

# Hobby Beekeeper Katherine Sill



# Pesticide Kill

Before



After



# Who are we?



## the Beez Kneez

Kristy Allen and Erin Rupp



# Beez Kneez begins family ties at Bar Bell Bee Ranch





**We partner with Bar Bell Bee Ranch to deliver local, raw honey on bicycle**





**We keep bees in community spaces to teach hands-on honey bee and pollinators classes.**



# We maintain beehives for honey production in urban and rural areas





In August of 2013, we opened the *Beez Kneez Honey House*-the first ever community beekeeping center in Minneapolis





# Beez Kneez teaching Hive Blake School in south Minneapolis



# What did we learn?

**HEALTHY BEES**

**HEALTHY LIVES**

## **CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**

In September of 2013, a legal pesticide application killed thousands of honey bees in a Minneapolis neighborhood.

## **HOW WILL OUR COMMUNITY RESPOND?**

Join The Beez Kneez, Dr. Marla Spivak, University of MN Bee Squad, Homegrown Minneapolis, local politicians, beekeepers and more for a very important night of reflection and action.

Jan 16, 2014 | 6:30PM > 8:30PM  
Ghandi Mahal  
3009 27th Ave S, Minneapolis

Full menu and  
beverages available  
for purchase



# Investigation results

- U investigates sudden slew of bee deaths  
Researchers from the U's Bee Lab suspect pesticides are responsible. MN Daily Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Attachment #2



# Community response

