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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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2017 Beautify Bottineau Crew



Thank you Bottineau volunteers!

The sponsors for our clean-up event included Northeast RiverKeepers, Betty Dangers Country Club, Maeve’s Cafe, and River Liquor Store. The Solid Waste and Recycling fellas also did a great job. See our full report on the clean-up in the June Gazette.

Crime Solutions Meeting Update

On April 27, 2017 40 Bottineau area residents met at Bottineau Park to discuss three recent crime incidents in the park and elsewhere.

The first incident concerned a young man who was shot on April 16th (Easter Sunday) at Bottineau Park near the skate park. The victim went to the hospital with a leg wound and is not cooperating with police. The second incident occurred on April 19th when shots fired at 29 23rd Ave NE hit surrounding houses with bullets. The third incident was a vicious Pitbull attack that happened in front of 2312 California St NE. A Boston Terrier

BNA’s Annual Flower Giveaway!

Saturday, May 13
10:00am – Noon
@ 23rd & California St. NE

Impatiens, Marigolds,
Pansies, Petunias, & More...

would have been killed if its owner—despite being repeatedly bitten in the process—had not pried the Pitbull off her dog. The Pitbull was removed from its owner’s custody by Minneapolis Animal Care and Control and is now under quarantine. Because the Pitbull had not been vaccinated, the Boston Terrier’s owner had to receive a series of rabies shots.

Police response to these incidents has been swift and decisive. A SWAT team raided the residence at 2312 California, confiscating drugs and at least one gun. A SWAT team also confiscated small narcotics paraphilia from the residence at 29 23rd Ave NE.

The shooting at the park is much harder to solve due to the nature of this crime which residents believe was a drug deal gone bad. The shooter and his friend were boasting on Facebook about it but that post

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

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has since been taken down. Unless credible witnesses come forward (meaning witnesses other than children who saw the crime) it will be hard for the police to arrest the shooter and prosecute him because the victim is refusing to talk. The shooter hasn't been seen in Bottineau since Sunday April 16.

Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto, Park Commissioner Liz Wielinski, and staff from the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (the landlord at 29 23rd Ave NE) attended the meeting about these crimes, and we learned that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will be sending more outreach workers to Bottineau Park to help with youth in the park.

The Bottineau community is showing great resilience and fully cooperating with the Minneapolis Police and the Park Police. Chief Ohotto recommended that residents "continue their open and wholesome activity in the park and thereby everyone will be safer."

99% of Bottineau Neighborhood residents are decent, law-abiding people who will not turn their back on crime in the community. Because of this, we will prevail over crime.

Air Testing Update

Rick Strassman from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has notified BNA that the air monitoring site for Bottineau/Marshall Terrace (BMT) is fully operational and that PM2.5 data is being posted to the MPCA's Air Quality Index web page:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/current-condition-details>

On this page you will see what current Air Quality Index (AQI) conditions are and how the BMT area compares to

other communities in the metro area and around the state. Note: The monitors across the river from Bottineau measure PM10 and are not directly comparable to the PM2.5 monitor at the BMT site (also known as site 1909).

In addition to monitoring Particulate Matter of 2.5 and 10 microns (PM2.5 and PM10) at the previous link, you can also view some of the Total Suspended Particles (TSP) and metals data from January to April of this year at another MPCA web page:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/north-minneapolis-air-monitoring-results>

Along with the data from the BMT site, you can also use the drop down menus on the left to view data from other sites around the metro area and state.

Graffiti Tagging

by Emilie Quast

At the March meeting of the 2nd Precinct Advisory Council (2PAC), Sgt. Kara Parker from 5th Precinct Property Crimes Division opened by stating that when the MPD gets reports of graffiti damage, they first determine if the paint is actual "gang" signs or just tagging. Most of the graffiti we see in Northeast neighborhoods is not gang based.

Currently, most of the gang signs are in the 3rd precinct and ID'd as Hispanic American or Native American gang signs. There is not much activity in Minneapolis by the coastal gangs we read about (Crips and Bloods), nor from groups like the KKK. These groups have shifted to social media and the more gangs use social media to communicate, the less "gang" paint we'll see on our walls and streets. Even so, it is

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important to let the City know when any tags appear because they do want to keep track of what is being painted and where it's going up.

If, on the other hand, they are gang signs, why are they dangerous? Because gang signs mark territory and are an open threat to anyone coming in who might appear to be from a different gang. For this and other reasons, all graffiti needs to be removed promptly. For information on identifying gang graffiti, visit <http://ow.ly/Z4Mp30bl6UY>

If you see any graffiti tagging in your neighborhood, report it to 311. The City will arrange to have the graffiti removed. If you'd rather remove it yourself, BNA has the necessary supplies to do it right – call us at 612-367-7262.

Note: 2PAC meets at 6pm on the second Monday of every month at Monroe Village (1900 Central Ave). All Northeast residents and business owners are welcome to attend.

Art-A-Whirl Weekend

Friday, May 19th 5-10pm
Saturday, May 20th 12-8pm
Sunday, May 21st 12-5pm

Presented by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), Art-A-Whirl is an open studio tour that takes place throughout NE Minneapolis. It's a great opportunity to tour private artist studios and galleries, connect with the artists, and purchase original artwork. Over the last 20 years, it has become the largest open studio tour in the country. The California Building (2205 California St. NE) is one of the first studio buildings in NE Minneapolis. Let's support our artists!

Second Saturday in May:

Art-A-Whirl Preview at the California Building

Do you have friends or clients that don't like the crowds of Art-A-Whirl? Invite them to Second Saturday at the California Building, May 13th 11-4pm. The Facebook event page is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/939888462781221/>

2nd Precinct Open House

Monday, May 15
4-7pm
1911 Central Ave NE

Meet the K-9 unit, the Mounted Patrol, the SWAT team and the people behind the scenes at the Emergency Communications Center. Food includes burgers and hotdogs hot off the grill, honey cakes and popcorn. If it rains, they've got awning. And 6 free kid's bikes!

Landscape Revival Native Plant Expo & Market

June 3rd, 9am-3pm
Cub Foods Community Pavilion
1201 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville

Expo: Learn about native plants and their many benefits from local conservation organizations.

Market: Buy pollinator-safe plants native to Minnesota from a variety of local growers. No cultivars, no systematic insecticides. Cash/check only.

Why Native Plants? Minnesota native plant species have grown in this area for hundreds of years and create spectacular gardens, havens for wildlife and protect the Mississippi River.

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
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



5/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

5/13 Flower Give-away! 10am-Noon
23rd & California

Art-A-Whirl! May 19-21 (see page 3)

Learn How to Help Preserve the Mississippi Watershed

*Tuesday, May 23, 7pm
East Side Neighborhood Services
1700 2nd St. NE*

Learn from Master Water Steward Liz Reiser how to do your part to keep storm water out of the Mississippi River. In addition, an 8ft water chain, a rain barrel, and native flower seeds will be given away as door prizes!

Childcare will also be available.

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.