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## Freewheel Midtown Bike Center to Open Friday May 16!

By Tim Springer, Executive Director

Come see this new center of bicycling activity as the ribbon is cut to welcome early morning bike commuters during Bike to Work Week. The Freewheel Midtown Bike Center will have two large bicycle parking bays as well as bike sales, parts, repairs, and rentals. The bathrooms, drinking fountain, and showers will serve casual and commuting bicyclists. Freewheel Bike will do the nuts and bolts operations and the Midtown Greenway Coalition will focus on community engagement. With its office down the hall and overlooking the trails, the Coalition can increase its connection with Greenway users and also better engage the Phillips community with the Greenway. Among other things, we'll have a bike culture center bulletin board and group bike rides for youth.



- What:** Ribbon Cutting
- When:** 7:00 a.m., Friday, May 16, 2008
- Where:** Freewheel Midtown Bike Center
- directions:** access for pedestrians and bicyclists directly from the Midtown Greenway trails between Chicago and 10th Avenues.

If arriving from the street level, go to the 2800 block of either 10th or 11th Avenues South and walk or wheel down into the Greenway through the outdoor trail entrance ramp, then go 1/2 block west. By bus, take #21 or #5 to Midtown Exchange, then enter the Greenway behind the Sheraton Hotel via stairs or the skyway elevator.

In addition to a ribbon cutting, Freewheel and the Coalition may be arranging additional activities on opening day. Watch our web site ([www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org)) for more information.

Thank you to those who funded the facility: City of Minneapolis, a U.S. Federal grant, Hennepin County, Allina Health Systems, and Ryan Companies. Thank you also to those who funded the Midtown Greenway Coalition's office adjacent to the Bike Center: The McKnight, Wells Fargo, and Surdna Foundations, Smith Partners, and individuals.

## ¡Gran apertura del centro Freewheel Midtown Bike, el viernes, 16 de mayo!

Por Springer, Director ejecutivo

Están todos invitados a la ceremonia de corte de la cinta durante la apertura de este nuevo centro para bicicletas para dar la bienvenida a los ciclistas madrugadores que vayan a sus empleos durante la semana de Bike to Work (Ir a trabajar en bicicleta). El centro Freewheel Midtown Bike brindará dos áreas amplias de estacionamiento además de venta, repuestos, reparación y alquiler de bicicletas. Los ciclistas ocasionales y otros yendo a trabajar en bicicleta dispondrán de baños y duchas. El centro Freewheel Midtown Bike se encargará de las operaciones diarias del centro, la coalición Midtown Greenway se dedicará a fortalecer lazos con la comunidad. Las oficinas administrativas de la coalición se encuentran al fondo del corredor y con vista a los senderos para peatones y ciclistas, se encargarán de incrementar la conexión con los usuarios del corredor y los senderos de Greenway. Además el centro contará con un panel con información sobre la cultura del ciclismo, y sobre ciclismo en grupo para jóvenes.

- Actividad:** Ceremonia de corte de la cinta
- Fechas:** 7 de la mañana, viernes, 16 de mayo de 2008
- Sitio:** Freewheel Midtown Bike Center
- Instrucciones:** acceso a peatones y ciclistas desde los senderos Midtown Greenway entre la avenida Chicago y la avenida 10.

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Allina volunteers help plant the Midtown Exchange Rain Garden.

# Greenway Stewards

By Jo Ann Musumeci

Do You Love the Gardens along the Greenway? We do too, and the Coalition is committed to keeping them weed free, watered and beautiful throughout the summer. In order to do so, we need YOU to be a Greenway Garden Steward! Over the past two years, more than 150 stewards have helped install and maintain four rain gardens along the path. Other volunteers assisted with Arbor Day tree planting, weeding prairie plantings and other gardening maintenance activities, all of which are essential for a beautiful Greenway. Please join us this summer and become a Greenway Garden Steward. Work days are usually scheduled every other Saturday morning and one week night during the months of May and June, and then less so in the fall. Come on out to enjoy nature and meet interesting people. Become a Greenway Garden Steward. For more information, contact Theresa Nelson at [theresa@midtowngreenway.org](mailto:theresa@midtowngreenway.org) or 612-879-0103



