

# Bancroft Banner

*A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood*

## Bancroft Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 6:15–8:15 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church  
4120 17th Avenue South

Buffet Dinner 6:15 p.m. • Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again—the BNA's Annual Meeting. Enjoy a free buffet dinner, provided by several of our excellent neighborhood restaurants and food stores.

The meeting will include an update on BNA's past accomplishments and future goals by BNA's Board President Chris Tripp, and updates on Nokomis Center, 38th & Chicago, NRP Phase II and social events. Eighth Ward Council Member Elizabeth Glidden will update us on news of the Eighth Ward and the Bancroft neighborhood and answer questions. Last of all, we will have elections for 2007-08 BNA Board Members. Please call to reserve childcare during the meeting. For more information, call the BNA office at 724-5313 or email us at [info@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.org).

### **Make a difference! Run for the Bancroft Neighborhood Association Community Council Board of Directors!**

This is where *you* come into the picture. We need dedicated individuals (neighborhood leaders) to help the Bancroft Neighborhood remain a vibrant presence in the City of Minneapolis. Lots of exciting things are going on in Bancroft, be a part of it. Work on commercial and housing issues, 38th & Chicago, plan and participate in fun-filled social events, help create new NRP Phase II housing and social programs, work on crime and safety issues, environmental projects and community gardens, to name a few. Be an active participant in your neighborhood.

**BE A BNA BOARD MEMBER!**



## **What's going on at Nokomis Center?**

*by Michelle Lewis, Chair,  
BNA Re-Development Committee*

**T**he Bancroft Neighborhood Association Redevelopment Committee has been meeting with neighbors and parties involved with Nokomis Center to find answers to this question! Eighth Ward Council Member Elizabeth Glidden has been involved in these meetings and is supporting the neighborhood. Since the Summer 2007 *Bancroft Banner*, the BNA has collected several pieces of new information and has been working to establish relationships with the property owners and managers.

Please note that the City and/or other regulatory agencies have not approved the plan that was posted on

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# Bancroft's 1st Annual Midsummer Festival

by Donna Sanders, Director, BNA

A very special community event took place on Wednesday, July 25 at Bancroft Meadows, the First Annual Midsummer Festival. The festival was based on an event called "Crepuscule." Crepuscule (which means "active at twilight") was started by Powderhorn residents Douglas and Janis Lane Ewart and took place annually for a number of years in Powderhorn Park. This unique "arts in the park project" involved a number of art forms going on simultaneously. As I walked around the Meadows, I saw an art pod featuring dance, then one featuring poetry; other pods had music, spoken word, painters and sculptors. Mankwe Ndotsi, the Director of the Center for Independent Artists, located in the Instituto de Cultura y Educacion, had participated in Ewart's Powderhorn Park Crepuscules and had a vision of re-creating the event at Bancroft Meadows. One of her goals



for the Midsummer Festival's was to "bring out and meet our neighbors—people who live, work and create in Bancroft." The Festival participants began and ended the event together. They started with a song and greeting to each other, and ended together with rhythm and sharing some of what was inspired and experienced in the art pods that took place throughout the evening. Afterwards, there was a meal shared at the Instituto de Cultura y Educacion.



The Bancroft Neighborhood Association and the Center for Independent Artists would like to thank the following businesses and community members for contributing to the 2007 Midsummer Festival:

A big thanks to TCF BANK who donated \$500. Also, thanks to Pumphouse Creamery, Fat Lorenzo's, Jakeeno's, Sister Sludge, Corcoran Neighborhood Association, El Colegio Charter School, Vintage Music Company, Twisted Groove, Prancing Paws and Meridian Gardens, and many thanks to the volunteers from the Bancroft Neighborhood and the Center.

The Midsummer Festival was sponsored by Bancroft Neighborhood Association and the Center for Independent Artists.



## Fall programs at Urban Arts Academy

In October of 2007, the Urban Arts Academy will be offering After-School Programming on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 5 p.m., featuring art-infused homework help, hip-hop classes, rocket building, puppetry and more. Urban Arts also offers a five-day-a-week arts preschool program, which runs from 9:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions or want more information about the Urban Arts Academy please call them at 612-827-1641 or visit their web site at [www.urbanartsacademy.org](http://www.urbanartsacademy.org).

