



The Como-tion

Almost \$10500 awarded for Events, Bike Repair Stations and a Fence to SECIA

Como Resources:

- \$5000 deferred payment loans for home buyers. Check www.mncee.org
- Stay informed with **Como Tidbits**. Sign up by just taking a picture:



- Want to be cool? Como-Partners at Yahoo
- Dog yoga, real or Indian plot for world domination?

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In February, SECIA submitted four grants proposals to the Good Neighbor Fund and IonE. We received word that the Fund Management Committee recommended two of our Grants for approval. The total allocation for this year is \$48,282. The West Bank Business Association is receiving most of the funds, with \$10,000 going to remodel the patio of the Cedar Cultural Center, \$10,000 to a Youth Ambassador Project and \$4,000 for a Multi-lingual Safety Training Program. The City of Falcon Heights is receiving just over \$10,000 for a Cleveland Avenue Beautification Project and a Community event at Curtis Field. Marcy-Holmes will get just over \$5,000 to pilot it's project to cover 6 utility boxes in vinyl art.

Our new Community Building Committee got \$4000 to create more events in the Como. If you would like to help plan or volunteer for future events, the committee meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Van Cleve. The Como Corner Gardeners got \$4882 to put up a fence behind the garden. We also were awarded \$1500 for a bike repair station

proposal submitted by our Environmental Intern, Eric Lundborg, to the U's IonE Grant. If you know of any other grants or would like to donate to any of our projects, contact our office at 612 676-1731.

Local Motion was a big hit!

Como has lots of dogs! At least 25 of our canine neighbors feasted on delicious Sojos dog treats at our Local Motion/Spring Commotion Event. 15 bikes were cleaned, greased and tuned. Some bicycles came to us on the brink of death, but Avery, Mitchell and our other volunteers gave them new life. Every mat was full for our yoga class, taught by our board member Alpa Goswami. The Zumba revolution even managed to get our Community Building Committee's Chair, Jordan Bugella, up and moving. Thanks to the Lift Coffeeshop for sending staff and treats to feed over 80 people. And thanks to Jordan, Chad, and the rest of the Van Cleve staff for making our Spring event a success!

Service Learner breathe new energy into SECIA

By a stroke of brilliant strategic planning (and a misunderstanding of the U's community service website), SECIA found itself with three interns, two Restorative Justice volunteers and 11 service learners this spring. These amazing 15 people have logged over 720 hours making flyer, planning events, writing grants and bringing their diverse perspectives to our committee and board meetings. If you enjoyed the Local Motion event, thank them. If you got a welcome letter as a new home owner in the neighborhood, thank them. If you will use the bike repair station, built because of a grant we were just awarded, thank them. If you appreciated their opinion and their courage for sharing it, thank them. We, the SECIA staff, thank you.



Events (<http://tinyurl.com/secomo-calendar>)

Blooms Day 2013

Saturday, May 4, 2013 8:30 AM-1 PM
Dowling Urban Environmental School
3900 W. River Pkwy



Marcy-Holmes Community Carillon Fest

Saturday May 4th, 1:00 p.m.
5th Street and 8th Avenue SE

State of the Second Precinct

Wednesday, May 8, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Firefighter's Hall & Museum
664 - 22nd Avenue NE

Friends of SE Library meeting

Tuesday May 21 5:30-7:30 pm
SE Library, 1222 4th St SE

First Foodie Four Mile Run

Saturday, June 1, starting at 8:00 a.m
Northeast Farmers Market
7th St NE and University Ave

SECIA Board Meeting

May 7, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Community Building Committee Meeting

May 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Livability Committee Meeting

May 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

Environment Committee Meeting

May 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Avenue SE

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Gardening at Como Corner and Talmage Crossing

If you're like us in the office, one more snow storm will leave us curled in the corner beating our heads against the wall. We're confident Spring has come and with it comes gardening at Talmage and Como Corner. Contact the SECIA office to be notified of garden activities or to get on a specific garden's email notification list. Looks for activity in May at:

Como Corner Community Garden at

22nd & Como Aves SE, is an ornamental and native plant garden that meets twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-sundown. Join them!

Talmage Crossing community garden's ornamental plantings could also use more neighbor love! This median and boulevard plantings at 19th and Talmage Aves SE have been designed and maintained by Como residents. They convene periodically when needed.

