



## Market Season is Finally Here!!! Saturday May 7th 2016

Miguel Goebel | Farmers Market Manager

As the temperatures have risen and spring rains have turned the landscape green, I've been pleasantly reminded that the 2016 Midtown Farmers Market Season has also arrived! Although construction of Hennepin County's Family Service Center has begun adjacent to the market site, Midtown will be operating in the same space as last year as we eagerly await our new home at 2225 E. Lake St. See the image below for our exact location for the 2016 season. In anticipation of our 14<sup>th</sup> Season, we've planned lots of exciting summer programming, entertainment and activities for our shoppers.

Be sure to get down to the market for our 2016 Opening Day Food Truck fest on May 7 from 8am-1pm as we kick off the season with a bang! We'll be featuring 6 food trucks along with our weekly ready to eat food vendors including Kabomelette, Fireroast Café, Akshay Patram, Peep's Hot Box, the Moral Omnivore, Gastrotruck and more! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to hear about additional food trucks that will be joining us. We'll also be hosting a blood drive with Memorial Blood Centers, so please step up and help save lives by donating! Entertainment for the day will include Jill and the New Gruv from 9-11am and the Gated Community from 11am-1pm; we hope to see you there!

The market will also be featuring Urban Ag Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> which will provide a variety of resources regarding urban agriculture and gardening. Youth Leadership Day will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> with a youth led cooking demo by Dream of Wild Health, young poets from TruArtSpeaks and youth led music and entertainment!

Some of the great items you can expect to find at the market in the month of May include: asparagus, lettuces, greens, spinach, green onions, radishes, rhubarb, seedlings, bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials, free range chicken, grass fed beef, pasture raised pork and lamb, eggs, cheese, honey, maple syrup, jams and jellies, kimchee, sauerkraut, artisan breads, baked goods, omelets, pakoras, pancakes, chilaquiles, bahn mi sandwiches, tacos, burritos, tamales, beef and vegetarian sliders, mushroom fries, samosas, pakoras, coffee, juices, bubble tea and a variety of local arts and crafts such as furniture, jewelry, books, clothing and more!

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

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## La temporada del mercado finalmente ha llegado!

Miguel Goebel | Gerente de mercado

Al tiempo que las temperaturas suben y las lluvias de la primavera han vuelto verde el panorama, me he acordado con placer que la temporada del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown 2016 ha llegado. Aunque la construcción del Centro Familiar de Servicios del condado de Hennepin ha dado marcha a un lado del sitio del mercado, el Midtown estará operando en el mismo espacio del año pasado, mientras esperamos ansiosos nuestro nuevo hogar en 2225 E. Lake St. Ve la imagen de abajo para nuestra ubicación exacta de la temporada 2016. En anticipación a nuestra temporada 14, hemos planeado muchos programas de verano emocionantes, entretenimiento y actividades para nuestros clientes.

Asegúrese de llegar al mercado para nuestro festival de apertura del Día de Camionetas de Comida, el 7 de mayo de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., mientras arrancamos la temporada de manera explosiva. Estaremos trayendo a ustedes 6 camionetas de comida junto con nuestros puestos de comida preparada, incluyendo Kabomelette, Café tostado, Akshay Patram, Peep's Hot Box, the Moral Omnivore, Gastrotruck y más. Asegúrese de seguirnos en Facebook y en Twitter para conocer más sobre las camionetas de comida adicionales que también estarán acompañándonos. También tendremos un centro de donación de sangre con Memorial Blood Centers, así que por favor dé un paso hacia adelante y salve vidas donando. El entretenimiento del día incluirá a Jill and the New Gruv de 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.; y Gated Community, de 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. ¡Esperamos verlos por allá!

El mercado contará con la participación de

Día de Urban Ag el 14 de mayo, quienes proveerán una variedad de recursos sobre agricultura urbana, jardinería y liderazgo juvenil. El 21 de mayo habrá una demostración de cocina juvenil por Dream of Wild Health, jóvenes poetas de TruArtSpeaks, música juvenil y entretenimiento.

Algunos de los artículos fantásticos que vas a encontrar en el mercado el mes de mayo incluyen: espárragos, lechugas, verduras de hoja, espinacas, cebollitas, rábanos, ruibarbo, macetitas, plantín, canastas para colgar, perenne, pollo de granja, carne saludable, puerco y liebre limpios, huevos, queso, miel, jarabe de maple, gelatinas y mermeladas, kimchee, chucrut, pan artesanal, pan dulce, omelets, brochetas, panqués, chilaquiles, bahn mi sándwiches, tacos, burritos, tamales, sliders de carne y vegetarianos, papas de hongo, empanadas indias, pakoras, café, jugos, té y una variedad de artes locales y artesanías como muebles, joyas, libros, ropa y más.

El Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown está ubicado en la esquina de East Lake Street y Hiawatha Ave, directamente adyacente al Midtown/Lake St. en la parada del tren ligero en 2225 E. Lake Street. Se frecen comidas frescas y locales todos los sábados de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., de mayo a junio; y martes de 3:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m., de junio a octubre.

¡Gracias a los patrocinadores de este mes!



## CNO Potluck & Board Elections.On May 18th

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## CNO Potluck y Elecciones de la Junta . El 18 de mayo

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Mayo – Calendario Comunitario | May – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Land Use & Housing  
Committee Meeting

6 – 8pm  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.  
Upcoming Agenda:  
A development team will present a proposal to develop vacant land at 1901 East Lake Street with restaurant and office space. Discussion to follow.  
1. Presentation on plans to develop Micro Housing on vacant lots in the neighborhood by a team of architects. The plans were developed through the Search for Shelter program at the U of M.  
2. Discuss Hi-Lake interchange study. Advance plans to engage residents during Open Streets East Lake on July 24.  
3. Discuss the nomination of a new Chair or Co-chairs of the Land Use & Housing committee.  
4. New business and announcements.

For more information and description about these items, go to [http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/land\\_use\\_and\\_housing\\_agenda\\_for\\_may\\_5th](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/land_use_and_housing_agenda_for_may_5th).  
> Questions? Eric Gustafson  
[eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Newspaper Committee

6 – 7pm  
Monthly meeting to plan the June edition of the Corcoran News.  
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
[heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
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Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Midtown Farmers Market Advisory  
Committee Meeting

6 – 7:30pm  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to support market staff in identified areas of need including fundraising, communications, operations, outreach and partnerships, and on-site support.  
> Questions? Miguel Goebel  
[miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org)  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S  
> See front page for information on MFM opening day.

