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The Comotion is a quarterly newsletter for the Southeast Como neighborhood from the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA). More information about SECIA can be found on the back.

16th Annual Como Cookout



The Como Cookout brings the community together at Van Cleve Park every September. This year, the Cookout will be on September 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Autumn is coming, which means it's time for the 16th Annual Como Cookout.

This event is a great way to meet your neighbors, hang out with your friends and learn about the Southeast Como neighborhood.

The Cookout is hosted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Southeast Como Improvement

Association, Van Cleve Park, Two Fat Guys and a Grill, and U of M Off-Campus Living. It will take place at Van Cleve Park on Saturday, September 21st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There's something for everyone at this event. Come to eat some free food and check out live music and entertainment.

For those who want to participate in a feat

of strength, there will be an arm wrestling tournament.

And for those who are new to the neighborhood, there will be a resource fair.

Kids are welcome and encouraged to come, as there will also be Kids-Dance, games and a bounce house.

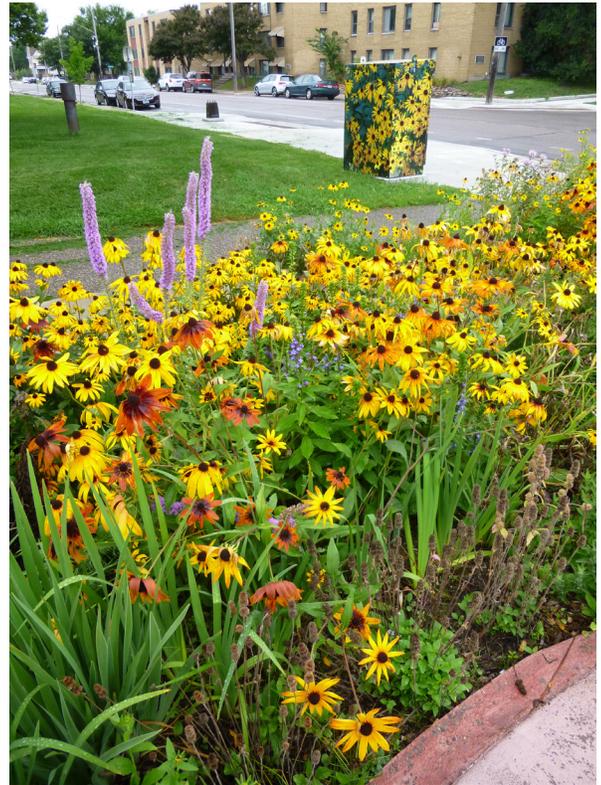
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Menu includes:

- All-beef hotdog
- Qdoba mini burrito cups
- Sweet corn
- Apples & bananas
- Baked potatoes

- Popcorn
- Cotton candy





Garden updates:

Photos courtesy of Lila Smith

Como Corner

Check out Como Corner's newest amenity: Nice Ride dockless parking!

Now you can enjoy a little bit of nature amongst the flowers, pick a book from the Little Library or take a journey on a Nice Ride bicycle.

Como Corner also has scheduled gardening at 6:30 p.m.

on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Look for the "Gardening Tonight" sign! Any and all volunteers are welcome.

Upcoming gardening dates:

Tuesday, September 3 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Talmage Crossing

The Talmage Crossing Prairie Community Garden is on Talmage Ave. SE between the tracks and 21st Ave.

Join us for our upcoming gardening nights.

Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided.

Upcoming gardening dates:

Wednesday, September 11

5:00 pm - 7:00

Saturday, September 28th

10:00 am - Noon

Van Cleve Park

Accord Native Plant community garden is in Van Cleve Park.

Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

Upcoming gardening dates:

Saturday September 7th - 10:00 am - Noon



FairShare Farm

Check out the neighborhood news kiosk at the Fair Share Farm at 22nd and Fairmount.

This is a prototype with plans to install more around the neighborhood soon.



Good Neighbor Fund summer 2019 review

SECIA was awarded funds from the University of Minnesota for programming this past summer.

The Good Neighbor Fund was created in 2007 by the University of Minnesota.

Through this fund, the U of M awards neighborhood projects to enhance and protect “the beauty, serenity, and security of the community.”

The University of Minnesota has awarded more than half a million dollars of Good Neighbor Fund grants to community and local government partners.

SECIA was

awarded funds for neighborhood programming during summer 2019.

The funds went towards science programs such as science night by the Works Museum in June and a presentation from the UMN Raptor Center in August.

They also supported arts programming, such as a show from Open Eye Theater in July and classes on nature writing and songwriting throughout August.



The last event funded by this grant was SECIA’s first Bike Fest. Bike Fest included a bike give-away raffle, free

Photos courtesy of Cedar Thomas

helmets, lights and accessories, alongside an assortment of activities.

Thank you to everyone who donated

and attended these events. Be sure to stay tuned for upcoming back-to-school events by following us on social media!

Census 2020 is coming up

Starting in spring of 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin working to count every person living in Minnesota and the United States.

The results of the

count will guide the distribution of billions of dollars in community funding, determine political representation, and impact how policy is made and businesses invest.

It is critical that each person is counted. A single individual accounts for \$28,000 in funding over ten years. The number of political representatives for an

area is calculated by population.

All households will receive information in the mail about how to complete the form online or on paper.

Where you were living on April 1st, 2020 is where you should list your

residence.

There is no citizenship question. You do not have to be a citizen of the United States to be counted, you just have to live here.

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What is SECIA?

Our Mission

The Southeast Como Improvement Association's mission is to work to maintain and enhance the physical, social and economic environment of our neighborhood.

We aim to do this through programs that serve our community's present and future needs and through communication, stewardship, and citizen involvement.

We strive to foster a sense of community and to promote the

neighborhood as a vibrant place to live and work.

Who are we?

SECIA is supported by volunteers and a Board of Directors who work with Alex Farrell, the Executive Director, as well as the student interns.

This summer, Cedar Thomas and Jensine Beyer joined the organization as Communications and Website interns.

History

SECIA has actively advocated for neighborhood issues

for more than 25 years.

SECIA is open to anyone who lives in the neighborhood or who represents a business, church, civic organization, or other entity located within its borders.

Over the years, membership and board representation have come primarily from homeowners and businesses.

In 1994-95, Como's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) process began when SECIA developed and entered into the Participation Agreement with the City of Minneapolis.

Our latest resolution

In response to recent divisive federal immigration policies and local hate crimes that seek to harm our community and promote intolerance towards our neighbors, SECIA affirms its unwavering support for every current and future member of our vibrant community.

Southeast Como is comprised of people from diverse backgrounds—young students to senior citizens, recent immigrants to lifelong Minnesotans—and we are stronger because of this rich heritage.

In light of these recent events, we

must all stand up for one another's rights to dignity, justice, and fair treatment.

Now more than ever, SECIA encourages residents to use both actions and words to welcome all people who wish to live, learn, work, and play in our community.

Contact us

If you have questions about the organization, or how to get involved, please call us at 612-685-0371 or email us at secomo@secomo.org.