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Setting up a Road Block to Stop Prostitution Traffic

By Mary Buhr and Bob Milner, Corcoran Residents

(Este artículo en español está en página 2.)

Saturday, May 13th from 2:00pm-5:00pm, join your Caring Corcoran Neighbors for the "Community Kick-off". Longfellow Avenue will be blocked off between 31st and 32nd Streets for this event.

Enjoy friendly conversation, refreshments and live music to boot! Talk to your neighbors, community leaders and local organizations about what they are doing to rid our neighborhood and city of prostitution.

Whether you realize it or not, prostitution does impact you! You may not even be aware of the prostitution traffic in our neighborhood, if you don't live near the high traffic areas.

Prostitution is not only responsible for livability issues that your neighbors face daily. It also attracts drug-related crimes and safety issues. It makes our neighborhood less attractive to

potential home buyers, renters, students, parents and new businesses.

Find out what people have done in the past in this and other communities to deter the "johns" from coming to their neighborhoods, keep the pimps and drug dealers out and offer help to the women who have been drawn into prostitution. More importantly, find out what they are doing now!

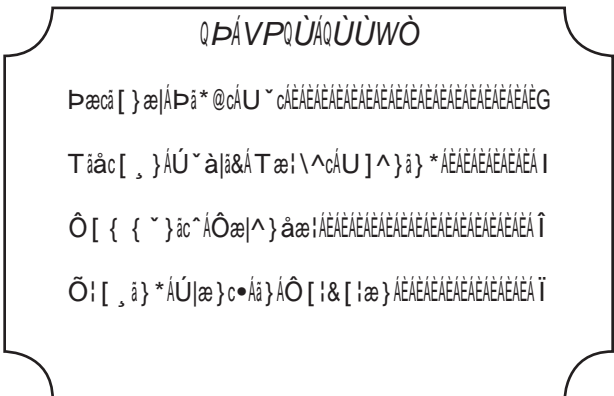
Come show your support for your neighbors' efforts to make the streets safe for everyone, particularly young women and girls who are targeted by pimps as new recruits. Let's demand increased penalties for the sexual predators responsible for prostitution, especially near schools where our own

children are being solicited by "johns", pimps and drug dealers.

Stop by the information tables and talk to the people who are active in addressing the prostitution issue. We will look forward to seeing you there!

For more information regarding this event, contact the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization at 612-724-7457.

(Note: Residents who live on the 3100 block of Longfellow Avenue may want to move their cars from the street the morning of Saturday, May 13th, prior to the event.)



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Por Rachel VanScoy, CNO Staff

(Turn to page 6 for this article in English)

Marca tu calendario, porque el Sábado, Junio 17 es la 2nd fiesta anual de Corcoran! El Parque De Corcoran, Latinos En Acción y el Vecindario De Corcoran darán una fiesta familiar a la que todos están invitados.

Tendremos Juegos, Comida, Música en Vivo y gran diversión para todos! Habrá un torneo de Fútbol-Soccer de parte de nuestro parque y de Latinos En Acción antes que comienzan las festividades. Los Juegos y la Comida empiezan a las 10:00am; La Música En Vivo empieza a las 12:00pm La Fiesta será desde las 10am hasta las 3pm. Habrá algo para cada quien! Busca más información en el Periódico de Corcoran News del mes de Junio.

Pgeukvc o qu"Xqnpvctku" rctc"nc"Hkguvc#" Quien sea que le guste convivir con sus vecinos, supervisar niños cuando juegan, o sirviendo comida, esta es tu oportunidad para participar con nosotros. Para ser un voluntario de la Fiesta, llama a Rachel al 612 724-7457 o envía un email a corcoraninfo@qwest.net.



Photo by Katie Bell
Children catch the first sign of Spring: The Ice Cream Truck! They ran with pennies and coins when they heard the familiar sounds. Look for it on a street near you!

General Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections

By Amy Arcand, CNO Staff



The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) is hosting their annual elections at Corcoran Park on Monday, May 1st

from 6:30pm-8:30pm. This is a great opportunity for residents to hear from board members, ask questions about the neighborhood, and vote on new leadership for the organization.

The agenda for the evening is simple. There will be introductions, presentations from potential candidates, voting for new officers, and questions from the community about what is happening in the neighborhood.

Have you ever wondered what we do at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization? Do you have ideas that you would like the organization to consider? Or maybe you'd like to know what is happening with the

burned out building at 35th Street and 20th Avenue. Maybe you are just interested in getting to know new people in the community. This meeting is the perfect opportunity for all of the above. We decided to leave the agenda open for conversation, input and questions to allow people who are less familiar with CNO the opportunity to ask questions about what is on their mind (people who are very familiar with us are also welcome to speak what is on their mind!). In order for this to be a successful community dialogue, we need community members to participate. Please consider attending the meeting.

