

## Interview with Parks & Wreck (The Band)

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Resident

Corcoran Park music instructor, Eric Silva Brenneman, had a dream: take the School of Rock model (afterschool music lessons with the goal of getting students playing a concert before a paying audience) but make it accessible for all incomes in the community that he loves. And that he has done. Enter Minnie, 16, (Vocals/Bass), Oscar 17, (Lead Guitar), and Joe, 17, (Drums). Together, they are the latest version of Parks & Wreck (the name Eric's wife, CNO Board chair Lisa Barajas, came up with), and they have their first recording coming out soon, courtesy of Ideawerks at Powderhorn, a non-profit recording studio for the community.

There is no release date yet, but already a tinge of 'celebrity' is sinking in. "I can't believe it," says Oscar. "We went from being unknowns to, 'Hey, aren't you that Corcoran Band?' It's like a Hannah Montana to Miley Cyrus transformation, or is it the other way around?" "Oh, we're rock stars," jokes Minnie. "Don't we have like 40 likes on Facebook?" "Try more like 70," Joe corrects in all seriousness.

When asked what we can expect from the initial EP, Eric smiled and calmly replied, "Everybody will find something to relate to. I'll let the band speak for itself."

Joe says he borrows from drummers Chris Pennie and Matt Garstka of the progressive metal bands Coheed & Cambria and Animals as Leaders, respectively. I had the privilege of walking in as Joe was ripping a solo from "Zombie" by The Cranberries... taking me back to my own alt-rock days in high school. Folks, this guy can drum!

Oscar used to play piano in a jazz band, and now he's involved in hip-hop production, producing beats for friends. Apparently he has a punk version of Johnny Cash's 'Walk the Line.'

Minnie draws on Amy Winehouse, Adele, and The Roots, and prides herself on being one of only a select few female vocalist/bass players. She also hones her skills in varsity choir at South High.

Oscar and Joe are at South too, but they will be graduating soon, leaving some coveted spots for Maestro Brenneman's aspiring artists in the wings. And because Oscar and Joe plan on staying relatively local for college, they can come back to Corcoran as 'visiting professors.' With such changing of the guard, I couldn't help but be reminded of the classic film, Follow Me Boys, in which the older scouts come back as teachers.

During a recent performance at Open Streets, Minnie's sheet music fell down in the middle of a number, but she continued playing. "That's poise under pressure that you can't teach," says the Maestro, tipping his flat cap with pride. "I'm just super proud that these guys want to play and work hard, which makes my work easy." At one point, Oscar wanted to learn Queen's Under Pressure (if not familiar, just think "Ice Ice Baby's" bass line) a song even seasoned veterans struggle to perform. "It took them six months but they crushed it!"

To find more about Parks and Wreck, or to sign up for classes, contact Corcoran Park @ (612) 370-4919.

## interview

Miguel Goebel | Gerente del Mercado

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# Noviembre – Calendario Comunitario | November – Community Calender

## Meetings

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Land Use & Housing  
Committee Meeting**

**6 – 8pm**

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

For more information go to  
<http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>

> Questions? Eric Gustafson

[eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) - 612-724-7457

Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

> See page 6 regarding the new development of the Blue Line Flats.

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Newspaper Committee**

**6 – 7pm**

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

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister

[heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)

Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Wednesday, November 16<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

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> See page 5 for the Midtown Farmers Market article.

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Economic Development  
Committee Meeting**

**6 – 7:30pm**

Monthly meeting of residents working together to build a retail environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents' needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister

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Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

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## Community

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Food Shelf Distribution**

**3 – 4 pm**

Lebanon Church (21st Ave & 36th St)

(Always the first Tuesday of each month)

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**OCC (Operation Christmas Child)  
Shoebbox Packing Party**

**6 – 9pm**

Corcoran Park, Potluck Donations for shipping appreciated.

RSVP: Penny Arcos (612) 695-1786

or message her on Nextdoor

**Reminder:**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7am – 8pm**

**Election Day.**

Corcoran voters can vote at:

Corcoran Neighborhood Center

3332 20th Ave S Mpls. , MN 55407

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Soup Cookoff Event**

**6-8pm**

Come out on November 16<sup>th</sup> to sample and eat soup or chili with your neighbors! Soups and chilies will be voted on and prizes given to the winning soup. CNO will provide bowls, plates, napkins, eating utensils, cups, drinks, and breads. Bring your own bowl or mug if you wish!

> To enter, contact Heidi Johnson McAllister at CNO with the type of soup you will bring. [Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.

> See page 3 for more information.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Give to the Max Day**

**12am-11:59pm**

Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by donating \$10 or more within 24 hours. Your generosity will impact Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and the Midtown Farmers Market to help us to continue to unite neighbors and to strengthen our community. Please join us on November 17, 2016, for Give to the Max Day by giving a one time or sustaining gift at [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org). Find us by searching for CNO.

> For more information on Give to the Max and CNO's goals, go to page 7.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Corcoran Art Crawl Meeting!**

**6pm**

Anyone interested in participating in the 2017 Art Crawl is invited to attend our next meeting.

> For details, contact Chris at [Rococodada@aol.com](mailto:Rococodada@aol.com)

## Events



**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**11am – 7pm**

**Powderhorn Empty Bowls**

Come together with friends and family for a meal of soup and bread. Choose a hand-made bowl for your meal and make a donation. When you leave, take your bowl home with you – now empty – as a reminder you've done something good to help your neighbors. Powderhorn Empty Bowls is a labor of love for hundreds of volunteers. Visit <http://powderhornemptybowls.org> or like us on Facebook!

> Location: Powderhorn Park Recreation Center

3400 15th Ave S, Minneapolis

> see page 4 for more information.

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**The 11th Annual Green Gifts Fair**

**10am-5pm**

Kick off the holiday season with Do It Green! Minnesota's 11th Annual Green Gifts Fair. Shop for all of your green gifts in one place!

**HIGHLIGHTS AT THE FAIR**

80+ local, ecofriendly artists and businesses, food samples, nature activities, photo booth, family passport with prizes, music, silent auction, free transit rides, puppet show and more! Visit [www.doitgreen.org](http://www.doitgreen.org) for more details.