# Longfellow-Shasta Planting

Saturday, May 31st  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
3400 28th Street East

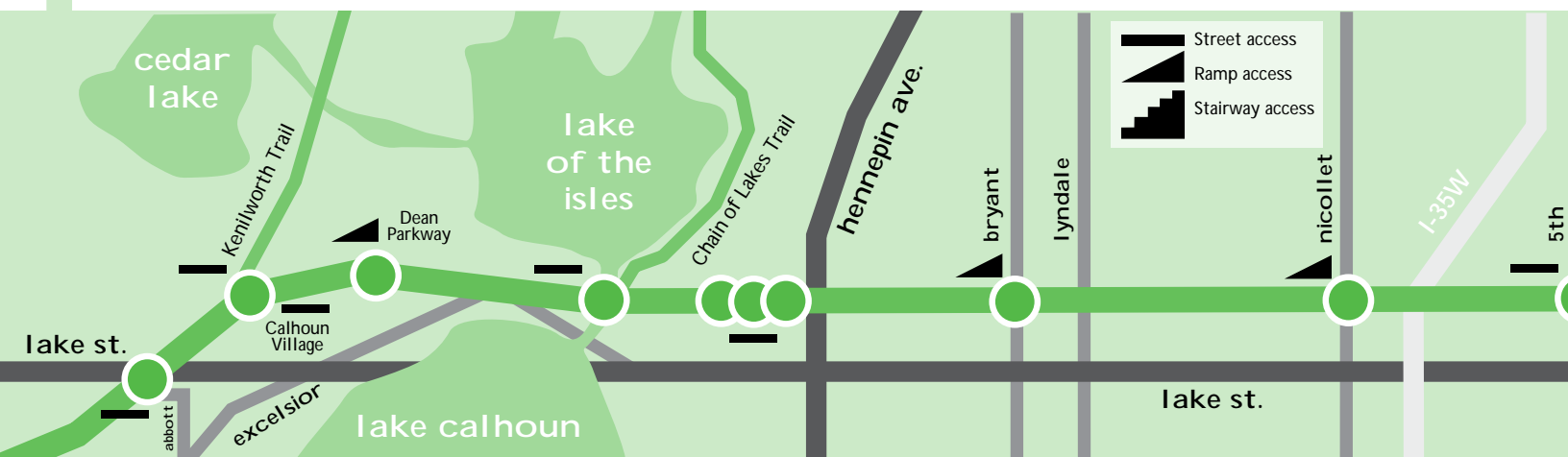
Longfellow Community Council and the Midtown Greenway Coalition are partnering with Great River Greening on an exciting project to beautify the Greenway. They plan to establish an oak savanna plant community on the section between 34th and 36th Avenues, adjacent to the former Shasta bottling plant.

50 volunteers are needed to spread native prairie seed and plant oak trees and shrubs. The planting will increase wildlife habitat and will be highly visible to the many pedestrians and bicyclists who use the Midtown Greenway. The site is just six blocks from the significant natural areas of the Mississippi River Gorge, so this planting will help keep invasive species from continuing to spread to the gorge. Please join us for this important urban project, right in the heart of the city!

Support for this project has been provided by Hennepin County, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and the Longfellow Community Council.

Individuals of all ages, families with supervised school-age children and community groups are welcome to participate. **Pre-registration is required, so sign up today!**

Register online at [www.greatrivergreening.org](http://www.greatrivergreening.org) under "Volunteer" or contact the Greening Volunteer Program and Event Manager at [volunteer@greatrivergreening.org](mailto:volunteer@greatrivergreening.org) or 651-665-9500 ext. 11. For more information contact Hillary Oppman at [hillary@longfellow.org](mailto:hillary@longfellow.org) or 612-722-4529





# Global Bike Day 2008

Sunday June 22, from 10-6 at the Midtown Global Market



Artful bikes ride the Greenway during 2007 Global Bike Days.

Yellow and white lines  
Cross-check patrols and consols  
In bike lust I trust.

