



The Corcoran NEWS

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Carmen Clara Makes the Best Soup in Corcoran!

Carmen Clara hace la mejor sopa de Corcoran!

Corcoran's first Soup/Chili Cook-off attracted 13 chefs and approximately 50 other residents to Corcoran Park on Monday November 14th. Following a short General Membership meeting that featured a wonderful short film by Corcoran resident Phillip O'Toole about the making of the Corcoran Street Mural (view it at www.corcoranneighborhood.org), attendees sampled the variety of delicious soups. Each person then voted for their top three favorite soups, and the overall winners were: 1st Place: Carmen Clara, Sopa de Tortilla/Tortilla Soup; 2nd Place: Jerry Beltt, Chicken Chile Verde; 3rd Place: Carol Lane, Vegetarian Chili.

Thanks to all chefs, attendees and event organizers for making the event a great success.

Texto por **KATH LENK**, Corcoran resident
Traducido por **JUVENTINO MEZA**, Residente de Corcoran
Fotos por **ED DILLON**, Corcoran resident



El Primer Concurso de Sopa/Chili atrajo 13 chefs y aproximadamente 50 otros residentes del Parque Corcoran el lunes 14 de noviembre. Tras una corta reunión general de miembros que presentó un cortometraje maravilloso por residente de Corcoran O'Toole Phillip acerca de la construcción del Mural de la Calle Corcoran, los asistentes probaron muestras de la variedad de sopas deliciosas. Cada persona votó a favor de sus tres sopas favoritas, y estos fueron los ganadores.



1er Lugar: Carmen Clara, Sopa de Tortilla; 2do Lugar: Jerry Beltt, Pollo en Chile Verde; 3er Lugar: Carol Lane, Chili Vegetariano

Carol Lane's Award-Winning Vegetarian Chili

Ingredientes:

Chopped onion	2 small cans green chilies
Chopped celery	3 T chili powder
3-4 chopped Anaheim peppers	1 tsp cumin
Chopped carrots and parsnips	1/2 tsp cayenne
Chopped yams and sweet potatoes	T (or more) oregano
28 oz can diced tomatoes	cracked black pepper
2 cups any variety of beans (canned or cooked dry)	6-7 cloves garlic
	large box vegetable broth

Directions:

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| 1. Saute vegetables in olive oil | 3. When tender, add cooked beans and simmer 30 minutes. |
| 2. Add tomatoes, spices, and herbs | |

Receta Ganadora de Carol Lane: Chili Vegetariano

Ingredientes:

Cebolla picada	frijoles (enlatada o cocidos en seco)
Apio picado	3 cucharada de chile en polvo
3-4 pimientos Anaheim picados	1 cucharadita de comino
Zanahorias picadas y chirivías	1 / 2 cucharadita de pimienta
Ñame y papa picada	1 cucharada (o más) de orégano
28 oz tomates cortados en cubitos de lata	Pimienta negra molida
2 latas pequeñas de chiles verdes	6-7 dientes de ajo
2 tazas de cualquier variedad de	Lata grande de caldo de verduras

Instrucciones:

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| 1. Saltear las verduras juntas en aceite de olivo | las especias y hierbas cocidos y cocine a fuego |
| 2. Agregue los tomates, | 3. Cuando estén tiernas, lento por 30 minutos añadir los frijoles |

Please Contribute to CNO

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization recently kicked off a campaign to raise \$10,000 from neighbors by June 15, 2011. Thank you to the generous individuals and households who have given so far:

Amy & Jim Arcand, LisaBeth Barajas, Alexis Bell, Stacey Burns, Anna-Marie Byrne, Tim Coutts, Jean Emmons, Brett Feldman & Elizabeth Haugen, Cynthia Frost, Ann Gibney, Jullonne Glad, Patricia Gregersen, Kimara and Eric Gustafson, Paul Hanscom, Steve Healey, Susan Hensel, Bret Hesla & Jamie Bennett, Karen Hogan, Paula Holden, Anne Holzinger, Jay Maher, Kirsten Jensen, Wendy Knox, Judy Lander, Kath Lenk, Eric Lindberg, Gwen McMahon, Sonia Meade, Kim & Tom Medin, Doris Oakes, Ann & Tom O'Toole, Sandy Pjescich, Eden Spencer, Jane St. Clair, Suzanne Staudenmaier & Kelly McGee, Gerry Tyrrell, Billy Weber.

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization connects the neighbors who make Corcoran STRONG...and who make Corcoran CARING...and who make Corcoran MAGICAL. What's your word? Share your word every time you donate. Donate \$100 or more by June 15, 2012 and receive a free t-shirt

that includes your word! This example "wordle" gives you an idea of what it will look like:



November 16 was "Give to the Max" day for Minnesota non-profits. On that day, 23 people donated a total of \$1,530 to CNO and 77 people donated \$2,669 to the Midtown Farmers Market. Thank you for this boost to our fundraising campaign!

Contribute to your neighborhood! Make a secure monthly or one-time contribution at www.corcoranneighborhood.org or mail your contribution to CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave S.

Graduación

de Lideres en Accion y Poder

por SILVIA PEREZ

Día. 2 de Diciembre del 2011. La recepción será: Parque de Powderhorn, 3400 de la 15 ave. Sur. Hora de comida 3 pm a 4 pm; Hora. 4 pm. a 6 pm.