Thursday, May 19<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.  
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
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Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Renters Committee

6 – 7:30pm  
Monthly meeting of residents who rent to advance housing rights.  
> Questions? Edain Altamirano  
[edain@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:edain@corcoranneighborhood.org)  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Reminder:  
Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Applications Due for Milly's peace Garden & Corcoran Garden.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
2016 Twin Cities Bungalow Club  
Home Tour



Join us on Saturday, May 14, for the annual celebration of vintage houses. The tour will showcase six homes and is a great way for homeowners to get ideas, chat with like-minded homeowners and contractors, and explore bungalow neighborhoods. Pick up a tour map with the homes’ addresses and descriptions any time after 10 a.m. at the first house. Tour starts at 2908 33rd Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55406  
Twin Cities Bungalow Club members free; non-members \$5 - No reservations needed  
> For more information: 612-724-5816; [mail@bungalowclub.net](mailto:mail@bungalowclub.net) or visit [www.bungalowclub.org](http://www.bungalowclub.org)

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Planting Celebration at the  
Gandhi Mahal Interfaith Garden

3-6 pm  
3201 22nd Avenue South, Mpls., MN 55407  
Join us in bringing our garden to life! Plant seedlings, help paint our garden sign, and enjoy delicious food from Gandhi Mahal with your families, friends, and neighbors. RSVP  
> More information at <http://mnipr.org/programs-3/interfaith-garden.html>

Events

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Heart Of the Beast's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
May Day Parade

8am - 1pm  
> For more information: Go to <http://midtownfarmersmarket.org/>

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Motion City Youth Group  
for 6th-12th grade

7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Meeting at Lebanon Lutheran Church every Wednesday in May  
> Location: 21st Avenue & 36th Street

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Corcoran Grows 1st Annual  
Spring Fest Event

Time: 4-7pm  
To celebrate the emergence from winter with our neighbors and the good folks of Corcoran GROWS.  
> Go to <http://corcorangrows.org/> and [www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows](https://www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows) for more information  
Location :Corcoran Park

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Midtown Farmer's Market Opens

8am - 1pm  
Opening Day Food Truck fest on May 7 from 8am-1pm as we kick of the season with a bang!  
> For more information: Go to <http://midtownfarmersmarket.org/>

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# Revisiting Kid Power

Frances Copenhagen | Corcoran News Youth Reporter



For my final column for the Corcoran News I have decided to provide an update on a story I first wrote about two years ago. Back then the Minnesota Legislature was in the process of passing The Safe and Supportive Schools Act. The House of Representatives had already passed the bill in 2013, but the Senate version stalled and was not voted on before the end of that session. In March of 2014, kids from my school joined hundreds of other kids from the Twin Cities for a rally at the Capitol. About a month later the Senate bill passed and the House accepted the changes in the Senate’s version of the bill. Governor Mark Dayton made it offi-

cial on April 9, 2014 when he signed it into law. Prior to this Minnesota had one of the weakest anti-bullying laws in the country. Now it has one of the strongest.

About a year before all this sisters Lauren and Victoria Coaxum co-founded Think Before You Type (TBYT) – an anti-cyberbullying and positive self-esteem campaign. (tbytinc.org) They were inspired to start TBYT that summer after seeing a lot of cyberbullying on the Internet, specifically on Twitter, and realized that nobody was doing anything about it. They felt they could either ignore it or try to change things. Through their anti-bullying empowerment work online and in their community Lauren and Victoria are great role models of something we talk a lot about at my school: Kid Power.

Originally from Douglassville, Pennsylvania, Victoria (18) is currently studying abroad in Indonesia and Lauren (20) is away at college. Despite being half a world apart they continue to be very involved with TBYT. Their organiza-

tion encourages other young people to use the Internet for good, raise awareness about the dangers of cyberbullying, and promote positive self-esteem. They post monthly dare videos, inspiring their followers to do good deeds such as performing a random act of kindness, setting positive goals and volunteering their time for others.

In an interview with the website MadameNoire they provide some examples of cyberbullying: “threatening messages via text message or social media, mean posts on social media, or even the unwanted sharing of pictures in a hurtful manner.” Lauren went on to mention, “Unfortunately sitting behind the screen of an electronic device makes some people feel bolder and almost invincible.” Victoria added, “If you feel that you are being cyberbullied, don’t be afraid to tell someone and block, unfriend, or separate yourself from the person who is bullying you, even if he or she is supposedly your friend. Friends don’t bully friends!”

In a blog, “Taking Time This Summer To Unplug,” the

sisters challenged each other and their many followers to try spending less time with their technological devices. “We’re going to work on spending more time with the people that matter to us while we have the time. Life is too short to be staring at a screen almost constantly.” I’ve already had the chance to ride my bike a lot and I certainly don’t need my iPad while cycling. Though I have seen some people use their phones. I hope your summer is full of fun with your family and your friends.

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As I mentioned, this is my final column as the Corcoran News Youth Reporter. I want to thank the staff at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and everyone around the neighborhood for your support these past three years. I especially want to thank Nawal Osman and Heidi Johnson McAllister for their personal help and guidance.

# Thank You, Frances, and Welcome, Parker!

Oscar del Sebastian and Heidi Johnson McAllister | Corcoran Neighbor and CNO Staff

Frances Copenhagen has been Corcorans’ Youth Reporter for several years, a frequent contributor on a broad range of topics: gardening, schools, little libraries, and energy efficiency. It has been a pleasure, an honor, and a great deal of joy reading and printing Frances’ work. The Newspaper Committee is grateful for her contributions and community commitment. We wish her well in

her future endeavors!

With Frances moving on from her role as Youth Reporter, we now present a new Youth Reporter to the Corcoran News! Her name is Parker Adams and she lives in the southern part of Corcoran. We are excited to have Parker write for us and look forward to working with her!

# My Experience at Blue Tree

Parker Adams | Youth Reporter



Hello! My name is Parker Adams. I play flute in my school orchestra, and I sing in my school and parish choirs. As you can tell, music is a big part of my life. Another way I am able to incorporate music into my life is through Blue Tree Music.

For a long time I wanted a piano, but even more than that, I wanted to learn how to play the piano well. My parents got me my own piano for my ninth birthday and I was ecstatic. We hunted for a place to get a quality education in piano, and we finally settled on Blue Tree.

Fast forward four years, and I’m 13. I’ve been taking lessons there for three years, and I can’t imagine a better place to do so. It is close enough that I can walk there every night I have a lesson, situated across the street from the Chatterbox Pub. The teachers are very friendly and supportive, and let you do songs that you like

along with the traditional piano learning series. They hold recitals in the spring that all the students are currently eagerly preparing for.

What’s even better about Blue Tree Music Education is that they offer a wide variety of instruments. They range from voice to cello to woodwinds, along with other classes like music theory and composing. These are just a few of the wonderful programs offered there. At Blue Tree there is truly something for everyone, no matter what you like.

Music has been such a big part of my life, and you can make it a big part of yours with Blue Tree. You can find out more by visiting their website, bluetreemusiceducation.com or by calling (612) 388-5014. Blue Tree is located at 3503 23rd Avenue South, in the heart of Corcoran, and it is rapidly expanding. I would definitely recommend Blue Tree to anyone looking to get a quality education in music!

*Parker has lived in the Corcoran Neighborhood her whole life, and lives with her mom, dad, and sister. She has one cat and one dog. Parker is more of a cat person and her younger sister is more of a dog person. Parker’s favorite food is Chinese, and loves it when her mom orders delivery from Hop Wong*

# The Jungle Book - Movie Review

Russ Grisby | Corcoran Neighbor



(\* contains spoilers \*)

As I write this, Disney’s *The Jungle Book* continues to hold off the newest competition at the box office with no signs of letting up. Director Jon Favreau (*Iron Man*, *Elf*) has captured Rudyard Kipling’s original intensity as he chronicles the adventures of an orphaned boy, Mowgli (a perfectly cast Neel Sethi), raised by a wolf pack deep in the jungles of Asia. The plot thickens quickly as Mowgli becomes hunted by a murderous, law-breaking tiger, Shere Khan.

