



# Bancroft Banner

A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

## So we have snow... now what?

Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is not only the neighborly thing to do, it's the law. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, especially those pushing strollers or using wheelchairs, and to help the many people in Minneapolis who walk, please do your part. Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 24 hours for homes and duplexes, and 4 daytime hours (which begin at 8:00 a.m.) for apartment and commercial buildings.

Property owners are required to shovel the sidewalks on all sides of their property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement. If you're unable to do this on your own, there are community groups that can help. They can be reached at (612) 673-3004.

After shoveling and clearing your sidewalks, spreading sand or ice-melting material is helpful. The city offers several sites where residents can pick up free sand for their residential sidewalks. The closest location to Bancroft is on East 27th Street, just East of Longfellow Avenue and is open 24-hours-a-day. Residents must bring their own pail and shovel.

More information can be found on the City of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/shovel/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/shovel/index.htm) or by calling 3-1-1.

*(Source: City of Minneapolis website)*



## This winter, don't get ticketed or towed

**Stay informed about Snow Emergencies.** Knowing when a Snow Emergency is in effect is one of the best ways to avoid a ticket and tow in the winter. There are numerous ways to stay informed including email and text alerts, automated phone calls, Facebook, Twitter, and even by using an app on your smart phone (currently available for iOS and Android). Sign up today by visiting [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow\\_stay-informed](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_stay-informed)

## 40th and Cedar being reviewed — send us your input!

The City of Minneapolis is currently looking at the intersection of 40th and Cedar. There have been reports of unsafe car movements at this intersection that spurred a review of the situation. The observation and analysis was conducted at the intersection on Sept. 24 between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

During the two-hour time frame, there were 32 incidents of non-compliance with traffic laws: 18 by drivers of a motorized vehicle, 8 by pedestrians, and 6 by bicyclists. Of the infractions by those driving motorized vehicles, eight were drivers making illegal left turns from 40th Street onto Cedar Avenue. In five of the pedestrian incidents, a person hit the crosswalk button, but the signal didn't react fast enough. They crossed the road when there was a break in the traffic, but before the signal changed, which resulted in a "ghost signal."

At this time, some initial signage modifications have been added to the intersection. Councilmember Glidden's office believes that a more extensive modification to the intersection is needed for traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. To this end, they are proposing a median on Cedar, which would physically prevent cars from turning left from 40th Street onto Cedar. This would be similar to the median on Chicago Avenue at 40th Street.

Installing a median at this intersection will mean that some on-street parking will be lost. City staff is still analyzing how many spaces (how many feet) of parking will be lost.

**The Bancroft Community Council would like to hear residents' input. Please call, write or email us with your questions, comments, or feedback.**



## GREEN CORNER

# Interested in community gardening?

by Mark Sauter, BNA Board Member

**B**ancroft has an abundance of gardening projects around our neighborhood. We will be taking applications for our community garden plots at Bethel Lutheran Church this coming spring. There are 18 plots (20' by 10') that will be available first to residents of Bancroft, and if there are plots left, we will open it up to those outside of Bancroft. This year we will also be having some plots at the Meridian Garden on 38th Street by Bancroft Elementary.

In the past, a few Bancroft neighbors have been taking care of the Meridian Garden space, but this past

fall have decided to give responsibility back to the Bancroft Board. They have plenty of Perennials and shrubs that have been there for years, and there are 6 plots available for rent. We are grateful to our neighbors who have worked so hard to maintain this space for the neighborhood!

This year we are also partnering with El Colegio to develop a garden for our neighborhood and the school open to all residents. This will be next to the new soccer field at the school. We are in the planning stages and input from our neighborhood would be great. We have plenty of garden projects, so if you have a green thumb or want to get your hands dirty, come and join us.

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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!*

# Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, Winter Quarter 2013

The Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center is pleased offer all the old favorite classes as well as some brand-new offerings, and you can register for them on-line at [www.cafac.org/classes](http://www.cafac.org/classes). In 2012, we were grateful recipients of a capital grant from the Pohlad Family Foundation which has been used to help us launch three new programs areas at CAFAC:

- **Foundry:** developed and taught by long-time CAFAC instructors Roger Karlson and Ryan Salmon, along with our new Volunteer/Gallery Coordinator Jessica Tank, our foundry program will initially focus on aluminum before moving into bronze and other metals. Roger, Ryan, and Jessica have all worked extensively with Wayne Potratz, renowned cast metal sculptor and professor of art at the U of M.

