



# Bancroft Banner

A Newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

## Get involved by volunteering for the Bancroft Neighborhood!

The BNA is looking for new people to be involved in all aspects of the organization. In order to stay strong the BNA needs energy and volunteers. Please think about becoming involved in one of the committees or with the board. Board President Joe Hatch put it best when he wrote, "The lifeblood of a neighborhood organization is the skills and talent volunteers bring to the table."

Below is a list of our current committees. Any resident can come to a committee meeting and give input on programs, events, and projects of the BNA just by showing up—there is no need to RSVP.

### Housing & Commercial Development

This committee works to support all businesses in Bancroft. They also are focused on building additional housing programs for both owners and renters in our neighborhood. If you are concerned about what storefronts make Bancroft their home or have an interest in housing, join this committee. Check our calendar for monthly meeting times and locations.

### Programs & Outreach

This committee's goals are to increase diverse participation of community residents with the neighborhood organization and promote BNA activities and functions. If you want to create community building events and improve the communication of our neighbors, this committee is for you. Check our calendar for monthly meeting times and locations.



*Neighbors line up for refreshments at BNA's popular Ice Cream Social, held in the summer at Bancroft Meadows.*

### Green Initiatives

This committee covers our two community gardens, bike routes (Riverlake Greenway and the Southern Bike Connection), environmental projects, and hosting environmental events throughout the neighborhood. There are always new ideas coming to this committee... come and share yours! Check our calendar for monthly meeting times and locations.

### Finance

The Finance Committee supports the financial health of the organization by creating and reviewing the BNA budget, overseeing fiscal policies, and pursuing opportunities to diversify BNA's funding sources. If you have any legal or financial expertise, please consider getting involved with the finance committee. Meetings are held quarterly; date and time varies. Contact the BNA office if you're interested.

## Welcome 2015 Community Council

At our Annual Meeting in November, the community elected eight board members (four who had just completed a board term and four who are new to the board). The 2015 Community Council members are: **Joe Hatch (President)**, **Banio Carpenter (Vice President)**, **Kyle Gaffaney (Treasurer)**, **Neal Baxter (Secretary)**, **Julie Zamora**, **Josh Casey**, **Matt Toburen**, **Keith Twist**, **Catherine Mandle**, **Jess Rosenfeld**, **Geneva Finn**, and **Lisa Lindstrom**.

There are still three open seats on the BNA Community Council. If you're interested in serving as a board member, contact the BNA office.

A special THANK YOU to the local restaurants who donated food for the community: **Marla's Caribbean Cuisine**, **Fat Lorenzo's**, **Jakeeno's**, and **Tiny Diner**. Please thank them the next time you visit one of their establishments.

We'd also like to thank the following businesses for donating items to our silent auction fundraiser: **Acanthus Floral**, **Nokomis Dental**, **Megan Berkley (with Scentsy)**, and **Covet Consign & Design**. With their help, we raised \$113 through the silent auction. We were also able to raise \$181.48 through Give to the Max. Thank you to all those who contributed. Your generosity enables us to keep doing good work on behalf of the Bancroft neighborhood.

# 2015 Home Tour wants your home

Who in your neighborhood recently remodeled their home and might like to show it off? Or who is in a classic home that others would like to see? The 2015 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is already looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals to feature on the tour (to be held April 25 and 26). Nominations and applications are due in January and early submissions are encouraged.

"People attending the tour are looking for ideas on how to remodel

rooms or expand their homes," said Tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. They like to visit areas where they can see a handful of homes close to each other and enjoy talking with homeowners. "Homeowners on the tour enjoy feedback and find it's also a great promotion for their neighborhoods."

The tour encourages homeowners to improve existing homes, and to complement the neighborhood if they build new. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house. Home

improvement professionals often help staff homes, and homeowners can ask family, friends and neighborhood advocates to help with hosting.

For more information, call Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or email [mfashmore@aol.com](mailto:mfashmore@aol.com). The application can be downloaded from [www.MSPHomeTour.com](http://www.MSPHomeTour.com) under "Submit a Home." Homes must be within the city limits of Minneapolis or Saint Paul.

## Get a Home Energy Audit

With the recent cold spell we've been having, now is a better time than any to get a Home Energy Squad visit. For Bancroft residents, the price has been discounted by BNA. The visit involves two energy consultants—an energy technician and energy counselor who visit your home for two hours. The energy technician conducts diagnostic tests, while the energy counselor accompanies you around your home to point out energy saving tips and install energy saving materials.

