



Bancroft Banner



Bancroft Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

The BNA Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church**. This is a change from years past when the Annual Meeting was held in November. This year's theme is "**Pies, Not Pie Charts**" and the BNA board members and staff will be making **pies** and other **delicious desserts!** So come join us for a slice; hear **updates** from the board, neighborhood committees, and **Councilmember Glidden**, bid on **silent auction** items, and meet your **neighbors**. Childcare is available; please call or email to let us know how many young people you'll be bringing.

The Annual Meeting is also the time we **elect new board members**. Volunteering on the board is a fun and interactive way to make positive impacts and get to know your neighbors. We invite you to consider running for (and attending to vote on) the Board of Directors that represent the neighborhood.

The BNA board meets on the second Thursday of every month, with no meeting held in July. The meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and finish by 8:30 p.m. Board members are expected to attend all board meetings. Additionally, board members are required to serve on at least one committee, attend the annual half-day board training retreat (in the neighborhood), and help with neighborhood events to ensure they are all successful. **For more information** about the annual meeting, serving on the board, or to volunteer your time, **please call or email the BNA office**.

Rapid bus service planned for Chicago Avenue

by Max Holdhusen, MetroTransit
Community Outreach Coordinator

Route 5 on Chicago Avenue has long been the region's busiest bus route with about 18,000 riders every weekday. To make the trip along Chicago speedier and more comfortable for thousands of riders Metro Transit has proposed the D Line, a rapid bus service. Instead of stopping every block, buses will make limited stops at stations spaced farther apart. Fares will be collected at stations—just like the light rail—and not on the bus. D Line buses will also communicate with traffic lights to shorten red lights and every station will include heat, lighting, snow removal, transit information and security features. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019 or 2020, however the project is currently unfunded.

Last June, the first rapid bus service in the Twin Cities opened along Snelling Avenue in Saint Paul and 46th Street in Minneapolis. On average, the



An example of what the new rapid transit bus stops will look like along Chicago Avenue, complete with up-to-the minute bus information on the digital screen.

corridor has seen an increase of 1,400 riders every weekday since opening day as more riders are attracted to the faster, more reliable and comfortable service. Bancroft can expect a similar experience.

Stations in Bancroft will most likely include stations at 38th Street

and 42nd Street. Planning for the D Line will begin later in 2017 and future opportunities for engagement and project updates will be posted on metrotransit.org/d-line-project. Metro Transit is looking forward to collaborating with the neighborhood in the near future.

GREEN CORNER

New Year's resolution — create less waste

The average person generates 4.4 pounds of waste each day. Make it your 2017 New Year's resolution to reduce the amount of waste you generate and pledge to reduce, reuse, repair, recycle and compost as many materials as you can before throwing them away. Here are a few ways to make this resolution achievable in Minneapolis:

REDUCE: Join the NE Minneapolis Tool Library (nemtl.org) to reduce waste and save money by gaining access to tools you can check out like library books; over 2,500 tools are available from circular saws to extension ladders, floor sanders to hot glue guns, and deep carpet cleaners to air compressors. Check out Minneapolis Toy Library (mplstoylibrary.org) while you are at it, too.

REUSE: Shop at reuse stores to prevent waste and save money. The electronics resale store Tech Dump sells refurbished laptops for a fraction

of their original price, and look for used building materials at stores like Habitat for Humanity Restore and Better Futures Minnesota. The new Re-USE Minnesota (reusemn.org) online directory can help you find where to donate, rent, repair, or sell items for reuse and where you can purchase items secondhand.

REPAIR: Don't give up on your toaster that went kaput before bringing it to a Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic (hennepin.us/fixitclinic). There's a Fix-It Clinic scheduled every month where you can seek assistance in fixing and even be taught how to troubleshoot and fix your favorite household items.

RECYCLE: Don't forget to recycle beyond your curbside recycling cart. While some items can't be recycled curbside, things like plastic bags, small appliances and CFL lightbulbs can be recycled at Hennepin County's Drop-Off Facilities. Local retailers

also help recycle items for free that Minneapolis can't. For example, you can recycle batteries, CFL light bulbs, and even holiday lights (seasonally) at Home Depot. Try keeping a box in your basement for these drop-off recyclables and bring them in when it's convenient.

