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Home Improvement Program

On July, 11th, The BNA Board of Directors selected the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to administer the BNA/NRP funded home improvement program. Applications will be available within the next few weeks and will be delivered to each household and will also be available online. Once all the contracts between BNA, CEE and the City are finalized, the program will be able to officially begin.

Because BNA has only \$101,000 (believe it or not, this is a small amount) to fund this program, one important thing we are asking of CEE is to help you find other available programs to fund project(s) you would like to complete. Several of these programs have terms that are a 'better deal' than what BNA is offering and can be used as matching funds.

Priority for neighborhood funds will be given to those who have not participated in a BNA home program. To ensure this, there will an application deadline (date tbd). If more CEE receives applications requesting more funding than BNA has available, a lottery to determine the processing order will be necessary.

The BNA program has no income limit and is available to owner-occupants and rental property owners. Family income is a factor in determining the required matching amount for owner-occupied property. For detailed information, you can see the entire guidelines at www.bottineauneighborhood.org/programs.html

NOTICE

There is no neighborhood meeting scheduled for July or August.

Please look for the Gazette during these months for updates or check online at www.bottineauneighborhood.org

Have a great Summer!

National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 1st
6:30 PM
Bottineau Park**

Roasted corn on the cob and the cake walk (for actual cakes) are back! Please join your neighbors at this celebration of community. Enjoy a great meal, meet new neighbors, play some games, and just have fun.



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

A New Tool to Encourage Peaceful Neighborhoods

As of July 1st, Minneapolis Police have a new way to help keep neighborhoods peaceful and livable. In February, the City Council passed an ordinance in response to neighborhood complaints that police lacked an effective set of tools to manage the noise, litter, and unruly behavior that accompany many house parties and residential events.



On July 1, police will begin enforcing a new ordinance that allows landlords and property owners to be cited and possibly fined for noisy or unruly activities on their properties. Community Crime Prevention Specialists will mail warning notices to property owners or landlords when noisy or unruly gatherings happen on their property. The warning notices inform property owners that they could be fined if there is a similar incident in the next 180 days. After the warning letter is sent, owners have a 21-day grace period before they can be fined, in order to give them time to take steps to correct the problem. This ordinance also seeks to have property owners and landlords work with the city to implement a plan to reduce the frequency and severity of noisy or unruly activities in the future.

Most variation is within, not between, "races." Of the small amount of the total human variation, 85% exists within any local population. About 94% can be found within any continent. That means, for example, that two random Koreans may as genetically different as a Korean and an Italian.

Illegal Repair Garages

With info from Minneapolis Police Department

Minneapolis City ordinance 538.80 says that "no motor vehicle repair work or service of any kind shall be permitted in conjunction with parking facilities provided in residential districts, except washing of vehicles by resident owner and emergency repair service required to start vehicle. This include on the street, off-street parking areas, and yards."

You might think this is quite strict, but there are reasons for it. Auto repair involves a number of fluids, all of which are not good for the environment to varying degrees. Often times illegal work on cars leads to illegal dumping of these fluids in yards, alleys, and in the street. This activity may also indicate the presence of a 'chop shop' for stolen vehicles and auto parts.

Signs to Look for:

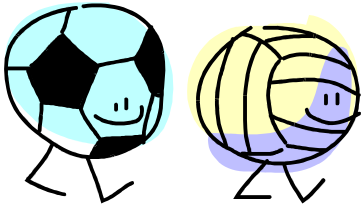
- Vehicles being worked on that don't belong to the residents,
- Engines, transmissions, fenders, and other parts lying around in the yard or garage,
- Oil, antifreeze or other fluids being dumped down the alley or between garages,
- Continuous work on vehicles,
- Excess number of vehicles parked in the yard or on the street.

Things to do:

- Identify the address (with apartment number if applicable), date and time, and other pertinent details.
- Make a report to Minneapolis 311. Ask for a tracking number and for a return call with the name and phone number of the person assigned to the complaint.
- Follow-up, follow-up and follow-up. Call the Inspector to find out what happened and call 311 again if the activity continues.

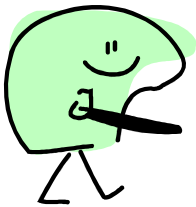
Bottineau Park News

Yes, it may be approaching 100 degrees, but it is already time to start thinking about fall sports registration at Bottineau Park.



Registration for Fall Soccer, Volleyball, and Football start Monday, July 17th.

Coaches are also needed for all these sports. You can call Bottineau Park at 612 370-4958 after noon Monday – Friday with any questions.



Parade of Community Gardens

August 19th across the metro! Similar to the "Parade of Homes", the Parade of Community Gardens is one time of the year when participating gardens will open their gates and invite the community in to learn more about the garden and its community. With many gardens participating, this major publicity campaign (including resolutions from cities and counties in support of community gardening) educates the general public about community gardens; how they work, who participates, and the benefits to the public.

For a list of participating gardens (our very own Mulberry Junction is one) call 612-278-7123 or download it from www.gardenworksMN.org.

Fish Safety

With info from the MN Department of Health

Fish are an excellent food — they're a great source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and are low in saturated fat. Studies have shown that eating fish may help prevent heart disease in adults. And most fish are healthy to eat. However, **any fish** (store-bought or sport-caught) could contain contaminants such as mercury or PCBs that could harm human health — especially the development of children and fetuses.

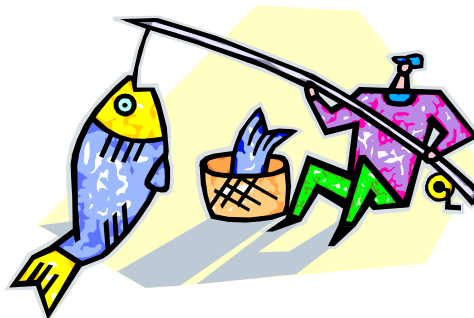
There's no need to stop eating fish. But if you wish to reduce your exposure to contaminants, you need to make wise choices about the *kinds of fish* you eat and *how often* you eat fish.

Remember the following tips when eating fish:

- Eat smaller, younger fish.
- Eat more panfish (sunfish, crappies) and fewer predator fish (walleyes, northern pike, lake trout).
- Trim skin and fat, especially belly fat. Also, eat fewer fatty fish such as carp, catfish and lake trout. PCBs build up in fish fat.

In general terms, information from the Minnesota Department of Health shows that you should eat no more than one meal a week with fish caught from this section of the Mississippi – less if you are a woman who is or may become pregnant or a child under age 15. The actual amounts vary for the type and size of fish.

For more information call the Minnesota Department of Health at 1-800-657-3908 or go online at www.health.state.mn.us (site search, keyword 'fish').



Websites

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
minneapolisparks.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



- 8/1 National Night Out
Bottineau Park
6:30 PM
- 8/8 BNA Board Meeting
6:00 PM BNA Office
2205 California Street #107
- 8/18-19
NE Minneapolis Relay for Life
6 PM – 6 AM
Edison High School Track
Call Jamie at 651-225-8161 for info on how
to participate

8/19 Parade Of Community Gardens (see article)



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