TOUR DE FAT
RETURNS TO LORING PARK ON JULY 26TH

BIKES & BEER CARNIVAL RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL BIKE GROUPS

The Tour de Fat traveling bike carnival returns to the Twin Cities on Saturday, July 26th, in Loring Park. The event raises funds for local biking organizations, including the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists, and Minneapolis Off-Road Cycling Advocates.

Join the popular social ride/parade through downtown Minneapolis, complete with wacky costumes and a very animated send-off. Then, return to Loring Park for live music and performances, local food trucks, and of course New Belgium beer.

In addition to Fat Tire, Ranger, and other popular New Belgium beer varieties, the event will feature special taps from the Lips of Faith series. You can challenge your taste buds continued on page 4

TWIN CITIES SCHEDULE

10:00am-11:00am:
Parade/Ride Registration in Loring Park

11:00am-12:00pm:
Parade/Ride through downtown Minneapolis

12:00pm-5:00pm:
Revival: Live music, performances, food, beer
Summer means fun on the Midtown Greenway! The Greenway is full of cyclists of course, but you’ll also see plenty of walkers, runners, rollerbladers, dog walkers, foragers, and people just outside enjoying the sunshine. All are welcome and appreciated!

A big part of summer fun on the Greenway is our annual Greenway Glow night bike ride and the Northern Spark arts festival. On June 14th we welcomed thousands of people to the corridor to enjoy more than 20 art installations and performances, and to bike the Greenway to raise funds for our programs. A big THANK YOU to our Greenway Glow riders and sponsors, who helped raised more than $20,000 for the Greenway! Be sure to thank these organizations for sponsoring the Glow: Allina Health; Elan Uptown Apartments; The Ackerberg Group & MoZaic Art Park; Whole Foods – Lake Calhoun; Penn Cycle & Fitness; CIVIA Cycles; Peace Coffee; HDR; WildEarth Woodfired Pizza; The Sheraton – Midtown; Freewheel Bike; New Belgium Brewing; Nice Ride; The UPS Store – Uptown; Butter Bakery Café; Vine Arts Center; Boneyard Kitchen & Bar.

Our next BIG fundraising event is the Tour de Fat, the annual bike and beer festival held in Loring Park. This year’s event will be on Saturday, July 26th, and will be bigger and better than ever. In addition to live music, wacky bikes, and carnival-like performances, there will of course be plenty of beer. As a self-proclaimed “beer geek,” I’m excited to try some of the beers from New Belgium Brewing’s “Lips of Faith” series. Best of all, you can support the Greenway by drinking a beer! (We receive all proceeds from the beer sales.)

While our special events help us raise funds for our Greenway programs like Trail Watch, our core support comes from members and volunteers like you. Thank you for joining us in protecting and enhancing the best urban trail in the nation.

See you on the Greenway – and at the Tour de Fat on July 26th!

Soren R. Jensen
Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

The Midtown Greenway Coalition is a coalition of neighborhoods and individuals who love the Midtown Greenway. We’re the organization that got the Greenway built by public agencies, and now we work to protect and enhance it. We grow stronger with each new member. Join us to help protect YOUR Greenway and make it even better!

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 Corridor, and four at-large seats.

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Committee volunteers are busy planting new gardens in the Greenway this summer. To get involved in our greening efforts, contact Aubrey@midtowngreenway.org or call (612)-879-0106.

Volunteers helped plant more than 80 new trees on the Greenway during the annual Arbor Day celebration.

By Caitlin Bordson

Part of our vision for the Greenway is maintaining a clean, green, urban pathway that is safe and inviting for everyone. To realize this vision, we organize several greening and cleaning initiatives, including participating in annual Arbor Day plantings. So far, more than 3,000 trees and shrubs have been planted in the Greenway during Arbor Day events.

This year, May 3rd marked the 14th annual Arbor Day on the Midtown Greenway, organized in partnership with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Midtown Community Works Partnership, and Tree Trust.

Volunteers celebrated by planting trees and shrubs just west of the Sabo Bridge between Cedar Avenue and Hiawatha Avenue. Throughout the day, Tree Trust staff, Master Gardeners and Tree Care Advisors provided education to volunteers about tree and shrub planting as well as plant maintenance to ensure strong growth. More than 80 new trees were planted, which will help make the Sabo Bridge ramp much more green and inviting.

In addition to participating in the annual Arbor Day event, our GreenSpace

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.
with something bold and delicious, like a saison made with blood oranges or an ale that uses herbs instead of hops to provide bitterness and flavor. There will also be limited-release ales brewed in collaboration with Odell Brewing Company (Colorado) and 3 Floyds Brewing Company (Indiana).