- **Stained glass:** We're lucky to have Jeff Goetz leading our new stained glass program. Jeff brings an extensive background and wealth of knowledge in stained glass artistry and craftsmanship, with a particular focus on historic glass and preservation. We've been busy turning our mezzanine level into the glass workshop and are eager to welcome students to it.

- **Flameworking:** aka torchworking or lampworking, this fun and fascinating art form adds another layer to our glass program. Mary Ila Duntemann has developed and will teach our flameworking classes, bringing her lifelong fascination with glass beads as well as years as a flamework artist, producing work for galleries, art shows, and commissions.

All of our old favorites, Oxy-Acetylene, Found Object Sculpture, and Blacksmithing Basics are also available and fill quickly, so don't hesitate. We've got two special offerings of our OA Found Object Sculpture class this December/January: a three-day intensive version for youth, and a three-week winter break version for adults.

**Returning students** — Reheater spots are also limited and popular. But now we've got another option for those of you looking for extended shop time: our SPARC (that's Studio Pass at Reduced Cost) program. Geared towards students with intermediate/advanced skills on our industrial floor, SPARC lets you purchase a package of shop hours on a monthly or (for even great savings) quarterly basis. All the details and registration can be found at [www.cafac.com/classes](http://www.cafac.com/classes).

Don't forget that thanks to generous support from the Bancroft Neighborhood Association, CAFAC's scholarship fund for low-income learners has been replenished. You can find the application for this income-based tuition assistance program on our website, as well.

We look forward to seeing you, and if you have any questions please visit us at [www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org), give us a call at 612-294-0400 or stop on by!

## 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

*(Black History Month, Parent Leadership Month)*

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m.
- 7 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:00 p.m.  
**BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.  
**Valentine's Day**
- 18 **BNA Housing Committee meeting**, 6:30 p.m.  
**Washington's Birthday** (a.k.a. President's Day)
- 27 **Outreach Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

### March

*Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month)*

- 6 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 7 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Daylight Savings Time** begins
- 14 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:00 p.m.  
**BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 18 **BNA Housing Committee meeting**, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **Outreach Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 **Easter Sunday**

Si le gustaría recibir esta información en español, manda un email a [info@bancroftneighborhood.com](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.com) o llama la oficina al 612-724-5313.



## Update on 38th & Bloomington

BNA would like to welcome Tesoro gas station to the neighborhood. The signage is not yet complete, but they are open for business. Stop in and say hello to Patrick and support this locally-owned business. This is the first step in a freshening up of the 38th & Bloomington intersection. We're currently working with a few other businesses on that corner to improve and update the façades of the buildings: Southside Farm Store, Marla's Caribbean Cuisine, and the orange building on the Northwest corner. Look for changes starting in the Spring!

There are still commercial improvement funds available! Businesses may apply for up to \$5,000 in funding, and owners must match dollar-for-dollar all BNA monies received. Funds must be used for permanent exterior building work that improves the "curb appeal" of the

businesses. Painting, stucco work, awnings, exterior lighting, parking lots, and landscaping are a few of the projects that qualify for funds. For more information, contact the BNA office at 612-724-5313.

## 2013 Home Tour

Have you remodeled a kitchen, bath, master suite or whole house? Added on, or finished existing space in attic, basement or garage? You could be one of the 50 or more homeowners and professionals featured on the 2013 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour.

To nominate your home —or for professionals, a home you've worked on —call Margo Ashmore, 612-867-4874 to determine if your home is in an area where nominations are still needed. Homes must be within the city limits of Minneapolis or Saint Paul. Homes in Saint Paul are particularly encouraged to apply today!

During the tour, which runs the weekend of April 27th & 28th, thou-

sands of visitors find homes of similar vintage to their own, in neighborhoods of interest, or focus on a particular type of remodel. It's fun and informative to talk directly with homeowners to find out what it's like to remodel, expand, or build new. Many contractors, architects, and other trades people will also be available to answer your questions. More information can be found at [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com).

## Welcome to the 2013 BNA Community Council!

The following people were elected to the BNA Community Council at our Annual Meeting in November 2013: Joe Hatch, President; Sara Luoma, Vice President; Kyle Gaffaney, Treasurer; Neal Baxter, Secretary; and board members Mikki Denney Wright, Evette McCarthy, Julie Zamora, Josh Casey, Mark Sauter, Matt Toburen, Keith Twist, Heidi Rivers-Marshall, Shelby Williams, Whitney Kieffer and Sandra Smith.

