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Nominees for the 2015 Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards

### A Thank You Dinner Celebrating **Corcoran Amazing Leaders!**

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO staff

In 2015, Leaders in Corcoran continued to work hard to ensure our neighborhood is vibrant. Thank you to residents who give time, energy, and finances to support the mission of uniting our neighbors to strengthen our neighborhood. Residents gathered together on Wednesday, February 24th at the Annual Community Awards Dinner, which built community and celebrated our amazing leaders.

The evening kicked off with a delicious fajita bar catered by volunteer chef Greg Miller, resident and owner of Kabomelette, a mobile food kitchen. Food was generously acceptance, Kim shared that her husband Tom made a remark about when they moved into the neighborhood, it was a neighborhood with a little n, but once they got involved, it became a Neighborhood with a capital N.

CNO relies on these and the many other leaders who support our work, including recent work to improve the livability of the neighborhood, renter's rights, shepherding a new transit village, filling vacant storefronts, and running the most inclusive farmers market in Minneapolis. It takes all of us working together to strengthen

### ¡Una Agradecimiento Cena Celebrando Los Líderes de Corcoran!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | personal del CNO

En el año 2015, líderes de Corcoran continúan el trabajo duro para asegura un vecindario más vibrante. Gracias a los residentes que dan el tiempo, la energía y las finanzas para apoyar la misión de unir a nuestros vecinos para fortalecer nuestro vecindario. Los residentes se reunieron el miércoles, 24 de febrero en la Cena Comunitario y Premios Anual, que crean comunidad y celebran nuestros líderes maravillosos.

La noche comenzó con una comida de fajitas deliciosas atendido por el cocinero voluntario, señor Greg Miller, residente de Corcoran y dueño de Kabomelette, una cocina ambuganadores del Premio de Trayectoria y Grandes Logros en el vecindario. En su aceptación, Kim compartió que su marido Tom hizo una observación que cuando se mudaron al vecindario Corcoran, era un vecindario con un poco de "v", pero una vez que se involucraron, se convirtió en un vecindario con una "V" mayúscula del Vecindario Corcoran.

La organización del vecindario Corcoran (conocido como CNO en inglés) se basa en estos y muchos otros líderes que apoyan nuestro trabajo comunitario, incluyendo el movimiento reciente para mejorar la habitabilidad del vecindario, derechos de

### "Congratulations to Edain Altramirano, who was awarded the Leader of the Year and to Kim and Tom Medin, recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award."

Taxi. Scrumptious desserts were prepared and donated by May Day Café and Drew's Concessions. Music was provided by Parks and Wreck, a youth band that receives instruction from Eric Silva Brenneman at Corcoran Park.

Board Member Joan Bennett emceed the awards ceremony featuring toasts by the neighbors who nominated their peers. Congratulations to Edain Altamirano, who was awarded the Leader of the Year and to Kim and Tom Medin, recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award. In her

donated by La Alborada, Lunds, and Taco our neighborhood. Edain expressed, "This recognition is not only mine, but belongs to all people who struggle and change their mind for a better future that is rightfully theirs." CNO has deep gratitude for the residents who give so generously to this neighborhood with a capital N over the last year and many years.

> Read about all the nominees for the Leader of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award and their contributions to the neighborhood, go to page 6.

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### "Felicitaciones a Edain Altamirano, que fue galardonada del Líder del Año y para Kim y Tom Medin, ganadores del Premio de Trayectoria y Grandes Logros en el vecindario."

donada por negocios locales La Alborada, Lunds y Taco Taxi. Postres deliciosos fueron preparadas y donadas por May Day Café y Drew's Concessions. La música del noche fue proporcionada por "Parks and Werk", una banda juvenil que recibe instrucción de Eric Silva Brenneman en Parque de Corcoran.

Joan Bennett, una miembra de la mesa directiva de Corcoran, presidió la ceremonia de premios que ofrece saludos de vecinos que nominaron sus compañeros. Felicitaciones a Edain Altamirano, que fue galardonada del Líder del Año y para Kim y Tom Medin,

lante. También comida fue generosamente inquilinos, pastoreando construcción de una nueva "pueblo de tránsito", llenando tiendas vacías, y ejecutando el mercado de granjeros más inclusive en Minneapolis. Galardonada Edain expresó: "Este reconocimiento no es solo mío le pertenece a todas las personas que luchan y cambian su mente para lograr un mejor futuro que por derecho les pertenece." una "V" mayúscula durante del año pasado y muchos toda una vida.

> Lea todos los nominados en la página 6 para el Líder del Año y el Premio de Trayectoria, y sus contribuciones a la vecindad.



### Farmers Market Applications are still being accepeted!

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¡Applicaciones del Mercado son disponibles!

- más en la página 4

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### marzo – calendario communitario | March – Community Calender

### Meetings

### Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting 6-8pm

Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.

> Questions? Eric Gustafson eric@corcoranneighborhood.org 612-724-7457 Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

### Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> **Newspaper Committee** 6-7pm

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

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

### Wednesday, March 16th 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

### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> **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.

heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org 612-724-7457 Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister

### **Community**

### March-May 2016 Raingarden Workshop: Planting for Pollinators



Help keep our lakes and rivers clean while creating a beautiful and bee/butterfly-friendly habitat in your yard! This workshop presented by Metro Blooms will give you an overview of our DIY approach to raingardens and native plants, as well as resources for hire if you need some extra help. Visit metroblooms.org or call 651-699-2426 for cost, workshop dates, and more.

### Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

9am-12pm

Minneapolis Public School's Adult Education will begin free citizenship classes begin.

> Questions? Heather Turngren Heather.Turngren@mpls.k12.mn.us 612-668-3800, ext. 0 Location: the Adult Education South Campus 2225 East Lake Street

> For information about the program See page 2

### **Events**

### March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12pm

### Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Registration for Summer Activities

Registration begins for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation summer activities, which include swimming lessons, camps, sports, nature activities, sailing, family activities and more! Go to https://www.minneapolisparks.org/\_asset/ dm4rnc/lower\_south\_summer\_guide.pdf.

