



Tenants Demand Better Living Conditions, Affordable Rents

Edain Altamirano | CNO Organizer and Corcoran neighbor

Protesters lined the sidewalk in the 3100 block of 22nd Avenue South in the Corcoran neighborhood. Tenants, community organizations and Corcoran residents were among those present demanding changes by the landlord, the City of Minneapolis and the community, while anticipating a property sale and rent increases at 8 buildings owned by the landlord. Five of these buildings (69 units) are on this block of 22nd Avenue.

Some of tenants' demands are:

- **Buyers:** keep a clean, safe environment and affordable buildings.
- **City:** get buildings into good hands and let tenants choose new owners, take responsibility for the fact that Zorbalas can continue to generate profits (explained below), and fight for the rights of tenants.
- **Community:** The community should recognize that this is a problem in every neighborhood in the city of Minneapolis and needs to support and walk with tenants.

Many tenants say Frenz has ignored their complaints and has done as little as possible to ensure livable housing.

In mid-July, CNO discovered by chance Frenz's sale of eight properties. Given low vacancy rates and a hot economy, many fear that a private sector buyer could make minimal improvements and dramatically increase the rental prices, forcing current tenants out and potentially leaving Corcoran with 69 substandard homes. Sale documents suggest the buildings currently deliver generous profits for the owners despite their condition.

Dirty, unhealthy and unsafe is how Monique Carrillo described the apartment she moved into in April 2016. Carrillo invited the Channel 5 News team into her home and showed holes, mice, broken pipes, water damage under sinks and floors, and mold -- some of the living conditions typical of each building for sale.

The properties once belonged to Spiros Zorbalas, an embattled landlord who was pressured by the City to surrender his rental licenses due to poor conditions and accumulation of housing violations. The properties are now owned by the Apartment Shop and Frenz, but recent court proceedings against Frenz revealed that Zorbalas remains majority owner.

On learning these buildings were for sale, CNO recruited four affordable housing nonprofits who would commit to substantial repairs and affordable rents. While all expressed strong interest in purchase of the buildings, none were able to put together an offer in the short time-frame. Offers were due in mid-August.

The others buildings for sale are 3100 Bloomington Ave South, 3121 Pleasant Ave South, 3725 Cedar Ave S. The sale will affect more than 130 families, mostly low-income families of color, including single mothers and the elderly.

Los inquilinos exigir mejores condiciones de vida, alquileres asequibles

Edain Altamirano | Organizador de CNO and Vecino de Corcoran

Manifestantes se alineaban en la acera en el bloque 3100 de la avenida 22 Sur en el Vecindario de Corcoran.

Los inquilinos, miembros de Asociaciones y Vecinos de Corcoran se encontraban entre los presentes exigiendo cambios por el arrendador, la ciudad de Minneapolis y la comunidad, anticipándose a que las propiedades en venta aumenten el alquiler en los 8 edificios.

Algunas de las demandas son:

- **A los compradores:** que mantengan los edificios limpios, seguros y aforables.
- **A la ciudad:** que de los edificios en buenas manos y que deje a los inquilinos escoger quienes sean.
- **La ciudad:** debe de tomar responsabilidad por el echo de que Zorbalas, puede seguir generando ganancias. la ciudad tiene la responsabilidad de pelear por los derechos de los inquilinos.

La comunidad debe de reconocer que esto es un problema en cada vecindario en la ciudad de minneapolis y que necesita informar, apoyar y caminar con los inquilinos.

Hubo una reciente demanda, a finales de marzo, contra el arrendador Stephen Frenz, alegando que Frenz ha hecho caso omiso

de las quejas de los inquilinos y ha hecho lo menos posible para garantizar una vivienda habitable para los inquilinos.

Unos meses más tarde, a mediados de julio, CNO descubrió que Frenz puso la venta ocho propiedades. Dadas las tasas de desocupación bajas y una economía caliente, muchos temen que un comprador del sector privado podría aumentar drásticamente los precios de alquiler y hacer mejoras mínimas, obligando a los inquilinos actuales a desalojar los departamentos.

Las propiedades del sur de Minneapolis se caracterizan por haber pertenecido al arrendador asediado Spiros Zorbalas, que fue presionado por la ciudad a renunciar a sus licencias de alquiler debido a las malas condiciones y acumulacion de violaciones de vivienda. Que ahora están supervisadas por el Apartamento Shop y Frenz.

Sucia, insalubre e inseguro es como Monique Carrillo que se acaba de mudar en Abril describió a su casa. Carrillo invitó al canal 5 de noticias y mostró agujeros, ratones, tuberías rotas, daños por agua debajo de los fregaderos y en los pisos, y el moho, que son algunas de las condiciones típicas en las que viven los inquilinos y que se presentan en cada uno de los departamentos en cada edificio en venta.

En el aprendizaje de estos edificios que están a la venta, CNO reclutó a cuatro organizaciones no lucrativas de vivienda asequible que se comprometan a hacer reparaciones importantes y alquileres asequibles. Mientras que todos expresaron gran interés en la compra de los edifi-

StarTribune and KSTP television coverage of this issue can be found at www.corcoranneighborhood.org. This press documents the high profit margins as well as the unsafe and dysfunctional condition of the buildings owned by Zorbalas and Frenz. The Star Tribune also describes how the sale of lower-cost apartments for renovation and rent increases is receiving growing attention from community and philanthropic groups and policy makers.

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Agosto – Calendario Comunitario | August – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, September 1st
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6 – 8pm
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.
For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>
> Questions? Eric Gustafson
eric@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, September 12th
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm
Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Thursday, September 15th
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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Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, September 21st
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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Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S
> See front page for info on upcoming events

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Community

Sunday, September 4th
Workshop #4 w/ Sculptor Jim Proctor
2 – 4pm
For Monarch Magic!, Jim will guide participants in creating unique natural sculptures to line a pathway installation.
>To register, go to <http://monarchfestival.org/activities/monarch-magic/>.