COMPOST: Participate in Minneapolis' organics recycling program. Organic materials, which include food and compostable paper, make up about one-quarter of our trash and represent the biggest opportunity to reduce our trash. Large apartment dwellers that don't have access to curbside composting can bring organics to one of seven drop-off sites in Minneapolis.

For more information, or if you aren't sure what to do with an item, visit the City's website (minneapolismn.gov) or call Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Svasti Yoga

by Laurie Endris

Svasti Yoga is a yoga and wellness center at 38th and Bloomington Ave. Svasti Yoga is Sanskrit and means union with well-being. We are a community that believes in radical inclusion and healing justice that strives to create a welcoming, safe environment for healing and transformation. Our classes and wellness services are open to ALL people of all levels and are made affordable through memberships, donation-based classes, and a sliding scale.

The Wellness Spa at Svasti Yoga offers a variety of wellness services supportive to the yogic way of life, and healing. We are body positive, trauma informed, and queer/trans safe. Ayurvedic lifestyle consultations, yoga therapy and massage, as well as energy healing modalities including reiki, and craniosacral are among our offerings.



Learn more about the services offered at Svasti Yoga, and see their class schedule, through their website (sites.google.com/site/svastiyoga) or by calling 612-567-8573.

Nominate your home for the 30th Annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, April 29-30 2017, is accepting applications. On the Tour, homeowners open their doors to share ideas based on their remodeling experience. Visitors are particularly interested in seeing period-accurate restoration and expansions sensitive to the surroundings.

Go to MSPHomeTour.com and click on "submit a home" to apply online. Or request an application and more info by contacting coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or mfashmore@aol.com. Organizers want to have visited most of the eligible homes by early February, but will also consider applications through February 15. Contractors, architects and other professionals may also submit projects that they worked on.

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January

(National Mentoring Month, National Blood Donor Month)

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 5 Crime & Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 20 Inauguration Day
- 23 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 30 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.

February

(Black History Month, American Heart Month)

- 2 Groundhog Day
Crime & Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Super Bowl Sunday
- 6 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 9 BNA Annual Community Get Together
- 13 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Presidents Day
Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 27 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.

March

(Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month)

- 2 Crime & Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Daylight Savings Time
- 13 Open Gym, 6-8:00 p.m.
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.

BANCROFT IN BRIEF

Did you know...

Xcel Energy has partnered with a variety of retailers to help you save money while lighting your home. They offer discounted prices on CFL and LED bulbs, starting at just 24 cents per bulb. Go to xcelenergy.com and click on Programs & Rebates to find a retailer near you (or to order online). You can also link there directly through BNA's Facebook page.

Rain barrels

A rain barrel will help you save water and money by using rainwater rather than the faucet for your gardens and trees. Rain barrels are also a way of trapping the storm water that runs toward the storm drains—picking up pollutants along the way—and into our lakes, streams, and rivers. Order your discounted rain barrel in February at recycleminnesota.org.

Bancroft Elementary renovation

The demolition of the Bancroft Elementary gym has been completed. The next phase of construction is slated to begin in March. Keep up-to-date with the project online at the school's website, where you can also see preliminary plans and notes from meetings. Principal Erin Glynn will be at the BNA Annual Meeting to talk more about the project and answer your questions.

South Minneapolis Housing Fair April 1

This year, the South Minneapolis Housing Fair will take place on Saturday, April 1 at South High School. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As always, the housing fair is free and open to the public. Check out exhibitors and get more information at housingfair.org.

3-1-1 or 9-1-1?

There's been some discussion lately of when it's appropriate to call 3-1-1 and when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1. It's commonly known that 9-1-1 should be used for crimes in progress or life-threatening emergencies; however, 9-1-1 can also be used to report a suspicious person or vehicle. Several neighbors have expressed concern about calling 9-1-1 with items that may not be a police matter. A good rule to follow is when in doubt, call 9-1-1. The operators are trained to prioritize calls as they come in, so you may not see an officer respond immediately, but one will be by when they become available.

