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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Please Recycle
January/February
2008

Foreclosed & Vacant

What do the numbers 2-5-19 have in common? How about 6-33-66? The first set represents the number of foreclosures in the Bottineau neighborhood in 2005, '06 and '07. The second set represents the number of foreclosures in Marshall Terrace, Bottineau, Sheridan and St. Anthony West combined for the same years. Last year, these four neighborhoods accounted for just over a quarter of all foreclosures in Northeast Minneapolis.



Glance through any major newspaper or listen to any television or radio news broadcast and you'll hear about this same issue. It is clearly a national problem. That does not mean we can not affect it locally. The City and State (as well as others) have dedicated significant resources to addressing the number of vacant and foreclosed homes. Some funding is working on the front end trying to prevent the problem in the first place. Other dollars are directed to getting the properties once vacant back into housing families.

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NOTICE

January Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, January 24th
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services

- Bottineau neighborhood news on tcddailyplanet.net
- Vacant & Foreclosed Houses

Next Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, February 28th

New Email Crime Alert System

The City of Minneapolis and the Police Department are implementing a new system for distributing email crime alerts.

According to Deputy Chief Rob Allen, "We aim to improve this communication, by both narrowing our focus to the neighborhood level when it comes to crime alerts and advisories, while continuing to send notes sector- and precinct-wide as needed. Our new system will allow us to be more flexible in what we send and target information more specifically to your needs. You will be able to ask for just those notices concerning your neighborhood, or for as many neighborhoods as you are involved with in partnership with us to reduce crime. We have also expanded this service to include several alert categories, to send

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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

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appropriate crime reports to you based on your line of work, service in the community, or security capacity appropriate crime reports to you at your place of business.”

To start the simple, two-step process point your internet browser of choice to:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/signup.asp



The Fourth Annual Community Garden Spring Resource Fair

Saturday March 29th, 9:00am–2:30pm
First Christian Church,
2201 1st Ave S, Minneapolis

Will Allen from Growing Power (www.growingpower.org) in Milwaukee is kicking off the Spring Resource Fair, highlighting his organization’s innovative work on bridging cultures through gardening. Activities for the kids, workshops, and engaging educational displays during the day. Raffle prizes, music and food top off the fun! Details and directions at www.gardenworksMN.org or call GardenWorks at 612-278-7123. Free parking and free entry. Come see what gardening resources are available for you!

Earth Day 2008

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 19th**. Events to include the 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk, watershed clean up and ‘The Green Gala’. Stay tuned for more details.

> **Vacant Houses**

To help direct the already scarce resources more effectively, these four river neighborhoods are embarking on a multi-month project with several goals. They are:

1. Identify all vacant properties,
2. Prioritize and select a few most important to be saved,
3. Acquire and rehab the selected properties, and
4. Resell them to new homeowners

For now, the leadership from each of these neighborhoods is asking for help to compile a list of all vacant properties in the neighborhood. We are the best suited to do this identification because we are in the neighborhood daily. If you know of a vacant property in the neighborhood please contact BNA at 612-782-2145 or by email at bna@bottineaneighborhood.org and provide at least the address. Other information about the property is helpful, like how long it has been vacant, is it currently for sale, etc.

BNA is also looking for volunteers to work on the list once it is complete. You will be helping prioritize properties and make a recommendation to the neighborhood of those that few that should have the most time, energy and resources dedicated. This work will be done by the end of April.

Each neighborhood will be doing the same thing. When each has its priorities set, we will work with the City, developers and builders, and others to secure the needed recourses to get these properties productive again.

We may not be able to solve the problem, but hopefully we will be able to mitigate some of the negative effects the vacant properties are having on our neighborhood.

Call BNA with any questions, comments or to volunteer.

Here is just a sampling of programs available at Bottineau Park.

Fairy Tails

Are wolves big and bad? Are turtles really slow? Just how wise are owls? What about those slimy snakes? Come and explore the common myths associated with common animals. Students will be able to read stories, play games, and meet a few of the characters discovering just how good, fast, and dry these creatures really are.

- Time: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
- Date: Tu 2/19/2008-3/11/2008
- Ages: Ages 4-5
- Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$5, Supply Fee \$0 *

Tiny Tots (Session 2)

Join us for games, arts and crafts, music, sports, and creative playtime with our experienced leader Mary. Your child will learn to socialize and play in a structured setting and parents will have time to themselves during the week! Must be potty trained.

- Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Date: Tu Th 2/19/2008-3/27/2008
- Ages: Ages 3-5
- Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$40, Supply Fee \$5 *

Livin' Together and Lichen It

Do you have a pesky little brother or sister with whom you share your food, bedroom, or TV time? How about friends who do fun things with you all the time? Do you depend on them? Do they compete with you? In this class we'll explore the crazy relationships that exist in nature between species. Oaks and lichen, bees and flowers, turkey vultures and dead animals, and even mosquitoes and people. While some help each other, others suck blood. No class on Thursday, February 28th.

- Time: 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
- Date: Th 2/14/2008-3/13/2008
- Ages: Ages 6-12
- Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$5, Supply Fee \$0 *

Call **Bottineau Park at (612) 349-4958** to register.

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association receives some funding from the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED). These funds are used to pay some of the rent and other items like phone and insurance. The bulk of it is used to produce the Gazette. As you've heard in previous years, the amount we receive has diminished. This year is no exception. The amount we are receiving this year is \$400 less than last year. That is almost equal to the printing cost of four issues of the Gazette. In order to maintain a balanced budget, the BNA Board has decided to reduce the total number of issues a year by one more through combining the January and February issues, cutting staff hours and making some other budget shifts.



In order to be able to continue to produce the Gazette and include the kind of information you want the Board of Directors is asking for your input. What specifics you would like to be included in the Gazette (public hearing notices, home improvement opportunities, commentary, etc.) We are also interested in publishing your viewpoint on issues affecting the neighborhood or a review of a new nearby restaurant or most any other topic. Article submissions are preferred in some electronic format. Other comments and ideas can be called in to BNA at 612-782-2145 or emailed to zna@bottineaneighborhood.org.

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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



- 1/10 Muharram (Islamic New Year)
- 1/22 Lowry Bridge PAC
5:30 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)
- 1/24 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
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2/12 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM
2205 California St #107

2/14 Valentines Day

2/28 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services



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.