Toward the beginning of the movie, Khan’s presence is intimidating, but not dominating, as he is sufficiently opposed by the wolves. Mid-movie, when he attacks and kills their leader, the pack wisely cowers, along with the audience -- the tiger has grown twice his size in our imaginations! What can stop this? Courage. Enter Baloo the bear, the hero of the film in many ways. His interventions are raw, violent, and loud... the opposite of his innocuous disposition and comical Bill Murray voice. In a rescue that takes place in a tree, a *Psycho*-esque screech (more on the composer’s contributions later) pierces our ears as the giant grizzly’s claws descend

through flesh. It is terrifying, yet a welcome terror as we the audience (along with Mowgli) are released from the hypnotic grasp of a serpentine monster.

As for Mowgli, he spends the first half of the movie trying to function as a wolf, and the second half (in part thanks to Baloo) utilizing the ingenuity of his humanness to protect his own life and the lives of his animal friends. When he saves a baby elephant I cried because of seeing this formerly depressed man-cub realize his unique ‘tricks’ (initially a derogatory term given by the wolves to discourage him from being “too human”). And this, for me, was the heart of the film. *The Jungle Book*, without sugarcoating our capacity for destruction, made me proud to be human. Mowgli’s mentor, the black panther Bagheera, tells him, “The elephants created everything in this jungle, but they did not create you.” Yes indeed, Bagheera! Humans are different and it is right to celebrate that. In the Bible, we read that God made humans in His image for a reason, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15). Caring for the environment is a distinct task assigned to us, and Mowgli’s resourcefulness on behalf of the jungle embraces such an understanding.

For my initial viewing I paid \$12 for IMAX 3D at the Minnesota Zoo and it was worth every penny. A big grin came over my face in the opening moments of the film as I realized I had just purchased a ticket to a Disneyland ride...I even

bumped into two Corcoran residents in the lobby of all things! On my way out I imagined how fun it would be to walk the park observing the bona fide animals from the film. This movie will awaken the naturalist within, and you may even find yourself scanning the next MCE for Tree Climbing 101.

I must admit I have been a snobbish hold-out to most CGI as “I don’t care to watch a video game, thank you very much!” But I was so immersed in the world Favreau brought to life that I truly forgot it was CGI, and you will too!

For the second viewing, I hnded over \$14 to check out the hyped D-Box simulation seats at M.o.A. The experience was gratifying (minus a sore neck: the result of leaving my motion level on HIGH), but I confess I struggled with the comparatively ‘tiny’ 2D screen after my first experience. Maybe someday IMAX and D-Box will stop fighting and realize their common destiny in our galaxy?

Award winning composer John Debney (*Iron Man 2*, *The Passion of the Christ*) has crafted a majestic score (reminiscent of John Barry’s *Out of Africa*) complete with ‘The Bare Necessities’ (the Baloo song from the 1967 animated classic) -- molding that loveable tune into a rousing post-climactic finish that will leave you cheering! And remember the scene with the baby elephant? Debney takes the silliness of the song, slows it down, and somehow finesses it into a tear jerker. And finally, be listening for his powerful use of percussion throughout, but particularly in two areas: #1

The Stampede #2 The Red Flower (particularly as Mowgli is running back through the forest at night)...wow!

I did not care for the voice matching of King Louie (the monkey king), or Kaa (the giant python). The actors (Christopher Walken and Scarlet Johansen respectively) did fine, but when linked with their characters, neither totally suspended my disbelief. I also did not appreciate Kaa’s ‘Trust in Me’ song playing in the credits. Why glorify a villain as if this were a James Bond film? And especially for children...they need to know that the villain is dead. Let it rest. Why awaken fear?

Parental Advisory: While this movie is free of cursing, sexuality, and gore, DO NOT mistake it as necessarily appropriate for younger viewers. It is extremely intense, from start to finish. Shere Khan’s cruelty (both actions AND words), is particularly unsettling. Re-watching the 1967 version proved therapeutically important to settle my own frazzled emotions. It is cartoony -- light, fun, and leaves you in charge of all of your senses. Favreau’s version plays you for a rag doll, at times dark, foreboding, uncomfortable, and completely deserving of every Oscar it will win.

Did you see *The Jungle Book*? Where and how? What did I miss? I’d love to hear your verdict. russ@lebanonchurch.org

# Thank You To March Donors

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Thank you to our residents who donated in March! We are grateful for your donation to support the work of CNO to engage residents and strengthen our neighborhood!

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## Business Spotlight: Winter Goddess Foods

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

Terry Williams and  
Nehemiah Inverse  
*Wintergoddessfoods.com*

It's spring and it's time for the Midtown Farmer's Market! While most people think of plants and fresh vegetables, our local market offers more than just thus normal farm fare.

Husband and wife duo Terry Williams and Nehemiah Inverse are creative. As writers, cooks, and bakers this Corcoran couple has been able to share that talent locally through Winter Goddess Foods. Their first year at the MFM they were invited to fill a market void. The usual coffee vendor was unable to finish the season and they were more than happy to step in. They loved the local market and have been there on Saturdays ever since. They say the great vendors, community vibe and seeing their fellow Corcoran residents all help make the market special to them.

Long ago they had decided to abandon corporate cubicles and make Winter Goddess Foods their livelihood. When talking with them, it is clear they truly love what they do and take pride in every detail. Their dream is to own their own commercial kitchen with living quarters and be able to rent it out to others when they aren't busy creating



their delicious goods.

While they no longer sell coffee, you may know them for their Tranquility Chai tea. This delicious recipe was developed for a fundraiser cookbook for Second Harvest Heartland. After revising the original recipe and substituting organic ingredients to make the formula less processed and more natural, they served it to a writer's group and received rave reviews and the suggestion to market the mixture. Always open to customer suggestions, they've developed both a Vegan and an Un-sweetened version. In addition, Muy Loco Cocoa is offered seasonally, in the fall.

The couple dedicates themselves to serving products

that are organic, fair-trade, natural and/or local. You will not find items made with corn syrup and even the sweet treats are not overloaded on sugar, allowing the natural flavors to come through. Each item is made with the intent to fortify the body, please the palate and lift the spirits.

To start your day with a healthy kick, they offer three granolas: Banana Walnut, Cranberry Walnut, and their special Sunflower Apple Raisin for those who may have nut allergies. All the organic oats come from Welcome, Minnesota and the Apples in the nut free version are grown locally in Farmington.

Caramel Moments and Butter Crunch Toffee are options for the sweet tooth

and Aww Nuts, which are both sweet and savory, feature organic cayenne and make a great snack while perusing the market. In the fall, one can special order homemade organic truffles as well.

Although you may find these items at over 20 local stores and co-ops, there is a reason to visit Winter Goddess Foods at the market. Terry holds both a State Fair blue and yellow ribbon. She brings her award winning baked goods and more each Saturday. Try oatmeal muffins, ricotta cookies and zucchini or wild rice breads -- all made fresh for the farmers market!

## Corcoran GROWS: 1st Annual Springfest:

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran Neighbor

When: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Corcoran Park  
Time: 4-7pm

Why: To celebrate the emergence from winter with our neighbors and the good folks of Corcoran GROWS.

What: Springfest has four distinct components!

1. 3-5min, Rapid-fire TEDtalks - Become educated and fascinated by the voices of our neighbors and their skills, passions and community work.
2. Garden/Garage Free Market - Air out that garage and bring us your unused or lightly used tools/seeds/plants/soil etc. You know what they say - one person's trash is another person's treasure!
3. Dinner Potluck - We will provide a hot grill and meat for burgers. Veggie option will be available. Please bring a side dish or dessert

to share. (You many bring anything you'd like for the grill that peaks your appetite or serves your dietary needs)

4. Local Music - neighborhood musicians come together to jam out for us as we eat, connect and browse of free market. Talent abounds in our great community!

