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A NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION

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## WE WANT YOU!

...to BE the MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION!

The Midtown Greenway wouldn't be here without the Coalition's advocacy work and responsive elected officials at Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. Now we want all Greenway Users to know of the important challenges ahead. And if you are not already a member, we want you to become one to help us rise to these challenges.

Your support is necessary to achieve:

- Additional graceful trail entrance ramps.
- Better trail safety at road crossings.
- More people out of their cars and on bikes.
- New public greenspaces, plazas, and walkways along the Greenway's edges to improve trail access and safety.
- More citizens engaged in Greenway gardening.
- Youth groups biking the Greenway.
- Public art representing the corridor's rich cultural diversity.
- Continued glass sweeping and coordination with the police.
- Guidance for new developments to integrate with the Greenway.
- Citizen participation in all of the above and more.

As a member you will receive this quarterly newsletter, our monthly e-news, board election voting rights at the annual meeting, and a wonderful feeling knowing that you are empowering communities to improve, protect, and enjoy a green urban pathway. To become a member or donate:

- (1) use form on back page;
- (2) visit [midtowngreenway.org](http://midtowngreenway.org);
- (3) stop by our office down the hall from the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center on the Greenway by Chicago Avenue. Volunteers are welcome too. Thank you for becoming part of the team!



## ¡DESEAMOS SINCERAMENTE

...que se una a la coalición MIDTOWN GREENWAY!

Midtown Greenway no sería lo que es hoy sin el trabajo de promoción y atención de los funcionarios electos de la junta de la Coalición en el condado Hennepin y la ciudad de Minneapolis. Quisieramos que todos los viajeros del Greenway sepan de los desafíos importantes del futuro. Y si no fuera miembro todavía, esperamos que lo sea para ayudarnos a enfrentar esos desafíos.

Necesitamos su apoyo para lograr lo siguiente:

- Más rampas atractivas de acceso al sendero.
- Mejor seguridad en las intersecciones de las calles con el sendero.
- Menos personas en automóviles y más en bicicleta.
- Nuevos espacios verdes, plazas y aceras a los lados del Greenway para mejorar el acceso al sendero y mayor seguridad.
- Más residentes interesados en jardinería en el Greenway.
- Grupos juveniles de ciclistas en el Greenway.
- Arte público refleja ndo la rica diversidad cultural de este corredor urbano.
- Continuar barriendo el vidrio y mayor coordinación con la policia.
- Asesoramiento para la integración de nuevos desarrollos con el Greenway.
- Participación de los residentes en todo lo anterior y más.

Como miembro usted recibirá nuestra publicación trimestral, nuestras noticias mensuales por internet, derecho a voto en la reunión anual, y la satisfacción de saber que usted está ayudando a ofrecer a las comunidades la oportunidad de mejorar, proteger y disfrutar este sendero verde urbano. Para afiliarse o hacer donaciones: (1) use el formulario de la última página; (2) visite [midtowngreenway.org](http://midtowngreenway.org);

(3) pase por nuestra oficina al fondo del corredor del centro de bicicletas Freewheel en el Greenway por la avenida Chicago. Todos los voluntarios son bienvenidos. ¡Muy agradecidos por formar parte de nuestro equipo!

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Greenway Rim Walkway  
Voice Your Choice at Patagonia  
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Freewheel Midtown Bike Center  
Progressive Dinner Party  
The Coalition Would Like To Thank . . .*

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## NEW DIGS, NEW WEBSITE!

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has seen a few big changes in the past months. We're all moved in to our new office adjacent to the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center. We also have a fresh new website now too, thanks to the donated work of Carbon Creative. Carbon Creative also helped us last fall with our new logo and look.

Our new website features the new logo and a more user-friendly layout to make getting information about the Greenway and the Coalition's advocacy work quicker and easier than ever. Please visit our new home on the web at [www.midtowntgreenway.org](http://www.midtowntgreenway.org). Thank you Carbon Creative!

## PHILLIPS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD PURSUES GREENWAY RIM WALKWAY

By Dawn Wangen, Coalition board member from Phillips West, and Tim Springer, Executive Director

The Phillips West Neighborhood Organization and the Midtown Greenway Coalition hope to make the Midtown Greenway more accessible and safe with a walkway along the street-level rim. The walkway would run four blocks from Chicago Avenue to Portland Avenue on the Greenway's north rim. This stretch of the Greenway does not have 29th Street adjacent to it and there is no way to travel east-to-west along it at street level.

