



2017 Corcoran Community Awards Dinner

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

We here in Corcoran are lucky. We have volunteer leaders who are involved in making our community vibrant, united, and diverse. Thank you to everyone who came to the Corcoran Community Awards Dinner on February 22nd at Corcoran Park. With over 70 people in attendance, everyone enjoyed the company, food prepared by the chef and owners of the new Corcoran Deli called Vittles, and music by Michael Beatriz. Congrats to our winners: Gerry Tyrrell for Lifetime Achievement and Mike Novak for Leader of the Year.

We are grateful to our neighborhood businesses for their donations to our taco bar dinner and desserts: Vittles, La Alborada, Salty Tart, Taco Taxi, Seward Co-op, and Cub Foods. Also to Acanthus Floral for the beautiful flower donations!

Leader of the year

Kabomelette/Vittles.

Chelsea and Greg Miller are Corcoran residents and beloved owner-operators of Kabomelette food truck at the Midtown Farmers Market. They frequently donate their time and resources to support CNO, including the Community Awards Dinner. But now there is even more to love: they've brought Corcoran our very own deli! Through pure grit and investment, the Millers opened Vittles Catering and Deli on the corner of 35th Street and 23rd Avenue. Opening the deli required making significant infrastructure upgrades and navigating complicated building code and licensing. Vittles offers affordable meals that incorporate local and organic ingredients. We are so lucky to have these guys in our community!

Chris Sutton

I want to nominate Chris because of his amazing dream and hard work to bring together artists from the Corcoran neighborhood to create an art crawl! COPA is our neighborhood artists together to form a collective of artists and establish an art crawl that will honestly benefit our entire little community! Not only did he bring this group of artists together, but he is so kind, friendly and always willing to help. I couldn't think of a better person to nominate this year!!!!

Parker and Ellie Adams

I want to nominate Parker & Ellie for the Leader of the Year award. Aside from outstanding youth reporting, their many volunteer engagements throughout Corcoran demonstrated a profound commitment to bettering our neighborhood, with little or no personal gain to them. Such a selfless attitude serves as an inspiration to young and old alike. Aside from all this, they are genuinely nice and fun neighbors, always greeting my family and especially our two daughters. I am encouraged for the next generation with Parker & Ellie!

Marvin Applewhite

CNO staff met Marvin as we were kicking off outreach to neighborhood bus riders in early 2016. We recruited Marvin to help with this work, and his talent for connecting and having great conversations with strangers on the street was both stunning and very valuable to our Better Bus Stops project. We tapped Marvin to engage people at Open Streets East Lake event, and he brought in over half of the 500 petition signatures gathered that day, helping inspire efforts by the City and County to begin to "Humanize Hi-Lake." When a seat opened

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Cena de premios de la comunidad Corcoran de 2017

Heidi Johnson McAllister | Empleada del CNO

Nosotros aquí en Corcoran estamos afortunados de tener un gran número de líderes voluntariados quienes trabajan para hacer vibrante, unida y diversa a nuestra comunidad. Gracias a todos los que asistieron a la Cena de Premios Comunitarios del Corcoran el 22 de febrero en el Parque de Corcoran. Con más de 70 personas presentes, todos disfrutaron de la compañía, la música, y la comida preparada por el chef y los dueños de la nueva tienda de delicatessen en Corcoran llamada Vittles. Felicidades a nuestro ganador del Premio de La Carrera de Toda Una Vida Gerry Terryll, y al Líder del Año Mike Novak.

Estamos agradecidos los siguientes negocios del barrio por sus donaciones a la cena: Vittles, La Alborada, Salty Tart, Taco Taxi, Seward Co-op, Cub Foods y Acanthus Floral para the flores.

Líder del Año

Kabomelette / Vittles
Chris Sutton
Parker and Ellie Adams
Marvin Applewhite
Annika Mikk
Jane St. Clair
Meline Juarez
April Riordan

Penny Arcos
Matt Kazinka
Deanna Olson
Rae Jones
Mike Novak

Dorothy LaDue premio de logro de por vida

Anne Holzinger
Gerry Tyrrell



Marzo – Calendario Comunitario | March – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, March 2nd
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6 – 8pm

Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.
> For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>
> Questions? Eric Gustafson
eric@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, March 13th
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm

Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, March 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

Thursday, March 16th
Economic Development Committee Meeting
6 – 7:30pm

Monthly meeting of residents working together to build a retail environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents’ needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Wednesday, March 1st
Community Meetings in Support of Immigrant and Refugee Families
6:30 – 8:30pm

South High School, 3131 S. 19th Ave., Mpls.

Saturday, March 4th
2 – 4:30pm
Davis Service Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave, Mpls.
To offer support, MPS is joining with community

partners to host two meetings to answer questions and connect families with resources both in our schools and in the community.
> Find more information at: www.mpls.k12.mn.us/community_meetings_for_immigrant_and_refugee_families.html.

Tuesday, March 7th
Food Shelf Distribution
3 – 4pm

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

March 11th
Neighborhood Medicine Making
11 – 12:30pm

Pay-what-you-can donation – suggested \$5
Meet at Corcoran Park Building
Early spring is barking time! In this 1.5 hour class we’ll learn about the medicinal properties of the bark and buds of several trees and make a medicinal preparation to take home. Bring pruning shears if you have them, a paring knife, and a small (4 oz. jar).
> Contact corcorangrows@gmail.com with questions.

Tuesday, March 14th
6:15 - 7:45pm
Volunteer Orientation & Basic Training

As a prospective volunteer, you’ll gain valuable insights on working with older adults, handling various situations and Little Brothers -Friends of the Elderly’s practices and policies. Please join us!
> LBFE, 1845 E Lake St., Mpls., MN 55407

Save the Date!
Sunday, May 7th
43rd MayDay Parade, Ceremony, and Festival!

Tuesday, March 21st
MayDay Community Meetings
7 – 9:30pm

We invite you to join with neighbors and artists at the next community meeting in conversation about where we are as a community right now: our hopes, concerns, and images that resonate and inspire as we look towards this new year. For the entire month of April, Community workshops to build Mayday are held beginning April 8th on Saturdays from 9-11am and 1-3pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7-9pm. All workshops are open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meetings and workshops are held at In the Heart of the Beast Theatre’s home base, the Avalon theatre: 1500 E Lake St , Mpls, Mn 55407
Phone: 612-721-2535 or info@hobt.org

Like CNO on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and join Nextdoor to stay in touch with your neighbors.



Saturday, April 8th
Alleycat Spring Clean-up Parade
8:30 – 9:30am – Breakfast
9:30-11am – Trash pick-up

Traverse the “exterior” alley’s of our neighborhood and pick-up trash/recycling, stencil the storm drains and do creative education around our watersheds. There will be music, fun and food and an opportunity to talk with neighbors. Kid-friendly event. Bring work gloves if you have them!
> Check our facebook page for more details on starting location and engagement opportunities: www.facebook.com/corcorangrows

Events

Every Monday in March & April
The Theater of Public Policy (T2P2)
7pm

This spring, T2P2 will host two candidates for governor, talk with Minneapolis’s chief of police, examine business large and small, and attempt to answer “Where does our trash go?”
But what is T2P2?
Shows open with a lively conversation with a newsmaker or policy wonk. That conversation inspires a team of talented improvisers to create spontaneous sketches. The expert guest answers questions from the audience. The show wraps with one last round of improve.
Tickets: \$12 in advance · \$15 at the door.
Location: The Bryant Lake Bowl Theater (810 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis)
Learn more on our interweb page: <http://www.T2P2.net> or by calling the Bryant Lake Bowl box office at (612) 8258949

March 16th – 18th
South High Upcoming Musical Comedy
“How to succeed in business without really trying”
All Performances begin at 7 pm unless noted.
Tickets are always available at the door:
\$9 adults & \$7 students

