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TAKE THE GREENWAY CHALLENGE!

Everyone Loves the Midtown Greenway! In a few short years, the Greenway has become the backbone of self-propelled transportation in Minneapolis. You walk it, run it, blade it, bike it:

Now help support it by taking The Greenway Challenge September 24th, 2011

The Greenway Challenge is a bike-a-thon designed for cyclists of all abilities. Raise a minimum of $250 in pledges from friends, family, co-workers and neighbors beforehand, and ride 33 miles on the Midtown Greenway the day of the event. You can ride individually or as a team of four. Team members will ride together as a group. The event is not a race, so you may want to plan to stop along the way at your favorite Greenway restaurant or café. All riders are encouraged to dress up creatively and decorate their bikes. All funds go to keeping your Greenway safe and beautiful.

To register or to learn more go to: www.midtowngreenway.org

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The Wedge and Venture Sports
HELP GIVE UPTOWN A NEW FRONT DOOR TO THE GREENWAY—

Get Involved with the Walker Library Design Process
By Leslie Modrack, MGC board member from Lowry Hill East

An exciting opportunity for a public plaza in the Greenway is developing related to designing a new Walker Library at Hennepin and Lagoon Avenues. The idea is to create a plaza or other welcoming public space in the Greenway corridor at the elevation of the trails and a future streetcar station. To accomplish this, planning must include the upper end of The Mall, and a strip of park land that separates the library site from the Greenway. Three of the four adjacent neighborhoods have called for thoughtful integration of the Greenway, the Mall, the new Library, and Hennepin Avenue. In an exciting new development, the Park Board is now working with the Hennepin County Library staff and design team to bring it all together. Although not yet announced as we go to press, there will likely be public meetings mid-2011 where you can get involved. To see if meetings have been set and learn the details, visit www.hclib.org and search for Walker Library.

TRAIL USER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jannine Lasaleta. She lives in Uptown and goes to school at the U of MN. Aside from using the Midtown Greenway to get to school (way faster than busing), she uses it to get to yoga, the gym, and to see friends. Jannine found out about the trail at Bikram Yoga, which looks out on the Greenway. Having just gotten her first bike ever, Jannine has been using the Greenway for two months training for the MS Bike Ride. As a new biker, Jannine loves that she can ride everywhere without worrying about cars. You will see her on the Greenway just about every day of the week!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
By Michael Nelson, Board President

Well, under the saying of the best laid plans, the process of hiring a new Executive Director has not proceeded as smoothly as we had hoped, but we are moving forward speaking with new candidates and hope to have a resolution soon. In the meantime, Theresa Nelson will be the Midtown Greenway Coalitions Acting Director until our leadership position is resolved. We are truly lucky to have someone as dedicated as Theresa to take over until we can get things in order.

Our original plan was to have a new director in time for our Annual Meeting where we could have a transition ceremony. Though this didn’t work like we had planned, we had a great time and gave Tim Springer a great sendoff. Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin was on hand to present Tim with a resolution signed by all of the Hennepin County Commissioners recognizing Tim for his contributions over the years.

In addition to the resolution, the Midtown Greenway Board of Directors established a new Coalition award in Tim’s name, the Tim Springer Greenway Champion Award. This award will be given at our Annual Meeting to an individual who best emulates Tim’s spirit in their work to champion the Midtown Greenway. Many others got up to speak and thank Tim for all of his years of hard work, and wish him well as he moves on to greater challenges. Thanks again Tim!
TOUR DE FAT IS BACK

LORING PARK, JULY 23RD 9 A.M-4 P.M.

New Belgium Brewing is bringing their magic back. Come enjoy the kickoff bike-parade, live entertainment, bike-loving carnival atmosphere, and your favorite New Belgium brews. New Belgium will be donating the proceeds from beer sales at the event to the Midtown Greenway Coalition, but that beer won’t serve itself!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Slinging beer, IDing/Wrist banding and token selling are three of the many ways you can help us out and get a Tour de Fat t-shirt and two beer tokens. Help out the Midtown Greenway Coalition, and have a great time doing it! Sign up for the same shift with friends and we’ll reach our volunteer count in no time!

And, as always, a big thanks to New Belgium Brewing for bringing the Tour back to Minneapolis and donating proceeds from the event to the Midtown Greenway Coalition and other local bike-related nonprofits.

Thank you to our Trail Watch Superstars (2011 Quarter II)

VOLUNTEERED FOR 6-10 RIDES:
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Scott Campbell 11
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Rick Stafford 17

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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.)

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We are currently seeking volunteer board members representing the following neighborhoods: Cedar Isles, Dean, Powderhorn Park and Central. We are also hopeful to increase the diversity of our board of directors when filling these positions.

For a list of board members’ roles and responsibilities, visit www.midtowngreenway.org. Click on “the Coalition,” then “Board of Directors,” or call 612-879-0103.

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SAVE THE DATE: PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2011

The Annual Progressive Dinner on the Greenway, a fundraiser for the Midtown Greenway Coalition, is slated for Friday, August 26th, from 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. In its 10th consecutive year, this traveling dinner party will start with appetizers at one end of the Greenway at the home of Ilana and Mike Favero, continue to the home of Council Member Robert Lilligren for a lavish main course, and finish near the River with desert at the home of Terry and Kevin Barnes. Many thanks to our hosts and helpers (including Bob Corrick, Beth Parkhill and Barbara Pratt), and to New Belgium Brewing, for their enthusiasm and generosity.

As a fundraiser for the Coalition, this moveable feast will be $35 a head and promises to be a lovely evening along the Greenway, rain or shine! Contact the Coalition office by email (Theresa@midtowngreenway.org) or phone 612-879-0103 to reserve your place: They are going fast!

FANTASTIC PRIZESAwait THE TOP PLEDGE-GETTERS (continued from page 1)

Vale, Colorado
The Grand Prize for the individual top pledge-getter is airfare for two and a one week summertime stay in Vale, Colorado with two free bike rentals to help you check out the gorgeous trails of the Colorado Rockies. Car rental not included—cuz we’re a biking group, duh!

To register or to learn more go to: www.midtowngreenway.org

Scandinavian Inn B&B in Lanesboro
The Grand Prize for the top pledge-getting team includes four rooms for two nights at the Scandinavian Inn B&B located in Lanesboro, MN on the Root River Trail. (Restrictions: Must be claimed during week days in peak season or a weekend in the off season. The four two-night stays can be reserved for the same dates or at different times)

SECRET TIPS OF FUNDRAISING
Top pledge getter for the 2010 Greenway Challenge, Eric Mueller, will share his tips for a successful fundraising campaign. Join us in our office on July 27 and August 17 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for some snacks, New Belgium Beer and helpful and inspiring tips from a pro.
JOIN US FOR
TOUR DE FAT
ON JULY 23
(See page 3.)

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My main interest is: ____________________________

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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

TOUR DE FAT
July 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY
Friday August 26th, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

GREENWAY CHALLENGE
Saturday September 24th, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

GREENWAY CHALLENGE
FUNDRAISING WORKSHOPS
July 27 and August 17, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Fourth Thursday, July 28, August 25 and September 22,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Third Thursday, July 21, August 18 and September 15,
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

GREENWAY ISSUES COMMITTEE
Second Thursday, July 14, August 11 and September 8,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

GREENWAY CHALLENGE COMMITTEE
First Thursday, July 7, August 4 and September 1,
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 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).