### Feb 12th - March 6th FRIDAYS: 8 P.M., SATURDAYS: 8 P.M., & SUNDAYS: 2 P.M.

Max Frisch's, THE ARSONISTS

Frank Theatre is thrilled to present the area premiere of Max Frisch's THE ARSONISTS, an adaptation BIEDERMANN AND THE FIREBUGS by Alistair Beaton.

Location: The RITZ Theatre 345 13TH AVE NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 > For information & schedule See page 2

### Save The Date:



### April 16th, 2016 South Minneapolis Housing Fair on Saturday

> More info at www.housingfair.org. Contact Event Coordinator, Gretchen Kurgier at 612-245-1357 or email smplshousingfair@gmail.com.

### Important Public Safety Contact Numbers:

- Not sure who to call? Call 911
- Minneapolis Police & Fire: 911
- City of Minneapolis Services: 311
- Metro Transit: 612/373-3333

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## Volunteering at Minneapolis Adult Education

Naomi Goodnight | Minneapolis Adult Education Volunteer

Why are you here? It's a question many students have asked me. I volunteer as a teacher's assistant in an evening math class designed to guide adults toward successfully passing a GED test or college entrance exam. Many of the students have taken a hiatus for years if not decades from a classroom. For various reasons, all have chosen to reapply themselves towards the goal of a formal academic education. As the weeks progress, I develop a camaraderie with individuals and hear snippets of life stories. However fascinating, this perspective was not my original intent for volunteering with the Minneapolis Adult Education program.

For years I'd been encouraged to join by a friend and former college classmate. She and I had both been teacher's assistants in college and greatly enjoyed the job. There's nothing like the "ah-ha!" moment when a student suddenly understands a concept they've been struggling to comprehend. Helping to make that moment happen is worth all the patient repetition and creative explanation which preceded it. As my friend frequently stated, this volunteer teacher's assistant position was all the fun of teaching without the work of grading and lesson planning.

When I decided to quit my full-time job to spend more time with my son, the idea of volunteering resurfaced in my mind. With a commitment of one night a week (classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings) volunteering easily fits into my family's schedule. Previous volunteer experiences have taught me that the pride of giving to my community is well worth my time and effort. The Minneapolis Adult Education program has exceeded my expectations. The appreciation has been phenomenal from everyone: administration, cooperating teachers, fellow volunteers and most especially the students. Each week I eagerly anticipate my evening volunteering in the classroom; I plan on continuing for the foreseeable future. Anyone who appreciates the joys of sharing knowledge should strongly consider volunteering with Minneapolis Adult Education.



### **Thank You to our Supporters**

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

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

### Thanks to the following residents who gave in January.

- Mary Buhr
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- Genevieve Olive
- Kelly Savage
- Tanya Snyder
- Marissa Tappy
- Adam and Devin Tomczik
- Andrew Zimmer

### Rental of Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization has new remodeled community space! Stop in to our office during the week and see our new space. We are now offering use of the space to residents as well as community organizations or businesses. We provide coffee, tea, and water service as well as access to the kitchen. For more information and rental rates, please contact Heidi Johnson McAllister at heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org or 612-724-7457.



### "Spring is (Almost) Here"

Frances Copenhaver | Corcoran News Youth Reporter



This past month it has been very cold. My guess is we won't have to deal with subzero temperatures anymore this winter. There has been enough snow for many of the things my friends and I like to do outside. In the coming weeks as the sun shines warmer and longer, we can expect our outdoors to get pretty slushy. I know much younger kids like slushy sidewalks the same way they are happy to see puddles after it rains. Because little kids like to put on big boots and splash water with their feet. For those of us older than that it's probably best to think of things to do inside the house. I like to read, watch YouTube videos, send e-mail to friends and play with my cats, but I can't just do those four things for a whole month.

My Grandma Flo and I recently started to assemble a 1,000-piece puzzle of ducks in a river. My grandma really, really like ducks! The first day we spent all of our time just finding the edge pieces. Next we try to arrange the other pieces by which part of the puzzle we think they belong. It's pretty fun because you get to see the picture come together right in front of you. Also, you can have long conversations with each other since putting a puzzle together doesn't require all of your concentration. I like long conversations about as much as my grandma likes ducks.

Arts and crafts kits are another good way to occupy your mind and hands. I have ones for making pillows, handbags, bracelets, etc. My favorites are the little colored iron beads. Some of the kits have specialty pegboards in the shape of animals and stuff like that. Sometimes I prefer to make up a pattern of my own. Here's a tip if you're creating a large project. Place the pegboard on something you can move, like a cutting board. If you have cats or younger siblings you can move your work in progress to your room and close the door.

Another fun thing to do, at least for me, is to conduct experiments. How long does it take for the tube of ice in my water bottle to melt? How many cravons can I tape together, end-to-end, to make a big stick? What happens to a tarnished penny if it spends a week inside a can of cola? Two years ago I did an experiment where I crushed up some hard candies, then placed them in water to measure how long it took for them to completely dissolve. It was part of an assignment on absorption when we were learning about nutrition and digestion. I discovered that if you crushed the hard candy before adding it to the water the pieces would completely dissolve (be absorbed) 1-2 minutes before the uncrushed hard candy.

Now you have a few ways to spend your time until the snow completely melts and we all can go bike riding!

# MPS Adult Education Program Offers Free Citizenship Classes









Minneapolis Public School's Adult Education program offers free citizenship classes as part of a grant with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. This two-year competitive grant is funded by the U.S.

Immigration and Citizenship Services. The grant allows for legal permanent residents in the Twin Cities area to attend free classes that focus on the English, civics, and U.S. history skills needed to pass the citizenship exam. One of the exciting things about this grant is that it allows for anyone needing the services to take the free classes. The grant also allows students in the classes to access free legal aid to assist with the naturalization process.

The next class is scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Adult Education South Campus location (2225 East Lake Street). If you would like more information on the grant, please contact Heather Turngren (Heather. Turngren@mpls.k12.mn.us). To register for the class, please call the main Adult Education number at 612-668-3800, ext. 0.



