

Bancroft Banner

A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

The Bancroft Meridian Garden is 10 years old and here to stay



Bancroft residents Shauna, Tamera and others help with the Meridian Garden.

By Jacque Passow

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board now owns the land where the Bancroft Meridian Garden grows. The Meridian Garden was started on a vacant lot by five enthusiastic neighbors and friends back in 1996. The land was in foreclosure; but thanks to countless volunteer hours and the sweat equity of Bancroft neighbors and friends, and donations of many plants and the financial support for the Bancroft Neighborhood Association, we now have a wonderful splash of floral color on 38th Street at

12th Avenue to welcome folks to the Bancroft neighborhood.

The Park Board's possession of the land is the very exciting culmination of several years' work. This means the land cannot be auctioned off by the county (some gardens in Minneapolis have lost their land this way). Although the Park Board owns the land, one of the conditions of ownership is that they will not tend the garden—which is perfect for us, because part of what makes the Meridian so special is the Bancroft neighbors who

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Midtown Public Market kicks off fourth season

The Midtown Public Market is your community-supported farmer's market, held at the corner of E. Lake Street and 22nd Ave. S. in South Minneapolis, between the Lake Street light rail station and the Midtown YWCA. The Market's opening day for 2006 is Saturday, May 6th from 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Market offers fresh, locally produced meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, bread, and a wide variety of local art for your garden or your home.

Whole Farm Co-op is one of the Market's new vendors—they are an organization of over 30 central Minnesota farmers who use organic and sustainable farming methods. Come see what they bring to the Market, or order anything from their extensive product list ahead of time and pick it up at the market. You can place orders by web (www.wholefarm-coop.com), phone (1-877-203-5273 or 320-732-3023), or at the Market to pick up the following week.

The Midtown Public Market will be open on Saturdays from May 6–October 28, and on Tuesdays from July 11–October 24. Visit www.midtownpublicmarket.org for more information.

Crime prevention for children

By CCP/SAFE

Following are some basic tips for helping parents keep their children safe.

Begin with the basics

- Make sure children know their full name, address (city and state), and telephone number, including area code.
- Be sure children know how to call 911 and how to use a pay telephone.
- Teach children never to accept rides or gifts from strangers.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard or police officer for help if lost in a mall or store or on the street.
- Children should be accompanied to public restrooms. Teach children that no one, not even someone they know, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. Tell them they have the right to say "No!" in this situation.
- Show children safe places they can go in an emergency, like a trusted neighbor's house or McGruff House.
- Inspect your neighborhood for areas that threaten children's safety, like brush in a wooded area, overgrown shrubbery, poor lighting, etc.

At school and play

- Encourage children to walk and play with friends, never alone. Tell them to avoid places that could be dangerous: vacant buildings, alleys, new construction, wooded area, etc.
- Make sure children take the safest routes to and from school, stores and friend's houses.
- Teach children to walk confidently and to be alert to what's going on around them.

- Tell children to avoid strangers who may hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, empty buildings, etc.
- Teach children to always take the same way home from school.
- Children should not walk next to the curb.

At home alone

- Children should check in with a parent or trusted neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- Children must be taught to use the door and window locks and alarm system, if there is one.
- Children should know to never allow anyone into the home without the parent's permission.
- Children should never let a caller at the door or on the telephone know they are home alone.
- Children must be taught how to escape a house in case of fire.
- Children should be taught not to enter an empty house or apartment if things don't look right--a broken window, ripped screen or open door, for example.
- Children should be able to easily locate key telephone numbers:
 - Parent's work number(s),
 - Numbers of relatives or trusted neighbors,
 - 911 for police, fire and, ambulance and poison control

No BNA Clean Sweep in 2006

BNA will not have a Clean Sweep this year. The City of Minneapolis, because of budget cuts, will not cover the costs of renting the trucks for the Sweep. The last time BNA picked up the bill, it cost us \$1,500. However, the City of Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling picks up almost any unwanted items, with notice, so we are allowing neighborhood residents to use the City services instead of BNA financing another Clean Sweep.

