Coordinator, Heather Borgman at 612.668.4326 or heather.borgman@mpls.k12.mn.us.

You can also visit www.mplscommunityed.com to view full class descriptions and register.

Captain America: Civil War – Movie Review

Russ Grigsby | Corcoran Neighbor



(* contains spoilers *)

It has a 90% aggregate on Rotten Tomatoes and an 8.4/10 rating on IMDB. Do you realize those numbers are better than Dances with Wolves and many other Best Picture winners? Could it be that Captain America: Civil War is going to be ‘Captain’ of the Academy Awards? I have threatened boycotting before, but an injustice of this magnitude would warrant rioting.

I remember it like it was yesterday...those painful words no fourteen year old should ever hear, “Son, these blockbusters put me to sleep.” I was crushed. How could my dad say this about T2: Judgment Day? Well,

if it is true that you become your parent, watching Captain America: Civil War completed my parental metamorphosis. I found myself almost asleep – or at least wishing I could sleep – less than halfway through the IMAX 3D showing at Rosedale. Glancing repeatedly at my watch, I began to feel the weight of the \$15 I had sacrificed for this matinee. And why was the screen half the size of the Minnesota Zoo version? Caution: not all IMAX is created equal.

In a nutshell, Civil War tells the story of how the Avengers become divided, stemming from a tragic event in the opening scene that results in the loss of innocent civilian life. To its credit, the movie lingers long enough in the aftermath of the tragedy so that when comedic relief is added, it does not appear insensitive. The lines seem blurred lately, such as in Star Wars: The Force Awakens, which cues a laugh on the heels of the opening village massacre scene. In Civil War, the comedic relief is tastefully distanced.

Unfortunately - and this was my main frustration - there was nothing for the comedy to ‘relieve.’

The central and critically-drooled-over airport scene felt like the bonus level of a video game. Nothing mattered. The characters remained so playful with their banter that I could never believe anything was actually at stake. And guess what? It wasn't! Spoiler alert: everyone comes out ok in the end. Is that really civil war?

Technically, the cinematography was mesmerizing, but without suspense it was merely eye candy. The soundtrack added little, leaving me to wonder if composer Henry Jackman had as much trouble engaging the action as I did?

Contributing to the lack of tension was Civil War's inability to suspend my disbelief. How are we supposed to accept that human flesh is not more vulnerable? I get Ironman, who is a walking, flying, suit of metal. But Captain America? And the other Avengers? Do they not bleed? It just seemed so pre-

posterous given the tonnage of wreckage their bodies sustained. And the overarching arcade style slugfest gave little opportunity to reflect on the reason they were fighting in the first place, which, quite honestly, I had forgotten by the end.

When the movie finally did end (and, I admit, I have rarely been more grateful for a ‘cliffhanger’ to abruptly cue the credits) I looked around trying to gauge its reception by my fellow patrons. No cheers...no high-fives... just a bunch of other numb and exhausted looking faces that had endured the bonus level...over, and over, and over. Could it be that we were all suckered into the mass hysteria of this ‘must-see’ duke-it-out madness?

For all you Marvel fans, I am prepared to catch flack for this. Please show me where I have erred. Why is Civil War the top grossing film of 2016, with over a billion in ticket sales worldwide? I truly wanted to enjoy this experience with the other one-seventh of humanity. russ@lebanonchurch.org

Walking with Buddy in the Neighborhood

Ellie Adams | Youth Reporter

For years I have wanted a dog. More than anything, I wanted my own dog. I kept asking, and asking, and asking. I even did research on dogs, I wrote essays and papers for school on dogs, and I talked about dogs. All trying to convince my parents to get me a dog, and to show that I was finally responsible enough for my own dog. Finally, for my 12th birthday, my parents got me a dog. My sister, dad, and I, went to three animal shelters looking for the perfect one. At the third, it was almost time for the shelters to close up for the day. Then I saw him; my dream dog. He is a Beagle/Blue-Tick Coonhound mix, and his name is Buddy. I found my new best friend.

This event was very important to me, because I found a new best friend. Buddy makes a very good best friend, because he will always be there for me, whether I'm feeling happy or sad. This is also a good learning experience for me, because I'm learning how to take care of a dog.

I love to take my dog for walks, and I also love when my family comes along too. We usually walk by Folwell Middle School, and I ride my ripstik (a ripstik is like a skateboard). When I walk Buddy while I am on my ripstik, he pulls me along, and this allows him to run really fast for a long distance, which he really loves. My sister usually doesn't come along, but when she does, it just makes the walk extra special.

Once I walked down to Dave's Popcorn Shop. My

parents and I all got ice cream while my dog ate dropped popcorn on the ground. Dave's has the best ice cream and popcorn that I have ever tasted.

As you heard last month from my sister, we take piano lessons at Blue Tree Music Education (at 3501 23rd Ave S.). We take our dog on walks to our lessons too. During our lesson, my mom takes him on a longer walk. After we are all done with practicing the piano, my teacher, Ms. Smith, lets her dog play with Buddy and gives them both treats.

