



Bancroft Banner

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2010 BNA Board — back row, Ryan Sturtz, Neal Baxter, Mike Simons, Evette McCarthy, Daniel Rauchman, Julie Zamora; front row, George Moore, Holly Hinman, Celia Kutz, Emmett Bryant, Jacque Passow. Missing, Matthew Ayres, Keith Twist.

New Board with the New Year!

Last November we held our Annual Meeting and it was such a success! We had over 100 people attend from all the corners of the neighborhood — new neighbors and those coming back for their third or fourth year. Thanks for your attendance!

We had a great meal with seconds for almost everyone — drinks & cookies were donated by CUP Foods (3754 Chicago Ave), a delicious curry from Marla's Caribbean Cuisine (3761 Bloomington Ave), and awesome Italian food from Fat Lorenzo's (5600 Cedar) and Jakeeno's Pizza and Pasta (3555 Chicago). We listened to music played by Andy & Karen of Dreamland Faces and also the Fountain of Life Youth Band. The cheer squad from the Phelps Activity Council ushered in the business portion of our meeting. It was such a great way to end dinner and kick off the meeting!

A lot of information was shared by Elizabeth Glidden, 8th Ward City Council Rep, 2009 BNA President Julie Zamora and all the BNA Committees. We have had a productive year and there are lots of changes on the horizon.

The evening ended with the election for the 2009/2010 Community Council and new committee officers were elected at the December Council meeting. Drum roll please . . . your new BNA Board members are:

- Jacque Passow: President**
- Julie Zamora: Vice-President**
- Keith Twist: Secretary**
- Daniel Rauchman: Treasure**
- Neal Baxter**
- George Moore**
- Rebecca Rayman**
- Matthew Ayers**
- Emmett Bryant**
- Holly Hinman**
- Evette McCarthy**
- Mike Simons**
- Ryan Sturtz**

Thanks to all who attended! If you would like a copy of the BNA 2009 Annual Report or if you would like to get involved in the 2010 Committees please contact the office.

Bancroft Elementary School news

Bancroft Elementary is pleased to announce the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP). The PYP is a world-renowned curricular framework designed to encourage students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. The Primary Years Program targets learners in preschool through fifth grade, giving them a global perspective and it aims to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational environment for all children.

The International Baccalaureate mission statement aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young

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2010 BNA Committees

At our February Board Training we were able to finalize the committees for this year and welcome one more new board member. Welcome Andy Hestness to the BNA Board! This year's active committees are; Green Initiatives, taking the lead on the Riverlake Greenway and our Community Gardens, the Commercial Committee, working with the 38th St and Chicago Ave intersection, our commercial grant program and the Bloomington Strip Mall. We've got an active Financial Committee which includes working with NRP, NCEC, and Bancroft Housing programs and last but not least our Events/Outreach Committee bottom lining all the fantastic activities the BNA organizes each year. Meeting times and dates are listed in the calendar, if you cannot attend the listed date get in touch with the office.

El Colegio continues to beautify the neighborhood

El Colegio Charter School continued its anti-graffiti mural work in Bancroft Neighborhood with the support of a grant from the City of Minneapolis. This year's Innovative Graffiti Prevention project built upon the success of last year's project and continued to focus not only on the abatement or prevention of graffiti through the creation of murals, but also on the education of young people and the changing of their attitudes and perceptions around graffiti and public art. This year, we continued to develop the collaboration between El Colegio and Bancroft Elementary School as a key component of the project.

Fifteen El Colegio high school students enrolled in a social studies course focused on the Civil Rights Movement did the work of creating murals and videos to improve our community. This course was co-taught by Carolyn Alouach, social studies teacher, and Gustavo Lira, artist-in-residence. The course not only focused on the people that worked for change and the legal and political ramifications of those changes, but also on the use of art and particularly murals as a vehicle for change. After students learned key concepts related to the Civil Rights Movement, they were divided into three groups: one group



Beautiful mural at 4044 16th Ave South where Peter Pearson lives. His Grandparents (seen in this picture) lived there for 40 before they sold it to Peter.

worked directly with artist Greta McLain in collaboration with Julie Savold (Bancroft Art Teacher) to guide sixty Bancroft fifth graders through learning about graffiti, community art, civil rights, and the development of murals; another group worked with PCTV to document that process at Bancroft through video and develop an anti-graffiti PSA; and a third group designed and painted a mural on a garage just off Bloomington Avenue and 41st Street.

The great work of the students is on display in our neighborhood at 41st and Bloomington and inside Bancroft Elementary School. El Colegio hopes to have a neighborhood event this spring to dedicate the new mural and the others they have done over the years in and around the neighborhood. Call David at 612-728-5728 for more information about the El Colegio Muralistas.

Bancroft lawn signs

Bancroft lawn signs are available at the BNA office, 4120 17th Avenue South. You can order your sign by calling 612-724-5313 or emailing info@bancroftneighborhood.org with the subject LAWN SIGN. Signs are available for free, with a suggested donation of \$5.



Heather Doyle and Emmett Bryant show off the new BNA Lawn Signs at the Annual Meeting.

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people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Upcoming Events at Bancroft Elementary

Annual Plant Sale: primarily flowers are sold but there will be some perennials and vegetables. Order forms will be available March 23 and delivered to your door. Orders are due April 20. If you do not receive an order form by April 6, please call 612-668-3557 for your form.