Children's activities and playground supervision will be provided.

If you are interested in learning more about participating in our rapid-fire TEDtalks or volunteering for the event please contact Joe @ 612-722-6473 or email: corcorangrows@gmail.com

Corcoran GROWS is a group of concerned neighbors working to build a resilient neighborhood to transition from an extraction-based economy to a restorative, local economy that values community connections and knowledge.



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## In the Heart of the Beast Theatre's 42nd Annual MayDay Festival

Sunday May 1st 2016

Press Release | Heart of the Beast Theatre

**MINNEAPOLIS;  
4/6/2016:**

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre's annual MayDay Parade, Tree of Life Ceremony, and Festival is a much loved ritual of creativity and participation. For 42 years, MayDay has been a vibrant example of art as community building and place making in the Twin Cities area. For many

in Minnesota, the MayDay Festival is a time to honor the local community and contemporary issues, concerns, and visions for a better world with hand-built puppets and masks (many over 10 feet tall), music, and performance.

The MayDay Parade has long been a testament to the power of seemingly small things making a significant

impact. Community participants transform recycled cardboard pieces, clay, house paint, and fabric scraps into towering structures, gorgeous masks, two and four person backpack puppets, bike floats and more. More than 4,000 people of all ages participate in the Parade.

The MayDay Tree of Life Ceremony in Powderhorn

Park involves 300 performers of all ages enacting a pageant about the theme chosen for this year. It culminates with a resplendent Sun Flotilla arriving across the lake to the shore where the giant Tree of Life is then raised.

See the Community Calendar on Page 2 for more information



Yvonne lai MayDay Ceremony receiving gifts



# Wife in the Cities

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor

## Hi-Lo Diner

What does fried dough, a mobile diner car, and Lake Street have in common?... you guessed it, Hi-Lo Diner, the newest addition to great eats on Lake Street. But this is not your everyday restaurant; this place had a history, long before it was dropped into the old Taco Bell space on Lake Street. So, how does an old diner named Venus, from Gibsonia Pennsylvania, end up in Minneapolis? Well, Mike Smith and James Brown of Brownsmith and Forage dreamt up the idea of a traditional neighborhood diner coming to Minneapolis after getting sick of staring at the vacant lot across the street from them on the corner of Lake and 41st Ave. They teamed up with Jeremy Woerner and Pat McDonough from Blue Door Pub, and set out to make an approachable, family friendly, traditional diner experience in south Minneapolis. Hi-Lo Diner rounds out the unique dining



meant to literally come apart to move it where the business was back in its hay day.

Fast-forward to today and you will notice that Hi-Lo is packed with customers during their open hours. The concept is open early and stay open late, with 6:30a opening daily, closing at midnight Sunday through Thursday, and closing at 2am Friday and Saturdays. So, there is plenty of time in the day to get over there for a quick cup of coffee or craft cocktail and a “Hi-Top” I personally recommend the “Maine Squeeze”, which is fried dough covered in lobster



Maine Squeeze Hi-Top | Omelet and Hashbrowns



experience with executive chef Heidi Marsh curating scratch traditional diner food, a yummy list of unique cocktails via Dan Oskey of Tattersall Distillery, and “HI-TOPS”, which are made-to-order fried dough with filling and toppings, both sweet and savory. Once you step inside this 1957 Classic Fodero dining car, you are quickly transported back in time. The diner was transported here in pieces on two trucks. From there, Brownsmith Restoration lovingly and painstakingly restored it to its original glory. You truly feel that you went back in time to the 1950’s, as every vintage detail is in tact, with some additions being the kitchen, liquor rails, taps and a patio. The history is apparent as staff will point out the place on the center of the floor where the car was

with a citrus glaze, avocado, sriracha aioli, and micro arugula. Another excellent choice is the “Gary Coop’er, which is topped with buttermilk fried chicken, maple bourbon syrup, country gravy and arugula. And the best part is that you can head to Hi-Lo just as you are, no dressing up needed. The team at Hi-Lo is striving for a traditional approachable experience for Lake Street and Minneapolis, complete with great food and cocktails. Stop through for breakfast in the morning and dinner with the family in the evening....but do yourself a favor, and eat one of their delicious “Hi Tops”, you wont be disappointed! Rebekah Cook of Hi-Lo Diner was interviewed for this article.

# Stakeholders Will Need to Advocate for Hi-Lake Intersection Safety Modifications

Paula Holden | Corcoran Neighbor

A study was recently done regarding possible ways to increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles at the highly-traveled Hiawatha-Lake street intersection. According to the Streets.MN summary (link listed below), the intersection sees an average of 2,520 pedestrians, 3,910 people accessing train or bus, 675 bicyclists, and more than 33,800 cars per day.

The City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County commissioned the study, done by engineers who envisioned various different options for improvement, both small and larger-scale, that would cost varying amounts to realize.

The subject of the study

and potential improvements was discussed at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization’s Land Use and Housing committee meeting on April 7, along with Ward 9 Council Member Alondra Cano, who expressed her interest in hearing what the priorities of residents and other stakeholders would be regarding the options for improvement.

At this time, there is no plan to implement any of the options in the study, and it seems clear that if residents are interested in seeing some improvements to the intersection, we will need to engage other stakeholders, carefully examine the pros and cons of the various options that have

been proposed, and advocate for desired changes. The Land Use and Housing Committee of Corcoran will continue to examine the options and their implications for our neighborhood. The committee welcomes additional participation from interested neighbors!

The Land Use and Housing Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the CNO office, 35<sup>th</sup> and Cedar.

For more information and to read the study, go to [www.corcoranneighborhood.org/hi-lake-study](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/hi-lake-study).



## Meet Brettina – the new Organizer at Corcoran Neighborhood

Brettina Davis | CNO Staff



Corcoran Neighborhood Residents, I’m Brettina Davis and I am the new Organizer at Corcoran Neighborhood. Though I know I will be filling big shoes, replacing Ross, I am ready to take on the job and make it my own. I grew up in Minneapolis and adore the city, but I ended up going to University of Wisconsin Stout for four years. I graduated with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Cognitive Neuroscience. After I graduated I went through a few different types of employment; waitress, host, retail, social media marketing. After leaving the social media marketing job, and dealing with a great amount of discrimination there, I started studying black history to better understand my roots. This is when I sat at a table with my mentor (Mel Reeves), close activist friends (Thandisizwe Jackson-Nisan and Rose Engstrom), and some other amazing activists and we started the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar. It was only fitting that after an interview with Eric Gustafson, Executive Director at Corcoran Neighborhood, that I take a position that calls for change and equality in the community. Being an Organizer means caring about the community and making sure every voice is heard! I plan on learning Spanish so I can connect with all of you. I am excited to door knock, to meet, and to build in this community. Feel free to stop by and chat with me. Excited to meet all of you. Solidarity!

Brettina’s contact information is on page 2

## Meet Mallory – the new Assistant Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market

Mallory Forseth | CNO Staff



Howdy, neighbors! I’m honored to introduce myself as the new Assistant Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market. My interests in food systems work are fueled by personal connections to food and farming and I am thrilled to share those passions with others through work with the Market. I was born and raised in a farming community in Southwestern Minnesota, where both of my sets of grandparents ran small dairy farms. I grew up chasing kittens through the milking parlors, playing hide-and-go-seek with cousins in the cornfields, and cooking and sharing homegrown meals with family and neighbors after long days of hard work.

