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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Gluek Park Update

By now most of you have seen the trailers and construction equipment moving into and around Gluek Park. By the time you receive this issue, the excavation work to remove the asbestos contaminated soil may already have begun. This has been a long process with many twists and turns, confusion and uncertainty.

BNA is happy to welcome the EPA On Scene Coordinator, Sonia Vega, to our next neighborhood meeting (see the notice to the right) to explain what has happened, what will be happening and to answer your questions.

Property Crimes

In the past, when prosecutors had caseloads composed of both violent and property crimes, the property crimes were too often treated as a lower priority. Now, there is a team of prosecutors who are dedicated exclusively to handling property crimes. The seven attorneys assigned to the Property Crimes Team prosecute more than 2,500 felony cases each year.

Property crimes cover a wide range of criminal behavior: theft, motor vehicle theft, receiving stolen property, check forgery, credit card fraud, identity theft, arson and damage to property (including vandalism and graffiti).

Please attend the next neighborhood meeting to be introduced to Hennepin County Attorney Eric McDonald and to hear more about property crime prosecution, community impact statements and more.

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, June 23rd
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)

Topic: Prosecution of property crimes; Hennepin County Attorney Eric McDonald:

Topic: Gluek Park; EPA On Scene Coordinator, Sonia Vega

National Night Out 2005

National Night Out is always the first Tuesday of August. This year that first Tuesday is **August 2nd**. Because the Bottineau neighborhood is as small as it is, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association has historically planned a large neighborhood-wide celebration held at Bottineau Park. This year will be no different.

However, we need you help. If you are interested in helping plan this years' event please call the BNA office at 782-2145 and leave your name and number. One of the BNA Board members will return your call.



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

Van Waters & Rogers Site Update

Last April, the US Department of Health and Human Services completed the Health Consultation for this site (now home to Roofers' Mart). The report summary states this site currently represents no apparent public health hazard, however, the groundwater is severely impacted by past solvent leaks. The report concludes with five recommendations:

1. The extent of the groundwater contamination should be better defined
2. a second round of air samples should be collected
3. the samples should be collected in the winter after the SVE (soils vapor extractions) systems are operational
4. the SVE systems should be closely monitored
5. the local community should be updated on a regular basis.

If you would like to see the full report, it is available on the Minnesota Department of Health website. You can click on "sites" on the left hand column of this page to search for the report: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/hazardous/index.html>

Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Committees

The City of Minneapolis has more than 45 boards, commissions and advisory committees. These organizations, composed of citizen volunteers, advise the City on current issues and assist the City in policy development and administration of services. Currently there are two open advisory positions.

There is one vacancy on the **Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN)**: a Public Non-Profit Corporation (PNC). The Articles of Incorporation authorize the corporation: (1) to promote the use of cable communication systems for community and public access in the

City of Minneapolis; (2) to address the information and cultural needs of residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and governmental bodies; (3) to regulate, control and manage dedicated public channels; and (4) to make recommendations on other franchise issues.

There is also a vacancy for the Third Ward on the **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council**. This committee seeks to inform itself about community issues that affect senior citizens; act in the interests of senior citizens generally and avoid acting in the interests of particular groups or individuals; identify and explore common issues with suburban service providers and elected officials; network with and educate elected officials on the importance of selected policy issues relating to senior citizens using national, state and local research to build a vision of the future for seniors; recommend policy issues and serve as a resource to the Mayor and City Council

Application forms are available on the City Web site at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/ and from the office of the City Clerk, 673-3358. You can nominate yourself or someone else.

Celebrate Northeast Parade

Celebrate all that is Northeast Minneapolis at the 2005 Northeast Parade on June 21, 2005. The parade is coming to town on the 3rd Tuesday of June at 6:30 p.m.

The parade will start at 28th and Central (CP Railway site) and travel south to Central and 14th. The parade, the second oldest in the state, has a long and treasured tradition that only can be found in Northeast. The parade celebrates its 76th Anniversary in 2005.

The Northeast Parade began in the 1920's as a car parade and has continued uninterrupted each year since then, except for a few years during WW II.

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Sidewalk Police

This might be a case of too little and too late, but there have been many white arrows "< >" popping up on people sidewalks in the neighborhood. This has been followed by a notice from the City about replacing that portion of sidewalk and how much it will cost you. To determine if the sidewalk needs replacing, the sidewalk inspector looks for damage that could cause pedestrians to fall or that could impede passage by wheel-chair users and other disabled pedestrians. The common sidewalk defects are: broken, uneven, projecting, and settled sections.

If you do not agree with the work as outlined on the notice, you may contact the sidewalk inspector for a re-inspection. The inspector may change the scope of the work or determine that the original scope of work was correct.

The City sells municipal bonds to establish a fund to pay a sidewalk contractor hired to perform the work for the City. The City in turn bills each property owner for the actual cost of their property's work. The property owner can pay the bill in full within 30 days or may have the cost of the work assessed (as a special assessment) to his/her property taxes. If assessed, the property owner pays the assessment in one installment if the cost is less than \$150.00; in five equal annual installments if the cost is between \$150.00 and \$1500.00; and in 10 equal annual installments if the cost is greater than \$1500.00. Interest is charged only on the remaining principal. The current interest rate is approximately 4.5%, but that fluctuates depending on the rate at which the bonds are sold.

You also have the option of hiring a properly bonded private sidewalk contractor to do the required repairs. The private sidewalk contractor must obtain a "Sidewalk Construction" permit from the Public Works Sidewalk Inspections office before proceeding with the sidewalk repair work. Also, that contractor must complete the work

to the City standard – which is higher than most cement work completed on private property.

The good news if there is any is that sidewalk repair inspections happen about every ten years and many sidewalks don't even need repair that often. So, if you did get hit this summer, you can probably look to it being a long time before it happens again.

Some content from: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

2005 Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Photography Contest

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is proud to announce this contest. The contest is open to amateur (children and adults) photographers. All photos must be taken within the Wildflower Garden. The deadline for all entries to be turned in is Friday September 30, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Any photo taken within the Garden in 2005, before September 30, are acceptable for submission.

The contest will consist of three age groups and four photo categories. The age groups include children (ages 5-11), youth (ages 12-17), and adults (18 and older). The photo categories include Plants, Wildlife, Garden Visitors, and Landscapes.

Prizes and certificates will be awarded to first place winners in each age group and for each category.

Photographs will be displayed at the Martha Crone Shelter from October 3rd through October 16, 2005. The first place winning photographs in each category in each age group will be displayed on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's web site.

Contest guidelines and entry forms may be picked up at the Martha Crone Center, located in the Eloise Butler Wildflower garden. For more information contact Jodi Gustafson at 612-370-4903.

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
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



- 6/23 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)
Guests: Hennepin County Attorney Eric
McDonald, Property Crimes Prosecution &
EPA On Scene Coordinator Sonia Vega,
Gluek Park Asbestos Clean Up.
- 6/21 Celebrate NE Parade
6:30 PM, Central Avenue

- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/9 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Mill City Cafe
- 7/12 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM at BNA Office
(2205 California Street #107)
- TBD BNA Special Neighborhood Meeting
Topic: Gluek Park reconstruction and
Edgewater Park Master Plan. This meeting
is not yet scheduled. Look for more
information in the July Issue of the Gazette

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