Potential Candidates: As of April 14, 2006, the following candidates have expressed interest in running for a board seat.

Jessica Ward-Denison: (candidate for Chair) Jessica has served on the CNO board as secretary

and Chair of Youth and Family. She is also a member of the Events Committee and was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Midtown Farmer's Market. Jessica has worked with staff on fundraising efforts that have brought over \$40,000 to CNO. She currently works at Wellstone Action as the Foundation and Membership Manager. Jessica and her husband Dustin have lived in Corcoran since 2000 with their two daughters, Carter and Aidan.

Billy Weber: (candidate for Secretary) Billy has served on the CNO board as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation (LU&T) Committee. After taking some time off, he is excited to get involved again in a more formal way. He currently works at the University of Minnesota's Center for Sustainable Building Research. Billy moved to Corcoran in 1997. He and his partner Phillip have been Corcoran home owners since

2001.

Kath Lenk: (candidate for the At-large position) Kath currently holds this position and is seeking re-election. She has volunteered with CNO since 1998 as a member of the Safety and Livability Committee and Chair of the Events Committee; helping to raise over \$5,000 for the organization and contributing to events such as Volunteer Recognition Dinner, the Chatterbox brunch, Corcoran Fiesta, the book sale and many more. She currently works at the University of Minnesota in the School of Public Health. Kath has lived in Corcoran since 1997.

Nominations will also be accepted on the night of the event. If you are interested in one of the three seats that are up for election (Chair, Secretary, and an At-Large seat), please contact the office for more information. Call 612-724-7457 or email cnodirector@qwest.net

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By Jessica Ward-Denison, Corcoran Resident

An over 80 year South Side tradition needs your help. This 4th of July fireworks, music and a community gathering will occur at Powderhorn Park – but without the help of the residents and businesses our long held tradition may be in jeopardy.

Please watch for the donation cans to appear to support the Powderhorn Park 4th of July Fireworks Celebration – they will definitely be at the YWCA, Coffee Eclectic, the Corcoran Offices, the Chatterbox Pub, Midtown Farmer’s Market and other local businesses – drop your spare change in to help defray expenses of this long-cherished event.

Volunteers are also needed to sell glow sticks, do safety patrols and help with other fundraising activities. Contact Shonda Allen, PPNA community organizer, 612-722-4817 or shonda@ppna.org.

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Join the Tradition! Have a Block Party on National Night Out August 1

By Bob Milner, Corcoran Resident

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 year on the first Tuesday
 of August--hundreds of National
 Night Out (NNO) block parties
 take place in Minneapolis. There
 were 841 of them last year. This
 year, NNO is Tuesday August
 1st, and the theme is *National
 Night Out - Join the Tradition*.
 Community Crime Prevention/
 SAFE, (CCP/SAFE), a unit of the
 Minneapolis Police Department
 and coordinators of NNO in
 MPLS would like you and your
 neighbors to join in and create
 a NNO block party. NNO’s
 purpose is to help neighbors get
 to know one another so they can
 build a safer, healthier, more
 enjoyable community.

decide to have a party on NNO.
 Then they might drop off flyers
 to other neighbors and tell them
 that there’s going to be a block
 party. Those joining in can bring
 a dish to share, some pop or iced
 tea, folding chairs, etc. Someone
 can bring a CD player with music
 and it’s all ready to go. It can be
 that simple. Sometimes parties
 take place at a nearby church or
 park. Anyone having a party on
 NNO can register that party with
 CCP/SAFE to be eligible for
 party prizes.

John Baumann, Manager of
 CCP/SAFE, has been working
 with National Night Out for 23
 years. He offered, “We have
 a wonderful web site (www.c
 i.minneapolis.mn.us/nno) that
 can help people find planning
 and party ideas and interesting
 information about NNO. Starting
 in May the site will have flyers
 in five languages that people can
 download and use to promote
 their event. He went on, “In
 late May, blocks will be able
 to register their parties on line
 to be eligible for door prizes;
 Minnesota Twins tickets and so
 on. People will also be able to
 apply to block off their streets on
 line.”

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 Recent research concludes that
 crime rates are lowest where
 people are willing to act on each
 other’s behalf and particularly
 for the benefit of one another’s
 children. NNO offers an
 opportunity to engage young
 people in a block-focused event.

It also helps them to get to know
 neighbors and visa-versa. *Time
 IN for Family*, a Minneapolis
 grassroots organization, has
 helped CCP/SAFE develop a
 flyer that can help NNO event
 organizers with ideas of how
 to involve kids. It can be
 found on the NNO web site.
 www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno
 The flyer will also be given to
 blocks registering an NNO event.