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## “Sing Me (the Meek Shall Inherit the Earth)”

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor

you sing me of moon's  
reflection on ocean waves,  
horses running wild,  
an eagle's flight  
and freedom's night

sing me of raven skies,  
& stars soft like flowers in your velvet eyes.  
veil wings of butterfly blend  
tangerine moons,  
lavender sunsets,  
wrapped in clouds' opaque surprise

love  
hope  
&  
laughter

lemon sun rises upon our fresh cheeks  
as radiant gleams  
birth gentle sighs & smiles,  
meek

## Bilingual Prayerline | Bilingüe Linea de Oracion

Carmen Lopez | Member of Casa del Rey Church

Hello, my name is Carmen. I am a member of Casa del Rey church (21st Ave & 36th St) in the Corcoran Neighborhood. We have a prayer ministry, and that includes praying to God for the needs of our community.



If you would like prayer, you may call our Prayerline Wednesdays at any time from 8pm to 9pm. I will be happy to pray with you. I have seen God do amazing miracles for people in the name of Jesus. The Bible says, “The kingdom of God is near” (Luke 10:9).

Each Wednesday, dial (641) 715-3580 and enter access code: 497-108-414#. You may stay on for as long or as short as you like. I will be on at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. I look forward to praying with you.

Hola, mi nombre es Carmen. Soy miembro de iglesia Casa del Rey (21 Ave & 36th St) en el barrio de Corcoran. Tenemos un Ministerio de oración, y que incluye orando a Dios por las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. Si desea oración, puede llamar a nuestros linea de oracion en cualquier momento desde 8pm a 9pm. Estaré feliz de orar por usted. He visto a Dios hacer milagros sorprendentes para las personas en nombre de Jesús. La Biblia dice, “El Reino de Dios está cerca” (Lucas 10:9).

Cada miércoles, marque (641) 715-3580 y entrar el código de acceso: 497-108-414 #. Usted puede permanecer tan largo o tan corto como quieras. estare a las 8:00pm y terminare a las 9:00pm. y desearia orar por ti.

## Corcoran Soup Cookoff

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

There's nothing better than warm soup on a brisk evening in November – except, of course, gathering together with friends and neighbors for the annual Corcoran Soup Cookoff!

- Mark your calendar **for Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the CNO office** (3451 Cedar Avenue South) and plan to bring the whole family! Bread, beverages, and desserts will be provided.
- Bowls and utensils will be available, but we encourage you to bring your own mug or bowl for soup.
- There will be plenty of space to mingle and eat, along with childcare activities.
- If you are interested in entering a soup or chili please contact Heidi Johnson McAllister: 612-724-7457 / heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org

Any and all are encouraged to enter! If possible, all entries need to bring their soup in slow-cooker to stay warm and with proper serving utensils.



## Bus Stop Sign Improvements in Corcoran and around the Twin Cities

Parker Adams | Youth Reporter

Hello! This month I will be doing a follow-up report on my previous article, “Transportation Options in Corcoran Neighborhood.”

As many of you may have noticed, new and improved bus signs have been popping up around the city. They can even be found in our own neighborhood. Wendy Adams, a member of our community, even helped design them. In this article, I will be highlighting some of the features the new bus stop signs include.

Starting at the top of the new signs, you can find the route number. This is the route that will serve the bus stop. If you find multiple numbers at the top of the sign, multiple route numbers serve that bus stop. This already is an improvement over the old bus signs, which had no information of that nature at all.

Under the route number you will find the bus stop number. With this number, you can get a wide variety of information if you visit [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org). The bus

stop number gives you quick access to planning trips via NexTrip, which is real time information system about when the next bus is due at the stop. Next to the bus stop number on the sign, you will see the resources to text, visit, or call Metro Transit for more information. The text feature is relatively new. Now you can text your stop number to 27299, and get information on the next 5 bus departures from your bus stop sent to your phone via text message.

If your bus stop has a higher boarding rate, your new sign will include a map panel and frequency table. The frequency table can prove to be very helpful. Say you missed your bus: With the new chart, you will know how many minutes it will be until the next one arrives! No more just waiting around and hoping. Now you have the facts. At any time, you will know approximately when your next bus will arrive. Helpful!

Another new feature for high boarding rate stops is

the map. The map explains the route the bus will travel to get to your destination. It also explains where the different letters of a bus route will travel to. For example, our own route 22 has four letters: A, B, C, and D. The route 22 variations A, B, and C continue on, and end at the Brooklyn Center Transit Center. The 22 D; however, ends at the intersection of 69th Avenue North and Humboldt Avenue North. This information can all be found on the convenient new map panel of the new bus stop signs.

These new bus stop signs are both very helpful and aesthetically pleasing. All of the above mentioned features lead to a more pleasant experience with public transportation. Metro Transit is currently about halfway done with the installations of the new bus stop signs around the Twin Cities. They plan to be done around the summer of 2017. Thanks for reading, and go out and take that bus. You might see a new sign in the process!



## Shoebox Packing Party Interview

Russ Grigsby | Corcoran Neighbor / Vecino de Corcoran

It's 8:01am and a Nextdoor alert has just been posted: 'free stuff for the taking in alley.' Eight minutes later, before a waking neighborhood can even manage a reply, the 'stuff' is gone. All that's left in the alley is smoke from the tires of a Schwinn that peeled off with the contents hanging out of the bike's basket. Miscellaneous office supplies and toys have a new owner, and Penny Arcos is happy to keep it that way. She's a collector who does not shed one tear for monopolizing Nextdoor's alley alerts. “This isn't for a science habitat project or to fulfill my lifelong pent up dream of fashioning a working 19th century camera from a shoebox. It's for a child in need halfway across the world.”

Recently I sat down with the Corcoran resident about a unique outreach that is taking place at the park building on the first Friday of this month. It's called OCC (Operation Christmas Child), and since 1993, has delivered more than 130 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children, through people like Penny. Billed as the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, OCC seeks to bring God's love to children who otherwise would not have gifts to open on Christmas.

I asked Penny how she got started. “Several years ago I was looking for something significant to do with my son Angel to serve others less fortunate than ourselves. At the KTIS shoebox drop-off party, we started hearing stories of how these shoeboxes were impacting lives. For instance, 7-year-old Alex in Rwanda

ended up in an orphanage. The shoebox showed him that somebody still cared. He has now been adopted by a family in Minnesota and delivers shoeboxes to the orphanage where he grew up. Angel and I got to meet Alex in person two years ago, and that's when I got hooked. I started collecting gifts year-round to see how many boxes I could pack.”

When she realized that she was amassing a significant number of gifts and shoeboxes, Penny resolved to host her very first packing party. “I was a nervous wreck. I handed out three hundred invitations and didn't hear anything back. Only a few friends and my gardening partner Silvia Pérez Sánchez, of Mujeres en Acción y Poder, showed up. Along with two of her children, Sylvia helped me pack about a hundred boxes total, but it took us two full evenings!” That was 2014.

