



Bancroft Banner

NRP funds survey results

Over the last few months, BNA surveyed residents and businesses about how to allocate the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds recently released by the City. The two topics that rose to the top were home improvement loans/grants and supporting our neighborhood schools.

In order to move forward with new home improvement programming, we need to make a slight addition to the wording of an NRP strategy at the February meeting. In accordance with NRP rules, BNA is giving broad notice of the strategy and proposed additional wording (added wording is underlined):

"Establish a home improvement revolving loan/grant program for Bancroft residents."

The first program being implemented is a Curb Appeal Lottery. The finer details are still being ironed out, but the program will allow residents to improve the façade (meaning visible from the street) of their home with a percentage of the cost being granted by BNA. Specific program details will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on February 8, as well as in the next issue of the Bancroft Banner. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about the change in language, or any other aspect of the NRP program, please contact the BNA office.



**Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church**

The BNA Annual Get-Together will be held on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church. This year 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 Andrea Jenkins, the new Ward 8 Council Member; bid on silent auction items; and meet your neighbors. Childcare is available, but please call or email to let us know how many young people you'll be bringing, so we can accurately plan.

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 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 and December. 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 session (in the neighborhood), and help with neighborhood events to ensure they are successful. For more information about the annual meeting, serving on the board, or to volunteer your time, please call or email the BNA office.

Mama Sheila's Soul Food Kitchen, Venn Brewing and Botany Coffee open in the Bancroft area

We at BNA make every effort to support our local small businesses. Recently there have been a number of new businesses around the Bancroft area, and we wanted to draw attention to a few of them.

The first is **Mama Sheila's Soul Food Kitchen**, a family-run restaurant, at 38th & Bloomington, opening in February. Mama Sheila developed her passion for cooking from preparing meals for large events with her aunts. They are currently hiring for a variety of positions, and you can contact them directly at 612-598-0814 or through their website at mamasheilas.com for more information.

The second is **Venn Brewing**, located at 3550 E. 46th Street. Venn translates as "friend" in Norwegian and is inspired by the idea of easy going gatherings, slowing down to enjoy the stories and the company of friends and family while collectively enjoying a local beer. The brewery is run by Kyle Sisco and his wife Connie. Kyle has been brewing beer since 2006 and has won a number of awards. Their



Botany Coffee at 38th and Cedar.

specific beers, hours, and other information can be found on their website at vennbrewing.com.

The third is **Botany Coffee**, located at 38th & Cedar. Botany Coffee is dedicated to delivering excellent experiences through sincere and informed service and delicious coffee drinks. Their focus is serving coffees that are balanced, vibrant, clean, and approachable. Grand Rapids, Michigan roaster Madcap Coffee is

the main provider of their beans. In addition to coffee, they serve teas from Song Tea and all the syrups and components to their drinks are made in-house, including the almond-macadamia nut milk and chai. The people at Botany Coffee strive to maintain an atmosphere and experience that is welcoming, hospitable, high quality and approachable. Find out more at botanycoffee.com.

Getting around the city during Super Bowl LII

The City of Minneapolis is in the midst of extensive planning to ensure public safety and provide residents and visitors with a world-class event experience around Super Bowl LII. There will be a range of events in the city to enjoy during the 10-day festival Jan. 26–Feb. 4 including Super Bowl LIVE on Nicollet Mall, a free 10-day festival leading up to game day featuring free live concerts, food and other activities for local residents and their families to enjoy.

The Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, along with the City, Metro Transit and the Mall of America, announced the "Know Before You Go" initiative that provides travel tips and information for residents and visitors to make travel plans during the 10-day Super Bowl festival. The guide

includes recommended routes to downtown Minneapolis, user-friendly maps with information about road closures, public transportation options and instructions on how to purchase convenient parking.

Various street segments have already began closing. The areas affected will be concentrated around Nicollet Mall, the convention center, and U.S. Bank Stadium. Throughout the 10-day event, Metro Transit will be the best way to reach downtown Minneapolis with expanded schedules on key routes for local commuters and additional schedules for Super Bowl related events. With the exception of game day, METRO light rail service will continue to, from, and through downtown Minneapolis. Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, through game day, trains will

not stop at U.S. Bank Stadium Station but will serve all other stops.