At the end of your visit, the energy consultants go over the diagnostic tests and provide you with a Home Energy Fitness Plan. To help accomplish recommended home improvement projects, the visit qualifies participants for 2.99% energy financing from the Center for Energy and Environment's Lending Center, which can be used in conjunction with BNA's Home Improvement Loan Program. Participants also receive an approved contractor list when insula-

tion work is recommended.

To take advantage of this program, please call Beth at (612) 335-5874 to schedule a \$30 visit (normally \$70 in Mpls). Discounted visits are available on a first-come, first-served basis to Bancroft residents. For more information: [www.mncee.org/hes-mpls](http://www.mncee.org/hes-mpls)

Visits are provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy in partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment.

## Help support the BNA with a tax-deductible donation

*We warmly appreciate any amount you wish to give.*

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

(Check one)  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$35  \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

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# Arts education for youth

Urban Arts Academy, your local non-profit spot for amazing preschool and after-school ARTS education has space in its programs! UAA offers affordable full- and half-day options for preschool Monday through Friday and free or low-cost (income-based) after-school arts programming Mondays through Thursdays throughout the school year. Most schools throughout south Minneapolis will bus your student right to us after their regular school hours. Projects in both preschool and after-school include pottery (wheels and a kiln on-site!), sculpture, painting, music, dance, puppets and more. We believe strongly in the creative potential of each and every young (and less young!) person. For more information, please visit our website [urbanartsacademy.org](http://urbanartsacademy.org) or contact us at either [info@urbanartsacademy.org](mailto:info@urbanartsacademy.org) or 612-827-1641. *Se habla español.*

We are also looking for Interns and Volunteers (post-high school) beginning in 2015. We work with several post-secondary institutions to provide internship opportunities for credit and/or experience in arts-based education, both in classroom and administration. We are also always in

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need of tutors from the neighborhood to assist with homework. Check out our varied internship opportunities at [urbanartsacademy.org/intern-with-us](http://urbanartsacademy.org/intern-with-us).

## Youth job opportunities through STEP-UP

STEP-UP is a summer jobs program for Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21. After STEP-UP interns complete training, they are eligible to work for pay at Minneapolis businesses and non-profit organizations to gain job experience, explore career interests, and build professional skills. More information, including eligibility requirements, can be found at [minneapolisismn.gov/cped/metp/cped\\_stepup](http://minneapolisismn.gov/cped/metp/cped_stepup) or by contacting Tammy at 612-673-5041.

## Interested in community gardening?

Bancroft 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.

Last summer, volunteers put in a lot of time at the Bancroft Meridian Garden by installing a food forest. This summer we will be continuing to help this garden take shape and can always use another pair of hands. If you're interested in helping with the gardens around the neighborhood, contact the BNA office.

## 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.

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.

### January

(National Blood Donor Month)

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Yoga and Open Gym
- 8 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Yoga and Open Gym
- 22 Housing & Commercial  
Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Yoga/Open Gym

### February

(Black History Month)

- 2 Groundhog Day  
Yoga/Open Gym
- 5 Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Yoga and Open Gym
- 12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day

- 16 President's Day  
Green Initiatives Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
Yoga and Open Gym
- 19 Housing & Commercial  
Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Yoga and Open Gym

### March

(Women's History Month)

- 2 Yoga and Open Gym
- 5 Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 Yoga and Open Gym
- 12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Yoga and Open Gym
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 26 Housing & Commercial  
Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Yoga and Open Gym
- 30 Yoga and Open Gym

## Stay in touch!

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## Beer and the Bible

Interested in exploring the Bible with a beer in hand? Join Bethel Lutheran at Pepitos (4820 Chicago Ave S) on the third Thursdays of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pr Brenda will buy the first couple pitchers of beer (and water) and bring a lesson to explore. Please bring your Bible, your questions & curiosity, and (if you want to eat) some money. We have a great time! Location may change as the weather gets warmer ... so keep in touch with us at [bethel-mpls.org](http://bethel-mpls.org) or 612-724-3693.

## Save the date!

### South Minneapolis Housing Fair

The South Minneapolis Housing Fair will take place on April 18, 2015 at the Minnesota Sports Center (part of the YWCA Minneapolis-Midtown) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information, including vendor registration, can be found at [housingfair.org](http://housingfair.org).

## Minneapolis election history

Are you interested in Minneapolis election history? Do you know how many times did Hubert Humphrey run for Mayor of Minneapolis? Or who didn't win specific races? Well, thanks to Bancroft resident Neal Baxter, with help from a few others, that information is at your fingertips at [electiontrendsproject.org](http://electiontrendsproject.org).

