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A NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION

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LOVE THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY? TAKE THE GREENWAY CHALLENGE!

By Lauren Fulner, Community Organizer, Midtown Greenway Coalition

Love the Greenway? Take the Greenway Challenge and show your support!
 Bike 44 miles on event day and raise at least \$250 in pledges beforehand.
 All proceeds help keep your Greenway safe and beautiful. Top earner wins flights for two & a week at a chateau in wine & bike country in France!
 Prizes! Food! Music! Art!

Go to www.midtowntogreenway.org to participate

The Twin Cities community will be taking over the Greenway this September, and we want you to join in the celebration! Riders in the first annual bike-a-thon on the Midtown Greenway on September 25, 2010 will be delighted by live music, colorful community art, and delicious snacks along all 5.5 miles of the Greenway trail.

We'd love for you and your friends to participate; cyclists commit to ride 44 miles in the Greenway on event day and secure a minimum of \$250 in pledges beforehand. Fantastic prizes await the fundraising fanatics—the top pledge-getter wins airfare for two and a week at a chateau built in an old winery in the bike-friendly Loire Valley of France. Other prizes will be given away via raffle open to all bikers in the Challenge, and for best costume and best decorated bike. The Midtown Greenway Coalition invites trail users to sign up months early so that the pledge raising is a cinch, and will be hosting Pledge-Raising How-To parties throughout the summer.

Cyclists have all afternoon to complete their ride, and can begin as early as 11:00 a.m., with an awards ceremony capping off the event at 6:00 p.m. at the Cepro site (10th Avenue entrance to the Greenway by Midtown Exchange).

All funds raised go directly to keeping your Greenway safe and beautiful. You can register for The Greenway Challenge online following links from midtowntogreenway.org, or by contacting or visiting the Midtown Greenway Coalition office inside the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center to request a hard copy of the registration form. Thanks in advance for your support!

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Tour De Fat
Progressive Dinner
New Summer Intern
Learn About Pledge Raising
Heads up, Buddy up!
and Trial Watch Update
High Voltage Lines Update
The Coalition Would Like To Thank ...

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STATE LAW CHANGED TO REQUIRE CLOSER LOOK AT HIGH VOLTAGE LINE ALTERNATIVES

By Tim Springer, Executive Director

Thanks to State Rep. Karen Clark and State Senators Linda Berglin and Ellen Anderson, the Midtown Greenway Coalition and others, a law was passed requiring Xcel Energy to secure a Certificate of Need for their proposed high voltage transmission lines along the Midtown Greenway or nearby. This new law means that Xcel will have to prove that the electricity needs which their proposed power lines would serve cannot be met through other means. Other means of serving the electricity needs include conservation, locally generated power such as with solar panels, peak demand shaving such as with energy storage, and smart grid to tie it together. As we go to press, the legal process is continuing to determine where the lines and substations would be located if the need for the lines is later proven and the project is installed.

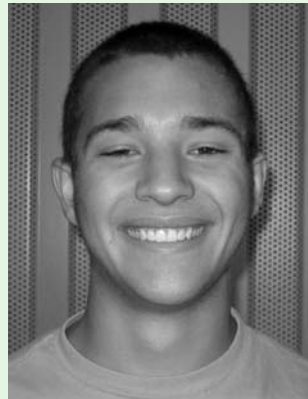
FEATURED TRAIL USER

Randall Dietel, creator of the bike delivery service VeloVeggies and resident of Midtown Phillips, was also one of the first people to enthusiastically sign up for The Greenway Challenge! Randall loves the Midtown Greenway and uses it daily as his 'Main Street', both for fun and for his local veggie deliveries. "You get to know your neighbors on the Greenway in a way you can't when you're in a car", he notes, "the Greenway is just the place to be!"



THE COALITION HAS A MINNEAPOLIS STEP-UP SUMMER INTERN

We are thrilled to welcome Connor MacLeod for the summer.