# HEAT UP YOUR FEBRUARY WITH THE PRODUCTION OF "THE ARSONISTS"

Frank Theatre | Press Release

Frank Theatre is thrilled to present the area premiere of Max Frisch's **THE ARSONISTS**, an adaptation BIEDERMANN AND THE FIREBUGS by Alistair Beaton. **THE ARSONISTS** will be performed at the Ritz Theatre through March 6, 2016. Performances are Thurs-Sat at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$20-25 and can be reserved now at www. franktheatre.org or (612) 724 3760.

The comfortably-situated Gottlieb Biedermann (Jay Albright), a businessman, scoffs at the susceptibility of his neighbors to arsonists who have been lighting up the town. But when an unusual stranger (Schmitz) knocks on his door, Biedermann invites him in out of politeness. His sense of moral generosity leads to him hosting both Schmitz and his friend Eisenring in the attic. While a chorus of firemen witness the action on stage, the two strangers fill Biedermann's attic with barrels of gasoline. Biedermann, unwilling to recognize the evil taking place in front of his eyes, assists them in their plot, even offering them the match that leads to his destruction. Max Frisch's wildly funny "moral play without a moral" (as it is subtitled) illustrates the risk of shying away from political and social responsibility.

Frank Theatre is a professional theatre company committed to producing unique work which stretches the skills of the artists who create the work while simultaneously challenging the everyday perceptions of the audience through the exploration of ideas and issues of social, political and/or cultural concern. Frank Theatre is a Twin Cities' based company, founded

in 1989 by Artistic Director Wendy Knox. Now in its 27th season, Frank Theatre has staged over 60 productions. More information is available at www.franktheatre.org.



### Solicitudes para Puestos, Ahora Disponibles - 2016

Miguel Goebel | Gerente del mercado

Aplicaciones se están aceptando solicitudes para la temporada 2016 en el mercado de los granjeros de Midtown! La fecha límite de prioridad para todos los proveedores, además de las artes y vendedores de artesanías es el 4 de marzo y las solicitudes recibidas después de esa fecha se considerará de forma limitada en función del espacio disponible y las necesidades del mercado. Las solicitudes de granjeros de Minnesota y Wisconsin son aceptadas. Los artesanos y productores también son bienvenidos. Visita nuestro sitio web: www.midtownfarmenrsmarket.org o contacta al gerente del mercado, Miguel Goebel en: manager@midtownfarmemersmarket.org o al teléfono 612-724-7457, para más información y acceso a la solicitud de vendedores del 2016.

#### Horario de solicitudes y fechas límite:

- 4 de marzo: Fecha de entrega de solicitudes para todos los vendedores, excepto para artistas y vendedores de manualidades.
- 11 de marzo: Notificación de aceptación
- 1 de abril: Fecha límite para artes y vendedores de manualidades
- 2 de abril: Reunión Anual Primaveral de Vendedores Ambulantes
- 8 de abril: Aceptación y primera mitad de notificación de horario para arte y vendedores de manualidades
- 7 de mayo: Apertura, Mercado del sábado
- 7 de junio: Día de apertura, Mercado del martes
- 6 de agosto: Día de pagos finales, vendedores anuales
- 25 de octubre: Clausura, mercado del martes
- 29 de octubre: Clausura, mercado del sábado
- \* Las solicitudes recibidas después de la fecha límite serán consideradas sólo si hubiese espacio disponible

### Involúcrate, Únete al Comité Asesor del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown

¿Estás interesado en ser voluntario e involucrarte más con el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown? Si la respuesta es sí, el mercado está actualmente buscando individuos apasionados que estén interesados en ayudar al mercado con la planeación de eventos, comunicaciones y relaciones públicas, recaudación de fondos, reclutamiento de voluntarios y apoyo.





# 2016 Vendor Applications Still Being Accepted!

Miguel Goebel | Market Manager

Applications for the 2016 season at the Midtown Farmers Market are still being accepted! The priority deadline for all vendors besides arts and crafts vendors is March 4, and applications received after that date will be considered on a limited basis depending on space available and the needs of the market. Minnesota and Wisconsin farmers, artisans and producers are welcome! Visit our website, www.midtownfarmersmarket.org or contact Market Manager Miguel Goebel at manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org or 612-724-7457, for more information and to access the 2016 vendor application.

#### Application Schedule and Deadlines:

- March 4: Applications due for all vendors except arts and crafts vendors
- March 11: Acceptance notification
- April 1: Application deadline for arts and craft vendors
- April 2: Annual Spring Vendor Meeting
- April 8: Acceptance and first half schedule notification for art and craft vendors
- May 7: Opening day, Saturday market
- June 7: Opening Day, Tuesday market
- August 6: Final payments due, annual vendors
- October 25: Closing Day, Tuesday market
- · October 29: Closing Day, Saturday market

\*Applications received after the due date will only be considered if space is still available.

### Get Involved, Join the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee!

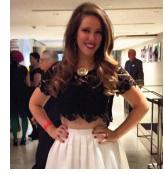
Are you interested in volunteering and becoming more involved with the Midtown Farmers Market? If so, the market is currently looking for passionate individuals who are interested in helping the market with event planning, communications and public relations, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and on-site market day support. Please contact market manager, Miguel Goebel by e-mail at manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org or by calling 612-724-7457 for more information and additional informational materials about the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee.





### Wife in the Cities

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor



One of the best ways to find fashion inspiration, for you or even vour home décor. is to people watch and ask fashionistas where they shop and snag great looks! We found Brittiny Clark walking to the train station! Brittiny recently returned to Minnesota after spending years on the east coast. After moving back, she realized that the best place for her was in south Minneapolis! Now we are lucky enough to have this fashion maven be a Corcoran Resident!

### What is your current career:

DKNY Specialist for a major clothing retailer.

### How long have you loved fashion?:

I have loved fashion since I was very young, I couldn't wait for the day I could choose my own outfits. I remember my mom

allowing me to pick my outfit for the first day of school was a big deal!

