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Public Achievement. A Neighborhood Process! First step is to know or Neighborhood!  
By; Grace, Mandy, Yione, Chloe, Yesenia. & Evelyn.

**HISTORY:** The neighborhood was named for Bancroft Elementary School, one of the oldest education buildings still in operation in the Minneapolis School District (built in 1912). The urban history of the Bancroft Neighborhood dates back to the early teens through the 1930's. In the 1920's, Bancroft residents would hop on the Bloomington or Cedar Avenue street cars to go downtown or to work and services were conveniently located within the neighborhood. (more history from Wiki page down below) facebook Association Page

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Please visit our blogs, and read each of our personal experiences!

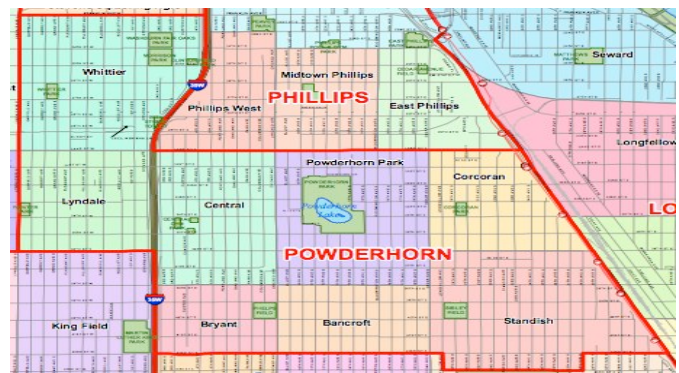
A neighborhood, in South Minneapolis. surrounded by Powderhorn, Bryant, Northrup, Standish, Corcoran, Regina, Ericson and Central, all just blocks away. Population: 3,202

Boundaries:

North:38th st, South: 42nd street, East: Cedar Av, West: Chicago Av

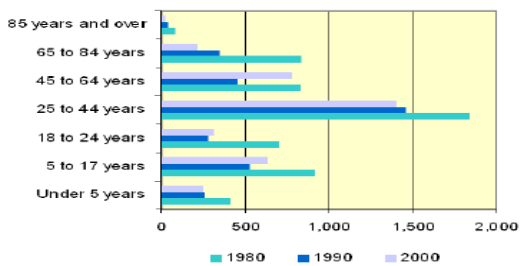
There is a neighborhood Association: (612) 724-5313 4120 S 17th Ave

<http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org/about-bancroft-neighborhood> Which is full of information! About neighborhood news, businesses, resources, volunteer opportunities, and history information.



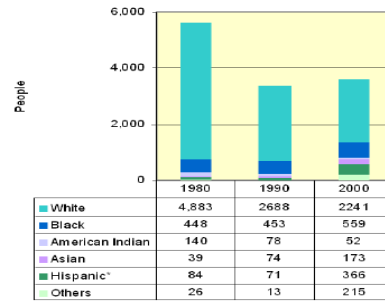


**Bancroft : Age distribution**



Source: Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development with data from the U.S. Census of Population and Housing (SF1)

**Bancroft : Ethnic distribution**



\* Hispanics could be any race

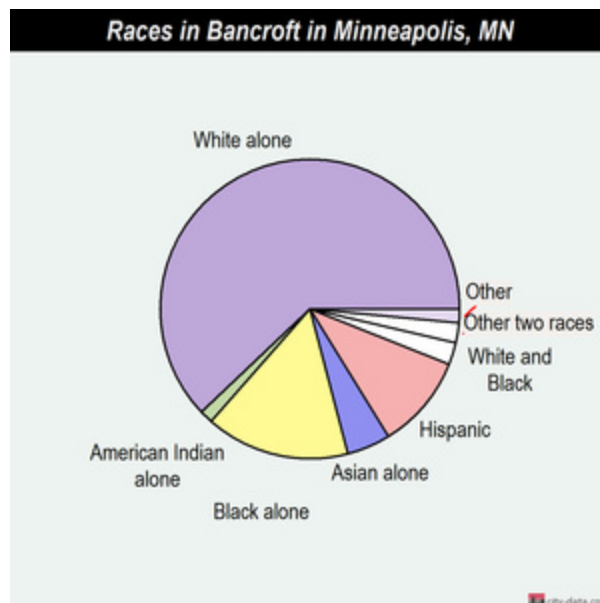
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**Politics:** Bancroft is in Ward 8 of Minneapolis, city council member is [Elizabeth Glidden](#); state legislators are [Jim Davnie](#) (MN House), [Patricia Torres Ray](#) (MN Senate), [Keith Ellison](#) (U.S. House), [Amy Klobuchar](#) (U.S. Senate), and [Al Franken](#) (U.S. Senate)

