



# The Bancroft Banner

A newsletter for the Bancroft Neighborhood

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## Meet BNA's new Outreach Coordinator, Genola Segbee



Genola is an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Communication Studies. She hopes that with this degree she can promote healthy ways of communication among

members of each community she is a part of, as well as be a stronger voice and advocate for those within marginalized and underrepresented communities. She believes that Bancroft's mission to facilitate com-

munity inclusiveness, sustainability, awareness, investment and involvement to promote a safe and vibrant neighborhood is a message she finds a lot of value and pride in. Genola has worked and volunteered a numerous amount of times in organizations that find ways to better the community around her.

Recently Genola aided in the 2020 election voting process as an Outreach Team Canvasser to increase the voter turnout in communities susceptible to disenfranchisement. Along with Bancroft's goal to encourage participation within the neighborhood, she has had many opportunities to speak with and organize large groups of students as a Black Student Union Director and

a Student Senator, both within the student government during her time at Bethel University.

Minneapolis is home to a wide variety of individuals from all over the world, including many who lack adequate resources and support due to their economic status. As an Outreach Coordinator Genola hopes to find ways to help build community affinity even in the midst of a global pandemic. She believes that in order to evoke effective change for the future of others it is important to make strides and efforts within the communities around us first. The members from our neighborhoods could be those of our households so it is important to support the community as a whole.

## Business Spotlight: Everett's Foods

"The people, the customers, the regulars, and the employees that have become like family". — *Manager Nancy Klatke shares her favorite part about working at Everett's Foods.*

Everett's Foods, located on 38th Street and Cedar Ave has been a staple in the Bancroft Community. According to their website, they've been "family owned and operated since 1956 in the heart of south Minneapolis...". A full-service butcher as well as grocery store, Everett's offers a variety of options, including hard-to-find items you don't normally find at regular grocery stores. With two on-loc-

tion smokehouses, many of the meats are smoked daily.

Navigating through COVID-19 has been tough for everyone, from the uncertainty to the quarantines, lockdowns, and stay-at-home orders. In speaking with Nancy, Everett's manager, she shared how the pandemic has affected the store.

"In the beginning of the pandemic, we got hit pretty hard and had to shut down for about 2.5 weeks in May. Then when the uprising happened, we had to board up our store for about an additional two months with only one entryway being used." Now, Ev-

rett's is adhering to the mask policy, implementing a 12-customer maximum capacity, and also has safety professionals monitoring the doors. Nancy says that "they can only be safe as long as the customers can be safe too," and is dedicated to making sure that the store is safe for everyone. Be sure to give your neighborhood grocer and butcher a visit!

Everett's is located at 1833 E. 38th Street, and their phone number is (612) 729-6626. Currently, their hours are 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday.

# Snow Sculpture Contest



Are you the creative type? Do you need an outside activity for your family to do together? Then we have something for you. This winter, we thought it would be fun to have a snow sculpture contest. The contest

is open to all Bancroft residents and creations must be on your own property (if you don't have space, contact the BNA office and we can find you a space).

The contest will run until February 15, when judging will begin. The BNA board members will rate each entry and we'll have a Neighbor's Choice award for the resident's

favorite entry. Winners will receive a gift card to a local small business. For more information and to enter the contest, go to [bancroftneighborhood.org/snowcontest](http://bancroftneighborhood.org/snowcontest).

# Anti-Racism Book Club

Last summer, Bancroft neighbors met virtually for an Anti-Racism Book Club where we discussed Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's "How to be an Anti-Racist." We plan on continuing the book club again in 2021 and will be reading "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla Saad. We'll be meeting on the following dates in February (all meetings at 7:00 p.m. and via Zoom):

Monday, Feb. 1: Discussion on "Week 1: The Basics."

Monday, Feb. 8: Discussion on "Week 2: Anti-Blackness, Racial Stereotypes, and Cultural Appropriation."

Monday, Feb. 15: Discussion on "Week 3: Allyship."

Monday Feb. 22: Discussion on "Week 4: Power, Relationships, and Commitments."

The Bancroft Neighborhood Association has funds to support neighbors purchasing copies of the book. If you're interested in joining the book club please contact the BNA office.