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## Pillsbury House Theatre's Breaking Ice Company confronts neighborhood revitalization

**B**reaking Ice uses research-based improvisation to create thought-provoking, often funny, performances that entertain while inspiring safe conversations about controversial topics. For 16 years, Breaking Ice has been working with institutions, businesses, and nonprofits to help them confront topics related to diversity and communication that are often difficult to discuss. Professional actors and theatre-based improvisations and scenes provide a powerful and entertaining way to step back and get a fresh perspective while gaining a more intimate understanding of how individuals relate to each other.

This special Breaking Ice production explores how the Bancroft neighborhood is responding to development and change. It asks questions about the confusing word "gentrification" and how neighborhoods can evolve in economically stable and sustainable ways. The topics addressed in these performances will be generated from interviews with people who live, work, and go to school in the Bancroft neighborhood, but are relevant to all city residents. More information on dates and times will be coming, but the locations of the performances will be Bancroft Elementary, El Colegio, and Bethel Lutheran Church.

This production is one of the twenty art experiences in the Arts on Chicago initiative, an arts-based community development project led by Pillsbury House + Theatre with partners Upstream Arts, the Bancroft Neighborhood Association, PPNA, and MCAD Professor Natasha Pestich with support from the Ward 8 Council Office of Elizabeth Glidden.

### Quote from new Bancroft resident:

"My husband I purchased the home in the Bancroft Neighborhood and could not be more excited! We love our new house and the community sounds like exactly what we are looking for. We close the end of July and can't wait to become active members of the community!! Thanks for helping us make the decision to move an easy one." —Lorine M., new Bancroft resident



## Meridian Garden

**V**olunteers have been hard at work in the Bancroft Meridian Garden at 38th Street and 12th Avenue. With the weather, it's been difficult, but we now have a raspberry patch, several rhubarb plants, and a native plant area all put in. Unfortunately, this past year wasn't a good one for the arbor vitae and several of them died and had to be removed.

There were four businesses in and around the neighborhood that stepped up with donations to help get the Meridian Garden project back on track. Those businesses were Mei Inn (4215 Bloomington Ave.), Clyde's Auto Service (1400 E. 38th St.), Tesoro Gas Station (3800 Bloomington Ave.), and David's Automotive (4000 Bloomington Ave.). Next time you visit one of these businesses, please take a moment to thank them for their generous donation to the Meridian Garden.

We can always use volunteers to help out in the garden. If interested, check Facebook or contact the BNA office to find out when our next garden day is scheduled.

## Ice Cream Social

**Thurs, July 18, 2013 • 6:00-8:00p**  
Bancroft Meadows, 42<sup>nd</sup>/Bloomington

Free ice cream provided by Ben & Jerry's  
Birds from the U of M Raptor Center  
Live music by Joel Schaan & friends  
Face painting, Arts & crafts

Sponsored by the Bancroft Neighborhood Association and Urban Arts Academy.  
Information: 612-724-5313 or  
info@bancroftneighborhood.org.




# 35W bridge survivor creates new organization, 'courageous heARTS'

Inspired by her own healing journey through art, Lindsay Walz was driven to manifest her life's ambition: to create her own youth center.

35W bridge survivor Lindsay (Pettersen) Walz is launching a new organization, courageous heARTS, with a special screening of a 2013 Academy Award-winning documentary to show Aug. 1 at the Riverview Theater in Minneapolis. "Inocente" follows the story of a homeless and undocumented Latino youth, and highlights the transformative power of art. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by a panel discussion with the film's subject, Inocente Izucar.

courageous heARTS is an arts-based youth center in south Minneapolis that emphasizes process over product, and expression over technique. Inspired by her own heal-

ing experiences, Walz believes process-oriented creativity can be a powerful catalyst for personal growth and transformation and an effective way to heal trauma.

Early in her own recovery from the collapse, Walz discovered a community education class titled "soul painting" that employed process-oriented painting. This method was instrumental in helping Walz manage the PTSD she developed as a result of the collapse, and inspired her guiding philosophy for courageous heARTS: that healing requires courage, not a diagnosis, and that creating art in a space free from judgment can open new worlds of possibility.