This walkway will provide opportunities for:

- Eyes on the Greenway for safety.
- Better pedestrian access to a future Greenway rail transit station at Chicago Avenue and the Midtown Global Market.
- Access to the Greenway entrance at Park Avenue for residents and institutions on nearby avenues (Oakland, Columbus, Portland, Chicago).
- People to enjoy strolls along the Greenway without going down into it.
- Public art and native landscaping, adding interest and beauty.
- Easier Greenway access for Central Neighborhood residents.

The creation of walkways or promenades along the north or south street-level rim of the Greenway have long been supported by the community, city, county, and businesses. This cooperative effort of the Coalition and Phillips West is funded



On the left side of this photo, notice the space where a walkway could go east of Park Avenue.

by Phillips West NRP dollars. The effort will involve citizen engagement, the creation of concept plans, and advocacy for implementation. There will be two public meetings. The first public meeting will be:

### PHILLIPS WEST LAND USE COMMITTEE AND GREENWAY RIM WALKWAY MEETING

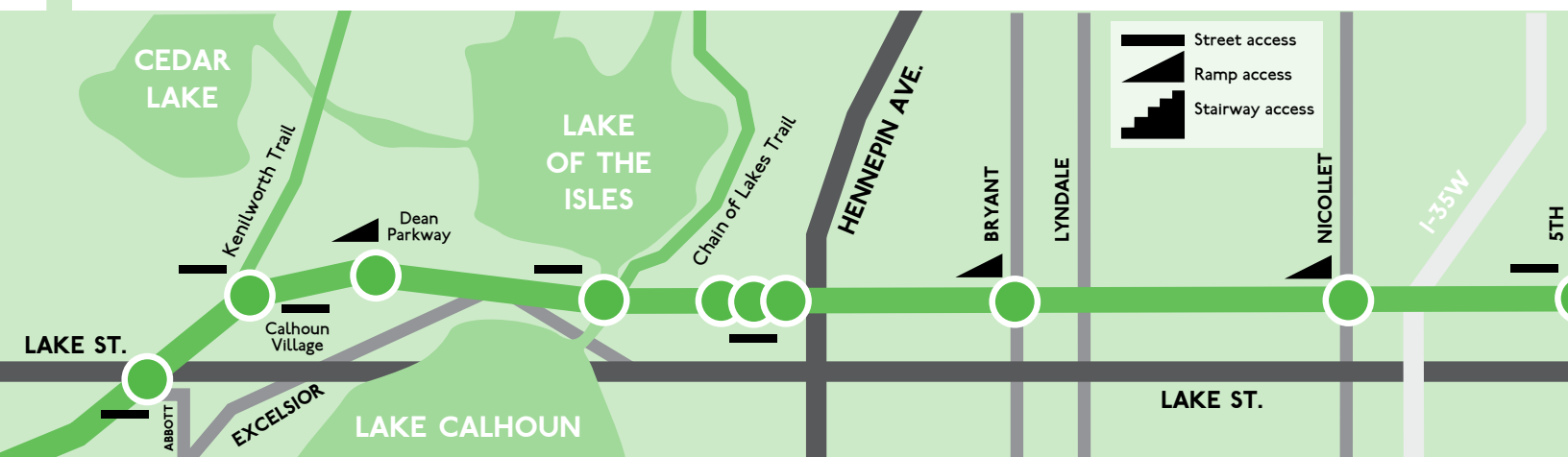
■ WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008

■ 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

■ AT THE PHILLIPS EYE INSTITUTE  
IN THE HEILICHER AUDITORIUM  
710 EAST 24TH STREET

At this meeting citizens can share values, interests, and ideas for the Greenway rim walkway. Later at this meeting, the draft Phillips West Land Use Plan will be discussed.

At the second public meeting people will enjoy a BBQ at the site of the proposed walkway and review draft concept plans. The date and location for this second meeting will be posted at: [www.midtowntgreenway.org/parksplazas/rim.html](http://www.midtowntgreenway.org/parksplazas/rim.html)





## VOICE YOUR CHOICE AT **patagonia**<sup>®</sup>

By Simon Blenski, Bike Center  
Outreach Program Assistant

Voice Your Choice – Vote for the Coalition!  
The Midtown Greenway Coalition has been selected as one of four possible organizations to receive a **\$4,000 grant** from the Patagonia Store. However, **in order to receive the grant we need your vote!**

From **NOW** through **SATURDAY, JULY 19TH** stop by the **PATAGONIA STORE IN ST. PAUL (1648 Grand Ave.)** and voice your choice for the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Patagonia's Voice Your Choice program selected four organizations based on their ability to directly act upon environmental issues. The local community then decides which group should receive the grant. We know there are more than enough of you to help us get this money. All it takes is a short trip to Patagonia! Please be courteous to the other organizations competing for the grant and do not stuff the ballot box for the Coalition.