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

## 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.

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### February

- Feb. 1 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.

### March

March 4 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
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## Carjackings and public safety

By Genola Segbee

According to the *Star Tribune*, carjackings have spiked 537% compared to November 2019 (as of Dec. 2020). In October and November 2020 alone, 125 carjackings had been reported. Police say that perpetrators usually confront distracted and/or elderly people and ask for something like directions and then rob the victim. Though the thought is frightening, here are some prevention and public safety tips authorities have shared for you to keep in mind/practice:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Purchase an anti-theft device for your vehicles.
- Don't stop for apparent stranded strangers on the road.
- Look if there are others in visible range wherever you decide to park/stop.
- Lock your doors during and after driving.

## Seasonal Affective Disorder

According to Mayo Clinic, SAD or Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons. SAD usually begins and ends at the same time every year. Living in Minnesota, we sometimes experience brutally cold winters that seem to last a lifetime. For about 9 months of the year, our outdoor activities are limited to whatever feels comfortable while wearing a coat or jacket, and most decide it easier to be in the comfort and warmth of their homes.

The limited amounts of sunlight, warmth, and vibrance of the earth can leave lots of folks feeling a bit more tired, unmotivated, and gloomy; but all hope is not lost. SAD, like other forms of depression is treatable. Though only a medical professional can diagnose and come up with your personal treatment plan, here are some tangible things you can do at home to boost your serotonin and endorphin levels during these winter months:

- Take short walks.
- Open blinds/curtains to let as much natural sunlight in.
- Exercise regularly—whether you're dancing, practicing yoga, weight training, or taking your pet for walk; take 30-60 minutes a day to be active and move both your arms and legs.

- Make time for social interactions—though we are in a pandemic it is important to try to still be in connection with others and try not to isolate. Maybe setting up a weekly zoom call with a friend, join a virtual book club (BNA will be hosting an anti-racist book club in February), or spending more quality time with the people in your home are all great options to consider.
- Incorporate more foods with omega-3 fats and vitamin D (oily fish, leafy greens, walnuts, oatmeal, orange juice, etc. to name a few.)

Make sure to reach out to a physician if you feel like you may have SAD to receive personalized and professional care.

## Snow shoveling

Are you a senior or person with a disability who needs help with snow clearing of your sidewalks? If so, let us know. BNA is looking at ways we can help people who need it clear the snow to get safely in and out of their homes.

# Bancroft In Brief

## Note on Dolal Idd

By Genola Segbee

Last week, in our bordering Powderhorn Park Neighborhood, a traffic stop as part of a weapons investigation led to the death of Dolal Idd at the hands of the MPD. Police are alleging that Idd fired first and subsequently released a 27-second body-cam footage displaying the interaction. Though MPD insists the video shows Dolal firing first, many others, including family and community members have challenged that narrative and questioned MPD's judgement on their use of excessive force, the house raid of Idd's family, and safety of community members at the location of the weapons investigation. Members of the community participated in a protest on Jan. 3

demanding "Justice for Dolal" and "Black Lives Matter". Dolal Idd's death is the first death at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department since the killing of George Floyd in May 2020.

## Home Energy Squad program update

For the last few years, BNA has bought down the cost of Home Energy Squad visits for Bancroft residents. As of now, the program through BNA is ending. This is because the City of Minneapolis now covers the full cost of Home Energy Squad visits for households with incomes under \$100,000. If you'd like more information or to schedule a visit, call 612-335-5874.

## E-Newsletter signup

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## Annual Meeting postponed

The Annual Meeting is normally held in February; however, because of the pandemic it will be postponed until April. The board is still ironing out details for a virtual Annual Meeting, so stay tuned for more information.

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## Calvary Church and Trellis partner for affordable housing plan

Trellis, in partnership with Calvary Lutheran Church, proposes new affordable family housing at 3901 Chicago Ave. S., one block from George Floyd Square.

There will be approximately 45 units—rental apartments primarily for families—which will include a mix of one, two, three, and four bedrooms. More than 70% of the units will be affordable to households up to 30% area median income. Trellis will convert the classroom building into apartments, build new three-story apartment units in the parking lot, and transform the sanctuary building into common amenities for the apartment residents and gathering spaces for Calvary Church and neighborhood groups.