– (Bike)ku poem by Severin Peterson

Just one example of the great bike culture gems you'll be able to find at this year's Global Bike Day. Please join us for Global Bike Day 2008, a day celebration of bikes, music, language, culture, environment, art, performance, film, family, children and community. Just take the Greenway to the Midtown Global Market, and you'll be sure to find it when you get close.

## Green Way to Go is Going Biking this Spring

Starting this spring, the Midtown Greenway Coalition is launching their Green Way to Go Biking program. You'll start to see groups of youth and others riding down the Greenway. The youth will be from local youth serving organizations.

Its our hope that engaging youth in the Greenway will help to foster more community pride in south Minneapolis and provide them with the tools and knowledge to live an active and healthy lifestyle. The Greenway to Go program is made possible with funds from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

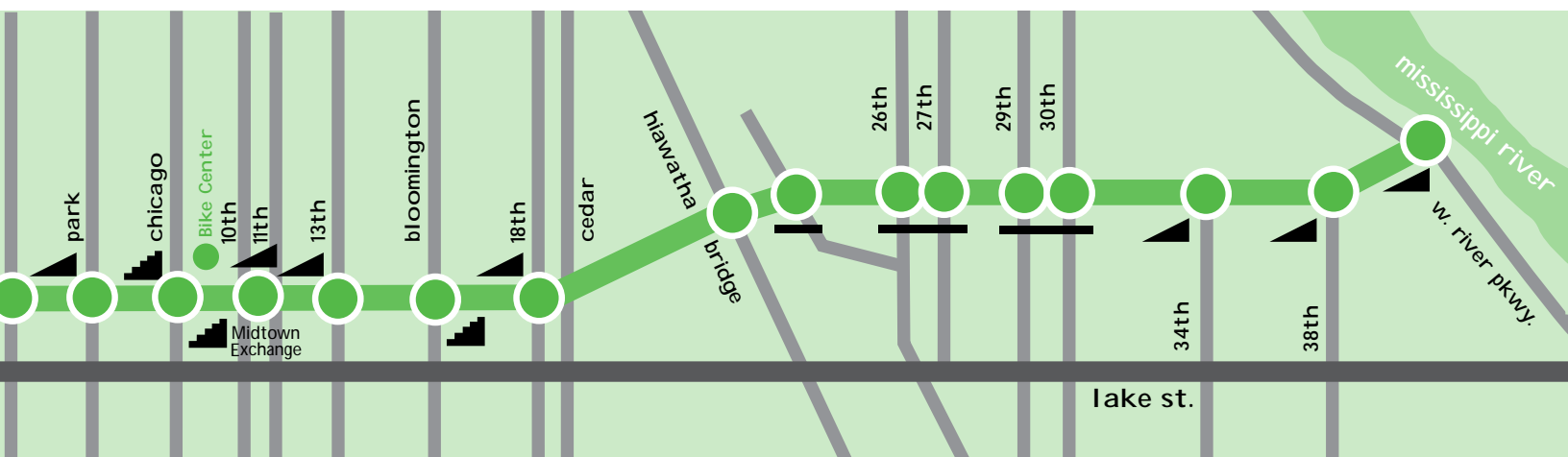
## Nate Will Stick Around Longer

For those of you who don't already know him, Nate Kerr is one of the Midtown Greenway Coalition's three staff people. He is available to the Coalition through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. We are pleased to announce that his initial one-year stint has been extended through August 2009. Nate works on many different things in our small shop, but his main function in the upcoming year will be to start up and oversee bike rides out



Nate Kerr

of the Bike Center with local youth serving agencies and others. Nate came to us from Lansing where he attended Michigan State University and worked for the League of Michigan Bicyclists. Nate is car-free and uses his bicycle trailer for everything from groceries to luggage to musical instruments, and of course boxes of Midtown Greenway Coalition newsletters. The Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a national volunteer service program that matches full-time volunteers with social justice organizations and ministries in twelve U.S. cities. In addition to working for justice, LVC Volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-7 people, deepen their spirituality, and practice simple, sustainable living.





## 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.

Greg Benz  
West Calhoun  
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John DeWitt  
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Eric Hart  
Longfellow  
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Powderhorn Park

Gabriel Hoffman  
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Neighborhood Group

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Dawn Wangen  
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## A special thanks to our house party fundraiser hosts and co-hosts at the home of George and Cathy Puzak's this past November.