Wednesday, September 7th
Free Range Orchestra & Choir Workshop
6 - 8pm
w/ Music Director James Everest



Come Join Us! The Lake Nokomis FREE RANGE ORCHESTRA & CHOIR is open to any community members of all ages and backgrounds to perform at the Monarch Festival on Saturday, September 10. All abilities welcome! Participants are asked to pre-register and bring their instrument or voice to this outdoor workshop & rehearsal.
NOTE: Dress Rehearsal is Friday Sept 9 from 6-8pm, also at the park.
>To register, go to <http://monarchfestival.org/activities/monarch-magic/>

Thursday, September 8th
Calling All Corcoran Neighborhood Artists!
6:30 pm
A group of artists will be a meeting on Sept 8th at 6:30 pm at the Corcoran Neighborhood office on the corner of Cedar and 35th to explore the idea of our neighborhood artists joining together in some form! Any interested artists in the area. PLEASE ATTEND!
A member of the Lola Art Crawl committee will be there to help answer some of our questions.

Events

Monday, August 29th
Community Welcome for South High School Students
7:45 am
Welcome event for students returning to South High for the Fall start of classes.
> More info on page 7
> Watch www.corcoranneighborhood.org or our Facebook page for details as they come together!

Wednesday, August 31st
Fundraiser for Nokomis Healthy Seniors
3 – 11 pm
“Indeed We Can!” at Indeed Brewing Company, 711-15th Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Tell your boss you’re putting your community service hours with Nokomis Healthy Seniors and head down to Indeed Brewing, 711-15th Avenue NE, Minneapolis. All proceeds from the tap room will go directly to Nokomis Healthy Seniors. Drink some beer and feel good doing it!

Saturday, September 10th
Monarch Magic! And Monarch Festival - Festival de la Monarca
10am-4pm at Lake Nokomis
Free guided nature walks integrated with art-making workshops for the annual Monarch Festival at Lake Nokomis Park. A free outdoor activity for the whole family! For more information on the Monarch Magic! activities prior to Saturday, September 10th and to register. >go to website: <http://monarchfestival.org/>

Saturday, September 17th
Music Festival
12-4:30 pm
Performances by Ellis, Dean Magraw, Larry Long, Linda Breitag, & Passed Presents (Jayanthi Kyle and Alicia Steele). Spoken word by Louis Alemayehu, & dance calling by Ann Carter. Free food from neighborhood restaurants and a family fun area for the kids! Sixth annual festival supports area nonprofits. Free admission!
> For more information: <http://commongroundmeditation.org/currentevents/music-festival/>
> Location: Common Ground Meditation Center, 2700 East 26th St., Minneapolis, MN 55406

Save the Date:
October 11th, 12th and 13th
Corcoran Park Players Presents: The Rivals
7:30pm on the 11th - 12th, and 2 pm on the 13th
Admission is free with donations to the Food Shelf.
>Phone 612-274-4539 for ticket reservations. Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55417

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The Incomplete Skeptic: Decisions Determine Destiny

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Both ‘refusing to choose’ & failing to ‘accept life on life’s terms’ yields to an illusion called Fate. Happiness is a choice, indeed, if we are to believe Abraham Lincoln who said, “A man is as happy as he makes up his mind to be.” Yet, we walk with the enemy, and the enemy is us.

To quit walking with the enemy is to ‘Let Go & Let God’ (as I understand Her). It seems so many of us spend soooo much time thinking about things we don’t want or don’t like, the outcome of which leads us to get more of what we don’t want or like. We can focus on the problem or offer a solution. When we push on a problem, the muscles used to push get stronger and the problem often gets fortified. Here’s an example of that: When someone is upset, we tell them to “calm down”. It usually has the opposite effect to what we wanted.

Maybe our best defense is defenselessness. The Higher Practicality that “...we quit fighting everything and everybody...” is evidence of a spiritual awakening.

Most of the corners we paint ourselves into are synthetic, self-induced drama. I’ve learned through the years that I am 99% of my own problem in life, and the other 1%? I just failed to identify how my perception sees anything other than a Teacher pointing the way to a better path, a hard-push to the light, perhaps. During a clear night, adjusting one’s sails to match the changes in life, is to not lose sight of the Northern Star, and is a simple task in grand weather. But during a storm, not so much the case. But we have a Compass. No matter where you go, in life or death, there you are. Even if it kills us, it makes us stronger. Nietzsche knows this...now.

Funny how Nietzsche didn’t see that there is always more power in a room full of people than the sum total of people therein. The Hermit of Genius was Nietzsche, even in a crowd. But he loved horses, so he wasn’t entirely cynical.

So if an irritating idea is in your head and it ain’t paying rent, evict it. Yet if you still feel the need to use the ‘Blamethrower’ and you don’t like something I said, take it up with God. God is the only reason I am alive. Blame God. Me, I’m too stupid to be unhappy for very long.

Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don’t say it mean. You got this.

Business Spotlight: Cynthia Reuss Massage

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

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Have you ever had a massage and by the time you get home your drive across town has you completely knotted up all over again? I’ve found a way to solve this because I can now walk or bike to my neighborhood massage therapist!

Cynthia has lived in Corcoran on and off and after purchasing her house, is now here to stay! She has a background in Outdoor, Recreation, and Environmental Studies, but chose to change careers in the early 2000s. With her love of biology, she says it really wasn’t much of a shift. She has 12 years of practice, many of those in chiropractic offices, which helped her specialize in deep tissue massage. This therapy can target muscles that are tight and strained from overuse or injury as well as help the healing process after a knee or hip replacement or even a car accident.

I’ve had deep tissue massage and left feeling beaten, bruised and sore but this will not be the case with Cynthia. She takes the time to discuss your preferences and leaves the lines of communication open. She is respectful of



your wishes and can work around them, whether that is to leave your clothes on or to change the pressure applied. I left with a calm mind and energized body and cannot wait to go back. My normally stiff ankles let me walk down the stairs the next morning and that is a big change for me!