Bienvenidos a Invitados Especiales A Sra. Ana luisa de cónsul de México. Madrina del Grupo de Lideres en Acción y poder compañía de la mesa. Agenda:

1. Palabras por la señorita Patricia García Experiencia en el taller de liderazgo.
2. Danza por organizadora Susana de León
3. Palabras por la Sra. Ana Luisa del Consulado de México
4. Anuncia a Las Lideres en acción y poder y entregar de certificados.
5. Palabras por la directora Amy Arcard. de la organización Corcoran Neighborhood.
6. Palabras por Amada Tiempos por su experiencia en el grupo de Lideres en Acción y Poder
7. Presentación de las alumnas del de MAP

Para mas información llamar a Silvia Pérez al Teléfono: 612-724-74 57.

Krampus – Santa’s Pet Demon

**YOUTH
REPORTER
OSCAR COZZA,**
Corcoran resident



Have any of you heard of Krampus? No? Well, have you heard of Santa Claus or St. Nicholas? I sure hope you have, because the rest of my article depends on you knowing who Santa is. In one sentence, Krampus is an evil creature that, according to the myths of some alpine countries, comes with St. Nicolas on Christmas to flog the naughty children with chains and, if they were really naughty, drag them down to Hell. That is who Krampus is in a nutshell. Krampus was celebrated in alpine countries before Christianity took over most of Europe. But it is still a tradition today in places like Austria and southern Bavaria, where young men dress up like frightening demons that look like Krampus and run through the streets, scaring people with rusty chains and bells!

Another evil being who comes during the Yule holiday season is Grýla, a fearsome Ogress of Icelandic mythology. Her favorite stew is a stew of naughty kids, and her sons are the 13 mischievous Yule Brothers. During the beginning of December, Grýla would come down to take naughty kids away to her mountain lair to cook them up.

Happy Holidays! Hope you’ve been good so Krampus doesn’t come to flog you with chains! Oh, and if you ever watch The Colbert Report on TV, you should check this out: <http://tinyurl.com/yhdh6ko>. This is a great example of what Krampus looks like and does.

Animal Adventures

by **MICHELLE JOHNSON,** Corcoran
resident

Most volunteers I have met are selfless and reluctant to have the spotlight shown on them. This is the reason for this last Animal Adventures in Corcoran article. However, we were allowed each month to learn of an animal rescue organization we may not have been aware of. I want to thank the animal rescue volunteers who allowed us that opportunity.

The animal rescue organizations we met include Save-A-Bull Rescue of MN, Keeshond Lovers United, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN, Retrieve A Golden of MN (RAGOM) and the Animal Humane Society. We were also made aware of some awesome animal assistance programs such as www.mnspayneuter.org for pet spay or neuter assistance and www.theanimalrescuesite.com where a free daily click gets sponsor donated food and care for animals living in shelters or sanctuaries.

I would also like to thank Sarah Claire Ahlers for donating her photography services. She did a great job and you can find more examples of her work at: <http://sarahclaire.com>.

I know there are plenty of unsung heroes in our neighborhood, so if you meet them be sure to thank them for all they do.

The Corcoran Park Voice

After School Adventure

by **ERIC SILVA-BRENNEMEN,** Corcoran
resident

Corcoran Park is proud to announce After School Adventure, a new program for kids run by our amazing staff member Chama Devon. The program will run Mondays-Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30pm. The first hour of each session will be devoted to homework help. The last two hours will be activities following these themes: Monday-Photography (Seeing Corcoran through the kids’ eyes); Tuesday-Cooking (Cooking healthy meals and learning about food). Wednesday-Art Project (such as presenting photos to give kids a sense of pride for their work).

In addition, Chama is bringing movie night back! Every Friday at dusk she will screen a movie (G or PG, a few PG-13) and make homemade popcorn, popcorn balls, and hot chocolate. The kids who come can voice their opinions on which movies to view. So Corcoran kiddos, if you think it’s cold out and think there’s nothing to do, it’s time to get back to the park!

La Voz del Parque Corcoran

La Aventura Después de la Escuela

por **ERIC SILVA-BRENNEMEN**

Corcoran Park se enorgullece en anunciar La Aventura Después de la Escuela, un nuevo programa para niños a cargo de la fantástica Chama Devon (miembro del personal). El programa pasará de lunes a miércoles entre las 16:30-19:30. La primera hora los tres días se dedicará a la ayuda de la tarea de la escuela. Las últimas dos horas los niños harán actividades. Por los días, las actividades serán: Lunes-Fotografía. Corcoran a través de los ojos de los niños. Martes-Clase de Cocina. Cómo cocinar comidas saludables y aprender un poco de educación alimentaria también. Miércoles-Proyecto Artístico. Por ejemplo, trabajando en la forma de presentar las fotos y dar a los niños un sentimiento de orgullo por su trabajo.

Además, Chama está trayendo de vuelta la noche del cine! Todos los viernes al atardecer vamos a ver una película (G-PG, PG-13 unos) y hacer palomitas caseras, bolas de palomitas, chocolate caliente. Los niños que vienen pueden expresar sus opiniones sobre lo que quieren ver. ¡Así niños de Corcoran, si piensan que hace frío y que no hay nada que hacer, llegó la hora de volver al parque!

