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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Please Recycle  
August  
2008

## New National Night Out Tradition in Bottineau

This was the first year in quite some time that the Bottineau Neighborhood Association did not sponsor a neighborhood wide National Night Out event at the park. Instead, in an effort to get back to the roots of what national Night Out is all about – organizing on a block by block basis – we provided varying amounts of assistance to five separate block parties held on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to Angel, Curt, Hodan, Isabelle, Laura and Lisa (and any others who helped) for organizing your respective block parties. Even if these parties had only 50% of their expected attendance, nearly 150 people were out building the bonds that make our neighborhood a better place.

## A Little Fresh Paint

You may have noticed several of the intersections along Lowry are looking a bit neater. On a Saturday morning a few weeks ago, nearly a dozen neighborhood residents pulled some weeds, scraped and painted the lower portions of the stoplights and some of the fire hydrants from Marshall to University. After the painting was done, BNA treated the painters to lunch at Marina Grill & Deli. The paint and some tools were provided by Minneapolis Solid waste and Public Works. A special thanks to River Liquor for waters and sweet treats to keep everyone's energy up.

## NOTICE

**BNA Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, September 25  
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE)

Updates, speakers,  
refreshments, and  
Board of Directors Nominations

## BNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Bottineau Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting. Please join us for updates on projects affecting the neighborhood including:

- Lowry Bridge,
- bike paths,
- foreclosures,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Traffic and Pedestrian Safety and more

Hear from guest speakers (still being determined), meet BNA's Graduate Student Intern, participate in a neighborhood planning exercise, and most exciting of all - nominations for the BNA Board of Directors.

Refreshments from area providers will be featured.

# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
782-2145

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilwoman  
Hofstede  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Stenglein  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
Dziedzic  
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

## New Housing Law with info from [www.cnbc.com](http://www.cnbc.com)

President Bush signed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 into law late last month. This new law kicks in on October 1<sup>st</sup> and potentially affects homeowners in several ways. Among them are:

**TAXES:** All homeowners who do not itemize their income taxes can deduct between \$500 and \$1,000 from their 2008 federal taxes. Anyone buying a first home between April 9, 2008, and July 1, 2009, will receive up to \$7,500 in federal income tax credits. The bill includes an estimated \$15 billion in housing tax breaks.



**MORTGAGE TRANSFORMATION:** Homeowners struggling to make payments on high-interest mortgages can contact their banks and transform their loans into government-backed, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages. To qualify, homeowners must have a mortgage debt-to-income ratio greater than 31 percent. To see if you qualify: Multiply your gross monthly salary by 31 percent. A homeowner earning \$75,000 a year, for example, must owe a monthly mortgage payment of at least \$1,938. The new loan cannot exceed 90 percent of the home's value and borrowers must prove they can repay the loan. Congressional budget analysts project that this \$300 billion program would help 400,000 homeowners facing possible foreclosure.

**COMMUNITY REPAIR:** Homeowners living in neighborhoods stricken by foreclosures, where vacant properties were left run down with overgrown yards, may see improvements. The bill provides \$3.9 billion in grants for governments in the hardest-hit communities to buy and fix up already-foreclosed property at a discount.

## > Housing Law

**STATE LOANS:** First-time buyers or homeowners with subprime mortgages in some states can qualify for low-interest loans or refinancing under a provision allowing states to offer an additional \$11 billion in tax-free municipal bonds to pay for such housing projects. The actual dollar amount and the criteria for who might qualify will vary by state.

**COUNSELING:** Homeowners strapped for cash will be able to receive preforeclosure financial counseling and legal services. The bill allocated \$180 million for these services.

Exactly how all of this will play out in Minnesota and Minneapolis is not fully clear. We recommend talking to your banker, real estate professional or homeownership counselor for more information. You can call Minneapolis 311 for assistance in finding organizations that may be able to help.

## News from the Mayor's Office with info from Minneapolis' website

Mayor Rybak recently released his 2009 Budget Proposal. The details of which are too lengthy to completely list here. However, according to all the press, there are two areas he specifically called out – infrastructure improvements and public safety.



In what the Mayor is calling the Infrastructure Acceleration Program, he is proposing to supplement the City's existing five-year \$105 million infrastructure plan with four additional components:

- Street and Parkway Improvement - \$19.5 million would completely resurface 43 miles of streets and parkways, and seal cracks and potholes in an additional 26 miles of streets that need repair but not repaving.

**Indoor Playground**

This is a great opportunity to socialize and play with other preschoolers during cold or rainy days. We have a variety of toys and play equipment. You're welcome to bring some of your own favorite things too. This is an open gym program. Parents or an adult guardian are required to be with their children.

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm  
 Date: Mo We Fr 9/3/2008-12/31/2008  
 Ages: Ages 0-5  
 Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$0, Supply Fee \$0 \*



**Flag Football**

3rd and 7—Go deep... TOUCHDOWN! Come out and play flag football. Bring your tennis shoes. No tackling.

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm  
 Date: Fr 9/5/2008-10/24/2008  
 Ages: Ages 6-12  
 Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$0, Supply Fee \$0 \*

**Living Green**

This fall we'll look at what it takes to live and be green. Explore how you can be good to the earth by creating art with found objects, recycling, growing our own food, traveling by bike, and more. Lots of hands on activities and games. Complete a mini-service project at the recreation center to help protect the planet. Impress your family by blending a nontoxic home-made cleaner.

Time: 4:00-5:00PM  
 Date: Tu 10/7/2008-10/28/2008  
 Ages: Ages 6-12  
 Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$10, Supply Fee \$0 \*

- Traffic Light and Street Light Pole Repair - \$5.25 million would replace 900 traffic light and street light poles that are currently in structurally poor condition, and repair nearly 3,800 additional poles at risk for corrosion.
- Park Infrastructure - \$2.5 million would help improve the infrastructure in Minneapolis parks, for projects such as the pedestrian bridge in Minnehaha Park.
- Bike Trail Maintenance and Expansion - \$500,000 would fund snow removal on city bike trails, as well as repair or resurface bike trails such as the Midtown Greenway.

In the public safety realm, the Mayor's plan to strengthen the city's fight against crime, including more money for youth violence prevention and criminal prosecution:

- Youth Violence Prevention - \$8.5 million would help expand the city's strong commitment to reducing youth violence, which is already receiving national recognition.
- Criminal Prosecution - \$280,000 would be added to the City Attorney's office to ensure that more criminal arrests are prosecuted.

Few days earlier the mayor said that neighborhood organizations have made tremendous contributions to the City. Part of 2009 budget is the elimination of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and the creation of a new City of Minneapolis Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations which will be responsible for continuing the work of the NRP.

You can find the full text, slide presentation or a video of the 2009 Budget proposal online at:

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor)

The potential changes to NRP are from what is called the Framework for the Future. For an alternative perspective, look up [www.neighbors4nrp.org](http://www.neighbors4nrp.org) online.

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

Minneapolis  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3)

Inspections  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections)

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

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

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

Environmental Protection Agency  
[epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

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

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition  
[mcnc-mpls.org](http://mcnc-mpls.org)

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

Neighborhood Revitalization Program  
[nrp.org](http://nrp.org)

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

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert)

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

Federal Trade Commission

## Mark Your Calendars



- 9/01 Labor Day
- 9/02 Ramadan begins
- 9/09 BNA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM, BNA Office  
2205 California Street, #107
- 9/22 September Equinox
- 9/25 BNA Annual Meeting  
7:00 PM, Eastside Neighborhood Services  
1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE

9/30 Rosh Hashanah



**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.

Community Events

For more information or for deadlines,  
please call 782-2145.