For certain items, such as reporting graffiti, obstructed sidewalks, or excessive trash, you should use 3-1-1. For ease, and to keep a list you can follow up on, there is a 3-1-1 app for both iPhone and Android. If you're outside of Minneapolis, you can reach 3-1-1 by calling 612-673-3000.

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Spotlight on Bancroft area High Schools



Roosevelt High School

Roosevelt High School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School that offers three IB programs: the IB Diploma Programme (DP), the IB Career-Related Programme (CP) and the Middle Years Programme (MYP). These demanding academic programs are recognized worldwide as outstanding educational experiences. All 9th and 10th grade students are MYP participants. In the 11th and 12th grades, students can choose varying levels of participation in the DP or CP based on individual interests, academic strengths and career goals.

As an IB school, Roosevelt aspires to provide a culturally-responsive learning environment for all students. The programs are devised to help students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to participate actively and responsibly in a changing and increasingly interrelated world. Students are taught to become inde-

pendent learners who can recognize relationships between school subjects and the real world.

Roosevelt is one of our community schools, so attend any of their upcoming events to meet students, talk with staff, and see how the school has grown. For more information on Roosevelt HS, you can contact them directly at 612-668-4800.



El Colegio Charter School

El Colegio Charter School is a small public high school at 42nd & Bloomington that has been serving students in English and Spanish since 2000. It was conceived by teachers and artists who worked in traditional urban high schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul using an inter-disciplinary arts integrated approach to teaching and learning. Their successes with students who had previously been disengaged, and their challenges with the tradition-

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BNA Annual Meeting recap

Thank you to all the residents who made it out for the BNA Annual Meeting in February. It was a good time to meet neighbors, bid on silent auction items, and vote for the 2017 board of directors. This year's board members are **Kate Roarty (President)**, **Nicole Falk (Vice President)**, **Neal Baxter (Secretary)**, **Dan Gilchrist (Treasurer)**, **Brenna Galvin**, **Geneva Finn**, **Hector Fernandez**, **Joanne Jongsma**, **Josh Casey**, **Keith Twist**, **Matt Ayres**, and **Ryan Sturtz**.

We'd also like to thank the generous businesses in the area that donated food and auction items: Mei Inn, Tiny Diner, Marla's Caribbean Cuisine, Cork Dork, Carbone's, Jakeeno's, Smoke in the Pit, and Acanthus Floral Art. Without their continued support, we would not be able to do all that we do. Please be sure to thank them when next you visit their businesses.

Spring Cleanup at 38th & Chicago

Saturday, April 29th, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meet at **Black Eye Roasting Company**
3740 Chicago Avenue South

Join neighbors and friends to clean up litter along the 38th & Chicago Corridor. Enjoy discounts at local businesses for participating. All cleaning supplies are provided.

Learn more at www.ppna.org

This event is brought to you by Bancroft Neighborhood Association, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, Black Eye Roasting Company, Smoke in the Pit and other local businesses!

Acanthus Floral Art

by Jodi Irwin

Acanthus Floral Art is not your typical neighborhood flower shop. All of the bouquets are custom made to order. Carrying the freshest product, grown locally when possible, flowers from Acanthus Floral Art have a reputation for lasting. You will find unusual and exciting blooms and intriguing greens and textures to tie it all together. Acanthus Floral Art, a family-owned flower shop located at 3932 Cedar Avenue in South Minneapolis, is grounded in the community and connected to the local customers it serves regularly. The shop specializes in fresh floral design, wedding design and consulting, memorial arrangements, corporate design, event planning and architectural accessories. Stop by to purchase your everyday flowers and take a look at the products made by local artists including cards, jewelry, soaps, candles, pottery and more. You may even catch a glimpse of Mr. Bunnington, the adorable shop mascot!

