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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Bottineau Children's Reading Program



A big concern for immigrant communities is the ability of their children to be familiar enough with American English that they can thrive in school. Recognizing this, Somali mothers in Bottineau neighborhood approached BNA last August with the idea of a reading group for neighborhood children in which local volunteers would read aloud to their children, thus increasing their exposure to English as spoken by native-born speakers. Other recent immigrants in our neighborhood, including Russian and Spanish speakers, have also expressed an interest.

In response, volunteers Liz Reiser, Tory Moore, Lisa Moore and Fadumo Abdi have begun a read aloud program for children aged 1-12. The group meets **Friday evenings from 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM at Bottineau Park Community Center** (2002 2nd St. NE). All participating children are allowed to keep a book from the

BNA COMMUNITY MEETING

7:00 PM Thursday Jan 30

East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St. NE)

On the Agenda:

- **Susan Webb, Crime Prevention Specialist**
- **Stanley's Expansion Plans & Parking Lot**
- **Stantec's Redesign Plans for Lowry NE**

program and a drawing is held at each session for a \$5.00 Target gift card to be used for buying a book of the winner's own choosing.

This program, which primarily aims to help children with the pronunciation and comprehension of American English, is open to any child in the neighborhood. To accomplish its goals, young readers are tutored one-on-one as they read aloud with a volunteer; pre-readers are read to by native English speakers. In this way, the children become better prepared to hear and understand English when they go to school.

If you like to read to kids, please

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Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilwoman
Hofstede
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

> **READING PROGRAM** *cont.*

contact the BNA office (612-367-7262) and sign up as a volunteer. If you have a child that would benefit, please bring them to the park on Fridays. December reading dates will be on the 6th, 13th and 20th. In January, the reading group will meet every Friday beginning January 3rd. Please join us!

Basketball Registration is RIGHT NOW

Don't miss the sign-up period for Bottineau Basketball. The deadline for all registrations is December 27, 2013. Boys teams and girls teams are taking shape NOW.

For any age child who is new to the sport, the BB fundamentals class will teach the basic details of play at a cost of \$25. The competitive team level, at a cost of \$40, is league play; participants will compete against other park teams throughout Minneapolis. Because these are age-based leagues, a birth certificate is required for all players.

Register at Bottineau Park in person. If you already have a birth certificate on file at Bottineau, you may call 612-370-4958 and register over the phone. But remember: December 27 is the deadline, so register TODAY.

Redesigning Lowry Ave NE

The 2002 Lowry Ave NE redesign plan is being updated and a community involvement program is being put in place. Here are some of the details:

Stantec Engineering has been chosen to create a new design for the Lowry Ave NE corridor, a Hennepin County project because Lowry Ave is a county highway. Important players involved with the project include Linda Higgins,

Bottineau's representative on the Hennepin County Board, and Carol Anderson, the county planner in charge of the project. In late November, the Hennepin County Board approved \$324,760 for design services.

Board members and residents will be asked for input beginning January 30, 2014 at the BNA community meeting at ESNS 1700 2nd St NE from 7-9 PM (see page 1). If you are concerned about any of this and want to make a positive contribution to the process, please plan to attend.

Empty Bowls NE

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to address hunger and it's coming to NE Minneapolis on Saturday, December 14 from 11 AM to 5 PM at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St NE).

Here's how it works: local artists provide ceramic bowls, local restaurants (Hazel's, Chowgirls, and The Bulldog NE) fill them with soup, guests pay what they can, and the proceeds help alleviate hunger in the community. For more info, visit emptybowlsne.blogspot.com

Holiday Light Contest

Festive lights make the winter nights more beautiful and less intimidating. So once again, BNA encourages all Bottineau neighbors to light up their balconies, porches or yards. Why? Because on December 21st judges will canvas the neighborhood to find the three most inspiring light displays! And, yes, there will be prizes: \$50 cash for first place, \$25 for second place, and for third place ... an honorable mention! (Hey, we're not made out of money, you know?)

Gardening Corner: *MPRB's Draft Urban Agricultural Plan*

Here's an interesting development: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has adopted a draft *Urban Agriculture Plan* (UAP) and is currently seeking community reaction and input.

The UAP has three over-arching goals. The first of these integrates with park programs and services, providing nutrition education to the public, as well as access to healthy foods and economic support for the local food system. Along these lines, for example, MPRB could award food vendor contracts to businesses that serve or produce locally grown sustainable foods.

Second, park facilities will support renewal and development that fosters urban agricultural activities. Among other things, this may lead to the composting of organic park wastes (leaves, grass, etc.) and/or an improvement in park kitchens citywide.

Third, some varieties of local food could be cultivated on public park land because it benefits residents, park visitors and the environment. For example, edible fruit trees may be grown for common public harvest.

There are at least three ways to submit ideas to the MPRB:

1) Attend the next listening session on December 11 from 7-9 PM at NE Community Church (1500 6th ST NE Minneapolis)

2) Contact Ginger Cannon at feedback@minneapolisparcs.org to share your thoughts directly with a representative from the MPRB

3) Fill out an online survey before December 21, 2013 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/draftplansurvey>

For detailed information, you can also read the MPRB draft plan online at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/design/UrbanAgriculture/UrbanAgPlan-Draft.pdf>

Little Libraries Abound!



The most recent Little Library erected in Bottineau Neighborhood stands at 2122 California St NE and it's a beaut! Built by 83-year old Doug Lindquist, the library is a one room school house design with a white cupola on the roof (see above). There are also six other Little Libraries in Bottineau—all open for business at the following locations:

- 44 23rd Ave NE
- 30 22nd Ave NE
- 208 22nd Ave NE
- 1700 2nd St NE
- 1911 3rd St NE
- 2222 University Ave NE

Stroll around the neighborhood and admire each one. Or, better yet, stop, grab a book, take it home and READ!

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
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

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

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Mark Your Calendars



12/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

12/14 California Dreamin'—BNA ornament
making for all ages, from 1-3 PM
2205 California St NE, Suite 107

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.

A poster for the 'California Dreamin' event. The top half has a dark background with a building and snowflakes. The text 'california dreamin'' is in white, with 'on such a winter's day!' and 'NE MPLS OPEN STUDIOS' below it. The bottom half has a light background with snowflakes and the dates 'December 13 & 14' and times for Friday and Saturday. A black box contains the text 'tour | talk | learn | buy' and a Facebook icon. At the bottom, the address and website are listed.

california dreamin'
on such a winter's day! NE MPLS OPEN STUDIOS

December 13 & 14

- Friday 5 to 9 pm
- Saturday 12 to 6 pm

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Make Art, Buy Art, Live Art – Don't forget to stop by the BNA office to create your own Christmas ornaments during the *California Dreamin'* event on Sat Dec 14 from 1-3 PM in Suite 107 of the California Building. Cheers!

Community Calendar

For more information or for deadlines,
please call 612-367-7262