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6 de febrero Cena de Reconocimiento Voluntario

*Nominaciones en busca de voluntarios
de la concesión del año*

por **EMILY KITTLESON,** Personal de CNO
Traducido por **JUVENTINO MEZA,** Residente
de Corcoran

La Organización del Vecindario Corcoran llevará a cabo la cena anual de Reconocimiento a Voluntarios el Lunes, 6 de febrero 2011 a las seis en el edificio del Parque de Corcoran. La cena y el programa contará con deliciosa comida de los restaurantes locales y una ceremonia de entrega de premios de Corcoran al Voluntario del Año y Voluntario de por vida.

¿Conoces alguna voluntarios más destacados en el vecindario de Corcoran? Nomina a vecinos a Voluntario del Año y manda el nombre del candidato, tu nombre, y una breve declaración acerca de lo que el candidato ha hecho por el barrio. Póngase en contacto con Emily en NOC por teléfono (612-724-7457) o correo electrónico info@corcoranneighborhood.org. Estaremos **aceptando nominaciones a través del 21 de enero**. Los vecinos pueden ser reconocidos por su contribución a eventos de gran escala, así como pequeños, gestos de buena voluntad, y cualquier otra actividad que por lo general benefician a nuestros vecinos.

Save the Date: Feb. 6 Volunteer Recognition Dinner

*Seeking nominations for Volunteer of
the Year Award*

by **EMILY KITTLESON,** CNO Staff

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Monday, February 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corcoran Park building. The dinner and program will feature delicious food from local restaurants and an awards ceremony honoring Corcoran’s Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer.

Do you know any outstanding volunteers in the Corcoran Neighborhood? Nominate neighbors for Volunteer of the Year by submitting the nominee’s name, your name, and a brief statement about what the nominee has done for the neighborhood. Contact Emily at CNO by phone (612-724-7457) or email info@corcoranneighborhood.org. We will be **accepting nominations through January 21**. Neighbors may be recognized for contributing to large-scale as well as smaller events, goodwill gestures, and any other activities that generally benefit our neighborhood.

Southside Adult Education Center

by **CARLYE PETERSON**, Manager--Community Education

Ever wonder what they are doing in the old "Brown" building at 2225 East Lake Street? *Learning!*

Seven hundred adults attend classes daily at the Southside Adult Education Center. "We are excited to be here," said adult education manager, Carlye Peterson, about their move to the neighborhood a little over a year ago. "We are thrilled to serve so many people in the neighborhood."

The program which is a part of the school district's Community Education Department provides instruction to help adults contribute in their work, family and community. Adults over 18 prepare for the national GED exam or high school equivalency, upgrade skills—like math and technology— to attend college, or improve their English skills. Classes are also available to prepare people to become citizens and to prepare for employment training. The only GED Testing Center in Minneapolis is also



Jackie Stewart (on the left) and Leketta Troupe

housed in the building.

In addition to attending classes, Southside is also a place to get involved in the community. Last year 130 volunteers assisted in classrooms and other work at that site. Like some of the adult

learners, volunteers also come from the Corcoran Neighborhood.

"These are adults trying to change their lives," says Jackie Stewart who assists students in math classes. When neighbors ask about the program Jackie is happy to explain what opportunities are available at Southside.

Anthony Neues also volunteers in a math class. "I wanted to help people to get to the next place where they can succeed," he said. He admires the effort it takes to go to school, care for a family and hold down a job. "The students I've worked with all seem to want to be here and support each other in the classroom."

To learn about volunteering go to: <http://mpsabe.mpls.k12.mn.us/volunteer.html>, or call Ellen at 612-668-3984. Check out the program website for more information: <http://mpsabe.mpls.k12.mn.us>.



Anthony Neues and John Love

Southside Centro de Educación de Adultos

por **CARLYE PETERSON**

Traducido por **JUVENTINO MEZA**, Residente de Corcoran

¿Alguna vez se preguntan qué están haciendo en el edificio antiguo "Brown" en 2225 de la calle East Lake? El aprendizaje!

Setecientos adultos asisten a clases diariamente en la zona sur del Centro de Educación de Adultos. "Estamos muy contentos de estar aquí", dijo la conserje de educación de adultos, Carlye Peterson sobre su traslado a la zona un poco más de un año en agosto. "Estamos encantados de saber que proveemos servicios a muchas personas en el vecindario."

El programa, parte de la Comunidad del Departamento de Educación del distrito escolar, ofrece instrucciones para ayudar a los adultos a contribuir con su trabajo, familia y comunidad. Adultos mayores de 18 años se preparan para el examen de GED o su equivalente nacional de escuela secundaria, mejorar las habilidades como matemáticas y tecnología --- asistir a la universidad o mejorar su inglés. También las clases disponibles son para preparar a la gente a convertirse en ciudadanos y de entrenamiento para el empleo. El único centro de pruebas de GED en Minneapolis también se encuentra en el edificio.

Además de asistir a clases, Southside, es también el lugar para participar en la comunidad. El año pasado, 130 voluntarios dieron asistencia en las aulas u otro trabajo en este sitio. Al igual que algunos de los alumnos adultos, los voluntarios también vienen del barrio Corcoran.

"Se trata de adultos que tratan de cambiar sus vidas", dice Jackie Stewart, que ayuda a los estudiantes en las clases de matemáticas. Cuando los vecinos preguntan sobre el programa, Jackie está encantada de explicar las oportunidades que están disponibles en la zona sur.