Although a Minnesotan at heart, I’ve been away from home for a while. After finishing a BA in Spanish and International Relations at SCSU, I spent 5 years working in higher education – first as a bilingual academic advisor for an Iowa community college, and then as an EFL teacher and administrator for a university in Quito, Ecuador. I come to Minneapolis most recently from Denver, CO where I completed an MA in International Development at the University of Denver with concentrations in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security and Program Analysis and Evaluation. During my time there, I also applied my studies to work with a local food justice organization and as a grant writer and program evaluator of USDA-funded agricultural development projects in Latin America and Africa.

Food and a relationship with the land drive my work because they have shaped who I am and are central to my sense of community. While chatting with vendors and advisory council members at our spring vendor meeting, I felt that same sense of belonging. It felt warm. It felt welcoming. It felt like home. I’m happy to be here and look forward to connecting with you at the Market.

Mallory’s contact information is on page 2

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## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Present: Lisa Barajas, Joan Bennett, Phillip Koski, Matt Novak, April Riordan, Edain Altamirano. Absent: Alberta Smith, Meline Juarez, Oscar Del Sebastian. Staff: Eric Gustafson. Guests: MN Representative Jim Davnie, MN Senator Patricia Torres Ray, resident Adam Tomczik.

Lisa Barajas called meeting to order.

Discussion on Strategic Planning was postponed to April.

- MN Representative Jim Davnie and MN Senator Patricia Torres Ray** discussed their priorities for and the politics of the 2016 legislative session including discussion of the bonding bill, the transportation bill, and the taxes bill, and support for rehabilitation of Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.
- The discussion also covered current CNO priorities related to rental housing, economic development, and land use and development. In response to concerns about the metro-wide trend of rising rents to pay for capital improvements in older, lower quality rental housing raised by CNO leaders, Davnie suggested possible legislation similar to a previous “This Old House” program where improvements would not add to the tax burden for a specified time period. Torres Ray offered to work with CNO and the Minneapolis Renters Coalition on a

### Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Attending: Lisa Barajas, April Riordan, Meline Juarez, Phillip Koski, Matt Kazinka, Oscar del Sebastian, Alberta Smith, Brettina Davis (staff), Eric Gustafson (staff)  
Absent: Joan Bennett, Edain Altamirano, Mike Novak  
Guest: Aisha Gomez

Lisa called the meeting to order, and introduced/welcome our new employee, Brettina Davis. Also it was noted that Aisha Gomez from Councilmember Alondra Cano’s office is here for updates.

#### Land Use & Housing (Phillip)

- MOTION:** The CNO Board will draft a letter to Metro Transit urging our involvement in plans for refurbishment of the Lake Street / Midtown LRT station on the Blue Line. Phillip announced that the Met Council decided to make repairs to the Lake St Station and the architect is 60-90% decided on changes that will be made to the Lake St Station. We thought that Corcoran should have input on the design. At the Land Use Committee meeting last week it was decided that Phillip write a letter to the Met Council letting them know that they forgot to incorporate the neighborhood’s input. Motion made, seconded and carried that the CNO Board draft a letter to Metro Transit and the Met Council in this regard.
- Redevelopment of 2225 East Lake and recent meeting with Hennepin County.

In order to receive updates on the development, a stakeholder/leadership meeting was held a few weeks ago with Hennepin County, the Developer’s side, a tenant recruiter and CNO representatives. The planned construction completion date is March 17, 2017 and due to unforeseen conditions with land fill, their contingency monies have been spent. They are currently 6 weeks behind schedule.

There was also discussion about additional signage for Midtown Farmers Market Banners along Lake St and other directional signage. Also discussed was the plans for the location of the Farmers Market and the sharing of parking with the Adult Education Center. Bathroom access will be in the existing bldg, and CNO will pay the cost of an engineer to maintain the restrooms during the farmers market hours.

- Redevelopment of 21/Lake and recent meeting with MPS. Lake St. and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave is where the new Adult Education Building will be constructed. The Master Planning Meeting for the South Side Campus and the location of the new Adult Education Building was held and Phillip Koski, representing CNO, had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend. This was due to short notice on behalf of the district. The meeting was not communicated correctly and the Board was assured that the next meeting would be attended. It was noted that it is necessary to create a Master Plan for all projects, even though there may only be enough monies to fund the ABE and Transition Plus building at this time. CNO wants to make sure that our thoughts are inserted into the conversation.

#### Chair succession plan

- Phillip Koski will no longer chair the CNO Land Use Committee. Phillip has been a crucial element in making sure CNO’s objectives in new construction are heard and his knowledge of construction codes has been a fundamental benefit in all meetings regarding Corcoran developments. The Board attempted once again to urge him to stay on. Nevertheless, it was decided that a Job description should be drafted for the position, indicating primary roles involved and our expectation of the applicant’s knowledge of existing plans and building codes. The Board requested that it be advertised in the Corcoran Newspaper along with a notice of a nomination process for the position, with the Board making the final approval and selection.
- Due to the communication snafu, and the absence of the Board’s secretary, there was a joint attempt to put together the March 2016 meeting minutes. They were submitted to the Board for review. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as written.

#### Strategic Planning – Discuss & finalize scope (Lisa)

- Five years ago the CNO put together a strategic plan due to different items that were influencing the organization.

statewide campaign related to low-cost rental housing issues. The future plaza to be developed at 2225 East Lake could benefit from a future appropriation from the legislature.

#### Committee actions & updates

- Midtown Farmers Market – It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Midtown Farmers Market 2016 Priorities as presented.
- Renters – It was moved, seconded, and carried to add CNO’s letterhead and name to a committee letter urging improvements to buildings owned by the Apartment Shop.
- Economic Development – entrepreneur class is full and will begin in April. Recruiting for 2225 East Lake retail spaces continues.
- Land Use & Housing – updates provided on Humanize Hi-Lake progress, 2225 East Lake and Corcoran Triangle where construction is underway; MPS moving forward quickly with development of a new Adult Basic Education building at 21<sup>st</sup> and Lake.
- Executive committee – Matt and Lisa met with Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) board members to discuss partnership opportunities.

#### Announcements.

#### Adjourn.

- They wanted to strengthen the relationships with other neighborhoods, stabilize funding for the organization and to make sure it was functional for the goals of the Board.
- There has since been changes to staff and neighborhood relationships and the Board feels that this is a good time to take up the original points and revise them to supplement future planning. Reassessing the past and deciding where to go into the future is crucial.
  - The executive committee and Board will take on some parts and staff will do other parts. Then the Board can review one piece at a time. It may be necessary for the Board to have a brainstorming session in the future. There was much discussion on how to engage residents input into the strategic plan.

#### Other committee updates

- Midtown Farmers Market – A Booth will be planned for CNO at opening day at the Market. The calendar for this year can be found on the website.

#### Comments by Aisha Gomez, aide to Council Member Alondra Cano:

- Aisha mentioned postcards being mailed regarding funding of the parks. Councilmember Alondra Cano wanted us to know that she is in favor of funding for the parks. Mayor Hodges has come up with a plan for 75% of the funding that is being requested for parks in the form of a levy. The levy will increase 1.4% yearly for 10 years. The expected proceeds — \$30 million a year — would be split, with \$20 million going to street maintenance and \$10 million to parks, a move that would assure that the parks backlog does not come at the expense of the city’s infrastructure needs. This could be done by early May. MinnPost has the plan on its website.