## Have extra recycling?

Recycling that does not fit into your one-sort recycling cart may be placed next to the cart in cardboard boxes or paper bags. Do NOT place extra recycling out in an old blue or green curbside bin. If you do, the crews will take the bin itself for recycling and you will not be able to get it back. If you consistently have extra recycling, call 612-673-2917 to request a second cart (at no charge).

## Open Gym and Yoga

Open Gym is back this winter! This is a good opportunity to get out with the whole family—open gym for the kids and yoga for the adults. Both start Monday, October 6, and continue every Monday night through winter at Bethel Lutheran. Open gym is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and yoga is 7:00-8:00 p.m. Follow BNA on Facebook for information on schedule changes or cancellations.

## 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. Sign up today by visiting [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow\\_stay-informed](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_stay-informed)

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*Bancroft residents and other volunteers at the Meridian Garden after a full weekend of clearing and planting.*

## Meridian Garden Food Forest needs your help!

**T**he City's first Urban Orchard needs your talents and zest for gardening!

The Meridian Garden, on the corner of 12th Ave. So. and 38th St., was designed by Dan Halsey of Southwoods Forest Gardens, and planted under Dan's direction in May of 2014. The Garden is one of the first urban orchards in the United States, and occupies a city lot in South Minneapolis. Designed on permaculture principles, the Garden has 2 dozen fruit trees and bushes, plus flowering plants and others that attract bees and butterflies. The whole garden is meant to sustain itself, with your help.

The Green Initiatives Committee of the Bancroft Neighborhood Association invites you to help us build sustainable agriculture in the city.

Contact BNA at 612-724-5313 or [info@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.org) if you would like to be put on our contact list for the planning meetings, gardening days, or both.

In April, we will plan our first work day in the spring, discuss how to promote the Meridian, design unused areas and begin to work out watering schedules. Your help is essential to the success of this experiment in permaculture. Please join us to share your ideas and skills.

## Sweet Deception

**M**inneapolis Health Department and partners launch Sweet Deception, a campaign to raise awareness about the flavored tobacco products that attract youth and harm their health.

More and more youth are using flavored tobacco products. These tobacco products come in bright colored packaging, and fruit and candy flavors, with some using the same flavor chemicals as those found in LifeSavers, Jolly Ranchers and Kool-Aid.

The Sweet Deception campaign seeks to raise awareness about flavored tobacco products: cigars and cigarillos, e-cigarettes and hookah, and outline actions the community can take to protect kids. A new website [tobaccodeception.org](http://tobaccodeception.org) provides information in English and Spanish, including a check list of tobacco-related laws stores should follow, fact sheets and "Tips for Talking to Kids." The campaign features local teens, members of the Minneapolis Youth Congress, who developed and recorded the radios ads in both English and Spanish. The campaign also features billboard and bus ads, print ads in Spanish language newspapers, online ads on English and Somali news websites and gas pump toppers.

The Health Department hopes parents and residents will help spread the word about these harmful products and take action to prevent youth access. Resources such as the Store Checklist and fact sheets are available online at [tobaccodeception.org](http://tobaccodeception.org). For more information, contact Lara Pratt at [Lara.Pratt@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Lara.Pratt@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-3815.

The Sweet Deception campaign is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through a Hennepin County Community Transformation Grant.

# The People's Festival: A people powered event to be held July 4, 2015

The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) is holding the inaugural People's Festival on July 4, 2015 from 12 to 5 p.m. in beautiful Powderhorn Park (3400 15th Ave. S.). The People's Festival will engage with community artists, organizations, and more to celebrate our interdependence through an event created and curated by the community!

PPNA is currently accepting proposals for activities and entertainment for the 2015 People's Festival. Artists, activists, musicians, hobbyists, gardeners, history buffs, animal lovers, park enthusiasts, dancers, puppeteers, athletes, anybody and everybody is invited to submit a proposal for interactive activities or entertainment. Proposals must be appropriate for all ages (no swearing, nudity, etc.) and be from people or organizations in the greater Powderhorn area (Powderhorn, Bancroft, Bryant,

Central, Corcoran, Phillips, or Standish-Ericsson neighborhoods). Proposals will be voted on by the community in the Powderhorn Recreation Center and online. Proposals chosen by the community to commence at the People's Festival will be paid \$150 an hour (maximum 2 hours per proposal). With the entire event curated by the community, it is sure to be engaging, riveting, and inspiring!