También Anthony Neues es voluntario en una clase de matemáticas. "Yo quería ayudar a la gente para llegar al próximo lugar donde ellos pueden tener éxito", dijo. El admira el esfuerzo que se necesita para ir a la escuela, el cuidado de una familia y mantener un trabajo. "Los estudiantes con quien he trabajado, todos parecen querer estar aquí y apoyarse mutuamente en el aula."

Para saber más sobre ser coluntario, visita <http://mpsabe.mpls.k12.mn.us/volunteer.html>, o llame al 612-668-3984 con Ellen. Echa un vistazo a la página del programa para obtener más información: <http://mpsabe.mpls.k12.mn.us>

Upcoming Block Leader Training

Thursday, January 19th

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Minneapolis Police Dept. 3rd Precinct
(3000 Minnehaha Ave)

All are welcome. Topics include introduction to crime prevention, how to organize a block/apartment club, how to solve problems effectively, and much more. RSVP appreciated. Call 612/673 3482 or 673-2856 to save a place at the training.

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9th Ward Award Nominations Open

Do you know a Corcoran resident who deserves recognition for his/her amazing work in our Neighborhood? The Ninth Ward Award honors neighborhood leadership in Corcoran and surrounding neighborhoods. "The Ninth Ward has vibrant neighborhoods. This is in no small part thanks to the countless residents who volunteer their time to invest in our community," said Council Member Gary Schiff. "This is a great opportunity to credit these folks with the progress we've made as a result of their activism."

Individuals interested in making a nomination should write a brief description of the nominees' accomplishments. **Please submit nominations by Friday, January 13** via email to gary.schiff@minneapolismn.gov, fax (612-673-3940) or by mail to: Council Member Gary Schiff, 350 South 5th Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Awards will be presented at *Breakfast with Gary* on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at Mercado Central, 1515 E. Lake Street. Breakfast is \$7. Seats fill fast so please R.S.V.P early by calling 612-673-2209 or emailing suzanne.murphy@minneapolismn.gov.

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization General Membership

Minutes Nov. 14, 2011

Lisa Barajas, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order and asked for updates from each CNO committee.

Anne Holzinger (Corcoran GROWS Chair) talked about the first season of Milly's Peace Garden located on the corner of 38th and 21st. They had 14 gardeners this season who grew in several cooperative growing pods. The produce was bountiful and they look forward to another season in 2012. Joe Hesla (GROWS co-chair) shared what came out of the GROWS fall visioning sessions by introducing 4 new action teams: "Growing, Preserving and Sharing Food for all", "Powering our Homes", "Local Economy and Skills for Self-Sufficiency", "Intergenerational Learning and Corcoran Culture".

Gwen McMahon (Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee Chair) shared that the 9th season of the market drew 55,000 from many different areas of the twin cities.

Cynthia Frost (Housing Chair) updated the group on the vote several weeks ago to support the ongoing development at 2225 E. Lake St.

Kathleen Lenk (Newspaper Chair) asked for neighbors to help support the paper by supplying her with articles/pictures/editorials/events etc.

Paul Hanscom (Land Use and Transportation Chair) introduced our Fundraising initiative to raise \$10,000 by June 2012 to continue to support the Corcoran Newspaper and on-going public art events in the neighborhood.

Two Motions were addressed:

Motion: To add \$100,000 of Program Income to our existing NRP Phase II Administration Contract (C-20007). \$50,000 will be added to H.1.1.1 (Housing Coordinator), \$15,000 will be added to CP&O 1.1.1 (Executive Director Salary), and the remaining \$35,000 will be added to CP&O 1.2.1 (Office space and supplies).

Made by Jim Walsh; Seconded by Paul Hanscom

Motion: To contract the remaining Program Income (Approx. \$105,000) with the Center for Energy and Environment as described in Housing Goal 2 of our NRP Phase II Plan.

Moved by Jim Walsh; Seconded by Philip O'Toole

Meeting Adjourned.

Join the CNO Board!

The CNO board is seeking to fill two vacant at-large seats (two-year term). Any Corcoran resident age 18 or over is eligible. Representation from all aspects of our neighborhood is needed (various ethnicities, ages, interests, skills). Previous board experience not necessary (but also welcome).

Call the office at 612-724-7457 with any questions.

¡Se parte de la Mesa Directiva de CNO!

La Mesa Directiva de CON está tratando de llenar dos asientos generales vacantes (dos años). Cualquiera edad, residente de 18 años o más de Corcoran es elegible. Representación de todos los aspectos de nuestro barrio se necesita (de diversas etnias, edades, intereses, habilidades). Experiencia en Mesas Directivas no es necesaria (pero también son bienvenidos). Llame a la oficina en el 612-724-7457 con cualquier pregunta.



Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Board Minutes Nov. 8, 2011

In attendance: Gwen McMahon, Eric Lindberg, Kath Lenk, Cynthia Frost, Marissa Tappy, Paul Hanscom, and Ben Butzow

Members absent: Anne Holzinger and Lisa Barajas

Staff in attendance: Eric Gustafson

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm by Gwen

Museum in the Streets

CNO was approached by the Lake Street Council inviting CNO to sponsor a plaque in Corcoran as part of the self-guided walking tour on Lake Street. Lake Street Council is raising money to install this project in the spring of 2012 and sponsorship is \$1,500.

The sponsorship for a plaque about the Corcoran Neighborhood was supported by the Executive Committee at its meeting on Wednesday, October 26. The money for the plaque sponsorship would come from the CNO discretionary funds. There is a possibility that the sponsorship could be split by the farmer's market and by CNO, but it would have to be approved by Amy Behrens. The board discussed potential benefits and financial impact of supporting this endeavor and there was interest in having the Lake Street Council present at a full board meeting.