In 2015, Penny set out to do the same amount but in one evening. This time she had thirty people, and did well over 100 boxes in just one hour of packing, leaving time to share a potluck meal with her helpers. Ryan Flanders, the park director, welcomed the event. He set up tables for the potluck and assembly lines for packing, with races to see who could pack the most shoeboxes in twenty minutes.

Enter 2016. Scattered throughout Corcoran helping Penny store shoeboxes and toys is literally a network of people who have generously opened their garages and basements. She esti-

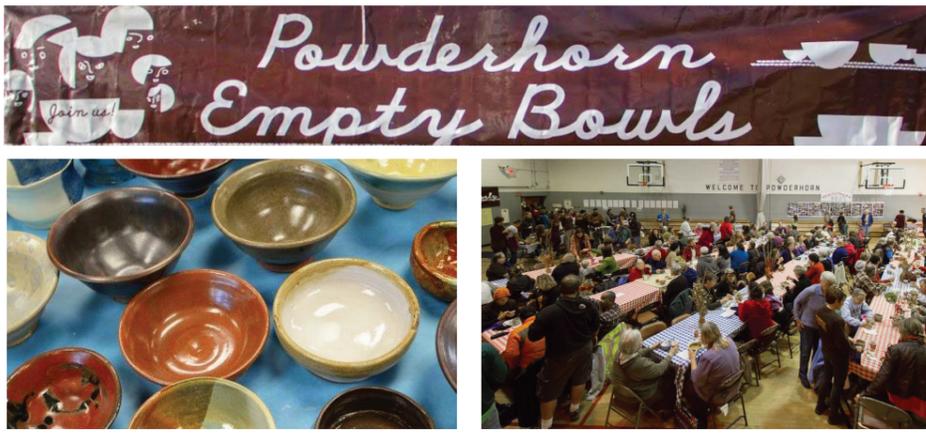
mates there are now enough gifts to fill 300+ average size shoeboxes at the potluck packing party from 6pm-9pm on Friday, November 4. If you can come, bring a dish to share, along with a personal note for a child with a photo of yourself or your family, to include in your shoebox. And Angel says, “Don't forget stickers to decorate the boxes. That's the best part!”

RSVP by calling Penny (612) 695-1786 or messaging her on Nextdoor. Learn more at [Samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://Samaritanspurse.org/occ).



## Powderhorn Empty Bowls: Celebrating Ten Years of Making Art, Providing Sustenance, and Promoting the Common Good

Powderhorn Empty Bowls | Press Release



Join us! The Empty Bowls event will be Friday, November 4 from 11am to 7pm at the Powderhorn Park Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave S, Minneapolis. In the last nine years, operating completely on volunteer power, Powderhorn Empty Bowls has

- Distributed 13,400 hand-made bowls
- Received support from 14,501 people
- Resulting in . . .
- An amazing \$223,000 dedicated to feeding the hungry!

Help celebrate our 10-year milestone and continue to raise money to fight hunger in the Powderhorn Community.

On November 4th, come together with friends and family for a meal of soup and bread. Choose a hand-made bowl for your meal, make a donation, and enjoy catching up with friends and family. When you leave, take your bowl home with you – now empty – as a reminder you’ve done something good to help your neighbors. Powderhorn Empty Bowls is

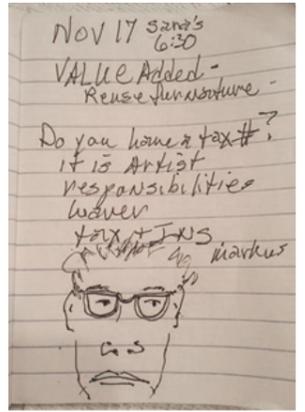
a labor of love for hundreds of volunteers. This event would not be possible without help from local potters, gardeners, cooks, restaurants that donate soup, and everyone who helps with set up and tear down. We can still use your help! If you would like to volunteer please sign up here: <http://powderhornemptybowl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=18193>. For more information, visit <http://powderhornemptybowls.org> or like us on Facebook!

## Wife in the Cities

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor

Living in Corcoran provides us with so many excellent amenities...one of those being surrounded by incredibly talented artists as neighbors! Did you know that many of the homes on your block undoubtedly have some form of an art studio inside them? Did you know that many of our neighbors earn a living selling art? Well, Chris Sutton, a Corcoran neighbor, sure knew the benefit of art in the community and put out an all call this past summer to bring together interested artists to form an art crawl. After many emails,

Nextdoor App messages and conversations, Chris brought it all together and an unofficial art crawl committee was born! And we are still looking for more interested parties! Are you an artist that would like to be a part of the crawl? Maybe you are not an artist but would be willing to volunteer your time?! What are your strengths that you could bring to a Corcoran/Powderhorn art crawl? If you are interested in hearing more, please don't hesitate to contact Chris at [rococodada@aol.com](mailto:rococodada@aol.com).



Drawing notes of the meeting from local artist Collette Comellia. Isn't she talented!



The "unofficial art crawl committee" working hard to start developing the crawl



## My 14 Years at the Midtown Farmers Market Why and How I Became Involved

Cathy de Hueck | Market Volunteer and Corcoran Resident

It began with an informational meeting at the YWCA across the street from our market, to understand what it would take and decide what we wanted our market to be like.

People attending the meeting were asked to sign up for various volunteer positions. I signed up, but did not know what I could do. I volunteered only twice each of my first 2 years, but after that it became a priority for me.

Coming to the market was my only chance to get out of my apartment in the fresh air, socialize, and be a part of a community, which over the years grew to feel like my only family since I don't have relatives nearby in Minnesota.

As the years went on, I watched children grow, made friends, and looked forward to the opening day of the market each spring. As a volunteer, I have been responsible for gathering and building the email list for the market, passing out bi-lingual event calendars, passing out recipes, visiting with patrons, and greeting vendors prior to the opening of the market each day. I would watch for empty booths and stay by them if a vendor needed to use the bathroom, get something to eat or drink, or do an occasional errand.

It was five years ago while I was working at the market on Saturday, September 3rd, I was crossing the street to go to Wells Fargo when a large car hit me in my wheelchair and I went flying to land on the ground. I was fortunate that there was a 3rd year resident at the market that day and she

cared for me until the ambulance came, keeping windpipe open by having me talk. She was an angel and got me through those early days.

