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METRO D Line bus rapid transit construction update

Construction of the METRO D Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project began in March 2021 and will continue in the spring of 2022. The D Line will substantially replace Route 5 with fast, frequent, and all-day service. The 18-mile line will connect neighborhoods and destinations in Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis, Richfield, and Bloomington. Bus rapid transit brings better amenities, faster service and a more comfortable ride. Service is currently scheduled to begin late in 2022.

During the 2021 construction season, crews were able to complete street construction, station foundation, and underground work on 25 of the 30 future D Line stations. Five of these stations were completed ahead of schedule, significantly reducing the amount of construction work to begin next year.

Full construction on Chicago and 42nd will begin at the start of the construction season (April or May, depending on the weather). The intersection will be fully closed for one month, with 2-3 months of lane restrictions following closure. Construction will include new station platforms, street pavement, sidewalk, pedestrian ramps, signals, and utility work.

The location of a permanent station to serve the area of 38th and Chicago is still to be determined. Metro Transit is coordinating with the City on their community conversations around the 38th & Chicago 2023 intersection reconstruction in order to find the appropriate space for a permanent station to serve the area. Metro Transit is also evaluating options and locations for a temporary D Line station to serve the area of 38th and Chicago on opening day and until a permanent station location is identified.

If you have any questions about the D-Line project, you can contact Cody Olson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Metro Transit, at cody.olson@metrotransit.org.



The D Line will use recognizable 60-foot “articulated” buses with wider aisles, more seating capacity and additional doors so more people can get on and off easily. D Line customers should feel less crowded and more comfortable as they travel.

BNA Curb Appeal Lottery

The BNA Curb Appeal Lottery is back for 2022!

Bancroft homeowners and property owners of non-commercial properties with up to four units are eligible to receive a 50% match up to \$1,000 for property improvements. The property must be located in the Bancroft neighborhood and the program is available only to existing properties, not new construction. Renters are encouraged to work with their landlord to apply.

Timeline

- Application due: April 30, 2022
- Drawing held: May 5, 2022 (need not be present)
- Projects can begin: May 9, 2022
- Project completion: October 15, 2022
- Final paperwork to BNA: October 31, 2022

Applications must be received by the BNA office no later than April 30, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications and more information can be found online at bancroftneighborhood.org/curbappealottery. Please contact the BNA office if you have questions or would like a paper application mailed to you.

Seeking Capital Improvement Committee Ward 8 Appointee

The City of Minneapolis adopts a six-year capital improvement program (CIP) that is updated annually. Each year, City departments, independent boards, and commissions prepare new and/or modify existing capital budget requests. Those requests are then reviewed by the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) which is a citizen advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council. CLIC is comprised of 33 appointed members, including two members per Council Ward and seven at-large members appointed by the Mayor.

One of the current Ward 8 appointees, Steve Brandt, has served for five years and was recently elected to the city's Board of Estimation & Taxation, which requires him to resign from CLIC. Therefore, Ward 8 is in need of another appointed individual to represent residents during this important process.

Council Member Andrea Jenkins will nominate Steve's successor for appointment by the Council. It can be hard to find the right nominees—people with both an interest in city infrastructure and the time free to serve in what can be a seasonally demanding position. The annual CLIC process typically starts in late March, and extends through early July. The meetings are weekly and typically two all-day sessions are held to quiz city departments on their proposals. Individually, members read about 130 capital proposals and then rate them on various criteria. That can mean hours of reading right when spring weather arrives. This would be a good fit for someone with a flexible work schedule or retiree.

If you or someone you know may be a good fit for CLIC, you can contact the Ward 8 Office directly at 612-673-2208 or Andrea.Jenkins@minneapolismn.gov.



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January

Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Jan. 6 BNA Board Meeting
Jan. 17 Outreach Committee Meeting

February

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BNA Annual Meeting — Save the Date!

The BNA Annual Meeting will be held on April 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. More information will be in the next issue of the Bancroft Banner and online as the event approaches.

La Reunión Anual de BNA se llevará a cabo el 21 de abril, desde 6:00–8:00 p.m. Habrá más información en el próximo número de Bancroft Banner y en línea a medida que se acerque el evento.