To experience a deep tissue massage yourself, visit her website and schedule your visit. You’ll be met with her calm and kind demeanor, strong hands, and a careful consideration of your wants and needs. Her hours are weekdays with early evening appointments available all days except Fridays.

Ben-Hur - Movie Review

Russ Grigsby | Corcoran Neighbor



Picture this: the nervous streets of first century Jerusalem, the smell of civil unrest in the air, and one man, Judah Ben-Hur, trying his best to keep the peace in his own royal household, while another man, Jesus Christ, offers a new way of peace. A gripping theme is at work here, but does it materialize?

Ben-Hur, for me, was both epic and catastrophic. First, the iconic chariot race delivers on a grand scale -- larger than life! However, the rest of the action scenes felt like we had been set up to hold our breath and brace our seats (in part due to an intensely brooding techno-percussive score by Marco Beltrami)

but it never proved necessary. Even a pivotal underwater sequence ripe for suspense felt more like an Esther Williams ballet in slow motion. The hits needed to be harder, faster, and more destructive, a la the plane crash in 2000’s Castaway. Alas, our title character, played well by Jack Huston but lacking the necessary attitude for a role of this stature, has a face that comes out squeaky clean after five years a slave in a warship galley. Dear makeup department, what happened? I found myself wishing this film could have gone through one more round of editing. It had the potential for greatness, but stumbled over its own perceived weight in the shadow of the 1959 juggernaut which claimed eleven gold statuettes.

Roma Downey and Mark Burnett wanted to be subtle about incorporating the faith element, but even as a Christian, I squirmed at some of the messaging. It felt forced, as though they had the Messiah on standby to halt his mission anytime the characters in our story

needed a boost of contemporary-sounding sage wisdom or a friendly gesture. The film deserved better. Jesus’ reputation deserved better. And I think that was part of the understated beauty of the 1959 version. Jesus’ face was never shown, leaving an aura of mystery around the man many revere as much more than a wise sage offering moral platitudes, but as God in flesh who came to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

I also struggled with Judah’s supposed transformation at the end. When his freedom and family are literally ripped from him, his desire for vengeance, though not the way of The Christ, was understandable given what he had been through. Yet even in this newfound state of ‘vengeance’, the movie again failed to draw out a hardened Judah, which would have made his self-actualized need for the message of forgiveness more plausible.

Judah’s own believability aside, we watch in horror at the end result of vengeance: a coliseum erupting in mob

violence as a seemingly lifeless corpse of Messala (Judah’s brother and recipient of his vengeance) is paraded around like a trophy. A sinking feeling of hopelessness ensues, and an earlier caution comes to prophetic fulfillment, “vengeance leaves no winners.” When finally another path is revealed to Judah, it is refreshingly welcome to us all. It is a way out and a way up for both men, their family, and their nation.

The message of forgiveness triumphing over seemingly insurmountable forces of resentment, betrayal, and hatred, is inspiring. The telling of such a theme...not so much. And in the next go around, as a sequel is already rumored, could we please dispense with the kitschy pop song as the credits begin to roll? That somehow distracted from the whole ‘other era’ feel of things...or what was left to feel.

Did Ben-Hur engage or patronize you? Let me know. russ@lebanonchurch.org

Volunteering for the Elderly

Parker Adams | Youth Reporter

Providence Place Senior Living is a nursing home near the Corcoran neighborhood located at 3720 23rd Avenue South, and I regularly volunteer to play music for the elderly there, with the St Helena Church Music Troop.

I play the piano, the flute, and sing for the elderly. I consider it a special thing to volunteer for the elderly. Volunteering for the elderly has shown me that everyone deserves a chance, and that everyone is unique. I go to play music for them about every other Saturday, and I can see that they truly enjoy being visited.

You don’t have to play music to bring joy to their lives, either! There is a plethora of different things you could do, from volunteering in some

way or by simply bringing in a fresh face to someone who doesn’t get many visitors (Just make sure you check the requirements of the organization you wish to volunteer for, of course). It is so clear by their expressions and actions, that they truly appreciate being visited. Seeing the smile it brings to their faces is an experience like no other.

You learn so many lessons by volunteering for the elderly. You can learn from their wisdom, which they have gained over time. I learn a new lesson each visit. I have learned the value of helping others, the power of a smile, patience, kindness, that mistakes aren’t everything, and so much more. Volunteering is a gift, not a burden as some may think.

It is fun to share your talents with the elderly, and I would encourage others to find ways to spend time with the elderly in their own lives, whether through a formal organization or just by spending time with older relatives and friends.

One website you can visit is: <http://createthegood.org/campaign/volunteeringwithseniors> to see the many opportunities for you to volunteer with the seniors in your area. I encourage you to take time to visit with the elderly soon. Thanks for reading!



Stay Connected to Neighbors as You Age

LuAnne Speeter | Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly & Corcoran Neighbor

National Night Out in Corcoran brought together neighbors of every age. I dropped in on five or six block parties along Longfellow and 19th avenues to advocate for the elderly and was warmly greeted. Among the offers of brats, potato salad and brownies I had a chance to chat with a number of residents who expressed concern about how to maintain their quality of life as they age.

One older woman in particular has a real desire to stay in her home amid her Corcoran neighbors but worries about her ability to navigate her steps much longer. A middle-aged gentleman I spoke with eagerly wants to visit the

elderly in ways that could accommodate his wheelchair. Along the route I also met a musician in his 80s. He doesn’t know how much longer he can live on his own, but he wants to stay creative and useful.

As our residents age, they needn’t automatically be forced into nursing homes but can continue to enjoy aging in their own homes. Many of the solutions are right in our neighborhood, beginning with neighbors befriending and checking in on each other. Good neighbors are among us who recognize that each person’s intrinsic value doesn’t diminish with age.