Needless to say I did not work the rest of the season, but came back after the first several weeks to see everyone. The next year, I was back volunteering again. With the last couple of market managers, my job has become counting customers, cars, bikes, wheelchairs, and walkers. I still do a few of the things I used to do on my own like babysitting the booths for vendors, visiting with vendors before the market open at 8am, and looking over the wares and veggies to plan my shopping.

Each year, when September arrives, my volunteering

comes to a close for medical reasons, but I still come to shop so you will still see me around until the market ends.

Each week, I tell people about our market, where it's located, the reasonable prices, and invite them to come.

To all of you, I thank you for your friendship and making our community a family of people who care about each other. One of my vendor friends and I think of the market as a home and a village filled with friends of all sorts.

When our season comes to an end, I will be counting down the months until spring and the market opens. I hope you will return next year as well.



## Corcoran Community Garden Update

Genevieve Olive | Corcoran Neighbor and Garden Coordinator

The 2016 growing season for the Corcoran Community Garden has almost come to an end. A few more things to harvest and we'll be done until next year! We had plenty of rain this year and some really nice warm fall days! I love this time of year!

But now, time for our fall clean up and bracing ourselves for winter! (I've heard rumors of a winter vortex returning this year!) We better hurry before the snow flies! Until next season! Happy Holidays!



Pam Morgan preparing a plot for winter



Sunflowers and the last of the mini pepper plants

## Milly's Peace Garden Update

Anne Holzinger | Milly's Peace Garden Coordinator

The gardening season at Milly's Peace Garden, 38th Street & 21st Avenue, is coming to a close. During this lovely October fall weather, gardeners are gradually putting their gardens to bed. Several gardeners have planted garlic that they will harvest next summer. Only the kale is still standing tall, since we will be able to harvest it until well into November, perhaps even into December.

## Neighborhood Facelift!

Luanne Speeter | Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Staff

The Eagle Scouts of Troup 537 – Medina donated their time, talent, and treasure to give the front yard of Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly (1845 East Lake Street) a much needed facelift. They edged the flower and shrubbery beds, trimmed bushes, planted bulbs, and added fresh mulch. They also built benches for the front yard. All of this effort have made our property so much more welcoming and attractive for our neighbors as well as elder clients, volunteers and visitors.



# Thank You for a Great 2016 Season at the Midtown Farmers Market | Gracias por una Gran Temporada de 2016 en el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown

Miguel Goebel | Market Manager / Gerente del Mercado



The 2016 Market Season is officially in the books at the Midtown Farmers Market and we would like to thank all of our customers, vendors, sponsors, partners, and other supports for another great season. Although this season saw a lot of wet weather and construction, we're proud to have been able to bring fresh local food and a community building space to local residents for a 14th season! While we'll miss all of our great vendors and loyal shoppers in the off season, it's time to reflect on the season that was and begin gearing up for our much anticipated 15th anniversary season coming up in 2017. Thanks again for a great season!

If you enjoyed shopping at the Midtown Farmers Market as much as we enjoyed organizing and operating it, please consider supporting the market this month for Give to the Max Day 2016 on November 17th. Contributions can be made by visiting [givemn.org/project/Midtownfarmmarket](http://givemn.org/project/Midtownfarmmarket) and are tax deductible. Your support will ensure another successful season at the market in 2017!

La temporada de mercado de 2016 está oficialmente encima en el Mercado de los Granjeros de Midtown y nos gustaría dar las gracias a todos nuestros clientes, proveedores, patrocinadores, socios y otros apoyos para otra gran temporada. A pesar de que esta temporada vio una gran cantidad de lluvia y la construcción, estamos orgullosos de haber sido capaces de llevar alimentos frescos de la zona y un espacio de construcción de la comunidad a los residentes locales para una temporada 14 de! Mientras que vamos a perder todos nuestros grandes vendedores y compradores leales en la temporada baja, es el momento de reflexionar sobre la tem-

porada que fue y se prepara para comenzar nuestra temporada 15 aniversario muy esperado que vienen en 2017. Gracias de nuevo por una gran temporada!

Si ha disfrutado de compras en el mercado de los granjeros Midtown tanto como nosotros disfrutamos la organización y funcionamiento, por favor considere el apoyo al mercado este mes de Dar al Día Max 2016 el 17 de noviembre. Las contribuciones pueden hacerse visitando [givemn.org/project/Midtownfarmmarket](http://givemn.org/project/Midtownfarmmarket) y son deducibles de impuestos. Su apoyo se asegurará de otra temporada exitosa en el mercado en 2017!

# Corcoran GROWS Storm Drain Sweep

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran Neighbor



Saturday, November 5th  
Starting at 3519 23rd Ave. for breakfast before we hit the streets 8:30am – 12pm

Grab a hat and a rake and join us for the kick-off event of our year long focus on water in partnership with the Alliance for Sustainability! We'll be taking the day to clear storm drains of leaves and debris and encourage neighbors to adopt their storm drain and do this throughout the year!

Breakfast will be served at 8:30am and we'll hit the streets in large teams, with music, door-knocking and of course our rakes! On our way we will educate residents on the importance of keeping storm drains clear of leaves and have good time doing it!

Our neighborhood storm drains flow into Lake Hiawatha and the Mississippi river depending on your location. Leaves trash, chemicals and organic debris from streets & sidewalks flow through storm sewers adding phosphorus, nitrogen and other significant pollutants to our waterways. This contributes to excessive algae growth and declining oxygen levels.

Our goal over this year is to get 60 families to sign the clean water pledge. The Pledge asks residents to do 1 of 5 items to keep phosphorus, nitrogen and other pollutants out of our waterways.

1. Reduce runoff by redirecting downspouts from hard surfaces, installing a rain barrel or rain garden.
2. Use little or no fertilizer on your lawn and keep grass clippings and leaves away from the street.
3. Combat erosion by keeping grass cut 3 inches or higher and leaving grass clippings in place.
4. Abstain from using pesticides/herbicides in the yard during the growing season and salt in the winter.
5. Pick up trash regularly on the blvd and in the alley.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on our sweep through the neighborhood! Bring a rake and a jovial spirit in solidarity to protect our lakes and rivers!

Join the event at our facebook page – Corcoran GROWS-- and get the most updated information!

# Business Spotlight: City Market & Halal Meat

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

1825 E Lake St,  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 724-4040

Owner: Mohammed Ahmed

After driving by the City Market for years, a friend told me about an amazing array of beans and other offerings from the local store. I stopped in Saturday to talk to the owner, Mohammed Ahmed, and his 3 granddaughters who often help him run the business. I found an unassuming warehouse space with a wide variety of African, Middle Eastern, Mexican and American goods. The granddaughters were energetic, friendly and proud to show me around the store and share their grandfather's stories.