The study at Lake & Hiawatha has been completed. They will be attempting to simplify the plan so that they can get input on how to proceed. They also met with the County about doing a planting session along Lake St.

For the Renters Coalition, “Just Cause Eviction Protection” is also being worked on. But attorneys are arguing that it could be a state issue.

#### Announcements (All) and Adjourn

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

### Saturday, June 11th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Start spring-cleaning now for the largest neighborhood garage sale in Minneapolis! The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Standish, Ericsson & Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Last year 150 households participated - sign up today!

**For those who would like to have a sale:** The Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale is a community-wide event that extends from Lake Street to the Minnehaha Parkway, and Cedar Avenue to Hiawatha Avenue. Individual households will set up their own sales at their homes, and SENA & CNO will take care of the publicity, including advertising in the StarTribune and other media. We’ll create a “Sales Guide and Map” of all homes having sales that day. **To be added to the list of sales and to the map, simply call the SENA office at 612-721-1601 by Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We will ask you to provide:

- Your address
- Type of merchandise being sold at your sale

We’ll add this information to the map and guide to all sales, which is available **FREE** to all shoppers Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held rain or shine.

## Corcoran Summer Programs 2016 | Programas de Verano de Corcoran 2016

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Staff / Personal del parque Corcoran



Beginning June 6th, Corcoran Park will change to their summer hours, which are Monday through Thursday, 1-7pm and Friday from 1-6pm. These hours will continue all summer and end on August 26th. The Park has many fantastic programs for children, youth, and some for all ages, including Kindertots Preschool, Summer Soccer Fundamentals, Outdoor Field Games, Naturalist Round Up, Beginner Drum Lessons, Beginner or Intermediate Guitar Lessons, Bojutsu Japanese Martial Arts, and the Family Zumba Exercise Dance Class. For more information on times, cost (some are Free!), and description of the activity, go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisarks/Home> or call 612-370-4919

A Few items to take note of:

**End of School Carnival**  
On Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm, come celebrate another school year at the Carnival at in the Corcoran Rec Center. There will be a bounce house, carnival games, and crafts to do. It is open to all ages and free!

#### Summer Snack and Dinner Program @ Corcoran

From June 6<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>, make the Park a daily stop for an early evening healthy dinner meal sponsored by the Minneapolis Public Schools Food Service Department. Meals served through the Summer Food Service Program are free to children ages 1-18. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 5-5:45pm. A snack is served from 3-3:45pm.

#### Open Computer Lab (ActivePass Program)

Take advantage of Open Computer Lab to surf the web for fun, type up a résumé, or search for a job. The possibilities are endless! The computer lab is free and open from June 13-August 19 during rec center hours.

#### Ice Cream Social

Cool off, take a break and mingle with your neighbors while the kids wiggle and giggle with music and jump around in the bounce house. Your summer kick-off wouldn’t be complete without it! Free Ice cream, food truck Kabomelette, games, and bounce house.

Movie in the Park (Raiders of the Lost Ark with Spanish subtitles ) begins at dusk around 9:30pm. W 7/13 6pm - 11pm

Comenzando el 6 de junio, el parque Corcoran se adaptará a sus horas de verano: lunes a jueves de 1:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.; y viernes de 1:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. Estas horas continuarán todo el verano y finalizarán el 26 de agosto. El parque cuenta con muchos programas fantásticos para los niños, jóvenes y algunos para todas las edades, incluyendo Kindertots Preescolar, fútbol básico de verano, juegos de campo, naturalist round up, lecciones de batería para principiantes, lecciones de guitarra nivel intermedio o principiante, artes marciales japonesas bojutsu, y clase de baile y ejercicio familiar de zumba. Para más información sobre los horarios, costos (algunos son gratuitos) y descripción de la actividad, vaya a: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisarks/Home> or call 612-370-4919.

Tres cosas para tomar nota:

#### Carnaval de fin de clases

El viernes 10 de junio de 4:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. Venga a celebrar otro año de escuela en el carnaval en el centro de Corcoran. Habrá una casa inflable, juegos de carnaval y manualidades. Es abierto para todas las edades y ademas es gratuito.

#### Programa de refrigerio y cena en Corcoran

Del 6 de junio al 12 de agosto, haz que el parque sea una parada diaria para una cena saludable temprana, patrocinada por el Departamento del Servicio de comida de las Escuelas Públicas de Minneapolis. Las comidas servidas por medio del Programa de Verano del Servicio de Comida son gratis para los niños de 1 a 18 años. Las comidas se sirven de lunes a viernes de 5:00 p.m. a 5:45 p.m. Un refrigerio es servido de 3:00 p.m. a 3:45 p.m.

#### Laboratiro de Computación Abierto (Programa de PaseActivo)

Tomar ventaja de Laboratiro de Computación Abierto para navegar por la web por diversión, escriba un curriculum vitae, o búsqueda de empleo. Las posibilidades son infinitas! El laboratorio de computación es gratuito y abierto del 13 de junio-19 de agosto durante el horario del centro rec.



# On Scars and Gratitude

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



Maybe the Universe, Creator or God had me write this article just for you, whoever you are: I have had a large scar on my head since I was 19 years old. I don't hide it nor am I ashamed of my past nor wish to shut the door on it. I humorously call it my "Bacardi's 151 Scar". I also have other scars on my face from when I had acne in my youth. I generally pay these scars no mind, hardly even notice them and actually try to love them when I think of it. It's mind over matter. If I don't mind, it don't matter.

Scars are our Story of Living and anyone who doesn't understand scars' true meaning hasn't lived yet.

I was driving home through the Corcoran Hood and had a most curious feeling that maybe I have truly lived a good life. Feeling it and knowing it we are two different deals. This was the first time I felt it, or at least the first time I recall feeling it. I

probably have many years left for loving people, God willing, maybe even a great many years.

But let's rein in another idea into this beautiful prism:

One of the most beautiful sights I have seen was from a magazine of a woman who had a double mastectomy. She had tattoos covering her torso that were quite expertly arted. But the most beautiful part her photograph was not that she stood there, hands on hips with her naked torso showing off her mere physical beauty, but rather how her spiritual positively glowed. She wore a smile which left an indelible mark upon my consciousness as a human being. I will always remember her and by so doing, I become beautiful, too.

I suggest to you, dear Reader, that NOTHING can stop your beauty from shining, if you would simply allow ourselves to glow naturally, scars and all.

Let me share with you how I awake many mornings thinking about what I heard so many years ago in recovery: "Expect a miracle!" I had mixed thoughts about it when I first heard it, as it seemed like everything was already a miracle to me, even

the difficulties, so expecting a miracle seemed redundant.

And "they said" expectations was the center of gravity for much sadness, so why expect a miracle? Here's why: something FELT pure about expecting a miracle, like living on the edge of pure joy. When such a decision is born, a star is born, too.

Feeling like a star is sometimes problematic as we might be seeking freedom from the storms of life. What to do?

I saw a plaque on the wall of a Healing Room which read that we should seek peace in the midst of the storms of life. Many before us have walked on both stormy sea and upheaving land, seeing them as equal messengers on the pathway of peace which defies all worldly wisdom. Go through it and show others who need you that it can be done.

Finally, I leave you with the definition of friendship: Friendship is taking the time to learn someone's song, so when they forget it, you can sing it back to them.