Friday, March 24th
7pm
South High Music Concert
Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble I, Pop Singers, Varsity Choir, Wind Ensemble, select solos & groups. South High Auditorium
\$5.00 adults | \$3.00 students

Saturday, March 4th & 11th
TA-DA! Puppet Shows for Kids
10am – noon

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is pleased to announce our winter 2017 TA-DA! Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids series. Tickets: \$7 suggested donation (\$2 for Powderhorn and Phillips residents)
> 1500 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis
612-721-2535 or hobt.org for more information

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Friday - Saturday, March 17th & 18th
7:30pm
March 19th
2:30pm
Chamindika Wanduragala: *Fulfillingness' Rebirth*
Madeline Helling: *Brothers*

Friday - Saturday, March 24th & 25th
7:30pm
Sunday, March 26th
2:30pm
Patty Gille: *Bipolar Lite*
Allison Osberg: *Mythomania*
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is excited to announce the 2017 Puppet Lab performances, featuring brand new experimental work by four local emerging artists: Chamindika Wanduragala, Allison Osberg, Patty Gille, and Madeline Helling. The performances are broken up into two weekends with two shows each weekend. Chamindika Wanduragla and Madeline Helling will showcase their work March 17 – 19. Patty Gille and Allison Osberg will be featured the following weekend, March 24 – 26. Tickets are \$15 for each performance. For more information, go to www.hotb.org

March 26th – September 18th
Hennepin County Wags its Tail: 150 Years of People & their Pets
Hennepin History Museum
We all know Hennepin County residents love their animals. Hennepin History Museum turns its focus towards the historic experience of local residents and their pets for a new exhibition opening March 26th.

Saturday, April 1st, 2017
South Minneapolis Housing Fair
The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is all about connecting homeowners with reliable resources for maintaining and improving their homes. For more information, www.housingfair.org
South High School
3131 S 19th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Friday, April 7th –
Sunday, April 23rd
Pangea World Theater's: 5 Weeks by Meena Natarajan
2:30pm on Sundays, 7:30pm Thursday - Saturday
Pangea World Theater is excited to announce its 2017 spring production, 5 Weeks. This world premiere by playwright Meena Natarajan and directed by Artistic Director Dipankar Mukherjee tells the stories of those divided by the 1947 hastily drawn border of the British Indian Empire into India and Pakistan. This play, composed of narrative and music, evokes the history of the Indian partition and the effect it had on the generations that followed.
Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 groups of ten or more, and \$12 for students and seniors. For more information visit our website, www.pangeaworldtheater.org. Reserve tickets at thelabtheater.org and (612) 333-7977.
> Location: The Lab Theater, 700 N 1st St, Minneapolis, MN

Save the Date!
Saturday, May 6th
Midtown Farmers Market Opening Day
8am-1pm
Join us for the beginning of the 15th Season of the farmers market with a food truck fest and many other activities to celebrate!
> Location: Hiawatha Avenue and Lake Street
For more information, go to www.midtownfarmersmarket.org.

Youth Reporter Goodbyes & Welcome

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

From winter reminders to litter patrol, you called us to be respectful of all
From spotlights of old & new business alike, mouths have watered and charity prospered
From transportation options to a new bus sign, come on Corcoran, get ready to dine
From visiting the elderly to caring for a pet, volunteerism we will not forget
From Blue Tree Music to Autumn Daze, minds and spirits enriched in many ways
Muchas gracias Parker & Ellie, for your faithful contributions to our community
Since June of 2016, lifetime Corcoran residents and sis-

ters, Parker & Ellie Adams, have alternated writing articles each month. We thank them and wish them well in their new endeavors.
We now introduce ten year Corcoran resident, Zoë Riordan -- age 12 -- as Corcoran's new Youth Reporter. Zoë is a seventh grader at Sanford Middle School and is currently involved in the production, Xanadu. She also plays the cello, and is participating in GTCYS -Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony. Aside from her love of the arts, Zoë enjoys spending time outside...something she did not anticipate doing at the end of February!
Welcome Zoë.

My First March

Zoë Riordan | Corcoran Neighbor & Youth Reporter

On January 21st I participated in my first march, The Minnesota Women's March in St. Paul. My sign, "together, stronger, fearless," is a quote from the comic book, *Roller Girl*. I felt it necessary to use this quote in my sign because of all of the women and men and children gathering to march together. My sister, Alice, made a sign that says; "I am standing with her." and "I can be President." All of my family went, and so did

100,000 other people. I was marching for women's equal rights and for the act of feminism. The fact that so many people showed up will leave an impact on me forever. It means that I am not the only one that needs the world to change. I am not the only one that is afraid and angry. I know I will never forget January 21st, my first march.



Entrepreneurs Graduate From the Plan It Class at CNO!

Joan Bennett | Corcoran Neighbor

A group of local small businesses and aspiring business owners completed a 12 week entrepreneurship course held at CNO's offices. From aspiring restaurateurs to salon owners to yoga studio owners to graphic designers, the course participants brought diverse experiences and skills to the group.
CNO partnered with the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), a local non-profit that helps residents start and expand businesses. NDC develops the curriculum and deploys instructors with an expertise in small businesses management and lending to conduct this course in communities throughout the Twin Cities.
Over the 12 weeks, participants were guided through developing the core components of a standard business

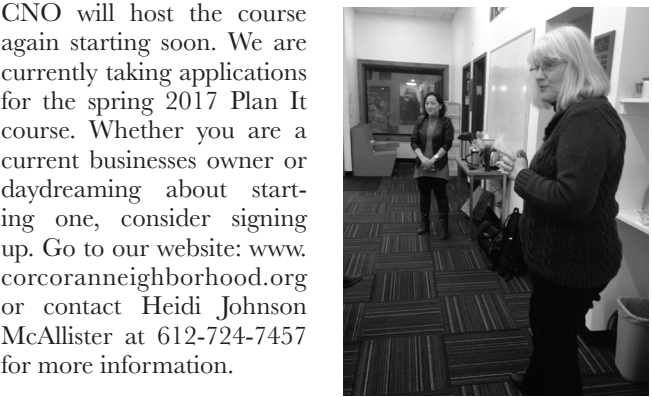
plan that is required to pursue small business loans or to court investors. Students left with a solid introduction in five core areas: refining business goals, market analysis, developing a marketing plan, budgeting, and bookkeeping. Even those who do not plan to pursue loans found the exercise an invaluable planning tool in prioritizing how they invest their own time and dollars in the business.
As an added benefit to participating in the course, students receive up to ten hours of one-on-one consulting with the instructor. After completing the course, students can access lending as well as low-cost or free technical assistance with marketing, accounting, securing retail space, and other core business tasks through NDC.

Thank You Corcoran!