Since it opened nine years ago, Jodi Irwin, Owner & Principal Floral Designer, has infused Acanthus Floral Art with artistic talent, creativity and commitment to quality. She brings over 30 years of experience in creating beautiful, unique and artistic floral arrangements for homes, business and special events. For a truly unique



floral expression, ask about the one-of-a-kind containers and vases made by local artists. Whether your taste is classic elegance or steam punk vintage, Acanthus Floral Art delivers something uniquely you! Refresh, inspire, and appreciate your associates and loved ones by sending an artfully arranged bouquet today.

Find Acanthus Floral Art at Mia's Art In Bloom! Acanthus Floral Art is participating in the four-day festival starting April 27. Fresh floral arrangements and fine art are presented annually by Friends of the Institute

at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This is Acanthus Floral Art's sixth year creating florist's tribute to art at Mia. This year's creation is inspired by the Special Exhibit of Guillermo del Toro, and it will be located right outside the exhibit entrance. View fresh floral creations and the artworks that inspired them. Enter a world of timeless art and fresh flowers during the 33rd annual Art in Bloom. Delight in over 150 floral designs that interpret objects from Mia's collection. During this Twin Cities rite of spring! And, it's free!

SAVE THE DATE

POWDERHORN ART FAIR

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS OF LOCAL ART!

Saturday, August 5th . 10AM to 6 PM
 Sunday August 6th . 10 AM to 5 PM
 Powderhorn Park 3400 15th Avenue South
www.ppna.org

Logos for PPNA, Minneapolis, and Metropolitan Airports Commission are visible at the bottom.



Job opening at Meridian Garden

BNA will again this summer host five interns through the City of Minneapolis STEP-UP program. The interns, ages 15–17, will learn about gardening, permaculture, and the importance of sustainability each week from June 12–August 18. BNA is looking for a seasonal staff person to oversee the interns at the garden. The position will require 20–25 hours per week, and a full job description can be found on the BNA website (under “Neighborhood News”). Questions can be directed to the BNA office at 612-724-5313 or info@bancroftneighborhood.org.

Mayor R.T. Rybak introduced the STEP-UP program in 2004, successfully pairing the private and public sectors to train and prepare the future workforce. Since 2004, the City of Minneapolis STEP-UP program has created nearly 20,000 meaningful internships for youth, helping young people to gain skills for the jobs market of the future, build professional connections, explore career interests, and begin the path to educational and career success. With more than 230 employers participating in STEP-UP each year, STEP-UP has become a national model for youth employment programs with strong private sector investment.



Help support the BNA with a tax-deductible donation!

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Bancroft Area High Schools

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al system led to the birth of El Colegio.

El Colegio engages students in challenging, profound learning experiences that integrate research-based teaching strategies with Latino culture and traditions. They provide a supportive and personalized environment so that students are known well and are individually supported to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

All charter schools in Minnesota are required to have an authorizer. An authorizer grants the original charter allowing the school to open and operate, continually monitors and evaluates the school’s performance and, based on the school’s performance, determines whether or not to renew the charter over time. El Colegio Charter School is authorized by Pillsbury United Communities, which is approved by the Minnesota Department of Education to authorize charter schools in the state of Minnesota.

For more information on El Colegio, you can contact them directly at 612-728-5728.

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April

(Stress Awareness Month)

13 **BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

18 **Tax Day** (taxes due)

22 **Earth Day**

23 **Roosevelt High School Pancake Breakfast**

24 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

27-29 **Roosevelt High Spring Musical: “The Addams Family”**

May

(National Physical Fitness Month)

1 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

6 **Roosevelt HS Prom**

7 **May Day Parade**

8 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

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

14 **Mother’s Day**

15 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

22 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

29 **Memorial Day**

June

(LGBT Pride Month)

5 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

8 **BNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

9 **El Colegio graduation**

12 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

18 **Father’s Day**

19 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

24-25 **Twin Cities Pride**

26 **Yoga**, 7:00 p.m.

BANCROFT IN BRIEF

Yard signs available

BNA has two yard signs available for \$5 each. Send in a check and indicate how many of which sign you'd like and we can drop them at your house. Otherwise, stop in during office hours on Thursdays and pick one up.