We also walk by many beautiful homes in the Corcoran Neighborhood, and we talk about what we like about them. This gives us ideas about what we should remodel our house to look like.

Sometimes we walk by Folwell Middle School (on 36th Street), sometimes to Dave's Popcorn (at 38th St and Longfellow Ave), sometimes to Blue Tree Music Education (at 35th St and 23rd Ave), and sometimes we just walk through the neighborhood. Every time I take a walk in the Corcoran neighborhood, there is always something to see. It makes walks interesting, and also gives us something to talk about. I always feel good with my dog at my side, walking in the Corcoran neighborhood.



“Ellie is 12 years old. Ellie has lived in the Corcoran Neighborhood her whole life, and lives with her mom, dad, and sister. She has one dog and one cat. Ellie is more of a dog person and her older sister Parker is more of a cat person. Ellie's favorite food is Mexican, especially tacos. She loves it when her mom makes tacos for dinner.”

Welcome, Ellie!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Ellie Adams will be sharing the Youth Reporter role with her sister, Parker. They will be rotating article writing. We are very excited to have Ellie join her sister in contributing to the Corcoran News!

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Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

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May began with the annual MayDay parade and the opening of the Midtown Farmers Market, kicking off summer! The opening day Food Truck Fest at the market drew over 5500 people to eat, shop, listen to music, and more. Thanks to all of those who submitted pictures!

Photo by Eric Silva Brenneman.
Right: Former Board Chair Lisa Barajas and Current Board Chair Joan Bennett engage market goers on Opening Day, asking “what issues do the neighborhood need to address?”.
Photos by Goran Gustav-Wrathall
Below: Performance in the Park
Bottom: Touching tribute to the late Prince in the parade



Photos by Russ Grigsby
Above: Getting a “happy sun” face painting
Below: Learning today’s “market science” lesson on tree rings
Left: Listening to the tunes by the band at the market.
Bottom-middle: As always, MayDay was well attended by the community!



Business Spotlight: Imbue Yoga

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

Mary Bue
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Spring brings fresh life to Minnesotans in many ways. After huddling indoors all winter it brings us warm weather, beautiful flowers and renewed efforts to get out, exercise, and interact with our neighbors. For the Corcoran neighborhood, it also means a breath of fresh air for our local yoga studio. April 1 brought a new owner, more instructors and classes, and fresh ideas to Imbue Yoga to help you in those efforts.

Although I’ve tried yoga in the past, I’ve never fully embraced the practice. I love the idea of it, but I sort of fear the stereotype. I think everyone has that image of who they think “does yoga”. Mary wants to break away from those ideals and bring yoga to a wider variety of people and hopes the diversity within Corcoran can help her reach more people with her vision to “Imbue (infuse) your life with wellbeing, energy and compassion.”

Mary exudes a bubbly, funky and artsy personality and is bringing fresh ideas and creativity to the studio. It started with a new name, fresh paint and has grown to include her “Plant Based Yoga”. This class will be scheduled about once a month on a Friday. It will include setting an intention of sending out good will, an energetic flow, and end with a meditation. Immediately following the class will be a Vegan potluck! You need not be vegan, you need not even come for the yoga! All proceeds from these potluck nights will go to a designated charity.

As Mary hires new instructors, more classes will be added to the schedules. Current classes range from prenatal, seated yoga – for those with limited movement or injuries, live music classes, candlelight meditations to classes for runners and bikers (those of us who run and bike know yoga can be challenging with tight hamstrings!) Mary likes to focus on beginning yoga students and will create custom, personal, private lessons for anyone uncomfortable jumping right into a class, or anyone wanting specialized instruction.



Speaking of warm spring air, Mary is currently working to bring Saturday morning yoga to the Midtown Farmers Market and pop up yoga classes are distinct possibilities. Join Imbue’s newsletter to be notified about special events and new classes. Discounted rates are available for military, students and seniors and all pricing is

located on the website or you can stop by on June 11, 3:00 pm for the official grand opening. Details are listed on Imbue Yoga Studio’s Facebook page.

June Events at the Midtown Farmers Market

Miguel Goebel | Midtown Farmers Manager

- Saturday, June 4th**
9am-1pm – Music by Blackbird Music
- Tuesday, June 7th**
3:30-5:30pm—Music by The Jugsluggers
5:30pm—Zumba class
- Saturday, June 11th – Bee & Pollinators Day**
9am-11am—Music by Dan Schwartz
11am-1pm—Music by Sans Le Systeme – iNMiGRA-TiON, featuring the Free Range Orchestra & Choir
- Tuesday, June 14th**
4pm-5:30pm—Music by Jourdan Myers
5:30pm—Zumba class
- Saturday, June 18th--#FeedtheCarrot**
9am-11am—Music by Kirk & Low
11am-1pm—Music by The Long Odds
- Tuesday, June 21st**
3:30pm-5:30pm—Music by Dan Rumsey
5:30pm—Zumba class
- Saturday, June 25th—African American Heritage Day**
9am-11am—Music by Karibuni
11am-1pm—Music by Lonnie Farrow
- Tuesday, June 28th**
4pm-5:30pm—Music by Sarah Dill
5:30pm—Zumba class

The Corcoran Community Garden still has plots available!