Bancroft School PTO update

Bancroft Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization is asking neighbors to consider requesting a new traffic sign at 39th Street and 13th Avenue South. Our new status as a community school has led to an increase in walkers and bikers daily. We have 4th and 5th graders volunteering as crossing guards with teacher and caregiver supervision. In addition to seeking more adult volunteers from our school community, the PTO hopes a traffic sign could help make things safer.

PTO is excited to draw more K-4 students into our classrooms. Minneapolis Public Schools' School Choice period is open until Feb. 7. PTO will work with Bancroft school staff to promote and celebrate our students to our neighbors in the hopes they consider becoming part of our community next school year. For more info, please visit our website at bancroft.mpls.k12.mn.us/pto.

Apply now for STEP-UP summer youth employment

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 the 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 2022 is open. Visit stepupmpls.org for more information.

Bancroft In Brief

Snow Emergency parking

When Minneapolis declares a Snow Emergency, special parking rules go into effect. These rules allow City crews to plow streets quickly and efficiently. It also allows emergency vehicles and other traffic to get through. You can sign up on the city's website to get snow emergency notifications, or you can download the app on whichever platform you use by searching "Minneapolis Snow Emergency."

If you don't use an app, you can easily find which streets are Snow Emergency Routes because they have red Snow Emergency Route signs and blue street name signs. Streets that are not snow emergency routes have either brown or green street name signs.

Snow Shoveling Pilot Program

Thank you for all the interest in the Snow Shoveling Pilot Program. There were more houses interested than we have capacity for this first year, so we had to narrow it down to what was feasible. The plan is to get through this year, fix any issues that arise, solidify logistics, and determine if this is a viable program to continue for future years. Keep an eye out throughout the year for more information on this program.



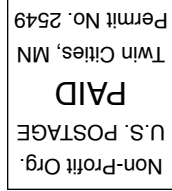
Boulevard gardens

BNA still has boulevard gardens available. They measure 54" x 54" and are being built by neighborhood youth throughout the winter, to be delivered in the spring. Cost to residents is just \$25; however, if your household cannot afford the cost, there are some funds available to still get you a garden. For more information go to bancroftneighborhood.org/boulevard-gardens

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BNA Annual Meeting ***La Reunión Anual de BNA***

Thursday, April 21

6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bancroft Elementary School

The **BNA Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Bancroft Elementary School. Come join us for a bite; hear updates from the board, neighborhood committees, and Andrea Jenkins, the 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 plan accordingly.

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 first Thursday of every month. 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.

La **Reunión Anual de BNA** tendrá lugar el jueves 27 de febrero a las 6:00 p.m. en la Escuela de Bancroft Elementary. Venga y únase a nosotros para tomar un bocadillo; escuchar actualizaciones de la junta, los comités vecinales y Andrea Jenkins, miembro del Consejo del Distrito Electoral 8; hacer ofertas por los artículos de la subasta silenciosa; y conocer a sus vecinos. Hay cuidado infantil disponible, pero llame o envíe un correo electrónico para informarnos de cuántos niños traerá, para que podamos planificar en consecuencia.

La Reunión Anual es también el momento en que elegimos nuevos miembros de la junta. El voluntariado en la junta es una forma divertida e interactiva de generar impactos positivos y conocer a sus vecinos. Le invitamos a considerar postularse para la Junta Directiva que representa al vecindario.

La junta de BNA se reúne el primer jueves de cada mes, y no hay reuniones en julio. Las reuniones comienzan puntualmente a las 7:00 p.m. y terminan a las 8:30 p.m. Se espera que los miembros de la junta asistan a todas sus reuniones. Además, los miembros de la junta deben participar en al menos un comité, asistir a la sesión anual de capacitación de la junta de medio día (en el vecindario) y ayudar con los eventos del vecindario para asegurar que tengan éxito. Para obtener más información sobre la reunión anual, servir en la junta o para ofrecer su tiempo como voluntario, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a la oficina de BNA.

Changes proposed for BNA bylaws

Starting in 2022, the funding mechanism from the City of Minneapolis for neighborhood organizations has changed from years past. As part of this change, the City has specific requirements that need to be included in the bylaws of each neighborhood organization. To be in line with those changes, and to access available funding for 2022 and beyond, the following changes need to be made to the BNA's bylaws. The board passed these preliminary changes at the February meeting, and they need to be voted on by the community at the Annual Meeting on April 21. Any feedback on these three changes can be directed to the BNA office by April 13.

The first change is to the term of board members. Currently board members may serve up to 10-years without taking a year off. The requirement from the City is that board members serve no more than 6 years

in a row before taking a year off. This change is to ensure more voices are able to be part of the conversation at the board level.

The second change is to add the following wording to Statement of Inclusivity (Section 6.4) in regards to voting:

The Bancroft Neighborhood Association board will create and maintain a voting policy to ensure that every board and committee member is able to vote on action items.

Finally, the board has been working diligently to **update the organization's Mission Statement.** The new statement is below.

The Bancroft Neighborhood Association works to create and sustain an equitable and engaged neighborhood. To that end:

- *We foster a welcoming neighborhood with mutually supportive connections among all those who live, learn, work and worship here.*
- *We host and encourage inclusive and diverse community activities and events from the block to the neighborhood.*
- *We promote the physical and mental well-being of the Bancroft community.*
- *We strive for the adoption of socially and ecologically sustainable practices in Bancroft and the larger community.*
- *We work to ensure that as Bancroft evolves it remains an affordable and livable neighborhood.*

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Housing Justice League: Empowering renters, increasing community ownership with TOPA

By Julia Hobart with PPNA, a member of Housing Justice League

Whether we're Black or white, Asian or Latinx, Native or newcomer, all of us deserve a chance to make Minneapolis our lasting home. We know our community is stronger when our neighbors who rent are able to invest in their housing, and create ownership models that help their families grow and thrive.

But today, real estate speculators are scooping up properties in our city, outbidding would-be homebuyers and pushing tenants out of their homes with rent hikes. That's why the Housing Justice League has joined together to advocate for a strong Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPA or OTP) policy that gives more power to renters, creates new avenues for homeownership, and stops displacement caused by corporate profiteering.

TOPA promotes the transfer of property ownership into the hands of tenants and affordable housing developers by enabling tenants to exercise a right of first purchase when the landlord chooses to sell. Landlords are required to give notice to tenants and then allow a period of time for tenants to express interest, make an offer, and secure funding. If tenants are not interested in owning the property, they should be able to assign or sell their right.

In November, the department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) released a draft TOPA ordinance. While we're glad the City is moving forward on TOPA, the drafted policy needs several changes to effectively advance equity for renters in Minneapolis and benefit low-wealth, BIPOC renters who have been systematically excluded from homeownership opportunities and are disproportionately rent-burdened.

A strong TOPA policy must include:

- **Universal coverage** — all renters, regardless of building size or landlord type, deserve the chance to own their home.
- **Right to sell** — renters are the biggest investors in their homes and deserve the right to access some of the wealth generated by building sales.
- **An immediate effective date** — a renter's right to purchase cannot wait.

Housing Justice League's membership includes HOME Line, Inquilinx Unidxs por Justicia, The Alliance, Housing Justice Center, Jewish Community Action, Harrison Neighborhood Association, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, and more. When we work together, we can keep our neighbors in our communities.

Learn more and support TOPA at www.hcjm.org/topa

Exercise classes for seniors

Beginning on March 7, Nokomis Healthy Seniors will resume in-person exercise classes for seniors. Monday classes will be held at Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E 51st St) and Tuesday/Thursday classes will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave S).

All classes are from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. NHS will continue to post exercise videos on their Facebook page. Contact the NHS office at 612-729-5499 with questions or to request to be added to the exercise video email list.

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BNA Curb Appeal Lottery

The BNA Curb Appeal Lottery is back for 2022! This program allows eligible participants to apply for up to \$1,000 in matching grant funds, to be used for home improvement projects. The program covers exterior projects and all projects must be visible from the sidewalk.

Bancroft homeowners and property owners of non-commercial properties with up to four units are eligible to participate in the program. The property must be located in the Bancroft neighborhood. The project is available only to existing properties, not new construction. Renters are encouraged to work with their landlord to apply. Businesses and commercial property owners are not eligible to

participate in this program, but can contact the BNA office for a list of our commercial programs.

Applications need to be completed and turned in by April 30. The drawing will take place at the May 5 board meeting (need not be present to win). More information and the application checklist can be found at bancroft-neighborhood.org/curbappeallottery

Contact the BNA office with questions.

“People of Bancroft” project

BNA seeks to promote community inclusiveness and build genuine connections within and beyond our neighborhood. What better way to do this than to learn more about each other? Our stories and our experiences are the

blueprint to who we are as individuals while also showing how we connect as a community. Taking a page from the wildly successful “Humans of New York” we are starting a series, “People of Bancroft” because we want to listen to YOUR stories. More info coming April 21 at the BNA annual meeting.

Powderhorn Art Fair call for artists

This year, the 31st Annual Powderhorn Art Fair will be back in person Aug. 6-7 at Powderhorn Park! Applications are now open across all categories, which include clay, digital art, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, paper, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and wood. Apply today at powderhornartfair.com/exhibit

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Judicial listening sessions held at Sabathani

The Fourth Judicial District's Equal Justice Committee (EJC) exists to advance the Fourth Judicial District's efforts to eliminate from court operations any bias that is based on race, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, age, socioeconomic status, religion, national origin, and sexual orientation. As part of the EJC's work, the committee holds listening sessions with the purpose of connecting with community organizations and community members. During the listening sessions the EJC hears about community organizations and their work, shares about the district court and its work, and engages in conversations with community members around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

On April 12, Sabathani Community Center held a listening session for those in the surrounding community. Members of Bancroft's board and staff were on hand to ask questions and get some information. That information is being shared here for those that were not able to attend.

Q: How do no-knock warrants get chosen? Can judges remove the "no-knock" part of the warrant and downgrade it to a regular warrant?

A: No-knock warrants can be downgraded by judges if they don't meet a stricter level of criteria for the offense. A warrant can also be upgraded to a no-knock warrant by a judge should the submitted proof meet that higher level of criteria.

Q: Most of what people see when it comes to warrants is dramatic television shows where a detective wakes a judge at 2:00 a.m. and that judge basically signs the warrant so that they can go back to bed. Does this have any basis in reality? How does the overnight warrant process work?

A: Warrants get a high level of scrutiny, even at 2:00 a.m. Judges are on a rotation being on call for overnight warrants. Often times warrants are rejected because they don't pass scrutiny. When that happens, they are sent back to the police stating why they are rejected. It's then up to the police to re-look at their evidence if they want to try again.

Q: How does the process for Charter Commission work? How does the court ensure diversity in the appointments?

A: The Chief Judge talked about how he is focused on being equitable and diverse in his appointment of charter commission members. He focuses not only on demographics related to age, gender, race, ethnicity, etc., but also on geographic location. For example, if there are already commission members from the south, east, and western parts of the city, then he'll work to ensure there is representation from the north as well. Each applicant that turns in a written application has an in-person (or via

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Summer Gatherings in Bancroft!

Ice Cream Social July 21

This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, July 21 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. on the south lawn of Bethel Lutheran Church. We'll be bringing back the petting zoo, pony rides, games and art projects for kids, a bounce house, live music, food truck, and FREE ice cream! As well as local organizations tabling with information for residents. Check out the BNA website for more information as things are scheduled: bancroftneighborhood.org/icecreamsocial

National Night Out August 2

This year National Night Out is being held on Tuesday, August 2. This year, BNA is promoting National Night Out as a way to get to know your neighbors, share a community meal, and connect in a positive way to keep your neighborhood safe. As a way to support community togetherness, BNA will give each block club with a designated leader \$40 to put toward NNO activities for their block. For more information, stop by the BNA table at the Ice Cream Social or contact the BNA office.

When you vote in the Primary on August 9, stay in your lane!

by League of Women Voters Minneapolis

The Primary Election on August 9 will determine the candidates for the General Election. The top vote-getter in each Primary race will appear on the ballot in November. In Minnesota, any registered voter can participate in the Primary, but there's a catch. You must stay in your lane.

In some states, voters must "declare" their party affiliation in order to receive the corresponding Primary ballot. But, in Minnesota, voters are not required to declare their party. Instead, candidates for all major parties appear on every ballot. But note: If you cross political party lines by voting, for example, for a Democrat in one race and a Republican in another, your ballot is "spoiled" and will not be counted! Candidates in the same party will be listed in the same column, so stay in your lane as you vote down the ballot. You don't have to vote in every race, but you may not cross columns on the ballot.

