



# The Corcoran NEWS

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## 'What's New?'

### *A Photography Project Focus: Corcoran*

*By Mary Buhr, CNN Writer*

Even those of us who are long-time residents of Corcoran are bound to learn something new about our own neighborhood once photographer Jose Faine completes his photographic exploration of the Corcoran community, while lending his own interpretation and artistic expression to a photography exhibit planned at Augsburg College November 5th through December 5th. Faine, the photographer assigned to Corcoran as part of an intriguing new project called 'What's New?', was given the task of photographing the diversity and changing population within Corcoran this summer.

Susan Boecher, a photography professor at Metropolitan State University, Augsburg College and Minnesota College of Art & Design, and now Executive Director of OverExposure, was inspired to create this three-year project to artistically document the changing demographics of Twin Cities neighborhoods. Boecher expects the photographers participating in the project to work with neighborhoods to identify changes and challenges created by growing diversity, and lend their own artistic expression to portray what's really going on within these communities. Boecher hopes that the resulting photographic exhibits serve as an educational and inspirational portrayal of these communities that will generate new and expanded dialogue about how communities can embrace the diversity while rising to the challenges that accompany it.

Corcoran is amongst the first neighborhoods in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area that jumped at the opportunity to participate in Phase I of 'What's New?'. CNO executive director Amy Arcand is excited by Boecher's ideas and vision for this project and is happy to have Faine working with Corcoran. Arcand hopes the photos capture the positive dynamics of our neighborhood and demonstrate how unique it is. She asked Faine to try to capture what

a rich, diverse and connected community we have. CNO will receive a portfolio of the prints to use for up to one year for marketing their mission and community building capacity.

Jose Faine is originally from Santiago, Chile, and moved to Minnesota about five years ago. An architect by trade, he has found photography to be a very personal way to explore his own instincts without being bound by time or place. His interest in this project was piqued by the opportunity to observe and explore how his own perceptions of diversity, community and space as a foreigner differ from those of people born and raised here. He believes exploration of community through photography can help us to understand how our prejudices affect the expression of diversity, and at the same time, shape the destiny of a community or group. Faine, one of ten photographers selected from twenty-five applicants, will gain credentials, be eligible for artistic grants, as well as exhibition and public credits.

Members of participating neighborhoods and the larger communities to which they belong will have the opportunity to view the upcoming exhibits and participate in the public forums and community dialogue planned to accompany the exhibition.

Plan to view the photos at the culmination of Phase I of 'What's New?' at Augsburg College's Student Gallery in November and December of 2007, or at other exhibits at West Photo and the McKnight Foundation planned for 2008. CNO also plans to display the photos at the office and schedule exhibits at neighborhood venues.

Consider organizing a block club outing to see the photos and share your impressions with your neighbors first hand. You can learn more about the 'What's New?' project by visiting [www.overexposuremedia.org](http://www.overexposuremedia.org).



*Artist Elise Kylo led the efforts of 35 volunteers to paint a colorful new mural at 1837 E. Lake St. over the September 22 weekend. Take a walk down Lake Street and check it out! KSTP Channel 5 ran a story on the mural, the second of eight in a year-long Corcoran mural project aimed at engaging youth and deterring graffiti. Also see a related story below to learn how you can get involved. (Photo by Jeff Blanch, Corcoran resident)*

## YOU are Invited to Paint "THE WAY WE MOVE" Mural

*Where: On the Maaco wall, 2005 East Lake St*

*When: Saturday, Oct. 13 and Sunday Oct. 14*

*Time: 10:00 to 6:00 pm both days*

*Who: All ages are welcome, artists and non-artists, no experience is needed*

From foot paths and horses, to buggy's and trolleys, cars and trains, we will include them all in this mural as we paint the history of travel on Lake St. and beautify Lake Street.

If you are able, bring:

- Paint clothes
- Brushes or rollers
- Ladders or sawhorses
- Friends who want to paint too!

You can also be a part of the design team and share your ideas at the planning meeting on Tuesday Oct. 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm (meet at Maaco in the alley).