The Coalition is looking for people to sit at an information table and share information with the public about the Coalition at the Patagonia Store during this week. The Coalition is looking for people to sit at an information table and share information with the public about the Coalition at the Patagonia store during the week of July 7th through July 19th.



## SO WHO IS HELPING TO GREEN THE GREENWAY?

By Theresa Nelson, Greenspace and Art Programs Manager

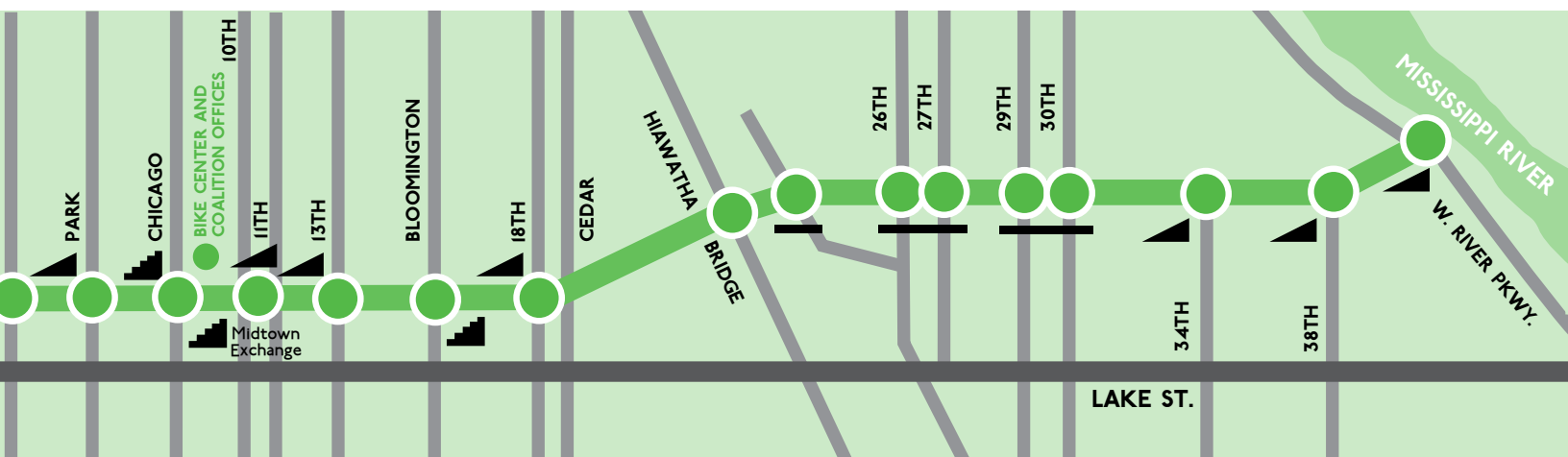
Wet and cold weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of 150 volunteers who converged April 26 near the new Sabo Bridge to help plant over 400 native trees and shrubs along the Greenway. Volunteers included students from the U of M, Augsburg College, Lake Country School, employees from Ryan Companies, Wells Fargo, and a number of members from The Art of Living Foundation, St. Joan of Arc Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, Americorps and many more community members.

Seventy volunteers turned out to plant and seed a restoration project at the Shasta site for which the Longfellow Community Council took a leading role. Volunteers hand weeded the entire site, planted 1500 native plant plugs and over 200 native trees and shrubs, scattered seed and installed erosion control blankets on the steeper slopes. Volunteers from Pilgrim Lutheran Church will help maintain these plantings.

Thirty youth volunteers prepped the soil and planted over 400 native plants in East Phillips near 28th Street. These youth from Holy Rosary and the Boy Scouts Venture Program will continue to weed and water these plants all summer.

Other volunteers have been busy weeding the rainwater and prairie gardens planted along the trail in past years. We also look forward to a service project with Urban Explorers youth from Our Saviors Lutheran Church, and youth from Loring Nicollet Bethlehem Center, who will be busy caring for Greenway plants three days a week through August.