Some candidates will be designated as "endorsed" by their party. Endorsement is a stamp of approval or sign of preference from the party's delegates who were selected at precinct caucuses (back in February – remember those?). But, there's more. Nonpartisan offices like School Board, County Attorney and Sheriff will be listed on the back of the ballot. In these races, the two top vote-getters move on to the General Election.

Preregistration for the Primary ends July 19. However, you can also register at an early-voting site or on election day at your polling place. Early voting begins on June 24 and continues through August 8. Or you can submit your ballot by mail.

Your vote is powerful, especially in the Primary Election, because compared to the General Election, many fewer people turn out for the Primary. Be sure you're someone who does.

To request an absentee ballot, register to vote or for more information, visit vote411.org.

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zoom) interview with the Chief Judge. This is because some people are better at showing themselves on paper and some are better at interviews. This process allows him to get a fuller picture of the applicant. The bigger problem in years past has been getting residents to apply. In most years, there are just a handful of applicants, however this year there were 60 for Minneapolis alone. Let's hope this trend continues.

At the end, each judge took a moment to speak on what these listening sessions mean to them. Most judges have done quite a few of these and do take information away from them. One judge who works with youth shared a story about listening to a woman whose son went through the court system and the impact it had on him. The next time that judge heard a similar case, they approached it differently so that the outcome could be better for all. The parent who shared her story is now part of a court committee that advises the county juvenile justice system and aims to remove disparities and increase resources for youth and their families.

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June

(National Safety Month, LGBT Pride Month)

- 2 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Outreach Committee, 7:30 p.m.

July

(National Parks Month)

- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Outreach Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Ice Cream Social

August

(Immunization Awareness Month)

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Bancroft/Bryant 'Buy Nothing' group on Facebook

The Buy Nothing Project's mission is to create community through a hyper-local gifting economy and reducing our impact on the environment. Bryant and Bancroft neighborhoods have a joint Buy Nothing group on Facebook where members can share posts in three categories: GIFTS, ASKS and GRATITUDE. If you have something you would like to give away, that's a GIFT and it can be something physical or an offer of time or teaching. If you want or need something that a neighbor may have, again it can be a skill or time or something physical, you make an ASK. And the magic is in the GRATITUDE, where we share about the abundance and impact that our community has together. You can find more information at [facebook.com/groups/851412875766212](https://www.facebook.com/groups/851412875766212)

La misión de Buy Nothing Project es crear una comunidad a través de una economía de obsequios hiperlocal y reducir nuestro impacto en el medio ambiente. Gente que vive en Bryant y Bancroft puede usar un grupo conjunto de Buy Nothing en Facebook donde los miembros pueden compartir publicaciones en tres categorías: REGALOS, PEDIDO y GRATITUD. Si tienes algo que te gustaría regalar, eso es un REGALO y puede ser algo físico o una oferta de tiempo o enseñanza. Si desea o necesita algo que un vecino pueda tener, nuevamente puede ser una habilidad o tiempo o algo físico, haga un PEDIDO. Y la magia está en la GRATITUD, donde compartimos sobre la abundancia y el impacto que tiene nuestra comunidad en conjunto. Encuentra más información al [facebook.com/groups/851412875766212](https://www.facebook.com/groups/851412875766212)



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BNA Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to those who came out for the 2022 Annual Meeting in April. And a special shout out to Mike, the custodian at Bethel, who was incredibly helpful with the last-minute venue changes. At the meeting, all recommended changes to the bylaws were approved, and can now be seen updated on the BNA website, as well as the NRP plan modification.

One new member and two returning members were elected to the BNA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The current board members are Satish Desai (President), Susan Heineman (Vice President), Neal Baxter (Secretary), Peter Caldwell (Treasurer), Jesse Barnes, Pat Siebert, Keith Twist, and Courtney Gildersleeve. A big thank you for all you do for the organization and the community. We look forward to seeing everyone out and about this summer—and at the Ice Cream Social!

Bancroft In Brief

Powderhorn Art Fair returns

The Powderhorn Art Fair will host its first in-person fair since 2019 on August 6 and 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day in Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis, MN. The fair will feature over 150 exhibiting local and regional, juried artists representing 20 art categories. The Powderhorn Art Fair embodies the iconic artsy and eclectic Powderhorn community and is proud to present a vibrant and diverse selection of art in celebration of its 31st anniversary.