“We are so thankful to New Belgium Brewing for bringing the Tour de Fat back to Minneapolis,” said Soren Jensen, executive director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition. “This is the only event where drinking a beer raises money to support the Midtown Greenway.” Proceeds from beer sales benefit programs that protect and enhance the Greenway, like the Trail Watch safety patrol and efforts to keep the Greenway clean and green.

For more information and to pre-register for the parade, visit www.newbelgium.com/Events/tour-de-fat/minneapolis

GREENWAY USER PROFILE: KEVIN W. OF EXCELSIOR

By Linda Ingaldson

What do you use the Greenway for?
I use the trail to get to work! I love that I don’t have to worry about traffic making me late or cars driving dangerously close to me. I commute from Excelsior to Minneapolis whenever the weather permits. I also enjoy riding on the Greenway in my free time; it’s a very relaxing trail.

What do you like about using the Greenway to commute to work?
It’s easy, quick, and I get a good morning exercise from it!

What do you love most about the Greenway?
They do a great job of keeping the Greenway clean and safe. The trails are always plowed and cared for; I know I can count on a safe ride through the city.

Why should people care about the Greenway?
It is important for bicyclists to feel safe riding and the Greenway does that. I’ve seen many bikers get hit by cars [on city streets] and I hope that more people use trails like the Greenway in order to avoid injuries.
NEW LIGHTS
HELP KEEP GREENWAY SAFE

By Claire Bjerke

Safety is always a top priority for the Midtown Greenway Coalition. With support from City Council Member Alondra Cano, our Safety Task Force volunteers meet quarterly with Minneapolis Public Works, Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Police Department to review safety initiatives in the Greenway, including the installation and maintenance of cameras, lights, and emergency phones.

We are pleased to report that Minneapolis Public Works has agreed to install three more lights in high-priority locations in the Greenway this summer. Last year, new lights were installed at 12th Ave., Columbus Ave., and Bloomington Ave. – all areas that our Safety Task Force (formerly Crime Prevention Task Force) identified as being too dark at night.

In addition to our Safety Task Force, the Coalition’s main crime prevention program is our Trail Watch safety patrol, which bikes the Greenway every night. We also ask all Greenway users to call 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity.

You can help keep one of the city’s most prized possessions safe by volunteering for the Safety Task Force or the Trail Watch safety patrol. For more information, contact Aubrey@midtowngreenway.org or 612-879-0106. Stay safe, Minneapolis.

One of several new lights that have been installed in the Greenway, thanks to the efforts of our Safety Task Force.

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Rebecca Harnik bids farewell to her favorite trail, as she heads to grad school in Boston!

SPECIAL THANKS
to Midtown Greenway Coalition Summer Interns:

CAITLIN BORDSON • CLAIRE BJERKE
LINDA INGALDSON • KATRINA NYGAARD
THANK YOU

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(Covering new donations and sustainers for the period from March 7th to June 1st, 2014; please contact us if we have missed you) Special thanks to our sustaining members – denoted with a (*)

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The Sheraton Midtown Hotel
Zeke's Unchained Animal

THANK YOU
Neal Axton
Dave Evans
Kathy Koch
Andrew Paule
Eric Golder
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Paul Holt
Gabriel Hoffman

TRAIL WATCH LEADERS
(MARCH 7 – JUNE 1)
Neal Axton
Dave Evans
Kathy Koch
Andrew Paule

TRAIL WATCH SUPERSTARS:
Dave Evans: 14 rides
Barb Bachelor: 13 rides
Kathy Koch: 12 rides
Eric Golder: 8 rides
Neal Axton: 5 rides

A sincere THANK YOU to all Trail Watch riders for working to keep riders safe on the trail!

We are looking for new Trail Watch leaders, co-leaders, and riders! If you are interested, please contact Aubrey@midtowngreenway.org.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MIDTOWN GREENWAY
COMMUNITY BIKE FESTIVAL
July 12th  2014, Across from Freewheel Bike, Noon-5pm

MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS 3RD THURSDAY: BIKE NIGHT
July 17th 2014, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 6-9pm
Pre-event ride and happy hour;
contact aubrey@midtowngreenway.org for more information

TWIN CITIES TOUR DE FAT
July 26th 2014, Loring Park, 10am-5pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Fourth Thursdays, 6 PM - 8 PM
July 24th, August 28th, September 25th

GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
Second Thursdays, 6 PM - 8 PM
July 10th, August 14th, September 11th

GREENSPACE (GARDENING) COMMITTEE:
First Tuesday at 6pm and Third Saturday at 10am: July 1st, July 19th, August 5th, August 16th, September 2nd, September 20th

ARTSPACE COMMITTEE
Third Wednesdays, 5 PM
July 16th, August 20th, September 17th

SAFETY TASK FORCE
Second Mondays; alternating months 6 PM – 7 PM
July 14th, September 8th

COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE
Second Mondays; alternating months 6 PM – 7 PM
August 11th, October 8th

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