KEEPING THE GREENWAY CLEAN AND GREEN

COALITION PROGRAMS KEEP THE CORRIDOR VIBRANT

By Janey Gengel

The Midtown Greenway is a favorite urban path among cyclists, pedestrians, in-line skaters, and countless others for many reasons. Chief among those reasons is the beauty and vibrancy of the corridor.

Rarely do we stop to appreciate the efforts that keep it this way. Let’s take the time to thank the various groups and volunteers that support our greening and cleaning programs.

Adopt-A-Greenway: More than 40 dedicated businesses and organizations have adopted sections of the Greenway. They roll up their sleeves, put on their gloves, and pull out the trash bags at least twice a year to clean up the corridor.

One such group is Surly Brewing. Mary Sellke, the volunteer coordinator for Surly, explains how they became involved with the program back in 2010: “We initially chose to be part of the Adopt-A-Greenway program because we appreciated having and using the Greenway, and it was a great way to help sustain its beauty and give back to the community.”

The Greenway cleanups have become one of the most popular Surly events with anywhere from 50 to 70 volunteers.

With support from Tree Trust, Surly has taken it a step further to lend a hand to the Greenway’s plant life. “We found that there are a lot of invasive plants growing in our adopted section, and if we could get rid of those (buckthorn, motherwort, garlic mustard), our native plants could thrive in that space instead of being choked out. Rich Harrison, a longtime Surly volunteer and landscape architect, helps plan and lead our work,” said Sellke.

Another group helping to keep the Greenway beautiful is Elan Uptown Apartments. Laura Longen, community manager of Elan, describes their involvement: “Elan Uptown elected to join the Adopt-A-Greenway program to be involved in the community – after all, the Greenway is in our backyard! We take pride in keeping the Greenway, Elan Uptown, and surrounding premises clean for all to enjoy.

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Thanks to our donors, volunteers, and partners, we are working hard to make sure the nation’s best urban bike trail is as clean and green as possible. Thank YOU for supporting our work.

See you on the Greenway!

Soren R. Jensen
Executive Director

It may seem rather obvious, but one of our most important goals is to keep the Greenway green. Many of the things that make the Greenway so wonderful – from the community gardens (such as Soo Line Garden and Vera’s Garden) to the many small rain gardens, from the thousands of trees and shrubs in the corridor to the native flowers planted in the 28th Street median – are the result of hard work by community members, Midtown Greenway Coalition volunteers, and partner organizations. While much of the Greenway is naturally green, we are proud to have worked hard to make the corridor even greener, and are pleased to see so many others getting involved to help keep it green, too.

Of course, it’s also important to keep the Greenway clean. With the help of more than 40 organizations that “adopt” sections of the Greenway, more than 80 cleanup projects are organized on the Greenway each year. Our volunteers also regularly sweep the trail for glass and monitor the Greenway for graffiti and anything else that might harm the corridor’s beauty.

Our government partners deserve recognition, too. The Minneapolis Public Works Department works to maintain and improve the trail (and clears snow in the winter), and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority works with Tree Trust and county agencies to maintain trees and green spaces, remove graffiti, and conduct clean-ups. Keeping the Greenway clean and green is a big task, and we couldn’t do it without public, private, and nonprofit organizations all working together.

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!

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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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TESTING THE AIR
TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT MEASURES POLUTION NEAR THE GREENWAY

By Caitlin Bordson

Those of you who ride the Greenway near the Sabo Bridge may have noticed a strange box with equipment inside, near the intersection of E 28th St. and the Greenway. This was part of the Community Air Monitoring Project (CAMP), which began in 2013. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has been monitoring air quality at selected sites in Minneapolis and St. Paul to find out whether low-income or communities of color are disproportionately impacted by air pollution from highways, air traffic, or industrial sources.

The data from this site is now being quality checked, analyzed and compared to other monitoring data, which usually takes a couple of months. If the air quality is determined to be lower than standards, the agency will determine the source of the emissions and see what steps can be taken to improve air quality.

GREENWAY MAINTENANCE MAKES FOR A SMOOTHER RIDE

At the request of the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Minneapolis Public Works recently sealed many of the cracks in the Greenway trail in Phase I (Uptown to Midtown). (You may have noticed the biodegradable tissue paper covering the sealant.) Some of the cracks were large, so they will require more patching, which we hope will occur this year or early next year.

While overall the trail is still in pretty good shape, the number of cracks seems to be growing, so we have requested that it be put on a list for a full repaving (mill & overlay) in the next few years.

Thank you to all Trail Watch riders for working to keep riders safe on the trail!