**People:** The latest stats the Minneapolis website has are from 09/2011:

Grace noticed

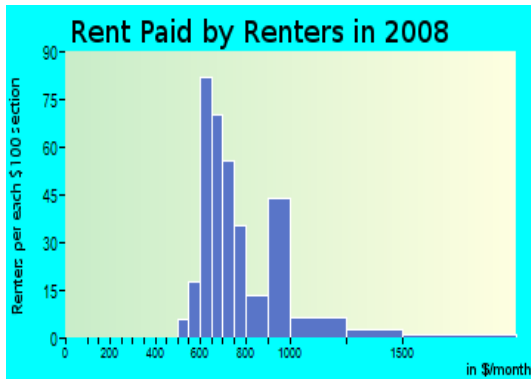
, as driving noticed mostly White people in the neighborhood. Other information that were researched....



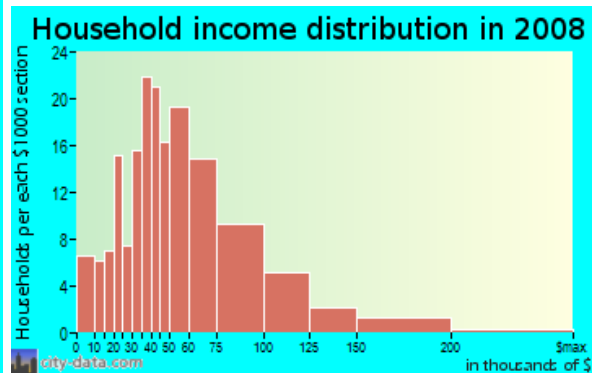
Crime: December 2015 statistics: 1 robbery, 5 burglaries, 5 counts of larceny, 2 auto thefts  
There is a Crime Prevention site! <https://www.facebook.com/BancroftCrimePrevention/?fref=ts>

Housing: Grace, noted..... that From driving around the neighborhood, I think it's safe to say that the majority of residents in this neighborhood live in homes (probably split into duplexes, and most likely mainly rented); however, there were a few apartment buildings scattered throughout the neighborhood as well.

From City - Data...



Bancroft: \$921 MPLS: \$783



Bancroft: \$57,826 MPLS: \$50,563

For so much more info on the neighborhood ! (home values, who owns, and much more!)  
<http://www.city-data.com/neighborhood/Bancroft-Minneapolis-MN.html>

Parks: Powderhorn (duh), Sibley, Cocoran, Phelps (all of them have park houses, and green space and playground equipment) (see events for links to a couple park houses and activities)  
Community Agencies: The Belfry Center, Pets Together, Clues, Beechwood, Boys and Girls Clubs, City Food Studio (City Food Studio is a shared-use commercial kitchen that enables Twin Cities culinary entrepreneurs to craft and sell their goods from a certified food-safe facility. ), CANDO, Chicago Avenue Fine Arts Center, Neighborhood Housing Services  
Nearest Groceries: Cup Foods, Amanda's Exotic Food Market, Seward Co-op, Everett's Foods and Meats (see cool pic of co-op, with real substantial produce and product!)



Nearest Clinics: The closest clinic that actually looks reputable is about a mile or so away (Southside Medical Clinic), HealthPartners Nokomis Clinic @ 48th and Chicago about a mile away as well (has full family practice and an urgent care)

News: The Southside Pride, a monthly newspaper <http://southsidepride.com/about/>, covers the Bancroft Neighborhood. It's filled with community news and services such as yoga for Seniors and Volunteer opportunities and Religious services to be had.

People we spoke to: (we each will detail separately on our personal blogs) for the record, I (Evelyn, Team Leader) spoke with Three families, that live in the neighborhood, they like the closeness of the parks, the ease of biking and how easy it is to get around via the bus, and to downtown for work. I spoke with an Owner of Tiny Diner, he says the neighborhood is changing daily and enjoys the location of the diner, and was very welcoming. I spoke also with the waitstaff, and She loved working at the diner, and chatted with a few of us for quite a while.