February is for READING: Friends, family and neighbors can pledge 1 cent, 5 or even 10 cents for each minute that a child reads between February 22 and March 5. Sponsor a child in the neighborhood!

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Reading Night: Tuesday, March 2, 5:30-7 p.m. A fun night with families reading together and guest readers.



Help support the BNA with a tax-deductible donation!

We warmly appreciate any amount you wish to give. Please make checks payable to BNA and send to:

Bancroft Neighborhood Association
4120 17th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Temporary workers needed for 2010 Census

The US Census Bureau is hiring in Minneapolis this spring and needs people from our neighborhood. The work is temporary and most positions are part-time as a census taker which offers flexible hours and pay starting at \$16.50 per hour. Contact the Minneapolis Census office at 612-216-6150 to schedule an appointment to take their standardized test. You may also learn more by going to their website, www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Census Day is April 1st, the official day of the population count. You will receive information in the mail, please mail it back. If you don't return your form, census workers will visit your

home to take a count in person. An accurate count of our neighborhood is REALLY important; it helps determine how nearly \$300 billion will be distributed annually through federal programs, social services, community development block grants and other grant programs essential to our community.

Stay in touch!

Become a fan of Bancroft on Facebook and send the office your email address to stay up to date.

BNA Calendar

All meetings and events are held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Avenue South at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Childcare is available with advance notice. Call 724-5313.

February

- 6 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Board Training, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 11 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 Small Area Implementation Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pillsbury House
- 18 BNA Finance (NRP/NCEC/Housing) Committee, 7:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of the month)
- 23 Block Leader Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 3416 Fourth Ave. S.

March

- 3 38th and Chicago Ave. Business Association Meeting, 12 noon, CUP Foods
- 3 BNA Commercial Committee, 1-2 p.m., CUP Foods, 38th and Chicago Ave. (1st Wednesday of the month)
- 4 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6 South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair, 10a.m.-3 p.m., 3131 19th Ave. S.
- 8 Parent Teach Organization Meeting, 5-6:30 p.m., Bancroft Elementary School
- 11 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 BNA Green Initiatives, 6:30 p.m. (2nd Thursday of the month)
- 15 Small Area Implementation Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pillsbury House
- 23 Bancroft Elementary Plant Sale order forms available

April

- 1 Census Day
- 1 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 BNA Commercial Committee, 1-2 p.m., CUP Foods, 38th and Chicago Ave. (1st Wednesday of the month)
- 8 BNA Green Initiatives, 6:30 p.m. (2nd Thursday of the month)
- 8 Bancroft Neighborhood Association ALL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, 7 p.m.
- 10 Teen Job Fair, 12-3 p.m., Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall
- 15 BNA Finance (NRP/NCEC/Housing) Committee, 7:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of the month)



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Bancroft all-neighborhood meeting Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

En el 8 de abril a las 7 de la tarde la Asociación de Vecindario de Bancroft (BNA) tendrá una reunión para todos los vecindarios para hablar sobre cual programación será financiado por los próximos años. Si usted desea información en español acerca de este tema o otras actividades de BNA por favor llama a 612-721-8607. Gracias.

Want to help us spend thousands of dollars? We hope that got your attention and we hope you will to join us on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethel Church, 4120 17th Ave. S. for a neighborhood meeting to help us do just that. Well, sort of.

In brief, the BNA has \$130,000 remaining in our NRP Phase I Plan that has not been spent and is currently designated for housing and commercial uses. This past year, the BNA Community Council did a lot of work reviewing our financial resources, balancing old NRP contracts, and creating a long-term budget that will keep our neighborhood organization strong and viable through 2013. To meet the programming and administrative goals identified in the long-term budget, we need move the \$130K to different uses; in NRP lingo, it's called doing a plan modification to BNA's NRP Phase I Plan; and this plan modification will need the neighbor-

hood's approval. This announcement will serve as the official notice that we are calling a neighborhood meeting for April 7. Please attend if you can!

At the April meeting, we will review BNA's existing programs (housing, commercial, community initiated projects, and greening, to name a few); we will identify the current and future funding sources for programming and administrative; we will present the long-term budget needs; and present the BNA's Community Council's recommendations for the NRP Phase I plan modification. This plan modification will be presented as a motion and there will be an opportunity for your input.

If you are interested in learning more about this before the April neighborhood meeting, please join us at the March 11 Council meeting (7 p.m., 4120 17th Ave. S.) where the BNA Community Council and the Financial Committee will be shaping the recommendations that will be presented at the April neighborhood meeting. At the April meeting, we will be seek additional input and hopefully approve the plan modifications. If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, please call the BNA office. Your input is valuable and necessary for this process, we have an opportunity to shape programming for the next three years — we hope you'll join us!

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calendar!



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16th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

Planning a home improvement project and not sure where to start? Join your neighbors at the 16th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair. This free event provides attendees a "one shop stop" under one roof opportunity to learn about how to complete their home improvement project.

The event, which draws 2,000 people every year, offers attendees a chance to attend educational seminars and visit with exhibitors. Seminars are taught by local professionals on home improvement, safety, home purchase, decorating, and financing. Exhibitors include local contractors, financial institutions, real estate agents, neighborhood associations, non-profit government agencies.

This event is free and open to the public. For up-to-date information, visit our web-site at www.housingfair.org, or become a fan on Facebook: search for "South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair".