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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Can you Smell that Smell... more on GAF

Maybe you can, but hopefully you won't be able to anymore by later this summer. Thanks in part to the efforts of Bottineau residents (and many from Marshall Terrace, Sheridan and other neighborhoods) GAF Materials will be changing the way it handles some of the materials it uses.

According to Eric Parana, the GAF Plant Manager, GAF processes its own asphalt as part of manufacturing roofing materials. Currently, the asphalt goes through a chemical deodorizing treatment. This process is used extensively in the industry and substantially reduces odors. However, in more residential settings, the odor that does remain still negatively affects the livability of the area. To help address this, GAF will be replacing the chemical process with a physical one: the fumes will be incinerated. The new process has also been proven in reducing odors. The GAF Corporate Office has approved about \$200,000 for the equipment and engineering and design is currently underway. Mr. Parana expects installation to occur in August, but noted that the final engineering and design reports are still needed before a more definite schedule can be determined.

Mr. Parana has agreed to attend the next BNA neighborhood meeting to explain more about the process, present a more detailed timeline, and answer your questions. Please see the box at the top of the next column for meeting details.

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting
March 24th, 7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)

Guest: Eric Parana,
Plant Manager
GAF Materials

Topic: New odor reduction
equipment being installed.

Light refreshments served

The Gauntlet (or Serving Spoon) has been thrown down!

The Bottineau Neighborhood has been challenged to a Hot Dish Challenge by our distinguished neighborhood to the east, Holland. Apparently Holland thinks that they can make a better hot dish than Bottineau. I gather that they are mistaken and have accepted their challenge. If you would like to participate please contact me at the office 612.782.2145. Thanks, Tim Kremer, President, BNA.



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

Free Credit Reports

(compiled from local news reports)

As part of an effort to fight identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission has implemented a service to allow each person to get free copies of their credit report; one from each of the three credit bureaus. Starting March 1st, Minnesotans can get their free copies.

Periodically reviewing your credit report allows consumers an opportunity to find errors which could hurt your credit rating and to spot identity theft. A national study shows:

- 79% of all credit reports contain an error,
- 25% have a serious error that could deny credit,
- 54% have inaccurate personal information, and
- 30% list closed accounts as open.

The three credit bureaus are: Experian Information Solutions, Equifax Inc, and Trans Union. Credit reports from all three bureaus are available at:

www.annualcreditreport.com

Some experts suggest spacing out your requests over the course of a year to confirm changes and to periodically 'check-in'. Look your report over



closely. If you find something you are unsure about or if you do find an error, notify the company that provided it. By law, it must be investigated within 30 days.

River Clean Up

As part of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Earth Day activities, BNA will be sponsoring a River Clean Up on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please join us for pastries and coffee to start your day. BNA will provide gloves, bags, and instructions.

After the neighborhood clean up, the Park Board invites you to the Nokomis Community Center for kids' activities, music and refreshments. The Nokomis Community Center is located at 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway.

Free Workshop on Rain Gardens with Native Plants

The Minneapolis Blooms Program of the Committee on Urban Environment (CUE) is conducting a series of free workshops on how to create rain gardens using native perennial plants. All gardeners are welcome to attend the early and late spring two-part workshops. Workshops in Northeast Minneapolis are being held at Logan Park Community Center, 690 13th Avenue. There are two workshops you can attend. The first will be held

- Thursday March 24th (Part A)
- Thursday April 7th (Part B)

The second is

- Thursday April 28th (Part A)
- Thursday May 12th (Part B)

Both are held from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Minneapolis gardeners in the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization area (all Bottineau residents) will be given a \$50 Native Plant Grant form at the completion of the workshop. These grants will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as funds last.

There are other workshops scheduled at Farview, Nokomis and Linden Hills Parks.

For more information or to register, call Laura Weiland at 612-623-3014.

NE Home and Garden Expo

The second annual NE EXPO 2005 – Home & Garden is coming April 16th. The purpose of the expo is to connect homeowners and residents with remodelers, designers, architects, special contractors, landscapers, retailers, and other vendors. The NE EXPO will be held Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Northeast Middle School, 2955 Hayes Street.

Northeast is a community where people take care of their home, lawns and gardens. Last year there were over 3,500 building permits issued in Northeast Minneapolis. The NE EXPO is presented by the Northeast Community Development Corporation and Northeast Community Education. This is the only show like this in the immediate area.



From the Desk of Don Samuels...

Welcome New Third Ward Aide

I am pleased to announce that Jose Valez has accepted the position of Third Ward Council Aide. Jose joins us after serving as Director of Development at the Hawthorne Area Community Council. I am confident that he will be a wonderful addition to the office and an asset to the ward.

Jose replaces Laura Wolff, who served as Council Aide for over two years. We all wish Laura well as she returns to school.

Another Tough Year for Elm Trees?

The mild winter has many tree experts worried about another tough season for Elm Trees. If you are interested in finding out what you can do to protect your Elms, you can attend a free Elm Tree Care Workshop being sponsored by the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Committee, Alliance for Sustainability, and the Tree Trust. Topics covered will include: the benefits and care of neighborhood trees, information about Dutch Elm disease, how to do a tree inventory, how to raise money to protect Elm trees, and what kind of follow up is needed.

The workshop closest to Bottineau is on Wednesday, March 30, 7-9 PM at Logan Park (690 13th Avenue). If you have questions, contact the Alliance for Sustainability at (612) 331-1099.

Relay for Life in Northeast Minneapolis

The American Cancer Society is again organizing a Northeast Relay for Life. This is an overnight event consisting of teams of 10-15 people spending 24 hours walking around a track to raise money to fight cancer. At least one member from each team is on the track during the entire event. The event will be held at Edison High School on August 19th-20th.

There will also be music, camping, family oriented and cancer awareness activities, and time to enjoy the company of and meet new friends and neighbors.

There are several informational rallies scheduled. The next two are: Wednesday, April 27, from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m. to noon. Both of these information meetings are at Bottineau Park.

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Sovine at (612)201-7732.

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



- 3/24 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street)
- 3/25 Good Friday
- 3/27 Easter
- 4/3 Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 4/9 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels
9:00 AM – 11:00
Mill City Cafe
- 4/12 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6 PM at BNA Office
(2205 California Street #107)
- 4/23 BNA Sponsored River Clean Up
9:00 AM
Edgewater Park
(corner of Lowry and Marshal)

NOTE: The public is welcome at all BNA meetings.

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