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly has been a part of the Corcoran neighborhood since 1976. We match elders with Visiting Volunteers, enabling neighbors to enrich each other’s lives while helping them stay connected and independent in their homes. To request our free services or to volunteer for one of our many programs, please contact us at 612.721.6215 or info@littlebrothersmn.org.



Twenty one blocks in Corcoran hosted National Night Out festivities all over Corcoran on August 2nd, 2016. Food, water games, music, dancing, and more were part of festivities across the neighborhood. Thanks to our photographers for submitting pictures of National Night Out!

Veintiún cuadras en Corcoran dieron acogida a las festividades de National Night Out el 2 de agosto del 2016. Comida, juegos con agua, música, baile y más fueron parte de las festividades en todo el vecindario. ¡Agradecimientos a nuestros fotógrafos por enviarnos fotos del National Night Out!

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Monarch Magic! And Monarch Festival on September 10th

Press Release | Minneapolis Monarch Festival



Free guided nature walks integrated with art-making workshops for the annual Monarch Festival at Lake Nokomis Park. A free outdoor activity for the whole family!

Monarch Magic! is a new, free activity program offered by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and led by Artist-in-Residence James Everest, with Naturalist Jenny Winkelman and several guest teaching artists. All activities take place outdoors at Lake Nokomis Park, and

Saturday, September 10th.

Each workshop's guided Nature Walk will be followed by artist-led activities combining music, dance, poetry, storytelling, sculpture, and mosaic into a unique site-specific installation environment. No previous arts experience necessary to participate.

The annual Minneapolis Monarch Festival – Festival de la Monarca takes place at Lake Nokomis Park on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10am-4pm. Participants are



are free and open to people of all ages and abilities.

In a series of five 2-hour interactive workshops, participants will learn about various aspects of Monarch Butterfly habitat and then work together to create a community performance installation for the annual Monarch Festival. This new "Magic Monarch Pathway" will serve as an immersive entryway from Lake Nokomis and nearby neighborhoods into the Festival on

welcome to attend one or all workshops. While attendance is free, advance online registration is requested, to assist with preparations. A fun and unique arts and nature experience for the whole family!

Monarch Magic! Workshops began on August 24 and goes through September 10th. For more information and to register for free, go to the website: <http://monarchfestival.org/activities/monarch-magic/>.

Like People, Plants Don't Like to Exist Alone

Segment 2: Companion planting and layer 3-7

Oscar Del Sébastien | Editor and Corcoran Neighbor

In our last segment we left off with planting perennial vegetables, fruiting shrubs, and vines, and I said I would talk about companion planting. The choice of plants you make determines where you place plants in relation to each other and their surroundings. First, it is important to note that it is crucial and necessary to allow space for naturally occurring native species of flowers and plants to mature and take up space in and around your perennials and annuals, such as daisies, various milkweeds and creeping succulents, as these are vital components in the simulation of a natural habitat.

By year two, as I mentioned, you want to plant perennial vegetables (sea kale, asparagus, sorrel, watercress, Jerusalem & Chinese artichokes, ramps aka wild leeks, strawberries), fruiting shrubs (rhubarb, currants, berry bushes, gouda bush), and vines (groundnut, scarlet runner beans).

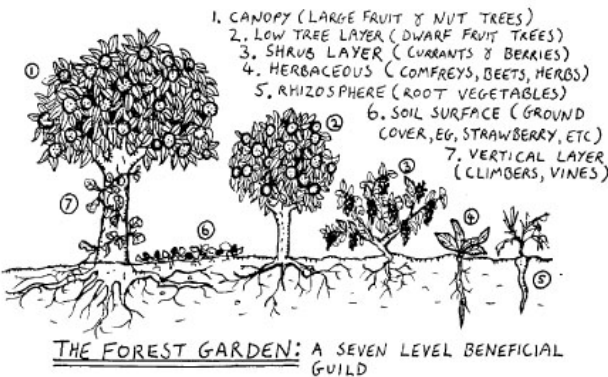
These three areas make up the shrub, herbaceous, and rhizosphere layers, as well as the soil surface and the vertical layer. Another thing to remember is be careful of what you plant in your yard. Too many things going on in the yard can equal a nightmare like when raspberries go wild. When planting apple or pear trees plant strawberries beneath the tree on the south side. Otherwise for fruit with pits (cherries, plums, peaches), it's best to plant chives, ramps, and other garlics. Ground coverage can go anywhere within the first 3 layers. Shrubs such as raspberry and blackberry sometimes don't do well with strawberries, especially if they are not a native variety. I planted strawberries in front of a blueberry bush in full sun along the south side of the house. The raspberries are against a wooden fence. In both instances I included the herbaceous and rhizosphere layers.

This is where your annuals come in handy. I planted beets and broccoli near my chives, as they both like growing near each other along with onions. I also planted turnips and other root vegetable at the edge of the raspberry bushes, yielding flavorful crops. When I do companion planting, I combine 3-5 plants often those include flowers such as marigolds, nasturtiums, and borage.

There are 7 basic layers to a forest garden, the last two

are part of the first three layers. You can start in year one with the first 3 layers. If your fruit / nut trees survive and mature, they will produce abundant fruit by the 5th year. Asparagus takes approximately 3 years. Raspberries, blueberries, strawberries take 1-2 years. In 5 years your yields should be abundant.

I did not get a chance to talk about the vertical layer. In our next segment I will talk about vines and their function in a forest garden.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forest_gardening



CNO Hosts 2nd Plan It Entrepreneur Training This Fall

Joan Bennett | Small Business Consultant & Corcoran Neighbor

Are you interested in pursuing additional training to help expand or start a small businesses? The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization has partnered with the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) to provide the "Plan IT" entrepreneurship training program for area small businesses and residents.