For more info contact Eric at CNO at [eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org), or Elise, 612-722-3583, [ekyllo@hotmail.com](mailto:ekyllo@hotmail.com). If raining, we'll postpone it to Sat/Sun October 20, 21.

*This project is made possible by the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and the Minnesota Regional Arts Council through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature, many volunteers and paint provided by Valspar. Come be a part of history!*

## Calling all Book Lovers - Book Sale Fundraising Event October 6, 2007

*By Sue Redmond, CNN Writer*

After we got a taste of the cold weather to come last week, my urges kicked in to curl up with a good book and a mug to tea inside my warm house. In preparation, the Corcoran Events Committee strategically planned the book sale for October 6, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to meet those needs. This is Corcoran's fourth year of having this fundraiser to support CNO. There is still time to volunteer to sort books, help with set up and clean up or to work at the book sale. If you are interested, contact the CNO office 612-724-7457 and ask for Dayna. When you come to the sale don't forget to bring a bag and you will get one free book.

## A Tribute to Julie Niccum

When I found out that Julie had passed away on Aug. 29th I was saddened and taken back to the 1980's and 1990's. As a former CNO Community Organizer (she was one of the best!), one of the co-authors of "Inner City Neighborhoods and Prostitution: A Solutions Document" and a member and co-founder of MCAP (Metropolitan Coalition Against Prostitution) she was tenacious and effective. As friends, former neighbors, co-block leaders and fellow activists, we shared a lot of intense, hectic, and fun times! Although circumstances and time separated us over the last several years, I will always remember her compassion

and dedication to prostituted women and children, her intense loyalty and friendship, her wisdom and intelligence, her very funny sense of humor and quick wit, and her love for her family! She made an invaluable contribution to the Corcoran Neighborhood for many years! My condolences to her family and to all those close to her. As I am sure all of you will miss her, so will many of us.

*Sincerely,*

*Judy Oman*

*Corcoran Neighborhood Resident*

## When Is Your Next Block Gathering? CNO Project Offers 'Green' Rewards, Builds Stronger Blocks

*By Eric Gustafson, CNO Staff*

What simple things does your household do to conserve energy or reduce waste? *Living Green Block Talks* began in August with a conversation about backyard composting. Attendees were offered \$50 toward a new compost bin. Talk #2 was a block gathering at Joe's 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue home on the topic of planting Shade Trees to save energy. A master gardener enriched the conversation, and attendees were offered \$50 toward a new tree.

At the time of this printing, Talk #3 on Recycling and Nontoxic home cleaning was planned for a 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue home, and Talk #4 on Fall Gardening and Waste Reduction was slated for a Cedar Avenue residence. Yes, these are block club events, but the whole neighborhood is invited (at the host's discretion) through *The Neighborhood Advocate*, CNO's e-mail newsletter.

Reasons to host or attend a *Living Green Block Talk* include: (1.) Learn to lower your bills and your carbon footprint. (2.) Learn what a carbon footprint is, if you're not sure. (3.) Strengthened connections between neighbors prevent crime.

Contact me with your ideas for a block event, at [eric@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:eric@corcoranneighborhood.org). The field is wide open, but ideas for *Living Green* topics include programmable thermostats, reducing vehicle miles traveled, lower-impact clothes washing & drying, high efficiency lighting, weatherproofing the home for winter, home energy audit, low-flow shower heads, furnace tune-ups and insulating, switching to renewable energy, nontoxic lawn care, energy-efficient homes, buying locally made food and goods, and low-waste event planning.

## Neighbors Consider New Home at 3448 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue S

*By Eric Gustafson, CNO Staff*

A tragic fire destroyed a fourplex at 3448 20<sup>th</sup> Ave S on January 10, 2006. Following demolition of the structure, the lot was sold to a new owner. That owner—a parent/daughter/son-in-law team—has assembled plans to build and reside in respective units of a new side-by-side double bungalow. Those plans went before the CNO Housing Committee and other neighbors for review at two recent meetings.