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 v q " R e t v k g u " CCP/SAFE suggests
 block party organizers knock on
 all neighbor’s doors to personally
 invite them to join in on NNO.
 Handing someone a flyer is a lot
 more affective than just dropping
 one by. Direct contact breaks
 the ice and makes people more
 comfortable attending. To break
 down language barriers, flyers
 in Hmong, Laotian, Somali and
 Spanish will be made available by
 CCP/SAFE. It’s also helpful to
 door knock with someone that is
 bilingual.

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National Night Out is also a
 good time to talk with neighbors
 about ways to deal with graffiti.
 At some parties, neighbors will
 take a part of the night to clean up
 existing graffiti together.

Planning questions? Call NNO
 message line at 612-673-3568.
 Want information about starting a
 block club? Call 612-673-3568

Visit the National Night Out
 website for all kinds of NNO
 information. Registration forms
 will be available on line in May.

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 This community-wide event spanning Corcoran
 and Standish-Ericsson Neighborhoods features
 over 100 sales and draws *hundreds* of shoppers to
 the area.

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 The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be
 advertised in the **Uvct"Vtkdwp**, and other area
 newspapers and media.

“Sales Guide” Maps of all homes having a sale
 will be available to shoppers that day, so they will
 know how to find you!

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 Please provide your address and the type of
 merchandise you plan to sell.

The Garage Sales will take place rain or shine.

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 Between 14th Ave and 21st Ave. Construction
 operations began on March 22. Once the
 reconstruction of the north side is completed, the
 contractor will then reconstruct the south side of Lake
 Street. The sidewalks will be reconstructed in stages.
 Access to businesses will be maintained at all times. **Ncmg"
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 local streets are restricted or
 prohibited.

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 should be restored by the fall.
 Parking in front of businesses
 on adjoining streets south and
 north of Lake Street will be
 posted for two-hour parking.
 A temporary parking lot will
 be provided on the east side
 of Bloomington Avenue north
 of Lake Street. It should be
 available the first week in
 May and will be in use until
 November.



Dwu"Ugtxleg<"Buses will be rerouted from Lake Street to
 31st Street between 21st Avenue and 13th Avenue.

Uvtggvuecrg<" A new street light system will be
 introduced in the project. In addition, trees will be planted
 and street furniture such as benches, trash receptacles and
 bicycle security loops will be installed. Transit patrons
 will find new, upgraded shelters at each stop.

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 during the construction, the Lake Street Council will host
 business and property owner meetings in the conference
 room on the lower level of the Mercado Central,
 1515 E. Lake Street. These meetings will discuss the
 activities of the current and upcoming week. Watermain
 improvements, areaways, and roof drain disconnects
 as well. Contact Lake Street Council, 612-822-0232 or
 www.lakestreet.info

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Bloqueando el Camino a la Prostitucion

Por Paula Holden y Angel Morales

(For this article in English, go to page 1)

El sábado 13 de mayo desde las 2:00 p.m. hasta las 3:00 p.m. únete al grupo Vecinos Comprometidos de Corcoran para la gran Celebración del Inicio de la campana para bloquear el camino a la prostitucion. El evento tomara lugar en la avenida Longfellow entre las calles 31 y 32, la cual estará cerrada al transito.

!Goza de una buena conversación, bocadillos y música en vivo! Habla con tus vecinos, lideres de la comunidad y organizaciones locales. Acerca de lo que están haciendo para librar a la vecindad como la ciudad de la prostitucion.

La prostitucion le afecta a usted !aunque no sea consciente de ella! Es posible que no se haya dado cuenta del tráfico de prostitutas en nuestra vecindad. Si usted no vive cerca a las áreas de mayor acción.

La prostitucion no solamente amenaza una buena vida comunitaria, sino que también atrae otros problemas como; el crimen las drogas y también amenaza a la seguridad. Hace menos atractiva nuestra comunidad como lugar para vivir los nuevos dueños de casa, personas que rentan, estudiantes, padres y para los que quieren comenzar un nuevo negocio.

Entérese de lo que se ha hecho anteriormente, en esta y otras comunidades para detener a los consumidores de la prostitucion, en la vecindad, y rechazar a los "padrotes" y traficantes de drogas. Ofrecescamos ayuda a las mujeres que han estado envueltas en la prostitucion. Aun algo mas importante !enterase de lo que estamos haciendo para terminar con este problema *ahora!*

Únase a los esfuerzos de sus vecinos para hacer las calles más seguras. Especialmente para las mujeres jóvenes y niñas que puedan ser el enfoque de reclutacion de parte de "los padrotes". Exigimos mayor castigos para los predadores sexuales que son responsables de la prostitucion, especialmente cerca de las escuelas donde nuestras niñas están batallando con solicitudes de clientes, 'padrotes' y traficantes.

Para información: la Organización de Vecindad Corcoran, al 612-724-7457 o Latinos en Acción: 612 721-8800 (Nota: A los residentes de la Avenida Longfellow se les sugiere que muevan sus coches en la mañana del sábado, 13 de mayo, antes del evento.)