Fulfilling a dream she has held since she was a youth herself, Walz feels akin to many young people she has worked with during her years as a

youth worker in Minneapolis. "They've had the ground fall out from underneath them too," says Walz, "it just wasn't covered on the evening news." Walz is reminded of the many ways youth experience their own heart hurts: bullying, poverty, homelessness, abuse, and addiction, to name a few.

Walz recalls sitting on the crumbled remains of the 35W bridge in the middle of the Mississippi River in inexplicable calm immediately following the collapse. Walz states that in one of those nascent moments, she realized the personal meaning of the tragedy that had just befallen her: to make her dream of starting her own youth center a reality. Six years after the collapse, Walz has manifested that dream.

Tickets to "Inocente" are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://inocente.eventbrite.com>

## Bancroft Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale

Need an excuse to clean out your basement, closets, or garage? Well, here it is – the neighborhood-wide Bancroft Garage Sale. This year, we'll hold the garage sale on Saturday, August 24 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of the promotion and marketing the Bancroft Neighborhood Association will do through various media outlets. Handy guides and maps will be available at neighborhood businesses and at each garage sale location.

If you're interested in participating in this event by holding a garage sale, please fill out the information below and return it to the Bancroft Neighborhood Association's office. Forms can also be found online at [bancroftneighborhood.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2013-Garage-Sale-Sign-Up-Sheet.pdf](http://bancroftneighborhood.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2013-Garage-Sale-Sign-Up-Sheet.pdf)

### 2013 Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What types of items will you have at your garage sale? (i.e. baby clothes, furniture, tools, etc.)

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Please return this form to the Bancroft Neighborhood Association office no later than August 12, 2013.

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# Welcome STEP-UP interns

This summer, the Bancroft Neighborhood Association will host two interns from the STEP-UP program. STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis jobs program for youth ages 14-21. As one of the country's premier youth employment programs, STEP-UP recruits, trains, and places low-income young people in jobs with a wide range of Twin Cities businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies. STEP-UP serves a population that faces the greatest barriers to employment, particularly low income young people and youth of color (93% of interns are youth of color).

STEP-UP partners with over 70 nonprofit employers each summer to help interns explore diverse career interests, gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections and prepare for meaningful careers. Wages for interns are paid by the STEP-UP program. In addition to working, interns are required to attend a work readiness class for 3 hours a week to enhance their work experience.

Our interns this year are Mawa and Antonio. Be sure to say hello when you see them at any of our events this summer.

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## My STEP-UP Experience

by Antonio Lopez

The STEP-UP youth program helps teens get a better understanding of real-life work experiences. The teens work for small businesses, corporations, government departments, and nonprofits throughout the summer. They are paid minimum wage and can work up to 27-hours a week. During that time, they are required to attend a weekly 3-hour class that supports their skills as an employee (whether it's punctuality, answering phones, or gardening).

I first heard of the STEP-UP program from a friend at school. He told me that I could work over the summer and get paid, too. I went to the library to do some research and find more information. The application process was a learning experience, too.

What I hope to get out of this experience is to have fun, improve my skills as a worker, and find out what types of jobs I like and don't like. I am excited to help the Bancroft Neighborhood Association and the Bancroft community.

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### July

(National Picnic Month, National Parks Month)

- 1 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m. outside at Bancroft Meadows
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 8 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.
- 15 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.
- 18 **BNA Ice Cream Social**, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Bancroft Meadows
- 22 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.
- 29 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.

### August

(National Immunization Awareness Month, Children's Eye Health & Safety Month)

- 1 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 5 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.
- 7 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 8 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church  
**BNA Crime Prevention & Safety Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church  
**BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave S
- 12 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.
- 19 **Yoga in the Meadows**, 7:00–7:45 p.m.

### September

(National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month, National School Success Month)

- 2 **Labor Day**
- 4 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m.
- 5 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m.  
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## Mondays in the Meadows

Whether you're curious about yoga or have been practicing for years, come join the fun! As of Monday, June 3rd, BNA began sponsoring Yoga as part of our Mondays in the Meadows series. Sessions will be from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. at 42nd & Bloomington and will be taught by Dina, a Bancroft resident. There is no cost to participate, but bring a mat if you have one. We hope to see you there! Contact the BNA office if you have questions.

## Bancroft Elementary receives IB Authorization

This May Bancroft Elementary became authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Program (IB-PYP). The PYP is a world-renowned curriculum framework from the International Baccalaureate (IB) designed to encourage students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. The Primary Years Programme targets learners in High 5 through 5th grade and aims to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational environment for all children.