Trellis is looking to secure capital funding in 2021 and work towards beginning construction in spring 2022. Apartments will be rented to singles who make \$22,000 per year up to families who make \$61,000 per year (sliding scale depending upon how many family members). There will also be 13 apartments for high priority homeless households and people with disabilities. Simpson Housing Services will provide supportive services for these residents.

You can find out more information as this project moves forward on the Calvary Church website: [clchurch.org](http://clchurch.org)

## 42nd Street to be focus of safety improvements

As a component of the new Vision Zero Capital Program, the City is planning to make rapid and targeted improvements along 42nd Street to improve safety along this corridor.

In 2017 and 2018, the City comprehensively analyzed 10 years of crash data for trends to inform Vision Zero work. This analysis identified a network of high injury streets that represent only 9 percent of city streets, yet record 70 percent of severe and fatal crashes. 42nd Street between Lyndale and Bloomington is identified as a High Injury Network corridor.

The new Vision Zero Capital Program will be deploying rapid, targeted safety improvements along high injury streets in 2021. This program will concentrate safety improvements on four high injury streets this year, including 42nd Street, with the goal of deploying safety improvements on all City-owned high injury network streets over the next few years.

Safety improvements will consist of treatments that have proven effective at eliminating crashes and encourage safer driving behaviors. These improvements are intended to provide a similar user experience as curb extensions, medians, and lane narrowing. In 2021, safety improvements will be provided through curb extensions, pedestrian medians, slow turn wedges, and hardened centerlines comprised primarily of bollards/flexible traffic posts. Other crossing improvements include durable high visibility crosswalk markings, bike conflict zone markings, retroreflective signal backplates, and changes to signal intervals to improve pedestrian safety.

In addition to the standard Vision Zero treatments, we will also be installing a plastic-delineator median to reduce pedestrian exposure to motorized traffic and eliminate conflicts with turning vehicles. These improvements will begin to be implemented this summer, with installation of most safety treatments anticipated in July. Find out more on the project web page at

<https://www.minneapolis.gov/government/projects/42nd-st-safety>

## Ice Cream Social

**Save the date!** The Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It will be a little smaller than in years past, but we will have ice cream, a food truck, local organizations, and more. Check out the Facebook event (no account needed) for more information as we get nearer the event.

# Minneapolis minimum wage increase implemented July 1

On July 1, the minimum wage in Minneapolis automatically increased to \$12.50 for all employees and \$14.25 at franchises or employers with over 100 employees. Employers may pay higher, but they may not pay lower than the minimum wage per hour worked in the city. The City is committed to supporting an economy that includes everyone. Next year in July the minimum wage will reach \$15 at large employers. Tips and gratuities do not count toward payment of a minimum wage.

The City's Department of Civil Rights oversees enforcement of the municipal minimum wage, and workers are encouraged to report violations online. The City of Minneapolis can also help workers recover back wages and penalties in any type of wage theft that occurs within the city's borders.

Increases in Minneapolis' minimum wage directly benefit tens of thousands of families and stimulate the local economy. The ordinance supports the City's goals of promoting economic inclusion and reducing economic and racial disparities. For more information about the ordinance, visit the City's website. For additional questions call 311 or email [minwage@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:minwage@minneapolismn.gov).

Prior to ordinance passage, 41% of all Black workers and 54% of all Latino workers in Minneapolis earned less than \$15 per hour, compared to only 17% of all white workers. A comprehensive study of economic impacts conducted independently by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is ongoing.

## East Phillips Neighborhood Institute fighting for urban farm

The people of the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) are trying to stop the City of Minneapolis from further expanding their Public Works Water Distribution Maintenance yard along Hiawatha Ave between 26th and 28th streets. The expansion means that many more diesel-fueled trucks, passenger vehicles, asphalt fumes, and more would be adding noise and air pollution to this already high-asthma-rate/over-burdened area. The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute has instead, for some time, proposed to use the existing Roof Depot building—which the City would tear down—to build an indoor Urban Farm, with hydroponics, aquaponics, business opportunities for local small entrepreneurs, create green jobs, a market, a bike shop, and more. It is a creative proposal that comes from the neighborhood and would meet their needs.

