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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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### Bottineau Neighborhood Association

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- Mariam Slayhi
- Amanda Winterer
- Matt Ruby
- Liz Reiser
- Bob Marget
- John Olson
- Seth Nesselhuf



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AUGUST  
2018

## Weeding the Rain Garden at Bottineau Park



On July 28, Ismail, Yusuf, Shuaib, Isac, Max and Nancy all worked to clear out scrub trees and invasive wild mustard from one of the rain gardens at Bottineau Park. The young men learned a good deal about invasive weeds and how to cut and eliminate trees from the garden.

The next weeding and tree removal date hasn't yet been set, but we need more volunteers. If interested contact BNA (612-367-7262, or by email at [bna@bottineauneighborhood.org](mailto:bna@bottineauneighborhood.org)) and get on the list for the next weeding/tree removal excursion. Even hard work can be fun with lots of helpers!



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

@Bottineau Park  
August 8, 5pm  
Picnic Supper  
FREE!



## GAF Meets Deadline to Remove Shingles



Imagine, on this site, a music venue overlooking the Mississippi ...

The good news is this: As of July 15, 2018, GAF shingles are no longer stored on City property that abuts the Mississippi River. This City property can now be better developed into a more environmentally-sound enterprise that is far friendlier to human health. Why is that an issue? Because asphalt shingles must "off gas" petrochemicals before they are transported. If that process isn't followed, the uncured shingles can

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember Fletcher  
673-2203

Hennepin County Commissioner Higgins  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner Meyer  
230-6443

Bottineau Park  
370-4958

Family Violence,  
Domestic Abuse, Child Abuse  
673-3072

Housing Inspections  
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS)  
781-6011

Community Crime Prevention  
673-2797

Pierre Bottineau Library  
630-6890

Minneapolis Park Board  
230-6400

Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling  
673-2917

Traffic Enforcement  
673-3443

## > **GAF SHINGLES** cont.

easily explode during transit. Now GAF must cure their shingles elsewhere. Less curing means less pollution that goes into the air and river.

**History:** In November of 2016 the Minneapolis City Council—after 18 months of lobbying by residents in north and northeast Minneapolis—voted to discontinue the lease of City owned property to GAF Building Materials for asphalt shingle storage. The lease was to end 12-31-17. In December of 2017 the City of Minneapolis Health and Regulatory staff planned to recommend a 6 month extension of the lease. This gambit by GAF to extend their lease was again stopped by active residents pressuring the City Council to do the right thing. Thank you to all residents who have called 311, attended a hearing or wrote letters.

## Upper Terminal Development

The draft plan for the area on the west side of the Mississippi River from 33rd Ave N to the Camden Bridge is now available for comment. This multi-billion dollar development is at the heart of the re-visioning of the Mississippi River Above the Falls and North Minneapolis. Will there be housing? Will it be affordable? What kind of jobs will be produced by which kind of industries? What about entertainment venues?

Multiple community meetings are scheduled to accommodate various people's schedules. All meetings are held at Park Board headquarters (2117 W. River Road N) unless otherwise noted. Here are the dates and times:

- Wednesday, August 15, 11am-1pm
- Thursday, August 16, 6pm-8pm

- Tuesday, August 28, 6pm-8pm, (hosted by *Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee*)
- Saturday, Sept. 8, 11am-1pm North Market, 4414 Humboldt Ave. N, Community Room

All of these meetings will include a presentation of the draft plan followed by a time for Q & A and discussion. All meetings will be open to the public and family-friendly. Refreshments will also be provided. Informational materials and an online survey will be posted on the project website after the initial meetings.

## BNA Board Candidates

At September's Annual Meeting of the Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA), Bottineau residents and business owners will have the opportunity to vote on candidates for open board seats. Following is the list of four candidates willing to serve our neighborhood.

### **Maryam Abdullahi**



Maryam Abdullahi and her family have been living in Bottineau Neighborhood for the last ten years. Her mission and goals as a potential board member are to improve both the safety and the beauty of Bottineau. As she says, "My family and I love this neighborhood." For that reason, Maryam is willing to donate time out of her busy life to

serve the community. "I believe together we can make our neighborhood a better place where all of us can feel safe and enjoy."

### Liz Novotny



Liz Novotny and her family have lived in Bottineau for 10 years where she and her husband are raising their 3-year old child. A former teacher in the Minneapolis Public School district, she is currently working in a new career as a realtor. Even so, Liz continues to have the heart of an educator and truly enjoys coaching and teaching home buyers about the biggest and perhaps most important purchase of their lives. As a potential board member, she wants to share her skills with the neighborhood especially working on child and youth issues like the Bottineau Neighborhood sponsored homework helper program. Liz also has awesome math skills and wants to help with neighborhood budgeting.

### Jennefer James



Jennefer James and her husband, parents of a vivacious 7-month old boy, have lived in Bottineau for five

years. With 12 years of experience in the non-profit human services field, Mrs. James currently works as Executive Assistant at Project Pathfinder, Inc. (PPI) where she serves as liaison to the Board of Directors while providing services to people with problematic sexual behaviors. She also serves on the MN Human Trafficking Task Force, the Sexual Violence Prevention Network, and was a member of the Sex Trafficking subcommittee prior to the Super Bowl. Mrs. James is passionate about the arts, yoga, hiking, gardening, travel and spending time with her family. As a potential board member, her vision is for a clean, respectful community that is enjoyable to walk through and safe for our children.

### Liz Reiser



Liz Reiser is a retired Anoka County Social Worker who is passionate about books and literacy. As such, she has been a part of community reading groups with neighborhood children and maintains three Little Free Libraries in Bottineau Neighborhood. In addition to literacy issues, Liz is a Master Water Steward, trained via the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), and is active in promoting water quality issues. She is also a block leader and attends the 2nd Precinct Advisory Council meetings as a representative from Bottineau. Liz, her husband Luke and their adorable cats have been Bottineau residents for 7 years.

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineauneighborhood.org](http://bottineauneighborhood.org)

BNA's Facebook Page  
[tinyurl.com/zmgldlw](http://tinyurl.com/zmgldlw)

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

Hennepin County  
[www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nemaa.org](http://nemaa.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

MN State Legislature  
[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Dislocated Worker Program  
[tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed](http://tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

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## Mark Your Calendars



- Note: No BNA Board Meeting in August
- 8/8 Ice Cream Social @ Bottineau Park
- 9/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## Eastside BBQ

*Thursday, August 23  
3:30pm – 7:30pm  
Edison High School  
700 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE*

All are welcome at the Eastside BBQ - where we all come together and build community! The event is free and includes pork-free and vegetarian options, live music and family-friendly activities. Each of the seven eastside Minneapolis Public Schools will have open house hours that afternoon and evening. Visit each school's website for exact hours.

**NOTE:** The public is welcome at all BNA meetings. All meetings are accessible and requests for special accommodations at BNA meetings may be made by contacting us no less than one week prior to the event. This publication can be made available in an alternative format. Please contact BNA with specific requests.

For more information or for deadlines,  
please call 612-367-7262