Parker & Ellie Adams | Corcoran Neighbors & Outgoing Youth Reporters



Little Litter Patrol: Inspired by Parker & Ellie, some of Corcoran's smallest are hitting the sidewalks!
The Corcoran neighborhood is very special to us. We have had the privilege of writing for this newspaper for almost a year now, and we regret to say that this will be our last article as youth reporters. In this last article, we are going to highlight some of our favorite things about our awesome neighborhood.
One thing we love about Corcoran is the great access to transportation. Some of you may remember earlier articles, when we wrote about this. There are so many ways within our neighborhood to get around the city, whether it's to run errands, go out to eat, or go to school. We have Metro Transit and Nice Ride bikes available to us. We also wrote about the very informational brand new bus stop signs that Metro Transit has rolled out in the neighborhood.
Corcoran is also centrally located. We are not far from lots of great things like the annual St. Helena Autumn Daze Festival, Lake Hiawatha, and Lake Nokomis. It is just a quick 15 - 20 minute ride on the bus or light rail to downtown Minneapolis.
Another great thing about our neighborhood is the number and variety of businesses and services nearby. We have Everett's Foods, the ReStore, and Blue Tree Music Education, just to name a few (also detailed in some of our previous articles). In fact, new businesses are popping up everywhere. There's Vittles, which is the new deli neighboring Blue Tree, as well as the new Hennepin County Service Center that is going up across from the YWCA. There are sure to be more new businesses and services in a vibrant growing neighborhood like ours.
We also enjoy being outside in the neighborhood; whether it's to walk our dog Buddy while taking in the sights and sounds of this community, or doing chores like our litter patrol to keep our neighborhood beautiful, or keeping our sidewalks clear of snow and ice so our neighbors can get around without worrying about some of winter's unfortunate hazards.
The Corcoran neighborhood is a great place to live and grow up. We are very lucky to be part of this great community.
Most of all, we love the people of this neighborhood very much. We would like to thank the people of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization for letting us share our experiences and thoughts with you as youth reporters over much of the past year. This has helped us in so many ways, and we will never forget this experience. We truly hope that the incoming youth reporter has as much fun exploring the neighborhood as we did.



Business Spotlight: Vittles Catering & Deli

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor & Economic Development Committee Member



3507 23rd Ave S
Chelsea and Greg Miller
(612) 644-7856
<http://www.vittlesdeli.com/>
Corcoran’s culinary options have recently expanded! In a little storefront just across from the Chatterbox and open to the public for the first time in a more than a decade, you will find Vittles. Vittles serves take out breakfast, lunch and dinner items and evolved from Chelsea and Greg Miller’s food truck. Kabomelette has been an integral part of the Midtown

Farmer’s Market and our neighborhood for years, but the expanding business needed its own kitchen close to the chef’s home.
Enter Vittles. This location serves as the catering kitchen and is now offering neighbors a big bonus by filling a deli counter with a delicious array of homemade items that can be taken home and heated up for a quick meal on those busy days. On the go? They’ll heat it up for you so you can eat on the run or take it to work.
They also provide a simple means to purchase some of your favorite locally made farmer’s market items like Tootie’s peanuts and Winter Goddess Food’s tea or granola. Spices, BBQ sauce and Drew’s popcorn can also be picked up at this location.
Vittles’ concept is to offer an array of protein/entree options along with sides, salads, fruit and/or pastas. Today’s selection included Hoisin Ginger Salmon, Stuffed Portabellas, and Beef

and Broccoli. Their goal is to always have some vegetarian and gluten free options along with at least one simple pasta or entree that may be more acceptable to a child’s palate. The owners recognize the many dietary restrictions and challenges of feeding today’s family and hope their options can help simplify the task of satisfying everyone.
Hot soup should be available by the bowl or the quart daily as well as some sandwich options. An entrée/protein with 2 sides will run you \$8.99 and for just under thirty dollars you can build a meal for four. For current offerings and hours, check their Facebook page at [/www.facebook.com/vittlesdeli](http://www.facebook.com/vittlesdeli).
Less than two years ago, the CNO did a survey online and at open streets and 1 in 4 people wanted a deli in the neighborhood. Please stop by to congratulate them and keep them in mind the next time you need to bring a dish to a party or are feeling too lazy to cook!

Biking is So Delightful

Justice Sahaydak | Powderhorn resident



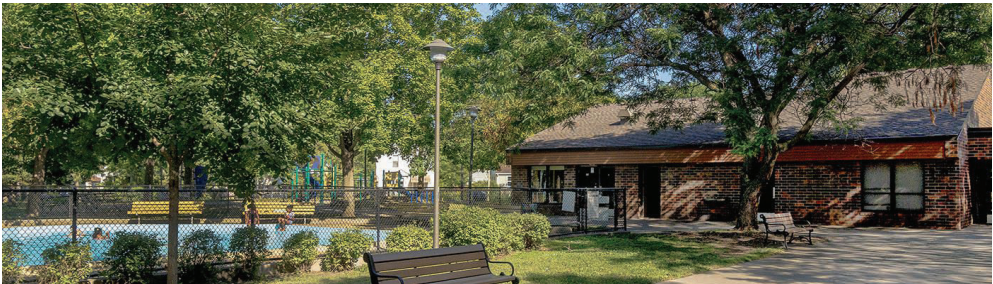
*Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But biking is so delightful
And since I’ve so far to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*
It’s not uncommon to see bicyclists throughout the summer. Actually, it’s more uncommon to not see bikers when it’s warm out- either commuting to work, riding

to unwind, or heading to the various mountain bike trails around here. Once winter hits, though, most of these riders disappear- swallowed up by their warm cars. Key word there: ‘most.’
Even as the snow piles up, even as the roads can double for skating rinks, even as the temperatures drop below zero, there are still bikers out there. It’s Minneapolis after all, known as one of the best cities for bikers in the USA.
It gets easier every year to ride through the winter, even after a heavy snowfall. With the growing popularity of ‘fat bikes,’ bikes with tires 3.8 inches or larger, bike shops can

help customers find exactly what they need to make it through a Minnesota winter. Often, these giant tires aren’t even needed after the roads have been plowed. A decent pair of normal sized, knobby tires work fine for everyday riding. When it’s icy out, studded tires will do the trick.
As more people ride through the winter and the city pushes for bike lanes on busy streets, cars are getting better at watching for bikers, even when it’s cold out. This higher alertness, the right equipment, and a great biking community all make riding through winter ‘so delightful.’

Corcoran Park Happenings

Cierrah Hansen | Corcoran Neighbor & Corcoran Park Staff



Enjoy dinner and a movie at the Corcoran Park Dinner Theater program. The Theater will be on Thursday, March 9th and 23rd, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The program ends on March 23rd. People ages 5 to 14 are welcome. Staff member Cierrah cooks dinner and shows a newer movie at the park. Contact the park the week before to pre-register, to find out the movie, and what Cierrah is cooking. The park staff can be reached at 612-370-4919.

Hayford Automotive

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor



On the afternoon of Friday, January 27, the Lake Street Dakota Pipeline Protest was getting ready to commence, and a van full of indigenous youth from South Dakota had made it all the way to Corcoran, but were concerned that a busted tire would not assure a safe return that evening. When they asked the church for help, I knew exactly where to send them: Hayford Automotive (34th & Cedar). Known locally for its policy of not turning anyone away -- even at closing time -- Hayford is as busy as it is

compassionate...as cluttered and greasy as honest and straightforward. The interior is neither sophisticated nor clean...I had to get the guys to put on their uniforms for the picture! And that is exactly the type of shop I knew I could count on in this moment of desperation... not some big outlet with red tape resisting any situation outside of ‘normal.’ Though Haji (the manager) did not have the particular tire, he worked his connections to find one and even gave the group \$50 cash out of his own pocket to make the pur-

chase. Little did Haji (who is Somali) realize that he was serving Standing Rock (which is Native), but that is the beauty of a typical day at Hayford. And that is Haji’s motto, *To help anyone who comes through our doors*. “I’ve seen too many people get taken advantage of in this industry. It’s different here. And to prove it, we back all our work with a one year warranty.” Owner Samuel Mulari began thirteen years ago with the golden rule, “you treat people how you would like to be treated.” Sam chuckled as he turned to show me a wall of unpaid invoices, “And sometimes, it comes back to bite you.” That is a risk Sam is willing to take, for the sake of maintaining a mission that is well-verified by countless reviews online, and stories, not unlike the one above.
For the month of March, bring the ad in this paper (on pg 6) and receive a free inspection with \$25 oil change. {excludes synthetic}