Corcoran GROWS Dreams of Summer!

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran Neighbor

Warmer weather, plant sales, yard projects, window cleaning and garage de-cluttering. All signs that summer is coming and Corcoran GROWS is ready.

Thanks to everyone who attended (no matter how briefly) our Springfest event at Corcoran Park. It was a smashing success with great food, good conversation, inspired music and informative and passionate TedTalks. But, if you missed it, don't worry—we have several upcoming events to put down in your calendar.

GROWS Annual Campout-July 8-10th at Interstate State Park. We have a group site for both nights. It's only tent camping at the site but you are always welcome to join us throughout the day for hiking, exploring and possibly canoeing. If you have any questions or are interested in carpooling please contact corcorangrows@gmail.com.

Backyard Genius Tour – Sunday, July 31st (time TBA) Do you like to tinker? Are weekends best spent on a backyard project? Well this is for you. Join us for our 1st annual Backyard Genius tour. We will be visiting

several houses in the neighborhood that are taking DIY to a new level. If you are interested in helping plan this event or being on the tour please contact Joe @ 612-722-6473

3rd Annual Garden Tour – Saturday, August 20th (time TBA) We've seen mini-orchards, perennial paradises and butterfly bungalows in the plethora of neighborhood yards on our tours, but there is always more! Join us for our 3rd annual garden tour. We are looking for all levels of gardeners and all types of yards. If you are interested in being a stop or helping plan the event please contact Joe @ 612-722-6473.

Keep your eyes open for smaller events that will pop up along the way. Plus, we are planning another rain barrel workshop! We will post events on our facebook page and website so if you need more information or have questions feel free to stop by those virtual locations or email corcorangrows@gmail.com.

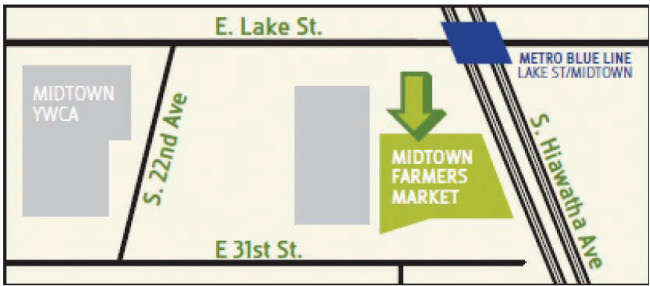


Summer Approaches at the Midtown Farmers Market!

Miguel Goebel | Midtown Farmers Manager

As we enter the month of June the Midtown Farmers Market will begin to fill with more and more produce each week. Along with the ever growing selection of produce there will also be plenty of great programming at the market this month as well. We'll be celebrating Bees and Pollinators on June 11th and the African American community on June 25th. The 25th will also include the second installment of our Summer Poetry Series at the market with poet Keno Evol. There will also be a 2nd Saturday Arts for All activity on the 11th, along with Market Science activities and gardening advice from Hennepin County Master Gardeners each week.

We're pleased that Market Bucks are also back in 2016 and we're even more please that we are now able to match the first \$10 customers spend with their SNAP-EBT benefits with a n additional



\$10 in Market Bucks. That means that we are able to double the purchasing power of your first \$10 you spend at the market with your EBT! Thank you to Hunger Solutions of Minnesota for their support and administration of Market Bucks this season.

Some of the great items you can expect to find at the market in the month of June include: strawberries, spinach, kale, lettuces, green onions, radishes, peas, green beans, broccoli, kohlrabis-prouts, rhubarb, bedding plants, free range chicken, grass fed beef, pasture raised pork and lamb, eggs, cheese, butter, honey, maple syrup,

jellies and jams, kimchee, sauerkraut, artisan breads, baked goods, tacos, omelets, kabobs, tamales, samosas, coffee, lassis, bubble tea, frozen fruit bars and a variety of local arts and crafts.

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

Thank you to this month's Saturday Market sponsors:



Corcoran Elects New CNO Board Leadership

Eric Gustafson | CNO staff



Over 50 residents convened at Corcoran Community Garden on the evening of May 18 to enjoy live music by Corcoran musicians Eric Silva Brennehan and Oscar del Sebastien, to enjoy grilled burgers and share homemade dishes, to mingle with neighbors, and to elect new leadership for the CNO Board.

The meeting was led by outgoing Board Chair Lisa Barajas, whose leadership and achievements earned her CNO's Volunteer of the Year award in 2015. Lisa served as board chair for two two-year terms and led numerous critical meetings with Hennepin County resulting in a strong working relationship and a cooperative agreement ensuring community benefits aligned with the Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan within the development now underway at Lake and Hiawatha. Lisa's leadership working with the City, County, and MnDOT also helped catalyze CNO's Humanize Hi-Lake campaign resulting in the recently published Hi-Lake Interchange study by the City and County.

