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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Cancer: Lowry Bridge

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has provided BNA with 3 years of VOC air testing results covering the span from October 7, 2014, through October 2017. BNA and Marshall Terrace lobbied the MPCA to do this testing near the Lowry Bridge in 2014. The results are sobering. (See graph on page 3).

Formaldehyde, most commonly associated with Leukemia in children and adults when exposed long term, was detected here at levels more than 3 times the health risk value (HRV) for cancer. Children are more susceptible than adults when exposed to this toxin, now found in the plume of VOCs emanating in the Lowry Bridge area. Formaldehyde is most commonly associated with petroleum manufacturing plants. We have one big petroleum manufacturing plant in the Lowry Bridge area: GAF Building Materials, which recycles and smelts used asphalt roofing materials and old asphalt paving material from streets and parking lots to make shingles.

In addition, air samples of 1,3 Butadiene, also associated with Leukemia, exceeded the HRV for cancer by 30 times the limit. Exposure to this compound is common in areas around chemical factories, in both air and water. Most often, workers in the plants are those who

## Holiday Train

Lions Park  
37th Ave NE/Stinson Blvd  
Dec 9 @ 7 PM

*At every stop, the brightly lit and decorated train gathers money and supplies for food shelves and local charities. The stops often feature live music and sales of holiday cookies and food. Don't miss it!*

get sick. Other sources of 1,3 Butadiene are automobile exhaust and tobacco smoke. The MPCA has another sampling site at the juncture of highways 394 and 94 but 1,3 Butadiene levels there are not significantly elevated. Further comparison to that air sampling station vis-a-vis the Lowry sampling station will determine just how much 1,3 Butadiene in our area is due to auto exhaust.

Even more concerning, Vinyl Chloride was found to be just over the HRV for cancer. In 1930, Vinyl Chloride was determined to be a known cause of a liver cancer and was banned for use and manufacture in the United States at that time. Every study of Vinyl Chloride shows the same result.

Ethylene Dibromide was also found in air samples - at more than 30 times the health risk value for

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
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367-7262

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

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348-7882

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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

## > **LOWRY AREA VOCs** cont.

cancer. Direct exposure to Ethylene Dibromide is associated with severe skin irritations, emphysema and pulmonary fibrosis. Inhalation risk is less conclusive regarding cancer but tests on mice and rats who inhaled Ethylene Dibromide often showed birth defects in their offspring due to male sperm mutations. However, mutations to human sperm cells are also known to occur. Continuous inhalation exposure for humans often results in depression as well as causing states of euphoria and disorientation.

Finally, there were many other VOCs that exceeded the Health Risk Values either 80% of the time or 60% of the time. Likewise, 10 PM and 2.5 PM particulates also exceeded the HRV on many days but further analysis is needed. Our new research coordinator, Jim Olson, is evaluating the rest of the data and looking for new reports as information is gleaned.

## Drug Bust in Bottineau

A significant drug bust was conducted recently by the second precinct Community Response Team (CRT) with assistance from the SWAT team. On October 14, a search warrant was served at 21XX Grand St NE. Police confiscated an M203 grenade launcher, 2 replica firearms, a .45 caliber handgun (circa 1911) and a stolen motorcycle in addition to the following drugs: two grams of cocaine, 33 grams of methamphetamine, and some heroin. Three people were taken into custody; all were charged with multiple felonies. Two of the three arrested, Joshua Domino and Molly Bruer, have long criminal histories. This action started with a traffic stop, but community action was essential because there had already been many complaints from the neighborhood

regarding suspected drug dealing at the corner. Residents had reported many strange vehicles coming and going at the address. In the end, an astute traffic stop (for failure to stop at a sign) led to the arrests after a K-9 officer found drugs stashed in the gas cap of the car in question.

## Implicit Bias Training at Monthly 2PAC Meeting

*The Second Precinct Advisory Council (2PAC) meets on the second Monday of each month at 1900 Central Ave in the Monroe Village space at 6 PM.*

On November 13, 2PAC hosted Glenn Burt, one of the people who train Minneapolis Police Officers regarding implicit bias, defined as the automatic associations an individual makes about a person from another group of people. In short, it involves unconscious stereotyping.