At the June 18, 2007 meeting, the plans shared were very preliminary. Five 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue neighbors and committee members offered feedback and suggestions, and expressed enthusiasm about the family's plans to become new neighbors. On September 17, 2007, the family returned to the committee with a nearly

finalized design, and with requests for support of 3 variances to City code. The variances involve smaller setbacks (distance from structure to lot line) than nominally required. The final decision on the requests were to be made by the Minneapolis Board of Adjustment (BOA) at its September 27 meeting (after this newspaper goes to print).

Attendees of the 9/17 Housing meeting expressed unanimous support of the variances, and CNO staff forwarded these recommendations to the BOA. The application still requires review by the Minneapolis Planning Commission and full City Council. The family hopes to break ground before the snow flies.

## Minneapolis hosts public meetings to discuss Citywide Ten-Year Transportation Plan and Streetcar Feasibility Study

The City of Minneapolis is hosting eight public meetings to discuss the City's draft Ten-Year Transportation Plan and its Streetcar Feasibility Study. The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on plan recommendations and to discuss key transportation issues facing Minneapolis.

The meeting near us is scheduled for October 17 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Lake Nokomis Recreation Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Ave.

The City's Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan – Access Minneapolis – is being created to identify steps that the City and its partner agencies (Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Transportation)

need to take within the next 10 years to improve the current transportation system and ready it for continued growth. While the Access Minneapolis plan is based on a long-term (2030) view of transportation needs, it focuses on actions that should be undertaken throughout the city over the next 10 years, recognizing that this timeframe is subject to the availability of funds.

The Streetcar Feasibility Study recommends a long-range streetcar system and identifies initial operating segments that might be good short "starter" segments. The Study evaluated 14 Primary Transit Network corridors to determine if the operation of streetcar in some of those corridors would be physically, operationally and financially feasible. The study addressed

capital and operating costs, impacts on transit service, development opportunities, physical constraints, ownership and operation alternatives, maintenance and storage facility locations and funding alternatives.

If you need a translator or a disability related accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessible meeting site or materials in alternative format, please contact Charleen Zimmer, Project Manager, at 612-673-3166 or at [Charleen.Zimmer@ci.minnneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Charleen.Zimmer@ci.minnneapolis.mn.us) at least a week before the meeting.

For more information, visit: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/trans-plan](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/trans-plan).

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# October: Autumn at the Market or Last Chance for a Market Visit

By Eric Lindberg, CNN Writer

I've visited the Midtown Farmer's Market more frequently this year after agreeing to write this monthly column. I've watched it bloom, grow and change with the seasons and find it hard to believe we are nearing the season's end. Like aging, or watching children grow, it happens so slowly that we don't see the obvious, and then one day... WHAT! But that is a different story.

The Market's offerings are a direct reflection of the season – in spring, there is a limited selection of produce, but other things such as annual and perennial flowering plants are in abundance. In summer, more crops are ready for harvest and the vendors gradually begin showing tables filled with produce – but the flowering plant selection quickly narrows, those that are still available are usually quite a good value (note to self, next spring – hit the market first for plants!). However, while the bulk of the Market's offerings change throughout the season – there are several constants.

Several vendors whose offerings are not directly the result of that perfect blend of sun, soil and rain include Artisan Breads, Meats and Cheeses, and Handmade Crafts. Some of these crafts include framed photos and prints, woven scarves, caps, or other knit items, beadwork

and jewelry, ceramics, as well as alterations and mending that are done by a man on the spot in his booth. Included amongst these all-seasonal offerings is the Market's coffee vendor who, like the mailman, arrives rain or shine, with a hot cup of coffee and a delicious treat, ready and waiting.

The Fireroast Mountain Cafe is operated by Dave and Lisa, a couple who have lived in Seward for about 7 years and who bought the pre-existing business in 2005. They have been Market vendors since the Spring of 2006 and have been offering Market-goers delicious treats, wonderful coffee, a sharp sense of humor, and big smiles ever since. I was surprised to learn that Lisa is not a coffee person. As a matter of fact, her passion, and initial interest, was to open a fine teas and desserts shop. Then Dave and Lisa saw that the Fireroast Mountain Cafe was for sale, and since they had been working on a business plan for several years, they decided this might work for them. Lisa, who has a Masters in Marketing, now runs the business with Dave who has maintained his position in the Counseling field where he works mostly evenings and weekends, (which allows him to be on site with Lisa during the day).