At the People's Festival we will come together to celebrate our interdependence; how we connect and depend on each other as a greater community. This was summarized beautifully by Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama when he said "I believe that to meet the challenges of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for oneself, one's own family or nation, but for the benefit of

all humankind. Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace."

Submit a proposal for activities and/or entertainment by Monday, April 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Submit your proposal to PPNA online at <http://ppna.org/news/peoples-festival-call-for-proposals/> or by mail to 821 East 35th Street Minneapolis, MN 55407. Contact PPNA with any questions, ideas, or comments at [info@ppna.org](mailto:info@ppna.org) or 612-722-4817.

## 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

## Bancroft Home Sales

### Local Market Update – February 2015

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**Bancroft**

**- 50.0%**

Change in  
New Listings

**- 20.0%**

Change in  
Closed Sales

**+ 38.2%**

Change in  
Median Sales Price

### February

### Year to Date

	2014	2015	+ / -	2014	2015	+ / -
New Listings	8	4	-50.0%	15	12	-20.0%
Closed Sales	5	4	-20.0%	8	10	+25.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$158,500	\$220,500	+38.2%	\$137,250	\$196,000	+47.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$154,280	\$194,400	+26.0%	\$144,869	\$174,300	+20.2%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$109	\$120	+10.2%	\$106	\$118	+11.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	89.9%	93.6%	+4.1%	85.7%	92.3%	+7.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	110	59	-46.4%	133	90	-26.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	16	10	-37.5%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	2.5	2.0	-20.0%	--	--	--

\*Does not account for sale concessions. † Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

# South Minneapolis Housing Fair coming April 18

It's time to get those home improvement projects started!

The 21st annual South Minneapolis Housing Fair will be held April 18, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., at the Minneapolis Sports Center, Midtown YWCA at 2121 East Lake Street. The Fair is free to the public and provides home improvement and community resource information to Minneapolis residents. The first 500 attendees will receive a free reusable bag.

In addition to local high-quality building, remodeling and landscaping contractors, there will be booths with experts on gardening from the University of Minnesota and "Ask An Expert" from the city of Minneapolis, who will answer your questions on everything from building codes, solid waste and graffiti removal.

New this year is a booth from Tech Dump, where you can bring your small electronic devices for recycling, and a booth on solar gardens by



The tiny solar house will be on display during the South Minneapolis Housing Fair.

Minnesota Community Solar. Also, we will have returning fair favorites. We will again have Elpis Enterprises where kids can build a bird feeder, fair attendees can make their own non-toxic chemical at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization booth, and you can view the Tiny Solar House sponsored by The Minnesota Renewable Energy Society.

How-to sessions will be offered every half hour on a variety of home improvement topics including kitchen remodeling, patios, landscaping, air conditioning for homes with radiators, and more.

Directories will be available at your local South Minneapolis Neighborhood Organization offices, and look for posters and directories at local businesses. The resource directory includes a list of neighborhood events, home improvement books, and an article on home energy efficiency assessments through the Home Energy Squad Enhanced. This is where you will also find a list of free evening workshops offered in collaboration with Minneapolis Community Education at a variety of schools throughout Minneapolis.

For more information, go to [housingfair.org](http://housingfair.org).

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### April

(National Poetry Month)

6 Yoga and Open Gym

9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

13 Yoga and Open Gym

15 Tax Day

20 Yoga and Open Gym

Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.

23 Housing & Commercial

Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.

27 Yoga and Open Gym

### May

(National Bike Month)

4 Yoga

10 Mother's Day

11 Yoga

14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

18 Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Yoga

25 Memorial Day (NO yoga)

28 Housing & Commercial  
Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.

### June

(Men's Health Month)

1 Yoga

8 Yoga

11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

15 Yoga

Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.

21 Father's Day

22 Yoga

25 Housing & Commercial  
Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.

29 Yoga

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**Free safety check for seniors**

As part of a grant from the state of Minnesota, the HOME Program of Senior Community Service (SCS) is offering a no-cost home assessment that evaluates the safety of the homes of senior citizens. SCS will check out your need for handrails, grab-bars, smoke detectors, lighting, and other safety components. Seniors age 60+ residing in suburban Hennepin County and Minneapolis are eligible for this limited-time offer. No sales are involved. For more information, contact (952) 746-4046 or e-mail [home@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:home@seniorcommunity.org). HOME stands for "household and outside maintenance for elderly," and SCS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. SCS absorbed the seniors program of the Neighborhood Involvement Program as of Jan. 1, 2015.