Ask The Yoga Instructor: Twists for a Healthy, Happy Spine

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner of Imbue Yoga Studio



Greetings! Mary from Imbue Yoga here, your cozy neighborhood studio next to The Future & Chatterbox Pub. I’m here to answer all yoga-related questions you may have and if I don’t have the answer, I’ll ask the cosmos to show me (just kidding; I’ll ask my trusted mentors).
Q: “Do you have any tips for spine health? I fear my bad posture is taking me down.”
A: The spine is SUCH a masterpiece. In between each of our vertebrae are fibro-cartilaginous discs composed of collagen, fibers & a “muco-

protein gel.” These discs act as shock absorbers and sort of resemble a jelly donut that squishes down every time we walk, run or just stand with the force of gravity. When we’re born, these discs are hydrated but as we age - alas! - we get drier. Even before age 40 some people show risk of disc degeneration. But never fear! There are a few things that help keep these discs healthy.
Water, rest, good nutrition and of course lifting using our legs instead of our back are key for keeping the spine young. Yoga postures

(asana) can also help to bring circulation into these discs and keep them lubricated. Please consult your health care professional before practicing!
Twists not only bring blood flow into the discs but also a great “massage” for the intestines to aid digestion and can have a relaxing effect.
Simple Twist Balance (ideally done after a brisk walk):
Stand tall. On inhale, gaze steady, lift arms up to shoulder height & wide open, and lift heels, coming to tiptoes. On exhale with core/abs engaged, stay on toes and twist to one side, arms wide. Still on toes, inhale, come back to center. Exhale and twist to other side. Inhale center, exhale and lower heels. Repeat 3 times. Lastly, heels down, twist to one side, hips stay center, allowing arms to wrap around your body. Breathe slowly a few breaths, abs lightly engaged. Unwind and switch sides. Back at center, rest, close eyes, hands at heart. Namaste.

The Civility Project Grows

Susan Hensel | Corcoran Neighbor & Gallery Owner

an initiative of
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The Civility Project kicked off on Inauguration night, January 20 and had it’s first work-group gathering Saturday, February 4. Around 15 people from all over south Minneapolis showed up to color and cut out sheets of buttons. We produced over 400 buttons that were sent out with workers and to distributors, people like you and me, in California, Illinois, South Carolina, New York, Florida, Kentucky and Rochester, MN. Since that work group day, 2 official affiliate groups have begun forming in San Diego and Chicago.
If you want to distribute buttons around the Twin Cities area, contact Susan at susanhensel@yahoo.com. And, tell people about

the project. Let’s spread the idea coast to coast!
Stay tuned for more events. You can follow the Civility Project at www.civility-project.com or on Facebook at The Civility Project.
What is the Civility Project?
The Civility Project is a non-ideological, community building /communication project that promotes understanding between opposing groups through the encouragement of story sharing and deep listening.
Community building and civil response, regardless of political belief, will be encouraged through:
• Local and national distribution of artwork that encourages non-violent communication
• Opportunities for gathering and conversation



• Networking across the United States with others who long for peace and civility in their neighborhoods and governmental units.
The idea is that we all will produce things such as buttons, imprinted pencils, yard signs and other things encouraging civil conversation that can be distributed free of charge person to person, in coffee shops, libraries, restrooms, transit hubs or sprinkled around public places.

A Gathering of Book Lovers!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff



Book lovers from all over South Minneapolis came to peruse the stash of books donated to CNO. While sipping Keen Eye Coffee, enjoying donated home-made treats (brownies, lemon bars, banana muffins, huckleberry scones, coconut chocolate chip cookies, and other delectables), attendees discovered good books to read for the rest of winter.

Thank you to the volunteers who generously donated time to sort hundreds of books, work the sale, or bake yummy goods, including: Jessica Hackner, Devin Tomczik, Kathleen Hoffer, Kathleen Lenk, Deanna Olson, Lynn Richardson, Jane StClair, and Cindy Butler. We are incredibly grateful for the donations of money and gift certificates from our business sponsors: Moon Palace Books, Realtor Bill Oliver, May Day Café, Keen Eye Coffee, Caribou Coffee, Vittles, Imbue Yoga Studio, and Shear Arts Salon.

Thank you to everyone who donated books or treats, and to all who stopped in and shopped! CNO raised over \$1200. All of the proceeds go to the work of CNO.

Community Dinner Continued...

on the CNO Board last fall, Marvin jumped at the opportunity. Marvin has continued door-knocking and engaging Corcoran residents who rent.

Annika Mikk

I nominate Annika for her volunteer leadership at the Midtown Farmers Market. Over the past two years, Annika has volunteered many early Saturday mornings to help with market setup. Not only does she show up at 6:00am on Saturdays, she has shown leadership in recruiting others to volunteer at the Market by bringing family members and groups of friends along to volunteer shifts and spreading the word about opportunities to volunteer with the Market among her fellow students at South High. We can count on Annika to show up when we need support, often with an enthusiastic crew.

Jane St. Clair

Jane recently completed a very active term of service on the board of the Midtown Greenway Coalition, where she served as the Corcoran neighborhood representative and helped lead efforts to make the Greenway safer, and to respond to crime. Jane also remains a core member and strong contributor on Corcoran’s Land Use and Housing committee. In addition to providing leadership on her 21st Avenue block for many years, Jane has been an annual contributor to planning and pulling off the Corcoran Book and Bake Sale.

Meline Juarez

Meline moved from California to Corcoran and became an immediate contributor and was elected to CNO’s board of directors, serving both as Secretary and Chair. She spearheaded efforts to improve the visibility of CNO’s annual campaign to raise dollars from individual donors from the neighborhood, pushing staff and board to do a better job of “telling our story.” When Corcoran faced the potential loss of over 80 units of affordable rental housing in 2016, Meline’s skills as a former elected official were on display, as she pressed our council member to support our residents. Her leadership has inspired and improved the service of staff, board members, and community members.

April Riordan

April is a stellar neighbor and leader on her block, and has been a transformative leader as Treasurer of the CNO Board. Using her expertise as a nonprofit professional, April has inspired stronger financial reporting, improving the board’s oversight of CNO’s finances. In 2016, April brought a new level of sophistication to the board, a “Mission Money Matrix” exercise allowing the board and staff to look at the mission impact and financial performance of its work creating more productive conversations about how to improve our work and set priorities. April has also provided stellar and steady contributions to CNO’s annual individual giving campaign.

Penny Arcos

I am nominating Penny Arcos for her leadership in our community organizing her third annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party at the Park building. This was a year-long endeavor requiring multiple levels of planning and storage. Instead of renting space, Penny recruited Corcoran neighbors to collect and store the shoe boxes and toys until the event. Fifty volunteers came together to pack 246 shoeboxes in a little over an hour for children in the Caribbean and South Africa.

Matt Kazinka

Matt serves as a CNO Board Member and Chair of the Economic Development Committee. Committee members really appreciate Matt’s ability to track tasks and lead an organized meeting. Over the past year, Matt has shepherded along very important projects! Favorites include recruiting local businesses for the new retail space at Lake and Hiawatha, and organizing a collaborative effort with local businesses to improve the streetscape at the corner of 35th St and 23rd

Midtown Farmers Market Seeks Community Organizations to Rent Stall Space

Mallory Forseth | Market Assistant Manager

Each season, the Midtown Farmers Market welcomes nonprofit organizations to reach out to community members at the Market by renting stall space through our Community Table program. A diverse crowd of approximately 1,500 community members visits the Market each Saturday and 500 each Tuesday to buy locally produced food items, shop for beautiful handmade art, check out live musical performances, and learn about the work of our Community Table partner organizations.



Community Tables offer a great opportunity for program outreach, awareness-raising, education, marketing, fund-raising, member or volunteer recruitment, and old-fashioned community building. We charge a small fee to help cover the administrative costs of running the Community Table program.