On the day of the Super Bowl LII game, Sunday, Feb. 4, due to security around the stadium and the proximity of the stadium to service for the light rail lines, the METRO Blue Line will be replaced with free buses, and Green Line service from Stadium Village to Target Field will be replaced with free buses. Replacement buses will begin at 4 a.m. Feb. 4 and run throughout the day, into the next morning, even as METRO light rail service resumes following crowds thinning out post game. The "Know Before You Go" resource is available to the public at mnsuperbowl.com/transportation. The site's landing page will be updated continuously in the remaining weeks leading up to Super Bowl LII.

STEP-UP offers paid summer internships for youth



STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis internship program for young adults ages 14-21. Each year, STEP-UP recruits, trains and places more than 1,600 Minneapolis youth in meaningful paid internships with over 220 top Twin Cities businesses, public agencies and nonprofits.

As one of the country's premiere youth employment programs, STEP-UP serves youth who face some of the greatest barriers to employment, particularly youth from low income families, youth of color, youth from immigrant families, and youth with disabilities. Since it started in 2003,

STEP-UP has created nearly 27,000 meaningful internships for youth, helping young people to gain 21st-century skills, build professional connections, explore career interests and begin the path to educational and career success. Youth complete a competitive application process and work readiness training to be considered for a position with one of over 230 participating businesses in both public and private sector.

Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21, who want to change their life with professional skills training, great on-the-job experience and connections with adult professionals are encouraged to sign up for the STEP-UP program. The online application for summer 2018 is open through February 16. Go to stepupmpls.org for more information.



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

Bloomington Ave. property sold to land trust

You may have noticed that the house at 3825 Bloomington was vacant for quite some time. Recently, it was sold to the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT), who demolished the dilapidated structure this past fall. The CLCLT will build a new single-family home with a detached garage.

CLCLT provides permanently affordable housing by retaining ownership of the land but selling the home on the land to an income-qualified buyer. The homeowner then leases the land through a 99-year, renewable ground lease. The ground lease connects the homeowner to the community and to keeping the house permanently affordable, which facilitates the initial investment made in the home by public and private subsidy sources remaining with the home to make it affordable to subsequent, income-qualified buyers. For more information, contact CLCLT at 612-594-7150.

BNA CALENDAR

All meetings and events are held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave. S. 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 o llama la oficina al 612-724-5313.

January

(National Blood Donor Month)

- 11 **Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 29 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February

(Black History Month)

- 2 **Groundhog Day**
- 5 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Annual Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 19 **President's Day**
Yoga, 7-8:00 p.m.
- 26 **Yoga**, 7-8:00 p.m.

March

(Women's History Month)

- 5 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 **Daylight Savings Time**
- 12 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 17 **Saint Patrick's Day**
- 19 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 26 **Yoga**, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

BANCROFT IN BRIEF

Community garden plots

BNA oversees the community garden located at Bethel Lutheran Church on 16th Avenue and 40th Street. There are 13 garden plots that are 10 feet x 20 feet, and currently three are available to rent for this growing season. There is a \$30 fee, plus a refundable \$50 deposit, for each plot which includes water, access to seeds, and various plant donations throughout the summer. There is a limit of one garden plot per household and preference is given to residents of Bancroft neighborhood. If you're interested, contact the BNA office to be put on the list. Eligible people will be notified in April.

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 to 8:00 p.m. and yoga will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No need to RSVP, just show up. Follow BNA on Facebook for up-to-date information, schedule changes, etc. You can still see updates on our page if you do not have a Facebook account. Check us out today at facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood.

Calling all local artists!

Apply for the 27th Annual Powderhorn Art Fair, which will be held on August 4 and 5 at Powderhorn Park. The Powderhorn Art Fair features a fantastic array of artists, vendors and activities. Local and regional artists over the age of eighteen are welcome to apply. Those with interest in participating as a Food Vendor should also submit applications. Questions can be directed to Ashley at 612-722-4817 or ashley@ppna.org.

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