Dave and Lisa appear to really enjoy being involved

with the Market, and their enthusiasm is contagious. While not what they'd call morning people, Dave says that once they set-up by 8 am on Saturday mornings, the Market atmosphere energizes them and they are good for the day. He described how the Market vendors have become a community unto themselves or a cooperative of sorts. The vendors watch out for and help each other with whatever is needed, from setting up/tear down, to covering booths for breaks. The Market has also allowed for some unexpected networking and collaboration. Dave and Lisa participated in preparing for "The Market at the Mansion" fund raising event by providing desserts (Lisa also posed for the advertising poster) and have begun to show some of the artwork of other vendors and occasionally host live music at the Cafe.

Whether you stop by the booth at the Market, or drop in to the shop on 38<sup>th</sup> Street for a cup o' joe, be sure to sample one of Lisa's treats too – I am sure you will not be disappointed.

The **Fireroast Mountain Cafe** is located at the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in the Longfellow Neighborhood.

## Important Market Updates:

### Market Manager Transition

After four years as the manager of the Midtown Farmers' Market, Joanna Stone has decided it is time for her to leave her position with the market. She plans to continue working through the end of the 2007 market season and into early December to ensure a smooth transition to the new market manager. The market manager job description will be posted in the next week or so, and we hope to have a new manager hired late this fall.

Joanna says: "I absolutely love this market, and am so grateful for all I have learned and all of the great people I have met in my time here. I'll see you all at the market next year- just as a shopper with a canvas bag instead of a manager with a clipboard."

### Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to get involved with the market during this time of transition and as we begin planning for our 2008 market season, please let us know! Volunteers are always needed to help out on market day, and we are also looking for new members for the Market Advisory Committee. If you are interested in more information on how you can get involved, please email [info@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@midtownfarmersmarket.org).



Joanna Stone (L) and Dayna Burtness (R).  
Photo By

## Welcome to Dayna – Lutheran Corp Volunteer at CNO

By Sue Redmond, CNN Writer

Dayna Burtness graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in 2007. She designed her own major called "The Resettling of America: Culture and Agriculture." Dayna plans to do graduate work in environmental and agricultural policy and recently completed a three-month summer internship at Foxtail Farm near Osceola Wisconsin, a community supported agriculture farm. This internship was a life-changing event for Dayna, who grew up in Coon Rapids and describes her upbringing as a typical suburban one. Dayna's work on the farm gave her direction in finding the kind of education in liberal arts that fit for her and it also put her in touch with her own family's long history of farming back to Norway.

At St. Olaf in 2004, Dayna and another student showed great persistence in working with the college's administration and started a student-run organic farm by securing land space, funding and working with the college food provider. STOGROW Farm was born of her hard work, love of sustainable food and the need to address the social impact of where food comes from, how it's grown and getting back to locally grown organic foods. From the efforts of STOGROW Farm, the college kitchen also began composting to minimize waste.

Dayna is becoming well known from her work at St. Olaf in organic sustainable farming. On June 2, 2006, an article on WCCO.com about conservation featured Dayna's work at the STOGROW Farm. An Associated Press article about conservation had a photo of Dayna with bee hives used on the farm at St. Olaf. On October 31, 2006, Dayna was mentioned in the Star Tribune for the yearly "eat locally" challenge. Dayna completed

an internship at The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. She is active in education on the Farm Bill and led a class on May 31, 2007 at Just Food Co-op – a natural foods grocer in Northfield.

Dayna will be serving the south Minneapolis community for a year as a Lutheran Corp volunteer. Dayna is assigned to CNO. She began on August 27, 2007 and jumped right in. She is at the Midtown Farmer's Market twice a week and she will be a part of the community events in Corcoran. Dayna is a friendly and warm person who wants to meet and hear from Corcoran residents about what their needs are. Dayna can be contacted at CNO at 612-724-7457 or at [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org)

According to their website, Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a year-long national volunteer service program for people seeking to unite faith, social justice, intentional community, and practice simple and sustainable living. Volunteers are matched with non-profit organizations in ten metropolitan areas across the United States. They work full-time in various positions ranging from direct social services, to political advocacy, community organizing, education, and activism while living in intentional community. The Twin Cities has three LVC houses: one in North Minneapolis, one in South Minneapolis, and one in St. Paul.

