GREENWAY GLOW ARTS FESTIVAL
The Greenway Glow arts festival will take place all along the Greenway, from Uptown to Midtown to Seward/Longfellow. The main hours will be from 9 p.m. – 1:00 a.m., with a “Family Glow” kicking things off from 7 – 9 p.m.

At the Family Glow area, kids can “make and take” art. The Family Glow will be from 7 – 9 p.m. at the CEPRO.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Greenway,

We are pleased to invite you to attend our annual Greenway Glow event, which will once again be the largest event held in the Midtown Greenway. This year’s Glow will be on the evening of June 18th, and will feature dozens of local artists and performers. Tickets for the festival are FREE for current Midtown Greenway Coalition members, and we ask that everyone else make a free-will donation of $10 to support the event. As usual, we’ll also be coordinating a fundraising bike ride, and we’ve added a 5K run to help raise funds for the Greenway too. We hope you can join us for a great, glowing night on the Greenway!

We’ve recently updated our Projects & Programs page on our website, which I invite you to view when you get a chance (http://midtowngreenway.org/projects-and-programs/). You will see a list of the many things we’ve been working on recently, including the Lake Street-Greenway Connections Study; a better design for the proposed L-35W transit station area on Lake Street; and our successful effort to get a new 24/7 public promenade along the Greenway near Lyndale Avenue to add more “eyes on the Greenway.” Your membership donations fund our important work for the Greenway—thank you!

Our core programs for the Greenway are in full swing, too, including our cleaning and greening efforts. Many of our Adopt-A-Greenway organizations have been out cleaning trash from the corridor. And on May 7th we participated in the 16th annual Arbor Day tree planting on the Greenway. Thousands of trees have been planted over the years, in partnership with our friends from the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Midtown Community Works Partnership, Hennepin County, Tree Trust, and volunteers from Allina Health, Wells Fargo, Ryan Companies and other organizations.

See you on the Greenway!

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!

We are currently seeking representatives from the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood, Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, and Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association.

*For a list of board members’ roles and responsibilities, visit www.midtowngreenway.org. Click on “The Coalition,” then “Board of Directors,” or call 612-879-0105

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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GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS YIELD RESULTS

COALITION INVOLVED IN A WIDE NUMBER OF LAND USE & TRANSIT PROJECTS

While Trail Watch and our Safety Task Force, greening and cleaning, public art, and inviting people to use the Greenway are key priorities for the Midtown Greenway Coalition, we also spend a significant amount of time working on land use and transit improvements for the corridor. Our Improvements Committee (formerly called Land Use and Transportation) volunteers and staff have been working on many projects, including:

LAKE STREET-GREENWAY CONNECTIONS STUDY

We are a leading partner and funder (thanks to a Great Streets grant from the City of Minneapolis) for an in-depth study of how to better connect the Greenway to Lake Street and surrounding neighborhoods. The study, which will conclude this spring, will recommend investments in wayfinding and placemaking; ways to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety; and strategies for engaging underserved communities in utilizing the Greenway. Our partners for this study are Hennepin County and Midtown Community Works, The City of Minneapolis, and the Lake Street Council. Once the plan is completed, we look forward to working with our partners and others to begin implementing the recommendations.

35W TRANSIT/ACCESS PROJECT

We are working to encourage a better design for the area of Lake Street under the proposed I-35W transit station, which will include a new connection to the Midtown Greenway. We think the current design looks a lot like the failed design for the Hiawatha-Lake intersection, which is dark, unsafe, and confusing for cyclists, pedestrians, and even cars/drivers. We have submitted our recommendations for improvements to the government agencies constructing the station, and we have received coverage regarding our concern in the Star Tribune and Southwest Journal.

REOPEN NICOLLET AVENUE PROJECT AND GREENWAY STREETCAR PLAZA

We recently partnered with the Whittier Alliance to host a series of workshops to create a neighborhood-based vision for the reopening of Nicollet Avenue and development of the Kmart and SuperValu sites. The resulting plan reflects the Whittier neighborhood’s preferences for land use and development, and includes designs for a new streetcar station and plaza at the Greenway level. The streetcar station images include a modern streetcar in the Greenway, which we will use to advance our vision for a turf-embedded, off-wire (i.e. re-chargeable batteries) rail line in the corridor.

HARRIET AVENUE APARTMENTS ON THE GREENWAY

We worked to convince the developer to change the design for this proposed apartment building, removing gates and keeping a new public walkway along the Greenway open 24/7 to enhance safety. We were pleased to partner with the Whittier Alliance on this project, which was successful. The walkway will be open 24/7 and add to the many public promenades already installed along the Greenway.

