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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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A Warm Welcome for 2005

The theme for the January General Membership meeting is 'Welcome'. We want to start the new year with an open invitation to the neighborhood to come and get to know each other a bit better, welcome new residents and neighbors, meet the BNA Board of Directors and staff, and enjoy some food from neighborhood restaurants.

There is no agenda other than recognizing the winners of this year's Holiday Lights awards (see next column).

Bottineau Neighborhood Association

Welcome 2005

Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, January 27th
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)

Come join us in welcoming the New Year, new residents and new friends.

Get to know each other more, meet the BNA Board of Directors and staff. Find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

Enjoy refreshments from neighborhood restaurants.

Have a great time.

NOTICE

No Neighborhood Meeting in December.

Have a safe and happy Holiday season and we'll see you next year.

Next neighborhood meeting is January 27th, 7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services.

2004 Holiday Lights Contest

Continuing the tradition of the Bottineau Holiday Lights Award, the newly elected members to the Board of Directors will be out and about this month looking at holiday lights displays and selecting what they consider the best displays. This year the Board judges are Jason Kettlewell and David Salmela.

The award winners will be notified in January and will be recognized at the January 27th BNA meeting.



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December 2004



Phone Numbers

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency
911

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Association
782-2145

3rd Ward Councilman
Samuels
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

Graffiti Hotline
673-2941

Traffic Enforcement
673-3443

2005 Meeting Schedule

Below you will find the meeting schedule for the BNA Board of Directors and the General Membership Meetings.

January 11th – Board Of Directors
January 27th – General Membership

February 8th – Board of Directors

March 8th – Board of Directors
March 24th – General Membership

April 12th – Board of Directors

May 10th – Board of Directors
May 26th – General Membership

June 14th – Board of Directors
June 23rd – General Membership

July 12th – Board of Directors

August 2nd – 22nd annual National Night
Out

August 9th – Board of Directors

September 13th – Board of Directors
September 22nd – General Membership

October 11th – Board of Directors
October 27th – General Membership
• Board of Directors Election

November 8th – Board of Directors

December 13th – Board of Directors

All Board of Directors Meetings start at 6:00 PM and are held at the BNA office at 2205 California Street, Suite 107 and are open to the public.

The General Membership meetings start at 7:00 PM and are held at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd Street NE).

If there is a change in meeting time or location for some reason, you can expect at least a one-week notice. Notices will be included in the *Gazette* or through a separate mailing if needed.

Marshall Street Changes

As many of you are aware and have been for some time, Marshall Street is home to many neighborhood-related issues. Some of these issues are much more personal in nature for those living and owning property along Marshall Street near 13th Avenue in the Sheridan neighborhood.

On November 9th there was an accident in which a car drove into the building at 1332 Marshall Street. The vehicle is estimated to have been traveling at 80 mph. This was not the first accident here, nor is it likely to be the last. However, the severity of this accident has prompted both the City and County to make some changes along Marshall Street.



You may have noticed that the rush hour parking restrictions have been removed along Marshall Street. Having vehicles parked along the street "narrows" the road, which has the effect of slowing traffic. Marshall Street has also been reduced to one lane near the 13th Avenue intersection. Again, this will force drivers to slow down. The City of Minneapolis is also working to expedite the Marshall Terrace neighborhood's efforts to install a variable speed display sign north of Lowry where the 30-mph speed limit starts. These signs can help slow traffic by increasing the awareness of travelling speeds. Lastly, parking lanes will be painted on Marshall Street when the weather permits. This will help create a sense that the street is narrower when there are no cars parked.

There are several plans that affect the future of Marshall Street and the

2005 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

Websites

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has plans to work on both Gluek and Edgewater Parks in 2005. Please see our website, bottineaneighborhood.org for links to the Marshall Street, Above the Falls, and Lowry Avenue plans.

BNA is planning to sponsor a community forum later this spring to provide neighbors an opportunity to hear more about these plans, where they are in development and implementation and how we can continue to be involved. Watch future issues of the Gazette for more details.

Crime Down in 2004

Police summary reports through October 2004 show crime in the 2nd Precinct is down nearly 10% over 2003. Crimes from November and December will lower that percentage somewhat, but overall crime is still down.

The crimes with the largest percentage drop are homicide (-75%), prostitution (-45%) and sex offenses (-37%). The percent reductions do not give a wholly accurate portrait of the reductions. For example, the 75% reduction in homicides reflects that there has only been one so far this year as opposed to four in 2003.

The areas with the largest increases are aggravated assault (+38%), narcotics (+28%) and burglary (+22%). The good news here is that arrests for these areas are also up as much or more than the crime rate.

These numbers reflect the entire 2nd Precinct, of which the Bottineau neighborhood is a small part. You can find all these reports for each Precinct at the Minneapolis Police web-site:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/

Click on 'Crime Statistics' in the left hand menu.

The 2005 Home Tour is the weekend of May 7-8. The Home Tour is an inspiring celebration of city living that brings thousands of home enthusiasts together for a weekend of sharing remodeling ideas and new rental and ownership opportunities. The tour showcases a wide variety of homes including vintage Queen Annes, hip downtown condos and lofts, cozy bungalows and charming Arts & Crafts. Last year, more than 10,000 visitors made nearly 50,000 visits to the 50 homes on the tour. In addition, five neighborhood tours gave visitors a more in-depth look at the communities supporting these homes.

Nomination forms can be obtained on the official Home Tour Web site at www.msphometour.com or by calling Brett at 612-673-5158. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 18, 2005.

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is presented by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) in cooperation with the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul and others. The Home Tour's most important partners, of course, are the people who volunteer to open their homes.

Park Board Names New Super

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners selected Jon Gurban as Park Board superintendent at its Dec. 8, 2004 meeting. Gurban has been serving as the Park Board's interim superintendent since January, 2004.

His professional experience includes serving as executive director of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association; director of parks and recreation in Delta, British Columbia and in Apple Valley, Minnesota; and executive director for Estes Valley Recreation and Park in Estes, Colo.

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Minneapolis
ci.minneapolis.mn.us

3rd Ward
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3

Inspections
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolis.parks.org

Environmental Protection Agency
epa.gov

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition
mncn-mpls.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
art-a-whirl.org

Neighborhood Revitalization Program
nrp.org

MN State Legislature
leg.state.mn

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twinditiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

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Mark Your Calendars



12/25 Christmas

12/26 Kwanzaa

12/31 New Year's Eve

1/01 New Year's Day

1/08 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels
10:00 AM – 12:00
Mill City Cafe

1/11 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6 p.m. at BNA office
2205 California Street, # 107

1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed

1/27 BNA General Membership Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Service
(1700 2nd Street NE)

Note: there is no General Membership meeting in December. See you all again in 2005!

To have your event listed here, please call
782-2145.

Community Events

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association through a grant from Community Planning and Economic Development publishes the Bottineau Gazette. For more information or for deadlines, please call 782-2145.