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May 2007

Problem Properties

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association is dedicating the next two neighborhood meetings to this topic. The May meeting will be something of an introduction to the issue – a Problem Properties 101 thing. We have invited a representative from the City’s Problem Properties Unit to attend to help sort through a few things.

First is what exactly is a problem property. The Webster Dictionary would define a problem property as “a source of perplexity, distress, or vexation caused by something owned or possessed; specifically : a piece of real estate.” The City of Minneapolis defines a problem property as “a business, privately-owned home or rental property that requires ongoing attention from housing and fire inspectors, police officers, or other government agencies for complaints that range from criminal activity to chronic disrepair.” They are very similar, but there are some differences. Also, note that these definitions refer to a specific object (property) and nowhere mention impacts on *other* properties. Consider a vacant, but secure property. Is this a “problem” property or not.

Bring your list of properties you think are problems and why. We’ll use that as a starting point for a concerted effort this summer to reduce the distress to the neighborhood caused by these properties. Your continued involvement will be needed to make this a successful summer.

The June meeting will be a follow up, highlighting progress and plans of action.

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting

Problem Properties
What exactly are they?
Where are they?
What can be done about them?

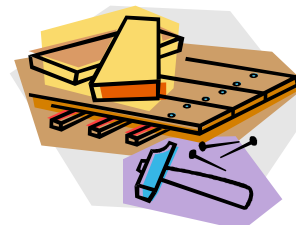
Bring your list of problem
properties and join the new
problem properties task force.

Light refreshments provided

Home Improvement Funding Still Available

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association still has funding available for improvements to residential property in the neighborhood – owner-occupied and rental. But you might want to act fast as there is slightly less than \$50,000 remaining. Applications are available from the Center For Energy and Environment at 612-335-5884 or visit www.mncee.org.

Last year, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association funded over a dozen projects including: two new roofs, two new furnaces, several gutter/soffit/fascia projects, some landscaping and more.



Phone

Bottineau Forms NECP Walking Group

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

One result from the last neighborhood meeting was the formation of a Northeast Citizens Patrol Walking Group. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 PM at Bottineau Park. Normally, the NECP asks its walking group members to contribute a nominal fee for t-shirts and other materials. The Bottineau Neighborhood Association is contributing these costs on behalf of participants.

If you would like to join, just show up. If you are interested but can not make this time, please call the BNA office at 612-782-2145 and we will work to form another group(s) to walk at different times and/or days.

Earth Day Recap

A great thanks to the nearly 200 people that made this event one of the best yet. Eight-nine people ran or walked in the 1st Annual Earth Day 5K. The first place time was 18:42 and turned in by Wendi Ray or Sister Bay WI.

Over 100 people came to help clean up the river banks and surrounding areas. We were part of a City-wide effort of more than 2000 people removing nearly 10,000 pounds of trash. Remarkably, almost all the 24 sites said there was less trash this year than last.

For more information and some photos, see the BNA web site:
www.bottineauneighborhood.org

We also would like to thank the many people that made the day a success. In no particular order: Packaging Corporation of America, Tea Source, Mill City Café, Prairie Restorations, UNL Drill & Dance Performing Arts, GAF Materials Corp., River Liquor, Sentyrz Supermarket, Boone Trucking, Graco Inc, The Sample Room, Jane Calvin, BNSF Railroad, Siwek's Lumber, Minneapolis Police Department, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Mighty Moose & Laughing Loons

Discover the habits and habitats of moose, loons, and other unique Minnesota mammals, fish, birds, and insects. Find out if you weigh as much as a moose antler, can sing as well as a loon, can eat as much as a walleye, or have as many brothers and sisters as a mosquito. Explore the world of these Minnesota species and create your own magical creature.

Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM

Date: Tue 6/19/2007-7/17/2007

Ages: Ages 3-5

Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$5

Art in the Park

"Lively Landscapes" is the theme this year! Travel over the river, through the woods and across the ocean, then return to the studio to draw, paint and sculpt. Explore some techniques for creating the illusion of perspective. Think about how the world has changed since the days of local naturalist Eloise Butler. Learn from the natural and supernatural world through Nordic folklore. This three-part series draws inspiration from the special exhibition "A Mirror of Nature: Nordic Landscape Painting 1840-1910."

Time: 10:30 AM-11:30AM

Date: Tue 7/10/2007-8/7/2007

Ages: Ages 6-12

Mpls Resident Cost: Fee \$0



Teen Basketball and Gym Time

Teens come on down for hoops, table tennis and foosball, table games, music and just hanging out on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bottineau this summer. Must bring ID or have it on file for admittance.

Time: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Date: Tue Th 6/19/2007-8/9/2007

Ages: Ages 13-17

Call Bottineau Park at 612-370-4958 for more information.

Minnesota Center for Book Arts Family Class: Garden Paper

Saturday, May 26, 1 -- 4 pm

Make beautiful paper with some inspiration from your garden! In this class, students are encouraged to bring dried flowers, feathers and other organic materials from the natural environment to incorporate into unique and personalized sheets of paper. Transform these sheets into cards, collages and stationery to represent the season. (You can even make paper that grows!) \$36 adult/child pair (\$33 MCBA members); \$18 each additional participant; ages 9 and up.

Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth

The City of Minneapolis is updating its Comprehensive Plan, and invites your participation in the process.

What is the Comprehensive Plan you ask. It is a long document that provides two main things: 1) a long-term vision for the growth and physical development of the city, and 2) a policy framework that guides planning, zoning and development decisions. The plan addresses housing, jobs, transportation, parks and open spaces, and water resource management; the updated plan will also include a future land-use map. The Comprehensive Plan provides guidance to elected officials, City staff, developers and other businesses, neighborhood groups and other community stakeholders to ensure progress toward a common vision.

We have mentioned a series of community forums in previous issues. If you were not able to attend any of those, there is one more opportunity for you to provide some input. The city has a new online survey. You can find it at:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/comp_plan_update.asp

Or you can search the Minneapolis website for 'comprehensive plan.'

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

Mark Your Calendars



- 5/18 Start of Art-A-Whirl
see www.nemaa.org for more info
- 5/23 First day of Shavout
- 5/24 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)
- 5/27 Pentecost
- 5/28 Memorial Day

6/12 BNA Board Meeting
6:00 PM
BNA Office (2205 California St)



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.