This 12-week course, taught by an experienced instructor, covers the fundamentals of managing and growing a small business. In addition to leaving with a sound business plan, course graduates will receive 10 hours of free one-on-one consulting and access to a host of services through NDC. These benefits include access to low-cost accounting, marketing and real estate services as well as eligibility to apply for small business financing programs.

Visit http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/economic_development for more information.

When:

One evening per week (day TBD), starting late September

Where: CNO's office (3451 Cedar Ave. S)

Cost:

Businesses in Minneapolis or Minneapolis residents pay on a sliding fee scale of \$100 to \$600, based upon income. Scholarships are available.

How to apply:

Complete and return this application by September 6th. (Applications can be returned via mail or e-mail to: Heidi Johnson McAllister 3451 Cedar Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407 | heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org)

Enjoy the Bounty of the Market this September

Miguel Goebel | Market Manager

As summer ends and fall arrives, we are all reminded of what a great month September is to shop the Midtown Farmers Market. While we still have some great summertime favorites like heirloom tomatoes and melons, fall items like apples and squash have now arrived at the market. Be sure to take full advantage of the bounty of summer and the arrival of fall crops this month at the Market!

We also have another month of fun and exciting activities planned for this September. On September 10th we'll be holding Nordic Fest in collaboration with Ingebreetsen's Scandinavian Gifts and the American Swedish Institute. The day will feature poetry, music, and more! We'll also be Feeding the Carrot on the 10th, so please contribute to keep the market a vibrant and fun place to shop for fresh food and engage with neighbors. On September 17th, we'll be holding our Fall Harvest Celebration at Du Nord Craft Spirits from 6-10pm to raise funds for the market. See our ad in this month's edition of the Corcoran Newspaper for more details. On September 24th, we'll be celebrating the Native American and Latino communities of South Minneapolis! Due to rain on our regularly scheduled Festival del Maiz, we've moved programming to September 24th and we'll be celebrating both of these beautiful cultures alongside one another. The day will include live music, poetry, dance, and much more,

don't miss out!

Here are some of the great items you'll find at the market this month:

Vegetables and Herbs—sweet corn, shallots, roma tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, romaine lettuce, red & green leaf lettuce, carrots, rainbow carrots, a variety of onions, beets, eggplant, a variety of potatoes including fingerling, yellow summer squash, salad and pickling cucumbers, bell peppers, yellow beans, kale, okra, chard, collard greens, multiple varieties of hot peppers, scallions, salad greens, peter pan squash, broccoli, cauliflower, leeks, kohlrabi, tomatillos, snow peas, purple and green cabbage, fennel, white and purple cauliflower, ground cherries, turnips, radishes, garlic, basil, parsley, thyme, mint, and dill.

Fruits—elderberries, watermelon, cantaloupe and other types of melons, apples, pears, plums, raspberries, and rhubarb.

Flowers and Plants—assorted cut flowers, potted flowers and plants.

Animal Products—cage free eggs, grass-fed beef, pasture raised pork and lamb, free range chicken, salamis and other artisan meats, aged and fresh cheeses, and honey.

Canned and Prepared Foods-- pickles, hot sauces, jams and jellies, preserves, breads, cookies, scones, and other baked goods, granola, and kettle corn.

Hot and Ready-to-Eat Foods-- bubble tea, kom-bucha, popsicles, omelettes, boiled and deep fried peanuts, tacos, burritos, tamales, samosas, chana masala, coffee, tea, mango lassis, empanadas, and other refreshments.

Arts, Crafts, and More-- Books, lawn art, upcycled decorative bee and bird houses, handmade glass, beaded, stone, and sterling silver jewelry, aromatherapy items, handmade sewn, crocheted, and knitted items.

The Midtown Farmers Market is located at the corner of E. Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue at 2225 E. Lake Street and offers fresh, local goods every Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm from May-June and Tuesday from 3:00pm-7:00pm June-October.

Thanks to our Sponsors:



See page 8 for information on a Cafe Con Alondra conversation about Humanize Hi-Lake that will occur on Saturday, September 17th.



Fall Harvest Celebration

A fundraiser for the Midtown Farmers Market

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

6-10pm

@ Du Nord Craft Spirits

2610 E 32nd St, Minneapolis, MN



FEATURING:

Craft cocktails by Du Nord • Food by Cafe Racer

Live Music by Alma Andina (Electro Andean Cumbia)

+ SILENT AUCTION

Featuring items from local businesses, artists and market vendors!

Purchase advanced tickets for \$25 by visiting: mfmfallharvestcelebration2016.eventbrite.com (\$30 at the door)

Ticket includes one appetizer and one Du Nord cocktail. Food truck eats and additional drinks for purchase.



September 2016 Events at the Midtown Farmers Market

Saturday, September 3rd

- 8:30am – Yoga
- 9am-1pm – Local Music Showcase by Blackbird's Music Store
- 10am-noon –Midtown Flavors Cooking Demo

Tuesday, September 6th

- 4pm-5:30pm – Matt Yetter
- 5:30pm – Zumba

Saturday, September

10th – Nordic Fest & #FeedtheCarrot

- 9am-11am – Bob & Lynn Dixon
- 11am-1pm – String Alliteration
- 10am, 11am, & noon – Poetry by Lynette Reini-Grandall
- 10am-noon – Second Saturday Arts for All Activity

Tuesday, September 13th

- 4-5:30pm – Brian Pat
- 5:30pm – Zumba

Saturday, September 17th

- 8:30am – Yoga
- 9am-11am – Steve West & the Northern Stars
- 11am-1pm – Matt Yetter, Café con Alondra

Tuesday, September 20th

- 4-5:30pm – Sergio Mojica
- 5:30pm – Zumba

Saturday, September 24th – Native American Celebration

- 9am-1pm – Music TBA
- 10am, 11am and noon – Poetry by R. Vincent Moniz Jr.