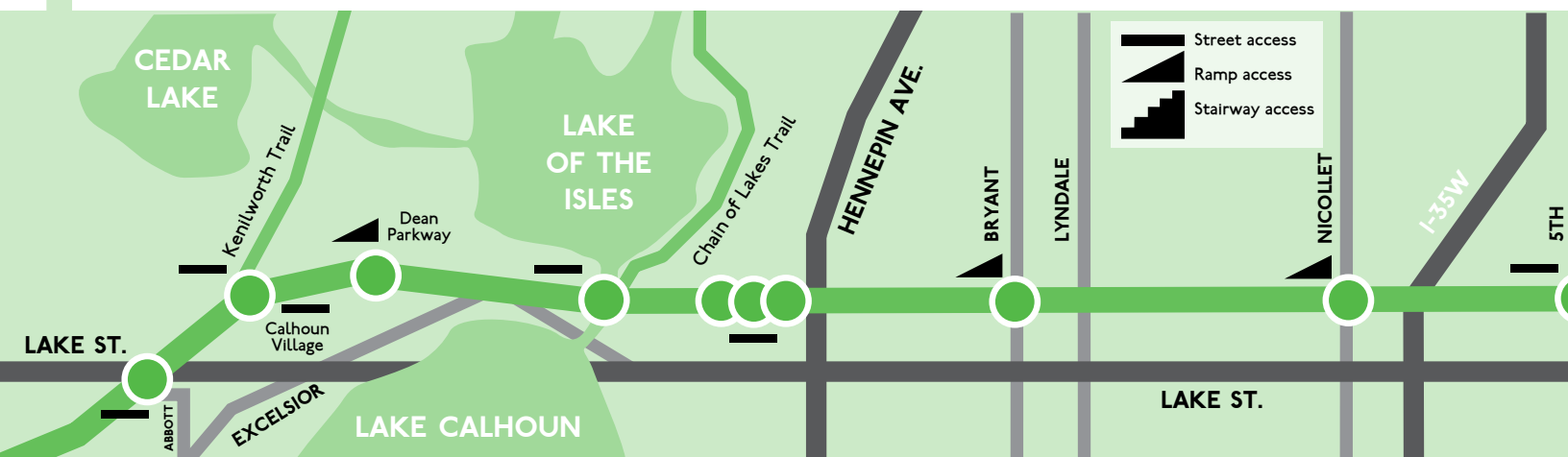


"Hello, I use the Greenway as my highway around the city. Biking to my friends' houses, and get-togethers... are all exits along the way. I love my bike and I love the Greenway."

LEARN MORE ABOUT PLEDGE-RAISING!

Join us for some fundraising tips over pizza and beer on July 14th at 7 p.m. We'll provide you with everything you need to know to become a Greenway Challenge pledge-raising pro! We will provide pledge forms, event ideas, sample letters, and information about why raising pledges for the Greenway is so important. Feel free to bring along people you are trying to recruit to ride with you in The Greenway Challenge! RSVPs to Theresa at theresa@midtowngreenway.org or at 612-879-0103.

Add your logo by our map, call 612 879-0105





ENJOY YOUR BIKE AND A BITE

AT THE 2010 MGC PROGRESSIVE DINNER



On Friday evening, August 27th, the Midtown Greenway Coalition's Annual Progressive Dinner promises to be even more delectable than ever. The appetizer course will be at the home of **Ilana and Mike Favero**. The main course will take us to the home of **Robert Lilligren**. The final leg of the

ride will take us to the home of **Phillip and Laura Muessig** in Seward. We travel from course to course together through the Greenway. Individuals are welcome to run as well as bike between courses, and can use tandems, recumbents, tall bikes, or any other sort of non-motorized transport you choose!

The dinner is again a fundraising event for the Coalition with a minimum donation of only \$35 per ticket for food, wine, beer, and desserts. Spots fill up quickly, so reserve your place at the 'traveling table' and learn event details by emailing Theresa@midtowngreenway.org or leaving a message with your contact information at 612 879-0103.

This year's delicious courses will once again be sponsored by several wonderful restaurants, including the Birchwood Café. If you are a local business and would like to sponsor this event, please contact the Coalition.

No rain date – only a severe electrical storm cancels this event.



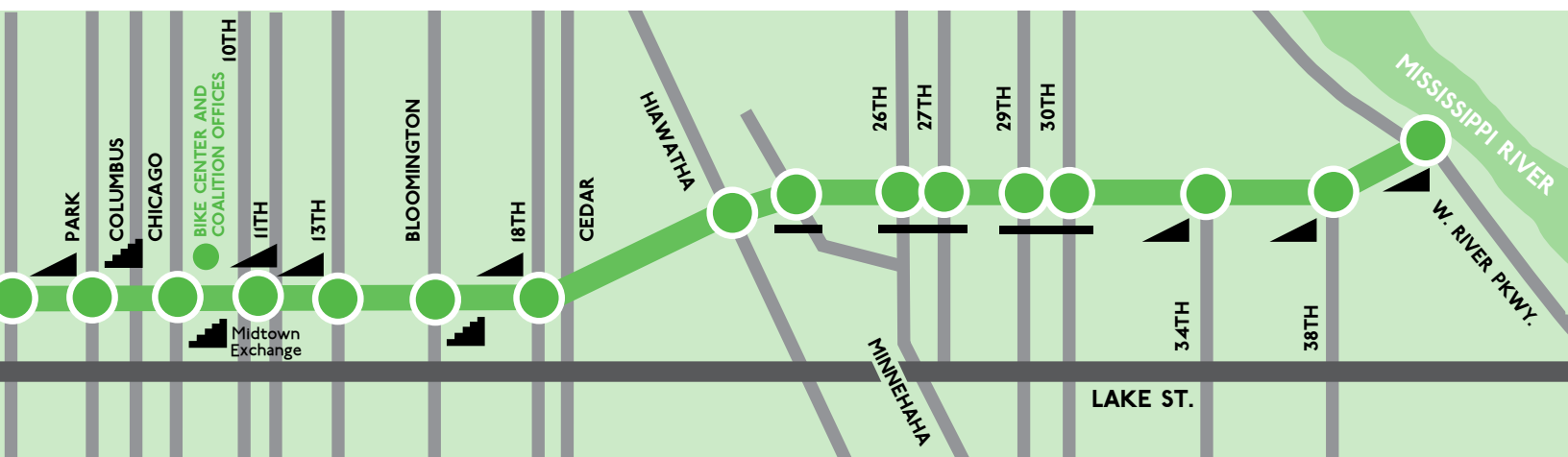
Come out for the second annual bike, live music, and beer celebration from New Belgium Brewing in Minneapolis,