Mohammed Ahmed is first generation. He started his career in Somalia as a Physics teacher and moved into real estate. He lost everything during the civil war and migrated from a refugee camp in Kenya with just \$100 in his pocket. He truly had to start all over here. He started washing dishes and after a couple years was able to get a job driving a school

bus. He took advantage of the split shift to work as a money transfer agent and eventually, added a third job loading/unloading airplanes in the evening. He kept these 16-hour days for several years until he was able to open a small market near Portland and Franklin. In 2007, that market was relocated and upsized to the current location as City Market.

Mohammed Ahmed has lived the "American Dream" in its true sense. His success has helped the entire family go to school, have families, and find their own successes. With his support and guidance, many family members have chosen to purchase homes in close proximity to the City Market. In fact, the neighborhood was part of what attracted his business. Its location, convenient for many new immigrants, offers a chance to find familiar products and to meet someone who has been in their shoes, is willing to listen and give some helpful advice if needed.

The store tends to carry items used commonly in African cooking, but has something

for everyone. Beans, both canned and dry, flours, oils, infused or pure, a small selection of halal frozen goods and meat, a good selection of teas and spices, beverages, and some home convenience items line the 4 to 5 aisles. As many products as possible are sourced locally, such as their baked goods, I highly suggest stopping in and perusing the market. The people are friendly, the prices are reasonable, and they carry a more diverse assortment than the usual convenient store.



# Corcoran Park Happenings

Ryan Flanders | Corcoran Park Director



The park still has openings in our 2016 Fall PreSchool Kindertots program. The program is held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-3pm for ages: 3-5 (must be able to go to the bathroom independently). The program runs through December 15th, 2016. Take advantage of this time for your little one to make new friends while playing and

learning new social skills. Each day your child will enjoy music, storytelling, and creating artwork. Parents, pack your child's favorite food for lunchtime each day at the park. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity for your little one. \*\*\*No Class November 8th, 23rd, and 24th.

Rec+ also has opening for the after school care. The

care is open daily from 2pm-6pm. Youth are dropped off at the park, enjoy a snack, play structured games and activities, and have supervised fun time. Please come in for more information and to sign up.

## New Development Blue Line Flats to Open in November

Paula Holden | Corcoran Neighbor



After watching the construction for much of the last year, Corcoran will soon be welcoming new neighbors at the Blue Line Flats, 3120 24th Ave South. The first residents of the affordable rate site are scheduled to move in November 1, with others to follow later in the month. As CNN goes to press, the landscaping and finishing touches are still underway. The building has underground parking and a courtyard, and is located adjacent to the Midtown Farmer's Market site and the Midtown Transit station.

## Four-Way Stop at 31<sup>st</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Adam Tomczik | Corcoran Neighbor, CNO Board Member, and Co-Chair of the Land Use & Housing Committee.

On October 21, 2016, Minneapolis Public Works installed two additional stop signs at the four-way intersection of 31st Street East and 22nd Avenue South. The seemingly trivial addition of stop signs was actually a momentous victory for our neighborhood, culminating 15 years of activism.

Corcoran residents identified the need for the four-way stop in September 2001 during early brainstorming sessions for the Corcoran Midtown Revival small area plan. At the time, the intersection was busy with regular traffic and visitors to the newly-built YWCA Midtown on the intersection's northwest corner. Parked cars often obstructed the view of cross traffic for people driving north or south.

Over the next 15 years, residents repeatedly requested a four-way stop and Public Works repeatedly denied their requests, claiming that traffic counts did not justify the additional stop signs. The Minneapolis City Council voted on the issue twice while Council Member Gary Schiff held office, but both votes failed based on the recommendation of Public Works.

In 2003, the popular new Midtown Farmers Market placed additional strain on the under-controlled intersection. Pedestrian, bicycle, and auto traffic increased again in 2004 when the Blue Line opened and thousands of commuters and South High students passed through the intersection daily. Public

Works' position became untenable with the looming completion of Hennepin County's South Minneapolis Regional Service Center and a 125-unit apartment building on the intersection's northeast corner.

On September 8, 2016, I launched a Change.org petition for a four-way stop. Since then, 159 people signed the petition, and many signatories shared their personal safety concerns with the intersection. In September, CNO and Council Member Alondra Cano held an event at the Midtown Farmers Market to welcome Minneapolis's new Director of Public Works, Robin Hutcheson. I spoke with Ms. Hutcheson about the need for a four-way stop at the intersection, and both Council Member Cano and County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin enthusiastically. Within weeks, the CNO Land Use and Housing Committee and the CNO Board voiced official support.

Council Member Cano and her staff worked within City Hall during the past month to convince Public Works that the change was necessary. Finally, on October 14, Public Works announced that new stop signs would be installed. This has been a small but important victory by Corcoran residents to protect our safety and quality of life in the face of intensive development in the northeastern corner of our neighborhood.

## Know Your Candidates

Shawn Kinzel | Corcoran Neighbor

Everyone knows the major party candidates for President. You can't escape their coverage. But who are our local candidates that will be on the ballot? Here is an un-biased run down of who will be on our local ballot so you can be an informed voter on Election Day (Nov. 8, 2016).

You can find a copy of what our ballot will look like at <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us>

Candidate	Party
U.S. President & Vice President	
Donald J. Trump & Michael R. Pence	REPUBLICAN
Hillary Clinton & Tim Kaine	DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR
Darrell Castle & Scott Bradley	CONSTITUTION PARTY
Dan R. Vacek & Mark Elworth, Jr.	LEGAL MARIJUANA NOW
Alyson Kennedy & Osborne Hart	SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
Jill Stein & Howie Hawkins	GREEN PARTY
"Rocky" Roque De La Fuente & Michael Steinberg	AMERICAN DELTA PARTY
Evan McMullin & Nathan Johnson	INDEPENDENCE
Gary Johnson & William Weld	LIBERTARIAN PARTY
U.S. Representative District 5	
Frank Nelson Drake	REPUBLICAN
Keith Ellison	DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR
Dennis Schuller	LEGAL MARIJUANA NOW
State Senator District 63	
Ron Moey	REPUBLICAN
Patricia Torres Ray	DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR
State Representative District 63A	
Kyle Bragg	REPUBLICAN
Jim Davnic	DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR
School Board Member at Large (SSD #1)	
Kim Ellison	NONPARTISAN
Doug Mann	NONPARTISAN
Associate Justice - Supreme Court 6	
Natalie Hudson	NONPARTISAN
Michelle L. MacDonald	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 5	
Louise Dovre Bjorkman	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 8	
Denise D. Reilly	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 11	
Michelle A. Larkin	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 13	
Randolph W. Peterson	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 14	
Larry Stauber Jr.	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 16	
Peter M. Reyes, Jr.	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 17	
Matthew E. Johnson	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 18	
Heidi Schellhas	NONPARTISAN
Judge - Court of Appeals 19	
Francis Connolly	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 3	
Thomas M. Sipkins	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 4	
Juan G. Hoyos	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 7	
Tamara Garcia	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 8	
Kevin S. Burke	NONPARTISAN

