



Bancroft Banner

A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

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 chicken dish 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 the talented **James Allen**, and saw a great video on worm composting made by the students at **Urban Arts Academy** (3901 Chicago Ave).

A lot of information was shared by Elizabeth Glidden, 8th Ward City Council Rep, Karen Notsch from the Minneapolis Police Department 3rd Precinct, 2010 BNA President Jacque Passow and all the BNA Committees. We have had a productive year and are set up to do great work in 2011.

The evening ended with the election for the 2010/2011 Community Council and new committee officers

were elected at the December Council meeting. We have a great group of new board members, as well as our committed continuing board members.

Andy Hestness, *President*
 Mike Klick, *Vice-President*
 Sara Luoma, *Secretary*
 Keith Twist, *Treasurer*
 Matthew Ayers
 Neal Baxter
 Whitney Kieffer
 George Moore
 Evette McCarthy
 Mike Simons
 Ryan Sturtz
 Matt Toburen
 Robert Warland

Thanks to all who attended! If you would like a copy of the BNA 2010 Annual Report or if you would like to get involved in the 2011 Committees please contact the office. And remember, BNA Board Meetings are open for everyone to attend! Come see what the board does and discuss Bancroft issues on the second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church.

2011 BNA Committees

At our January Board Training, board members finalized the BNA committees for this year. The Green Initiatives Committee is continuing their great work on environmental and gardening efforts in Bancroft (see Green Corner in this issue of the *Banner*). The Commercial Development Committee will continue partnering with the 38th & Chicago Business Association and the West of the Rails Business Association, and is working on ways to help small businesses in the neighborhood through our commercial grant program. They are looking for new members. In the past, the Housing & Finance Committee has worked on Neighborhood Revitalization Project funds and projects with the new Neighborhood Community Relations department, and on Bancroft housing programs. Now, the committee is finalizing our expanded Low Interest Home Improvement Loan programs, and discussing what's next for the committee. The BNA Outreach Committee has been reformed and energized, and is working on improving BNA's engagement with residents, strategizing on how we can include outreach in everything we do.

Meeting times and dates are listed in the calendar on page 3. If you cannot attend the listed date, contact the BNA office for more ways to get involved.



Stay in Touch with the BNA!

To keep up with all of the exciting things in Bancroft, check www.bancroftneighborhood.org, and friend us on **Facebook!**

We also send out a monthly **E-Newsletter** with lots of information and events.

Email info@bancroftneighborhood.org to be added.

FROM THE BNA PRESIDENT

Hello Bancroft,

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Andy Hestness, the newly-elected president of the Bancroft Neighborhood Association (BNA) for 2011. I am excited to spend the next year working to improve Bancroft and build community among the residents, businesses, and institutions in our neighborhood. There is much energy at the Neighborhood Association board to reach out to everyone in Bancroft and be a resource to the community. There are transitions occurring with neighborhood funding from the City of Minneapolis that present both challenges and opportunities for the BNA. We look forward to working with the

neighborhood to make the best use of these funds in the future.

In the next few months, the BNA will be introducing new home improvement loan programs that expand opportunities for neighborhood residents to improve their homes. We are also looking at the investments we can make in Bancroft's commercial properties. There are many exciting things happening in our community, and we hope that residents will join with us to shape the future of the neighborhood. I look forward to a great year.

*Sincerely,
Andy Hestness
President, BNA*

Rebuilding Together: Improving homes in our neighborhood

Rebuilding Together Twin Cities brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of homeowners in need. We partner with volunteers to make no-cost home repairs for low-income homeowners who are older adults, individuals living with disabilities, or families with children. This ensures that homeowners can live independently in homes that are safe and warm. We also partner with volunteers to renovate and beautify community centers, outdoor community spaces, and schools in order to create safe and welcoming spaces for community members to gather.

Rebuilding Together Twin Cities' programs are community-based to ensure that we are working with, not for, the community. We encourage the homeowners we serve and their families to work side-by-side with volunteers to the extent that they are able. We also strive to listen to and work in concert with neighborhood and community groups in order to provide quality programs and empower individuals and communities.



Rebuilding Together Twin Cities welcomes volunteers of all skill levels. We are recruiting skilled and general volunteers for projects this spring, including our Rebuilding Day on April 30. Rebuilding Together affiliates across the country will help hundreds of homeowners in need, and we will partner with volunteers to repair multiple homes in the Twin Cities. If you would like to volunteer for our Rebuilding Day on April 30 or other home repair projects throughout the year, please contact Erin at volunteerservices@rebuildingtogether-twincities.org. Learn more at www.rebuildingtogether-twincities.org.

The BNA has low-interest home improvement loans!

Spring is the time for home improvements. Check out our website, www.bancroftneighborhood.org, or contact the office for more information — 612-724-5313



Quiere saber Como Proteger a su hijo/a de las Pandillas?

Informarnos es mejor que Lamentarnos!

Con el apoyo de Centro Chicano y El Colegio High School ofreceremos a la comunidad Latina un taller informativo sobre pandillas acompañado por un panel de experto dispuestos a responder todas sus pregunta!