Tuesday, September 27th

- 3:30-5:30pm – The Barroom Clowns
- 5:30pm – Zumba



Corcoran GROWS: Take the Clean Water Pledge Today!

Sean Gosiewski | Corcoran Resident

We all love our nearest natural area Lake Hiawatha, but did you know that most of our neighborhood streets flow directly into Lake Hiawatha untreated?

Corcoran GROWS and the Friends of Lake Hiawatha invite you to take our Clean Water Pledge this fall to help us reduce the flow of of trash, leaves and pet waste from our boulevards, yards and alleys into Lake Hiawatha.

Through our actions together over the next few years, with others who live upstream along Minnehaha Creek, we can restore Lake Hiawatha to a swimmable lake, with beautiful wild life habitat. Lake Hiawatha was originally named Rice Lake. Wouldn't it be great if we could grow wild rice there again?

We are looking for 10 block captains to each reach 6 neighbors to meet our goal to engage Corcoran 60 neighbors to take action for water quality.

Take our Clean Water Pledge today (and get our yard sign) online at www.afors.org/cleanwaterpledge to take one or more of these fun actions

- **Adopt your storm drain,** regularly clean out sticks, leaves and trash from your nearest Storm Drain (in partnership with Minneapolis Public Works)
- **Adopt your Curb/ Street,** rake & bag or compost leaves this fall (before it rains or snows)

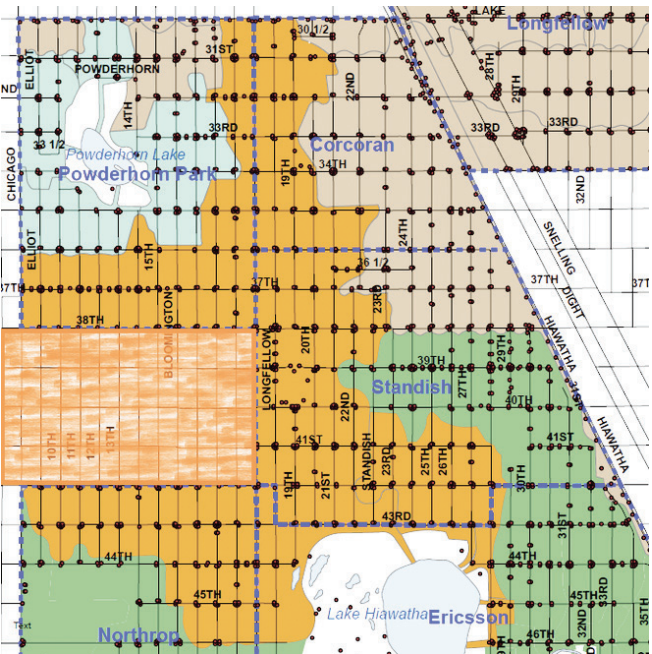
- **Clean Water Lawn Care,** mow at 3", keep grass clippings out of the street, no pesticides, etc.
- **Installing a rain garden or rain barrel,** and direct down spouts away from hard surfaces.

You can also sign up to help at our Corcoran GROWS Water Quality Display at the Midtown Farmers Market in mid-September.

Corcoran GROWS and the Alliance for Sustainability have received a Hennepin County Green Partners grant to support our efforts to clean up Lake Hiawatha, enabling us to provide free supplies for our cleanup efforts, discounts for rain barrels, and rain garden materials. Through this project our neighbor Sandy Spieler will also offer a puppet show and arts workshop for Corcoran neighbors on the theme of clean water.

A small victory! The Friends of Lake Hiawatha supported Council Member Andrew Johnson to get approval for a trash capturing net installed on the large culvert on the north end of Lake Hiawatha. However the current trash net is still letting a lot of trash flow into the lake. Join us in coming up with new solutions with City staff at the next meeting of the Friends of Lake Hiawatha on Thurs, Sept 29 at 6pm at the SENA office 1830 East 42nd Street Minneapolis, MN 55407. Details at www.friendsof lakehiawatha.org

To get involved with our Water Quality Campaign



with Corcoran GROWS please contact Corcoran GROWS volunteers: Sean Gosiewski at 612-250-0389 or sean@afors.org and Paula Holden at prholden@yahoo.com

Corcoran Park Programming Updates | Actualización de los programas del parque Corcoran

Ryan Flanders & Eric Silva Brenneman | Corcoran Park Staff • Ryan Flanders y Eric Silva Brenneman | Personal del parque Corcoran

Congratulations to the Corcoran Park band, Parks and Wreck! The band will be recording 4 original songs at Powderhorn Studios and will hope to have them for purchase in the future.

New building hours begin August 29th, on the first day of school. The hours will be Monday through Thursday from 3-9pm and Friday 3-6pm. The Pool will be open until Labor Day on Monday, September 7th, with normal hours until then; 10am-9pm daily.

There are still openings in our 2016 Fall PreSchool Kindertots program. The Preschool program runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-3pm for ages 3-5 (must be able to go to the bathroom independently). The program runs from September 6th until December 15th. The cost is \$780 with payment plans and fee assistance available for those who qualify. 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 lunch time 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.

Coming to Corcoran Park for the school year of fall 2016 is REC+, which is after school child care for school aged kids. It will be Monday through Friday from 2-6pm. There are part time sign ups, structured daily programs, and more staff for the building as a whole. Registration is going now, and there are

registration packets at the park. We are very excited about this at Corcoran, with the potential to have 25-30 after school youth in the park every day from the community. If your children are in a REC+ program already, you can transfer your child(ren) to Corcoran as long as the school bus will transport them here. The Schools that bus here are: Andersen, Bancroft, Dowling, Folwell, Seward, Fair, Emerson Spanish Immersion, and Windom Spanish Immersion. Questions? Concerns? Ideas? Contact the Corcoran Park staff at 612-370-4919 or info@minneapolisparcs.org.