New Board Chair Joan Bennett has served on the CNO Board since January 2015, first as chair of CNO's



new economic development committee which she worked hard to help establish, and then in an At Large role. Joan has also been applying her professional and educational background in real estate as a small business support consultant for CNO. She recently helped longtime Midtown Farmers Market favorite and Corcoran-based business Kabomelette secure storefront space in our neighborhood, and is busy recruiting retailers for new space now under construction at Lake and Hiawatha. Joan also brings experience working as staff for a downtown Minneapolis neighborhood organization to her new role leading the CNO Board.

Meline Juarez was re-elected to another term as board Secretary. Now retired and living in Corcoran with her daughter's family, Meline brings the expertise of a former mayor and city councilmember who served the city of Covina, California for eight years while also serving on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the Board of Directors for the L.A. County Sanitation District. Meline also worked as a Teamster Labor Representative and Negotiator.



Alberta Smith was elected to a 2-year term as an At Large board member after filling an open At Large seat beginning in November 2015. Alberta is the owner and president of Atrebla Early Learning Center, a long-time Corcoran institution on East 35th Street, and brings the experience and perspective of a business owner and early learning provider to the CNO Board and to crucial Corcoran issues including the future of Corcoran Park.

Flannery Clark was elected to fill the remainder of Joan Bennett's vacant At Large seat on the Board. Flannery has been very active on the Land Use and Housing committee and recently expressed interest in working on housing issues in our neighborhood. Flannery previously worked in politics for womenwinning, and currently works as an executive assistant at the McKnight Foundation.

All photos by Jessica Hackner

Photo 1: Our young residents play together and enjoy the evening!

Photo 2: Musicians Oscar Del Sebastien and Eric Silva Brennehan serenade Corcoran residents with lovely music.

Photo 3: Board Member Joan Bennett (left) was elected Board Chair. Here she talks with Dillon Fried

Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 12th, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Attending: Lisa Barajas, April Riordan , Meline Juarez, Matt Kazinka, Oscar del Sebastien, Mike Novak, Heidi Johnson McAllister (Staff), Eric Gustafson(Staff)
Absent: Joan Bennet, Edain Altamirano, Phillip Koski, Alberta Smith

Guest: Councilmember Alondra Cano

7:00 Lisa called the meeting to order

7:05 Treasurer’s Report

-Mike Wilson, CNO CPA joined the BOD meeting by phone.

A. Approve financials for Jan, Feb, Mar *

April, CNO treasurer stated that the financials look really good. Year End Cash on hand as reflected in the 990 report was at 5.48% last year and as of this month first quarter we are at 6.1%. This has a lot to do with the Renters Rights Coalition monies but we are still within the budget. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve financial reports for Jan, Feb and Mar.

B. Approve draft 990 tax return and draft report to Attorney General *

Mike Wilson, CNO CPA advised us that the 990 is not a tax form but is required in order to tell our government that we are still doing work for the community and that conditions remain the same. The City looks at 990 to evaluate organizations. Mostly it is informational and the Attorney General will also track the Charitable Organization Annual Report Form along with this information. The Board made a motion, seconded, and carried to allow Eric and the CPA to finalize the 990 report.

C. Approve draft 2015 report on Community Participation Program *

Every year we must approve this report on the core outreach and engagement work that our staff does. This report records neighborhood relations and shows how they compare and relate to other neighborhoods. The purpose is so that an organization’s successes can be known. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the report.

7:30 Strategic Planning on Economic Development (Matt, Joan, All)

D. Review stakeholder / partner feedback gathered by David Fey *

The Economic Development received, with the help of a CURA Student, 140 completed surveys with feedback from the community. This information was compiled in a report. David Fey, consultant, led us in a process of interviewing other neighborhood and development organizations that are doing work in the area. Partners were also questioned as to what their relationship is with CNO and what they thought CNO needed to do in the future to be more supportive. We studied where the gaps exist by these organizations and how CNO

could help in those areas.

E. Review and adopt committee purpose and priorities *

Matt reviewed that the purpose of the committee was to cultivate a commercial real estate environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents’ needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.

The board requested some changes to Short Term and Long Term Priorities, and those were noted. The BOD commended Matt and Heidi for the excellent reporting and work completed thus far.

F. Review and adopt committee budget *

The Board Moved, Seconded and Carried to accept the Economic Development Committee Budget

8:30 Land Use & Housing (Phillip)

G. MOTION:

CNO offers conditional support to the development concept for 1901 East Lake presented May 5, 2016 by Margaret Liao and partners including a variance to Floor Area Ratio and contribution of the adjacent, City-owned parcel to the project. Continued CNO support for the project will be contingent on neighborhood review of detailed site plans and elevations and attention to neighborhood parking and transportation concerns. *

The above motion was discussed at length. A long term, more sustainable plan is what the Board is looking for. The City’s Neighborhood Plan calls for more density and this area is part of a longer vision.

