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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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GAF Shingles Remain on City Property



Picture taken on January 4, 2018, by BNA

GAF Shingle and Asphalt Smelting Plant was given notice in November 2016 that the City lease with GAF for shingle storage on City riverfront property north of the GAF plant would end 12-31-17. Despite maneuvering by GAF and city staffers, neighborhood residents prevailed in preventing GAF’s lease extension beyond 12-31-17 by objecting to the extension. It took two years of constant neighborhood pressure and countless meetings to get that lease cancelled. The property in question is shown on the map below.



COMMUNITY MEETING

**Thursday, January 25
7:00 P.M.**

**East Side Neighborhood Svcs
1700 Second St. NE**

On the Agenda:

- New Housing Grants!
- Air Pollution Research, with Jim Olson (BNA research coordinator) & Kari Palmer, MPCA Air Monitoring Supervisor

The storage of shingles on this valuable riverfront property is not in keeping with the RiverFirst initiative adopted by the City. Further use of this property for shingle storage is not in keeping with the City vision for redevelopment along the Mississippi River above the falls. The city property in question is slated to be used as an outdoor music and event space and First Avenue owners have expressed interest in this development.

What is now unclear is this: Did the City give GAF notice to vacate when the lease was cancelled? That important step may have been overlooked. What landlord cancels a lease and doesn’t give the tenant proper notice to vacate? The City has many leases to manage and

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Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilmember
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

> **GAF SHINGLES** *cont.*

there is a check list to follow; surely "notice to vacate" is on that list. GAF is a multi-billion dollar, privately held corporation that can afford to find and lease a new space for shingle storage. Any responsible company would have done so within the past 14 months since they were notified that the lease would not be renewed.



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BNA Community Meeting: *Housing Grant Program Revived, Air Pollution Test Results Revealed*

This month's community meeting will feature new contract terms and conditions for the housing program that unexpectedly shut down without warning last July. A new program is being rolled out. Be the first to find out how you can pick up a new application and access \$2000 in grants for home and residential rental property improvements. Additional funds are available for reimbursements on home security improvements, up to \$150 per homeowner.

Jim Olson, Research Coordinator for Bottineau Neighborhood Association, will present an update to BNA's air

pollution analysis conducted since November 2017. Using MPCA data, Jim has evaluated these air tests for Health Risk Values for Cancer and other diseases. Come to the meeting if you want to learn the very latest information.

Did you see BNA on Channel 4 news explaining the test results at our press conference on December 18, 2017? If you missed it, you can find out about all the details and have an opportunity to ask MPCA air testing staff further questions at the community meeting.

DETAILS: The community meeting will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 7 PM. As usual, it will be held at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St NE). Free childcare will be available. Treats and door prizes, too!

File Your Taxes for Free with Prepare + Prosper *Nonprofit offers free tax preparation and financial services during the 2018 tax season*

Once again, East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St NE) is the place for Northeasters to receive free tax preparation services. The sessions begin Saturday, January 20, and end Saturday April 14, 2018. "First come, first served" walk-in help sessions are held three days week at ESNS.

Tuesday and Thursday sign-in begins at 5:30 PM; Saturday sign-in begins at 9 AM. IRS-certified volunteers from *Prepare + Prosper* work one-on-one with taxpayers to help them claim all the credits they've earned. The nonprofit also provides financial services to help people save some of

their refund, get connected to financial coaching, or to answer money-related questions.

Individuals with an annual income of \$35,000 or less in 2017, plus families and self-employed taxpayers with an annual income of \$55,000 or less in 2017, are eligible to file their taxes through this service for free.

Everyone present at the sign-in time has an equal chance to be served and to be seen first. Order is determined randomly. Those arriving after sign-in will be served if there is space. Due to capacity, P+P might not see everyone on the day of the clinic. Please allow 2-4 hours for preparation. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the sign-in time.

What to bring to the tax clinic:

You must bring a Social Security Card for each person on the return or an ITIN tax number or letter for each person on the return; a picture ID; checking and/or savings account numbers and bank routing numbers. All income statements should be brought to the clinic, official documents such as W-2s from each job, Unemployment Form 1099-G, Social Security benefits Form SSA-1099, Interest Income 1099-INT, Dividend Income 1099-DIV, Retirement Plans Form 1099-R, Gambling Winnings Form W-2G, Miscellaneous Income 1099-MISC, Sale of Stock 1099-B, Scholarships and Grants 1098-T, and Health Insurance purchased through MNSURE form 1095-A. Bring a copy of your 2016 tax return if you filed in 2017 and have retained a copy.

Special circumstances may require that you bring additional income statements for MFIP, SSI, MSA, GA, Veteran Benefits, and workers compensation. If you are claiming deductions for education expenses

for K-12 children, bring receipts for supplies like pencils and notebooks. Also, if you paid for tutoring, musical instruments and lessons, or anything like that, bring receipts. If you paid for tuition at a college or technical school, bring form 1098-T. If you paid interest on student loans, bring form 1098-E. If you paid for childcare, you are required to submit the provider's name, address, and tax ID or Social Security number. To deduct interest on a home mortgage, you need to bring form 1098 and the real estate taxes payable to the County in 2017 that is mailed in March of this year. If you are a renter, bring the CRP form provided by your landlord. Finally, bring receipts of cash and other contributions you made to charity. The more correct information you bring, the bigger the refund. Call P+P at 651-287-0187 with questions.

NEMAA Launches Magazine

Be a part of NEMAA's new publication! NEMAA serves nearly 1,000 members, including artists, businesses, and nonprofits — all working to create opportunities for cultural, economic, and social vitality through the arts. NEMAA's magazine is a focal point that aggregates the best creative stories from the region and their members. The core audience consists of art buyers, art appreciators and artists — those who love creative culture and want to join the vibrant arts community that NE Minneapolis has to offer. 30,000 copies will be printed and distributed throughout the metro area in 2018. For local businesses, sponsor content is a chance to demonstrate your commitment to the arts and to show that you are a vital part of the community fabric in Northeast. Contact Marilyn A. Miller at 952-942-7355 or email Marilyn@nemaa.org for media packets or to place an advertisement.

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
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
nemaa.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



- 1/25 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
East Side Neighborhood Services
1700 Second St. NE
- 2/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

Homework Helper for Bottineau Neighborhood is Back in Action!

Wednesdays and Thursdays

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bottineau Park Recreation Center
1900 Second St. NE

*STEM emphasis, reading & writing tutors
for students in grades 5 through 12*

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.