Interested in tabling during the 2017 season? Visit www.midtownfarmersmarket.org/participate or contact Mallory at info@midtownfarmersmarket.org for more information or to apply.

Ave. As staff at Lake Street Council, he also brings his professional relationships and knowledge.

Deanna Olson

Deanna Olson is a resident who shows up. She regularly volunteers to staff the information booth at the Midtown Farmers Market, assists with the Annual Corcoran Book and Bake Sale, and attends Corcoran neighborhood community events. At the book sale, Deanna works behind the scenes every year to sort books and set up the event. Her leadership at the Midtown Farmers Market provides enthusiastic and friendly customer service to market-goers. She is committed, consistent, and always a delight to work with!

Rae Jones

I am nominating Rae Jones for bringing a sad, anxious, angry, and fearful Corcoran community together in the wake of Paul Knobbe’s murder through an impromptu but well-organized candlelight street vigil. Multiple community members shared how empowering and healing the event was. The vigil brought much-needed support to those directly affected by the tragedy, specifically Paul’s fiancé’ and friends, along with his employer at Winner Gas. Rae’s efforts brought KG Wilson to lead the service, along with Paul’s pastor Becky, adding a powerful spiritual component. I can only imagine what Rae is capable of given more lead time!

Mike Novak

Mike has been a tremendous asset to the Midtown Farmers Market over the last few years. As the market was gearing up to transition to the interim location, Mike jumped into serving on the Market’s Advisory Committee and assisted with the market communications plan for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. He designed the new banners and signs at the Market site, t-shirts and tote bags, and other flyers and promotional materials for the 2015/16 seasons. Mike stepped up as a leader and joined the CNO Board as the Advisory Committee’s liaison. With all that he has going on with family and as a busy professional, Mike’s interest and eagerness to work with the Market and CNO demonstrates his passion for his neighborhood!

Dorothy LaDue Lifetime Achievement award Anne Holzinger

There are a few people in every community who seem to know everyone, whose involvement and leadership make things happen, and make community projects even better. Anne Holzinger is one of those people! She co-founded and continues to coordinate gardeners’ efforts at Milly’s Peace Garden, a community garden at 38th Street and 21st Avenue. In addition, Anne was the first to suggest land at 33rd Street and 24th Avenue would be perfect for growing food, an idea that inspired the Corcoran Community Garden. Anne’s involvement and leadership have been central over many years to a tight-knit community on her 22nd Avenue block, and has helped to grow the Corcoran GROWS transition town group in the neighborhood. And if you’ve been in Corcoran long enough, you may recall Anne served as the Organizer for CNO.

Gerry Tyrrell

Back before light rail came to Lake and Hiawatha, Gerry participated in meetings to brainstorm and plan for the redevelopment of land near the new rail station. One key idea to emerge was a seasonal farmers market, becoming a foundational piece of the 2002 Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan. Inspired by this vision, Gerry contributed hours of leadership alongside other neighborhood leaders to develop and launch the Midtown Farmers Market (MFM) in 2003. When the farmers market property was put up for sale in 2009, Gerry invested leadership and inspired dozens of resident leaders to convince decision makers and developers to preserve the Market in future plans. As a result, Hennepin County will build a public plaza to serve as permanent home for the Market. In May, the MFM will launch its 15th season!

2017 Vendor Applications Due in March!

Miguel Goebel | MFM Manager

As the weather warms, we are making preparations for the 2017 market season – our 15th year! Visit our website to access the 2017 application, www.midtownfarmersmarket.org, or contact Market Manager Miguel Goebel at manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org or 612-724-7457, for more information.

2017 Application Schedule and Deadlines:

- March 3: Priority Application Deadline (for all vendors except arts & craft vendors)*
- March 10: Acceptance notifications
- March 31: Priority Application Deadline for art & craft vendors*
- April 7: Acceptance Notifications for art & craft vendors
- April 8: Annual Spring Vendor Meeting
- May 6: Opening Day, Saturday Market
- June 6: Opening Day, Tuesday Market
- August 5: Final Payments Due for Annual Vendors
- October 28: Closing Day, Saturday Market
- October 31: Closing Day, Tuesday 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 collaborating with your neighbors to create a vibrant 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.



Las Solicitudes de los Comerciantes se Entregan en Marzo del 2017

Miguel Goebel | Gerente de mercado

Al tiempo que llega el clima cálido, nos preparamos para la temporada de mercado 2017 - nuestro año 15°. Visita nuestro sitio web para acceder a la solicitud del 2017 www.midtownfarmersmarket.org o contacta al gerente del mercado Miguel Goebel manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org o al teléfono 612-724-7457 para más información.

Fechas límite y horarios para la solicitud 2017

- 3 de marzo: Fecha límite para la solicitud prioritaria (para todos los comerciantes menos para artes y artesanos)*
- 10 de marzo: Notificaciones de aceptación
- 31 de marzo: Fecha límite de solicitud prioritaria para arte y para vendedores artesanales*
- 7 de abril: Notificaciones de aceptación para arte y vendedores artesanales
- 8 de abril: Reunión Anual de Primavera de Comerciantes
- 6 de mayo: Apertura, Mercado del Sábado
- 6 de junio: Apertura, Mercado del martes
- 5 de agosto: Fecha de entrega de últimos pagos para comerciantes anuales
- 28 de octubre: Clausura, Mercado del sábado
- 31 de octubre: Clausura, Mercado del martes

*Las solicitudes recibidas después de la fecha límite sólo serán consideradas si aún quedase espacio.

¡Involúcrate, Únete al Comité Asesor del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown!

¿Estás interesado en colaborar con tus vecinos y crear un Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown vibrante? Si así es, el mercado actualmente busca a individuos apasionados quienes estén interesados en ayudar al mercado con la planeación del evento, comunicaciones y relaciones públicas, recaudación de fondos, voluntario de reclutamiento y apoyo en días de mercado. Por favor contacta al gerente del mercado Miguel Goebel por email manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org o llamando al 612-724-7457 para más información y materiales con información adicional sobre el Comité Asesor del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown.

Heroes in the Neighborhood - Student and Staff Achievement at South Campus

Kellie Hoyt | South Campus Evening site coordinator

The South Campus Adult Education Center is part of Minneapolis Public Schools in the Community Education department. We have been in the Corcoran Neighborhood at 2225 East Lake Street since May of 2010, when we relocated from our previous site in Uptown. Our school provides free classes to close to 1000 adults daily; we accrued over 350,000 student hours in this building last year alone. Students study English language acquisition, reading, writing, math, computer and job skills in preparation for the GED, college entrance, and careers.

Students here are hard-working individuals with incredible life experiences: refugees, immigrants, and the underserved - all looking to create a better future for themselves and their families. We're proud to serve our community by contributing to a skilled and capable workforce, active and engaged citizens, and educated parents and adults. We have the pleasure of working with a diverse slice of community (residents of Corcoran and beyond) and the satisfaction of our supporting roles to their accomplishments.

A few of our students decided to use this community newspaper forum to celebrate the work of the school and staff, but it's the students who drive our commitment and inspire our dedication! If you're interested in learning more please visit our website at: <http://abe.mpls.k12.mn.us>

MPS Student Letters

Marvin Applewhite | Student & CNO Board Member

My name is Marvin Applewhite and I am grateful to be a student at MPS South Campus. For the past two years my self-esteem and confidence has skyrocketed with the help of incredible teachers who demonstrate patience, tolerance, acceptance, kindness, commitment, humility, willingness, and unconditional love like no other. I believe without a shadow of a doubt that if I had teachers like this growing up I would have been a great success. Nevertheless, my life has been a journey, and I am looking forward to becoming a productive member of society. I have already been able to get certified with the food industry through Serv Safe.