Security Rebate Program

The BNA board has created a Security Rebate Program to help Bancroft residents make security-related improvements to their properties. The program will reimburse up to \$50 per household for improvements such as exterior motion lights, replacing deadbolts on exterior doors, replacing window locks, and even off-setting the cost of installing a security system (but monthly fees cannot be reimbursed). The program information can be found on our website and Facebook pages. While there is a list of eligible and ineligible improvements, the list is not exhaustive. If you are unsure if your improvement will be covered, contact the BNA office at 612-724-5313 or info@bancroftneighborhood.org.



Save the date — Ice Cream Social

This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, July 13 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. We'll have a petting zoo, games and art projects for kids, a bounce house, live music, a food truck, and FREE ice cream! Follow us on Facebook for more information as the event nears.

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Lawn care for water quality

from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Tis the season for turf grass maintenance! Most of us have lawns that need maintaining throughout the warmer months, but did you know that how you care for your lawn can have a big impact on water quality? What lands on your lawn can make its way into storm drains that lead straight to streams and lakes without treatment. That means if you fertilize your lawn, blow grass clippings into the street, or don't pick up after your pet, all that might be going down the drain straight to water we rely on for drinking and playing.

But it's easy to minimize your impact! Here are some tips:

Mow high and often. Cut your grass to 3 inches or higher, which helps trap pollutants and leads to a healthier lawn that has stronger roots and is more resistant to weeds. Don't cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time to avoid stressing the grass. You'll also avoid having large mats of grass on your yard, which smother grass and are more likely to wash off into the street.

Leave your grass clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings contain the same amount of nutrients as one

round of fertilizer, which is good for your lawn and your pocketbook! Be sure to sweep up any clippings that blow into the street so they don't run down a storm drain.

Water wisely. Lawns don't need as much water as you might think. Lawns generally need about 1-inch per week to stay green. Try to water in the early morning so the grass absorbs the water better and be sure to divert your sprinklers so they aren't watering impervious surfaces. If a green lawn isn't a concern for you, try to not water more than is necessary. Grass that turns yellow or brown in the middle of summer is just going dormant and will bounce back in the fall.

Fertilize in fall. If you are planning on fertilizing your lawn, it will be most effective in the fall. It's also useful to get a soil test of your yard (through the U of M) so you know what nutrients your lawn needs. Be sure to use zero-phosphorus fertilizers and sweep up any fertilizer that falls on hard surfaces. As an alternative to fertilizing, you can aerate in the fall instead.

More tips can be found on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District website (minnehahacreek.org). You can help us improve the watershed, one action at a time!

Let us know what you think! NRP Funds Survey

The City of Minneapolis recently unfroze some of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds that are available for neighborhoods. For BNA, that means an extra \$80,000 that can go toward programs or projects in the Bancroft neighborhood.

There are two ways in which to provide input—online at survey.monkey.com/r/BNA-NRP or by sending in the printed survey on page 2 and sending it to the BNA office.



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Bancroft NRP Funds Survey

1. How long have you been a part of the Bancroft neighborhood?

- Less than 1 year 1-5 years 6-10 years 10+ years

2. In what capacity are you involved in the Bancroft neighborhood? (select all that apply)

- Own a home Rent a home Own a business Work at a business
 Other: _____

3. Please prioritize the areas into which you'd like to see BNA put financial resources.

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority
Facade improvements (residential)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facade improvements (commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home improvement loans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code compliance loans (residential)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code compliance loans (commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public art — sculpture/murals/mosaic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School support — Bancroft and Northrop Elementaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: _____

4. Where do you go for information about events, news, and other happenings in the Bancroft neighborhood? (Select all that apply)

- Quarterly print newsletter Bi-monthly e-newsletter Social media (i.e. Facebook)
 Website Other: _____

Organics recycling

More than 45,000 households have signed up to participate in the City's organics recycling program. Have you? If not, you can sign up at minneapolismn.gov/organics and save money on your monthly garbage bills by switching to smaller garbage carts.