The process took three years and included many hours of staff training and mobilization. "One of the most exciting parts about this process is

how staff have come together with a common purpose. The IB-PYP requires extensive teamwork within and across grade levels," says Sue Francis, IB Coordinator at Bancroft. Principal Erin Glynn applauded the IB program as a way to promote student inquiry in a diverse student body. "The IB curriculum engages every kind of learner and instills in them a lifelong curiosity and love of learning," she says.

With this authorization Bancroft joins a growing group of IB schools within the MPS system. For a tour or more information, come by the school or call 612-668-3550. The office is closed but will reopen for the fall on Aug. 14.

## National Night Out – Start planning now!

Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, keep this link bookmarked so when you are ready, you can online at [www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno\\_register](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno_register) or through 311. Remember! If you want to block your street, you can do so for free through July 23. Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow. From July 24 through August 1, there is a \$100 fee.

After August 1, no applications for blocking off a street will be allowed.

As we have many times in the

past, participation by Minneapolitans outranked all U.S. cities with a population over 250,000 in 2012. Over 1,360 events were registered. Can we do that again? We hope so!

## Carrot Initiative and Seward Co-op work to bring healthy food to Bryant

The Carrot Initiative began as a living room conversation about the lack of access to fresh, healthy groceries in the community. This led to the formation of the Carrot Initiative – a Minnesota nonprofit organization located in South Minneapolis.

Multiple community outreach efforts made it clear that the community desperately needed a neighborhood grocer centered around the Carrot Initiative's core principles: variety, sustainability, cultural sensitivity, affordability, accessibility, education, and dedication to the community.

The Carrot Initiative met with staff from Seward Co-op, and Seward Co-op is proposing a second store, the Seward-Friendship store, on the corner of 38th Street and 3rd Avenue at the former Greater Friendship Baptist Church location.


To learn more about the project, please visit <http://carrotinitiative.com/friendship-store> or <http://seward.coop/friendshipsite>

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**Bancroft Neighborhood Association's**

## Annual Meeting

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave. S.

**M**ark your calendar! It's the BNA's Annual Meeting with food, entertainment, and information about the Bancroft Neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to learn about the area, meet others in the community and get involved. There are plenty of ways to help this neighborhood grow. The meeting will include an update on BNA's accomplishments and goals by BNA's Board President, an 8th Ward overview by Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden, and updates about what's happening at 38th & Chicago.

We'll also be electing new board members! Being on the board is a fun and interactive way to get to know the neighborhood. We have a lot of laughter at our meetings and members become involved in projects that interest them. We invite you to consider running for, and attending to vote on the Board of Directors representing you.

If you're interested in running for a seat on the board of directors, here is some more information: The BNA board meets on the second Thursday of every month; there is no meeting in July. The meetings begin promptly at 7 p.m. and wrap up no later than 8:30 p.m., and as a board member, you are expected to attend all board meetings.

Board members are also required to serve on at least one committee, attend the annual half-day board training retreat (in Bancroft neighborhood), and help with neighborhood events to ensure they are all successful. Please contact Luke at the BNA office if you're interested in serving on the BNA Board.

This is our biggest opportunity all year to share our work with you and hear from you about your vision for the neighborhood. Childcare is available; please call to let us know how many young people you'll be bringing so our youngest Bancroftonians can enjoy the night as well. For more information about the event or to volunteer your time please call or email the BNA office.

## Bancroft resident helps approach Congress on climate change

**B**ancroft resident Stan Sattinger recently joined fellow citizens from across the U.S. and Canada in seeking Congressional support for a carbon fee and rebate program designed to reduce climate-upsetting greenhouse gas emissions.

The Citizens Climate Lobby wrapped up a three-day national conference in Washington, DC at the end of June with 370 volunteers conducting meetings with 439 House and Senate offices. CCL members emphasized that clean energy sources (wind, solar, water, and biomass) are currently at a disadvantage versus carbon-based fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas), because the health, security, and environmental costs of fossil fuels to society are not reflected in the price that's now paid for them. Correcting this distortion would curb emissions by reducing the demand for fossil fuels and speeding the transitions to renewable energy sources.

