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BNA Meets with Council Member Steve Fletcher



On January 25, Council Member Steve Fletcher and his aide Laura Dorle met with Bottineau residents to discuss air pollution test results from the MPCA's 909 Lowry Bridge air sampling station.

In BNA's presentation that evening about the air sampling results, test results were shown with comparative evaluations of Health Risk Values (HRVs) for cancer that dated from both 2002 and 2006 because the differences in the two sets of values are strikingly far apart. Why is this?

Health Risk Values are debated on an ongoing basis by epidemiologists around the world. For example, the Health Risk Value for formaldehyde was set by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) at 0.8 per $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and remained the same for 30 years. In 2006, however, the MDH more than doubled the HRV for formaldehyde to 2.0 per $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, where it remains today. For comparison, in Canada the cancer HRV for formaldehyde is 1.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. So, HRVs change depending on current science, which is continuously evolving, and locality.

Free President's Day Capitol Tour with Rep. Diane Loeffler

February 19, 2018

Interested? For more info, call 651-296-4219

In December, BNA released an analysis of air pollution test results from the Lowry Bridge site using the 2002 HRV guidance we found on the MPCA website. That guidance link has since been removed from the MPCA's website. If anyone wants a copy of these differing HRV documents, contact BNA and the documents will be provided.

Council Member Fletcher expressed his genuine concern about the air pollution in our neighborhood and, as vice chair of the City Council's Ways and Means Committee, promised transparency concerning the City's current cancellation of a land lease with GAF Building Materials. Any lease extension between GAF and the City would have to go before that committee if it is to be renegotiated or extended.

Kari Palmer and Jared LaFave from the MPCA also joined the discussion,

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911

Minneapolis City Info:
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367-7262

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Frey
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner Higgins
348-7882

Parks Commissioner
Wielinski
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

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providing an excellent slide show, documentation and discussion of air pollutant testing procedures and results around the Lowry Bridge and elsewhere in the City.

Neighborhood Funding Changes

The City of Minneapolis's department of Neighborhood Community Relations has a new suggested plan for neighborhood funding and boundaries. Now that most of the Neighborhood Revitalization Project (NRP) funds have been spent, the City has decided to slot neighborhoods into three different tiers and fund them accordingly. It doesn't look good for Northeast.

NRP was established to keep homeowners in the City as a means of preventing neighborhood decay. As a forward-thinking program, NRP accomplished this goal. Many existing homeowners were retained while new homeowners were found from historically disadvantaged groups. However, home ownership is no longer a top priority for the City. Density is now the plan's primary focus; home ownership, as a strategy, is out.

Under the City's proposed plan for funding, the three tiers of neighborhoods will look like this:

Tier One Neighborhood
Has an Executive Director and an Organizer
Has many funds from grantors
Is Charity Review Council Certified
Leadership is composed primarily from Renters and Under-represented groups

Tier Two Neighborhood
Part time coordinator/organizer
In process of Charity Review
Cultural Partnerships & Renters involved in emerging leadership

Tier Three Neighborhood
No Staff
Has Website and Newsletter
Approaching proficiency with partnerships and collaborations

Of the 13 neighborhoods in Northeast Minneapolis, none fit the criteria for Tier One. Additionally, none of our 13 neighborhoods entirely meet the standard set for Tier Two. Thus, according to new City criteria, all Northeast neighborhoods will be automatically assigned to tier three. Why is this important? Funding levels will be determined according to the tier into which each neighborhood is slotted, with Tier Three receiving the least amount of funding.

Here's a list of some of the programs we've been working on in Bottineau:

- Home fix-up grants
- Environmental air quality improvements
- Community Clean-ups
- Homework Helper
- New community garden
- Graffiti prevention/art wraps on utility boxes
- Community forums for crime solutions
- Community input on neighborhood housing & business developments

If these things matter to you, you probably know it's your neighborhood

group that gets the work done. If the City assigns Tier Three status to Bottineau, we will no longer have the funding to succeed.

The Community Connections Conference on Feb 10 at the Convention Center is where the fate of our neighborhood will be discussed (in the afternoon session). See tinyurl.com/ydq4u2j3 for conference information. Show up if you want to speak your piece. The City's final decision will be made in March.

MnDOT Projects for 2018

Get ready for delays and detours.

The ramps from I-35W north to I-94 west and from I-94 east to I-35W south will be closed, starting this summer, for 3-½ years. Fortunately, this work is slated to begin after Art-A-Whirl, in June 2018. Three ramps to downtown will also be closed: the Fifth, Grant, and 11th Ave exits from I-94 and I-35W.

MnDOT suggests using alternative means of transportation when traveling around town, especially downtown. MnDOT has contracted with Move Minneapolis and eWorkplace to help with this effort.

Additionally, I-94 from Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center will be closed for 30 to 90 days so bridge work can be done on various overpasses from Plymouth Ave north to Shingle Creek Parkway. MnDOT will also be repairing the Whitney Pedestrian Bridge between Walker Art Center and Loring Park. Another overpass where I-94 crosses Hwy 55 will be repaired as well, potentially closing Hennepin and Lyndale Avenues in both directions (near St. Mary's Basilica) for several months.

Closer to home, University Ave NE is

being resurfaced from Minneapolis to Columbia Heights. Lane closures during off peak hours, sidewalk closures, and delays can be expected throughout the summer months.

MnDOT is encouraging people to sign up for email alerts at the following site: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT>. The email alert sign up is on the right hand side of the web page.

Bottineau Park News

Summer sports registration begins on February 28! Sign up early so that needed coaches, volunteers, and paid staff will be assigned to Bottineau Park. Don't delay. Sports included at Bottineau are as follows: T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Baseball, and Softball. Track will be provided at Logan Park. Though Soccer is offered as a fall sport, Bottineau would like to provide a young learners (pre-school to 6+) soccer program for the summer but coaches are needed. Contact Joe Hazuka at 612-370-4958 to volunteer. Sign your kids up for sports in-person or online at the MPRB website.

Teen Night continues at Bottineau Park every Saturday (8-11pm) for ages 13 to 18. Enjoy basketball, art, games, snacks and other fun activities.

Adult walking is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3pm. 18 laps on the inner circle around the gym equals one mile. If you want to get done quicker, do 17 laps on the outer circle to equal one mile. (Wait a minute, a mile is a mile; it doesn't matter how many laps it takes!) Either way, take a friend and get some safe exercise.

Save the Date: Bottineau's Movie in the Park will be shown July 14 at dusk, featuring a new release movie, Jumanji, starring the Rock and Kevin Hart. Bring a blanket and/or chairs and enjoy the free movie!

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bottineauneighborhood.org

BNA's Facebook Page
tinyurl.com/zmgldlw

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
www.hennepin.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Dislocated Worker Program
tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

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Mark Your Calendars



- 2/10 Community Connections Conference
8am–4pm, Mpls Convention Center
- 2/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 2/28 Summer Sports Registration begins
at Bottineau Park Recreation Center

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.

Homework Helper

Beginning February 5, Homework helper will be held on **Mondays and Wednesdays at Bottineau Park from 3:30 to 8pm**, or until everyone has been helped, whichever comes first.

Bottineau Neighborhood Association pays for this program by using neighborhood outreach dollars. Tutors specialize in the STEM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – as well as all other curriculum requirements of the Minneapolis Public Schools.