Motion: Eric Lindberg moved to sponsor a plaque through the Lake Street Council Museum in the Streets and would like to invite the Midtown Farmers Market to join us in the funding of the sponsorship, seconded by Ben, two affirmative, one opposed, and three abstained. Motion failed

Executive Committee's Report

Update on strategic planning

Amy has met with Aurora Consulting since the last Board meeting. The list of stakeholders compiled to be involved with the interviews by Aurora are diverse. The timetable for the project will be presented to the

Board in a few weeks.

Update on Neighborhood Organization Collaboration

A consultant has been chosen and a contract is being prepared.

General Membership

The General Membership meeting is Monday, November 14, at 6pm at Corcoran Park.

Hosting the December board meeting on December 13

Gwen volunteered to host the winter meeting at her house.

Update on Crime Prevention Specialist funding for 2012

In an email from Gary Schiff to Eric Gustafson, Gary wrote that the money has been found to save the Crime Prevention Specialist positions. The Chief and City Attorney plan to take the unspent Minneapolis Police Department and City Attorney money from 2011 that usually goes towards extra debt payments and move it over into 2012, which saves these jobs for one more year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report presented by Marissa.

Motion: Paul moves to approve the Treasurers report as presented, Kath seconded, passed unanimously.

Committee Motions:

Land Use and Transportation

The Land Use and Transportation Committee asked that the Board act on the position description for the Corcoran Liaison to the Midtown Green Coalition (MGC). The liaison represents and advocates for CNO Land Use & Transportation (LU&T) policies, objectives, and concerns (with emphasis on bicycle safety, infrastructure, wayfinding, and planning issues) as a member of the MGC board, and attends Corcoran's LU&T committee meetings to share updates and gather

more input and direction from CNO stakeholders.

Motion: Kath moved to adopt the job description for Corcoran's liaison to the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Marissa seconded, pass unanimously.

Eric Gustafson asked that the Board act on a motion passed by the Land Use & Transportation and Housing Committees at the November 3, 2011 meeting with the presentation by L&H Station Group.

Motion: The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization supports the development at 2225 E Lake Street as presented to the Land Use & Transportation and Housing Committees (the Committees) by L&H Station Group (the Developer) on November 3, 2011 subject to the following friendly amendments:

- Prior to seeking city approval for each phase of development, the Developer will present updated plans to the Committees for review.
- Prior to seeking city approval for each phase of development, the Developer will present the sustainability elements of the proposed improvements to the Committees for review.
- After parking and traffic studies are completed by the Developer, and prior to presenting a traffic demand management plan to the city of seeking city approval related to traffic or parking, the Developer will present the study results and the Developer's plans relating to accessibility, parking and traffic for the site and for the surrounding area to the Committees for review.

Kath moved, Paul seconded, passed pass unanimously.

Kath moved to adjourn, Ben seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

These minutes have yet to be approved

GROWS Actions teams are in Gear!!

By **JOE HESLA**, Corcoran resident

On Saturday November 12th, the Corcoran GROWS transition group launched four action teams. The following are the team names and their plans and goals.

Everyone GROWS (food and gardening): Working on setting up more gardens (and composting) and having more skilled and knowledgeable gardeners in Corcoran (Anne Holzinger, Kim Medin, David Leaneagh, Peggy Knapp, Eric Gustafson, Karen Hogan David Dubois, Paul Bowman).

Energy Efficiency & Resource Changes: Organizing a group purchase of insulation, and promoting existing energy efficiency programs to have 50 homes insulated by late 2012. Also exploring options to inform residents about use of solar energy (Timothy DHT, Dustin Dennison, Oscar Sebastien, Lee Samuelson, Dave Bicking, Bonnie Beckel, David Greenwood).

Weaving Community (local economy and community): Will offer regular groups to learn new skills, and will launch a neighbor to neighbor time and barter exchange network (Marissa Tappy, Joe Hesla Sandy Spieler, Kirsten Olson, Ben Linzmeier, Grace Bowman, Ruby Levine, Paula Holden).



Joe Hesla, a.k.a. Action Man, recruits neighbors at the Nov. 3 General Membership meeting. Photo by ED DILLON, Corcoran resident.

Cultures and Learning: Will host regular pot lucks, movie nights, re-skilling events, and a sing along in partnership with the diverse cultural communities in Corcoran (Abé, Tom Roark, John Paul, Stephen Greenhalgh, Sean Gosiewski).

Join GROWS to get our 2012 plans started at our meeting on **Sat. Dec. 3rd. 10am-12pm at CNO** (35th St and Cedar). For more information contact: Eric (724-7457; eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) or Joe (722-6473; jhesla@juno.com), or visit www.corcorangrows.org.

Winterizing Trees

Last-Minute Tips

By **JOSH MESSNER**, Corcoran resident

One of the greatest gifts we have here in Minneapolis is our urban forest. Most of our beautiful city is covered with a lush canopy that adds much to our lives.

This forest is stressed right now due to an extremely dry autumn. It hasn't rained in weeks, and the water table was low to begin with. This means that trees and plants have not received the nutrients they needed this fall to prepare for the winter months. Now they are facing severe stress—especially damage to their root systems but to other parts as well—from the cold, dry air that will sweep across the landscape in the next few months.