Dayna lives at the south Minneapolis Lutheran Corp home and just got engaged to be married. Dayna's top priorities are the farmer's market, the use of mini markets and helping residents who use EBT cards.

### Job Description: Manager, Midtown Farmers' Market

The Midtown Farmers' Market seeks a creative, self-motivated person with strong leadership and organizational skills for a fulltime position as Market Manager. The Manager runs a Saturday morning market (May-Oct) with over 40 vendors at peak season and a slightly smaller Tuesday afternoon market (July-Oct). Started in 2003 as a grassroots effort of South Minneapolis neighbors, the Midtown Farmers' Market brings farmers and shoppers together in a weekly celebration of local foods and community. See [www.midtownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org) for full job posting.

### Interviews begin week of October 15, 2007 (position open until filled).

Send resume, cover letter and 3 references to: Amy Arcand, Executive Director, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization,  
[amy@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:amy@corcoranneighborhood.org).

**CNO's Mission Statement:** "K Yž h Y 7cfVzfUb fYgJXYbhgž ]b U`ci f`Xj Yfg]mž k ]` gffj Y hc gffYb[ h Yb UbX dfchYVf h Y i b]ei Y VUfUMfz` j UV]mž UbX gcVU` ZUV]WcZci f bY][ \Vcf\ccX` K Y k ]` YbXYUj cf hc YbVzi f! U[ Y`UbX Ya dck Yf U` fYgJXYbhgž Vi g]bYggYg UbX dfcdYffmick bYfg hc i b]hY ]b UXXfYgg]b[ ci f Vta a cb ]ggj Yg"

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## CNO E-Board Minutes 9/5/07

Attendees: Jessica Ward-Denison, Heather Grazzini, Joe Kur, Kath Lenk, Michael Rohrer, Kevin Reuther, Gerry Tyrrell, Billy Weber

Meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Motion: Approval of the August E-Board minutes.

Made by Billy, second by Gerry, motion carried unanimously.

### State Senator Torres-Ray

Jessica Ward-Denison, CNO Chair, introduced Senator Torres-Ray welcoming her to the meeting. Senator Torres-Ray came to the meeting to discuss recent work related to the prostitution problem on and around Lake Street. Torres-Ray explained she had been contacted by area residents earlier this year regarding prostitution problems in and around Corcoran. After a call from area residents, a meeting was held at the park with area residents. Afterward she realized that efforts were already under way at CNO and through Caring Corcoran Neighbors on these issues. The Senator reported she is also door knocking in the neighborhood to better understand resident concerns. Three barbeques have also been held as part of an effort to connect the women involved in prostitution with services from Hennepin County and SPECTRUM. She would like to build on the work already going by putting policy in place to support the effort. She is working with Senator Linda Bergen on this issue. The Senator's policy efforts focus on providing resources to get women in prostitution access to services to help them transition to an alternative to prostitution. She recognizes there is no need to reinvent the wheel but current funding and services are not adequate to handle the number of women who require assistance.

The board members present made the following comments after the Senator's brief. Jessica stated that CNO wants a place at the table and to be a partner. Billy said that pressure needs to be put on policy makers. Gerry said it was nice to hear there is movement on the policy front. The Senator said that it was clear that a lot of work and now policy makers must do their job. She is working with Jim Davnie and Gary Schiff; and also meeting and working with Mayor Rybak and Commissioner McLaughlin. There will be meeting and hearings at the state capitol on the legislation and the support of the neighborhood will very important.