Motion was made to, at this time, decline support the 1901 East Lake proposal, because the neighborhood is working with the school board to enhance the high school and adult education building with a vision for a public school midtown campus. The CNO would re-consider support of this offer in six to nine months if the school board plan has not progressed. CNO is willing to help find other commercial spaces in the Corcoran neighborhood for this commercial endeavor. Motion was seconded and carried.

H. Parks capital improvement plan released by MPRB * (Lisa)

The Parks website shows the plans for the closing the gap process. Corcoran is #14 of a long list. Lisa encouraged BOD to take a look at these plans on the website as she felt that the map was drawn in a discriminatory fashion. She would like to have a spokesperson at our next meeting to explain this map.

We should also talk about how we can put this into our strategic plan to lobby the Parks Board to put more money into parks in the southern regions.

8:59 Announcements (All) and Adjourn

Wife in the Cities

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor

Handyman

Owning a big ol’ house brings about big ol’ projects. Unfortunately my latest project was replacing a broken window (after I threw my husband’s size 18 boot into the glass on accident while cleaning....oops). In frustration I reached out on the Nextdoor app in an effort to find a handyman that could help me out...instead I found an artist!



Bryce Fairbanks, of “A Quality Handyman LLC”, came to my rescue! He not only fixes windows, but also does creative work with vintage lighting, woodwork using reclaimed wood, and dreams up unique ways to solve other tough repairs...all while keeping the integrity of the home.

So, after I was impressed with his personality, craftsmanship, and his sidekick canine companion Blanca; I requested an interview for the Corcoran News.

You are more than a handyman and more like an artist! How do you describe the beautiful work you do?

I truly enjoy what I do. I attempt to accommodate everyone’s financial needs, yet I will not hack. It hurts my brain to much. I’m moving more into the realms of what it is that I want to do creatively. Also, now that my kids are in their twenties, I’m playing with that creativity a little more. It’s an enjoyable experience to meet with someone and have them share their idea or vision and a couple months later they’re walking into their imagination.

How did you get into this business?

I needed to make money, but I didn’t want any bosses and I didn’t want to specialize in one thing.

Where did you learn the trades?

I have been very lucky. I began at the Seward Care, then known as the Seward Community Cafe. That was a crash course in community, communication, and how to take on everything and anything with your brain and a tool. I had a couple years with my friends at Collective Carpentry and they fostered in me what matters aesthetically and to not hack. We still work and play together. Then there’s been really good people in the community that know how to do things that have shared general knowledge.

What do you like the most about working in the Corcoran neighborhood?

I like keeping it close to home, community is just another word for extended family right?



Handyman Bryce Fairbanks pictured above working on a project and below with his dog



Corcoran Park Summer Programs 2016

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Staff

Don’t miss the End of School Carnival on Friday, June 10th from 4-6pm. Celebrate another school year ending and the start of summer! A bounce house, carnival games and crafts will be part of the festivities!

Save the date for the Ice Cream Social at Corcoran Park: July 13th from 6-11pm. There will be music and a bounce house to jump in! Free Ice Cream, Kabomelette food truck will sell food, and games to play! The Movie in the Park (Raiders of the Lost Ark with Spanish subtitles!) will begin at Dusk around 9:30pm. This is a free event and for all ages!

Beginning June 6th and ending August 26th, Corcoran Park’s hours will change to Monday through Thursday from 1-7pm and Friday from 1-6pm. Corcoran Park has many amazing programs happening this summer including Kindertots Preschool, Naturalist Round Up, Summer Snack and Dinner Program (Monday-Friday, Free for kids under 18, Snack from 3-3:45pm, Dinner from 5-5:45pm), and Open Computer Lab during open hours. Corcoran Park also offers a variety of sports: Summer Fundamental Soccer for ages 4-6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June

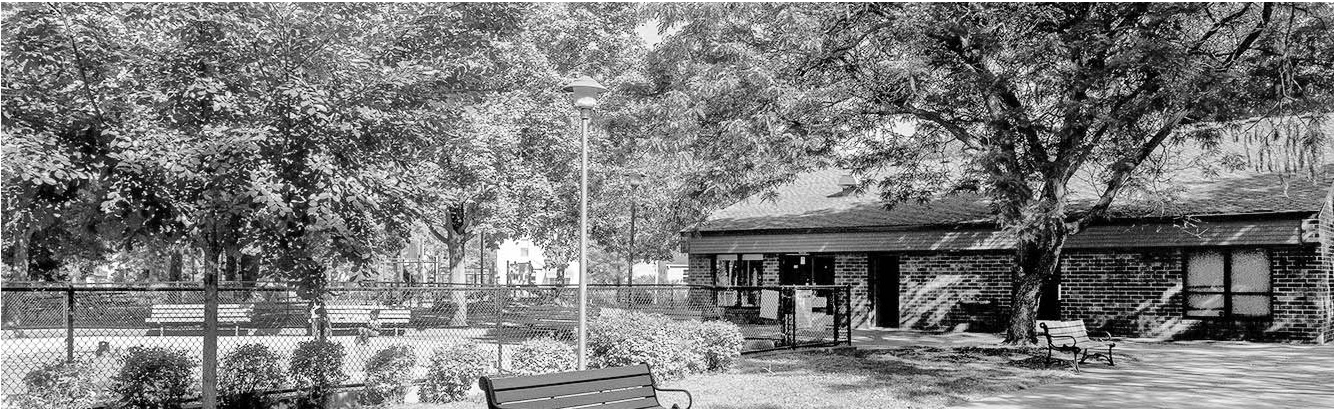
14 from 5-6pm, Outdoor Field Games for ages 6-16 on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on June 14 from 4-5pm.