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By Val Lies, Corcoran Resident

Prompted by increasing crime and a decreasing budget, this past winter the Minneapolis Police Department instituted a project to address the shortcomings of their current resources, strategies, and reputation. They are embarking on a process to take Minneapolis to the next level of community policing.

Community policing involves developing strong partnerships between the police and the community to effectively grapple with crime and disorder. This policing initiative acknowledges that police enforcement won't be able to adequately address the problems of crime without involving the community in strategy development.

With the assistance of an organization called "Strategic Policy Partnership," Minneapolis police, with Deputy Chief Lucy Gerold as coordinator, held focus groups and interview with residents, businesses, and community leaders. Members of the police department were also interviewed. These interviews provided the project staff with an overview of perceptions and expectations of both the community at large and the police officers themselves.

On March 30th, Robert Wasserman, Chairman of the Strategic Policy Partnership organization, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Watson, former Chief of Police in Houston and in Austin, TX, presented the compilation of these perceptions and the analysis thereof. Approximately 75 individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and areas of Minneapolis attended the presentation at the Zuhrah Shrine Center on Park Ave. and participated in the feedback presentation which followed.

The presentation was, indeed, a "vision" of perceptions and goals: material, procedural and

attitudinal. It didn't outline a concrete step-by-step plan for reaching those goals. Developing such a plan is the next step. Input from the residents of Minneapolis is crucial to making that next step a successful one.

Interestingly, many of the viewpoints expressed by members of the police department reflected the same concerns as those of members of the community as reported in the presentation. Not surprisingly, many of the statements made by police officers were more specific to internal departmental processes and priorities. Perception matches between the two groups include: an absence of accountability, arrest is not the best solution to on-going problems, and too much priority is put on 911 response as opposed to neighborhood problem-solving.

The "Making Community Policing Real, The New Vision for Policing" is available for study and comment at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Under the "News and Events" column, click on "Help shape the futures of community policing in Minneapolis." Two versions of the presentation are accessible on that page. One is in a PDF file slide presentation; the other is a printer-friendly PDF file. The project staff is interested in citizen feedback on the presented vision: What did they get right? What did they overlook? However, the feedback is needed by April 30, 2006. If you're interested in participating, do so promptly.

Now is the time for you to voice your opinion. And your co-worker. And your neighbor. Check out the "New Vision for Policing" presentation and let the project staff know what you think today!

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It's Spring at the Midtown Public Market

By Joanna Stone, Market Coordinator

The Midtown Public Market opens on Saturday, May 6th! It is your first opportunity of the year to enjoy farm- raised bedding plants, meats, eggs and cheese, fresh baked bread, local art and music, and the company of your neighbors in the spring sunshine.

Market Hours 2006:
Saturdays from 8am – 1 pm starting on May 6th
Tuesdays added on July 11 from 3:30 – 7:30 pm.



New Vendor: Whole Farm Co-op

The Whole Farm Co-op is a group of growers located in Central Minnesota who are dedicated to sustainable farming practices that aim to provide wholesome food, a vibrant rural economy, and a healthy environment. All of the co-ops products are chemical – free (some member farms are certified organic), and all animals are treated humanely and pasture fed. Alvin Schlangen of Schlangen Family Farms will be bringing a wide variety of Whole Farm Co-op products to the Midtown Public Market each Saturday, including locally produced eggs, milk, cheese, meats, in season produce, honey, baked goods, and much more. Shoppers can order from their product list online or by phone, and pick up their orders at the market. Visit www.wholefarmcoop.com or call 877-203-5273 or 320-732-3023 for product information or to place an order, or talk to Alvin at the market and place an order for the following week.

Turn your Plastic into Wood

We now gladly accept EBT/ food stamps, Credit and Debit cards. Use your plastic to purchase wooden \$1 tokens, which can be spent throughout the market!

Volunteer at the Market

If you enjoy the local foods, music, and activities at the market, please consider volunteering to help us keep the market running! You could... Help out on market day • Write newspaper/ newsletter articles • Post flyers • Help plan events • Join the advisory committee • Put a lawn sign in your yard • Tell your neighbors about the market • Make a donation to become an official "Friend of the Market" •

Please contact us if you would like more information on any of the Market news! 612-724-7457 or midtownmarket@qwest.net.

Now Hiring

The Midtown Public Market is looking for a part time summer employee to help out at the market on Saturdays and Tuesdays- perfect for a student or someone looking for a little extra income this summer. The job will be approximately 15 hours per week in June – August, and 8 hours per week in September (Saturdays only).

We are looking for someone who is at least 16 years old, willing to work hard, be on time, and have a friendly attitude. Duties include hauling market equipment, setting up the market, checking in volunteers, greeting customers, helping with vendors and entertainers, selling merchandise, keeping the market clean, and putting

away all market items after we close. The job requires lifting of up to 50 lbs. and proficiency in English.