Others who do their own gardening in the Greenway include Vera's Garden, Soo Line Garden, Grace Neighborhood Nursery, West Calhoun Neighborhood, and some residents and businesses. **THANK YOU!** The Greenway wouldn't be as special of a place as it is without the efforts of these community members. Be sure to join us in thanking them when you're riding by and consider joining us at future greening events.



# 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.

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A special THANK YOU to all those who planted trees for Arbor Day!

## MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION BOARD MEMBERS

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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

## NEW INTERNS AT THE COALITION

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has two great interns for this summer. Simon Blenski is our Freewheel Midtown Bike Center Outreach intern and Joseph Kennedy is our Greening intern.

Joseph is a second year Master's student of Geographical Information Science at the University of Minnesota. He is interested in the Coalition's work in providing opportunities for community involvement in the diverse communities along the trail. He's originally from Lake City Minnesota.



Joseph Kennedy



Simon Blenski

Simon is finishing up a B.S. in Urban Studies at the U of M this summer. He's originally from Milwaukee, but has used the Greenway ever since he moved up here for school, and now uses it almost every day. He plans someday attend graduate school and work in a transportation related field.

We're very happy to have them join us for the summer and lighten the work load a little for the rest of us and expand our programming.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY MAIN COURSE ON MIDTOWN EXCHANGE ROOF

By Fleur Higginbotham, Coalition board member from Powderhorn

It's that time of year again – the annual Midtown Greenway Coalition Progressive Dinner! Get ready to have a wonderful time on the night of August 15th, 2008, riding the Greenway from an appetizer location to a main course location to a dessert location, and sharing laughs, great food and beverages with like-minded souls who love the Greenway.

This year the Progressive Dinner will be a fundraising event for the Coalition with a minimum donation of \$35 per ticket, but we hope you'll consider giving more. The Coalition aims to make it well worth your hard-earned cash. This year's event includes:

- ♥ A fabulous appetizer course two doors from the Greenway on Humboldt Avenue (Hosted by Ilana and Mike Favero with Barb Pratt assisting),
- ♥ A main course in the swanky rooftop party room of Chicago Lofts above Midtown Exchange (Hosted by Matthew Lang and Jessica Treat and other Chicago Lofts residents),
- ♥ And ending with delicious desserts across the Street from the Mississippi River (Hosted by Tom Von Sternberg and Eve Parker).

We're also working to secure solo or duet musicians. This event usually draws over 90 reservations, but we must limit it to 70 this year. Reserve your spot right away and learn event details by contacting Simon at the Coalition office ([simon@midtowngreenway.org](mailto:simon@midtowngreenway.org) or 612-879-1080)—this is going to be fun!

As always, the Midtown Greenway Coalition truly appreciates your continued support. No rain date—only a severe electrical storm cancels this event.



**"I love the Greenway because all the people I meet are friendly, kind, and courteous. They may be complete strangers, but they are all there for the same reason—they love the Greenway!"**

— Ferne Gatz

## MOVING ART FORWARD ON THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY

By Theresa Nelson

Visualize a linear park space with bicycling and walking trails that pass through urban core of Minneapolis, providing greenspace, non-motorized transportation and recreation, and public art that rivals the famous Walker Art Center sculpture garden as an art destination in Minneapolis.

We are happy to announce that we are one step closer to this vision. A philanthropist has stepped forward to fund a consultant-created action plan for a series of art works that will take advantage of the Greenway's multi-mile linear nature and cultural diversity. The art will most likely include temporary and permanent works as well as events. The Coalition will contract with Forecast Public Arts, a locally-based national public arts group, to provide us with this action plan by the fall of 2008. Be sure to look for an update in our fall newsletter.

## FREEWHEEL MIDTOWN BIKE CENTER IS NOW OPEN

The Bike Center officially opened its doors on Friday, May 16, 2008. If you missed the grand opening, come check it out now! Visit Freewheel Bike's full service shop, coffee shop, and their valet bicycling parking. Don't forget to stop by the Midtown Greenway Coalition office down the hall. Our office here was made possible by the work of our many volunteers and these funders: The McKnight Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Bikes Belong, Smith Partners, and individuals.



An eleven-foot tall biker sculpture by Victor Yezep fills the Coalition's office window by the Bike Center



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GREENSPACE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Third Mondays 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
July 21, August 18, and September 15

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Third Thursdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
July 17, August 21, and September 18

### LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Second Monday of September, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
September 8

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
July 24, August 28 and September 25

All meetings, unless indicated otherwise, are at the  
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