**Open Gym and Yoga**

This is a great opportunity to get out with the whole family—open gym for the kids and yoga for the adults. Both are every Monday night through April at Bethel Lutheran. Open gym is from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and yoga is 7:00–8:00 p.m. Beginning in May (with the warmer weather), we will be offering only yoga. Some nights, weather permitting, yoga will be held outside. Follow BNA on Facebook for information on schedule changes or cancellations.

**Help paint the Falwell mural**

Greta McLain, the artist who is coordinating the Connections Mural at Folwell School, has set dates when members of the community can participate in painting the mural. Many people have already helped to determine the mural's design; soon they can start making it a reality. The mural is being constructed on pieces of parachute

cloth, which will be hung on four south-facing walls of the school.

One painting day will be hosted by Nokomis Healthy Seniors and will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.) on April 23, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Community members are encouraged to stop by and help paint a piece of the mural.

**Political Contribution Refund Program**


Minnesota's Political Contribution Refund program (PCR) allows individuals who contribute to a registered political party (or to a state-level partisan candidate who has agreed to limit expenditures) to apply for a refund of their contribution. The maximum refund contributors may receive is \$50 per person or \$100 for married couples.

This program is available to individuals who are eligible to vote in Minnesota. More information can be found at [cfboard.state.mn.us/publicsubsidy/conrefund.htm](http://cfboard.state.mn.us/publicsubsidy/conrefund.htm).

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## What's going on with 3801 Bloomington?

For many years, the City of Minneapolis has monitored the privately-owned commercial building at 3801 Bloomington. The building has been on the City's "Problem Properties" list for multiple years due to concern about its physical condition, and has been subject to fees and regular city inspection.

This spring the City, after careful review, recommended demolition of the property for safety reasons; the demolition will likely occur in mid-late June 2015. The building is infested with severe mold and major structural issues. Safety barriers have been placed by the sidewalk next to the building to ensure that pedestrians are protected from any falling debris. The demolition of the building will be regulated by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) which requires a licensed contractor employing certified personnel perform the demolition.

The city also analyzed whether there were financially-feasible options to rehabilitate the building, as opposed to demolition. However, remediating the severe safety issues—which would be required prior to even showing the property to potential developers—was too expensive to support this option. As well, the safety issues are severe enough the City believes it must act expeditiously to demolish the property.

As of this printing, a date has not yet been set. BNA has been working closely with Elizabeth Glidden's office and the City's Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) department and will continue to do so throughout the demolition process. BNA's Housing & Commercial Development Committee will begin to explore options of how to use the space going forward. The committee is open to any Bancroft resident who would like to attend. Contact the BNA office with any questions, comments, or concerns.



*This building at 38th and Bloomington is scheduled to be demolished this summer due to structural and safety issues.*



## Ice Cream Social

Join us on July 9 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church for the annual Ice Cream Social. This year, we'll have ice cream from Grand Ole Creamery. There will be a bouncy castle, along with children's activities provided by Urban Arts Academy and Bethel Lutheran Church.

The Stringdingers will be playing live music, so come for some good fun, great food, and support BNA. Follow us on Facebook for more information and other event additions.

## Community Initiated Grants

Do you have a project or idea that would benefit the neighborhood, but you're unsure how to make it happen? BNA has just the program to help—the Neighborhood Initiated Grant Program. This grant provides one-time funding to an individual or organization to implement a project that would improve the livability of the neighborhood. Prior projects have included bike racks and community gardens.

These funds cannot be used for food/beverages, wages to implement the project, or for an ongoing project's support. For more information and to apply, look on the BNA website under Resources and Forms or contact the BNA office.

# 2015 Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Registration

**N**eed an excuse to clean out your basement, closets, or garage? Well, here it is—the neighborhood-wide garage sale! This year, we'll hold the garage sale on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of the promotion and marketing the BNA 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. You can also access the electronic version on our website [bancroftneighborhood.org](http://bancroftneighborhood.org) (under Neighborhood News).

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 September 7, 2015, to have your location included on the map.**

Phone: 612-724-5313 Fax: 612-724-3694

Email: [info@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.org)

Mail: Bancroft Neighborhood Association

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# Community members prepare for the month of Ramadan

from the New York Times

**R**amadan is a Muslim holy month that occurs on the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and lasts for 29 or 30 days. This year Ramadan begins June 18. During Ramadan, practicing Muslims spend the daylight hours fasting. This means they abstain from any food and drink from dawn to sunset. Fasting hours are longer during the summer and shorter during the winter depending on the amount of daylight.