The following organics can be recycled through the City's program:

- All food scraps including fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, breads, pasta, nut shells, eggshells, and dairy products.
- Non-recyclable and food-soiled paper products including paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, egg cartons, and pizza boxes.

- Certified compostable paper cups, plates, bowls, utensils, bags, and takeout containers.
- Other compostable items including coffee grounds; tea bags; wood chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks; hair; and houseplant trimmings.

Organics recycling does not include yard waste; pet waste, litter or bedding; milk cartons; ice cream tubs; Chinese food containers; dryer lint; dryer sheets; diapers; sanitary products; cleaning or baby wipes; grease; oil; Styrofoam; foil-lined products; non-certified compostable bags and food service items; or products labeled "biodegradable." More information can be found at minneapolismn.gov/organics.

Boulevard trees

As a Minneapolis resident, property owner, or public organization, you may request a permit to plant trees on boulevards, but you are responsible for the cost of planting. The City will help you narrow down the type of tree and where it should go on the boulevard. It is not recommended to plant a tree without first contacting the City. If you plant a tree without a permit on the boulevard that is in a problematic location and/or is not an approved species, the City will give you a deadline to remove the tree or replant it on private property. For more information on boulevard trees, see the Minneapolis Parks website (minneapolisparcs.org).

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Qi House

The Qi House (pronounced chee), opened 2 years ago. Cary and Chrystina Hakam bought the corner building on Chicago Ave and 41st Street just over 3 years ago with the dream of opening a healing arts clinic and moving into the 2-bedroom apartment upstairs. Cary is a licensed acupuncturist and Chrystina is a photo stylist and artist. Both of them free-lancers, they sought to make their lives simpler by purchasing a building that could serve as workplace, business and home. Little did they know how complicated the simplification process would be. They are excited to be part of this wonderful neighborhood and to continue creating a beautiful healing space for our community. We look forward to holding an open house later this year and will announce it through BNA.

Presently, there are four healing artists working at Qi House:

Kathleen Crook, massage therapy

Meghan Loginov, Acupuncture / herbal medicine



Don Habermas-Scher, Cranial Work
Cary Hakam, Acupuncture / herbal medicine

We invite our neighbors to stop in to say hello. Please visit our website (theqihouse.com) to learn more about us, or to make an appointment.

BANCROFT IN BRIEF

Bethel's Annual Picnic & Sidewalk Art Fair

Join community members on Sunday, August 13 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church for their annual event. This free event is open to the public and will include live music, food, kids activities, games, and both a kid and adult Chalk Art Contest, so bring the whole family! More information at bethel-mpls.org.

Bancroft Elementary

Construction at Bancroft Elementary is well underway. As summer break started, school staff had to pack up most of the classrooms so that the new HVAC system could be installed. They are looking for volunteers to help unpack the classrooms before the

start of school this fall. Even if each person can volunteer for an hour or two it will definitely help. Contact the BNA office if you're interested. For more information on the construction happening, visit facilities.mpls.k12.mn.us/bancroft.

What's happening with 3825 Bloomington?

You may have seen the City crews cleaning up around 3825 Bloomington this spring. The house has been vacant for some time and is slated to be demolished soon. The City will market the vacant lot through the Minneapolis BUILD program later this summer. BNA will work with the City and any potential purchaser to make sure the structure built there fits the look and feel of the neighborhood.

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August

(Immunization Awareness Month)

- 1 National Night Out
- 8 Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 21 Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 28 Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.

September

(National Preparedness Month)

- 4 Labor Day
- 5 Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 11 Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 14 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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2017 Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Registration

Need 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 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of the promotion and marketing 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 BNA office. You can also sign up online on the BNA website: bancroftneighborhood.org (under Neighborhood News).

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form to the BNA office no later than Sept. 2 to have your location included on the map.
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Mail: Bancroft Neighborhood Association, 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407

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BNA offers programs for residents

Security Rebate Program

As an incentive for basic security enhancements to homes in the Bancroft neighborhood, BNA will provide a rebate up to \$50 for eligible safety-related improvements. Those improvements include exterior security/motion lights, window or door locks, and even initial security system installation. Contact BNA for more information or to apply.