TRAIL WATCH LEADERS
(JUNE 2 – OCTOBER 7)

Neal Axton  Eric Golder
Dave Evans  Jim Holm
Kathy Koch  Paul Holt
Andrew Paule  Gabriel Hoffman

Trail watch SUPERSTARS:
Dave Evans: 9 rides
Barb Bachelor: 9 rides
Kathy Koch: 12 rides
Nick Kowalski: 7 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 Janey@midtowngreenway.org.

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© At the request of the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Minneapolis Public Works recently sealed cracks in the Greenway trail. Photo by Aaron Shaffer.
IN MEMORY OF

HENRY HUBBEN

By Kathleen McGee

Henry Hubben, the first board president of the Midtown Greenway Coalition, passed away on July 29th after a long illness. As a member of the Soo Line Garden along the Greenway, Henry understood the need for community involvement in the design and building of the trail. As the owner and operator of City Green, a gardening company, he worked and developed gardens throughout the city, including the first garden at Little Earth and several gardens in the Greenway. When asked in the July 1998 Star Tribune article about how many riders might use the Greenway, Henry said, “I think the use of the Greenway is going to be pretty much instantaneous” – which proved to be perfectly apt statement.

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Not only do we take part in the cleanup through Adopt-A-Greenway, we also sponsor other events the coalition puts on, including the Greenway Glow and Progressive Dinner. We are proud to be a part of such a outstanding program and organization.

GreenSpace Committee: The Midtown Greenway Coalition is pleased to support a group of enthusiastic volunteers committed to keeping the Greenway’s foliage beautiful and vibrant. Natalie Martin, chair of the Coalition’s GreenSpace Committee, explains some of their work: “This summer we put in a new pollinator flower garden for bees, near 14th Avenue. The plants are all Minnesota natives and free of the pesticide that appear to be contributing to bee colony collapse.”

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> New pollinator flower garden near 14th Ave., planted by the Midtown Greenway Coalition’s GreenSpace Committee this summer.

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Additionally, GreenSpace members maintain the rose bushes between 12th and 13th Ave, as well as the native plantings in the 28th Street median (where the Greenway crosses 28th Street) and a nearby rain garden. The committee also does regular weeding throughout the Greenway.

“Looking forward, we would like to rejuvenate the rose bushes with some new plantings, enhance the 28th Street median plantings, and re-plant more abandoned flower beds next spring and summer,” said Martin.

**Trail Watch and Glass Sweepers:** Our champions of Greenway safety, Trail Watch patrollers, also contribute to keeping the Greenway clean. They regularly sweep up glass and other potentially harmful materials from the trail, and call in graffiti to the City. In addition, there are several Coalition members, including Paul Nelson and Dale Hammerschmidt, who regularly clean the trail of glass as part of their daily commutes on the Greenway.

**Arbor Day:** The Midtown Greenway Coalition is proud to partner with the Midtown Community Works Partnership, Hennepin County Railroad Authority, and Tree Trust to sponsor annual Arbor Day plantings in the Greenway. So far, the annual event has resulted in more than 3,000 trees and shrubs being planted in the Greenway. Most recently, more than 80 trees were planted near the on-ramp to the Sabo Bridge.

Thanks to all of the volunteers and organizations working to keep the Greenway clean and green! Together, we are protecting and enhancing the Midtown Greenway as a green urban corridor for all to enjoy.

There are many ways to get involved with the Coalition’s greening and cleaning efforts. For more information about any of our programs, please visit our website or contact Janey Gengel, program coordinator, at Janey@midtowngreenway.org or 612-879-0106.

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**MISSION**

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

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**MISIÓN**

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

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**Arbor Day volunteers planted more than 80 new trees near the Sabo Bridge this past spring.**

**The median at 28th Street, planted and maintained by the Midtown Greenway Coalition’s GreenSpace Committee.**

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**Thank You**

(Covering new donations and sustainers for the period from June 2nd to October 7th, 2014; please contact us if we have missed you!) Special thanks to our sustaining members — denoted with a (*)

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GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
Second Thursdays, 6 PM – 8 PM
Nov. 13th, Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th

GREENSPACE (GARDENING) COMMITTEE
First Tuesday, 6pm (call to confirm)

ARTSPACE COMMITTEE
Third Wednesdays, 5 PM
Nov. 12th, Dec. 17th, Jan. 21st

SAFETY TASK FORCE
Second Mondays; alternating months, 6 PM – 7 PM
Nov. 10th, Jan. 12th

COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE
Second Mondays; alternating months, 6 PM – 7 PM
Dec. 10th, Feb. 11th

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