One of the key purposes of fasting is to experience how a hungry person feels and to understand what it is like to have an empty stomach. Throughout the month, Muslims are encouraged to go out of their way to help the needy, both financially and emotionally. Ramadan is also known as the month of forgiveness, charity, and generosity.

During Ramadan, mosques and Islamic centers see an increase in traffic and parking needs during late evening and early morning hours. Muslim community leaders are proac-

tively working with City officials to create awareness and understanding about these needs and to ensure everyone's safety during Ramadan. Abdirashid Ahmed, East African community specialist in the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department, organized a meeting with community members and City representatives, including staff from the Police and Public Works departments to prepare for the month of Ramadan.

Neighbors close to mosques and Islamic centers can expect to see heavy traffic during Ramadan beginning at sundown until about 1 a.m. The heavy traffic will significantly increase during the last ten days of Ramadan, from 9 p.m. to as late as 5 a.m. There will also be a significant change to the East-African community's activities and day-to-day operations during daylight. Some food businesses or coffee shops may close or operate fewer hours.

For more information, contact Abdirashid Ahmed, at 612-673-3958 or [Abdirashid.Ahmed@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Abdirashid.Ahmed@minneapolismn.gov).

## Join the 2015 Minnehaha Creek Cleanup

**R**egistration is underway for the 2015 Minnehaha Creek Cleanup, Sunday, July 26. Sponsored by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in partnership with Metro Blooms, the Freshwater Society, and Target, the cleanup is the Twin Cities' premier environmental stewardship event. Our goal is to collect 3 tons of trash from Minnehaha Creek and Minneapolis area lakes.

Volunteers receive free t-shirts and water bottles, free food and beer (limit 2 per person with valid ID) and prizes for all ages. There will also be educational activities, music, and fun!

This year's event will take place at Lake Hiawatha in Minneapolis and at the Knollwood Super Target store parking lot in St. Louis Park. Additional support provided by REI. For more information and to register, visit [minnehahacreek.org/cleanup](http://minnehahacreek.org/cleanup).

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### July

(National Picnic Month, National Parks Month)

- 4 **Independence Day**—NO fireworks at Powderhorn Park
- 9 **Ice Cream Social**, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 23 **Housing & Commercial Development Committee**, 6:00 p.m.

### August

(National Immunization Awareness Month)

- 2 **International Friendship Day**
- 13 **BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 **Green Initiatives Committee**, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 **Housing & Commercial Development Committee**, 6:00 p.m.

### September

(National Honey Month)

- 7 **Labor Day**
- 10 **BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **BNA Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale**
- 21 **Green Initiatives Committee**, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 **Housing & Commercial Development Committee**, 6:00 p.m.

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# Youth Navigators connect the dots

by Tamar Ghildalia

**Y**outh have boundless energy, deep creativity and unrestricted optimism. Imagine that this is channeled in a positive way that benefits the community. That is exactly what the new Youth Navigator Project will do.

For too long too many youth in our community have not been connected to positive programs that will develop their talents and build their skills. The programs in the community have also felt isolated from each other. Therefore, they could not connect youth to other programs or partner with programs that have similar goals. All this is about to change: the youth navigators will connect the dots.

Administered by Urban Arts Academy, ten community partner organizations and an array of support organizations are committed to sharing resources, ideas, and the youth in their programs. The partners and support organizations will share informa-

tion but the drivers will be the youth themselves. Youth from each partner organization will learn about each other and the community. They will take their knowledge of the community and put all this together. The youth will be navigators of the local youth programming network. They will contact their peers and direct them to community resources.

The ten partners are: African American Registry—Street Team; Boys and Girls Club at Phelps; courageous heARTS; Full Cycle; Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; Migizi School; Minneapolis Youth Farm; Pillsbury United Communities—Pillsbury House and Theater; Urban Arts Academy; Urban Ventures; and WE WIN Institute. Committed Supporting Partners include: Bancroft, Bryant, Central, and Powderhorn Park neighborhood associations; Centro; COMPAS; EDIT; Hennepin County A-GRAD; Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board; Project Footsteps; SYWEG; and YIPA.

The project will begin in June and run for two years. Year one is a planning year. Information will be collected, youth navigators trained, and relationships between organizations will be strengthened. A key element of the new program is that the youth, themselves, will direct how the model for interaction and outreach is assembled.

In year two, youth will go out into the community and organize with their peers. The youth and family support network in Bancroft, Bryant, Central and Powderhorn will be strengthened. At least 20 organizations will participate.

This project has built in a rigorous evaluation and documentation component. The goal is to develop a toolkit so that other communities can replicate it.

All this is made possible by the Bush Community Innovation grant we received to implement this initiative. For more information, please contact Tamar at 612-827-1641 or [tghidalia@urbanartsacademy.org](mailto:tghidalia@urbanartsacademy.org).

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## Get Ready for Winter with a Home Energy Squad Visit

**H**ere in Minnesota, winter weather usually hits a little too soon and lasts a little too long. Now is the time to get ahead of the game and get your home ready before this year's Polar Vortex. Sometimes the hardest part is knowing where to start. Home Energy Squad Enhanced is a great resource. At a Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit, two energy experts assess your home and help you prioritize energy saving opportunities to help you stay warm in your home without breaking the bank.



The Bancroft Neighborhood Association is partnering with Home Energy Squad Enhanced to buy down the visit cost over 50%, meaning all Bancroft residents can schedule a visit for only \$30 (usually \$70). This includes a blower door test with an infrared camera inspection to identify air leaks and insulation voids, a safety check of your home's heating system and water heater, and the installation of energy saving materials. Materials may include door weather stripping, a programmable thermostat, CFLs, faucet aerators, shower heads, and a water heater blanket.

At the end of the visit you will receive a customized Energy Fitness Plan with prioritized recommendations for energy upgrades, rebate information and financing options to help you take the next steps. If insulation or air sealing is recommended, you will also receive a quote for the work to be done.

For a limited time the City of Minneapolis is offering free income qualified visits and 0% financing for insulation and air sealing upgrades! Call 612-335-5874 to check your eligibility and schedule your visit. To learn more visit [mncee.org/hes-mpls](http://mncee.org/hes-mpls)



## BNA Annual Meeting — Save the Date!

**T**he BNA Annual Meeting will NOT take place in November this year. Instead, the Annual Meeting has been moved to the second Thursday in February, which is February 11, 2016. This was done for a couple of reasons. First, November is already pretty busy for most people with the holiday season right around the corner. Second, at the Annual Meeting, BNA reports on what we've accomplished during the last fiscal year. By meeting in November, we're actually covering the happenings and financial reports from the previous Jan-Dec (for example, if we meet in November 2015, we'd be covering Jan-Dec 2014 information). By moving the meeting to February, we can report to the community in a more timely fashion and hopefully have better turn out. Please contact the BNA office with any questions.



**Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 12.**

**See page 2 for more information.**

## Support the BNA on Give to the Max Day!

This year Give to the Max Day (through GiveMN) is Thursday, November 12. GiveMN launched in 2009 as a collaborative venture led by Minnesota Community Foundation and many other organizations committed to helping make our state a better place. To generate excitement, GiveMN organized a little something called Give to the Max Day.

Since that trial run in 2009, Give to the Max Day has become an annual tradition. Every year thousands of organizations raise money to improve the quality of life in Minnesota and communities around the world. This year, we ask that you help support the Bancroft Neighborhood Association with your charitable giving. Send in the donation card below with "Give to the Max" written on it between November 1 and November 12 and your donation will be counted for Give to the Max Day (allowing BNA a chance to win extra funds from GiveMN). You can also donate online at <https://givemn.org/organization/Bancroft-Neighborhood-Association>

## Animal Care and Control proposes ordinance changes

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) is proposing ordinance changes to better reflect best practices for animal welfare, and the changing needs of the community. The purpose of the changes are to ensure that our values and vision for being leaders in animal protection laws are mirrored in our code and respond to the changing world of animal welfare and the needs/demands of our community. MACC is hosting three upcoming meetings to collect feedback from the public on the proposed changes. The meeting dates and times are:

October 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
East Phillips Park  
2399 17th Ave. S.

Spanish interpreter will be present

October 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Farview Park  
621 29th Ave. N.

Hmong interpreter will be present

November 2, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Fuller Park  
4800 Grand Ave. S.

**Some of the proposed changes for the community are:** better defining City role and expanding protections to all animals, not just domestic or companion; increasing transparency and accountability through enhanced record keeping; and expanding definitions and clarifications around the City's scope of authority.