Home Energy Squad Visits

The Bancroft Neighborhood Association is partnering with Home Energy Squad Enhanced to buy down the visit cost 50%, meaning all Bancroft residents can schedule a visit for only \$50 (usually \$100). 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, CLFs, faucet aerators, shower heads, and a water heater blanket. Call 612-335-5874 to schedule your visit.

Yoga and Open Gym

BNA and Bethel have partnered to bring free yoga classes and open gym time to Bancroft residents throughout the winter. Monday nights, open gym will run from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and yoga will run from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. No need to RSVP, just show up. Follow BNA on Facebook for up-to-date information, schedule changes, etc.

Commercial Facade Improvement Grants

Owners of businesses located within the boundaries of the Bancroft neighborhood are eligible to apply for matching grants to make exterior and interior improvements to their businesses. In addition, businesses located at the following commercial nodes, but outside of Bancroft's formal boundaries, are eligible: 38th and Cedar, 38th and Bloomington, 38th and Chicago, 42nd and Cedar, and 42nd and Bloomington. Unfortunately, home-based businesses are not eligible to participate in this program. Contact BNA for more information or to apply.



Welcome Lucy's Market!

Lucy's Market & Carry-out was established in January of this year and is located at the northeast corner of 38th Street & Cedar Avenue (3749 Cedar Ave S). The market and restaurant specializes in Ethiopian fare for dine-in, carry-out, and catering. In addition to restaurant food, Ethiopian spices, beer, and wine are available. Lucy's Market & Carry-out's full menu can be found at www.lucymarket.com.

The owner, Aster, has a mind for business. She decided to open her market here in South Minneapolis because of the nice, welcoming neighborhood. She recommends that when you stop in, you try the doro wot. It's a famous traditional dish in Ethiopia made with chicken, veggies, special seasonings, and herbs that are simmered for 4–6 hours.

The market is named after Lucy, a fossil that ranks among the oldest and most complete human skeletons so far discovered. Lucy, was found in the Afar region of Ethiopia in 1974 by paleoanthropologist Dr. Donald Johanson. Lucy is estimated to have lived about 3.2 million years ago. Her name in Amharic, Ethiopia's official language, is Dinknesh, which translates to "beautiful" or "wonderful."

Save the date!

The BNA Annual Get Together will be held on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars to come meet your neighbors, have some great food, learn about neighborhood happenings, and vote for board members. If you're interested in running for a seat on the board, or volunteering with one of our programs, contact the BNA office for more information.

Support the BNA on Give To The Max Day

This year Give to the Max Day (through GiveMN) is Thursday, November 16. 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 state-wide online donor event 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 "Give to the Max" donation card below between November 1 and November 17 and your donation will be counted for Give to the Max Day, giving BNA a chance to win extra funds through hourly drawings. You can also donate online at givemn.org/organization/Bancroft-Neighborhood-Association.

Positive Corridors for Youth

The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board has piloted a project through Roosevelt High School called, "Positive Corridors for Youth." The program focuses on increasing positive youth and adult interactions. Increased positive interactions will result in more supportive adult-youth relationships, which has been shown to improve academic performance, decrease incidents of youth violence, and increase overall social connectedness. The project will develop a corridor of adult allies in the neighborhood surrounding Roosevelt High School, consisting of adults from the neighborhood, local business, community organizations, and public entities.

The West of the Rail Business Association and individual businesses are supporting Positive Corridors for Youth through collaboration on a promotional campaign to recognize youth-friendly businesses and organizations in the neighborhood. They will also hold a leadership seminar for students at Roosevelt as well as recruit and guide adult allies from the community to work with students. If you're interested in more information or in volunteering at Roosevelt, contact Emily Kleidon at emily.kleidon@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Did you know... you don't need to have a Facebook account to access neighborhood information on BNA's Facebook page. All information is public, so check us out today at facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood.