Corcoran Park also offers music lessons. They are: Beginner Drum Lessons for ages 7-17 on Tuesday nights beginning May 31 from 6-6:30pm, Beginning Guitar Lessons for ages 7-17 on Monday nights beginning June 6 from 6-6:30pm, and Intermediate Guitar Lessons for ages 7-16 on Mondays starting June 6 from 8-9pm.

Other activities include the Bojutsu Japanese Martial Arts, which specializes in using a five-foot staff, for

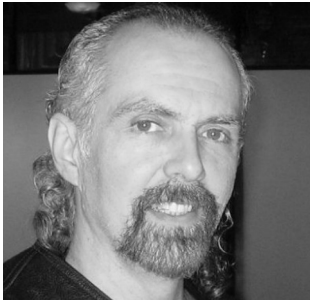
ages 14 and older, beginning June 2nd from 7-8:30pm and Family Zumba Exercise Dance Class for all ages (youth welcome!), which is Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, beginning June 3rd from 5-7 on Monday and Wednesdays as well as 4-6 on Fridays.

Questions? Concerns? Ideas? Contact the Corcoran Park staff at 612-370-4919 or info@minneapolispark.org.



Organic Trust; What’s in Your Frying Pan?

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



We should look deeply into one simple question, “What is trust?”. Most of us have undoubtedly heard someone refer to trust as a virtuous attribute that has to be earned. “You have to earn my trust” has become an American axiom where the “News” Industry dominates our attention on the reasons we need to suspend trust. Many believe others have to “earn” respect or love, as if it is a paycheck from an employer or manna from heaven. I paradoxically disagree with that proposition that the News is trustworthy. Trust is an inside-job.

In my weaker moments of vulnerability, I edge closer to someone needing to earn my distrust. When I am vulnerably strong, my heart can be peacefully still on this topic of trust, where I find myself not needing to trust “others” at all. For me, I only chose to trust God. But not everyone believes in God and when we crack open the shell of our boxed-in thinking about what God is or is not, even the closest of friends who attend the same church, synagogue or mosque might find themselves in a debate. Maybe militant “Born-Again” atheists need a God to not believe in. If we all just set-aside everything we think we know about everything, then we can play together as little children, innocent and free.

Please allow me to make the comfortable uncomfortable and to make the uncomfortable comfortable. It’s time to blend a philosophical Smoothie. Ingredients:

A dash of, “Boredom comes from a boring mind” (Metallica). Throw in an ample serving of, “When the student is ready, the teacher appears” (Buddha). Drop in shredded bits of, “I am in charge of what I say; you are in charge of what you hear” (Timothy Cameron). Pour in a concentrate of, “The door to hell is opened only from the inside” (C.S. Lewis). To taste, measure in flavoring from the Mayan tradition, “In-Lakesh” “I Am You”. Lastly, throw in a negative-miracle-mix to illuminate the sacred with in juxtaposition of what the French existentialist Albert Camus said, “Hell is other people” and voilà, if you are still reading this, you know the meaning of trust!

The crux of the problem called trust might actually be with the word “other” and the solution rests in the sound, “Shhhhhhhhhhh”. Try organically embracing people, places and things with childlike wonder. Quit second-guessing motives, overthinking rules, and inspecting perishable fruit until it is bruised and unsightly. Quit editing photocopies. Like a Native American, I’ll use the whole buffalo. I trust that nothing in my life is unusable, that every circumstance, no matter how difficult, has a nugget of gold message embedded in it. It’s like the Mexican Proverb, “They tried to bury us. They didn’t know we were seeds.” Bloom where you’re planted. Take your power back.

Sean Stephenson said; “Never believe a story that does not empower you.” So take what you like and leave the rest. A man was fishing and throwing back big fish and keeping the small ones. When asked why, his response was, “Because all I have is this itty-bitty frying pan.