Judge - 4th District Court 9	
Michael K. Browne	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 13	
Regina Chu	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 18	
Susan N. Burke	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 21	
Mel Dickstein	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 23	
Marta Chou	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 24	
Nicole Engisch	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 26	
Joseph R. Klein	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 34	
Karen Janisch	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 36	
Tom Fraser	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 37	
Carolina A. Lamas	NONPARTISAN
Luke Kyper Bellville	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 39	
Laurie J. Miller	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 41	
Hilary Caligiuri	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 45	
Chris Ritts	NONPARTISAN
Paul R. Scoggin	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 52	
Fred Karasov	NONPARTISAN
Judge - 4th District Court 60	
Bruce Manning	NONPARTISAN

Constitutional Amendments – MN, Vote Yes or No  
note failure to vote counts as voting 'No' on the amendment

- Remove Lawmakers' Power to Set Their Own Pay - "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmakers' power to set their own salaries, and instead establish an independent citizens-only council to prescribe salaries of lawmakers?" Yes or No

School District Questions – For = Yes, Against = No

- Renewal of Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization – "The Board of Special School District No. 1 (Minneapolis Public Schools) has proposed to renew the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$1604.31 per pupil, which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2016. The revenue will be used to manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for nine years, beginning with taxes payable in 2017, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in revenue proposed by the board of Special School District No. 1 be approved?" Yes or No, note: voting "Yes" will extend an existing property tax referendum that is scheduled to expire.

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# Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

How safe is Corcoran and how does it compare to the rest of the City? The City of Minneapolis has 87 neighborhoods as considered by the MPD. Parts of the City have perceptions for being the “bad” or “rough” or “crime ridden”, especially by those who do not live in the City. This month I did some research into how our neighborhood compares to other parts of the City. I took my data from this source: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/statistics/crime-statistics\\_codefor\\_statistics](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/statistics/crime-statistics_codefor_statistics).

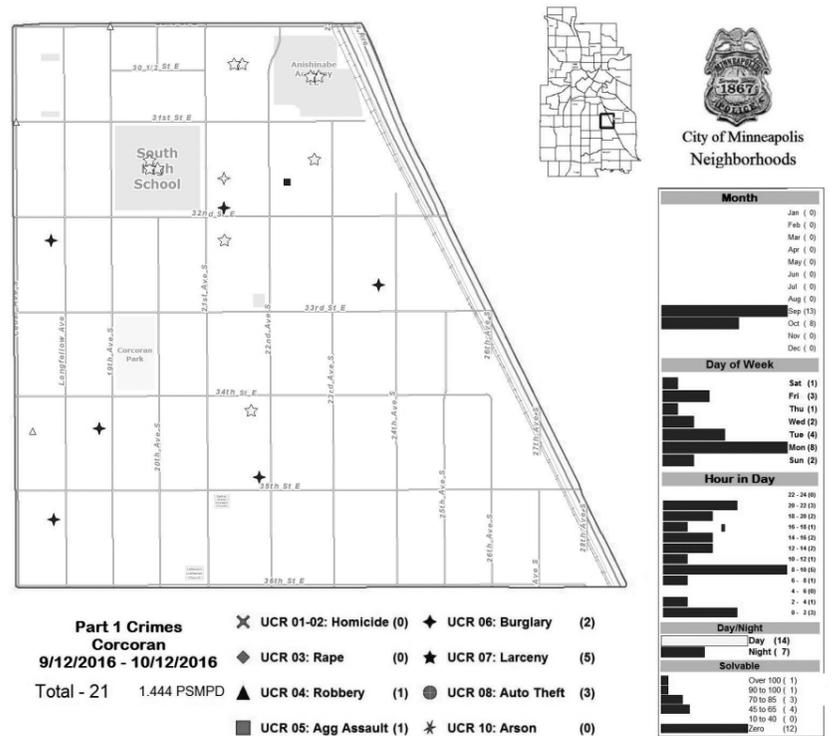
Corcoran, due to its proximity to Lake St. is sometimes considered one of these ‘rough’ areas. But how do we stand in relation to others? In terms of overall crimes reports we rank #28 out of 87 with a total of 191 reported crimes of all types for year to date September 2016. The number one

spot was Downtown West, which had a total of 1916 reported crimes; almost ten times worse than Corcoran. We have over 100 less than our northern neighbor Phillips East (north of Lake St.), and almost 200 less than our western neighbor Powderhorn Park. We had 50 more crimes reported than our southern neighbor Standish. On the eastern side, Longfellow, had over twice the number of crimes reported at 420. But this is just in total crimes. In the violent crimes (homicide, rape, aggravated assault) things look differently. We are tied with 70 other neighborhoods at the bottom of the list with 0 homicides. We are 32<sup>nd</sup> (three-way tie stats wise) in regards to rape with 3 reported. The majority of violent crimes that happen in our neighborhood are aggravated assaults (the crime of physically attack-

ing someone, we rank 30<sup>th</sup> with 14 reported) and robbery (the violent form of theft, we rank 16<sup>th</sup> with 27 reported). The highest number of reported crimes in our neighborhood involves the various forms of theft: larceny (98 reported) which is defined as the non-violent theft of property, Robbery (27 reported) which is theft with violence involved (e.g. a mugging), and burglary (38 reported) which is unlawful entry into a structure with the intent to commit a crime.

Corcoran is a diverse neighborhood. It is a neighborhood with its share of woes. We are a neighborhood in change. We are Corcoran.

## Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-September 2016 to Mid-October | Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-agosto 2016 a medio-octubre



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

## Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Present: Lisa Barajas, Edain Altamirano Flores (staff), Eric Gustafson (staff), Meline Juarez, Matt Novak, April Riordan,

Ellie Watkins (prospective board member); Guest: Michael Cockson, Faegre Baker Daniels

Meline Juarez called meeting to order and introductions were made.