### What are you wearing today?:

My coat, which I've had for a couple of years, is from Target, my scarf is Betsy Johnson, the pants are from a Macy's exclusive brand called Maison Jules, and my hound's-tooth sweater is from Kenzie. My earrings are actually a gift from my

### Favorite place to shop and stay fashion forward?:

My favorite places to shop are mostly thrift stores like Savers because when I find something I love that actually fits me, I feel it was destined to be mine. I do have favorite brands such as Free People and French Connection but mainly I just try and look for quality made items at a reasonable price.

### What do you love about living in Corcoran?:

I love living in Corcoran because of basic things like the convenient public transportation and shopping, but most importantly, after 6 years of shuffling from place to place, I finally found somewhere I felt at home.







This column is your go to for fabulous food, fashion, and finds for the home! Wife in the Cities is a new write up that features fashion forward individuals from Minneapolis and beyond, reviews of the greatest new restaurants in our amazing city, and some tips on scores in the home décor and repair department.

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### Corcoran Park Program Update

Eric Silva Brenneman | Corcoran Neighbor and Park Staff

Ever want to try Bojutsu? What is that anyway? Think Donatello from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Bojutsu is a Japanese martial art based around a staff weapon called the bo staff. Corcoran Park offers classes on Thursday nights from 7:30-9pm. There's a small fee, come in for more info. If there's more demand for martial arts/ self defense training, other programming could be a possibility. What do you want to do at the park?



### Corcoran Park Improvements Are Coming

An update and another chance to weigh-in

Eric Gustafson | CNO staff

Last September CNO organized a community discussion on the future of Corcoran Park - this was in response to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board requests for input on the future of park amenities, programs and services, and recreation centers around the city. Over 60 attendees shared what they love about our park and what they'd most like to improve or change. We gathered additional input through conversations at the park with families, Twin Cities Native Lacrosse and other frequent users, through conversations with local day care providers, through door-knocking near the park, and through an online survey. After hearing from over 150 households, the CNO board of directors sent a letter to the Park Board seeking their attention and collaboration to implement the community's top priorities.

In February, our board chair Lisa Barajas and I met with Corcoran Park staff and the regional parks manager, Assistant Park Board Superintendents from the planning, recreation, and environment departments, and Commissioner Scott Vreeland to discuss residents' top concerns and priorities. Also in February, the Park Board released updated plans showing major Corcoran Park improvements to be implemented over time, many of which respond to the community's priorities - find these printed along with this article.

Below is an update on the community prioritizes we gathered and corresponding Park Board plans. What do you think of the improvement plans for our park? The CNO Board wants to hear from you again - please www.corcoranneighborhood.org to share your comments, which CNO will once again compile and share with Park leadership. You can also contact your Park Board Commissioner Scott Vreeland svreeland@minneapolisparks.org or 612-721-7892.

#### Physical assets to improve (identified by park users in Sept. 2015)

1. Repair & update

- playeround and pool Update / replace sand, add more swings, and improve for older (age 6-10) kids. In the near-term, Park leaders plan to replace the sand with wood chips. Major upgrades will eventually occur through the Park Board's Capital Improvement Plan, but no such improvements are currently in this Plan through 2021.
- 2. Repair, repurpose, or remove the tennis court. The Park Board Master Plan (printed with this article) would remove the tennis court and provide a new Group Shelter.
- 3. Fix up sports fields. Formalize soccer infrastructure (goals, striping) in response to heavy informal use, and

- mark where different groups are supposed to be. The Master Plan would remove the existing baseball diamond and renovate the large multiuse field, including the addition of a proper drainage sub-base and irrigation. In addition, CNO recently helped Corcoran Park apply for a grant to secure new soccer goals for the field.
- 4. Improve landscaping and add community garden / pollinator garden / fruit trees. The Master Plan shows a new Urban Agriculture Area in the southern portion of the park. CNO is seeking additional details on whether this would require removal of the existing shade trees in this area. Park leadership also discussed the future possibility of removing the existing parking lot to accommodate a pollinator garden or small orchard, if there was community support.

#### Programs & services to improve (identified by park users in Sept. 2015)

- 1. Tell us what is offered and ask us what we want. Share info in the monthly Corcoran News newspaper (free; delivered free of charge to all Corcoran homes). Park staff have agreed to provide regular updates through the Corcoran News and online CNO communication venues. These will also include updates on offerings at nearby parks such as Powderhorn and Sibley.
- 2. After-school programs / homework help. Park Board staff are exploring options to offer their "Rec Plus" after-school program (til 6:00pm) for 6-12 year old kids.
- 3. Pre-school / toddler programs. Park staff will continue their current offerings for pre-school and toddler ages, which have been well-attended.
- 4. Youth sports. "Rec Plus" programming (see above) will be the first step to building a base of students to support youth sports programs. The Park piloted a soccer program last summer that they hope to build upon.
- 5. Adult & senior programs. The Park Board offers senior programs at various southside park locations these can be found on their website.
- 6. Indoor programs during the winter. Lower South manager Ann Heath said that adding indoor wintertime programs is a new priority for the Park Board.
- 7. Naturalist programs. The addition of an Urban Agriculture Area, discussed above, would allow for these programs.

#### Staffing to improve (identified by park users in Sept. 2015)

- 1. Address drug / youth / smoking / behavior issues. Corcoran Park staff have a practice of engaging rather than dispersing any loitering youth. They work with Park Police as needed and on CNO's recommendation, they have also reached out to the principal at South High.
- 2. Pick up litter more regularly. CNO leaders shared the impression that the free summer lunch program, while great for feeding children, leads to excessive waste and litter. Park leaders talked about hiring more staff during the summer to address maintenance.
- 3. Spanish speaking staff. Last Fall Corcoran Park hired a native Spanish speaker who continues to work 3 days per week. A couple of other staff also speak Spanish, but Park staff recognize the need to expand the languages that their staff speak.

