



Bancroft Banner

A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

Celebrating Bancroft at the Ice Cream Social



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Ice Cream Social! Thanks to TCF Bank for sponsoring ice cream from Grand Ole Creamery, and to Dairy Queen for donating delicious hot dogs. Urban

Arts Academy once again coordinated engaging and creative activities and performances: a puppet show, print-making, and solar oven baked treats, and face painting. Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center did a welding

demonstration, Bancroft gardeners brought greens from their garden to give to the neighborhood. There was music from the Hummingbirds, dancing from Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue, and big smiles all around.

BANCROFT BUSINESS NEWS

38th & Chicago Business Association

Lots of new and exciting things are happening with 38th & Chicago Business Association. We are getting ready to launch a new website with a brand new logo. We have new venues opening up by the end of August in our corridor; we have a new small area implementation staff person and we are making ready for our annual bar-b-que and festival on August 27th. Things are looking great and businesses are thriving. We have a few vacancies but we are working to fill those spaces as soon as possible. Stop by and feel the excitement in the air.

– Evette McDonald-McCarthy,
Board Chair

38th & Chicago BBQ and Music Festival

Saturday, Aug. 27

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

World Wide Outreach for Christ
3808 Chicago Ave. S.

10:00 a.m.

Help us clean up the intersection!

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Complementary BBQ

Sponsored by 38th & Chicago
Business Association

Activities for the kids!

West of the Rails

The West of the Rail Business Association (WRBA) is well into our second year. The WRBA website, while still a work in progress, has been launched. Visit us at www.westoftherail.org. Our July membership meeting focused on programs available to small businesses who want to improve their energy efficiency, thereby reducing some of their overhead costs.

WRBA boundaries are Hiawatha Avenue on the west, 15th Avenue on the east, East 34th Street on the north and Minnehaha Parkway on the south. If you are a business owner in that area, please join us. We'll be even stronger if we join together. Contact Shirley Yeoman at the SENA office for more information: 612-721-1601 or shirleyy@standish-ericsson.org



GREEN CORNER

Community Energy Services making citywide debut in August

As the second month of summer kicks off and thoughts of winter are packed deeply away, conserving energy may not be the number one priority for most summer loving Minnesotans. However, Community Energy Services (CES), a program dedicated to reducing energy in Minneapolis homes, is working hard to refocus homeowners toward thinking about their energy use.

Already implemented in over 4,000 Minneapolis homes, CES aims to lower energy consumption, therefore lowering utility bills. Following a free workshop where homeowners learn valuable money saving strategies, homeowners choose whether they would like to receive a home visit from two of Center for Energy and Environment's energy professionals for a co-pay of only \$30 and a value of \$400!

At this home visit, many energy and money saving materials will be installed if not already present in the

home including programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, high efficiency showerheads and various other products so the homeowner is left with immediate means to reduce energy use. Blower door and combustion safety tests will also be performed allowing the homeowner the knowledge of how their home is performing on both a safety and functionality level.

Altogether, CES provides an enormous opportunity to Minneapolis residents by helping homeowners save money on energy bills instantly, as well as giving advice on investments including energy efficiency upgrades such as heating and insulation. Currently, CES is available to select neighborhoods in Minneapolis; however beginning August 1st, the program will be available citywide, allowing full access to any owner of a 1-4 unit owner occupied property in Minneapolis.

Upcoming workshop dates:
(workshops are mandatory in order to receive a home visit)

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Lucy Laney Community School
3333 Penn Ave. N.

Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Burroughs Community School
1601 50th St. W.

Thursday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's University of Minnesota
2500 Park Ave. S.

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.
VOA Southwest Center
3612 Bryant Ave. S.

For more information on the program or for more workshop dates, visit the CES website at www.mnnces.org. To RSVP for a workshop contact Kyle Boehm at 612-219-7334 or kboehm@mncee.org.

Bancroft Neighborhood Association

Yes, I want to support my neighborhood.
Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

(Check one)

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$35 \$_____ other

My employer will match my contribution.

Please sign me up to receive the *Bancroft Banner* Newsletter
(we will never give away your address).

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We warmly appreciate any amount you wish to give. Please make checks payable to BNA and return to:
Bancroft Neighborhood Association
4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407

Thank you!

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27 block parties held in Bancroft on National Night Out

National Night Out, on August 2, was as big and beautiful as ever. The Bancroft Neighborhood was host to 27 block parties; that's more than half of the blocks in Bancroft! If you are interested in more info on how to start a block club and build community on your block, contact Karen Notsch at 612-673-2856 or Karen.Notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Upcoming Block Club Leader trainings will be Thursday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Police Department 3rd Precinct, 3000 Minnehaha Ave.

Join the BNA Housing Committee

You know what a wonderful neighborhood Bancroft is....shouldn't we spread the word?

