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Environmental Justice

COPAL NEWS

Hello,

Welcome to COPAL's Environmental Justice Newsletter! This month, we're diving into exciting opportunities for action and education. Learn more about Minnesota's Cumulative Impacts legislation, join us for a Spanish-language workshop on electrifying your home, and explore our outdoor events that connect our community to Minnesota's natural beauty! Don't miss these opportunities to connect and take action for environmental justice!

Got something to share? If you have events or updates, you'd like to be featured in next month's newsletter, feel free to reach out to info@copalmn.org. Let's work together to create a greener, more equitable future.

Community Climate Collaboration Project

COPAL will be working with the Metropolitan Council to implement a project where community members identify concerns and priorities related to climate in the region. The project will include research, conversations, presentations, and learning, with a published report to share the results of the collaboration. This project will be 12-15 hours of commitment, spread over a month and a half through 4 workshops. The workshops will be held at COPAL's office on the following days:

- March 13th (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
- March 20th (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
- April 10th (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
- April 17th (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

Upon completion of the project, participants will receive a \$300 stipend.

If you would like to participate in this project, we invite you to apply [here](#).



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Electrify Everything Spanish Workshop



Learn how to make your home more efficient and safer with clean energy! Electrification aims to reduce the use of gas and adopt the use of electricity by using appliances that run on clean electricity, such as induction stoves, heat pumps, and electric dryers. Electrifying your home is an excellent way to protect the environment, your health, and your wallet. By switching from fossil fuels to clean electricity, you're contributing to a cleaner and safer home for you and your family.

Ready to get started?

Join COPAL in partnership with CEE for an Electrify Everything workshop on February 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to learn how to electrify your home and discover available resources and incentives. Please note that the workshop will be held in Spanish.

[Register for the workshop](#)

Metro Transit Fares Reduced

On January 1st, the fares for Metro transit decreased, creating a cheaper and simpler fare structure. For bus rides and the light rail:

- Adults (ages 13-64) will pay \$2
- Youth (ages 6-12), seniors (ages 65+), and Medicare card holders will pay \$1

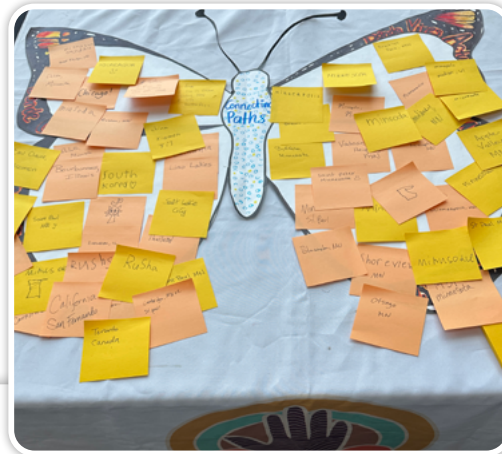
The fare applies to any time of the day, and there will be no different fares for rush hour or peak times. This new fare system only applies to local bus service and does not apply to express buses, Northstar, or Metro micro. For more information about updated fares, visit [Metro Transit's webpage](#).



Bell Museum's Monarchs and Milkweed Exhibit

In January, COPAL partnered with the Bell Museum and the Monarch Joint Venture for the opening of Monarchs and Milkweed: A Story of Survival, a new exhibit celebrating the incredible journey of monarch butterflies between Minnesota and Mexico.

The exhibit will be open from now until June 8th. [Click here](#) to learn more about the exhibit.



COPAL asked participants to share where they grew up and where they currently live to reflect how people are constantly migrating like butterflies

EJ Committee Receives 2024 Partner of the Year Award

Last month, COPAL's Environmental Justice Committee received [Minnesota's Nursery & Landscape Association's](#) (MNLA) 2024 Partner of the Year award for their participation and support of MNLA's legislative bills during the 2024 legislative session.

EJ Committee members collectively decided the environmental bills COPAL should or should not support. The committee is a way for community members to voice their opinions, concerns, and take action regarding environmental issues in Minnesota and our communities

The EJ Committee meets every second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. If you would like to be part of the EJ Committee, [please sign up here](#).