### Renter's Committee Update

A. Michael Cockson, attorney from Faegre Baker Daniels reviewed history of lawsuit/class action complaint regarding Frenz/Zorbalas rental properties. Faegre's class action lawsuit is looking backward, to collect pro-rata rent, asking court to make Zorbalas/Frenz to pay back \$40 million in rent; at minimum the profit (\$24m) for past 4 years. Also want all 52 buildings to be taken away from Apt. Shop control and go into receivership. If properties are sold, can still move forward with the class action lawsuit.

B. Board discussed motion regarding CNO's official position on the properties owned by Equity Residential Holding, LLC and National Housing Fund, LLC, which are currently the subject of litigation. Motion would demonstrate that CNO supports the argument that the housing stock in Minneapolis is not equipped to absorb the tenants of these properties if they are displaced and directs Eric Gustafson, Executive Director, to finalize and file the attached declaration. Faegre will use these statements from community groups to support the lawsuit. Lisa moved to approve, April seconded, motion passed.

### Community Planning/Land Use & Housing

C. Motion from Land Use & Housing committee to support a four-way stop at the intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> St and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S was presented. Lisa moved to support the motion. Mike Novak seconded. Motion passed.

### Leadership Changes

D. Meline Juarez resigned as board chair because she is moving out of the neighborhood and is no longer eligible. Motion presented to appoint Flannery Clark (current Secretary) as chair of the CNO board. Motion approved.

### Fall Fundraising next steps

E. CNO Day at Midtown Farmer's Market on Saturday, Oct. 29  
F. Soup Cook-Off on November 16 (day before Give to the Max Day)  
G. Reviewed “Neighbor to Neighbor” postcards for board members to use to invite new sustainers

### Budgeting and Strategic Planning

H. Reviewed CNO mission and current priorities then considered them in the context of a Mission Money Matrix, a visual tool that plots the organization's activities in a single image. By illustrating the organization's business model this way, considering the financial and mission impact of each, the board has a framework for discussing both budget and strategic priorities moving forward.

I. Board reviewed a sample matrix of CNO activities using criteria provided but will consider our own criteria for next meeting and approve those criteria for 2017.

J. Draft 2017 budget will be presented for the November board of directors meeting; to be finalized and approved in December.

### Announcements (All) and Adjourn

K. Next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at CNO office

## Help Plan the Future of Minneapolis

Alondra Cano | City of Minneapolis Councilmember



What does your Minneapolis look like in ten years? In twenty years? As you may have heard, the City of Minneapolis is undergoing a full update of our Comprehensive Plan, a requirement by the Metropolitan Council every ten years. This policy document will guide physical and economic development in our neighborhoods for the next 20 years. With a goal of adding population while maintaining the character of our communities and ensuring that current residents are not displaced, it is very important that all of our residents – especially those who have been traditionally excluded from this type of process – have their voices heard.

As we move forward, Minneapolis will certainly change: we will have a growing number of young people and elders and people of color will become the majority of our region. How we as a City government stay relevant and connected to the changing needs of this shifting reality in the context of climate change will

determine whether we are able to achieve the just and equitable society that we are working hard to build. I hope you will consider bringing your unique and valuable insight into this important Comprehensive Plan process.

There will be many ways to provide input into this plan over the coming months; [mpls2040.com](http://mpls2040.com) is a one-stop resource for engaging with the project, including an in-depth timeline of the phases of the project. Visit the website to sign up for email updates, find out about upcoming events, and learn more about how to utilize the “meeting in a box” framework to hold your own discussion about the Comprehensive Plan and the future of our city. If you would like to find out more information about upcoming engagement opportunities for the Comprehensive Plan please contact Beth Elliot, Principal Planner at (612) 673- 2442 or [beth.elliott@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:beth.elliott@minneapolismn.gov).

## Give to the Max by Donating to CNO! Join our September Donors in Giving

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff



Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by making an online donation to many organizations. Your generosity on this day makes a difference far beyond the 24-hour giving event. Please consider giving to CNO on November 17, 2016, for Give to the Max Day and help us continue to unite our neighbors to strengthen our community. CNO has a goal of raising \$5,000. We need your help! Can you give \$10 or more to help us make that goal? A board member has generously donated a matching gift of \$1,000 to help us reach our goal! Consider making your donation a sustaining donation at any amount. By accomplishing our goal, CNO will be able to continue:

- Organize renters to advocate for their housing.
- Support small businesses with training, façade improvements, and more.
- Sustain and grow the Midtown Farmers Market, including new permanent plaza space.
- Guide the developments of new retail space and housing at 2225 East Lake as well as the Adult Basic Education at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Lake Street.
- Improve the Lake and Hiawatha intersection to make it safer and easier to navigate.
- Put residents like you in direct relationship with local government officials, developers, and others.

Mark your calendar and schedule your gift anytime between November 1st and November 17 by visiting [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org) and searching for CNO. Sustaining donations can be made through this website as well.

Thank you to those who invested in CNO in September! We are grateful for your contribution and trust in our work. So much has been accomplished this year – watch for updates coming in the next few weeks and in our December/January edition!

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| Nicholas Adelman*          | Meline Juarez*          |
| LisaBeth Barajas*          | Matt Kazinka*           |
| Stacey Burns*              | Gwen McMahan*           |
| Melanie Casiday*           | Kim and Tom Medin*      |
| Andrea Cecconi*            | Genevieve Olive*        |
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| Susan Hensel*              | *denotes CNO Sustainers |
| Mary Jansen*               |                         |

## Apartment tenants shop start a new class action lawsuit | Inquilinos de Apartment shop empiezan una nueva demanda de acción de clase

Edain Altamirano | CNO Board Member and Corcoran Neighbor

In a new lawsuit that could upend relations between tenants and owners of one of the largest landlords in Minneapolis, a local law firm representing tenants has asked Hennepin County District Court to put 62 buildings apartments in receivership and return millions of dollars of income to tenants.

A legal team from Faegre Baker Daniels sued the owners Stephen Frenz and Spiros Zorbalas with their wives and companies, claiming that the two men engaged in "deceptive and flagrant legal violations trade practices." They are seeking a class action.

Frenz owns and oversees about 1,400 units in Minneapolis

all partners and shareholders in its 62 properties, including any financial or legal interest of Zorbalas in the buildings. Frenz has until Monday, October 31, to comply with the request, Schuchman explained in a letter to Mayor Betsy Hodges and the City that could lead to the revocation of licenses Frenz rental.