#### Rec Center facilities to improve (identified by park users in Sept. 2015)

- 1. Update building including energy efficiency. Improvements to the building are not in the Park Board's Capital Improvement Plan through 2021, but Park leaders say they hope to make improvements through their "Closing the Gap" and "RecQuest" initiatives.
- 2. Update bathrooms and make open more often, esp. from outside. Park staff had not been opening the exterior doors to restrooms until the building opens at 1:00pm due to some youth behavioral issues, but committed to opening the restrooms during the morning as the weather warms up.
- 3. Improve open hours and options to reserve space. Park staff currently handle frequent reservation requests from the community through e-mail and drop-ins. They will work to share reservation rates and policies more widely.
- 4. Update computer lab. The Park Board just renewed a contract to maintain the computers, which receive heavy use from adults and youth, including for homework help. Programs including Microsoft Academy are offered.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your thoughts about plans for Corcoran Park. Visit www. corcoranneighborhood.org to share your comments, which CNO will once again compile and share with Park leadership. You can also contact your Park Board Commissioner Scott Vreeland at svreeland@ minneapolisparks.org 612-721-7892.



### PROPOSED FACILITIES

#### UPDATE EXISTING

Las instalaciones existentes que deben ser sostenidas Casriyaynta wixii hore u jiray



Wading Pool Piscina infantil Balli biyoc caruurtu ku dabaalato

Rugaha lagu soo tala jeediyay



Traditional Play Structure Zona de juegos Goobaha ciyaaraha



Multi-use Field Césped abierto Dhul bannan

### NEW/ ADDED

Nuevas instalaciones Cusub/lagu daray



**Group Shelter** Refugio de picnic para grupo Koox duur-bax (picnic) awgeed meel degtay



Urban Agriculture Area La agricultura urbana Beerta magaalada



Outdoor Gathering Space Área abierta para la reunionés de la

Meelaha dibadda ee lagu kulmo



	1: General Input Spring-Fall 2015 Input themes prior to initial concepts	2: Initial Concepts Fall-Winter 2015/2016 Input themes on initial concepts	3: The Preferred Concept Now Key elements of the concept
aquatics	Wading pool well loved, but needs improvement	no comments	Wading pool with shade structure in same general location
play	Play areas well liked, but needs improvement, more challenge for older kids	no comments	Traditional play areas in same general location
athletics	Mixed use fields not well liked  More of a soccer neighborhood than a baseball one	Preference for open space, rather than year-round rink	Removal of multi-use diamond to create larger multi-use field space
courts	Tennis court is in poor shape. Replace, remove, or change to basketball.	Desire for bike polo on year round rink	No court planned for this park (existing court location will become expansion of multi-use field space)
winter	no comments	Some concern with year-round rink in this small park	No formal winter facilities planned for this park
landscape	More natural areas	Would like naturalized green space and pollinator friendly plants  Would like to see space for urban agriculture	Addition of naturalized areas at edges of park and near building  Urban agriculture area designated along southern edge c park
other	Like walking paths	Like picnic shelter but make sure it doesn't attract problems	Addition of group shelter and outdoor gathering space between play areas and multi-use field

Minneapolis Park Board prosed changes to Corcoran Park



The current airal view of Corcoran Park

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



Where the expressions of science meet the guardians of elegant sufficiency

My grandfather taught me how to whittle as a wee lad. Sadly, shortly after he passed, I broke the jackknife he gifted me with. I 'made do' with a paring knife from the kitchen drawer. I industriously keep my eye open for interesting pieces of wood to whittle, and no matter where I went, I faithfully carried that paring knife in the back pocket of my britches.

One day, my brother and I went over to a friend's house to play, but nobody was home. We amused ourselves on their backyard tire swing, played on monkey bars, slides, etc.

An idea from school captured my curiosity and had been percolating in my little brain. Whenever I learned something new or fascinating, I would always pass that lesson on to my little brother. Having recently learned about electricity from a teacher, I decided to show him what I learned. The teacher had earnestly cautioned us that water and metal are conductors of electricity, and assured us that wood in not a conductor of electricity. In order to provide evidence to my little brother that electricity cannot travel through wood, we walked him over to a 220-Volt socket to conduct my own personal 'seminar' or Show & Tell.

Since my paring knife had a wooden handle covering the metal, I believed I could safely insert it into the socket. I pulled open the grey metal safety guard from the socket and drew the paring knife from my back pocket. I told my brother to watch me, as I began explaining the laws of electricity.

I boldly went where no bright boy had gone before, and confidently plugged my knife into the socket. My lecture ended as I experienced 220volts of electricity coursing through my body.

Suddenly, I became terrifyingly aware my lesson went awry. My young mind hadn't considered that metal rivets held the wooden handle of the knife together, and I was touching them. The powerful current coursed through me, holding my entire body frozen in place.

My brother must have something (maybe because for once because I was not talking). He said, "Are you alright? Are you alright?" Unable to move my lips, I said, "I ant oove! I ant oove!" ('I can't move, I can't move'). I could not pronounce the words correctly. He then said, "Do you want me to pull you away?'

I quickly told my brother, "Oh! Oh! Own ush e! Own ush e!" (that is, 'No! No! Don't touch me! Don't touch me'!) I remembered the teacher warning us about the dangers of touching a person who is being electrocuted, that they be victim to a bigger jolt than the person being electrocuted.

At this desperate point, I thought a silent, frantic prayer for help, thinking, "God, help me." Just then, I felt two large, heavy hands pressing down firmly, one upon each of my shoulders. Those hands yanked me backwards away from the plug, freeing me.

Stunned, I turned around to see who helped me. Only my wide-eyed brother was there. While I knew my brother could not have been the one that saved me, I was befuddled by what happened. I gave my brother a stern parental look and firmly demanded, "Did you touch me?" With quivering fear in his voice, he said, "No".

Perhaps the two strong hands on my shoulders belonged to my guardian angel. Maybe it was my grandfather.

In later years, I once sensed that my grandfather was helping me. I was on the way to the hospital for a biopsy and was afraid I would die. I read that a small number of people die from the biopsy needle piercing a vein, and the patient dies. On the way to the hospital, I was praying hard for comfort and protection. I then heard a gentle male voice say in my ear, "You'll be OK".