The proposed program would impose a yearly-increasing fee on fossil fuels at each point of supply. All revenues collected would be returned to consumers as rebates or credits on income taxes, with an estimated two-thirds of households enjoying a net benefit. CCL members told the Congressional staffs that there's still time for them to act, particularly if they want to avoid the use of increased federal regulations to reduce heat-trapping gases. The fee-and-dividend plan would also have several advantages over a cap-and-trade approach. More information on this market-based solution is available

# Original radio drama thrills at Jerome Hill Theater

The Producing House, the award-winning Minneapolis-based producers of shows including "Power Balladz", "MudShark" and "Employee of the Year", brings its most unique production yet to the Twin Cities' theater scene. "Shade's Brigade" is an original radio thriller, produced in the style of the golden age of radio and performed live on stage at the Jerome Hill Theater in Lowertown St. Paul two Sundays each month through November, with all performances at 7:00 p.m.

Four actors (Eric Webster, Shanah Custer, Dave Gangler and Lee Adams) perform all the characters and sound effects, resulting in a frantic, fun performance that will keep the audience

on the edge of their seats. The unique theater experience allows the audience to visually construct the drama, and theatergoers are encouraged to close their eyes during the show to allow for the full experience.

One cast member, Dave Gangler, is a Bancroft resident who has delivered some of the area's most memorable performances in roles ranging from Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to Curley in "Of Mice and Men" to Vladimir in "Waiting for Godot." He has performed at the Park Square Theatre, Torch Theater, Jungle Theater and Music Box Theatre, among countless others. Dave also has on-screen credits that include recurring roles on NBC's "Freaks and

Geeks" and Warner Brothers' "Nikki." "Shade's Brigade", written and directed by Webster, is written serial style, meaning each month's "episode" ends with a cliffhanger that picks up the following month. The shows will also be rebroadcast on shadesbrigade.com for those radio thriller fans who cannot see the shows live. Upcoming performances begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 6 and 13, and November 10 and 17, at the Jerome Hill Theater, 180 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the box office starting an hour before the show or in advance online at [shadesbrigade.com](http://shadesbrigade.com).

## Is your bike registered?

In an effort to track stolen bicycles that are recovered, the City has a Bicycle Registration Program. There are many reasons why it's important to register your bicycle:

- **Bicycle Identification.** If a bike is stolen from the street, a car, or home, the owner needs the serial number to report the theft to the police. Most people don't keep this number handy. However, when a bicycle is registered the police can recall information quickly from the computer. The registration records are cross-referenced by name as well as by serial number and registration number.

- **Recovered Bikes Returned to Owners.** Registering your bike greatly increases the likelihood it will be returned to you if recovered. Bicycles that are registered have a much greater chance of being returned to you if they are lost or stolen and then recovered; bicycles that are not registered have a limited chance of being returned to you if they are recovered.

- **Identification of Rider.** Bicycle Registration also aids in the identification of the bicycle owner in case of a crash. Many bicyclists don't carry identification with them — this is especially true for children, as most children do not carry identification. What would happen if a child were



involved in a bike crash? It could take hours for emergency personnel to make positive identification and contact a parent. If a child's bicycle were registered, the parent would be contacted quickly.

- **Registration Helps With Planning.** Bicycle Registration also provides valuable data to city planners, which helps in the design of facilities and educational programs aimed at making bicycling safer.

You can register your bike on the City's website or by calling 311. You simply need to provide your contact information, bike serial number (locat-

ed on bottom of crank shaft or on the fork supporting the handle bars), and other basic bicycle information. You only need to register once (not annually like some programs) unless you need to update contact information or bicycle details, in which case you would need to re-register your bicycle.

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at CCL's website, <http://citizensclimate.lobby.org/>.

There are currently over 100 CCL groups nationwide, including 7 Minnesota-based groups. Six of these meet monthly at locations within the Twin Cities. A new Minneapolis CCL group encompassing the Bancroft, Corcoran, Keewaydin, Longfellow, Nokomis, Powderhorn, and Standish neighborhoods may be formed soon. Interested parties can learn more about participation in CCL activities by emailing Stan at: [sattinss@aol.com](mailto:sattinss@aol.com).

## Alley Atlas

by Andy Sturdevant

Alley Atlas is a community art project I'm organizing at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. It opens October 17, but I'm getting started now.

The purpose of Alley Atlas is to give an unofficial name to every alley in the city of Minneapolis during the two-and-a-half month run of the show, as chosen by the people who live or work on them. As you may know, alleys — unlike city streets — don't have official names. What if, instead of naming them for land developers, politicians, or numbers, like our city streets, their names corresponded with our own experiences, memories, and stories?