Upcoming Outdoor Events

One aspect of COPAL's Environmental Justice work is connecting community members with outdoor activities. BIPOC Minnesotans are less likely to utilize and connect with Minnesota's outdoor spaces. COPAL recognizes the importance of connecting to nature to invest in efforts to preserve it. Therefore, we are always looking to host and promote outdoor events. If you have an outdoor event that you would like advertised in future newsletters, please email info@copalmn.org.

Upcoming COPAL outdoor events:



Snowshoeing at Minneopa



Date: **February 15**
1pm - 2:30pm

Location: **Minneopa State Park**

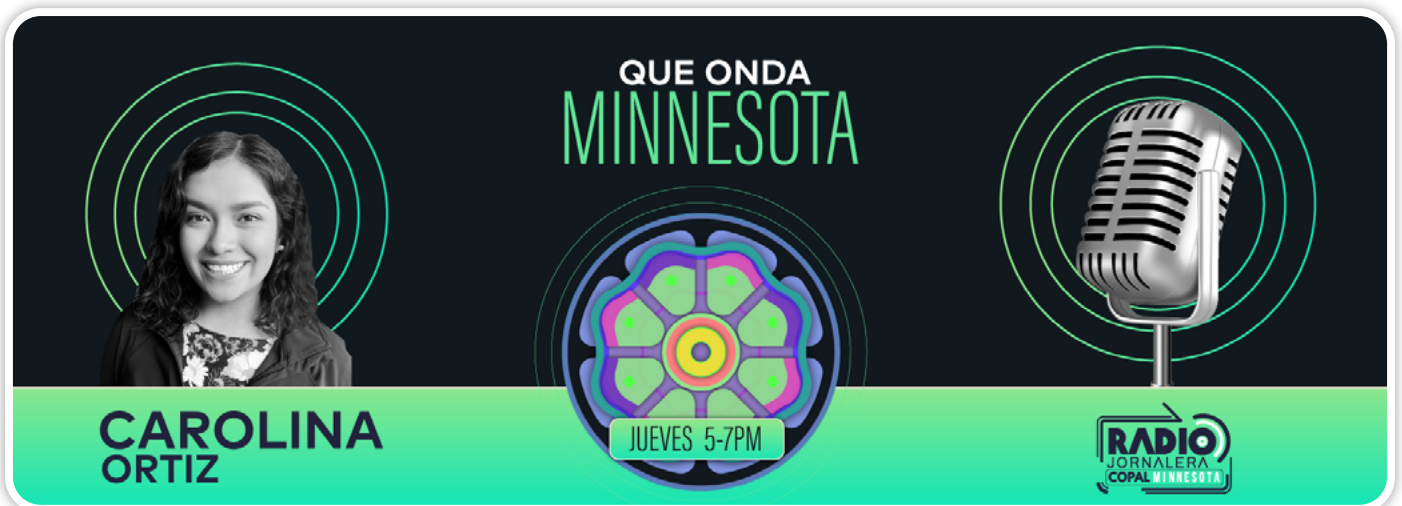
Cost: **Free**



Radio Jornalera MN

Radio Jornalera is COPAL's community digital station that contributes to building community power and influencing processes of positive social change through popular education, debates on issues of interest, and the promotion of social values and our rights. It features weekly programming including our Environmental Justice program, What's Up Minnesota? ¿Qué onda Minnesota? where we discuss environmental topics related to health, economy, forced migration, public policies, and much more.

Join us every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. [Tune in here!](#)



Environmental justice is facing one of its greatest challenges yet. With the change in presidential power comes a significant threat to the progress we've worked so hard to achieve. At COPAL, we remain committed to fighting for environmental justice, but we need your support to keep the momentum alive. Your donation helps us continue the critical work we've accomplished and tackle the challenges that still lie ahead. Please consider [donating today](#) to make a difference.

**In solidarity,
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