Felicitaciones a la banda del parque Corcoran (Parks and Wreck). Esta banda va a grabar 4 canciones originales en los estudios de Powderhorn y esperan tenerlas a la venta en el futuro.

El nuevo horario del edificio iniciará el 29 de agosto, el primer día de clases. El horario será de lunes a jueves, de 3 a 9PM; y viernes de 3 a 6PM. La alberca estará abierta hasta el lunes (Día del Trabajo), 7 de septiembre, con su horario normal hasta ese entonces, de 10am a 9pm todos los días.

Aún hay cupo para nuestro programa del 2016 "Fall PreSchool Kindertots". El programa preescolar es los días martes, miércoles y jueves de 10am a 3pm, para edades de 3 a 5 (deben saber usar el baño de forma independiente). El programa es desde el 6 de septiembre hasta el 15 de diciembre. El costo es de \$780 dólares, hay planes de pago y asisten-

cia económica para quienes califiquen. Tome ventaja de esta temporada para que su pequeño haga amigos nuevos mientras juega y aprende habilidades sociales nuevas. Todos los días su niño podrá disfrutar de música, hora de cuentos y elaboración de arte. Padres de familia, empaquen la comida favorita de sus niños para su almuerzo de todos los días. No querrán perderse esta oportunidad para sus pequeños. ***No hay clases el 8, el 23 y el 24 de noviembre.

Próximamente en el parque Corcoran en el otoño del 2016 "REC+", cuidado de niños después de clases para pequeños en edad escolar. Será de lunes a viernes, de 2 a 6PM. Hay inscripciones para medio tiempo, programas diarios y, en general, más personal en el edificio. Las inscripciones han iniciado y tenemos paquetes de inscripción en el parque. Estamos muy emocionados de contar con esto Corcoran, potencialmente tendremos de 25 a 30 jóvenes de la comunidad después de clases en el parque todos los días. Si sus hijos ya son parte del programa "REC+", puede transferirlos a Corcoran, siempre y cuando puedan ser transportados hacia acá por el autobús escolar. Las escuelas que cuentan con autobuses hacia acá son: Andersen, Bancroft, Dowling, Folwell, Seward, Fair, Emerson Spanish Immersion y Windom Spanish Immersion. Si tiene preguntas, comentarios e ideas, contacte al personal de Corcoran al teléfono: 612-370-4919 o por email: info@minneapolisparcs.org.

Wife in the Cities: Northeast Tool Library

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor

As I have said in this column before, our home has been a labor of love since the day we moved. Our big ol' girl has taught us many things, from how to repair plumbing, all the way to appropriately staining and salvaging wood. And truthfully, we could not have done all of this without the help of the Northeast Tool Library and its director, Thomas Ebert.

So, maybe you are asking yourself, "What is a tool library?" It's just like the library for books...only instead of the sweet smell of musty pages, you get power drills! Simply, you go and check out your needed tools and return them when you are done. It's a great way to save money on DIY projects AND it's great for our environment to share! Plus, Thomas is always helpful in suggesting certain types of tools to help you get the job done right!

And here is the exciting part...he wants to expand to the southside of Minneapolis! (fingers crossed for it to be in Corcoran neighborhood!)

Wife: How did you dream up the idea of having a Tool Library?

Thomas: I lived in Portland, Oregon, where there are multiple tool libraries. I considered starting up another, but at about the same time we decided to move back to the Midwest. Coming to Minneapolis, I was trying

to match our search for a home with the location of a tool library. Finding none, I decided to seek partners for getting one started. I found a great one in Zach Wefel, who'd been exploring the idea with the Windom Park Neighborhood Association. He and I discussed our vision for what it might look like, requested funding from Windom Park and a few months later we were on our



way! Of course, this over-looks several details in the development, like researching other tool libraries, hosting community meetings, and exhaustive location searches. Nonetheless, we obtained non-profit status, developed a board of directors, signed a space lease, and started accumulating hundreds of tool donations. I wish I could say the idea was ours, but thankfully others have laid the foundation for us to create from. In fact, this past spring, we attended a Tool Library Symposium in Baltimore to connect with dozens of other tool libraries. This movement is going

quickly and we very glad to be a part of it.

Wife: How much is a membership and what all comes with being a member?

Thomas: Annual memberships are \$55 per year, offering access to over 2,000 individual tools, an 800-square foot shop space that includes table saws, band saws, compound mitre saws, drill presses, a planer, lathes, and a 20% discount to our workshop classes in woodworking, plumbing, and electrical basics. Moreover, folks are then connected to hundreds of others in the community that come to work and share their experiences. So often we find ourselves disconnected from the skills and know-how we need, so we are creating those connections.

Wife: I know you are hoping to have a second location in South Minneapolis and we are thrilled about that! What are you hoping to bring to the southside community?

Thomas: Indeed, we have plans to expand into South Minneapolis in 2017 and are very excited about the prospect. We also have aims to expand into North Minneapolis. First, however, we are expanding into St. Paul before the end of this year. We love the idea of sharing things to improve livability and would love to see more folks in the Twin Cities join in.

Good Neighbor Lemonade

75 neighbors came, drank lemonade, and ate cookies on Saturday, August 6th at the Good Neighbor Lemonade Stand near the Midtown Farmers Market. Neighbors talked about everything from engaging with another despite differences, all the way to encouraging more neighborhood potlucks to build the community stronger.

The next Lemonade stand will be in the Lyndale neighborhood. Follow Good Neighbor Lemonade on Facebook for dates and times.



Origins of 2019 E. Lake St.

