

BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Lowry Ave Update

Northeast Minneapolis is a lively, happening place to raise a family and run a successful business. It's also growing. So, getting Lowry Ave NE done right is of utmost importance to our community.

With that in mind, here are some facts about Lowry Ave. and our Northeast community:

- Daily traffic volumes on Lowry intersections range from 14,000 vehicles per day at Marshall St NE to 6,800 vehicles per day at Johnson St NE.
- From Broadway on the south and I-694 on the north, Lowry Ave. NE is the only east to west thoroughfare for major traffic.
- By 2020, Northeast is on pace to add 7% more people and 5.5% more housing units.
- Northeast also retains people in the most important population segments for city health: families and young adults. Since 2000, Northeast's population of children, ages 5 and under, has grown 21.2%, and the population of young adults, ages 25 to 34, has grown 38.9%.
- Overall, Northeast households of all age groups earn 76% of the metro median income, but young adults under 25 years old raise Northeast's overall standard of living because, on average, their yearly earnings are 26% higher than same-aged peers in other parts of the metro area.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN APRIL

BNA Community Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014 7-9 p.m. 1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)

Childcare provided

Mississippi River & Bottineau Clean-up

Saturday, April 26, 2014 9 a.m. – Noon Gluek Park

- Median housing sale prices have rebounded by \$45,000 dollars since 2011. (Compared to other Northeast neighborhoods, Bottineau has had, by far, the greatest median sales price increase during this period.)
- The vacancy rate for apartments in Northeast is less than 1% and average rent is \$850.00 per unit.
- Retail vacancy rate is just under 2% with \$14.00/sf average rent, equal to that of most other communities in the metro area.

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 Higgens 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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So, how can we improve? An analysis of store offerings shows that Northeast has ample liquor venues, food service, bars and restaurants. What is lacking includes health clinics and personal care, specialty foods, home furnishings, electronics and appliances, clothing stores and grocery stores. Improved development on Lowry Ave NE could help fill those niches.

Business owners met at Stanley's Barroom and Grill on April 1st to discuss the impacts on businesses and to offer input to the Community Advisory Team (CAT). Everyone's input is important: if you have business impact ideas or concerns contact Bob Marget by email at bob@riverliquorstore.com or contact Hennepin County's Carol Anderson by phone (612-348-2997) or by email at carol.anderson@hennepin.us

Mississippi River and Neighborhood Clean-up

After the early spring snow melt, what could be better than a concerted, community effort to clean things up and put a fresh, welcoming face on the neighborhood? Well, we're doing it again, on Saturday morning, April 26. To help us in this work, **Psycho Suzi's** will provide a complimentary breakfast of cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee, while **River Liquor Store** will keep us refreshed with free water and pop. Bottineau Neighborhood Association will supply garbage bags and gloves (children's sizes too), so all you need to bring is ... YOU!

Like last year, BNA has a tire voucher for old tires that need to be cleared from garages and back yards. Two city trucks will cruise the neighborhood: one for mattresses and metal items (including appliances and construction waste); the other for regular household and yard waste. Volunteers will ride the City trucks up and down the alleys to pick up our neighborhood's spring cleaning garbage. We'll also be fanning out to pick up trash from the streets and river banks.

As always, Northeast RiverKeepers will be on hand to lead the river cleaning effort. However, the Mississippi is expected to be too hazardous this year for taking boats out to clean the islands. But rest assured, the river banks will still be scoured, from Edgewater Park to Sheridan Memorial Park. The RiverKeepers are experts in this work and lead other clean-ups and Mississippi tours throughout the summer. Their aim is to build an appreciation for the Mississippi River in all its beauty, just like we see right here in Bottineau's back yard.

All this happens on **April 26th from 9 a.m. until noon**, rain or shine. We'll meet at Gluek Park to get things rolling, and gather there again when we're finished. Please join us.

Community Meeting April 24

Bottineau Neighborhood Association has over \$18,000 to spend on neighborhood projects this year, and your input is vital.

So, please plan to attend BNA's quarterly community meeting at **7 p.m. on April 24th at Eastside Neighborhood Services** (1700 2nd St. NE) and share YOUR priorities with the BNA board.

In addition, a guest speaker from *Be the Match* (a bone marrow matching program) will explain how this non-profit organization helps to save the lives of those who need a transplant. As always, child care will be provided.

Gardening Corner

Mulberry Junction Gardeners met on March 19th and laid out plans. This year, 20' x 20' plots will cost \$40, and the first community work day will be on Saturday April 19th from 10 a.m. to noon. They also aim to have the City water hook-up complete and compost delivered by May 10th. If all goes well, a May 10 give-away of flowering plants will also occur. BNA encourages all neighborhood residents to beautify Bottineau by planting flowers in their yards, flower boxes and boulevards.



Garden-in-a-Box is a program for gardeners who don't have a lot of planting space or extra cash. For our neighborhood to participate, we need a Bottineau resident to step forward and be our garden coordinator. This person should be an experienced gardener who is willing to help first time gardeners establish their own gardens, and be available to answer questions throughout the growing season. Each Garden-in-a-Box kit includes a 3' x 4' polypropylene box, planting soil, and vegetable seedlings. The requirements for participants can be found at http://www.northerngardener.org/cla sses/garden-in-a-box. BNA staff will handle any paperwork, but a handson volunteer is needed to assist and encourage new gardeners. Contact Nancy Przymus at 612-801-7834 if you are willing to be our garden coordinator this summer.

Paint the Pavement

On March 27, the City issued its 2014 application for painting an intersection in Bottineau. BNA needs to complete this application by April 7 to be considered for the June painting. Three intersections have been chosen as candidates, all on 3rd St. NE, at 22nd, 20th, and 19th avenues. The time frame for collecting the application's required number of signatures is difficult, but the effort is already underway. Permits cover a period of 1-3 years and require us to use only latex paint. BNA has already conducted a public call for art, so the process of meeting City requirements is well underway.

Krause Liquor Store Application Causes Stir

A liquor store owner from South Minneapolis wants to open a new 7,700 square foot store at the corner of Marshall and Broadway, across from Northeast Bank. Bottineau is already home to four liquor stores, and there are 9 others within 1.5 miles of this location, two of which provide home delivery. How many liquor stores can a neighborhood support? Is anyone here hurting for convenient access to liquor? To voice YOUR opinion, call or write to Janelle Widmeier (612-673-3156, or janelle.widmeier@minneapolismn.gov). She is the City Planner and tallies all citizen input for the City; input directed elsewhere might not be counted. The public hearing regarding the Krause Liquor store application—scheduled for March 24 but subsequently postponed—will be held in the third week of April. To read the staff report about this liquor store, please visit: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www /groups/public/@cped/documents/web content/wcms1p-121186.pdf

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward www.minneapolismn.gov/ ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/
inspections

Hennepin County co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board minneapolisparks.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

Eureka Recycling twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission www.ftc.gov

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Mark Your Calendars



- 4/8 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 2205 California St NE, Suite 107 (Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/24 BNA Community Meeting, 7-9 p.m. ESNS (1700 2nd St. NE)
- 4/26 River & Bottineau Clean-up, 9 a.m. Meet at Gluek Park, finish by noon

WANTED: BNA Website Developer

BNA has issued a request for proposals to area website developers for the purpose of creating a new *Word Press* website for Bottineau neighborhood. After many previous efforts, we are seeking to hire a capable local developer to create a simple yet elegant site for the neighborhood. In addition to developing the website, this proposal also requires the developer to train a site administrator to update and maintain the site.

If you wish to respond, please contact BNA at bna@bottineauneighborhood.org for a copy of the request for proposals.

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.