Joe also commented that in Boston a couple of years ago the police led a sting and the following day published the photos in the paper. It is acknowledge that similar action is unlikely here, but that it is difficult to effect prostitution from the users side. Gerry also pointed out the 55407 has the highest number of level three sex offenders. Kevin asked if other organizations such as WHISPER have been contacted. The Senator replied she has not yet contacted current provider organizations. She is trying to address these issues directly rather than start with their answers, because they won't necessarily address the unique urban issue. Senator Torres-Ray ended her time with the board by say that she is impressed and we should be proud of the community which has many experts and advocates.

### Market discussion

The discussion regarding the market focused on the hiring of the new market manager. The board was asked to finalize and approve market manager job description put forward by the Executive Director and the Market Advisory Committee. The board appreciated the work the Market Advisory task force did on the market manager job description. The board approved the job description and had the following discussion. Concern was expressed by Kevin that the position is a "burnout" position. Gerry, the co-chair of the market advisory committee and rep to the board said that scope of the job will vary and adjust based on need and what skills the new hire brings to the position.

Motion: Approve the Midtown Farmers Market Job Description.

Made by Kevin, second by Kath, motion carried unanimously.

The board also discussed the staff recommendation regarding schedule and hiring process for the market manager. CNO by-laws state the Personnel Committee shall be considered to be a special committee and shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. This committee shall conduct the final interviews of new staff, and shall make personnel recommendations to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will supervise staff and will keep the personnel board apprised of personnel issues. Staff recommended that hiring process include input from the market advisory committee and the following process be implemented for the hiring. The Executive Director and Gerry Tyrrell will review resumes and select candidates for first interviews. The ED will conduct the first round of interviews, and narrow down the pool of applicants. Then a second interview with a small panel of people will help make a final decision. The ED will strive for consensus in making a final decision but if that is not possible, the ED will make the final decision with regard to the hire. The panel could include Gerry Tyrrell, a member from the personnel committee, and an additional member or two from the Market Advisory Committee. All people involved in the process must attend all interviews in order to be fair to the applicants.

The following was discussed and accepted as a timetable the following outline. The job description will be posted by mid-September and at the very latest October 4<sup>th</sup>, and remain open until filled. The intention is to complete the process and hire no later then December to allow for a managed transition.

**Conflict of Interest Policy:** The Board reviewed and approved a Conflict of Interest policy. This policy adopted is the standard of the Charities Review Council, a Minnesota organization that is dedicated to the governance and accountability of nonprofit organizations. At the next meetings of CNO committees the new Conflict of Interest policy will be reviewed.

Motion: Approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Made by Gerry, second by Joe, motion carried unanimously.

### 2008-2009 Goal Setting and Committee Structure

The board approved a schedule, and a process for the committees to review their procedures based on CNO

policy (bylaws, chair job descriptions, goals, etc.) and update any procedures or documents that are not current. A draft of the committee's 2008-2009 goals are due to Amy by October 29 for inclusion in the November board packet. Committees should follow the format established in the 2006-2007 cycle. The E-board will approve the CNO 2008-2009 goals at the December board meeting.

### Review of Financials

Review of July financials and request a review of the financials in October—due to the new reporting form and Amy's absences the board was not able to complete the review.

Jessica announced that CNO will not be subject to a full audit this year, due to the low amount of money received from NRP for FY 2006. Jessica also announced the opportunity to represent CNO at the NRP elections. Each NRP neighborhood will select an elector, and alternate elector, to vote on the neighborhood's behalf at the upcoming Neighborhood Representative Election. The election will be held in the Crown Roller Mill Building on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

### Approval of IRS 990

Motion: Approve 2006 IRS form 990

Made by Heather, second by Billy, motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of the Content of Annual Report

We hereby state and acknowledge that we are duly constituted officers of the organization named in this Annual Report, being the Board Chair and Secretary thereof, respectively, that this Annual Report is execute on the behalf of the organization pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors (Board of Directors or Trustees, or if none, other Managing Group) duly adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007, approving the content of the Annual Report and all its attachments.

Note: Approval was signed by Jessica Ward-Denison, chair; and William Weber, Jr., secretary

Motion: Approve Charitable Organization Annual Report Made by Kath, second by Gerry, motion carried unanimously.

