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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Success!

The first BNA community meeting of 2013 was held on January 24th. It was cold but that didn't keep people home—thirty residents and business owners turned out to share ideas and begin planning for the future of Bottineau neighborhood.

Concerns ranged widely, but the group identified twelve (12) neighborhood issues that need work, including difficult issues like crime abatement and lack of business development. More manageable issues such as lack of park benches also made the list of neighborhood priorities.

BNA is now asking ALL neighborhood residents to further prioritize these issues so that BNA resources will be spent efficiently on what is most important to the neighborhood as a whole. Enclosed in this issue of the Gazette is a self-addressed form with a list of priorities reached at the meeting.

Please use this form to vote for 5 issues that are most important to you, ranking them 1-5 with 1 being most important. If you know of a burning issue that was over-looked by the group, please add it in the comments section. You may drop the form off at the BNA office located at 2205 California St NE #107. Just slip it under the door or, if you wish to mail the form back, add a stamp and mail it to the BNA office.

## SAVE the DATE: RIVER CLEAN-UP April 27, 2013

*Friends of the Mississippi* contacted BNA and wishes to partner with us this April to do some habitat restoration and prairie planting at **Edgewater Park**. Every year BNA holds a river clean up, and this is a natural collaboration to bring our separate efforts together into one event. If you are interested in helping plan and implement the clean-up, please mark your calendars and contact the BNA office at 612-367-7262.

## Public Hearing: Pedal Pubs

A public hearing concerning pedal pub operation and a new City ordinance for their regulation—passed unanimously by City committee—was held at City Hall on January 28, 2013. This ordinance requires: (1) that the company and the driver of the pub must be licensed; (2) that the vehicles must

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

NE Home Ownership  
Center  
378-7985

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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be inspected annually; (3) that each business must be insured for at least 2 million dollars; (4) that pedal pub operators must have a private property site for customers to gather at the start and finish of their rides, and that there be restrooms and off-street parking available at these sites; (5) that tours must end by 10:00 PM; (6) that owners and drivers must ensure their customers do not disturb affected communities with litter or noise; and (7) that license fees of \$59 per driver and \$98 per vehicle be paid annually. Administrative fines will be the same as for other alcohol-related violations, starting at \$500.

Public testimony about the pedal pubs stored at Acorn Storage (located at 5th St NE and Lowry Ave NE) indicated many problems. Residents testified that pedal pubs cause traffic jams and unsafe driving situations whereby illegal turns are made in front of oncoming traffic. Testimony also stated that customers can become so intoxicated on the pedal pubs that they have to get off the pub and push it up even the smallest of inclines. Residents of the immediate neighborhood where Acorn Storage is located testified that they witness public urination on their property, dumping of left over kegs of beer on their lawns, drunks stumbling on the street, frequent fist fights, and loud arguments. Witnesses told the committee that after the riders get off the pedal pub they go to the local bars, drink until closing time, and then get in their cars and drive away. Residents requested more police enforcement. Two families said they are considering moving from the area and another said she cannot rent her duplex because of pedal pub customer behavior.

Hopefully the new rules will address

some of the problems residents are experiencing. If you have issues with Pedal Pubs please call Linda Roberts at 612-673-3908. She is the District Supervisor for Licenses and Consumer Services.

## 3rd Ward Care Meetings

Every month Council Member Diane Hofstede hosts a ward-wide meeting at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St NE) that focuses on problem properties, business challenges and community issues.

This meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month. City employees—from the police department, regulatory services, public health and other key agencies—regularly attend, along with representatives from important local business entities. If you have a problem that needs solving this is a good place to connect with those whose job it is to make the neighborhood safe, healthy, and alive with promise and growth. Next meeting is February 20th.

## Business Notes

**Gastro Truck** owners are expanding into a bricks and mortar establishment at 2400 University Ave NE (former Mar-Be-Els Salon). The co-owners, **Catherine Eckert** and **Stephen Trojahn**, plan to establish a casual, moderately priced, locally sourced organic food restaurant. They aim to grow up to 50% of the vegetables served in a garden on site behind the restaurant. Their plan also includes a catering operation.

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**Psycho Suzie's** is planning an expansion on the second floor with the addition of upper deck that will be able to seat 39 patrons. The public hearing was February 11th at City Hall.

**California Building Artists** are pitching in funds to create a combined marketing effort. **Patty Canney**, located in studio #406, has agreed to collect the funds. Please make a check out to Patty Canney and deliver anytime or slide the donation under the door. Artists are encouraged to pay between \$50.00 and \$75.00 each. The funds will be used pay for elevator operation at events and for promotional efforts all year long.

## Lowry Avenue Improvements

City Planners and County Planning staff have begun meeting to consider the improvements needed along Lowry Ave NE from the river to Polk St NE.

At the January 24th Bottineau community meeting, Council Member Diane Hofstede and County Commissioner Linda Higgins said renewed efforts to make progress on Lowry will begin in earnest this spring.

Residents interested in joining this committee should contact Bottineau Neighborhood Association at [bnabottineaneighborhood.org](mailto:bnabottineaneighborhood.org) or call 612-367-7262. Your contact information will then be forwarded to Commissioner Higgins office.



## Gardening Corner: Plots Available!

This 2013 growing season, Mulberry Junction Community Garden will have several spots available for interested Bottineau residents. The plots will be assigned in April, so if you want a plot, now is the time to get your name on the waiting list. In other words, DON'T DELAY! To add your name, send the people at Mulberry Garden a message indicating your interest via their website:

<http://mulberryjunction.weebly.com>

In addition, you can visit their Facebook page, or call Lisa at 612-379-0144.

First time gardeners will get a 10 x 20 foot plot for an annual fee of \$20 that pays for water, compost and access to tools. Gardens must maintain their plots all season long. Additionally, all gardeners are required to contribute 6 hours per season at the monthly garden workdays. This is the "community" part of the garden.

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineaneighborhood.org](http://bottineaneighborhood.org)

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

Hennepin County  
[co.hennepin.mn.us](http://co.hennepin.mn.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nema.org](http://nema.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

MN State Legislature  
[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Eureka Recycling  
[twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://twincitiesfreemarket.org)

Federal Trade Commission  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

## Mark Your Calendars



- 2/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 2/14 Valentine's Day – SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL BUSINESSES!

### ***In History***

February 3, 1870 – The Fifteenth Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing voting rights to all citizens, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 6, 1895 – Legendary baseball player George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

February 13, 1635 – The first tax-payer funded public school in America, *Boston Latin School*, was established in Boston Massachusetts.

**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.