The voice possessed a peaceful love that poured through my soul. And the voice seemed familiar, somehow. I wondered at the time if it was my grandpa. Maybe he is an angel?

Through the years, I have had miraculous experiences that have literally saved my life. What does it mean? Who knows for sure? But for me, I believe in Guardian Angels.

### A Plug for a Paring Knife 2016 Corcoran Community Awards Dinner **NOMINATIONS**

Ross Joy | CNO Staff

### Nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award

### • Kim and Tom Medin

nominated by Gaylyn Bicking

Tom and Kim are wonderful neighbors. If you need a loaf of bread, ask Tom. He's a great baker. You want information on Flamingo Fridays, Kim is the person to go to. Once I had an electrical problem and asked Kim and Tom for advice. Within minutes they were at my doorstep with tools in hand. They are those sort of neighbors! You'll see Kim and Tom regularly at the Midtown Farmers Market, as well as cooking soups every year for Corcoran's annual Soup Cook-Off. We're lucky to have them.

#### Jane St Clair

nominated by Phillip Koski

Jane has been an active member of CNO for many years through the Land Use & Housing Committee, volunteering at the annual Book & Bake Sale and so many other community efforts. Jane also has served as Corcoran's representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition where she support the creation and promotion of the Trail Watch safety patrol and other crime prevention efforts along the greenway. Thank you Jane for being a lifelong neighborhood leader!

#### Nominations for Leader of the Year Award

#### • Liz Blood

nominated by Peggy Barbis

For several years, she has hosted a monthly hour-long gathering for neighborhood "ladies" within a block of her home, a low-key, low-commitment opportunity for all of us to get to know one another, look out for one another, network. It's a small gesture that means a great deal to those of us in her vicinity.

#### Edain Altamirano

nominated by Reyna Flores

I met Edain nearly two years ago while door knocking on our block about apartment repair issues and fast rising rent. Ever since then my compañera Edain has shown great leadership. She has led community meetings about the issues that we as Corcoran renters face as well as supported residents from across the neighborhood to assert their rights to decent housing and raise their voices. Edain also serves on the Corcoran Board of Directors. Thank you Edain for all that you do, ¡cuándo luchamos ganamos!

#### Devin & Adam Tomczik nominated by Sara Lott

Devin and Adam Tomczik are excellent neighbors and we are lucky to have them on our block! They have gone out of their way to assist in organizing our block parties, taking part in block leader activities, helping organize the book sale fundraiser, volunteering at Open Streets, and making our block's voice heard at the Land Use Committee meetings. They are always quick to inform neighbors of happenings on our block, as well as surrounding blocks. They also went out of their way this fall to organize a safety meeting with members of our block as well as inviting others from around the neighborhood to bring together numerous voices to address safety concerns and crime. Personally, they have also quickly offered help and muscle to assist us with projects around our home and we are so grateful for that. The Tomcziks are wonderful neighbors and deserve recognition for their contributions to our neighborhood.

#### Char Bird

nominated by Beth Wagner

Charmaine Bird has been a wonderful neighbor and friend that has done so much for the Corcoran Neighborhood. As a talented and dedicated cook, Char regularly creates meals from scratch for over a hundred people at First Nations' Kitchen for their Sunday night community dinner. Last May she also used her food genius to help put on a BBQ in solidarity with apartment residents that were being unfairly evicted from their home. I always look forward to seeing her and hearing stories from her well-lived life. Char has so generously given her time to this community, and is so deserving of this award.

### Meline Juarez

nominated by April Riordan

I nominate Meline Juarez for the Volunteer of the Year award for 2015. Meline moved to the neighborhood this year and immediately found ways to get involved. She volunteered her great organizing background and strengths to support the economic development committee and graciously agreed to serve on the CNO board when a vacancy arose for our secretary. Meline is positive and energizing to be around. In her short tenure, she has had a great impact in many areas, including help with the fall fundraising appeal and with board recruitment. Meline shows that you don't have to be a long time resident of a neighborhood to have an impact - you just have to have a desire to build community wherever you are. She is an inspiration to us all and well deserving of this award!

#### Matt Kazinka

nominated by Joan Bennett

Matt Kazinka has trouble saying "no", which is just one of his many great qualities. Matt serves as a CNO Board Member as well as Chair of the Economic Development Committee. He also regularly attends CNO renters' meetings and community events. Even more so than his stellar attendance record, fellow volunteers appreciate the thoughtful insight, enthusiasm and sense of humor that Matt brings to meetings. As a staff member with the Lake Street Council, Matt serves as a source of both professional expertise and useful gossip to CNO's new Economic Development Committee.

### Marcus Larson

nominated by Genevieve Olive

I nominate Marcus Larson of Corcoran neighborhood for Volunteer of the Year! Marcus is an active volunteer with the Corcoran Community Garden. From seedlings to harvest time and weeding to garden pests, as a Master Gardener he schedules time weekly during the growing season to make himself available at the garden to offer up his expertise in all gardening matters to anyone from the neighborhood. His community involvement is a clear indicator of his commitment to a safe, happy and healthy neighborhood. Cheers to Marcus!

#### Mike Novak nominated by Miguel Goebel

Mike has been a tremendous asset to the Midtown Farmers Market over the course of the past year. As the market was gearing up for its transition to our interim location, Mike jumped right into working with the market's Advisory Committee and played in large role in our communications plan for the 2016 season. He designed all of our new banners and signs that can be seen at the market site, as well as a number of other flyers and promotional materials for the 2016 season. What's more, after a year of service Mike stepped up as a leader with the group and joined the CNO Board as the Advisory Committee's liaison between the groups. With all that the he has going on as a husband, father and busy professional, Mike's interest and eagerness to work with the market and CNO demonstrates his passion for making his neighborhood great!

#### • Kevin Kirsch

nominated by Eric Gustafson

Kevin has brought an amazing amount of passion and creative energy to CNO's Land Use and Housing Committee this past year. During the Open Streets event on East Lake Street he constructed and performed a "crankie" show that told the story of Hoplandia, a precarious place where people hopped across pedestrian islands to reach the other side of a dangerous intersection. The show was emphatically received during the event and Kevin took his show on the road during National Night Out, visiting several blocks throughout the neighborhood. Cheers to Kevin for his can do attitude to address issues in our Corcoran Neighborhood!





### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, February 11, 2016, | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Avenue S

**Present:** Lisa Barajas, Joan Bennett , Oscar Del Sebastien, Eric Gustafson, Matt Kazinka, Phillip Koski, Matt Novak, April Riordan, Alberta Smith

Lisa Barajas called meeting to order.

#### Treasurer's Report (April Riordan)

MFM and CNO financials have been merged and are now reviewed quarterly versus monthly. April Riordan, Treasurer, presented financials. Philip Koski moved to approve October, November and December financials, Oscar Del Sebastien seconded, all voted in favor, Oct-Dec financials approved.

#### Update on community priorities for Corcoran Park (Lisa)

- Eric and Lisa reported on their Feb. 11 meeting with Minneapolis Park Board and Corcoran Park officials. During the meeting, they walked through the Oct. 27 letter and community priorities that were identified during September community meeting at the park. Emphasized importance of park to neighborhood and need to make it a residential priority, need for park services in neighborhood, opportunities for CNO to pursue grants that Park Board can't that could benefit park services all are open to partnership.
- Nothing in first phase of Parks plan for Corcoran Park.

  Despite that, Park staff is optimistic about replacing sand at park, perhaps with wood chips. Already exploring Rec Plus program at Corcoran. CNO continues to offer the newspaper as vehicle for sharing what is happening at park but also what is happening at all of the parks that residents would be interested in learning about. CNO advocated for more staffing at the park to manage behavior of park users (loitering, smoking, etc.). Computer lab is heavily used and all agree that it needs to be updated. Park officials and staff appreciated

- depth of information provided by CNO and residents. Facility upgrades will be a competition with other buildings built in the same era.
- South Service Area Master Plan Community Advisory Committee meeting (which includes Corcoran Park) will be shared during a public meeting on February 22 at McRae Recreation Center, 906 E 47th St., 6:00-8:00pm. Agenda is available at minneapolisparks.org.
- CNO will include summary in March paper and newsletter.

Presentation on Save our Minneapolis Parks (Tony Sterle, Campaign Manager) and discussion

Plaza Update Max Musicant & Kathy DeKrey presented L+H Plaza Public Realm Framework and 2016-2018 Timeline. Discussion followed.

#### MOTION from Land Use & Housing committee:

 CNO will use the \$2,000 budgeted for NRP Small Incentive Fund to offer a \$200 grant for exterior doors or windows, insulation, or Energy Star furnace, air conditioning, or water heater. Homes receiving CNO home improvement grants since 2010 are ineligible.

Motion to approve by April, seconded by Joan, all voted in favor, motion approved.

#### Announcements (All) and Adjourn

- Corcoran Community Awards Dinner, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:00-8:00pm
- Next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 7:00 9:00 p.m. at CNO office



# Recruiting Retail for 2225 East Lake Street Development

Joan Bennett | Corcoran Neighbor

Hennepin County is partnering with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) and the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) to fill the retail storefronts along Lake Street that will accompany County's new service center at 2225 East Lake Street. Retail tenants at this location will not only benefit from a prime location between a busy transit hub and the YWCA, but from potential costumers in the 1,000+ county employees and 1,000+ additional visitors who will pass through the County Service Center each work day.

Though the County will make the final leasing decisions, they are looking to CNO and NDC to recruit businesses that could provide a wanted or missing service in the neighborhood and are established enough to afford the cost of leasing new retail space, which will likely be a higher rate than in older storefronts along the corridor. Through the cooperative agreement signed between County and CNO, which guides the execution of the project, the County has agreed that leasing efforts should prioritize locally owned business.

To find businesses that meet this profile (established, wanted, local), CNO and NDC will reach into their existing networks and beyond to get the word out. NDC, the non-profit behind the Midtown Global Market, who has a long history of supporting small businesses in Minneapolis/St Paul, has been tapped to not only comb its ranks for viable candidates but to provide technical assistance to small businesses who, though they may lack some experience or access to capital, could achieve success at 2225 E. Lake with some extra support.

The CNO Economic Development Committee, with the help of the Center for Urban Regional Affairs, completed a survey of Corcoran consumers last summer. Respondents made it clear that Corcoran could benefit from businesses who bring positive activity to the street throughout the workday, evening, and weekends (e.g. a coffee shop, restaurant/wine bar, medical services, day care, local retailers of the non-controlled substance variety). As the site is also home to the seasonal Midtown Farmers Market, CNO would like to find businesses that are a complement to and/or reflect the values of the market.

As the Economic Development Committee ramps up its recruitment efforts, they would love your input. If you have suggestions for local businesses you'd like to see at 2225 E. Lake, send them our way. Better yet, join the committee! Contact Heidi Johnson McAllister at Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org or 612-724-7457 for more information or to get involved.

### **Corcoran Watch Update**

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

This reporting period has seen a drop in crimes in our neighborhood that have been reported to the MPD. 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 nonurgent crimes that fall within certain criteria. http:// www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ police/report/eReport

This month's crime map covers Mid-January 2016 to Mid-February. All statistics are sourced from the Minneapolis Police Department, 3rd precinct from our sector's Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notcsch (karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov).

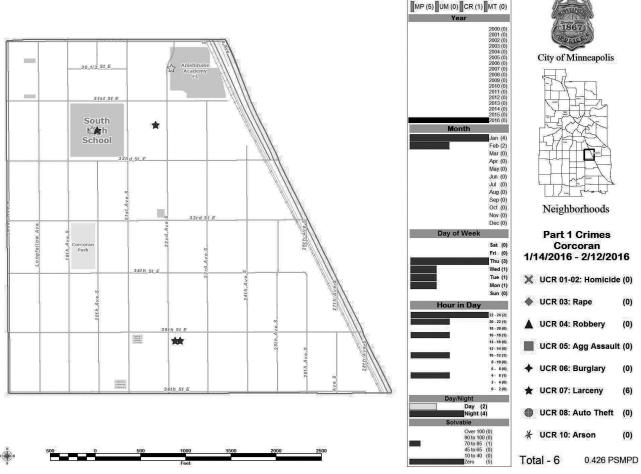
#### March Public Safety/ Upkeep

The weather is starting to turn and enter that period of craziness that is spring in Minnesota. We can have warm weather one day and two feet of snow the next. As the weather warms and the snow melts or it even rains, everything of winter is revealed. This is a good time to clean up your neighborhood and/or alley!

