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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Gabby's Update

On April 28, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association received a letter from Leslie Bock stating in part:

In order to better meet our customers' needs and improve and upgrade our existing establishment, we have signed an agreement to purchase the existing site @ 1900 Marshall Street and if all goes as planned, relocate Psycho Suzi's to this location. In this new location, we will be able to offer our neighbors and customers even better amenities and our Bottineau neighbors living in the surrounding area a much better experience.

The May 11th neighborhood meeting will be about the potential sale of Gabby's and a conversation with Leslie. Come and discuss how the sale may impact the neighborhood, concerns, hear about plans for the business and other planned improvements, and how we might be able to work together to alleviate current issues.

Major Park Changes

There will be some changes to neighborhood parks this summer. Come to the June neighborhood meeting to find out more.

Bottineau Park

New soccer/football field; irrigation; baseball field upgrades; fence maintenance, repair, and modification; more?

Note there is another MPRB sponsored meeting at **6PM, Friday, May 14th at Bottineau**, specifically about this park.

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NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting
Note New Date

Tuesday, May 11
7:00 PM

Topic: Gabby's - new
ownership?

(Eastside Neighborhood Services)
Board Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

Neighborhood Meeting Schedule Change

The BNA Board recently decided to move both neighborhood meetings to the same night for a number of related reasons, the essence of which is that by combining them, there is one less meeting for people – board members, residents, staff, elected officials, etc. – to attend each month.

Because of scheduling, the neighborhood meetings previously held on the 4th Thursday, are being moved to the regularly scheduled Board meeting night. **The Board will meet starting at 6:30 PM and the neighborhood meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** This is effective immediately – starting Tuesday, May 11th.

The Board will continue to meet every month and neighborhood meetings will be two-on, two-off. There will be neighborhood meetings in May and June.

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
Wielinski
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

Smile

The City of Minneapolis is beginning a city-wide data collection project that includes address verification and digital photography of every property in the city. The City Assessor's Office has hired Yotta MVS, Inc., a business that provides photographic imagery and geo-referencing data, to execute this project that will provide more detailed information about properties to the City Assessor and other departments throughout the city.

The purpose of this project is to help improve the overall quality and accuracy of property appraisals in Minneapolis and to allow the Assessor's Office to fine tune its property data, by confirming property addresses and other information about the structure/s on a given property.

Additionally, these photographs will have a number of public safety purposes including:

- Documenting graffiti on homes and businesses
- Enhancing emergency preparedness operations with thorough documentation of city properties
- Capturing images of buildings and businesses with "before" pictures in the event of major property damage or loss.

This comprehensive project begins Wednesday, April 21, and will take approximately six weeks to complete. Yotta staff will drive the streets of Minneapolis in clearly marked white Ford vans equipped with digital photography equipment to take photographs of the front exteriors of city properties. All photographs will be taken from city streets and under no circumstances will anyone from Yotta request to view the inside of any property.

Property taxes will not change as a result of this initiative. It is only designed for the purposes of data collection. The photos are for City of Minneapolis internal use only and will not be available in any public venue.

> Park Changes

Edgewater Park

Remains of the Edgewater Inn parking lot – asphalt and fence removal; prairie habitat restoration; what the north end of the park will look like in the future, more?

Property at 1812 Marshall

Betcha didn't know the MPRB owned this lot. What's in store?

The June meeting is on Tuesday, June 8th.

And then there were Potholes

Minneapolis City Council recently approved dedicating an additional \$500,000 to accelerate the City's pothole repair work.



The Mayor and City Council approved a plan to double the number of repair crews out patching potholes for the next six to eight weeks. This will allow the City to accelerate repairs to the streets and fix the most significant problems sooner. This funding means that Minneapolis will now have eight crews doing permanent pothole repair work.

If you have seen a pothole on City streets, and we know you have (can you say 2nd Street), call 311 or report them online at:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/traffic/pothole.asp

For County Roads (Marshall and Lowry)

www.hennepin.us/forms/transp/pothole_form.html

And for State roads (University Ave)

www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/maintenance/potholes.html

Summer Program registration is going on now. Find complete program info and print a brochure on our website: www.minneapolisparks.org. Summer programs run from June 14-August 20. Don't delay, many programs will fill up.

Summer Recreation Plus at Bottineau Park: Register Now! Rec Plus is an affordable child care program for K-6th graders held at various parks throughout Minneapolis, including Bottineau Park.

Summer hours are from 7am-6pm. Activities include field trips, Art in the Park, naturalist environmental programs, active recreation, swimming lessons, and more. Space is limited to the 30 kids! Full and part-time care is available.

For more info email: ewendlandt@minneapolisparks.org or go to: www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=617

Track and Field team practice starts the week of May 3. Compete against teams from other Minneapolis Parks. Practices are at Bottineau Park. Meets are Thursday evenings at 6pm at Roosevelt High School. The season goes through July 8th. Ages 9-16.

Save the Date - **Bottineau Ice Cream Social** - Thursday, June 10th, 5:30-8:30pm. This year's event will feature a DJ with Karaoke, jumping castle, refreshments, community resources, pony rides, and of course, ice cream.



Stay on top of Bottineau Park news - become a friend of Central Northeast Parks on Facebook!

In the January / February issue we talked about the upcoming Census and potential jobs. This is an update on the participation rate of the neighborhood.

The National participation rate is 71%. The top five States are all in the Midwest and are averaging a 77.4% participation rate. Minneapolis has a participation rate of 75% and the general Northeast rate is 77.6%. Bottineau is at a 66% participation rate.

We can, and need to, do better. Why? So much depends on it. The government (all levels) use Census data to help allocate resources (yes, tax dollars). A low count could mean fewer resources for things like pothole repair, schools, police, job training, and more.

It could also mean less political representation. There are only 435 members in the House of Representatives. Where they come from is determined by Census (population) data. States with more population get more Representatives. MN already lost one after the 1960 Census. This impacts us locally too. Minneapolis will reexamine its Ward and District (parks and school) after the Census.

Consider that Bottineau Commons, Lofts and the townhomes were all completed after the 2000 Census. That is about 400 people who were not counted then which meant the population of the neighborhood has actually been about 1,650. A 68% participation rate would result in a neighborhood population of just over 1,100 – or even less than the 'official' 2000 population.

Think what implication that might have on resource allocation.

If you need another Census form, you can get one at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd Street). You'll have to avoid the potholes.

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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

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition
mncn-mpls.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.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



- 5/11 BNA Meeting – Eastside Neighborhood Services
6:30 Board; 7:00 General
(all welcome to attend the Board meeting)
- 5/9 Mother's Day
- 5/14 Start of Art-a-Whirl
- 5/19 First Day of Shavout
- 5/31 Memorial Day

- 6/8 BNA Meeting – Eastside Neighborhood Services
- 6/14 Flag Day
- 6/20 Father's Day



In History

May 1944: Invasion of Normandy
June 1949: U.S. intervenes in Korean War
Remember those who served.

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.