But there are still a few very helpful things you can do for the trees on your property to protect them during these harsh months, and none of them are expensive or time-consuming.

First of all, get water on your tree. The best activity to keep a tree from getting winter injury is to water it well going into a dry season—roots grow all year long. Before putting your hoses up for the winter, water your tree every day. Put the mouth of the hose right at the base of the tree, turn the faucet on to a trickle, and let it run for 25-30 minutes, making sure it doesn't run off into the street. Even doing this once will help, but more is better, since we're so behind on rainfall.

Then, rake leaves up under your trees around the base of the trunk. To keep them there, cover the leaves with woodchips. With or without leaves, a thick layer of woodchips around the base is vital to a tree—for several reasons. Free woodchips are always available at the corner of 19th Avenue and 29th Street (just north of Lake and west of Cedar). Right now, there's still a huge pile of chips there!

Please take a few small steps to protect one of our great urban treasures. For more detail, see these websites: <http://na.fs.fed.us/urban/treewownersmanual/>; <http://www.myminnisotawoods.umn.edu/2009/12/tree-stem-protection>; or contact your local arborist.

Eventos en Corcoran

Mondays/Lunes, Wednesdays/Miércoles, and Thursdays/Jueves, 5pm: Mujeres en Acción y Poder. Corcoran Park, Parque Corcoran, 3332 20th Ave S.

DECEMBER/ DICIEMBRE

3rd: Saturday/Sabado

10am-12pm: Corcoran GROWS monthly meeting at CNO office; Reunión del Comité Corcoran CRECE (more information/más información: pg. 5).

13th: Tuesday/Martes

5:30-7:30pm: CNO Executive Board Meeting. Reunion Ejecutiva de Organización del Vecindario Corcoran.

14th: Wednesday/Miércoles

5-7pm: Fare For All at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Precios Para Todos en iglesia Trinity Lutheran Church.

19th: Mondays/Lunes

6:30-8:30pm: Corcoran GROWS monthly meeting at CNO office. Corcoran CRECE reunión en Org. De Vecindario de Corcoran. (more information/más información: pg. 5).

21th: Wednesday/Miércoles

6-8pm: Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee meeting at CNO. Mercado de Agricultores de Midtown. Reunión del Comité Asesor de Org. de Vecindario de Corcoran.

5-7pm: Fare For All at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Precios Para Todos en iglesia Trinity Lutheran Church.

JANUARY/ ENERO

4th: Tuesday/Martes

5:30-7:30pm: CNO Executive Board Meeting at CNO office. Reunion Ejecutiva de Organización del Vecindario Corcoran.

7th: Saturday/Sabado

10am-12pm: Corcoran GROWS monthly meeting at CNO office; Reunión del Comité Corcoran CRECE (more information/más información: pg. 5).

16th: Mondays/Lunes

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18th: Wednesday/Miércoles

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5-7pm: Fare For All at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Precios Para Todos en iglesia Trinity Lutheran Church.

19th: Thursday/Jueves

6-8pm: Land Use & Transportation/Housing Committee meeting at CNO. Reunion de comité Uso del Suelo y Transporte/Comité de Vivienda. (more information/más información: pg. 7.)

Submission Deadline for next Corcoran News. Fecha limite para exhibir en el periódico. (more information/más información: pg. 8).

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Clare Housing Uses Wall Art Project to Create Community

Painting led by local artist Carole Bersin

By GINGER SISCO, Clare Housing

Artist (and Corcoran resident) Carole Bersin loves to bring the joy of art-making to people who may not have had that opportunity before. Clare Housing asked her to lead the creation of a wall mural for the community room at Clare Midtown, the new apartment building for low-income adults living with HIV/AIDS at 3105 23rd Ave. S.

Carole started slowly with casual art gatherings where she invited Clare Midtown residents to keep personal sketchbooks of drawings, doodles and ideas. Eventually a nature theme emerged. The collaboration of ideas resulted in three large colorful panels that were unveiled at a joyous event on November 15th.

Mark, one of the most active resident painters, turned out to be an old acquaintance of Carole when both were at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Mark spoke warmly at the



Terrell did as good a job of shading on the middle panel as he does on his eye shadow when he's preparing for his burlesque show. And Marvella didn't do much painting, but she sang a lot and she's a darn good Aretha Franklin."

compliments, surprise at rediscovered talent, and quiet concentration mixed with raucous laughter. The new apartment community was coming together as they worked on the wall art."

Lee Lewis, the Executive Director of Clare Housing commented, "When the architect designed our building, the long wall opposite the windows in the community room was always intended to have some kind of art. It takes a while for a new group of residents to jell as neighbors. This project gave them a chance to do something fun and creative together."

ABOVE: (L to R) Marvella, Carole, Mark and Terrell. BELOW: Corcoran artist Carole Bersin.



unveiling event about other Midtown residents who were regulars on the wall art project, "Lynita painted the birds with a lightness that is reflected in her enjoyment of her grandchildren.

"I enjoyed the energy in the room during this whole project," said Carole whose specialty is group mural painting (www.raggeddogwalls.com), "There was gentle ribbing along with lots of



This is What Retirement Does Look Like at Susan Hensel Gallery

By SUSAN HENSEL, Corcoran resident

People keep asking me. "Are you really retiring?" The Susan Hensel Gallery will become my personal working art studio and the home for Sue's Luxury Fiber. The gallery will remain open on Mondays, 10am-5pm, and by very generous appointment.