### Committee/Program Reports:

**Market:** The market committee has split into two sub-committees one to address issues related to the hire of the new market manager, and a second committee to address market advisory committee policies. They are all working toward a smooth transition for the new market manager. The market is having a great year, and strong press lately. The committee has welcomed Dana Burntess, the new LVC person. The market recently received a grant for Blooming Prairie Foundation to get more organic vendors.

**Events:** Movies in the park was a good success, but improvements are planned for next year. The committee is working on the book sale which will be held October 6. There will be a wine tasting event at the Chatterbox the end of October.

## 3 PAC Minutes 8/27/07

The State of the Precinct report was given by Lt. Mike Davis.

€#Crime is down. This has been a trend in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct for the last two years.

€#Robbery and aggravated assault are down

€#There has been a slight increase in property crimes.

However, arrests for burglary are up, there have been 68 as opposed to 34 this time last year.

€#Lt. Dean Christianson is now in charge of the Community Response Team (CRT). This is unit that works undercover to address narcotics, problem properties and prostitution. They have made 300 arrests for prostitution in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct so far this year. The precinct with the second most arrests has around 40.

€#Property Crimes Investigators have been doing a good job. They recently caught an individual who had been stealing cars from a rental company at the airport and then selling them.

€#There has now been an officer assigned to problem properties. These are properties where the behavior of the occupants is causing a disruption to the livability of the neighborhood.

€#A concern was raised by a community member about the significant number of traffic violations, some very dangerous, near his home and what he saw as a lack of enforcement. Lt. Mike Sullivan pointed out that he gets many calls regarding traffic issues and that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has two officers assigned to traffic, the resources

are very thin to be able to handle all the issues. The discussion continued about the lack of enforcement. Lt. Mike Davis pointed out that dealing with traffic issues was more than enforcement and that the physical environment had to be considered in addressing the problem.

€#There is an address in the 4600 block of Cedar causing difficulties for the area. According to a community member, it appears that there are more 911 calls about that address than reports. When people call 911, they must make sure to specifically name the address, otherwise it is not listed for that address.

*Edited for space and relevance to Corcoran Neighborhood.*





# Growing Plants in Corcoran: Cooking In October-Making Compost (Black Gold)

By Johnny Jones, Jr. Corcoran Resident

I know we cook every month, but we are going to cook some “black gold” this month of October! You should know by now that gardeners love compost. By now you should know that compost improves water drainage, fertility, and the structure of your soil. I bet you didn’t know that “black gold” can help fight plant diseases, reduce erosion, and neutralize toxic chemicals in your soil. I bet you did know that you can produce your own compost. Let’s get grass clippings and leaves from your lawn, and vegetable waste from your kitchen out of landfills. All we need to do is make some “compost lasagna” layers, some of this and some of that. After the layers are added, let it cook until it’s done. Sounds like a great tasting “Minnesota Hot Dish”!

## COMPOST RECIPES

When you cook, you need a recipe. To cook (make) compost, you need air, moisture and layers of materials. The layers will contain leaves, grass clipping, weeds and other stuff. Some of that other stuff includes: coffee grounds, eggshells, hair, feathers, wood ashes, and sawdust in small amounts. Now, there are some things you shouldn’t put in your “Minnesota Hot Dish” recipe: meats, bones, large amounts of sawdust, pet manure and no metals or plastics. Remember, we are cooking so we need heat; your pile will reach a temp of 140 degrees. To get that heat, you need to layer materials alternating your green and

brown materials (green-weeds, manure, and grass clipping & brown-leaves, straw and small amounts of sawdust). Make the layers 6 inches high, and add a small amount of water to each layer (not soggy).

## COMPOST EQUIPMENT

Now that you have your recipe, you need some simple equipment to “COOK” with. Equipment that can be created from, wire mesh (make it 9 foot length, 3 foot high and make it into a circle and wire the ends together). I suggest you make three bins in order to move and turn your cooking by moving the recipe from bin to bin as it cooks. Your “Minnesota Hot Dish” will be great. One more thing on these bins, cover with a tarp to regulate the cooking. Remember, not to get it wet. If the piles get wet, it will smell like a toilet!