This project will give Minneapolitans a chance to do just that. Visitors will be asked to select an alley near their homes and give it a name of their choosing. This name will then be added to a floor-to-ceiling map in the MIA galleries of the city's alleyways, and all the accompanying origin stories will be compiled in a catalogue. We'd love for people to visit the MIA, but they won't have to in order to participate. We're taking submissions from all over Minneapolis, online and by mail, too.

There's an online form at [www.bit.ly/alleyatlas](http://www.bit.ly/alleyatlas) that can be filled out with some information about your alley, a name, and a backstory, and I'll add your contribution to the map. I hope you and some of your neighbors will contribute!

## Breaking Ice performs in Bancroft

Pillsbury House Theatre's award-winning Breaking Ice company takes on race, class, and economics in this entertaining and thought-provoking live performance.

- How are our neighborhoods responding to development and change?
- How do we respond to culture clash and conflict?
- How can neighborhoods evolve in economically stable and sustainable ways?

We invite you to join us for the show and participate in a short, facilitated discussion afterward as we confront these questions in an effort to strengthen the ties that bind neighbors together. There will be three performances:

- Monday, Sept. 30, at El Colegio (with Spanish Interpretation)
- Monday, Oct. 7, at Bancroft Elementary
- Monday, Oct. 14, at Bethel Lutheran.

## 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.

### October

(Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

- 1 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church
- 3 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 7 **Breaking Ice Play**, 7:00 p.m. at Bancroft Elementary
- 8 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church
- BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church
- 14 **Columbus Day**
- Breaking Ice Play**, 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church
- 31 **Halloween**

### November

(Lung Cancer Awareness Month, American Diabetes Month)

- 3 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- 5 **Election Day**
- 6 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 14 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m.
- BNA Annual Meeting and Board Member Elections**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 **Veterans' Day**
- 28 **Thanksgiving Day**

### December

(Universal Human Rights Month)

- 4 **BNA Commercial Development Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 **BNA Executive Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m. (contact BNA for location)
- 12 **BNA Green Initiatives Committee meeting**, 6:15 p.m.
- BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **Winter Solstice**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
- 25 **Christmas**
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

Si le gustaría recibir esta información en español, manda un email a [info@bancroftneighborhood.com](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.com) o llama la oficina al 612-724-5313.



## Need a Flu Shot?

Bethel Lutheran Church and Nokomis Healthy Seniors are co-sponsoring a flu shot clinic on October 14, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Anyone age 3 or older may receive the flu vaccination (children need parent's consent). There are numerous insurance plans accepted this year, so bring your health insurance card and a photo ID. To have Medicare billed, please bring your Medicare Part B card. For the non-insured, vaccination prices are \$29 for flu shot, \$32 for FluMist (if available), and \$75 for pneumonia shot. To make a reservation, please contact Nokomis Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5499.

## Seward Co-Op proposal

For those Bancroft residents interested in Seward Co-op's proposed new store at 38th Street and 3rd Avenue (across the street from Sabathani), we invite you to the October board meeting, where the topic will be discussed.

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors 1st Annual Coast-to-Coast Bingo

On Thursday, November 14, Nokomis Healthy Seniors will host its first annual Coast-to-Coast Bingo as part of Give to the Max Day. There will be a light breakfast, great prizes and lots of fun as seniors from all the continental U.S. time zones take part by phone or video. Join the in-person players at Bethel Church, 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Not able to make it in-person? Play from home by phone or video—we have volunteers to help. People of all ages are welcome to play. A \$2 donation is requested. Call the NHS office to reserve your place: 612-729-5499.

## Bancroft Resident Running for Mayor

Minneapolis will elect a new mayor in November. Listen to interviews with many of the candidates at KFAI's Mayoral Race page ([kfai.org/minneapolis-mayoral-race-2013](http://kfai.org/minneapolis-mayoral-race-2013)).

Bancroft resident Neal Baxter is a member of several governance-related city committees—the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He's also a member of the Bancroft Neighborhood Association and has worked as an usher and bartender at the Guthrie Theater for 28 years. Neal Baxter recently talked with KFAI's Dale Connelly; that interview can be found at [kfai.org/news/2013/09/38382](http://kfai.org/news/2013/09/38382).

## 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

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