For a complete job description and an application, stop by the Corcoran Neighborhood Office or email...

midtownmarket@qwest.net

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If you're looking to buy a 1-4 unit home in Corcoran, or if you purchased a home in Corcoran in the last 12 months, don't miss out on the CNO Homebuyer Assistance program! Funds may be used for assistance with down payment or rehab, or conversion of a previously non-homesteaded property. You make no payments until you move or sell, and if you remain in the home for five years, the loan is forgiven!

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- €# First time homebuyers only.
- €# For down payment and/or closing cost assistance .
- €# Up to \$2,000 Deferred loan
- €# 0% interest rate
- €# Forgiven after 5 years
- €# Income limits apply based upon family size (i.e. family of 1 - \$40,250 2 - \$46,000 3 - \$51,750 4 - \$57,500)
- €# Must be owner-occupied

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- €# Must have bought a 1-4 unit home within the past year.
- €# Must be used for rehab of home, interior or exterior.
- €# Up to \$2,000 Deferred loan
- €# 0% interest rates.
- €# Forgiven after 5 years.
- €# No income limits apply.
- €# Must be owner-occupied.

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- €# Must buy a 1-4 unit home previously non-homesteaded and convert it to owner-occupied homestead
- €# For down payment and/or closing cost assistance
- €# Up to \$2,000 Deferred loan
- €# 0% interest rate
- €# Forgiven after 5 years.
- €# Income limits apply (same as Down Payment Assist. limits)

Low interest loans (3 or 4%) are also available through CNO in amounts up to \$10,000.

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By Dan McLean, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Spring rain brings a refreshing change to lawns and gardens, but not to urban lakes and rivers. The storm drain on your street collects the water from your roof, driveway and sidewalk and funnels it directly in your local water body. The water may look clean, but that's not always the case.

Nutrients from grass and leaves, pet waste, and fertilizers "enrich" lakes-feeding algae blooms and harming fish. Toxic chemicals from hose-and-bucket car washes and household chemical spills add up, taking a nasty toll on our favorite swimming areas and fishing spots. Another pollutant is soil; if landscapers and builders aren't careful, soil runs off into local water bodies, reducing the clarity of water and hurting fish.

Every Minnesotan has a part in keeping lakes and rivers beautiful and safe for fishing and swimming. That's not at odds with a beautiful garden or a perfect yard. As you prepare your lawn and garden this spring, remember you have an important part in keeping Minnesota water clean and enjoyable. Here are a few helpful hints from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency:

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1. Use mulch and vegetation to keep soil from washing away.
2. Use non-phosphorous fertilizer on established lawns.
3. Sweep or rake grass and leaves away from street curbs.
4. Mulch and compost grass clippings and leaves.
5. Keep paved surfaces to a minimum.
6. Capture water runoff with a rain garden and rain barrels.
7. Wash your car on the grass.
8. Keep chemicals away from storm drains.
9. Collect your pet's waste.
10. Aim your rain-gutter downspouts onto grass.

For more, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website: www.pca.state.mn.us



The Twin Cities Daily Planet (www.tcdailyplanet.net), an online news source featuring the best of the community press plus the work of citizen-reporters and independent journalists, will launch May 1 with a full complement of local news, features, columns and interactive community forums.

The Daily Planet will offer a convenient portal of more than 30 community newspapers and online publications in an effort to connect readers throughout the Twin Cities with an eclectic and diverse collection of voices rarely heard in the major media, including The Corcoran News!

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The "E-Board" members in a rare group photo in front of the festive masks on the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization wall:

(Rear row) Kirk Roggensack, Kath Lenk, Kevin Reuther, Sue Duoos, Gerry Tyrrell, Jeremy Mork, (Front row) Ella Ritzman, Gwen McMahon, Jessica Ward-Denison. Not pictured: Amy Arcand (staff), Alexis Bell and Eric Lindberg.

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Approve February E-Board minutes. Ella moved to approve February E-Board Minutes, Kath seconded. Motion carried.
Rgtuqppgn"Rqkqk { "Gwen moved to approve change to update of personnel policy to include language about staff and jury duty. Ella seconded. MOTION: Employees who are summoned for jury duty will receive paid time off for their service. Employees are expected to do as much work as possible during their service (both in the office and the jury waiting room) and should sign up for the call-in service whenever possible. If employee receives any income for service, CNO will be the recipient of those funds according to applicable statutes. Motion carried.
Hkpcpekc" Tgrqtvc "Audit exit meeting went well. Our audit was outstanding again. January financial reports were in good standing.
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Bathroom has been remodeled by an RJ Volunteer. *Art of This* is doing a free update of CNO's logo, brochure and etc. MLOP hired Carlos Quezada as a program associate. He is very excited to have him on the team. Latino's en Acción will become the new name in April. A long time volunteer and CNO resident Marsha Brekke is struggling with breast cancer. There will be a fund raiser for her on April 29, from 11-3 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church.
Eqo okvvgg" Tgrqtvc < Midtown Farmer's Market – board approved the MPM proposal and expenses related to the EBT program. Market opens on May 6.
 Land Use and Transportation – committee is still working on the Triangles along LRT – will stay in communication with the city and possible developers.
 Events – Garage Sale is June

