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Public Comment Period Regarding Cedar Services Site

The Health Consultation for the Cedar Services Site has been completed and is available for viewing. The public comment period ends on March 8th. Cedar Services was an operating wood treatment facility until 1972. It was located at the southeast corner of St. Anthony Boulevard and University Avenue. Around 1961, about 30,000 gallons of PCP wood treatment fluid was spilled after a truck accident on the site. This Health Consultation addresses that spill, which appears to affect the groundwater in the Bottineau neighborhood. The report contains background and historical information, discussion about the chemicals involved, conclusions, recommendations, pages of maps and more. The recommendation that has the most impact on the Bottineau neighborhood is that all private wells in the area should be tested. If you have a private well, you are urged to contact the MN Department of Health or the MN Pollution Control Agency to have your well tested.

Copies of the report can be found at the NE Library (2200 Central Ave) and online at www.health.state.mn.us/ (key word search: cedar services)

GAF Update

According to Tom Clark, plant manager, 98% of the new components were installed in December. They are still waiting for a fire protection device and a variable speed drive for the fan. This will happen in February. They

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NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd
7:00 PM at

Eastside Neighborhood Services

OPEN FORUM

To help us prepare for the 3rd Ward Summit, the BNA Board of Directors will have a summary of what we have heard are your top issues and priorities for the neighborhood. This is your chance to correct us and add more before the summit on March 4th.

> GAF

also installed a new filter in the fume line, which Mr. Clark indicated seems to have had a positive impact in itself. He further said "it is a high priority for the Plant Staff to complete this project going into March."

One River Mississippi

With info from email newsletter from the MPRB

Those of you familiar with the Solstice River performances that have taken place along the Mississippi River near the Stone Arch Bridge in past years will be interested to know that this year the One River Mississippi event on June 24 will include simultaneous site-specific dance performances at seven different locations along the River from Itasca to Venice/Fort Jackson near the Gulf of Mexico. To subscribe to the Report from the Artistic Director e-newsletter and learn more about One River Mississippi and how you can become involved, email Jana Larson at jana@onerivermississippi.org.

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
782-2145

3rd 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

Liquor and Livability

It is not an accident that this part of Northeast Minneapolis has as many bars and restaurants as it does; an unintended consequence maybe, but definitely not an accident. In 1887 the MN State Legislature created the liquor patrol district. "The ostensible purpose was to confine the liquor trade to areas within walking distance of police precinct stations... . Whether or not they accomplished this goal, the patrol limits had a significant impact on the [development of] neighborhoods immediately within and adjoining their boundaries." (The Norwegian American Historical Association, www.naha.stolaf.org).

Over the last 120 years much has changed. We have struggled through the Great Depression and several recessions, Minneapolis has seen the rise of the middle class (from 1887), we have arguably turned into more of a binge culture, the legal drinking age has increased, and more. However, the location of many of these establishments to very nearby homes has not. This has led to many cases of conflict.

In most instances, it is the behavior of a few that are the cause of the problems. But when there are hundreds of patrons, even a small minority can be problematic. Many, and perhaps most, of the bar and restaurant owners understand and respect the relationships they have with their neighbors and work together when livability (crime) issues, like public urination, vandalism and loud noise late at night, arise. However, a few do not appear to feel this way. BNA has been able to work with some of these owners to address a few of the problems, but the complaints persist and the willingness to continue working together seems to be waning.

On page three you will find some telephone numbers that we encourage you to use when problems occur.

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Rentwise Tenant Education

February 21 & 28, 2006: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm, Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony.

You'll learn the skills you need to secure suitable, affordable rental housing. Some topics include developing a spending plan, tenants' rights, home maintenance, tenant/landlord relationships, finding and applying for a rental unit, and understanding rental agreements (leases.) Participants who complete a minimum of 9 hours of class time will receive a RentWise Certificate along with continued support in the area of rental housing. A free, light lunch is included. Participants must attend both sessions to receive the certificate.

If you are interested in getting more information or registering for a class, please call Joyce at 763-807-8665 or Becky at 612-781-3630 or email OutreachNE@yahoo.com.

Third Ward Forum

Council Woman Hofstede is planning a Third Ward Summit meeting for Saturday, March 4th. This meeting will run from 8:30 AM to noon and be held at Eastside Neighborhood Services. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together all the stakeholders in the ward to lay the foundation for a framework of initiatives, problem-solving and accountability around mutually agreed upon goals and objectives that everyone (neighborhoods, City Council, business leaders, etc.) agrees to work on together over the next four years.

All Third Ward stakeholders are invited. For more information or to volunteer, please call Council Member Hofstede's Office at 673-2203



BEARS, BUTTERFLIES, and BIRDS

Where are they? Search for life in a Minnesota winter. Learn about animals that escape the cold, hide in the snow and take a rest until winter is through. Be a detective and find out what all our animal friends are doing when the weather turns cold. (Preschool)
Thursdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16
12:00pm – 1:00pm \$5.00

NATURE BABIES: SENSATIONAL SEASONS

Winter, spring, summer and fall. Play your way through the seasons with your favorite little person (up to 3 years). Stories, songs and creative play for our youngest naturalists and an adult. (Preschool w/adult)
Fridays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10
11:00am to 12:00pm \$10.00

Call 370-4958 to register.
2000 2nd St. N.E.

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- Call **911** if it is an emergency (medical assistance is needed, suspicious activity, or to report a crime in progress)
- Call the **owner** to make him or her aware of what is happening – sometimes they really don't know. You can generally find the numbers in the phone book.
- Call **BNA** at 782-2145 to let us know so we can help document complaints. It helps when we have to work with the owners and City officials to understand the full range of problems.
- Call **Councilwoman Hofstede** at 673-2203 to make her aware of the problems.
- Call the City's **Licenses and Consumer Services** Department at 673-2080 to register your complaint. This is the department that controls the business licenses.

We suggest you call all of the above each time. The more people that are informed, the better chances that progress can be made.

At the January 26th Bottineau Neighborhood Association General Meeting, there was discussion about transportation routes from Bottineau to common destinations. To help with transportation planning, BNA offers the following suggestions on how to get "there" from "here."

Cub Foods (Silver Lake Village, Fridley): Take the 11 (2nd St. stops) to the Columbia Heights Transit hub; transfer to the 801 to Silver Lake Village); **or** take the 32 (Lowry and Grand) to Stinson Ave and transfer to the 25 to Silver Lake Village.

Rosedale Shopping Mall: One of the easier routes. Just hop on the 32 (2nd and Lowry). This goes to Rosedale and also makes a stop at the St. Anthony Shopping Center.

The Quarry Center (Home Depot, Rainbow, Target, and more). Take the 32 to Johnson St and transfer to the 5. (this will also get you to Silver Lake Village if you go north at Johnson Street)

Downtown, the Mall of America and the Airport: Another simple route. Take the 11 to many downtown stops. Any stop near 5th street will be close to the light rail which will take you to the MOA or the airport.

Minneapolis Institute of Art: Another easy route. Take the 11 directly there and back.

Downtown St Paul: The route with the least walking is the 32 (Lowry & Grand) to Rosedale then transfer to the 65 to downtown St. Paul.

Of course times and fares vary so please double-check the schedules. For more help or schedule copies call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333.



Bottineau Neighborhood Association
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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
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

Mark Your Calendars



- 2/20 President's Day (Washington's Birthday)
- 2/23 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
- 3/14 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM
BNA Office (2205 California #107)
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day

- 3/23 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services



NOTE: The public is welcome at all BNA meetings. To have your event listed here, please call 782-2145.