This year's fair brings several new and exciting amenities and activities. Each day the fair will begin with an opening ceremony to celebrate art and community. Attendees will be

able to enjoy live music and as they honor community members and artists alike. For the first time ever, the Powderhorn Art Fair will feature a series of immersive art installations offering visitors interactive experiences that transport them into the artist's vision.

The Powderhorn Art Fair is partnering with Reverie Cafe + Bar and KRSM Radio to offer the Reverie Beer Garden in 2022. A line-up of delicious local brews will be offered to fairgoers to compliment sweet and savory food from over a dozen food trucks. The fair is always free and fun for all ages, offering several activities for youth around scenic Powderhorn Lake.

Save the Date! Neighborhood Garage Sale September 7

Need an excuse to clean out your basement, closets, or garage this summer? Well, here it is—the Bancroft neighborhood garage sale! This year, we'll hold the garage sale on Saturday, September 17 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. Look for sign up sheets in the next issue of the Bancroft Banner newsletter and on the Bancroft website.

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Youth work programs 'step up'



For the pilot program, there is already a list of houses that need help with shoveling due to an inability to do so on their own. In addition to those houses, we are looking for more residents that would like help shoveling. The youth will shovel the public sidewalk in front of the house, as well as the walk up to the door and to the street. At this time we are not doing driveways; however, this could be added should the program continue for future years. While we hope to serve as many addresses as possible, it may be that we cannot serve every household that is interested. Once the sign ups are complete, we will work with the youth to map out a realistic

number of houses. If you're interested in this program, please find more information and sign up at bancroft-neighborhood.org/shoveling.

In addition to snow shoveling, the youth will learn woodworking and build raised bed gardens for the boulevards around the neighborhood. Due to the cost of lumber, the cost of each boulevard garden has gone up to \$85.00. Boulevard gardens will be delivered in the spring. In addition, BNA will supply seeds for the gardens. For more information and to order a garden bed, visit bancroftneighborhood.org/boulevard-gardens.

For the past eight years, BNA has participated in the City of Minneapolis STEP-UP program. Each summer a group of youth work in the Meridian Garden Food Forest while learning work ethic, gaining a skill, and earning money. To continue in that theme, BNA piloted a snow shoveling program last winter, paying youth to shovel around the neighborhood. The program was a big success. After last year's pilot program, we received great feedback and have made a few tweaks to the program. We've also been working with a few individuals to be potential leaders so we can have an additional team and therefore reach more houses. If you are a youth, aged 14-17, and would like to work with BNA on either of these programs, please sign up through either link below.



**Bancroft's
Neighborhood-wide
Garage Sale is Sept. 17!**

See page 2 for details and to register.

Who votes, who doesn't and why

Brought to you by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis

Recent Supreme Court rulings have exposed the reality that government representatives often don't act in accordance with the will of the people. Polls indicate, for example, that Americans support access to abortion, yet the highest court in the land rescinded that right. So why the disconnect? It's about voting – who votes, who doesn't and why.

Among the pool of all eligible voters in the U.S., approximately 1 out of 3 did NOT vote in the 2020 Presidential election. The top reasons that these 77 million Americans did not vote were 1) lack of interest in politics 2) they didn't like the candidates and 3) they didn't think their votes would

matter. Those least likely to vote were under 34, Hispanic, less educated, unmarried and with lower incomes. Difficulty of voting was not identified as a major reason for not voting, but we know there are subgroups, such as those living with a disability or with logistical barriers (childcare, transportation) for whom voting can be challenging if not impossible.

Then there are the disenfranchised. Minnesota is one of twenty states in which anyone convicted of a felony is prohibited from voting until they have been discharged from their entire sentence, including any term of probation or supervised release. As a result, 57,000 individuals (1.5% of Minnesota's voting population) are denied the right to vote.

At the federal level, the most significant reason for the mismatch between Americans' values and those of our elected officials is unequal representation in the Senate that gives smaller and less populous states more political clout. Because there are 2

senators elected per state, the 40 million people who live in the 22 smallest states get 44 senators to represent their interests, while the 40 million people in California get just two. More than half of all Americans live in 9 states, giving them just 18 (out of 100) U.S. Senate seats.