Hutchison has yet to rule on whether to issue sanctions against Frenz in the case of housing court. Hutchison has also asked Cockson to refer the case to the Hennepin County Prosecutor's Office to investigate Frenz perjury during the trial housing.

This means hope and justice for residents living in the

que se encontraba en mal estado. El juez Jason Hutchison dictaminó a principios de este mes a favor de los inquilinos y dijo Frenz había engañado a la corte en un intento fallido de obtener la demanda inquilino despedidos.

En la nueva demanda presentada por el abogado Michael Faegre Cockson alegó que Zorbalas involucrado en una venta simulada de sus propiedades a Frenz, utilizando una red de sociedades ficticias para ocultar continuo interés Zorbalas 'en las propiedades. Frenz mintió a la ciudad sobre el acuerdo y continuó a cobrar el alquiler de miles de inquilinos que viven en condiciones inferiores, inseguras e insalubres en muchos de sus



and in a recent civil trial in housing court, it is disclosed that Zorbalas still has ownership interest in its properties. The city ordered Zorbalas to shed all his rental properties in 2012 because of a history of housing violations that led to some license revocations.

Frenz admitted continued participation of Zorbalas' when he testified in the case brought by low-income tenants of an apartment building south of Minneapolis that was in disrepair.

Jason Hutchison judge ruled earlier this month in favor of tenants and said Frenz had misled the court in a failed attempt to get the lawsuit dismissed tenant.

In the new lawsuit filed by attorney Michael Faegre Cockson, he alleged Zorbalas was involved in a sham sale of their property to Frenz, using a network of shell companies to hide his continued interest in the properties. Frenz lied to the city about the agreement and continued to collect rent from thousands of tenants living in inferior, unsafe and unhealthy conditions in many of its apartment buildings, the lawsuit alleges.

In a period of four years, they collected \$ 40 million [for rent] and we are asking all the same to return to tenants. The new lawsuit is seeking a court order to have a receiver appointed by the 62 buildings owned by Frenz and Zorbalas. The receiver collect rents, fixes buildings, and keep the money on deposit.

Noah Schuchman, director of Minneapolis regulation services sent a letter to Frenz on September 16, demanding he disclose the names of

Apartment Shop buildings in Corcoran as it would be an alternative to avoid displacement of families of Corcoran.

For media on Franz and the lawsuits, go to [www.corcoran-neighborhood.org](http://www.corcoran-neighborhood.org).

En una nueva demanda que podría poner de cabeza las relaciones entre inquilinos y propietarios de uno de los mayores propietarios en Minneapolis, un bufete de abogados local que representa a los inquilinos ha pedido a la Corte de Distrito para poner 62 edificios de apartamentos en suspensión de pagos y la devolución de millones de dólares de dinero de la renta a los inquilinos.

Un equipo legal de Faegre Baker Daniels demandó a los propietarios Stephen Frenz y Spiros Zorbalas junto con sus esposas y empresas, alegando que los dos hombres se dedican a "prácticas comerciales engañosas y flagrantes violaciones legales." Ellos están buscando una demanda colectiva.

Frenz posee y supervisa cerca de 1.400 unidades en Minneapolis y en un reciente juicio civil en la corte de vivienda, se da a conocer que Zorbalas todavía tiene interés de propiedad en sus propiedades. La ciudad ordenó Zorbalas a desprenderse de todas sus propiedades de alquiler en el año 2012 debido a un historial de violaciones de vivienda que llevaron a algunas revocaciones de licencias.

Frenz admitió la participación continua de Zorbalas 'cuando testificó en el caso presentado por los inquilinos de bajos ingresos de un edificio de apartamentos al sur de Minneapolis

edificios de apartamentos, la demanda alega.

En un período de cuatro años que recogieron \$ 40 millones en alquiler y estamos pidiendo que se devuelva a los inquilinos. Se está buscando una orden judicial para tener un receptor designado por los 62 edificios en el nombre de Frenz, pero presuntamente propiedad de la pareja. El receptor recogería los alquileres, fijar los edificios y mantenga el dinero en depósito.

Noah Schuchman, director de Minneapolis de servicios de regulación, envió una carta Frenz 16 de septiembre, exigiendo que divulga los nombres de todos los socios y accionistas en sus 62 propiedades, incluyendo cualquier interés financiero o legal que tiene Zorbalas en los edificios. Frenz tiene hasta el lunes de 31 de octubre para cumplir con la solicitud. Schuchman explicó en una carta al Alcalde Betsy Hodges y el Ayuntamiento que podría dar lugar a la revocación de las licencias de alquiler de Frenz.

Hutchison todavía tiene que pronunciarse sobre si va a emitir sanciones contra Frenz en el caso de la corte de vivienda. Cockson también ha pedido Hutchison remitir el caso a la oficina del fiscal del condado de Hennepin para investigar Frenz por falso testimonio durante el juicio vivienda.

Esto significaría una esperanza y justicia para los residentes que viven en los edificios de Apartment Shop en Corcoran ya que sería una alternativa para evitar el desplazamiento de las familias de Corcoran.

## A Coffee Shop? A Hair Salon? Retail Applications Rolling in for New Development

Kevin Kirsch | Corcoran Neighbor and Economic Development Committee Member

The building rising up on the corner of Lake and Hiawatha (officially known as the "L&H Station Development") is rapidly taking shape. In addition to being home to a Hennepin county social service center, it will also house multiple retail establishments, and is expected to open in the Spring of 2017.

So far, more than retail 20 applications have been received, ranging from a hair salon to coffee shops to restaurants. The Corcoran community is taking an active role in guiding the selection process in partnership with the Neighborhood Development Center and

Hennepin County. These three bodies helped to develop principles that steer both applicants and decision-makers.

Do you have an entrepreneurial dream? Are you interested in submitting an application for your business? Here are a few demographic details to get you thinking by the numbers:

- Two retail spaces are available, one is 4,300 SF, and the other is 3,100 SF. (Spaces can be divided into 1,000 SF sections)
- 550 daily employees in the building and another 450 daily clients.
- 31,500 daily blue line

ridership

- 26,000 daily cars on Lake Street
- 3,670 passengers disembarking daily at Lake and Hiawatha.
- 85 surface stalls and underground parking

To learning more about the development or the Economic Development Committee, reach out to CNO staff member Heidi Johnson McCallister ([Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)) or Economic Development Committee member Joan Bennett ([joanmbennett@gmail.com](mailto:joanmbennett@gmail.com)).



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