Corcoran Watch Update

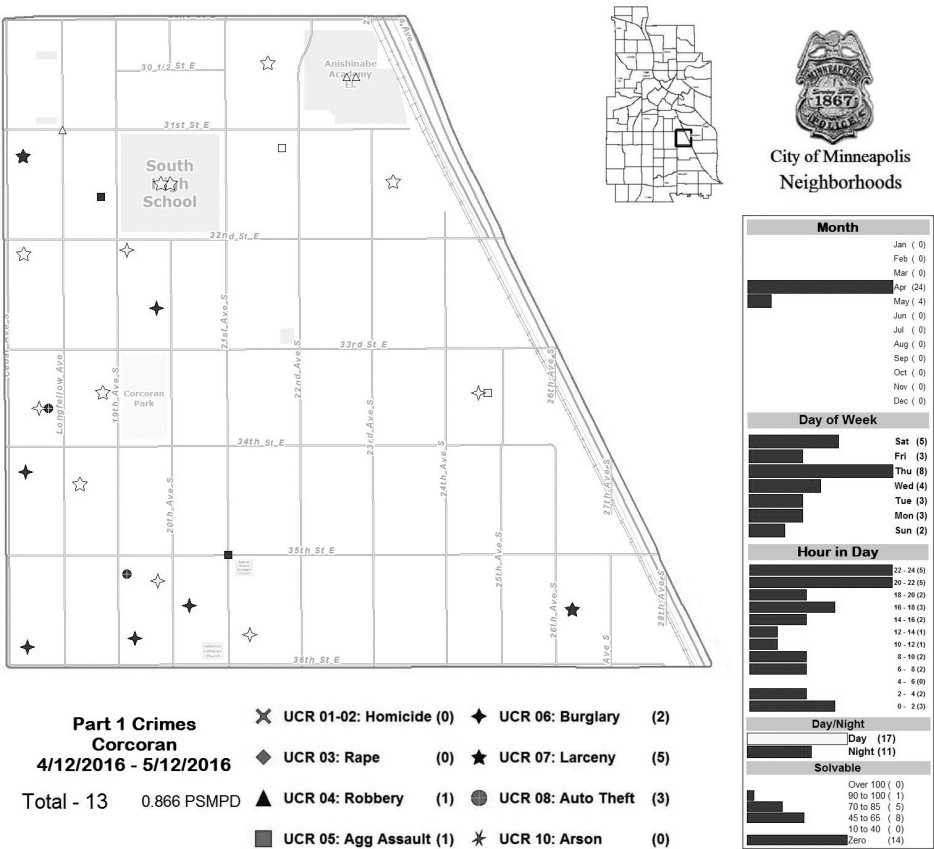
Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

As the weather has become nicer, the frequency of graffiti has increased. Property owners are responsible for the removal of graffiti in the City of Minneapolis. If you see graffiti you can report it to 311 or report it on line at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/graffiti/> . Graffiti removal solvent is available to residents from any Minneapolis Fire Station. If you are a property owner, the City of Minneapolis provides resources for the graffiti prevention that can be found here: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/graffiti/graffiti_prevention

All statistics are sourced from the Minneapolis Police Department, 3rd precinct from our sector’s Crime Prevention Specialist

Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map | Mid-April to Mid-May 2016

Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-abril a medio-mayo 2016



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

» A reminder that non-emergency, non-urgent crime reporting can be done via the City of Minneapolis’ 311 service. This includes things such as, reporting abandoned vehicles, graffiti, etc. You can also file an online police report for non-urgent crimes that fall within certain criteria. <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/report/eReport>

» Un recordatorio que informes sin emergencia y sin urgencia sobre delitos pueden hacerse a través del servicio 311 en la ciudad de Minneapolis. Esto incluye informes sobre cosas tales como, vehículos abandonados, graffiti, etc. También se puede enviar un informe policial en la red para los delitos que no sean urgentes y que caen dentro de ciertos criterios. <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/report/eReport>

Nokomis Healthy Seniors’ June 2016 Events

Tricia Theurer | Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Events held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120-17th Avenue South, unless otherwise noted. Call Nokomis Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5499 to register and for more information.

Ongoing/Weekly events:

For a full list of events and support groups, contact Nokomis Healthy Seniors at the above phone number.

Tuesdays:
10-10:45 am, Exercise

Wednesdays:
10-11 am: Modified Yoga
Foot Care at Nokomis Square (call for appt.)

Thursdays:
9:30-11:30 am: Nurse Is In (blood pressure checks, coffee, and treats)

Special Events:

June 2:
Educational Events (1st Thursdays), 11:15-Noon

July 7
Topic: Organics Recycling in Minneapolis

June 8
Health and Enrichment Program at Nokomis Square (2nd Wednesdays), 1:30 pm

June 30
Bingo and Games; 11 am

July 21
Lunch and a Movie: Bridge of Spies (Lunch starts at 11:15 am; movie to follow)



Juneteenth 2016 – World Wide Celebration

Oscar Del Sébastien | Corcoran Neighbor & Editor

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Note, that then President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1, 1863; but it was two and a half years after the Proclamation, on June 19th, 1865, that General Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

This year marks the 150th Juneteenth, World Wide Celebration. Those interested in attending events on June 19th, 2016 or learning more about the history of Juneteenth, please visit and check for regular updates at www.juneteenthminnesota.org.