"You will face your greatest opposition when you are closest to your biggest miracle." — Shannon L. Alder

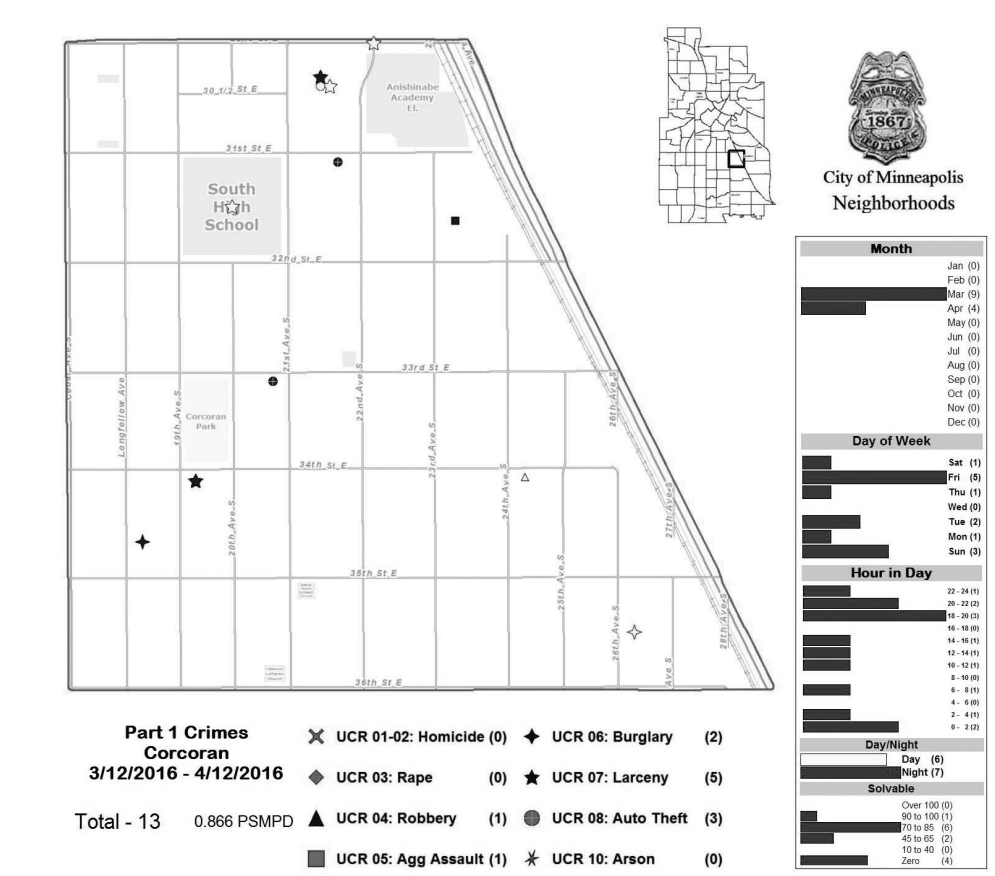
# Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

I will keep this short this month as CPS Karen Notsch provided a bike related article this month. A reminder that a public safety recurring meeting will be starting as soon as the logistics are worked out. This meeting will be for the neighborhood in conjunction with our MPD Crime Prevention Specialist. The hope this will be a forum for the neighborhood to raise and discuss public safety related concerns so that we can address them as a community. I will also be putting together a public safety and MPD relations survey in the near future for residents to fill out so that I can identify a list of main concerns as well as perception of how the neighborhood views the Minneapolis Police Department.

## Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map | Mid-March to Mid-April 2016

### Mapa de Delinquencias en Corcoran desde medio-marzo a medio-abril 2016



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

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

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

# RENTERS COMMITTEE | COMITE DE INQUILINOS

Edain Atlamirano | Corcoran Neighbor, Renter's Committee Chair & Board Member

A month after the completion of the lawsuit against QT, monthly meetings are being conducted with the owner of the property talking about extermination, repairs and major concerns of tenants backed by the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization.

Working together with the owner this month, fumigations began for every building and every building will be completely wiped out and will be inspected by a representative of the neighborhood Corcoran. Also, they will begin with the most important and urgent repairs in each department. This was accomplished thanks to the power and persistence of tenants who have fought for demanding their right to a fair and safe housing unavenged by the owner.

The Corcoran Renter's Committee is also collaborating in the lawsuit against the Apartment Shop, because in the neighborhood there are 6 apartment buildings owned by the Apartment Shop and conditions of these buildings are in very poor condition.

In the buildings live more than 90 families and these families are frustrated to see that they have little response and support from the city and housing laws are not respected. These families also become victims of discrimination by some own-

ers when they begin to ask repairs.

The neighborhood is collaborating and supporting these families by prioritizing communication with city council members and inspectors in order to have public officials and an administration support and treat people of color and low income equally.

If you want to join the committee, we would love to have you! Our next Renter's Committee meeting will be May 26 at 6pm at the CNO Office.

Un mes después de la finalización demanda contra QT, que se están llevando a reuniones mensuales con el dueño de la propiedad hablando de exterminio, reparaciones y las principales preocupaciones de los inquilinos en el vecindario de Corcoran.

Trabajando junto con el propietario de este mes comenzó a hacer fumigaciones para cada edificio y cada edificio debe ser fumigado por completo y será inspeccionado por un representante del vecindario de Corcoran, también van a empezar con las reparaciones mas importantes en los departamentos, esto es logrado gracias al poder y la persistencia de los inquilinos que han luchado por exigir su derecho a la vivienda digna y segura sin venganza por el propietario.

El comité de inquilinos Corcoran también está colaborando en la demanda contra de Apartment Shop, ya que en el barrio hay 6 edificios de viviendas y las condiciones de estos edificios están en muy mal estado.

Viven más de 90 familias y estas familias se sienten frustrados al ver que tienen poca respuesta y el apoyo de la ciudad y que las leyes de vivienda no se respetan, que son víctimas de discriminación por parte de algunos propietarios cuando empiezan a pedir reparaciones.

El barrio está colaborando y apoyando estas familias poniendo prioridad en comunicación con miembros del ayuntamiento y de los inspectores con el fin de tener un ley para apoyar y tratar por igual las personas de color y de bajos ingresos.

Si quieres formar parte del comité de inquilinos es más que bienvenido.

El día de nuestra reunión del comité de inquilinos será el 26 de mayo a las 18:00 en la oficina de Corcoran



# Register Your Bike in Minneapolis

Karen Notch | MPD

Bicycle registration is not a license. There are no hidden fees, no renewals with cost. This is simply to register the serial number of your bike(s). Serial number information is essential to increase your chances of recovery. It's easy and it's free and just takes a few minutes. There's one of three ways to register:

- Call 3-1-1
- Online : [minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/ga/WCMS1P-135608](http://minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/ga/WCMS1P-135608)
- 311 app: free download at google play, app store or [minneapolismn.gov/311](http://minneapolismn.gov/311)

# Garden Potluck & Board Elections on May 18<sup>th</sup>

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

You're invited to the May 18 Membership Meeting of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) from 5:30-7:30pm, to be held outdoors at Corcoran Community Garden at 3301 24th Ave S.

This is a free event and all are welcome! Meet new and interesting neighbors, eat grilled food with live music in a beautiful garden, and run for or elect your neighbors to 4 positions on the CNO Board. More below.

5:30 BBQ Potluck begins with live music in the garden! We'll have a hot grill and some meat and meatless burgers, and beverages. Feel free to bring food to grill or side dishes to share, or just come to eat.