Hosts: George and Cathy Puzak, Peter Bachman, Fleur Higginbotham, Christina Melloh, Leslie Modrack, John DeWitt, and Michael Nelson, and thank you to the McKnight Foundation for matching new or increased donations.

And Todd and Jeanette Sample for the use of their home and planning of a recent house party fundraiser.



There was a young biker Named Hart,  
With land use and greening he's smart,

To get there he'll bike,  
But sometimes will hike,

On the bike trails that he helped to start.

Congratulations to Eric for being honored with a Parks and Trails Award in the field of Community Service by the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota.

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

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# 8th Annual Arbor Day on the Midtown Greenway

- ♥ Saturday, April 26th
- ♥ 9 a.m. to noon
- ♥ Rain or shine
- ♥ Volunteers Needed
- ♥ East of the new bridge over Hiawatha Avenue

By Leslie Watson

The area east of Hiawatha Avenue where the Midtown Greenway connects to the new bridge will be the site of the 2008 Arbor Day event. Picture groves of oaks, aspens, small fruiting trees and evergreens that form bold patterns easily appreciated from the LRT and new bridge, at the same time providing shade and greenery for trail users. The design features the beauty and environmental benefits of native plants and will make a grand green gateway to the neighborhood. Tree Trust staff, Master Gardeners and Tree Care Advisors will provide education on tree and shrub planting. Snacks, coffee, and shovels will be provided. Don't forget your gloves!

Please ride your bike if you can! Bicycle parking will be available on site. Automobile parking will be available at The Green Institute.



Volunteers help plant trees at the 2007 Arbor Day event along the Greenway.

This Arbor Day event is possible through the generous support of many funders and contributors, including: Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Allina Hospitals and Clinics/ Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Wells Fargo, Target Corporation, Xcel Energy, Midtown Community Works Partnership, Midtown Greenway Coalition, Longfellow Community Council, Tree Trust, City of Minneapolis, The Green Institute, and Peace Coffee. For more information about the Midtown Community Works Partnership go to: [www.midtowncommunityworks.org](http://www.midtowncommunityworks.org)

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Theresa Nelson, 612-879-0103, [Theresa@midtowngreenway.org](mailto:Theresa@midtowngreenway.org).

## Annual Meeting to be at new Bike Center

Come see radical and informative short bike films from around the world, enjoy the new Freewheel Midtown Bike Center, and gorge on delicious pizza. We'll also have social time, a summary of recent accomplishments and the year ahead, and board elections. This event is free and open to the public. Event details:

- **2008 Midtown Greenway Coalition Annual Meeting**
- **Thursday, June, 26**
- **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- **at the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center** (for directions see cover page article)

Thank you to our event sponsors:  
Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel, Pizza Lucè Uptown, Old Chicago, Davanni's, Jakeeno's, and Uptown Pizza.

## ¡Gran apertura del centro Freewheel Midtown Bike, el viernes, 16 de mayo!

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Desde el nivel de la calle, ir hasta el bloque 2800 de las avenidas 10 o 11 sur, y caminar o ir en bicicleta hasta el sendero Greenway por la rampa externa de acceso al sendero, luego ½ bloque al oeste. Por autobús, tomar el #21 o el #5 hasta el edificio Midtown Exchange, luego entrar al sendero Greenway por la escalera o el ascensor situados detrás del Hotel Sheraton .

Además de la ceremonia de corte de la cinta, el centro Freewheel Midtown Bike y la coalición Midtown Greenway organizarán actividades adicionales el día de la apertura. Para más información consulte nuestro sitio Web [www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org).

Gracias a todas las organizaciones que aportaron fondos al centro: City of Minneapolis, subsidio de U.S. Federal, Hennepin County, Allina Health Systems, y Ryan Companies. Muchas gracias a todas las organizaciones e individuos que aportaron fondos para la oficina de la coalición Midtown Greenway, adyacente al Centro Freewheel Midtown Bike: Las fundaciones The McKnight, Wells Fargo y Surdna, Smith Partners, e individuos.