Implicit bias is unfair and potentially injurious when people act on these automatic associations. Implicit bias can be based on skin color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, immigration status, income, housing status or other identifying markers. Implicit bias is often reinforced by social insulation. Meaning, if your social sphere is limited to people who are primarily *a lot like you*, implicit bias can crop up as an attitude without anyone ever explicitly doing anything racist or sexist to others.

According to criminal science research, internalized attitudes like this can lead to actions based on hidden biases that an individual might not even realize are, in fact, unfair biases. Revealing bias and acting to dissolve resulting attitudes via education and self-awareness is

what the MPD implicit bias training hopes to accomplish.

2PAC will hold a holiday party for Minneapolis First Responders, on December 24 from noon to 10 PM at the 2nd Precinct (1911 Central Avenue). Volunteer shifts and donations are needed. If you would like to help out, please contact 2PAC board member Emilie Quast via email at [e-quas@umn.edu](mailto:e-quas@umn.edu). The greatest gift you can give is your time.

## Bottineau Recreation Center: Walk, Play, Dance

The Bottineau Recreation Center (1900 2nd St. NE) is officially open for adult and senior walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 PM to 3 PM.

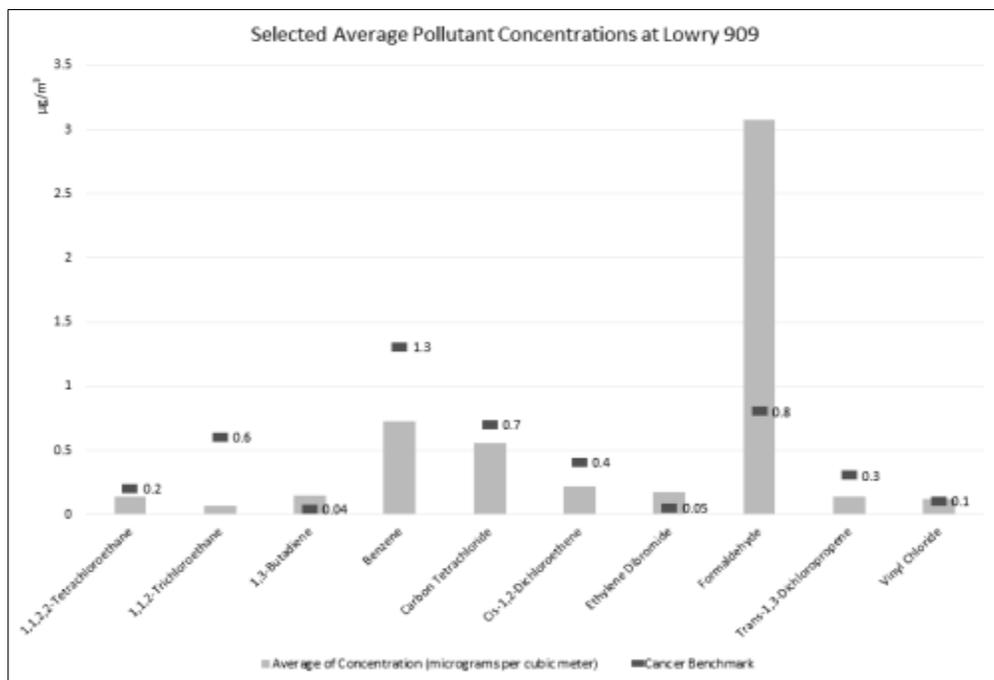
The walking track is free and available for everyone. Though Bottineau Park hosts youth open gyms for play on Monday through Friday 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM, people are also welcome to walk around the

track during this time. Please note: depending on capacity, kids may use the track for play space during open gym. Sharing is advised. The slowest time for open gym traffic is between 3 and 4 PM on weekdays, which would be the recommended time to walk or run. You may sign up for a free park activity ID card at the front desk.

**Note:** On Mondays Zumba classes take place from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Some people choose to walk at this time. In 2018, Zumba will be moved to Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm. Zumba costs \$30 per 3 month season, with classes held in the winter, spring, summer and fall. Get out there and move your body!

## December Board Meeting

The BNA Board of Directors will meet on December 12th at 7 PM at *The Sample Room* for a short meeting of approximately 15 minutes, followed by board development activities. This is BNA's only board development excursion of the year.



For a closer look at this chart, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Lowry909>

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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  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.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  
[nema.org](http://nema.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



- 12/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
The Sample Room (2124 Marshall)
- 12/25 Merry Christmas!
- 1/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

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