Through mobilizing the support of the broader community, EPNI successfully got the City to put a pause on their project until August 5. At that time, we face a critical vote at the City Council. The city staff working on the project and some of the city Council members are moving forward with the project, in spite of a faulty Environmental Assessment Worksheet, in spite of Phillips being declared a Green Zone, and in spite of a state law that prohibits developments without considering cumulative impact of pollution on marginalized communities.

Our neighbors in East Phillips are asking you to contact the city council and ask them to direct city staff to support the community's plan and vision for their neighborhood, and to honor the city's Green Zone policy. Please visit [EPNIfarm.org](http://EPNIfarm.org) for more details.

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### August

August 5 Board Meeting  
August 12 Ice Cream Social

### September

Sept 2 Board Meeting

### October

Oct 7 Board Meeting

### November

Nov 4 Board Meeting

# Minnesota's eviction moratorium is ending: What you need to know

This week Minnesota Lawmakers signed a bill that ends the eviction moratorium with an “off-ramp”. One key piece of the “off-ramp” policy is that you cannot be evicted for nonpayment if you have a pending application for rental assistance. A tenant must be able to provide proof that they’ve applied for rental assistance.

For more information, read through the timeline and resource list below. Then SHARE this update with others. Let’s work together to make sure everyone knows there is help available and how to access it!

### Timeline

June 30: Renters who have materially violated their lease (except for non-payment of rent) can have their lease terminated or non-renewed. Renters who qualify but refuse to apply for rental assistance can be evicted if the landlord has provided a 15-day written notice.

July 14: Evictions can be filed for households that have materially violated their leases (other than nonpayment of rent).

August 13: Landlords can terminate or non-renew leases of renters who are behind on rent and are not eligible for a COVID-19 emergency assistance.

September 12: Landlords can file evictions against renters who are behind on rent and are not eligible for a COVID-19 emergency rental assistance, provided they give renters a 15-day written eviction notice.

October 12: All evictions are allowed EXCEPT for a nonpayment of rent eviction against a household that has a pending application with a COVID-19 emergency rental assistance. For all nonpayment evictions, landlords must provide a 15-day written eviction notice.

June 1, 2022: All restrictions on eviction actions are lifted.

### Resources

**Renter Support Fund:** The Renter Support Fund (RSF) is administered by PPNA. The RSF supports 25 cost-burdened renters every month. Selected applicants will receive \$300 a month for 3 months (\$900 total). Applications are open between the 15th and 20th of each month. Learn more and apply at [ppna.org](http://ppna.org).

**HOME Line:** Provides free and confidential legal advice to all Minneapolis renters. Learn more and get help here. Call their tenant hotline with questions about your legal rights as a tenant: 612-728-5767.

**Rent Help MN:** Minnesotan renters who have been impacted by COVID-19 and meet income requirements (based on 80% of the median income in your area) can apply for help with past due rent and utilities. Apply at [www.rent-helpmn.org](http://www.rent-helpmn.org) (or call 211).

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# Bancroft In Brief

## Free meal program from Minneapolis Public Schools

Minneapolis Public Schools is proud to announce it will continue its free meal program for all youth 18 and under throughout the summer of 2021. Food boxes containing a week's worth of breakfasts and lunches will be available for pick up at select locations.

Currently, families can pick up free food and snack boxes for their children Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at six sites across Minneapolis. Daily meals will also be served at various community sites, and home delivery will be available for qualifying families.

For more information, please visit [cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/food\\_boxes.html](https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/food_boxes.html) and be sure to thank the selfless

people who help ensure students have healthy and nutritious food to eat each day.

## Hennepin County grants to salvage building materials

Hennepin County has funding available for building and remodeling projects that use deconstruction techniques instead of standard demolition to remove materials during the removal or renovation of a building.

In a deconstruction project, a building is taken apart mostly by hand, and materials are sorted into categories for efficient recycling and reuse. Deconstruction prevents usable materials from going to the landfill, makes used building materials available to the community, provides

additional jobs, and supports local reuse retailers.

