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December 2005

Looking Forward to 2006

Starting next month, BNA will be starting two large projects. The first is the creation of a neighborhood Master Plan. The second is the development of a significant home improvement program.

Master Plan: The purpose of this initiative is primarily to develop a future land use plan for the neighborhood. It will include recommendations for urban character and design, specific design guidelines, commercial and mixed use, public and transportation improvements, proposed development sites, and more. It seems a bit 'heady' but is an important step for the neighborhood if we are to have more control and influence over the future of our own neighborhood.

Home Improvement Program: Due to the continuing need for a neighborhood funded home improvement program, BNA will begin development of just such a program. Given the limited funding (about 1/7th of the amount of the last program) this program will have to be more focused.

The completion of both of these efforts requires continuing neighborhood involvement. Both have come out of the NRP Plan you all help create this last year. If you are interested in working on either of these projects or have any questions, please contact BNA.

Phone: 781-1508

Email: bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

NOTICE

There is no neighborhood meeting in December. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

The next neighborhood meeting will be
 Thursday, January 26th
 7:00 PM at
 Eastside Neighborhood Services

Winter Car Safety

From the Minneapolis Police

Carol Oosterhuis, CCP/SAFE, reported that the first auto theft of this winter where a driver left a car unlocked, running, and unattended in our precinct has occurred. She reminds us to please turn off the engine when going into a location. It only takes seconds for a vehicle to be stolen.

Leaving a car running with the keys in is a towable offense. And to add insult to injury, if your car is stolen when it was running with the keys inside, you could be issued a ticket after it is recovered.

There have also been several car windows smashed recently and the suspects gained access to the garage using the opener they saw inside. Please remember to remove or hide your remote control garage door openers.

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency
911

Bottineau Neighborhood
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

Security Tips for the Holidays

With information from Minneapolis Police

Here are a half a dozen tips to help keep your holidays happy.

- 1) Inventory your credit cards daily. Report any loss immediately
- 2) When shopping with cash, take only the amount you plan to spend.
- 3) Lock all purchases in the trunk of your car. As a last resort, put them under a blanket on the floor.
- 4) Always lock your car.
- 5) Make arrangements to have parcels delivered to a neighbor if you are unable to be at home.
- 6) Break up boxes, especially for purchases like televisions and stereos, and put the boxes in garbage bags.

More tips can be found on the Minneapolis Police web site. A little caution and common sense goes a long way.



River of Words Art and Poetry Contest

River of Words (RoW) is an international environmental poetry and art project designed to nurture respect and understanding of the natural world. The contest is open to youth ages 5-19. U.S. entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2006.

Poetry submissions are judged by River of Words co-founders Robert Hass, who served as US Poet Laureate from 1995-1997, and writer Pamela Michael. Art entries are judged by children's book writer and illustrator, Thacher Hurd.

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A Kinder Gentler Ice Melt

With information from the Star Tribune (12/6/05)

Now that we've had our first real snowfall and the cold has set in, it's time to brush off the snow shovels and get out the de-icer. De-icers work because they contain a salt, usually a chloride, which lowers the freezing temperature of water. De-icers with sodium chloride work in a broad temperature range, but kill grass and can damage concrete. Calcium chloride works well in very cold temperatures but can also harm concrete. Potassium chloride is kinder to plants and concrete but does not work in extreme cold. There are numerous other chloride salts used and each has its own best effective temperature range and is more or less damaging to plants and cement when compared to other salts.

There is a newer, all natural, product called Safe-Walk made in Iowa. It contains a mixture of some chlorides so it will work in sub-zero temperatures, but is safer for lawns. It comes in granular form that you can spread on ice already there and a liquid that can be sprayed on surfaces before storms to prevent ice. It is available at numerous local Cub Foods stores.



Holiday Lights Hiatus

Citing low participation, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association will not be holding the Holiday Lights Contest this year. The Board of Directors still encourages those who wish to demonstrate holiday spirit by continuing to decorate for the season.

Northeast Boosters Basketball (ages 5-18)

Deadline is Fri. Dec. 9, but you may join a team which has formed after this date if numbers are needed.

Cost: \$15 with a \$50 uniform deposit

Parent and Tot Yoga/Play Group (ages 1-5)

If your little one has energy to burn, then you need our 'indoor playground' complete with tumbling mats, games and other apparatus. Learn yoga techniques! Free, but please pre-register.

Time: 12 - 1pm

Dates: Fridays, Jan 13 to March 17

Cost: Free



Piano Lessons (ages 6 & up)

In these lessons, youth will learn note recognition, basic rhythm and timing and more. Kids will also gain the ability to learn songs of their choice, which suit their level of ability. Lessons can be tailored for youth with musical experience as well.

Times: 20 Minute Lessons between 4:00-5:00 pm (you will schedule actual times at desk)

Dates: Tuesdays Feb 7th through March 14th

Cost: \$5/ Lesson or \$20 for block of five

Indoor Soccer for Kids (ages 6- 12)

Come down to our beautiful field house where you can play soccer all year round! We'll have small games with kids of equal abilities playing with each other. Great off-season training!

Times: 2:30-3:45 pm

Dates: Saturdays Jan 14th to March 18th

Costs: Free (please pre- register)

There has been a change in Plant Management, but this does not effect the installation of the equipment. Tom Clark has taken Eric Parana's position as Plant Manager. Eric was transferred to an Indiana GAF facility. According to Mr. Clark, the equipment has arrived and is being installed by contractors now. The plant will be going into a two week shut down in December and restarting in January.

One idea that has been suggested is a neighborhood tour of the plant once the new equipment is in and operational. If you would be interested in a tour, please contact BNA. If there is enough interest (say at least eight people) we can work out the scheduling and details. Please leave your name and a phone number. A tour would likely be scheduled in early February.

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About 100 poems and artworks from both US and international entries are selected as finalists each year. All winners receive ribbons, books and/or art supplies, t-shirts and other prizes. Eight Grand Prize winners—four in poetry and four in art, in four different age categories—are chosen from the US entries.

In addition, RoW and The Library of Congress Center for the Book honor two students who live in our respective watersheds: River of Words' Shasta Bioregion Prize and The Library of Congress' Anacostia Watershed Prize. The winning works may be either poetry or art. Winners are announced each April at a gala event at the San Francisco Library. The Grand Prize and International winners win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC to attend the RoW Award Ceremony at The Library of Congress.

For more information and entry forms see: www.riverofwords.org. If you do not have access to the internet, call BNA for more information.

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

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
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
pca.state.mn.us

Environmental Protection Agency
epa.gov

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition
mcnc-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
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

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Mark Your Calendars



12/25 Christmas

12/25 Hanukkah begins

12/26 Kwanzaa begins

1/1 New Year's Day

1/10 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM
BNA Office (2205 California St #107)

1/10 Eid al-Adha

1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/26 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services

Have a safe and happy
Holiday Season.

NOTE: The public is welcome at all BNA meetings.
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.