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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Designing Lowry Ave

This is what Community Engagement Looks Like



On February 27, Hennepin County Commission Linda Higgins invited Northeast residents to a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of Lowry Ave NE, and sixty-one residents rolled up their sleeves and joined the effort.

In January residents of the CAT (Citizen Advisory Team) were taken on a walking tour of Lowry so everyone could experience the avenue under worst conditions of ice, snow banks and wind chill. The tour helped participants fully understand the reality of waiting for a bus without a shelter, the narrowness of traffic lanes, and the difficulty trucks experience while making turns at the seven Lowry intersections under review (from west to east: Marshall, 2nd, University, Washington, Monroe, Central, and Johnson) in the following affected neighborhoods: Bottineau, Marshall Terrace, Holland, Audubon and Windom Park. The intersection at Johnson Street was added by County

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 26 @ 9 a.m.

Mississippi River & Neighborhood Clean-up

Why? Because you care! See page 2 for more details

officials after conferring with Windom Park residents.

Joining County Planners Carol Anderson and Say Yang were John Slack from Stantec Engineering, Emily Lowrey and Anna Bierbrauer of Floodplain Collective, and Ciara Schlichting from Toole Design. Ciara led everyone through the SWOT analysis, which arrived at these key **strengths** (or assets) for Lowry Ave: A) Access and east to west connectivity from North Minneapolis to Rosedale, B) Livability, exemplified by commercial and community coexisting on Lowry Ave NE, and C) the beauty of the Lowry Bridge, a focal point that should be enhanced. **Weaknesses** included: A) Narrow sidewalks, B) Ugly properties, C) Poor pedestrian and bike safety. **Opportunities** were: A) Development potential, B) Sense of Place, C) Landscaping & Beauty, D) Pedestrian and Bike incentives. Opportunity *sub-categories* included 1) better bus shelters, 2) better traffic flow, and 3) better sidewalks.

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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



The youngest Lowry Ave SWOT participant

Participants were of all ages. Name at least one of the people pictured with this article and you can win a prize! Send your response to bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

Neighborhood & River Clean-Up, April 26

On Saturday April 26th, in honor of Earth Day, Bottineau will once again clean up the Mississippi River bank and the neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at Gluek Park's Gazebo and spread out from there, cleaning winter litter from both the river and the neighborhood. In addition, residents are invited to do spring house cleaning and place household junk wherever their garbage is normally picked up—on boulevards and/or allies—where it will disappear for FREE! Two City garbage trucks (one for metal items and mattresses, the other for regular garbage) have been hired to accomplish this. Tires will also be accepted for disposal, but NO HAZARDOUS WASTE.

You can volunteer for the River and Neighborhood clean-up by email (bna@bottineaneighborhood.org) or by phone (612-387-7262). Eight people are needed to ride the trucks and 2 people for tires. We also hope to match or exceed last year's volunteer number of 66 people cleaning the River. Help put out the word!

Homebuyer Assistance Available

Thinking of buying a home in Bottineau? Good news—\$200,000 is available in Minnesota Housing CRV funds for homebuyer assistance in targeted Minneapolis neighborhoods, including Bottineau. To qualify:

- A borrower's household income may not exceed \$94,700. If the borrower's primary financing is FHA, additional formulas related to median income for the area and household size may apply.
- Eligible property is any single family detached home or duplex that is being purchased in an eligible neighborhood (homes being purchased on a Contract for Deed are not eligible).
- There is no purchase price limit.
- Borrower must owner-occupy the home.
- Borrowers will receive \$10,000 with the goal of reducing their primary loan payment to a maximum of 28% of their monthly gross income when possible.
- The loan is at zero percent interest, with no monthly payment, and must be repaid if the buyer ceases to occupy the home, no longer owns the home, or reaches the end of 30 years from the date of the mortgage.

For more information, contact the HousingResource Center-North at 612-588-3033, or visit the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) web site at www.gmhchousing.org.

Gardens Galore



Mulberry Junction Community (MJC) Garden will give away free flower flats to anyone who wants to beautify their yard or boulevard with annuals this May. Bottineau Neighborhood Association will be buying the flowers from Pletschers' Greenhouse so you know they'll be good stock. Look for marigolds, petunias, alyssum, begonias, pansies, and many other flowers for your home. MJC will hold its spring organizing meeting on March 19 from 6:30-8 PM at Northeast Library. For more details, contact Lisa Erb at lisacerb@gmail.com



What do the people above have in common? Gardening. On this cold February day, people gathered to learn about creating a **"Giving Garden"**. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota started this concept at their corporate campus, and encourage other corporate and community gardeners to partner with a food shelf and provide it with fresh

organic vegetables. Better yet, many of the Giving Gardens encourage recipient families at the food shelf to join in the gardening efforts.

One area food shelf that welcomes contact is The Little Kitchen (1500 6th ST NE), run by NE Community Lutheran Church (612-788-2444). Last year The Little Kitchen passed out seed packets and asked residents and community gardeners to plant a row of vegetables for the food pantry. If you're willing to grow vegetables for The Little Kitchen, keep in mind that squash, cabbage and carrots are among those that practically fly off the shelf. Also note: 100% of financial donations to this food shelf are spent on food for families.

Got Potholes?

It's been a tough winter and now we need to be on the look-out for potholes. City crews will patch our roads as quickly as weather permits but they also need YOUR help in reporting potholes. When you see one, call 311 and make a report; the City will then map your report into their GIS system and make sure the worst problems are at the top of their repair list. While fixing every pothole is the goal, your help in prioritizing this work is critical. So, please help keep Minneapolis pothole-free. Your car (and your neighbor's car) will thank you.

"Goin' Out on a High Note"

After a great 9-year run, **Camden Music School** is closing its doors in June. To celebrate and honor those who've experienced the joy and inspiration music brings to the mind and soul at CMS, they've planned a grand finale sing-along at 7 p.m. on Friday April 4 at Capri Theater (2027 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, 55411). Call 612-529-2317 for more info.

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



3/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

3/19 Mulberry Junction Spring Meeting
6:30-8 p.m. Northeast Library

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.

And the Winner of Bottineau's Light Display Contest is ...



... 30 22nd Ave NE!

To everyone who helped light up the neighborhood this cold dark winter, THANK YOU!

Community Calendar

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