#### CERT Disaster Preparedness Tip of the Month

As spring approaches we enter a period of severe weather. It is a good time to review your disaster preparedness plans (all CERT documents can be found https://www.fema. gov/training-materials). Make sure your flashlights have batteries. You have a weather radio if possible. You and your family know where to go in your home in the event of severe weather like a tornado or dangerous thunderstorms. Make sure you have a disaster preparedness kit that includes flashlight (with batteries or hand powered), water enough for all members of the family for three days (including pets) and easily kept food like canned goods. A full list of suggestions can be found on the FEMA (https://www. webiste fema.gov/media-librarydata/1390846764394dc08e309debe561d-866b05ac84daf1ee/ checklist\_2014.pdf).

#### Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map | Mid-January 2016 to Mid-February 2016



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

### \$200 Grants for Energy Efficiency Home Improvements in 2016

Ross Joy | CNO Staff

Residential property owners in the Corcoran neighborhood are eligible for a \$200 mini grant from the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO).





#### Eligible improvements are limited to:

- Improvement or replacement of exterior door(s), or window(s).
- · Insulation in walls, foundation, or attic spaces.
- Upgrade to Energy Star-certified furnace, air conditioning, or water heater.
- New, permanent improvements to the principal structure (home). Work on the garage, fencing, or landscaping is not eligible. Materials purchased and projects completed prior to January 15, 2016 are not eligible.
- · Materials and/or contractor labor are eligible. Homeowner-installed work is acceptable but homeowner labor is not eligible for reimbursement.

Homes receiving CNO home improvement grants since 2010 are ineligible. Grants are limited to one per property. Funds are limited and there is no waiting list.

Work must be completed prior to submitting your application. Copies of invoices for labor and/or materials must be submitted with your application. Complete, submitted applications will be reviewed in the order they were received.

CNO staff will conduct a property walk-through and photograph completed work. Once the work is verified complete and satisfactory, funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis. Please allow 4-6 weeks for reimbursement.

To apply visit online: www.corcoranneighborhood.org/grant. If you have any questions, please call Ross Joy at 612-724-7457 or email ross@corcoranneighborhood.org.

### Volunteers needed for the South Minneapolis Housing Fair

Adapted press release | Gretchen Kurgier, South Minneapolis Housing Fair



The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is a grass-roots event produced by nearby neighborhoods with hundreds of hours of volunteer time. Corcoran resident Gwen McMahon has been our neighborhood's representative for several years.

"It's a fun day that connects many neighbors to people and resources to improve their homes," shares Gwen, "but we need volunteers to make it happen!" Please sign up to volunteer to help to insure the success of the Housing Fair and the improvement in the safety and value of our neighborhood.

This year's fair will focus on Smart Homes, including tech options, efficiency and ecofriendly/ green living for a "make-over" or starting from the ground up.

This event is FREE and open to the public and will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 10 AM to 3 PM, located in the Minneapolis Sports Center, 2121 East Lake St., Minneapolis. Visit housingfair.org for more details. For more information on how you can get involved contact the Event Coordinator, Gretchen Kurgier, 612-245-1357 or email smplshousingfair@gmail.com.



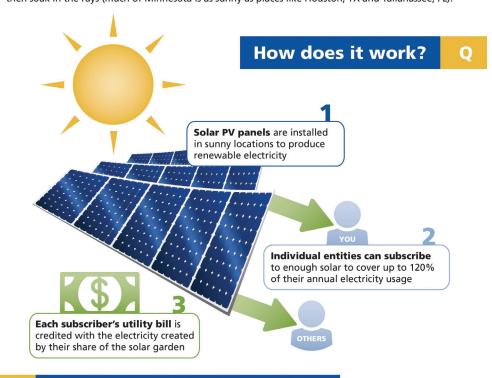
Community Solar Gardens are centrally-located solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that provide electricity to

participating subscribers. Could it work for you?

### Who is it for & why would I do it?

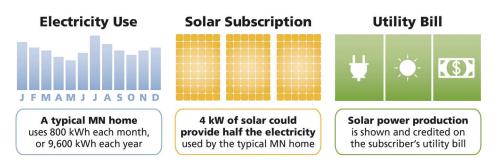
Are you interested in going solar but unable to do so on your own? Perhaps you live in an apartment, have a shaded roof at home, or don't have space at your organization. Now you can join a community solar garden installed near you!

Community solar gardens are a simple way to go solar. You purchase an up-front subscription, then soak in the rays (much of Minnesota is as sunny as places like Houston, TX and Tallahassee, FL).



### How much solar should I get?

The amount of electricity you use each year helps you decide how much solar to get. Your solar garden subscription can cover up to 120% of your usage. A typical Minnesota home uses 800 kilowatt-hours (kWh) a month. Remember: a more efficient home means more cost-effective solar!



### Who is involved in a project?

As a subscriber, you don't have to worry about every detail. See below for key players.



See more details about utility programs and rules for community solar gardens on our website at SolarGardens.MnCERTs.org#Who.



For any housing needs - to report a concern with your housing or another property, to get involved in the Renters Committee, or the Land Use and Housing Committee, or to inquire about housing resources, Contact Ross Joy: ross @corcoranneighborhood.org, 612-724-7457.

Para cualquier necesidad de vivienda - como un pregunta acerca de más recursos de viviendas, para reportar un problema con su vivienda u otra propiedad, a participar en La Junta de Inquilinos o el Comité de Planificación Urbano y Viviendas de Corcoran póngase en contacto con Ross Joy:

ross @corcoranneighborhood.org, 612-724-7457.