Steve Sandberg | East Phillips Neighbor and Former Corcoran Neighbor

I would like to thank everyone for their support, in particular, the many that stopped by 2019 on July 24 for East Lake Open Streets. 117 people signed our petition asking for a full historic survey for 2019 East Lake. Hopefully this is currently underway. It is difficult to get up-to-date information from CPED, but the wrecking permit that MPS applied for on July 8th was denied. They will be required to make application for a permit to demolish a potential historic property. When and if they do so is not known at this time, but hopefully the process will reveal the amazing history of this building. A map from 1885 shows a building labeled "Cong Church" at approximately 3011 23rd Ave So. This spot, interestingly, is where the Tuesday and Saturday Midtown Mkt is currently located. This building, according to city records, was moved to 2019 E. Lake in 1892, where it still stands. When the church moved to a new building on 22nd Ave.

and 33rd St. in 1911, (now Vine Evangelical), 2019 E. Lake became Hugnad Hall, a Scandinavian meeting place for I. S. W. (International Scandinavian Workers). By 1917, it had become a woman owned manufacturer of bonnets, aprons, and ladies furnishings (Winget Mfg). In 1925, Burma Shave started their phenomenal success with signs and shaving cream. This is our Corcoran history, folks! This building, which has heroically championed recycling/repurposing, and has escaped the wrecking ball for 134 years, should again be repurposed, like the Hopkins Train Depot, as a student run history/coffee shop/event center. The issues and history of immigration, which are once again current events, and broadly represented in the South High student body, will be given a forum grounded in our neighborhood by a student led museum of history. Thank you for your consideration of our city's and neighborhood's history.



2019 East Lake Burma SHave Building today and in the 1900's below



CNO Board Weighs in on the Historic Preservation of 2019 East Lake Street

Adam Tomczik & Flannery Clark | CNO Board Members

In response to Steve Sandberg's piece in the August 2016 Corcoran News:

Delaying the demolition of 2019 East Lake Street will jeopardize a neighborhood-initiated redevelopment project by Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) to build a new school for Adult Basic Education and Transition Plus programs. This school will transform a city block that has become known for blighted buildings and high rates of crime and it will retain MPS adult education services in our neighborhood.

We greatly respect the preservationists' commitment to local history. But the building at 2019 East Lake Street has not housed the Burma-Shave company since 1941, and the building's exterior has significantly changed since that time. The building at 2019 East Lake Street no longer represents its earlier historical periods.

The CNO Board has writ-

ten MPS twice to support the preservationists' desire to access the building to document any internal features that may offer some historic value. The CNO Board would further advocate that the new school include features that communicate the site's history.

If demolition is delayed, neighbors will be left with a blighted property that has a record of attracting criminal activity with no immediate prospects for responsible redevelopment, while plans for a highly anticipated school for adult students and young adult students with special needs would be compromised or cancelled altogether.

Find more information on the Minneapolis Public Schools Development plans at www.corcoranneighborhood.org/construction.



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Cafe con Alondra Community Forum on Sept. 17th at Midtown Farmers Market

Humanize Hi-Lake:
How to fix a problem intersection?

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

Join City Council Member Alondra Cano, the new director of Minneapolis Public Works, and neighborhood leaders working to Humanize the Hiawatha and Lake intersection. We'll discuss the CNO and resident work that inspired the City, County, and MnDOT to invest in a recently completed Hi-Lake Interchange study of options to overhaul the area. What improvements are recommended, and what will it take to get them completed? Will the new director of Minneapolis Public Works make this project a priority for City government? What can we do as residents to make positive change? Watch the Market newsletter and website for information on start time.



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The city of Minneapolis shared the following statement with KSTP:

“The City of Minneapolis continues to closely monitor this case. Once there is a resolution and findings we can look at, we will review our options and determine the appropriate next steps. Regardless of the identity of a property owner, the City continues to be diligent and vigorous in responding to tenant concerns and complaints, issuing citations as needed, and enforcing relevant health, safety and maintenance codes to keep residents of all rental properties in our city safe and healthy.

During routine rental license inspections or when receiving complaints, Regulatory Services can require owners to comply with all standards contained within the City of Minneapolis Housing Maintenance Code. This includes, but is not limited to, pests, mold and other repairs. A reasonable period of time is given to the property owner to make those repairs. Non-compliance of lawful orders can result in monetary citations, increased tier designation (costing owners more money for their rental license and increased inspections) and direct actions against the property owner’s license.”

cios, ninguno fue capaz de armar una oferta en el corto plazo. Ofertas se cerraron el 10 de agosto.

Los ocho edificios en venta se encuentran en los 3100 Bloomington ave Sur, Pleasant Ave Sur, 3700 Cedar ave Sur y cinco edificios de la cuadra de la Avenida 22 Sur.

El vender estas propiedades a los compradores del sector privado afectará negativamente a más de 130 familias, en su mayoría gente de color, madres solteras y las personas mayores ya que forjara su desplazamiento por el incremento de renta.

La ciudad de Minneapolis dio la siguiente declaración:

“La ciudad de Minneapolis sigue de cerca este caso. Una vez que hay una resolución y conclusiones podemos ver, vamos a revisar nuestras opciones y determinar los próximos pasos apropiados. Independientemente de la identidad del dueño de la propiedad, la ciudad sigue siendo diligente y enérgica para responder a las preocupaciones de los inquilinos y quejas, la emisión de citaciones, según sea necesario, y hacer cumplir, códigos de seguridad y mantenimiento de la salud de interés para mantener a los residentes de todas las propiedades de alquiler en la caja fuerte de nuestra ciudad y saludable.

Durante las inspecciones de rutina o de alquiler de

licencia al recibir quejas, Servicios de Regulación pueden exigir a los propietarios a cumplir con todas las normas contenidas dentro de la ciudad de Minneapolis Código de Mantenimiento de Vivienda. Esto incluye, pero no se limita a, plagas, hongos y otras reparaciones. Un periodo de tiempo razonable se le da al dueño de la propiedad para hacer dichas reparaciones. El incumplimiento de las órdenes legales puede resultar en citas monetaria, el aumento de la designación de nivel (que cuesta más dinero para los dueños de su licencia de alquiler y el aumento de las inspecciones) y acciones directas contra la licencia del dueño de la propiedad.”

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