**For owners and shelters, some of the proposed changes are:** simplifying application process and streamlining notification requirements; introducing expected standards of care for all animal owners, shelters, and partner rescue organizations; and adding specific protocols to be considered in case of euthanasia, including creation and use of a rescue partner registry.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Caitlin Maxwell-Glenn at 612-673-3683 or [caitlin.maxwell-glenn@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:caitlin.maxwell-glenn@minneapolismn.gov).

## Help support the BNA with a tax-deductible donation during "Give To The Max"

*We warmly appreciate any amount you wish to give.*

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

(Check one)  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$35  \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

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## Pillsbury House + Theatre Bubble Up Fund

Let your big ideas Bubble Up! Got a great imaginative idea to make things better in your neighborhood? Pillsbury House +Theatre wants YOU to submit your suggestions and they'll help make them a reality.

The Pillsbury House +Theater has just created a Bubble Up GoFund and we want you to use it. All you have to do to be considered is fill out a form with your idea (50 words or less) and your contact information (name, address, email, phone number) and drop it into the Bubble Up box located at the Pillsbury House +Theatre front desk or via email to [info@pillsbury-house theatre.org](mailto:info@pillsbury-house theatre.org).

To be considered you have to live or work in one of the four neighborhoods (Bancroft, Central,

Powderhorn, Bryant) and your idea must address these things:

- Be creative/artistic in some way
- Engage the diversity of people within the four neighborhoods including the rich diversity of age, ability and disability, race and ethnicity
- Positively affect the community
- Be something that you wouldn't ordinarily have the ability to do

Ideas to receive support will be selected by a committee associated with the Pillsbury House +Theatre and recipients will be notified via email. For more information about this project, contact Chris Harrison, Communications Specialist at 612-787-3622 or [harrisonc@puc-mn.org](mailto:harrisonc@puc-mn.org).

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## Minneapolis Parks: Closing the Gap

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has wrapped up months of community meetings held throughout the city to gather feedback on what may be the most comprehensive planning effort in its 130-year history. Minneapolis' neighborhood parks are at a critical juncture. Funding reductions have left a multi-million dollar gap in the resources needed to properly care for these highly-used, aging neighborhood assets.

"Closing the Gap: Investing in our Neighborhood Parks" is an MPRB initiative designed to learn more about Minneapolitans' preferences on the best way to gather and dispense resources needed to program, operate, repair and improve these parks. Find out more on the MPRB website at [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

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### October

(Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

- 1 Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
- 22 Housing & Commercial Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Fire Safety Event, 11:00 a.m.
- 31 Halloween

### November

(Native American Indian Heritage Month)

- 3 Election Day
- 5 Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Housing & Commercial Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Holiday Bazaar at Bethel Lutheran Church, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

### December

(Universal Human Rights Month)

- 1 World Aids Day
- 3 Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Housing & Commercial Development Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Green Initiatives Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

**19th Annual Holiday Bazaar Nov. 21 at Bethel Lutheran Church**

Bethel Lutheran Church is holding their 19th Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 to 2:00. Get a head start on your holiday food and shopping. There will be an enormous selection of homemade Christmas cookies and a variety of arts and craft vendors selling jewelry, paintings, textiles, and more!

There will be coffee and rolls available for purchase in the morning and lunch available in the afternoon. Granny's Attic (an indoor garage sale) will have bargains on household items. Contact Bethel Lutheran Church for more information at 612-724-3693.

**Fire Safety Event**

BNA, along with Bethel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis Fire Department, Minneapolis Police Department, and the Red Cross, are hosting a free fire safety event on Saturday, October 24, from 11:00-1:00 p.m. There will be something interesting for the whole family, including fire safety information, free smoke detectors (installed) from the Red Cross, take a look inside an ambulance, and check out one of Minneapolis' fire engines. There will also be childcare available and seasonal-themed arts activities for the kids.

Check out the event page on Facebook for more details as they emerge: [facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood)

**Nokomis Healthy Seniors Seeking Board Members**

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) is recruiting local business people to serve on their Board of Directors.

Since 1994, NHS has been fulfilling its mission to enhance the lives of community elders - helping them continue to live independently in the homes they love, while enhancing their health. Services are tailored to each individual senior to assist them at their current health level.

The board of directors meets the second Wednesday of every other month starting in January; 4:00 p.m., at NHS (4120 17th Ave S). Meetings typically last 2 hours. Committees of the board meet monthly. Each board member is expected to join a committee. Board members are also asked to attend special events during the year.

Please call the NHS office at 612-729-5499 to receive a full board member description or for further questions.

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