Thank you MPS South teachers for your hard work and dedication. Knowledge for one is knowledge for all.

Todd Campbell | Adult Basic Education

My name is Todd Campbell and I attend Minneapolis Adult Education South Campus. My fellow classmates and myself would like to ask for your help in spreading the word about a project that the students here are starting for our exceptional teachers and staff members. We will nominate a faculty member weekly for the WCCO Excellent Educator Honoree as a way of showing our appreciation for his or her efforts in helping us achieve our goals of GED, College Prep, and Job Training. With these goals, students are able to better serve their community, and this is why I would like for the teachers to be recognized by our community in the Corcoran neighborhood.

Thank You for your help!



“Rekindling Human Hearts”

Timothy Cameron – Speaker

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Minneapolis Public Schools will hold community meetings in support of immigrant and refugee families

Press Release | Minneapolis Public Schools

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is committed to being a safe haven for everyone. The district knows that recent current events have raised questions for some immigrant and refugee families. To offer support, MPS is joining with community partners to host two meetings to answer questions and connect families with resources both in our schools and in the community:

- Wednesday, March 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at South High School, 3131 S. 19th Ave., Minneapolis
- Saturday, March 4, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Davis Service Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Mpls

MPS is partnering with the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR MN), NAVIGATE and the Somali American Parent Association (SAPA) to provide information about changing policies, legal resources and social and emotional supports available.

Find more information at:

http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/community_meetings_for_immigrant_and_refugee_families.html

Están Invitados a Reunions con la Comunidad para Familias de Inmigrantes y Refugiados

presione soltar | Minneapolis Public Schools

MPS se compromete a ser un lugar seguro para todos. Sabemos que los acontecimientos recientes han suscitado preguntas para algunas familias de inmigrantes y refugiados. Queremos brindar apoyo en todo lo que nos sea posible. Junto con nuestros aliados de la comunidad, estamos organizando dos reuniones próximas para responder preguntas y conectar a las familias con recursos tanto en nuestras escuelas como en la comunidad:

- Miércoles, 1° de marzo, 6:30-8:30 p.m., South High School, 3131 S. 19th Ave. (Las puertas se abrirán a las 6 p.m.)
- Sábado, 4 de marzo, 2-4:30 p.m., Davis Service Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave

¿Preguntas? Por favor llame al 612.668.0198 o envíe un correo electrónico a osfce@mpls.k12.mn.us.

We Are All Immigrants | Todos Somos Inmigrantes

Carmen Lopez | Casa del Rey Church



believe God can change the President to make him see the damage he is doing to kids that were born here in the United States like he was.

Mis padres eran inmigrantes de México de la misma manera que cada persona aquí en los Estados Unidos ha tenido que venir de algún lugar. Los únicos americanos verdaderos son americanos nativos. La familia de todos los demás provenía de otro país, incluido el del Presidente. Una vez u otra, alguien de su familia tuvo que venir como inmigrante y enfrentarse a los mismos problemas que el inmigrante tiene que enfrentar ahora mismo. Nuestra iglesia está orando para que el corazón del Presidente se suavice porque la Biblia dice “Dios quita a los reyes y los establece” (Daniel 2:21). He visto a mucha gente cambiar, y creo que Dios puede cambiar al Presidente para hacerle ver el daño que está haciendo a los niños que nacieron aquí en los Estados Unidos como él y como yo.

My parents were immigrants from Mexico in the same way that every person here in the United States has had to come from somewhere. The only true Americans are Native Americans. Everybody else's family came from another country, including the President's. One time or another, somebody in his family had to come as an immigrant and face the same problems that the immigrant has to face right now. Our church is praying for the President's heart to be softened because the Bible says “God removes kings and establishes them” (Daniel 2:21). I have seen many people change, and I

The Incomplete Skeptic More Than My Mugshot

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



CS Lewis penned, “Hell is other people.” I thought, “What’s he talkin’ about? I love people and do not consider people “hell.” I summarily dismissed his words. While I believe it is important to have the courage of one’s convictions, I believe it is imperative to question one’s convictions. There’s always more freedom in a question than in its answer. So, I forced myself to suspend my belief system and examine his proposition open-mindedly and in so doing, reinvented my perception.

Let’s examine the very words we might use to either trap or free us and take a snapshot of our legalese, namely, the adversarial system and its language. When someone’s branded a perpetrator, it’s easier to call them a monster, or Inhuman, to demonize them. We do this in religion, politics, social strata and even regarding race. On a more subtle level, this demonization comes in gentler phraseology, such as, “Them” or “These People,” as if there is not a potential or capacity to harm others is present in each and every one of us.

Fortunately for everyone, very few of us act on thoughts we have when we’re angry or upset. It’s not illegal to be crazy; it’s only illegal to act crazy. But some of us have mugshots to prove we were behaving crazy. I do, but I am more than my mugshot. Though we might get booked and photographed by the police, we are more than our mugshots. We should not define ourselves or “others” by our worst moments. According to Attorney Emily Baxter, “We are all criminals,” or at least would have been had we been caught. All I can say is, “Thank God life isn’t fair” because if it were fair, many of us would be in serious trouble right now.

Every country and culture packages and produces both violence and forgiveness. If we fail to recognize the underlying humanity of those who commit violence,

how can we ever hope to change it? And how can we empower survivors to transcend tragedy if we are ripening a victim’s ability to feel ‘less than.’ Why enable safe harbor to staying at the victim stage? Forgiveness is an inside job. We forgive not because the offender deserves forgiveness, but because we deserve peace. Forgiveness exorcises the demon and relieves the perpetrator of its brand; the forgiver finds peace. Fail to forgive, and the beast stays with the victim in a self-made prison of relationship.

When a victim owns the responsibility of being a victim, they take their power back. Victimhood sheds its snakelike skin against the rocks of compassion, which are, ironically provided by those who have “dropped the rock.” When an offender takes ownership of their offense, they release the culprit status of self-made guilt & self-pity, which paradoxically represents another form of victimhood. We need to hang up the blamethrower.

The world is addicted to judgment, and lack of mercy is a global contagion. Stop defining yourself and others by one’s worst moments. We need to stop absorbing into our Collective Consciousness stories which don’t empower us. Run a spiritual virus scan on yourself and then purge the virus from your system. For this writer, God is the oxygen in forgiveness.

In a search for distillation of wisdom, I was touring a graveyard reading tombstones, hoping to find a lifetime of experience all rolled into a word or sentence. On an obelisk, I read, “The sins of our brothers we write in sand, but their virtues we carve in granite.”

“Hell is other people.” I focused on the word, “other.” Ah yes, it became apparent what CS Lewis might have meant. Other races, religions, political parties, orientations, classes, or the myriad of “other” Us/Them scenarios. ‘Look for the Good’ in any given person, place or thing, and you’ll find it. Quit spending time thinking about things you don’t like or don’t want.



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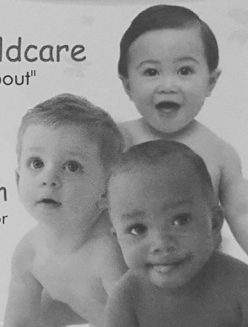
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CNO Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

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

Community members are encouraged to contact CNO executive director Eric Gustafson (612-724-7457, eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) with any questions about CNO Board business, to learn more, or to get more involved. CNO Board meetings are open to the public; find the next meeting time on page 2 of this edition.

Attending: Flannery Clark, Ellie Watkins, Russ Grigsby, Adam Tomczik, Evan Lee-Ferrand, Matt Kazinka, April Riordan, Mike Novak, Marvin Applewhite; also Eric Gustafson, Heidi Johnson McAllister (staff). Absent: Lisa Barajas, Alberta Smith.