The housing market is still slow, but we have many lovely homes on the market and want to help our neighbors sell their homes and avoid foreclosure. We are revitalizing the Bancroft Housing Committee. Come **Wednesday, Aug. 24 to Bethel Church, 4120 17th Ave. S. at 6:30 p.m.** to share ideas about how we can get the word out to the realtors and home buyers. We might consider developing a brochure – do you have writing, or photography skills? We might consider a Bancroft-wide Open House – would you be willing to approach your neighbors who have a house on the market, or a realtor who works in south Minneapolis? We will consider ALL ideas!

As the housing market recovers, let's make sure our neighborhood is one that thrives. That will be good for all home owners!

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.

Remember, the South of Lake Farmer's Market is open every Thursday, 4-7 p.m. in the Calvary Lutheran Parking Lot at 3901 Chicago Ave. S. until Sept. 8. Check it out!

August

- 3 38th and Chicago Ave. Business Association Meeting, 12 noon, CUP Foods BNA Commercial Development Committee, 1 p.m., CUP Foods
- 4 BNA Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 South of Lake Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m., 3901 Chicago Ave. S. West of the Rails Business Association, 12:15 p.m., Standish Ericson, 1830 E. 42nd St.
- 11 BNA Green Initiatives Committee, 6:15 p.m. BNA Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 Block Leader Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 3000 Minnehaha Ave.
- 24 Housing Committee, 6:30 p.m. Movie: "E.T." at Powderhorn Park, sundown
- 27 38th & Chicago Cleanup & BBQ, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 3808 Chicago Ave. S.

September

- 1 BNA Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 38th and Chicago Ave. Business Association Meeting, 12 noon, CUP Foods BNA Commercial Development Committee, 1 p.m., CUP Foods
- 8 BNA Green Initiatives Committee, 6:15 p.m. BNA Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 West of the Rails Business Association, 12:15 p.m., Standish Ericson, 1830 E. 42nd St.
- 17 Bancroft Neighborhood Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 20 Block Leader Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 3000 Minnehaha Ave.

October

- 5 38th and Chicago Ave. Business Association Meeting, 12 noon, CUP Foods BNA Commercial Development Committee, 1 p.m., CUP Foods
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- 10 Bancroft Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

BNA ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date!

Thursday, November 10 • 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave. S.

Buffet Dinner with entertainment at 6:15 p.m., Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BNA Board elections are held at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved, please contact BNA! We have an active board that visions and supports the work of the BNA, and many people in the neighborhood have served a term over the years, making all of what we do possible. Please consider joining (or re-joining!) the BNA Board, we would love to have your energy and ideas.

FROM THE BNA PRESIDENT



It has been another great summer in Bancroft! You may have seen my wife Sarah and me walking around our neighborhood, exploring our new bike trail, the River-Lake Greenway, and shopping and eating our way around the area. This summer there have been many great events in our community from the South of Lake Farmers Market, outdoor movies in the parks, to National Night Out celebrations. July's Bancroft Ice Cream Social was a great chance to see and talk with many of you. It was so nice to listen to your thoughts about Bancroft. We have a fabulous group of neighbors that care deeply about this community.

This summer and fall, the BNA is focusing on several community engagement initiatives. First, we have developed a brief survey that will be

available at Bancroft events, as well as on our website. Second, we are organizing a series of listening sessions around the neighborhood to have conversations about what people like about the neighborhood, and what initiatives and support neighborhood residents would like to see from their neighborhood organization. I hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in one or both of these initiatives.

In other news, the BNA is exploring strategies to respond to substantial changes in how neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis are funded. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program, which has been the main source of funds for 20 years, is winding to a close, and new city funding streams are much smaller than in the past.

In this context, a group of seven neighborhood organizations in south Minneapolis has been meeting for about the past six months to look at ways to collaborate and spend our money more effectively. It has been a great conversation that has brought

together board and staff members from all 7 organizations to make the work of our neighborhood organizations more sustainable. We have identified a common set of goals that will support the neighborhood movement in Minneapolis in the future, and we have built relationships that will help us all to work across neighborhood boundaries to accomplish broader community goals. I have been excited to participate in the process, and look forward to identifying and potentially implementing recommendations for deeper collaboration that emerge from the group.

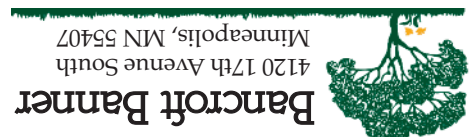
As always, if you have thoughts, ideas, or interest in volunteering in the neighborhood, get in touch with us! Call or email the BNA, or stop by the office at Bethel Lutheran Church during community office hours (posted on the BNA website) for more information about the survey, the listening sessions, or just to share your thoughts.

– Andy Hestness

**We need you to
hear from you!
Bancroft Survey
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