Property owners and developers can receive up to \$5,000 to help offset the additional time and labor costs associated with deconstruction. Grants are available for projects on residential properties located in Hennepin County that are 500 square feet or larger on structures built prior to 1970. Learn more and apply at [hennepin.us/deconstruction](https://hennepin.us/deconstruction) or contact [Olivia.Cashman@hennepin.us](mailto:Olivia.Cashman@hennepin.us).

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## Be a block club leader!

In the past, Bancroft residents have formed block clubs primarily around response to crime and in conjunction with the MPD and Crime Prevention Specialists. While crime is a serious issue in our city, BNA is focused on helping residents form block clubs around a more positive focus—being present and heard in your community.

A number of people have expressed interest in being a block club leader, and we're looking for more. As a block club leader, you should:

- Share information by connecting neighbors to issues, events, and important information
- Organize a gathering for your block at least once a year. It's important to gather neighbors together! Plan a fun National Night Out party, a potluck, a meeting regarding an issue on your



block, or an informal get together.

- Encourage neighbors to participate. Welcome new neighbors, and be conscientious of any special needs of your neighbors (new parents, seniors, etc.). Also, explore the possibility for your block club to get connected to community-wide issues like beautifi-

cation, crime prevention, and community development.

If you're interested in being a block club leader, sign up on at [bancroftneighborhood.org/block-club](http://bancroftneighborhood.org/block-club). The staff at BNA are here to help get your block active.

## BNA pilots youth snow-shoveling program

For the past seven 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 will pilot a snow shoveling program, paying youth to shovel around the neighborhood. To do this, we need your help.

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 25 more that would like help shoveling. The cost to the homeowner is \$100 for the season. This money will go toward off-setting the costs of the program and having an impact on a greater number of youth. 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. For the pilot program we are not doing driveways; however, this could be added should the program continue for future years.

In addition to snow shoveling, the youth will learn woodworking and build raised bed gardens for the boulevards around the neighborhood. Each boulevard garden will cost \$25 (to cover materials) and will be delivered in the spring. In addition, BNA is working on procuring plant donations for those gardens—both edible plants and flowers.

For more information, and to show interest in having your walks shoveled or to order a garden bed, visit [bancroftneighborhood.org/shoveling](http://bancroftneighborhood.org/shoveling).

# Bancroft History

## Does your home's title contain a racial covenant?

The City of Minneapolis offers free services to help property owners remove racial covenants from their properties' legal title.

Racial covenants were documents recorded against a home's legal title which banned property owners from selling, renting, or allowing their home to be used by people of certain races. The discriminatory language was not always the same, but most covenants targeted Black people. Racial covenants were recorded on homes in Minneapolis by developers and homeowners starting in the 1910s. The use of racial covenants forced Black community members to live in racially segregated areas of the City. In these segregated areas, Black residents could not get mortgages, buy property, or build wealth.

Racial covenants were outlawed by 1968 and are no longer enforceable. Yet, Black people and other people of color in Minneapolis still experience the harm caused by these covenants. In 2010, Minneapolis' population included 69% white residents and 19% Black residents. However, in the neighborhoods where racial covenants had been common, the population was still 73-90% white. Similarly, the neighborhoods to which Black residents moved during the years when racial covenants were used had present-day populations of 43-62% Black residents. Racially segregated neighborhoods generally have fewer parks and trees, more environmental hazards, poor access to supermarkets and medical care, and underfunded schools. In 2019, Minneapolis' Black

homeownership rate of 25% was the lowest of any metro area in the nation. The Indigenous homeownership rate was 49%, the Hispanic homeownership rate was 50%, and the Asian homeownership rate was 60%. Meanwhile, the non-Hispanic white homeownership rate was 77%.

Does your home's title include a racial covenant? You can find out at the Minneapolis Just Deeds Project ([www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/attorney/just-deeds](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/attorney/just-deeds)). If it does, removing the racial covenant can be done for free; however, because of the number of homeowners requesting assistance, the process may take a while. Contact the BNA office if you need assistance to get the process started.