The Surrounding of the School: The school sits on a full, huge city block, The School itself is old, and has normal Inner city issues of temp control that is notices just walking in the halls. The halls are clean, the classrooms well taken care of with pride of school work predominately displayed. The sidewalks are well maintained, the School yard has a huge field, and a playground, that looks to be well used, and well taken care of

Events: [Powderhorn Rec](#) center hosts a ton of Winter Activities, (and all seasons), they host the City famous [May Day festival and parade](#). The Community center at the [phelps Rec](#) center has a fitness center, and sports and rec and other activities, including before and after school programs. For our particular program there is a calendar of events for the school. Such as a Portfolio Night In Feb, full calendar can be found [here](#)

Nearest Indoor Recreation: Phelps Recreation Center, Powderhorn Rec Center

Nearest Coffee Shop: Blue Ox Coffee Company

Nearest Laundromat: Ultra Wash Coin Laundry

Entertainment: Pillsbury House Theater, The Third Place Gallery

Important Features of the neighborhood: Has good transportation, with major bus lines, The 23, 5, 14, 46, and 111 ar near by. The Blue Line Rail line is 9 blocks way. There are major bike lanes available. Easy access to parks, Biking distance to the Creek, Falls. Walking distance to shops, and eateries. Just minutes away to downtown via mass transportation. Less via car. Has a charter school El Colegio, Has an active neighborhood association. Golf course 1.5 miles away at Hiawatha Golf Course. The Hosmer Library Less than a Mile away at 347 E 36th St, Minneapolis, MN 55408



Here are two videos I (Yesenia) recorded while driving around Bancroft neighborhood. I will be adding them to my blog.

<https://youtu.be/IJ2efrGmoJw>

<https://youtu.be/WWOUaaM0Xhg>

<https://yeseniacruzales.wordpress.com/2016/01/26/bancroft-neighborhood/> ← add my link to your blog Evelyn.

Youtube finds! Here are some Youtube finds, one from 9 months ago and one from a year ago

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKp30Io6jbQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFsX5ixYdm0>

Bancroft is on Next door <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/bancroftmn--minneapolis--mn/>

Bancroft has a Wikipedia page [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bancroft,\\_Minneapolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bancroft,_Minneapolis)

(history from Wiki)

The urban history of the Bancroft Neighborhood dates back to the early 1910s through the 1930s. More than 80% of the structures were built before 1940 and are today primarily owner-occupied. The neighborhood was named for Bancroft Elementary School, one of the oldest education buildings in the Minneapolis School District.

In the 1920s, Bancroft residents would hop on the Bloomington or Cedar Avenue street cars to go downtown or to work. Many neighbors would get visits from the Milkman, the Watkins Spice man, and the Fuller Brush man. Other shopping and business could be done right in the neighborhood. You could find a butcher, grocer, drug store, doctor's office and a nursery all within a few blocks. Organ grinders with monkeys would provide entertainment for local children along local streets. Children in the 1920s, same as children today, tore out of their homes to catch the ice cream man. In the winter and summer fun could be found at nearby Powderhorn Lake, Lakes Nokomis and Hiawatha.

In 1986, the city moved the northern boundary of the neighborhood from 36th Street to 38th Street, transferring 24 city blocks from Bancroft to the Powderhorn Park neighborhood. The significant population decline between 1980 and 1990 can mostly be attributed to this boundary change.

I am familiar with the South Side Minneapolis. I travel through the neighborhoods frequently but have never actually stopped in the community. My first impression is that its just like any neighborhood I've grown up in. The community schools, parks and rec centers, corner stores are all things that were part of my community growing up. Chloe first walked around the school. Every inch of space on the walls are covered with students' work and art, the school's missions statement, inspirational quotes, nation's flags and other things that make the school so unique. The school captures that lives and culture of the students and staff. The school has three levels and is separated by grade. The fifth graders have the bottom floor, High5-1 is on the middle floor and the top hosts 2nt-4th grades. We found the cafeteria, music room, media room and a little room dedicated for engineers.

Chloe and I then drove around the neighborhood looking for parks, stores and other unique things that make the Bancroft neighborhood unique. I did not run into someone to speak

with in the neighborhood, but while talking with a close friend of mine, I discovered her attended Bancroft years ago. He spoke of how much he loved the neighborhood and school.

Just up the way from Bancroft Elementary, ON 42nd and Bloomington El Colegio Charter School is a small public school I observed at 2 years ago. The school is majority Latino and spanish speaking students. Across the street from the high school is JArDin Spanish Immersion Academy, a daycare center. That is right across the street from a park, Bancroft Meadows. It more like a dog walking/ jogging park because there is no play area for children. Down the way, we came upon Chicago Ave, which is a major street for bus travel. Bus Numbers 5 and 133 run there. On 40th and Chicago, there is the SouthSide Life Care Center.

[Yione's Blog Here](#)