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Minneapolis Park Board Capital Investment Update

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

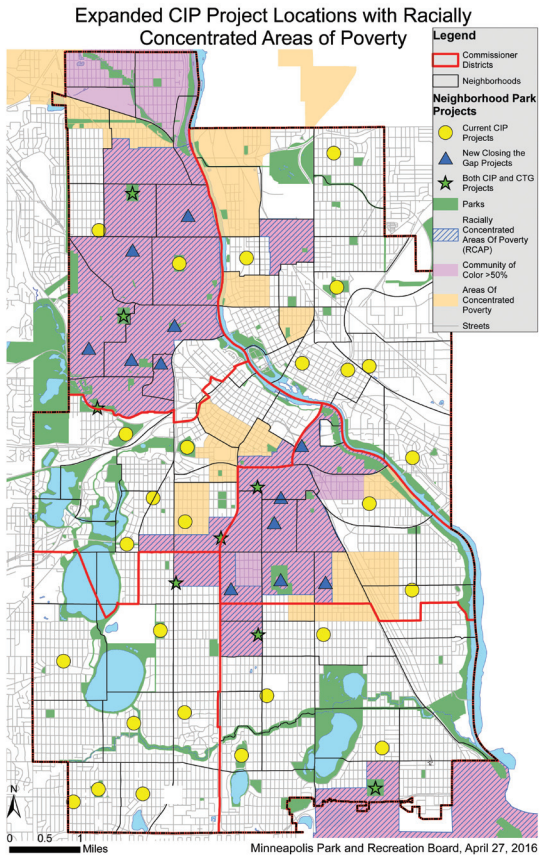
On April 29, Mayor Hodges and the Minneapolis City Council approved an agreement that will fund street repaving and maintain neighborhood parks. According to a City press release, the measure “will provide \$800 million over the next 20 years to help the City and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board keep up with needed maintenance and operations costs in an equitable fashion.”

“This ordinance is a game changer for the Park Board, the City and residents of Minneapolis,” said Jayne Miller, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. “The Ordinance provides 20 years of maintenance, rehabilitation and capital funding for our neighborhood parks. This funding will benefit parks and park users throughout the city, and will be implemented using a criteria based system to ensure investments address racial and economic equity.”

According to plans shared with CNO staff by Miller, Corcoran Park has been added to a list of city-wide capital improvements

through the Closing the Gap initiative, and will see investment of about \$950,000 in the pool, playground, and a new shelter in 2021. The map below shows that Corcoran and other parks in so-called

Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty had not been slated to receive capital improvements prior to the Closing the Gap plan and City-MPRB funding initiative.



Corcoran Park Potluck | Convivio en el Parque Corcoran

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

Wed., June 15, 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.

Outdoors at the park. Indoors in case of rain.

Join your neighbors for a free potluck meal, ice cream and gathering in Corcoran Park. Meet new people, connect with CNO and Park staff, share and discuss neighborhood concerns and ideas, and enjoy your neighborhood park. There will be information on the latest improvement plans for Corcoran Park.

CNO will provide snacks and refreshments. Feel free to bring food to share or just come as you are.

If you want to help organize this event, if you need childcare, or you just have questions, please contact Brettina (brettina@corcoranneighborhood.org) or Edain (edain@corcoranneighborhood.org) at the CNO office, 612-724-7457.

Miércoles, 15 de junio de 5:00-7:00

Al aire libre en el parque. Interior en caso de lluvia.

Únase a sus vecinos para compartir comida, helado en Corcoran Park.

Conoce gente nueva, conectar con CNO y el personal del parque, compartir y

discutir las preocupaciones vecinales e ideas, y disfrutar de su parque del barrio. Habrá información sobre los últimos planes de mejora en el parque de Corcoran.

CNO ofrecerá aperitivos y bebidas. No dude en traer comida para compartir o simplemente ven como eres.

Si desea ayudar a organizar este evento, si necesita cuidado de niños, o si sólo tiene preguntas, póngase en contacto con Brettina (brettina@corcoranneighborhood.org) o Edain (edain@corcoranneighborhood.org) en la oficina de CNO, 612-724-7457.

14th Annual Standish, Ericsson & Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Saturday, June 11th, 9am–3pm

Don't miss the best garage sale event of the year! Last year there were over 150 sales in the Corcoran, Ericsson, and Standish neighborhoods and we expect a comparable number! The map and guide will be available on the Saturday of the sale from 8:45am–3pm at the following locations as well as online:

Midtown Farmers Market

2225 E Lake S (until 1pm)

Keen Eye Coffee

2803 E 38th St

Angry Catfish Bicycle + Coffee Bar

4208 28th Ave S

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization

www.corcoranneighborhood.org/garagesale2016

The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held rain or shine.

Friday, June 3rd is the last day to submit your sale for inclusion in the “Garage Sale Map and Guide.” Call 612-721-1601 to have your sale included. The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held rain or shine.



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Additional School Year Recreation Center Sites:

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Release Day Recreation Center Sites:

Audubon, Hiawatha School Park, Kenwood, Keewaydin (New Release Day Site), Lynnhurst, Matthews, Pershing, Waite and Webber

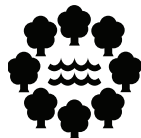
For more information:

Citywide Rec Plus, 612-230-6498;

recplus@minneapolisparcs.org;

https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities_events/youth_programs/school-age_childcare/;

or contact your local park.



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