5:30-6:00 New CNO Member registration. You

must be a CNO member to vote in the election. See below for how to become a member.

6:00 CNO Board Election begins while the potluck meal continues. More below.

6:30 Potluck and Socializing Continue!

LOCATION: Corcoran Community Garden, 3301 24th Ave S

In case of rain, the meeting will be relocated to Corcoran Park Recreation Center, 3334 20th Ave S.

Four CNO board positions up for election:

1. Chair (2 year term)
2. Secretary (2 year term)
3. At-Large (2 year term)
4. Land Use & Housing chair (community recom-

mendation for a position appointed by the CNO Board per our bylaws)

All Corcoran residents aged 18 or older are eligible to serve on the board and become voting Members of CNO. Register as a voting member of CNO by dropping by the CNO office or by registering at the May 18 meeting from 5:30-6:00pm (registration will close at 6:00pm).

Learn more about the CNO Board at [http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/join\\_the\\_board](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/join_the_board). To add your name to the ballot please contact Eric Gustafson, [eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.



# Green Zones

## Advancing a Green vision for low-income, high-pollution neighborhoods

Alondra Cano | City of Minneapolis Council Member



Imagine the summer breeze as you bike on the Greenway towards the new home of the Midtown Farmers Market at Lake and Hiawatha. But instead of smoke stacks and an open asphalt pit, you pass LEED certified affordable housing that is seamlessly integrated with the Greenway with an ample green space where families play outdoors. As you ascend the Sabo Bridge you pass a bike shop and an indoor urban agriculture food hub that provides green jobs for our neighborhood youth. This East Phillips Urban Farm, which offers year-round food growing opportunities, is one of Minneapolis' most forward looking developments. Neighbors come together to teach nutrition and cooking classes or launch small businesses selling jams, sauerkraut, or cold press coffee that they prepare in the commercial kitchen. A community Solar Garden

stretches out over the roof of the Urban Farm and on top of the LEED certified Minneapolis Water Yard. This is the vision that the Phillips community has developed for itself and that I, as Minneapolis Ninth Ward City Council Member and leading co-author of the Green Zones resolution, have advanced with and for our communities. The Phillips neighborhoods, located right across Lake Street from Corcoran, like many majority low-income, Indigenous, and People of Color neighborhoods across Minneapolis and the country, has a history of disinvestment and siting sources of toxic pollution and freeways. Children in Phillips and the Near Northside neighborhoods suffer from the highest rates of asthma hospitalizations and lead poisoning in the State of Minnesota. These communities bear a disproportionate environ-

mental burden- it is this situation of environmental injustice that Green Zones efforts seek to address. The vision of Green Zones is one where overburdened communities decide a future for themselves, as the residents of Phillips have started to do. It is a vision of economically depressed communities re-invested in, where Cities target regulatory and green community development resources at those neighborhoods that have historically been passed over. Passing a Green Zones Policy has long been priority of the Environmental Justice community in Minneapolis. Due to community pressure it was incorporated in the City's Energy Pathways Study and the Climate Action Plan, and was endorsed by the Environmental Justice committee of the Community Environmental Advisory Commission. It has been my honor to work with many of the community members who have been working to get this program implemented over the last several years in finally fulfilling this community demand. In February I was a lead author of a resolution passed unanimously by the City Council that established the

Green Zones working group, composed of residents from overburdened communities representing the cultural and geographic diversity of the City as well as representatives of nonprofits, business and industry. They will be developing screening criteria for identifying the geography of the first Green Zone(s) and working with the broader community in these areas to further define what Green Zones will be in our City. I look forward to hearing the policy, program and budget recommendations that come out of this workgroup and will continue to move this vision forward into 2017. I am honored and humbled to represent such powerful and dynamic Ward who has stood up for environmental justice, racial equity and a sustainable future time after time. Thank you for being the driver of this unique and much needed change!

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# Free Computer Repair, Support at Upcoming "Fix-It Tech" Event

Press Release | City of Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis and many community partners will offer free computer repair and technology support at upcoming "Fix-It Tech" event on May 19. If folks have a computer or laptop that is running slow, not working or appears to have a virus, they are encouraged to bring it in (with power cords) for free tech support. Volunteers at these events will teach valuable repair skills, answer questions, and give technical advice about computers and laptops. Computers and laptops will be looked at on a first-come, first-served basis. The consultation and labor are free, and volunteers can offer advice on purchasing parts online or at local repair stores. Volunteers may be able to help with smartphones and tablets

depending on capacity. Technology changes all the time, and a 2014 community technology survey showed that residents overall are not comfortable troubleshooting computer problems, installing software or backing up files, or protecting themselves online. These events let attendees ask questions and learn how to do these tasks themselves. The events also help community members see people like themselves doing this work and consider information technology as a career path. The volunteers get hands-on experience in problem-solving with help from onsite instructors. Find more information <http://www.minneapolis.gov/it/inclusion/WCMS1P-133562>.



# Corcoran GROWS: Food Forest Proposal

Joe Hesla | Corcoran Neighbor

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One thing I enjoy about having a yard is having fruit trees, grapes, raspberries, hazelnuts growing every year right outside our back door. We eat and also freeze many many gallons of raspberries and grapes each year. Our cherry and plum tree are also providing fruit. We have also gotten boxes of apples from our neighbors Jim and Marie that they couldn't eat from the apple tree in their yard. As enjoyable as this is for us, we know that not everyone has a yard. But we all share ownership in Minneapolis park lands Recently I found out about an exciting new possibility for some nearby Minneapolis parkland. Specifically, there is a proposal to convert the Hiawatha golf Course into a food forest. The golf course regularly floods and has to have millions of gallons of ground water pumped out

to maintain the viability of golfing on that land. The golf course also loses money. This idea originated in the mind of one of our neighbors just over in Standish-Ericsson neighborhood, Ryan Seibold. Seibold has a master's degree from the University of Minnesota Landscape Architecture program. It was Ryan's idea to convert that the land into a food forest. What is a food forest, anyway? A food forest is an intentionally designed edible ecosystem that hosts mutually beneficial plants and animals for food production purposes. It has fruit trees, nut trees, grapes, and berries and much more. The golf course sits on 140 acres of land (for comparison Powderhorn Park is 66 acres). A lot more people could enjoy this space if it was a multi-use park with a food forest. A food forest could co-exist with many things people want to see in

a new park: play grounds, recreational paths, playing fields and picnic areas. Part of the food forest idea is calling on the park board to implement a thorough community engagement process in the design of the new park with a specific focus on engaging communities of color and addressing racial equity. There are huge racial disparities in this city and any new use of public space is an opportunity to make improvements. The city of Minneapolis has not decided whether to continue the operation of the Hiawatha golf course. We hope that thousands of signatures on the petition will have an influence over our Minneapolis officials. I'm letting you know about this so you can talk about it with your neighbors and friends in Minneapolis There is a petition you can sign to get behind this idea.

The petition supports the creation of an ecological park and the nation's largest food forest at Lake Hiawatha in Minneapolis. If you like this idea please sign and share it with your community, friends and family. Check out the Petition here: <http://foodforest.nationbuilder.com/> There is additional information about the idea on the petition website. Corcoran GROWS supports this proposal. And it is being considered and discussed also at CNO. Corcoran GROWS is a group of concerned neighbors working to build a resilient neighborhood to transition from an extraction-based economy to a restorative, local economy that values community connections and knowledge.



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