10. Corcoran Fiesta is June 17. Volunteers needed for the Fiesta. Contact Rachel.
 Caring Corcoran Neighbors – board accepts the resignation of Tiffany Hand as chair and accepts Russ Henry as the new chair. CCN has written goals and is planning an event on May 13 to bring in new community members. MOTION: to set aside in the CNO budget, \$200 in support of the start up efforts of CCN and implementation of their goals, as set forth in the March 9 minutes, for those expenses that CCN is not able to cover through donations and outside fundraising. The funds shall be available for reimbursement of specific expenses as approved by the executive director. Motion carried.
 Restorative Justice – program is now accepting city-wide referrals.
 Adjourn.
 Submitted by Jessica Ward-Denison

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In Attendance: Kirk Roggensack (Chair), Sue Duoos (Vice-Chair), Amy Arcand (Staff), Jeremy Mork (At Large), Kath Lenk (At Large), Ella Ritzman (Treasurer), Jessica Ward-Denison (Secretary), Gwen McMahon (Housing Rep), Gerry Tyrell (Midtown Farmer's Market Rep), Kevin Reuther (Land, Use and Transportation Rep.)
 Approve March E-Board minutes. Motion carried.

After discussion and reviewing Alexis's resume, Sue moved to accept Alexis Bell to fulfill the remaining Treasurer term (through May 2007), Gwen seconded. Ella abstained. Motion carried. Thank you Ella for 2 years of service. As a parting gift – Ella donated her computer to CNO! And offered to sell her hand crafted women's hats at the Midtown Farmer's Market as a fundraiser. Thanks Ella!

will have a "float." **Octmgy"qrgpu"qp" Oc{"8vj**
 Housing – 3504 Longfellow development is still on hold as City Council looks at the proposed changes.
 Land Use and Transportation – A letter went out to developers from Eric and L. U. & T. to meet with Eric and committee members and tour Corcoran and look at development opportunities. Sue announced that parking will be changed to one side of the street on 22nd, adjacent to the YWCA. We are still hoping to have the parking moved back 10 feet from the corners on 31st & 22nd to aid in visibility. Still no hope of a 4 way stop there.

Rgtuqppgn"Eqo okvvgg" Tgeqo o gpfvkvq" hqt"Co {"Ctecpf. Gzgewlxg" Fktgevqtu" Tgrqtvc "Motion was made by Gwen and seconded by Jessica to accept as written, the Personnel Committee's proposal for Amy Arcand's part time status and one week additional vacation – post dated to January 1, 2006 – accrued at 4.62 hours per pay period. Motion carried unanimously.

Rqy fgt jqtq" Rctm"cpf"vjg"6" qh"lwn { : Amy attended a meeting at PPNA about the 4th of July at Powderhorn Park. Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association is asking for help from other neighborhoods this year. They need help with fundraising, safety patrols, and volunteers. Currently the Park and the City help to pay for the event on the 4th, but it's not enough money. Jess volunteered to write articles for CNN. Kath volunteered to help with donation cans. Sue volunteered to talk to the Hi-Lake Business association. Amy will also help.

Events – Chatterbox Brunch raised \$509. **Ictcig"Ucng"ku"lwpg" 32vj. Eqteqtcp" Hkguvc"ku"lwpg" 39vj.** Volunteers needed for the Fiesta. Next planning meeting is on April 18th at 5:00 at Corcoran Park. Contact Rachel if you are interested in helping out.

EPQ"Cppwcn" Tgxkyg" Rtqegu < In an effort to time table the review process and make the process smoother going forward, Amy prepared a proposed review plan for the CNO annual review process. The Personnel committee also presented a format for the Executive Director annual review. Jeremy suggested that the final ED review form should include a Not Applicable (N/A) on the form. Motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Jeremy to approve the CNO Annual Review processes as written. Motion carried.

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Caring Corcoran Neighbors – **Eqo o wplv {"Gxgpn"ku"qp" Oc {"35vj** at 31st and Longfellow. Russ Henry, CCN chair, was featured in a Doug Grow article in the Star and Tribune.

Pgy" Vtgcwvgt: Ella is stepping down as Treasurer as of May 1. Because her term has one year remaining, the board has the discretion to approve a new treasurer to fulfill the term. Alexis Bell, Corcoran resident and CNN volunteer, submitted her resume for consideration. In observance of full disclosure, Amy Arcand told the board that she and Alexis are long-time friends. The board discussed the issue, as Alexis would also become a member of the Personnel Committee. Jeremy also noted that he and Alexis were friends. The board was in full agreement that this in itself does not pose a conflict of interest and it was noted that Alexis could abstain from any vote that may be a conflict of interest in the future.