You can visit Sue's Luxury Fibers for yarn and materials for spinning, dyeing, weaving, knitting and felting. I have received new fiber from Ashland Bay that is almost too soft and lustrous to be real!

Also, come see the exhibitions in the Windows on Cedar project. There is an ongoing call for art for window display (including sculpture, acrylic painting, installation art, ceramics, assemblage, other?); for more information go to www.susanhenselgallery.com ("call for art").

The 12th annual Reader's Art, a national/international show of artists books, will be in March and April. The theme this year is LONGING FOR HOME. Those interested in applying can download the "How to Apply" document at www.susanhenselgallery.com. Applications are due Jan 15, 2011.

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A vacancy on the Minneapolis Board of Education will exist due to the resignation of Lydia Lee. In accordance with MPS Policy 8116, the Board of Education will fill this vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of this term: January 10, 2012, to January 2013. The vacancy is an at-large seat and may be filled by a resident of the city of Minneapolis. Interested candidates should submit a letter and resume to: Adrienne Jordan, School Board Liaison; 807 N.E. Broadway, Room 109' Minneapolis, MN 55413. Application materials must be received no later than December 2, 2011, at 5 p.m. To learn more about the selection process, visit <http://bit.ly/board-vacancy> or contact Adrienne Jordan at 612.668.0027 or adrienne.jordan@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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It's A Go At Lake And Hiawatha

Developer gets a conditional okay from Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
by **KATHLEEN HOFFER**, Corcoran resident

Seventy-five people, about half of them Corcoran residents, gathered November third to see L&H Station Group present their final plan for the site at 2225 E Lake St. After the presentation the developers fielded questions about things like the accessibility of the site, its sustainable energy capabilities, the exact nature of the agreement the Farmer's Market will have, and the ever-present parking issue.

The developers left following the question and answer period, and the attendees debated the merits of the proposed development. There was some initial confusion over who was allowed to propose amendments and vote on the issue (only active members of the Land Use and Transportation/ Housing committees, which are currently 22 in number). After a spirited discussion the committee members voted to support the development plan, subject to the following conditions:


- Prior to seeking city approval for each phase of development, the Developer will present updated plans to the LU&T/H committees for review.
- Prior to seeking city approval for each phase of development, the Developer will present the sustainability elements of the proposed improvements to the LU&T/H committees for review.
- After parking and traffic studies are completed by the Developer, and prior to presenting a traffic demand management plan to the city or seeking city approval related to traffic or parking, the Developer will present the study results and the Developer's plans relating to accessibility, parking and traffic for the site and for the surrounding area to the LU&T/H committees for review.

Miss the vote? Don't get left out next time!

The membership guidelines established by the committee and the CNO Board state that "In order to vote at a LU&T/H committee meeting, an eligible member must have attended at least two meetings of the committee within the past year (as evidenced by the attendance lists for those meetings) prior to the meeting when the member first votes."

Would the outcome of the November meeting have been different if everyone who attended had been able to vote on the issue? Would **your** vote have made that difference? Plan to attend a few committee meetings and get your foot in the door. L&H Station Group will appear before the committee again under the conditions of the neighborhood's support of the project. Eric Gustafson (eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) emails draft agendas prior to each meeting, which is typically scheduled for the third Thursday of the month. Pick a meeting with a promising agenda, and just show up. Everyone is welcome.

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by Center for Energy & Environment staff

Community Energy Services has been available in Corcoran since Spring 2010. The program gives homeowners the tools and resources needed to save energy and money in their homes. With winter approaching now is a great time to prepare your home. To get started, simply attend a free energy presentation where you will be able to schedule a customized home energy visit. During the visit, experts will install materials, perform a blower door test, make personalized recommendations, and provide information on rebates and financing. Join over 4,000 Minneapolis homeowners who have already participated! For more information or to register for an upcoming presentation visit www.mnces.org or call 612-335-5869.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades

0% Financing Available

by Center for Energy & Environment staff

The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) now offers 0% financing to qualified homeowners of single family owner-occupied residences statewide. Designed to address the needs of homeowners prior to the Winter, this program offers 0% financing for many energy efficiency upgrades including air sealing, insulation, windows, high efficiency heating systems and more. Insufficient insulation is the main cause of ice dams which created huge damage to homes across Minnesota last year. Did you know that it only costs approximately \$2,000-3,000 to have the average home's attic air sealed and insulated? That's about \$85/month for 3 years at no interest for peace of mind this winter. CEE offers up to a \$20,000 loan amount for this program.

For more information on this program and others offered in your community by the Center for Energy and Environment, visit www.ceeloans.org or contact 612-335-5884 or loaninfo@mncee.org.

Nominate a Home for Tour

The 2012 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals to feature on the tour to be held April 28 and 29. Nominations/applications are due **Monday, January 16**, and early submissions are encouraged.

Contractors and other vendors may nominate homes they have worked on, and are encouraged to call for more information about sponsorship. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions are especially encouraged. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house.

The tour is a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing homes. For more information, call Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or mfashmore@aol.com. The application can be downloaded from www.MSPHomeTour.com under "nominate."

CNO Awarded \$5,000!



Kyle Boehm (CEE) with Eric Gustafson. Photo by CEE.