- A. Call to Order at 7:10pm.
- B. Personnel

MOTION to appoint Ellie Watkins Secretary of the Board. Motion Russ, 2nd Adam. Passes.

MOTION to update Personnel Policy to clarify employee classifications, striking the word “salaried” on page 1 of the policy under “Regular Part-time employees.” Motion Adam, 2nd Russ. Passes.
- C. Land Use & Housing -- Adult Basic Education and Transitions Plus development at 21st & East Lake

Flannery provides an update on recent Site Council meetings at South High school, where Superintendent Ed Graff indicated Minneapolis Public Schools is moving forward with the Adult Basic Education (ABE) / Transitions Plus (T+) development at 21st and East Lake, despite some misgivings by South parents about the ongoing lack of investment or long-range plan for improving the South High campus and especially the existing outdoor athletic facilities.

Russ expresses concern that South parents are not being sufficiently heard or included by MPS in planning for the future of the campus. Others agree and point out that CNO sent a letter to the MPS Superintendent in Jan. 2016 and again in Dec. 2016 advocating both an inclusive approach to planning for the future of the South High campus, and to pursue a 25- or 50-year vision that considers the needs of the school building, the athletic facilities, and whole campus; many also agree that the power structure and politics of MPS have long been opaque and frustrating. Later, Ellie suggests that the Corcoran News (or South High’s news and information publications) could be used to help educate community members, especially South High parents, to understand the longer-term context in which much of the development and changes in the neighborhood are unfolding.

Adam describes proposed parking: 39 stalls at grade for visitors and 121 stalls below-grade for students and faculty, which Adam says is far less than the parking available to students at the current Adult Basic Education facility at 2225 East Lake.

- Adam notes ABE and T+ students are currently not offered discounted transit passes by MPS per information shared at CNO’s public meeting. Matt notes that new student parking will be accessible only to students with a parking permit; whereas the current parking congestion near 2225 East Lake is driven to a large extent by light rail users. Flannery notes the development plan is consistent with CNO’s (and the City of Minneapolis’) adopted small area plan for this area, the Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan. It also meets many CNO goals for density and ecologically sustainable design and building performance. Adam notes the development may inspire additional development on land immediately to the west.
- Flannery explains that MPS is seeking a letter of support from CNO, including specific language supporting a variance to the Pedestrian Overlay District to allow more than forty (40) feet of surface parking at street frontage along 30-1/2 Street. Eric notes that in a Jan. 11 email from MPS’ architect, MPS plans to pursue vacation (permanent closure) of the portion of 30-1/2 Street between the new development and South High’s track and football facility. Principal Ray Aponte also sent an email to Eric on Jan. 12 advocating closure of this portion of 30-1/2 Street.
- MOTION to support the the Adult Basic Education and Transitions Plus development as presented on January 5, 2017 with two conditions: 1.) that MPS work to provide transit passes for students and staff who will use the new facility in order to address residents’ parking concerns, and 2.) that MPS commit to making their capital improvement plan within 2 years and to involve CNO in discussions about the South High campus; furthermore, CNO supports a variance to the Pedestrian Overlay District to allow more than forty feet of surface parking at street frontage along 30-1/2 Street. Motion by Kazinka, 2nd Adam. Passes unanimously.
- D. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Heidi notes book donations are welcomed at the CNO office for the annual book and bake sale fundraiser scheduled for Feb. 4.

Russ distributes a draft roster of articles for the February edition of the Corcoran News.
- E. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION to Adjourn by April. 2nd Adam. Passes.

Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Thank You to CNO Donors

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

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

Thanks to the following residents who gave in January.

- LisaBeth Barajas*
 - Mary Buhr*
 - Stacey Burns*
 - Melanie Casiday*
 - Andrea Cecconi*
 - Fierce Ferments*
 - Jullonne Glad*
 - Russ and Jenna Grigsby*
 - Eric and Kimara Gustafson*
 - Susan Hensel*
 - Mary Jansen*
 - Matt Kazinka*
 - Sarah Lawrence-Lupton*
- Gwen McMahon*
 - Kim and Tom Medin*
 - Greg and Chelsea Miller*
 - Genevieve Olive*
 - April and Simon Riordan*
 - Kelly Savage*
 - Tanya Snyder*
 - Jane StClair
 - Adam and Devin Tomczik*
 - Andrew Zimmer*
- * denotes CNO Sustainers*

Building True Sanctuary

Alondra Cano | Ninth Ward Minneapolis City Councilmember



With President Trump’s executive orders on immigration looming over our community, many residents are asking themselves – how can we build a true Sanctuary City that wholeheartedly protects our immigrant families?

We’ve started to roll out that work on the Council, primarily as I led to establish a Sanctuary City Task Force that has been detailed to identify policy, program, and budgetary recommendations that can be brought forward to act as a stronger line of defense for our undocumented neighbors, our Muslim families, and our refugee residents. This work also includes having us invest significant time and energy in cleaning up and bringing teeth to our Separation Ordinance to ensure we have the most progressive ICE-MPD separation ordinance in the country. We expect a summary on all of these Sanctuary oriented efforts at our March 30th Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting which I serve as the Vice Chair of. I welcome the people of the Ninth Ward to join us for that presentation at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Since the election my office has also been more active than usual in community partnerships to address the oncoming attacks from Washington D.C. We have hosted at least two community forums attended by more than 700 people all together with NAVIGATE MN and served as the leading force behind the “No Ban, No Wall” press conference at the Minnesota State Capitol in partnership with State Representative Ilhan Omar and State Representative Ray Dehn. On Sunday, February 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at El Colegio Charter School we will continue to support these grassroots initiatives on immigrant rights, I welcome you all to join us then for a training titled “Community Rapid Response.”

It is not certain what else will be thrown our way in attempts to divide our community, but what is certain is that together we have and we will continue to build a strong base of resistance for our people.

Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-January 2017 to Mid-February | Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-enero 2017 a medio-febrero



Part 1 Crimes Corcoran		✕ UCR 01-02: Homicide (0)		◆ UCR 06: Burglary (2)	
1/12/2017 - 2/12/2017		◆ UCR 03: Rape (0)		★ UCR 07: Larceny (5)	
Total - 12		▲ UCR 04: Robbery (1)		● UCR 08: Auto Theft (3)	
0.799 PSMPD		■ UCR 05: Agg Assault (1)		✱ UCR 10: Arson (0)	

Corcoran News Survey Update

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

The Corcoran News committee would like to thank all who have taken the survey regarding your preferences in the newspaper. There is still time to take the survey, through Wednesday, March 1. You can find the survey at www.corcoranneighborhood.org. If you do not have access to take the survey online, please contact Heidi at (612) 724-7457.



Minneapolis landlord hit with largest fine in housing court history | Dueño de propiedad de Minneapolis golpeado por la multa más grande en la historia de la corte de vivienda

Randy Furst | Star Tribune

Stephen Frenz, one of the city’s biggest landlords, must pay a record \$187,390 fine for deceiving Hennepin housing court.

A Hennepin County court referee has ordered a Minneapolis landlord to pay \$187,390 for “bad faith litigation conduct,” the largest sanction in the 27-year history of housing courts in Minnesota.

The court found that Stephen Frenz, one of the city’s biggest landlords, had submitted a falsified affidavit and phony leases to try to persuade the referee to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a neighborhood organization seeking repairs on one of his south Minneapolis apartment houses.

The ruse was discovered by tenant attorneys at the start of a housing trial last year. The housing court fine is the latest setback for Frenz in his yearslong confrontation with tenants and housing inspectors.

“I have never seen a sanction [in housing court] even close to this number,” said attorney Lawrence McDonough of the Dorsey & Whitney firm, who has represented or advised about 10,000 housing court clients in Minnesota over the past 33 years.

But, he added, nor has he previously seen a case play out with such “bizarre conduct by the defendant.”