Help support the BNA with a tax-deductible donation during "Give To The Max", Nov. 1-17

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

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to BNA and send to:

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E-Poll Books debut in this November's election

They're here! In November, voters will find new technology in the polls. Electronic poll books, or EPBs, are bringing a heightened level of service to Minneapolis voters. These devices replace the bulky printed roster books used for voter verification and check-in at the polls on Election Day. As a result, EPBs help reduce long lines and wait times on Election Day.

Until now, election judges have been dependent on printed roster books containing lists of registered voters in a particular precinct. Expensive and cumbersome, these roster books required significant effort to produce and compile before Election Day, and an equal investment after Election Day to update voter history in the statewide registration system. The transition to an electronic roster not only expedites voter check-in and verification processes by making it easier to look up voter data, but also saves money, makes post-election data updates faster and less prone to human error, and strengthens the integrity of the election.

Each EPB unit includes an iPad, a stand, battery pack, and a mini-printer. The iPads have limited functionality, tied specifically to the single purpose of checking, verifying, and—when necessary—registering voters. Because of the limited functionality, EPBs maintain the security of voter data and minimize hacking. Because multiple devices can be interconnected and working at the same time in a single precinct, the EPBs are able to synchronize voter data in real-time throughout the day, helping ensure the integrity of the election by preventing individuals from voting more than once.

EPB technology is currently deployed in 32 states, and the District of

Columbia. Last year, the technology was deployed throughout Hennepin County, with the exception of the City of Minneapolis. The EPBs worked well for other cities in the 2016 Presidential Election, and this year Minneapolis joins the other cities in using EPBs.

The agreement with Hennepin County provides that the EPB hardware, software, operating equipment, license, and vendor support are all provided at no cost to the City.

Be sure to look for the EPB in your polling place this year. We're

confident that this new technology will help ensure a successful, seamless, and positive implementation to improve service to our voters. Questions or comments should be directed to Elections & Voter Services at 612-673-2350.



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October

(Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

- 9 **Indigenous People's Day**
Yoga, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.,
Bethel Lutheran
- 12 **Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.,
Bethel Lutheran
- 16 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 27 **Trunk or Treat**, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.,
Bethel Lutheran
- 30 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 31 **Halloween**

November

(Lung Cancer Awareness Month)

- 5 **Daylight Savings Time**
- 6 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 **Election Day**
- 9 **Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 18 **Granny's Attic Holiday Bazaar**,
9:00 – 1:00 p.m., Bethel Lutheran
- 20 **Yoga**, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 27 **Yoga**, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

December

(Universal Human Rights Month)

No board meeting in December

- 4 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Hanukkah Starts**
- 18 **Yoga**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 20 **Hanukkah Ends**
- 21 **Winter Solstice**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

What's happening at 3744 Bloomington?

Mama Sheila's Soul Food is the newest restaurant coming to the Bancroft area. Slated to open in the next month, they'll offer an exceptional soul food experience because they believe everyone should know how real soul food tastes.

Sheila started cooking at 15 years old. Because of her mother's work schedule, Sheila had to prepare the meals for her family. Being surrounded by aunts who were great cooks really helped Sheila develop into the cook she is today. Somewhere along the way, while cooking for weddings, reunions, and other special occasions, the people who enjoyed her food began calling her Mama Sheila. Mama Sheila says the reason her food is so good is because she cooks from her soul and that's what makes it real soul food. Mama Sheila's will also feature some great vegetarian dishes.

You can find out more information and take a look at their menu by visiting mamasheilas.com.



El Museo de la Muerte

Roosevelt High School invites you to El Museo de la Muerte on Wednesday, November 1, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This event, which is free and open to all, is a night of art and culture to celebrate the day of the dead and the community. The event will feature:

Pozole dinner — Enjoy a delicious dinner with your family and friends.

Museo de la Muerte Exhibit — Every culture has a different way to honor and celebrate their dead.

Myths and Legends Tour — A horror tour showcasing the most popular death myths and legends in Latin America. Tour times are at 6:05 p.m., 6:35 p.m., and 7:05 p.m. and last 25 minutes.

Contact Roosevelt High School with questions or for more information at 612-668-4800.

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