On Tuesday, October 25th, the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) was awarded two grants from the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) and the McKnight Foundation. The first grant for \$4,000 was awarded to CNO for having over 15% of households participate in Community Energy Services. The second grant of \$1,000 was awarded to CNO on behalf of Eric Gustafson for organizing a team of 25 block leaders and volunteers to door-knock every eligible home in Corcoran. Partnering neighborhood organizations and volunteers were awarded over \$45,000 in grants for their work with Community Energy Services. Visit www.mnces.org for the complete list of winners.

\$175 Grants for CES participants

In addition to the services and rebates available through the program, Corcoran participants are eligible for a \$175 mini grant from CNO! Following the Home Visit portion of the program, use the mini grant for air sealing and insulation or upgrade to a high efficiency furnace, air conditioning, or water heater if these improvements are recommended. Eligible, completed improvements will be reimbursed on a first-come / first-served basis following a walk-through by CNO staff. Funds are limited and there is no waiting list. Contact Eric at CNO at 612-724-7457 to submit receipts for completed work.

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December Horoscopes

By ALISSA FOUNTAIN, Corcoran resident

SAGITTARIUS (November 22- December 21): On the 10th of December, a lunar eclipse in your 7th house rocks your close relationships. Long standing issues in love and close partnerships come to the surface. Your task, as the calendar year draws to an end, is to work through these issues with your partner and begin 2012 in a cleansed state.

Your key words for 2012: Progress and Clarity

CAPRICORN (December 22- January 19): For this sign, the lunar eclipse on the 10th causes changes in your work life. You may find increased tensions with co-workers or direct supervisor, or your colleagues may be dealing with health issues through most of the month, leaving you swamped with work.

Your key words for 2012: Creativity and Luck

AQUARIUS (January 20- February 18): After the 22nd of December, your social peak comes to a close and you find yourself seeking solitude. You come to seek balance between your social, energetic self, and the introspective, thoughtful side you don't often pay attention to.

Your key words for 2012: Intuition and Mobility

PISCES (February 19- March 20): Your personal planet is moving forward after many months of being in retrograde. Your self confidence is increasing and you feel clear and motivated in your daily life. You enter the new year feeling capable of creating your own happiness.

Your key words for 2012: Dynamic and Action

ARIES (March 21- April 19): Your travel planet, Jupiter, is currently in retrograde, so expect glitches surrounding travel plans in December. Career progress culminates in fun events, such as parties and fundraisers, and you are feeling exceptionally social and charismatic.

Your key words for 2012: Speculation and Flow

TAURUS (April 20- May 20): Your career planet begins moving forward again on the 10th, preparing you for a very successful new year. You have renewed clarity and interest in your work, as well as heightened and unexpected creativity.

Your key words for 2012: Trajectory and Validation

GEMINI (May 21- June 21): The lunar eclipse on the 10th inspires you to spend more time on self reflection and honesty. You find yourself wanting to draw away from the crowds, as your self confidence takes a short dip, and will emerge with deeper knowledge to create a foundation for the coming year.

Your key words for 2012: Expansion and Substance

CANCER (June 22- July 22): This will be a particularly social holiday season this year, as you enter your yearly social peak right around winter solstice, which will carry through into the next calendar year. Keep in mind that your health is particularly vulnerable after the 22nd, and keep the overeating and drinking to a minimum.

Your key words for 2012: Recognition and Intensity

LEO (July 23- August 22): On the 10th, you will experience a lunar eclipse in your 11th house. This brings a rocky period in friendships. Your friends will seem more temperamental to you, and your feelings may be hurt easily. A parent figure makes dramatic financial changes as the year draws to an end.

Your key words for 2012: Possibility and Vitality

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Lately you have been struggling with the cooperation of others around you. This month, you will learn to rehone your social and interpersonal skills, as well as compromise. Home and family concerns are first and foremost until the 22nd.

Your key words for 2012: Instincts and Positivity

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Your 4th house becomes particularly powerful after the 22nd, sending you into a period of deep nostalgia and reliving the past. As this coincides with the holidays, you will find yourself revisiting long forgotten family traditions. You will struggle to balance honoring the past with living in the present.

Your key words for 2012: Definition and Power

SCORPIO (October 23- November 21): This is a good month to read the fine print on insurance policies and other financial contracts you may have. You need to be cautious in matters of money, especially through the 14th. Love is strong and focuses on communication through the 21st, when emotional sharing becomes your focus.

Your key words for 2012: Transparency and Imagination

Lideres en Accion y Poder

Graduation Ceremony

Date: December 2nd, 2011

Location: 3400 15th Ave. S; Minneapolis

Food served: 3 pm - 4 pm

Ceremony: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm

Agenda:

1.- Patricia García - Personal experience in the Lideres en Accion y Poder.

2.- Dance organizad by Susana de León.

3.- Ana Luisa, Mexican Consulate

4.- Name reading and certificates for the Lideres en Accion y Poder.

5.- Amy Arcand, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Director

6.- Amada Tiempos - Personal experience in the Lideres en Accion y Poder.

7.- Mujeres en Accion y Poder presentation


For more information call Silvia Perez at 612-724-7457.

OccupyMN on 25th Avenue

According to Minnesota Daily newspaper, a home on the 33xx block of 25th Avenue South was boarded on Sunday, Nov. 20 after the Minneapolis Police Department evicted a large group of OccupyMN protesters. The home had gone through foreclosure but was currently for sale.

Photo by OccupyMN.




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Next Deadline: Jan. 19 (for February 2012 edition). Distributes: Jan. 27-31.

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