Put the unwanted item(s) out on your scheduled trash pick up day and label it "for solid waste". Large items can be put out throughout the year as part of your regular garbage service. Many people don't know it, but you are allowed to put out two large items per week without paying extra on your sewage bill. Concrete, metal, tires and building materials need to go to the South Transfer Station located at 2850 20th Ave So. Mpls.

Questions? Call Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling at 612-673-2917.

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volunteer their time to help tend this award winning perennial flower garden.

We garden at the Meridian from May to October, on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Volunteering at the Meridian is a great way to learn about gardening, get answers to your garden questions and ideas for your own garden, meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends, and be an active participant in helping to beautify our neighborhood; and it's the perfect place to enjoy a DQ treat or stroll along the wooded paths on a summer's evening walk. We hope to see you at the Meridian this summer!

If you have questions, feel free to call the Meridian co-organizers: Jacque (827-6758), Shauna (825-4780) or Ginger (825-6542).

Mural Watch!

Cedar Country Boy Market at 42nd & Cedar will be getting a facelift and will help prevent future graffiti attacks by allowing the students from El Colegio Charter High School to paint a beautiful new mural on the south wall of the building. Carrier Heating and Cooling Services, 1815-A East 41st Street, will also be receiving a mural from the school. Contributions from Bancroft Neighborhood Association, El Colegio Charter High School and a grant from the Minneapolis Public Schools H.Y.P.E (Helping Youth Promote Empowerment) program have made the murals possible. Paint is being donated by Valspar.

Some good National Night Out news

The Minneapolis City Council passed an ordinance on April 28 that makes street closure for block parties free on National Night Out for people who apply by July 18. There will be a \$100 fee for late application, July 19-27. No applications will be taken after July 27.

In addition, there will be a number of changes in the street closure process:

- People who want to close their streets will be encouraged to use the City's web site whenever possible. Those who don't have web access will be directed to 311.

- Bus routes, county highways, state highways and arterial routes cannot be closed for National Night Out, by the terms of the ordinance.

- SAFE Central staff will be processing all requests for NNO street closure. Public Works is no longer involved.

- SAFE Central will send street closure packets (tape, signs, permits) to those who have been approved for street closure. People will no longer have to pick up tape and signs at fire stations or police precincts.

- Applications for National Night Out street closure won't begin to be processed until after May 15.

BNA Calendar

May - July 2006

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.

May 2006

38th & Chicago Task Force Meeting
Monday, May 15, 7:00–8:15 p.m.
Calvary Church, 39th & Chicago

Bancroft Meridian Garden
Saturday, May 20, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
38th St & 12th Ave.

Last year's growth is already cut back; but this will still be a big day because we'll be planting a new section of garden! So bring your shovel and help us put in some new plants! Rumor has it there will be DQ certificates given to those who help with this planting!

BNA NRP Phase II Goal Setting Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 7:15 p.m.
BNA office – Bethel Church

Bancroft Housing & Business Re-Development Committee
Monday, May 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Bethel Church

June 2006

BNA Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8
7:00–8:30 p.m.

38th & Chicago Business Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Baha'I Center, 3644 Chicago

Bancroft Meridian Garden
Come help weed the garden!
Saturday, June 17, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
38th St & 12th Ave.

38th & Chicago Task Force Meeting
Monday, June 19, 7:00–8:15 p.m.
Calvary Church, 39th & Chicago

Bancroft Housing & Business Re-Development Committee
Monday, June 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Bethel Church

July 2006

38th & Chicago Business Association Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Baha'i Center, 37th & Chicago

BNA Board Meeting
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Bethel Church

Help BNA set goals for the future

Bancroft residents will meet to plan the future of Bancroft neighborhood at the BNA NRP Planning Committee meeting.

Thursday, May 18, 7:15 p.m.
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