## Bancroft Neighborhood Association

Visit our website at  
[www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)

## More interactive arts: Gathering at the River - Crepuscule 2007

A Free Interactive Community Art Event

Saturday, October 13, 2007, 2-5p.m.

Harriet Island Pavilion and Grounds

info at: ArtStart, [www.artstart.org](http://www.artstart.org) 651-698-2787 and  
ESAC, [www.eastsideartscouncil.org](http://www.eastsideartscouncil.org) 651-774-5442

# BNA Calendar

## September–November 2007

BNA meetings and events are open to the public—in fact, they depend on community involvement. All meetings and events are held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Avenue South at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Childcare available with advance notice. Call 724-5313.

### September

Re-development Committee  
(Housing & Commercial)

Monday, Sept. 24, 7:15–8:30 p.m.

### October 2007

38th & Chicago Business Association  
Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 12:00–1:00 p.m.  
Taco Blas, 3722 Chicago

BNA Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Re-development Committee  
(Housing & Commercial)

Monday, Oct. 29, 7:15–8:30 p.m.

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Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 12:00–1:00 p.m.  
Location to be announced 724-5313

BNA Re-development Committee  
Meeting

Monday, Nov. 26, 7:15–8:30

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the door to 4010 Bloomington. A lease has been established for that space, but plans for the space have not been submitted to the leasing agent, as far as the BNA is aware.

Check the BNA website at [www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org) for updates.

Since June we have learned:

- A new property manager and leasing agent team started work at Nokomis Center as of June 1, 2007. A lease for 4,700 square feet at the north end of the building was established before this change.

- The plan that had been posted on the door is NOT approved by the city. That plan referenced several businesses and suggested that a check cashing facility would be located in the north end of the mall area. At this time, no application for the check cashing business has been received by the state. This type of business is licensed by the state and there will be an opportunity for the community to submit comments about the license application. City staff, from licensing, is maintaining communications with the State to find out ASAP if/when an application is submitted.

- The leasing agent is taking a wide approach to market the site. If you have ideas for businesses that would be a good fit help connect them to the leasing agent, Northstar Partners.

If you want to be involved:

- Contact the property owners and managers to voice your opinion to them. Contacting the property owners and managers is probably most effective way to make your voice heard in this situation.

- Forward your ideas for businesses, with specific information, to the leasing agent, Northstar Partners.

- Contact the neighborhood association or check the website for updated information, [www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org).

The neighborhood association continues to:

- Work to establish relationships with the property owners and managers.

- Work with Council Member Glidden and City staff to stay on top of applications made to the city about this property.

- Brainstorm, collect, and follow-up on ideas for the site.

### Nokomis Center Parties

**Owners:**

Bolsa West, Ltd.  
8907 Warner Ave #108  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Bridgecreek Development,  
General Partner

8907 Warner Ave #108  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
John Duong, Project Manager  
[JohnQDuong@bridgecreek.com](mailto:JohnQDuong@bridgecreek.com)  
714-842-8038, ext 24 for Mr. Duong

**Property Manager:**

Metes & Bounds Management Company  
Duncan Susee, Vice President  
612-861-8526  
[dsusee@slld.com](mailto:dsusee@slld.com)  
[www.metesbounds.com](http://www.metesbounds.com)

**Tenants:**

Mega Wash & Tanning  
4036 Bloomington Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612-823-1377

NLC Financial Services

Kaylin Dao  
866-856-6579

**Leasing Agent:**

Northstar Partners  
James R. Rock, CCIM  
11095 Viking Drive, Suite 240  
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[jrock@northstarpartners.net](mailto:jrock@northstarpartners.net)

## BANCROFT BRIEFS



### **Come Visit the Meridian!**

The Bancroft Meridian Garden is our award winning perennial flower garden on 38th Street at 12th Avenue. We'd love to have you come help with the gardening on the third Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m.! See you in the garden!

### **Quarterly *Bancroft Banner***

The *Bancroft Banner* will now come out 4 times a year instead of 6 times. If you would like to receive the *Banner* electronically please email [dsanders@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:dsanders@bancroftneighborhood.org).

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