The Minneapolis Regulatory Services Department is attempting to strip Frenz of the rental licenses on his 62 properties. The city contends that Frenz falsely informed the city five years ago that he purchased the properties from Spiros Zorbalas, whom the city had ordered to get out of the landlord business.

The city moved against Frenz after last year’s housing trial, where Cockson and his team of four pro bono attorneys discovered that Zorbalas still had a financial interest in Frenz’s apartment buildings.

A hearing officer is expected to take up the license revocation case in late spring. “Depending on the hearing officer’s decision, the council would hold a quasi-judicial hearing and vote [to revoke Frenz’s licenses] in early summer,” Noah Schuchman, city regulatory services director, wrote in an e-mail.

Frenz also is the target of a lawsuit from Cockson that seeks class action status. In addition, Cockson has asked the referee, Hutchison, to refer the case to Hennepin County authorities for a perjury investigation of Frenz.

Hutchison has not indicated whether he will make such a referral.

Hutchison wrote that the size of the sanctions was aimed at both punishing Frenz and sending a message to other litigants who might consider such behavior.

Hutchison argued in his ruling that the fine needed to be large in order to be meaningful because of Frenz’s “highly profitable business” and that “any lesser amount would be ineffective in altering defendants’ cost-benefit calculations in future cases.”

He noted that testimony indicated Frenz’s properties generate \$300,000 in net income per month, his gross revenue is \$10 million per year, and his portfolio is valued at between \$30 million and \$50 million.

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Stephen Frenz, uno de los dueños de vivienda más grandes de la ciudad, deberá pagar una multa record de \$187,390 dólares por engañar a la corte de viviendas de Hennepin.

Un árbitro de la corte del Condado de Hennepin ha ordenado a un arrendador pagar \$187,390 dólares por “mala fé en conducta de litigación”, la sanción más grande en los 27 años de historia de las cortes de vivienda en Minnesota.

La corte descubrió que Stephen Frenz, uno de los arrendadores más grandes de la ciudad, había entregado una declaración jurada falsa y rentas falsificadas para tratar de persuadir al árbitro sobre la cancelación de una demanda de una organización de vecinos que buscaba reparaciones en una de sus casas con departamentos en el sur de Minneapolis.

La treta fue descubierta por los abogados de los inquilinos al principio del juicio de vivienda el año pasado. La multa de la corte de vivienda es el último revés para Frenz en esta confrontación que se dio durante el año con los inquilinos e inspectores de vivienda.

“Nunca he visto una sanción [en la corte de vivienda] ni cercana a esta cifra”, dijo el abogado Lawrence McDonough de la firma Dorsey & Whitney, quien representó o aconsejó a alrededor de 10,000 clientes en la corte de vivienda en Minnesota por los últimos 33 años.

Sin embargo, agregó, tampoco había visto previamente un caso desarrollarse con tal “conducta bizarra por parte del acusado”.

El Departamento Regulador de Servicios de Minneapolis intenta despojar a Frenz de sus licencias para rentar en sus 62 propiedades. La corte sostiene que Frenz falsamente informó a la ciudad hace cinco años de que él compró las propiedades a Spiros Zorbalas, a quien la ciudad le había ordenado abandonar el negocio de arrendador.

La ciudad procedió contra Frenz después del juicio del año pasado, en donde

Cokson y su equipo de cuatro abogados sin cobrar descubrieron que Zorbalas aún tenía un interés financiero en los edificios de departamentos de Frenz.

Un oficial de audiencia tomará el caso de la revocación de licencia a finales de la primavera. “Dependiendo de la decisión del oficial de audiencia, el consejo sostendrá una audiencia semioficial y votará [para revocar las licencias de Frenz] a principios del verano”, escribió en un correo electrónico Noah Schuchman, director del servicio regulatorio de la ciudad.

Frenz también es el blanco de una demanda de parte de Cockson que busca estatus de demanda colectiva. En adición, Cockson ha pedido al árbitro, Hutchison, referir el caso a las autoridades del Condado de Hennepin para una investigación a Frenz por perjurio.

Hutchison no ha indicado si realizará tal referencia.

Hutchison escribió que el tamaño de las sanciones intentaban castigar a Frenz y enviar un mensaje a otros litigantes quienes podrían considerar tal conducta.

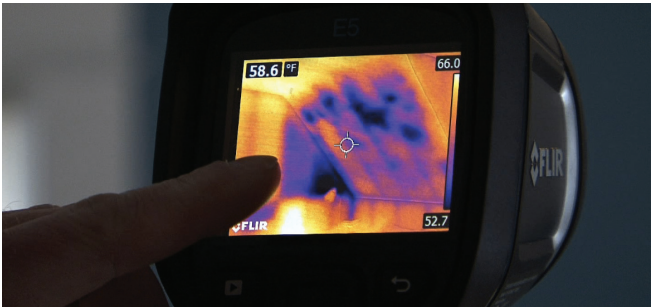
Hutchison argumentó en su decisión que la multa debía ser grande para ser significativa por el “altamente rentable negocio” de Frenz y que “cualquier cantidad menor sería inefectiva en la alteración de los cálculos de los costos-beneficios en casos futuros del demandado”.

Notó que el testimonio indicaba que las propiedades de Frenz generan \$300,000 dólares en ingreso neto al mes, su ingreso bruto es de \$10 millones al año, y su cartera de valores está valuada entre \$30 millones y \$50 millones de dólares.

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Home Energy Squad Helps Minneapolis Reach Clean Energy Goals

Press Release | Home Energy Squad



The City of Minneapolis currently has some bold climate and clean energy goals set for itself and its residents. One way to help tackle these goals is to sign up for a Home Energy Squad visit. Since 2010, Home Energy Squad has helped over 10,000 Minneapolis households increase their home comfort while saving money and energy on their utility bills.

In a visit lasting about 2.5 hours, a team of energy experts evaluate opportunities and install energy saving materials such as a programmable thermostat, a water heater blanket, pipe wrap, door weather stripping, and high-efficiency water fixtures and light bulbs. The visit also includes:

- A blower door test to measure for air leaks
- An inspection of insulation in attic and walls
- An infrared camera inspection

- A safety test on the heating system and water heater

At the end of the visit you will also receive a customized report with prioritized recommendations. If your home needs insulation or air sealing upgrades, the crew will give you a quote for the work and help you schedule that work with a qualified contractor.

And beginning this year, visits now include energy bill analysis (when the data is available), infrared images, and the installation of LED light bulbs.

To schedule your visit call 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/hes-mpls.

Home Energy Squad is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and delivered by local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment.

Mini-Grants for Energy Efficiency Home Improvements

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff



Residential property owners in the Corcoran neighborhood are eligible for a \$100 mini grant from 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 Feb. 10, 2017 are not eligible.
- Materials and/or contractor labor are eligible. Homeowner-installed work is acceptable but homeowner labor is not eligible for reimbursement.

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. Grants are limited to one per property. Funds are limited and there is no waiting list.

23rd Annual South Minneapolis Housing Fair

Explore services, get answers, and make connections.

Press Release | South Minneapolis Housing Fair



This free one day event connects homeowners with over 75 reliable resources for maintaining, improving and remodeling their homes.

The South Minneapolis Housing Fair features building, remodeling and landscape contractors, financial resources, informa-

tion sessions, neighborhood organizations, door prizes and special attractions.

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.

Join us on Saturday, April 1st at South High School

from 10am-3pm for this free event. There is tons of free parking! The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is an independent non-profit 501 (c) 3 that produces the fair to improve Minneapolis Neighborhoods and their housing stock. For more information, go to <http://www.housingfair.org/> or contact Gretchen Kuriger, Housing Fair Manager at 612-245-1357 or smplshousingfair@gmail.com.