One last thing about your “Minnesota Hot Dish”, you can make a great compost tea that can be used to feed your plant naturally. Make that tea by using a sack of finished compost in a five gallon pail etc.

Happy “BLACK GOLD” Digging! Remember, have fun and be as natural as possible!

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# Street Outreach to Women in Prostitution

By CNO Staff

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization received a grant for \$6,000 from the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections for a neighborhood based outreach program to women in prostitution. Over 100 prostitutes actively work in the Corcoran neighborhood. Two recent raids on Cedar Avenue revealed that there are women being held in captivity in our community. Twenty-five people were indicted for their involvement with an international prostitution ring in May 2007 and one of the homes under investigation was on Cedar Avenue. In June, police rescued a teenage run-away at an apartment on Cedar Avenue. She told police that she was being forced into prostitution by people in the apartment. Stories like these combined with the stories of women who work the streets in our neighborhood are heartbreaking. We want to expand the work of residents and create a more formal outreach program to women in prostitution. Our overall goal is to decrease the number of women working in prostitution.

In July 2007, CNO staff member Amy Arcand began working with an outreach worker from Hennepin County and a former prostitute to plan a BBQ for women of the streets at Corcoran Park. Over 20 women have attended at least one of the three BBQ’s. They have shared stories about what it is like to work on the streets, offered suggestions on what is

needed to keep women safe, and talked about some of the barriers for getting out of the life. This is important information to have when elected officials are creating policy and when service providers are expanding their services. In addition, the discussions show the women that people care about them and that it is possible to get out of the life if they are ready. The grant from Hennepin County will allow CNO to continue and expand on the BBQ concept. CNO Director Amy Arcand said, “The BBQ’s have allowed us to get to know the women in our community and start to break down the walls that are holding women in prostitution. This is not an easy task, nor one that will happen immediately. We hope to be the link between women on the street and elected officials, service providers, police officers, judges, and probation. A coordinated approach to this issue is long overdue and I applaud Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin for listening and providing funding for an issue that deeply affects our community.”

Residents will have an opportunity to participate in the outreach efforts this winter. CNO is developing a training program for interested volunteers and will be looking for people to help coordinate events, conduct street outreach, and track information that can be used by policy makers, probation officers, service providers, and judges. If you are interested, please contact Amy Arcand at 612-724-7457.

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# Corcoran Perennial Swap/Sale

By Marcus Larson, Corcoran Resident

The first annual Corcoran Neighborhood Fall perennial swap and sale is Saturday October 6th from 11 AM to 1 PM behind the Corcoran Neighborhood House on 3448/50 Cedar. The purpose of the event is for residents, friends, and neighbors to trade perennials and to donate perennials to sell. All money raised from the sales will go to gardening projects or gardening programs in Corcoran Neighborhood.

Fall is a great time to divide and replant those perennials that have been flourishing all summer. If you want to expand the variety in your garden or donate any extras you have to help others, this is a great way to do that. To donate plants for the sale before the date or if you have any questions, contact Marcus at corcoranswap@yahoo.com.

# Foreclosure Prevention

A new class on foreclosure prevention is being piloted in Corcoran neighborhood on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet in the Corcoran Park building 6:30 – 7:30 PM. This free class is designed for those that are facing foreclosure problems or anyone that wants to help those that are.

The class will cover a new FHA loan program that allows you to refinance out of current loan even if you are in foreclosure now, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s “Foreclosure Prevention Program”, foreclosure prevention “work outs” with your existing mortgage company, information on the foreclosure process and timeline, the “short sale” process and more. The foreclosure process can be extremely stressful and scary. It is important to know that there is help available!

The class is being presented by Eric Otterness from Banker’s Mortgage (651.209.2912) with Shari Seifert and Neil Hailstone from Coldwell Banker Burnet (612.728.2236). Feel free to call for more information!

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# BIG THANKS

to Corcoran resident Melanie Casiday, who has helped organize and lead each of the Youth Murals project this summer.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
for upcoming murals: 1.) Teenage designer / painters. 2.) Adult helpers. See page 1 of this issue for more. (Photo by Jeff Blanch, Corcoran resident)

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