Gzgewlxg" Fktgevqtu" Tgrqtvc "Norb Kappes, Corcoran resident, notified Amy that Ruby Nelson, 91, longtime CNO resident, volunteer and CNN helper passed away on March 28th. Norb attended the memorial service and contributed a memorial contribution in Ruby's name to CNO. He received a very nice note from Ruby's granddaughter, stating how much Ruby had loved living in Corcoran and enjoyed helping on the paper. Our thoughts are with Ruby's family and thank you to Norb for the contribution.

Old Business – Kirk will be unable to head up the Events Committee after he steps down as Chair in May. He will continue to volunteer as he can.

Eqo okvvgg" Tgrqtvc < Midtown Farmer's Market (MFM) – Nice front page article in Philips's Alley about MFM & being the first Market in MN to accept EBT. Joanna ordered the EBT tokens & received the state registration number for the EBT system. Market committee is working on press for opening. We need to continue spread the word about MFM. May 7th is the May Day Parade – MFM

Dates to Remember:
 May 1 – CNO General Membership and Elections, Corcoran Park
 May 6 – Midtown Farmer's Market opens
 May 13 – CCN Community Gathering at 31st and Longfellow
 June 10 – Neighborhood Garage Sale
 June 17th – Corcoran Fiesta at Corcoran Park
 - Hazardous Waste drop off day at Folwell School.
 June 24th – Clean Sweep (Gwen's making Carmel Rolls! – so be sure to volunteer!)

Next meeting May 8, 2006
 Adjourn.
 Submitted by Jessica Ward-Denison

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CNO's Mission Statement: We, the Corcoran residents, in all our diversity, will strive to strengthen and protect the unique character, livability, and social fabric of our neighborhood. We will endeavor to encourage and empower all residents, businesses and property owners to unite in addressing our common issues.

La Misión: Nosotros, los residentes de Corcoran, en toda nuestra diversidad, procuramos reforzar y proteger el carácter único, vida llevadera, y la tela social de nuestro vecindario. Nosotros procuraremos alentar y habilitar a todos los residentes, negocios y dueños de propiedades para unirlos, hablando de nuestras cuestiones comunes.

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Don't miss the 31st Annual May Day Parade on May 7th! Go to www.hobt.org or stop by In the Heart of the Beast Theatre to see what all the commotion is about and why you've seen kids practice walking in stilts down your sidewalk.

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(For this article in Spanish, go to page 1)
 Mark your calendars now, Saturday, June 17th is the 2nd annual Fiesta!
 Corcoran Park, *Latinos en Accion*, and the Corcoran Neighborhood will be throwing a family friendly party that everyone is welcome to attend.
 We will have games, food,

exciting live music and a great time together!
 There will be a soccer tournament put on by Corcoran park and *Latinos en Accion* before the festivities begin.
 Games and food start at 10am; live music starts at 12pm.
 The Fiesta will run 10am until 3pm. There will be something for everyone! Look for more

By Rachel VanScoy, CNO Staff

information in the June issue of CNN.
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 Anyone who enjoys mingling with their neighbors, supervising kids while they play, or serving food, this is a *great* one-day event for you to participate in. For more information on being a Fiesta volunteer, call Rachel at 612-724-7457, or email her at corcoraninfo@qwest.net.

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The Corcoran Neighborhood is updating its business directory, and we need your help. Free advertising is always a good thing, right?
 Call the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization at (612) 724-7457 with the following: Type of business, contact information, and a brief description of your services. If you leave a message, leave your phone number and a good time to reach you. Or just stop by the office at 35th and Cedar. We want to know EVERY business in our neighborhood, but we can't do it without your help. Please call today! DEADLINE: JULY 5th.

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From Susan Hensel, Corcoran Resident

Featured artists are photographer and global imagist Lorna Rockey and painter Siddiqua Shahnawaz.

ECNNHQ]T'CTV< THREADS IN SPACE: fiber art in the 21st century. July 2006- A show of fiber and textiles with an emphasis on knit and crochet. Artwork with threads as a major component. Curated by Susan Hensel & Lynn DT Hershberger www.colorjoy.com

MEDIA WANTED: fiber dominant artwork. Installation, free standing sculpture, wall or ceiling mounts welcome (10.5 foot ceilings) Call for info or go to www.susanhenseldesign.com/callforart.html. Note: The gallery will be closed in June and August this year.

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By Johnny Jones, Jr., Corcoran Resident

Do you love watching butterflies? I know I do! If you want to attract butterflies to your yard, you will need to create a sunny area that has to have a nectar source, a source of food for the caterpillars, it needs puddles of some sort, and a rocky area for resting, sunning and shelter!