Jueves 3 de Marzo

Hora 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

!NO SE LO PIERDA!

Nuestra Direccion:

El Colegio High School
4137 Bloomington Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Interesado? Confirme su asistencia: (612) 728-5728

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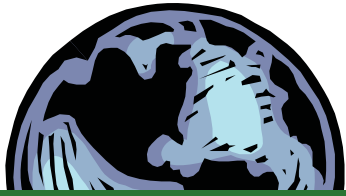
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GREEN CORNER

You can help to green Bancroft!

The Green Initiatives committee has great plans for 2011. This year we plan to beautify the green space on the River Lake Greenway bicycle path and to host events promoting ecological and environmental education for Bancroft residents. We have lots of great ideas for environmental work we'd like to do in the coming year, but have only a few members on our committee. The Green Initiatives committee is currently in search of NEW MEMBERS! To serve on the Green Initiatives committee requires only a 45-minute-per-month commitment. Our committee meets at 6:15 on the second Thursday of every month. Please join us! We'd love to do more work around community gardening, recycling and composting in Bancroft, and many other initiatives! In order to accomplish this, we need your help! To become a member or to get more information please contact Sara Luoma at sarakphelps@gmail.com.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
— Native American Proverb

Interested in setting up a compost bin or rain barrel?

Now's the perfect time — they're on sale! Compost bins are only \$55 (regularly \$79) and rain barrels are just \$69 (regularly \$115).

Visit www.recycleminnesota.org to order yours or for more information.

2011 Block Club Leader Training

March 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Minneapolis Police Dept. 3rd Precinct
3000 Minnehaha Ave.

Topics to Be Covered:

- Introduction to community crime prevention
- How to organize a block/apartment club
- Services of community crime prevention
- Responsibilities of crime prevention block leaders
- How and when to use 911
- How to solve problems effectively
- Meet your Crime Prevention Specialist

Please RSVP if you are planning on attending one of these trainings. Call 673-3482 or 673-2856.

Additional 2011 dates will be scheduled. For questions, contact: Karen Notsch, Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Department, 3rd Precinct, (612) 673-2856, karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Have an idea for a project you'd like to see in Bancroft?

The BNA has funding for Community Initiated Projects! Contact info@bancroftneighborhood.org for more information.

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

- 21 38th & Chicago Small Area Implementation Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pillsbury House
- 22 Block Leader Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 3000 Minnehaha Ave.
- 26 South Minneapolis Housing Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S.

March

- 2 38th and Chicago Ave. Business Association Meeting, 12 noon, CUP Foods
BNA Commercial Development Committee, 1 p.m., CUP Foods
BNA Outreach Committee, 7 p.m.
- 3 BNA Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.
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Get involved with the Bancroft Neighborhood Association!

The Bancroft Neighborhood Association (BNA) runs with the engaged support of countless Bancroft residents who work on committees, help at events, are block club leaders, and vision the future of Bancroft and the BNA. We are always looking for new ways to involve residents, so if you have a skill or an area of interest that you would like to bring to your neighborhood, contact us!

Right now, we are looking for volunteers to work on writing and editing the *Banner*. We are also looking for volunteers who can translate our materials into Spanish and act as interpreters at events. If you are interested in these roles, or have other ideas about how you can support Bancroft, please be in touch!

Involucrate con el Bancroft Neighborhood Association (BNA)!

La Asociación del vecindario de Bancroft (BNA) funciona con el apoyo comprometido de un sinnúmero de residentes, los residentes de Bancroft que trabajan en los comités, que ayudan con los eventos y la visión de futuro de Bancroft y del BNA son los líderes de los clubs de la cuadra. Siempre estamos buscando nuevas formas de involucrar a los residentes, así que si tiene una habilidad o alguna área de interés que le gustaría traer a su vecindario, comuníquese con nosotros.

En este momento, estamos buscando voluntarios para trabajar en la redacción de la bandera de Bancroft. También estamos buscando voluntarios que puedan traducir los materiales al Español y que actúen como interpretes en los eventos. Si usted esta interesados en estas actividades, o tiene otras ideas acerca de como puede apoyar a Bancroft, por favor este en contacto llamando al 612-724-5313 ó por correo electrónico — info@bancroftneighborhood.org.

Gardening Matters presents...

The 7th Annual Community Garden Spring Resource Fair

Saturday, April 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th St., Minneapolis
Free Parking
\$5-\$10 Suggested Donation at Door

Get connected to the people, resources, and information you need to make the 2011 growing season your best one yet! This event is for growers dedicated to cultivating more resilient communities through community-building and urban agriculture. A keynote presentation by Frogtown Farms of St. Paul will kick off the day, followed by fifteen engaging workshops, activities for kids led by Master Gardeners, and educational displays throughout the day. Go to www.gardeningmatters.org or call Gardening Matters at 612-821-2358 for more info. Contact Nadja at nadja@gardeningmatters.org for email inquiries or to volunteer.



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