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## BNA Calendar

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

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

### December

Dec. 2 BNA Board Meeting  
Dec. 20 Outreach Committee Meeting  
Dec. 21 Winter Solstice  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
Dec. 26 Kwanzaa  
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

### January

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

### February

Feb. 3 BNA Board Meeting  
Feb. 21 Outreach Committee Meeting

### March

Mar. 3 BNA Board Meeting  
Mar. 21 Outreach Committee Meeting

### 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)

## NRP funds for BNA strategies

It's that time again — time to move funds into the strategies that will help BNA implement its plan for 2022. This is a normal part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, which includes giving broad notice of which funds are being moved, in order to give residents a chance to weigh in. The official wording and a synopsis of why the funds are being moved is included below.

\$5,190 from *C.1.1.1. After School Programs* to *C.1.1.2. Youth Work Program* — this will give money to contract with youth to gain skills and have a positive impact on the neighborhood through various programs like snow shoveling.

\$1,081 from *B.1.1.2. Graffiti Deterrent Program* and \$3,243 from *E.1.1.2. Green Building Demonstration*, both moved to *D.2.5.1. BNA Banner and*

*Website* (total moved \$4,324) — this is to keep the website up to date and the newsletter published and sent to residents.

\$13,838.19 from *Program Income*, \$15,000 from *A.2.1.1. Property Acquisition and Redevelopment*, and \$7,499.87 from *F.1.1.1. Transit Options*, all moved to *D.2.3.1. Phase II Implementation* (total moved \$36,338.06) — this will pay for any non-programmatic items such as supplies, events, postage, printing, staff, etc.

Moving funds from one strategy does not preclude re-funding that strategy in the future should a program fit. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to the BNA office at [info@bancroftneighborhood.org](mailto:info@bancroftneighborhood.org) or 612-724-5313.

## Over-use of salt in winter

Did you know that Minnesota is over salting our roads and sidewalks? Winter road and sidewalk de-icing salt can be hazardous to our safety and our environment. Safety is the priority when applying de-icers, and over application of salt is less effective. More salt does not mean more melting! Take the pledge to salt smartly at Salt Mini-Course on the City of Minneapolis website ([www2.minneapolis.gov/government/programs-initiatives/environmental-programs/salt](http://www2.minneapolis.gov/government/programs-initiatives/environmental-programs/salt)). It is self-guided with brief readings and videos. Residents and businesses can learn about the consequences of over salting, and what we can do to help protect our beloved Minnesota waters from the permanent pollutant of Chloride salt. Will you join us in doing your part to keep our communities safe and clean?

Chloride, a main component of salt, is a permanent pollutant and toxic to wildlife. When snow and ice melt, the de-icing salt is discharged with it into storm drains, then into our lakes, groundwater and rivers. Salt does not

breakdown over time, permanently polluting our waterways. We must act now to protect the land of 10,000 lakes. Less is more when it comes to applying salt. You've likely noticed the unfortunate sight of large clumps of salt on bare pavement in the winter. Excess salt is a nuisance, damaging our shoes, vehicles and buildings. The excess salt sitting on the pavement does not further help with melting and is damaging to our waterbodies. We've all seen it and now it's time to address the problem head on.

Remember these four steps during our next snowfall: shovel and scrape before snow compacts, select the correct de-icer, scatter salt only where critical, and sweep up and reuse left-over salt.

Check out the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency webpages on Chloride (salt) at [www.pca.state.mn.us/water/chloride-salts](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/chloride-salts) or reach out to Léa at [lea.payette@minneapolis.gov](mailto:lea.payette@minneapolis.gov) for more information.

# Bancroft In Brief

## Security Rebate Program

BNA has 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 (however, funds cannot cover monthly fees). The program

information can be found on the BNA website. 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.

## Curb Appeal Lottery

The BNA Curb Appeal Lottery will be back for 2022! The program allows eligible participants to apply for matching grant funds to be used for home improvement projects. The program

covers exterior projects and all projects must be visible from the sidewalk (landscaping excluded). Bancroft homeowners and property owners of non-commercial properties with up to four units are eligible to participate in the program. Renters are encouraged to work with their landlord to apply. Businesses and commercial property owners are not eligible to participate in this program, but could be eligible for the Great Streets Façade Improvement Program. Look for more information, including program timeline and details, in February.

## 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.

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