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## MN Energy Challenge

info from [www.mnenergychallenge.com](http://www.mnenergychallenge.com)

This is the first of four articles focusing on the environment. Other articles will address rain barrels, rain gardens, pervious surfaces, and more.

The goal of the Minnesota Energy Challenge is to empower Minnesotans to take simple steps to reduce their energy use and Minnesota's CO2 emissions.



[www.mnenergychallenge.com](http://www.mnenergychallenge.com)

Residents can change to high efficiency lighting, unplug a second refrigerator, use a set back thermostat, combine trips and drive a little slower. Businesses can install high efficiency lighting and better control the operation of their heating and air conditioning systems. These may seem like small steps but taking even simple actions will make a big difference and save Minnesotans hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

The challenge can be taken in about five minutes. Taking the Energy Challenge is simple, but requires access to the internet.

## NOTICE

### Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM

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

### 2007 Preview

Presentation of planned BNA projects for 2007 and input on what else we should be working on.

### > Challenge

1. Login to [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org). You will need to provide some basic info about your household and energy use.
2. Take the challenge. You will create a customized action list and be able to assign your savings to a team (Bottineau has a team of two so far).
3. Learn about other programs and rebates available to reduce your energy use.

As of this writing, there are 79 neighborhoods in Minnesota participating. That list includes nine of the 13 in NE. Bottineau is ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> overall and ranks 6<sup>th</sup> out of the nine NE neighborhoods. [Ed: We can do better.]

**Challenge on next column >**

# 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

## Density: More Than Just More People

By Dave Salmela

Minneapolis has seen large increases in city dwelling units living over the past 10 years. As sprawl and commute times increase for suburban dwellers, we can expect that many more people will choose to live in the city in the coming years.

Between 2001 and 2005, Minneapolis added more than 5,800 housing units. This increase is mostly due to new construction of new units, as well as conversions of old buildings into new housing units.

While a greater housing density might mean we have more buildings in the area, it is also encouraging to see greater density in the city. Greater density makes for better public transportation, more pedestrian friendly corridors and more local businesses.



There are also many environmental benefits to higher density living. A study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study shows that "congestion costs" - or impacts of Metro Area congestion delay and vehicle miles traveled went from \$54 per person in 1986 to \$422 per person in 1998. This change is directly related to the tremendous change in hours of delay per person in that time period. This, of course, also affects vehicle emissions, air and water quality. Low density living has also cost the metro area some 3,000 patches of forest between the years 1974 and 1998.

### > *Density*

An average urban household uses 320 million British thermal units (mBTUs) annually, while an average suburban household uses 440 mBTUs (assuming 2.5 people/family). The difference is mostly in transportation and infrastructure.

Other facts about density\*:

- Access to transit yields significant energy savings, but not as large as increased density.
- The economic savings from enhanced location efficiency from 10 years of new construction are about \$2.3 trillion, mostly from reduced auto ownership, according to a study by Holtzclaw with David Goldstein and Mary Jean Burer of the Natural Resources Defense Council.
- Despite the benefits of location efficiency, it is less recognized than automotive, building, appliance, or power plant efficiency as a way to reduce greenhouse gases and use of fossil fuels.

\*from July/August 2005 issue of *New Urban News*

## Gleuk Park News

In preparation for the EPA release of the park to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), the MPRB will be holding a community meeting in early February to gather community input about the final restoration work that needs to be completed in the park. The MPRB will be asking for input about topics like the gazebo, sidewalks, lighting, and other items.

The place, date and time of this meeting have not been determined but it will be early February. You can check the BNA online calendar for more information, or call BNA at 782-2145 or Emily Ero-Philips at the MPRB at 612-230-6468.

This meeting will very likely occur before the next issue of the Gazette is published.

Here are just two of the Winter Programs at Bottineau Park. For more information on dates, times, registration and other programs, call Bottineau Park at 612-370-4958.

### **Bottineau Girls Pop/Hip-Hop Dance Team**

Girls age 6-12, come join our dance team at Bottineau! Youth will have the chance to learn fundamentals and techniques of hip-hop and pop dance. Included are turns, splits, leaps, toe-touches and traditional kick-line formations. Then create one-minute dance routines which we intend to perform at games and at an end of the season recital. Professional team and individual pictures will be available during each season to capture this fun experience. This class is led by an experienced instructor who has served as choreographer and coach for high school teams, also served as team captain for three years. (Uniform costs are extra, group will not meet Feb. 15)



### **Dinner & Movie Friday Nights- January**

Parents, could you use a couple Friday nights per month to drop the kids off and have time for yourselves? Well we have the solution! Let our park staff feed and entertain your children twice a month on Fridays and do what you would love to do if you had the time! We will have a healthy meal for the kids and an age appropriate movie they will love, and also games or other diversions. Must be pre-registered. Discounts for multiple kids available!

Below is a list of scheduled BNA meetings for 2007. Generally, Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM at the BNA office and neighborhood meetings start at 7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

### **January**

Board: Tuesday, 1/9  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 1/25

### **February**

Board: Tuesday, 2/13  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 2/22

### **March**

Board: Tuesday, 4/10  
Earth Day/River Clean Up: 4/22  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 4/26

### **April**

Board: Tuesday, 4/10  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 4/26

### **May**

Board: Tuesday, 5/8  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 5/24

### **June**

Board: Tuesday, 6/12  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 6/28

### **July**

Board: Tuesday, 7/10  
Neighborhood: none

### **August**

Board: Tuesday, 8/14  
Neighborhood: none

### **September**

Board: Tuesday, 9/11  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 9/27

### **October**

Board: Tuesday, 10/9  
Neighborhood: Thursday, 10/25  
Family Pumpkin Carving Night: tbd

### **November**

Board: Tuesday, 11/13  
Neighborhood: none

### **December**

Board: Tuesday, 12/11  
Neighborhood: none

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[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  
[art-a-whirl.org](http://art-a-whirl.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  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

## Mark Your Calendars



- 1/9 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Eastside Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE)
- 1/25 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Eastside Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE)
- 2/9 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM  
BNA Offices (2205 California St)



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

**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.