TOUR DE FAT!

This year is bound to be bigger, better, and more bountiful than the last, at its new location in Loring Park. Get your costume ready and your bike in gear, and join us on July 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a festival of whimsy that's all about celebrating you and your bicycle!

Can't get enough of bikes and whimsy?

Sign up for The Greenway Challenge—
details on the front page.



MISSION

We empower communities to develop, improve, protect, and enjoy the Midtown Greenway as a green urban pathway to improve people's lives.

MISIÓN

Nosotros habilitamos a las comunidades a desarrollar, mejorar, proteger y disfrutar del sendero urbano Midtown Greenway para mejorar la vida de la gente.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS! (Please call if we have missed you!)

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MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION BOARD MEMBERS

The Coalition board of directors consists of one seat for each of the 17 neighborhoods along the Lake Street-Midtown Greenway Corridor, and four at-large seats. (Contact us to learn more about available seats.)

John DeWitt
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AT LARGE

For a list of board members' roles and responsibilities, visit www.midtowngreenway.org. Follow the links to Board of Directors, or call 612-879-0103



Courtesy of Karen Hollish, TC Daily Planet

HEADS UP, BUDDY UP! AND TRAIL WATCH UPDATE

Thanks to alert and informed community members, the Greenway is an increasingly safe place to bike day, night and year round. While there are still scattered incidents of rock throwing and broken glass, overall the number of incidents on the Greenway is significantly down from this time in previous years.

Much of this decrease in crime is due to committed involvement from individuals and organizations in the safety programs of the Coalition. Nearly 70 Buddy Up! spokecards have been given out to registered riders, and 27 new individuals have signed up for Trail Watch since the beginning of March. Pizza Lucé, Bedlam Theatre, and Bryant Lake Bowl have joined Old Chicago as monthly sponsors of a free food night for each trail watch ride. However, safety on the Greenway is the responsibility of every rider—the Coalition encourages everyone to ride with a friend after dark, and do your part for safety of all solo riders by joining the Heads Up, Buddy Up! program.

Interested in joining Buddy Up! or Trail Watch? Email trailwatch@midtowngreenway.org.

TRAIL WATCH SUPERSTARS

MARCH 2010 – MAY 2010

VOLUNTEERED FOR 6-11 RIDES:

Paul Caspersen	David Kim
Mary Alivia Bryan	*Laura Kling
Annie Dressen	Becky Monnens
*Ted Duepner	Andrew Paule
Benjamin Erickson	*Susan Priem
Lauren Fulner	Kathleen Sullivan
Gabriel Hoffman	Brad Tiffany
Jim Holm	Chad Wilkins

VOLUNTEERED FOR 12-17 RIDES:

Mark Ambroe
*Satya Varghese Mac
Hokan

* THE PAUL CASPERSEN DEDICATION AWARDS

These individuals will be entered in a drawing for a free custom made frame from Peacock Groove at year's end—there's still one more season for you to be a top rider and enter the drawing as well!



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Minneapolis, MN 55407

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JOIN US FOR TOUR DE FAT ON JULY 10 (SEE P.3)



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and mail to: Midtown Greenway Coalition
2834 10th Avenue South, Greenway Level, Suite 2
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or donate at www.midtowngreenway.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fourth Thursday of the month
July 22, August 26 and September 23, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Second Monday of the month
July 12, August 9 and September 13, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Third Tuesday of the month
July 20, August 17 and September 21, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

TOUR DE FAT

Saturday, July 10
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Loring Park

PLEDGE RAISING HOW-TO PARTY

Wednesday, July 14
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THE GREENWAY CHALLENGE

Saturday, September 25
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Unless indicated, all meetings are held at the Midtown
Greenway Coalition's office (2834 10th Avenue South,
Greenway Level, Suite 2, Minneapolis, MN 55407).