However, in Minnesota, every vote for regional and state-wide offices, counts equally. And registering to vote is easy with mail-in, online, and same-day registration options. Elections are won and lost by very slim margins. If every Minnesotan exercised their right to vote, the values and priorities of elected officials might better reflect those of the people they represent.

The non-partisan League of Women Voters advocates for a whole range of policies that would make elections more free, fair and equitable. Contact us at vote@lwvmpls.org if you'd like us to work with your community on voter registration, education, or turnout. Visit 411.org for information about voting in the Nov. 8 General Elections.

2022 Bancroft Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale September 17

Need an excuse to clean out your basement, closets, or garage this summer? Well, here it is—the Bancroft neighborhood garage sale! This year, we'll hold the garage sale on Saturday, September 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (although you can stay open later if you choose). 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. **In order to be listed on the neighborhood map, please send in this paper form to the BNA office or sign up online at bancroftneighborhood.org/garagesale by Monday, September 12.**

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. 12 to have your location included on the map.

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Mail: Bancroft Neighborhood Association, 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407

BNA Calendar

*All BNA meetings will continue to be held online. Call the BNA office at 612-724-5313 or email info@bancroftneighborhood.com for meeting information.

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

September

- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- 19 Outreach Committee

October

- 6 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Outreach Committee

November

- 3 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Outreach Committee

December

- 1 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Outreach Committee

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](https://www.facebook.com/bancroftneighborhood)



'Revealing & Healing Histories'

"Revealing & Healing Histories: Racial Covenants Then and Now" will premiere Monday, Sept. 26 at the Parkway Theater. This inspiring event will feature an educational bike tour, live performances, music, and the premiere of a new TPT series, Jim Crow of the North Stories starting at 5:45 p.m. The evening will look at how Minneapolis residents have responded to the rising awareness of racist covenants, redlining, and other forms of damaging segregation. The films and live performances will explore the history of systemic racism while lifting up Black resistance and resilience in the past as well as present-day changemakers looking to right historical housing injustices.

The event will feature:

- An educational, family-friendly bike ride will depart from in front of the Parkway Theater at 5:45. The ride will criss-cross through the blocks east of the theater that were covered

in racial covenants with songstress Jayanthi Rajasa. This bike ride will help people see and feel a small portion of this history.

- A pre-show reception in the lobby will feature visual art and resources for organizations seeking to illuminate and/or repair the harm done by racial covenants. Twin Cities residents can learn more about what actions they can take to decrease the racial disparities in home ownership.

- The premiere of "Jim Crow of the North Stories", the new series from Twin Cities PBS produced by Daniel Bergin.

- Live music, poetry, and readings from Twin Cities luminaries.

Revealing & Healing Histories is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. For more information, visit www.freethedeeds.org.



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Bancroft In Brief

Free healthy meals

Thanks to a grant from Second Harvest Heartland and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, LSS Meals, a service of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, is providing free community meals on Monday, August 29, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. You can pick up the meals at Hope Temple Church (1704 E. 35th Street).

Their meals are designed by a licensed, registered dietitian to ensure they are healthy and nutritious. The homestyle meals are produced at a local LSS Meals kitchen and individually portioned with a balance of proteins, carbohydrates, and spices to taste great. They will be sealed and given out in reusable bags. Anyone in Minnesota, who is 18 years or older and in need of nutrition can receive

bundles of ten meals at each pick-up event on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions can be directed to Dalton Kalina at 651-272-8693.

Help young trees!

Our region is in a severe drought. In weeks where we have not received at least an inch of rain, please water young boulevard trees once a week. Four five gallon buckets slowly poured over the roots or a small trickle from your hose for a hour should be adequate. Trees absorb the most water in the evening, but if you only have time to water during other parts of the day, please do so then! If you have questions about watering please reach out to the MPRB forestry team at forestry@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-313-7710.

Security Rebate Program

BNA has a Security Rebate Program to help Bancroft residents make security-related improvements to their properties. If you have not accessed this program yet this year, you only have a few months left. All rebates must be in by Dec. 31. 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 (however, funds cannot cover monthly fees). The program information can be found on the BNA website. If you are unsure if your improvement will be covered, contact the BNA office.

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