MILL AND OVERLAY FOR THE GREENWAY

We have asked Minneapolis Public Works to put the Greenway on the schedule for a full mill and overlay re-paving, starting in Phase I (Uptown to Midtown) where the cracks in the pavement are substantial. We asked for and received a resolution of support from the Bicycle Advisory Committee Engineering sub-committee to recommend that the repaving be included in the capital improvements budget for the City of Minneapolis.

These projects are just a sample of the many projects we work on to help protect and enhance the Greenway. Thanks to our volunteers who are supporting these Greenway Improvement efforts, as well as our partner neighborhoods and organizations. If you would like to volunteer for our Improvements Committee, please contact soren@midtowngreenway.org

▲ CEPRO green space on the Midtown Greenway, one of several locations studied for the Lake Street-Greenway Connections Study. Photo courtesy of Hennepin County.
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green space, located between 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue on the Midtown Greenway, near Freewheel Midtown Bike Center.

The Greenway Glow arts festival is FREE to Midtown Greenway Coalition members, and a free-will donation of $10 or more is requested from non-members to help support the event. Festival tickets will be available at the Greenway Glow kiosk outside the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center, where the 5K and 10-Mile Bike Ride begin. Many artists will also be located nearby, and maps to the festival will be available.

More information about the Arts Festival and a list of artists and locations will be posted in June on our website: www.midtowngreenway.org

AFTER-GLOW PARTY AT THE MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET
Everyone is welcome to attend the After-Glow party from 10:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. at Eastlake Craft Brewery and Taco Cat in the Midtown Global Market. Entrance to the party is free and open to the public. Craft beer will be on sale from Eastlake Craft Brewery, and you can purchase tacos and burritos from Taco Cat (until Midnight).

GREENWAY GLOW RIDE: 10-MILE BIKE RIDE
Dress yourself and your bike in lights for a glowing 10-mile bike ride to raise funds for the Midtown Greenway! The ride starts at the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center at 9 p.m., with registration from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Registered Glow cyclists get two beers from Eastlake Craft Brewery (must be 21) and two tacos from Taco Cat; snacks at the Vine Arts Center rest stop; a glow-in-the-dark t-shirt; a glowing necklace; ice cream from the cafe at Freewheel Midtown Bike Center; free tickets to the Arts Festival and more!

The registration fee is $25 (by June 1; $30 after), with $75 in additional pledges/donations for the Greenway required. (You may also donate all or part of the pledge yourself.)

The ride is intended to be a team event, though solo riders are welcome. If you don’t have a team (of at least 2, including yourself), you can join one when you register - many teams welcome new members.

GREENWAY GLOW RUN: 5K FUN RUN/WALK
A new 5K fun run/walk has been added to the Greenway Glow this year. Dress up in a glowing costume and join us to raise funds for the Greenway!

The run/walk starts at the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center at 9:30 p.m., with registration from 7 – 9 p.m. The route goes west toward Uptown. Shuttle buses will return runners/walkers to Midtown for the After-Glow party at the Midtown Global Market.
Registered Glow runners/walkers get two beers from East Lake Brewing (must be 21) and two tacos and chips from Taco Cat; a slice of pizza at the end of the run from Punch Pizza; a glow-in-the-dark t-shirt; a glowing necklace; free ice cream from the cafe at Freewheel Midtown Bike Center; free tickets to the Arts Festival and more!

The registration fee is $25 (by June 1; $30 after), with $75 in additional pledges/donations for the Greenway required. (You may also donate all or part of the pledge yourself.)

The Glow Run is intended to be a TEAM event, though solo runners are welcome. Runners/walkers will leave in groups every few seconds to stagger the start and keep the trail from getting overcrowded. If you don’t have a team (of 2 or more, including yourself), you can join one when registering – many teams are happy to have new members.

We hope to see you on June 18th for the Greenway Glow! For more information or to sign up for the 5K or the Bike Ride, please visit our website at www.midtowngreenway.org

Thank you to our Greenway Glow sponsors: Allina Health; Elan Uptown Apartments; The Ackerberg Group; MoZaic Art Park; Jazz 88 FM; Taco Cat; Eastlake Craft Brewery; The UPS Store – Uptown; CIVIA Cycles; HDR, Vine Arts Center, and Butter Bakery Café.
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TO OUR MEMBERS, DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS!
(Covering new donations and sustainer for the period from February 16th 2015 to April 27th 2016; please contact us if we have missed you!) Special thanks to our sustaining members—denoted with a (*)

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