Uwp"cpf"Pgevt<"Remember that many butterflies need sunny conditions for full functions. Keep this in mind at all times when creating a butterfly heaven. You need nectar producing plants for that sunny area as well. Tall nectar and food plants will aid in this process. The tall plants remain in the sun for most of the day and that is something that butterflies need (along with the nectar they are receiving from the plants). The key to remember is: sunny and open.

Hqqf<"Your butterflies need a diverse and long season of food. They feed at different times of the day, and in different parts of season. That means we need different kinds of plants to cover the butterfly stages of life. I am going to throw a wrench in here: Have you heard of the Dandelion and Milkweed? Two of the most hated weeds on the planet! Did you know that they attract butterflies like crazy? I know that you would not grow them on purpose, but you might set aside a small patch in your yard. SMILE! Come on, a small corner of dandelions will give you a rainbow of butterflies!

Here are some of the plants that butterflies love to eat: Perennial Aster, bee balm, butterfly bush, coreopsis, daylily, goldenrod, hollyhock, honeysuckle, lilac, lupine, mallow, mint, milkweed (Butterfly weed), pansy, and phlox. These are all beautiful plants! Happy Eating my beautiful BUTTERFLY!

Rwf fngu<"Puddles are the same as a birdbath but for butterflies. That is because butterflies can't drink directly from open water. They will take water from sand puddles and they will congregate in numbers at these puddles. You could create a rain garden with these puddles (depressions) around your yard or garden. You can put stones around your puddles and create shelter.

Ujgvgt< Shelter means two things to butterflies: protection from the wind and predators. Any vine covered walls, fences, or trellises will provide these two things. Good luck and enjoy the butterflies! Remember nectar, puddles, stones, and shelter!

Johnny Jones, Jr. has a home-based business selling bedding plants. Plantmaster345@aol.com or 612-724-4817. Next month's topic: I don't know yet!



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Por David Spencer, Casa Mexico, Spencer136@hotmail.com

Los camarones estaban hasta la madre por las cosas que estaban sucediendo en la comunidad. Entonces convocaron a una asamblea a fin de encontrar una solución para enfrentar la crisis por la que estaban pasando; y para acabarla de fregar empezaron a circular las noticias que los iban a echar fuera de la Comarca Lagunera, al saber la noticia unos se pusieron mas rojos y otros más pálidos.

En la Asamblea se juntaron todo tipo de camarones, ahí estaba el camarón pelado, el camarón asaltado, el camarón endiablado, el camarón paci florín, el camarón chueco, el manco, el cojo, el tuerto, el que, el camarón amenazado, el que le daban carrilla en el trabajo, el camarón merolico, el que trabajaba doble turno, el que trabajaba solo part-time, el regañado sin motivo, el corrido sin motivo, el rezador, el que se le fue la vieja, el músico y el camarón mojado de ajo.

Pasaron varias horas de alegatos los camarones asambleístas, todos expusieron sus quejas argumentos y exigencias. Ya que se habían calmado los ánimos, los dolores de cabeza y de estomago. Por primera vez en su vida utilizaron la comunicación cercana entre ellos mismos. Reflexionaron que ellos eran los que habitaban la comarca lagunera y que era el miedo el que los cegados tullidos, mancos, cojos y prisioneros. Empezaron a ver que las oficinas que visitaban no había fantasmas, entonces promovieron cambios y enviando iniciativas por todos lados principalmente en la municipalidad. Pero sobre todo empezaron a ir a la escuela se propusieron matar a la Ignorancia

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Pasando al tema de los Inmigrantes. Actualmente existe un numero de 25 jóvenes llamado "El Grupo" que seguramente crecerá en gran cantidad, si en gran cantidad irán a tomar el curso, cientos de jóvenes desean saber sobre los mensajes que se les van a dar, pero algunos no quieren o no querían dejar de trabajar pensando que el dinero les va a resolver todos sus problemas, o les daba miedo porque es en la estación de policía donde toman o tomaran las clases, o cualquier otro motivo, hasta que el agua les lleo o les esta llegando al cuello.

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Academia dará comienzo con un curso los Sábado de 10:00 am - 12:00. Los temas a tratar en la academia son los siguientes: • Como se podría alterar el estado migratorio como consecuencia del uso del alcohol y las drogas. Que es el Boot Camp? y quien decide si te envían? • Que debes hacer, (y decir) si te detiene la un policía en transito vehicular. Como obtener tu record aunque no tengas identificación. • Que es el Servicio Comunitario y para que sirve. • Gangas y Graffiti, como saber si estas en la base de datos (lista) de gangas. • Defensa Personal. • Planificación familiar y como esto es parte de tu futuro • Como reportar abuso domestico de tus padres, familia, novio, novia, y como obtener ordenes de restricción de corte. • Graduación.

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