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May 2006

Housing Inspections to Begin in May

As part of the ongoing effort to keep Minneapolis a great place to live, work, and play, Minneapolis Housing Inspections Services will begin looking at properties in the City's 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wards to make sure buildings and yards are properly maintained. Taking good care of homes and properties helps make Minneapolis neighborhoods healthy, safe, and livable places for residents and visitors.

The inspections will begin May 15, 2006, and will take place throughout the summer. Inspectors will look at residential buildings, garages, and sheds to make sure the properties are safe and well-maintained. They'll also look for nuisance type violations such as tall grass, inoperable vehicles, and rubbish in the yard. Inspectors will look for things like:

In the Yard:

- Grass and weeds taller than 8 inches
- Overhanging brush in the alley and public sidewalks
- Surface grading that is low for drainage away from the foundation
- Rubbish or litter in the yard
- Lack of ground cover
- Parking in the yard that is not on an approved parking surface
- Inoperable vehicles, car parts, loose vehicle tires, and vehicles with expired tabs
- Firewood that is stacked neatly on a non-rotting, well-supported base, at least 8 inches above the ground
- Too many cars parked on the lot
- Fences in disrepair

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, May 25th
7:00 pm at
Eastside Neighborhood Services

BNA Board of Directors Door Knocking Results.

Help determine neighborhood meeting topics and speakers.

Light refreshments served

> *Inspections*

Accessory Buildings:

- Garages and sheds with deteriorating surface conditions and peeling paint

Primary residential structures:

- Missing address numbers from either the front or rear of properties



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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

Grand Opening Celebration for the Eco-Yard Midtown

Saturday, June 3, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Eco-Yard Midtown is an attractive urban landscape for residents and businesses to enjoy while learning about the principles of sustainable landscaping. With sustainable landscaping, plants thrive with minimal amounts of pesticides, fertilizers, water, and time.

Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and City Council Member Gary Schiff will welcome the community starting at 10:00 am. Following the dedication ceremony there will be a variety of family-friendly activities, including:

- Seminars on a variety of sustainable landscaping topics at 11 am, noon, and 1 pm
- Guided tours of the Eco-Yard Midtown and The Green Institute's Green Rooftop
- Information and resource fair
- Children's activities
- Wildflower giveaway

The Eco-Yard Midtown is located at 2801 21st Avenue South in Minneapolis at the intersection of the Midtown Greenway and the Hiawatha Light Rail.

The Eco-Yard Midtown was made possible by Hennepin County Environmental Services and the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, in partnership with The Green Institute, the Midtown Greenway Coalition, the Hennepin Conservation District, the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and many volunteers.

For more information, visit www.hennepin.mn.us key word search "Eco-Yard Midtown" or call 612-348-3777.

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- Deteriorating exterior surfaces such as peeling paint, broken siding, rotting trim boards and soffits
- Porches in disrepair
- Required guardrails and handrails that are missing or in disrepair
- Broken glass in the windows or doors
- Steps which are attached to the primary structure that are in disrepair
- Roofs that are missing shingles
- Chimneys that have missing bricks or missing tuckpointing/mortar
- Exterior doors that are in disrepair

Financial assistance may be available. The Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation has information about home and rental property improvement loans, and can be reached at 612-378-7985.

Human Subspecies don't exist.

Unlike many animals, modern humans simply haven't been around long enough, nor have populations been isolated enough, to evolve into separate subspecies or races. On average, only one of every thousand of the nucleotides that make up our DNA differs from one human to another. We are one of the most genetically similar of all species.

2006 Earth Day River Clean Up

The 2006 Earth Day River Clean Up was a great success. Over 60 people helped clean up the Mississippi River bank from Marshall Terrace Park to as far south as Broadway. About that many again came to celebrate with food, music, to learn about erosion, gardening and to see hear about three beautiful birds of prey from the Raptor Center: a peregrine falcon, bald eagle and great horned owl.

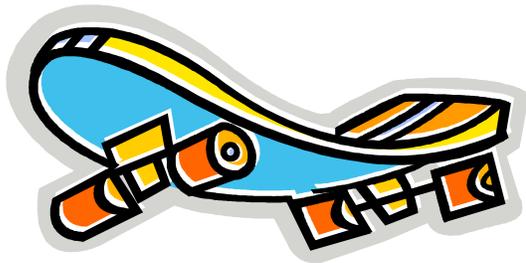
During the groundbreaking for Edgewater Park, MPRB Commissioner Dziedzic committed to finding funding for benches and other items not included in the construction bid.

Skate Park Dedication

Saturday, May 20th, 2006
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Please join us, area skaters, Bottineau Park staff, and MPRB leaders, for the grand opening and dedication of the new Bottineau skate park. The festivities start at 11:30 am and include skateboard demonstrations, raffle prizes, music, and a skate jam. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 12:15 pm.

This event and skate park in general is open to all ages and skill levels. Thanks to a grant secured by the park, equipment will soon be available to use for those who can not afford their own.



Neighborhood Walking Program

Eastside Neighborhood Services is coordinating this program funded through a grant from the Minneapolis Department of Health. It is open to all people and families in Northeast with the Bottineau neighborhood included in the pilot program. The goal of this program is to increase the level of physical activity of people and families while building community. Several NE neighborhoods have formed walking groups to meet the challenge of walking the equivalent of the length of the Mississippi. That's 2,552 miles or just over 4,700,000 steps. The Bottineau neighborhood team walks on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-6:45 pm and Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 am. For more information or to join the Bottineau Trotters contact Lisa Sutherland at 370-4958 (Bottineau Park).

The Hennepin History Museum, founded in 1938 collects, preserves, and exhibits the history of Hennepin County. The Museum contains over fifty thousand archival items such as letters, documents, journals, business papers, manuscripts and photographs. In addition to those archival items, they also have extensive collections of furniture, toys and dolls, artwork, textiles, clothing, quilts, uniforms, and personal items. The Hennepin History Museum is seeking objects of everyday people, the working men and women of Hennepin County. If you have something you would like to contribute to the museum collections please contact Jack Kobrud at (612) 870-1329 or hmmuseum@mtn.org.

The museum is located at 2303 3rd Avenue South and the gallery is open every day except Mondays. There is a \$2.00 admittance fee for adults (free if you become a member). For more information on hours and memberships call Jack at the number above or visit the museum's website at www.hhmuseum.org.

2006 Northeast Parade

This year's parade will be Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm It takes a lot of work to coordinate this parade – the second largest in Minnesota. The Northeast Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with tasks from set up to greeting, carrying banners to tear down and everything in between. They estimate they will need 150 volunteers. If you are interested in helping, contact Maude at 378-0550 or maude@nemlpschamber.org. You can also visit the parade website at www.nemlpschamber.org/parade.asp.



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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
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



- 5/19 Art-a-Whirl begins
Friday 5:00-9:00 pm, Saturday Noon-8:00 pm, Sunday Noon-5:00 pm
Various locations in Northeast
- 5/25 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 pm Eastside Neighborhood Services
- 6/13 BNA Board Meeting
6:00 pm BNA Office
2205 California Street #107

For more information on Art-a-Whirl 2006, see the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association web site at www.nemaa.org

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