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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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November 2004

BNA Board of Directors New Directors

After tallying the 65 ballots cast for two open seats on the BNA Board, we want to welcome Jason Kettlewell to the Board and Jan Blegen back to the Board for another term.

The new Board has already met and begun to set the course for the next year. One of the first items of business was to elect Board Officers. The officers for the 2004/05-year are:

- President: Tim Kremer
- Vice President: Jan Blegen
- Treasurer: Jane Calvin
- Secretary: David Salmela

Getting Involved BNA Committees

Now that that the neighborhood NRP Action Plan is nearing completion (see article on page 2), it is necessary to start thinking about how all of that work will get done. The BNA Board has created a committee structure that we feel will allow for continued involvement in neighborhood issues and the ability for people to participate where your interests lie. Below is a list of committees and their primary task(s).

Community & Environment:

Improve neighborhood parks and green spaces, plan community events, promote neighborhood history and arts, address environmental issues and implement safety initiatives.

NOTICE

No Neighborhood Meetings in
November of December.

Have a safe and happy Holiday
season and we'll see you next year.

Please see inside for a new
proposed meeting schedule for
2005. Your comments are
welcome.

Housing: Design a neighborhood home improvement program, choose an administrator, and review the program; promote owner-occupied housing.

Planning: Develop a neighborhood Master Plan (zoning, land use, design issues, etc.) that will be used to guide neighborhood work.

Fundraising: Develop and implement a fundraising plan/events for BNA.

Commercial: Oversee the BNA Commercial Improvement Program.

Community Garden: Work in the Mulberry Junction Community Garden.

Meetings dates have generally not been set for these committees. If you are interested in any of these committees or want more information, please call BNA at (612) 782-2145.

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Phone Numbers

2005 Meeting Schedule Proposed

NRP Plan Update

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

Currently, BNA holds neighborhood meetings every month except July, August, November, and December. Because we are going to be focusing efforts to have the work of the neighborhood done at the committee level, we feel it is too much to ask everyone to attend eight general meetings. Therefore, we are proposing to reduce by two the number of neighborhood meetings. We welcome your comments and feedback on the proposed meeting schedule for 2005.

Proposed 2005 Meeting Schedule

January 27th
February – no meeting (new)
March 24th
April – no meeting (new)
May 26th
June 23rd
July – no meeting
August – no meeting
September 22nd
October 27th
November – no meeting
December – no meeting

The Board of directors will continue to meet monthly and committees will establish their own meeting schedules. We anticipate providing brief, written committee reports at these general meetings. The focus of these meetings will be primarily to provide a place for information to be presented and to hear comments and concerns from and about the neighborhood. The time of these meetings will remain from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

We will welcome any comments you have about this proposed schedule until the end of the year.

Throughout the last year, BNA has gathered neighborhood input about what the main issues you feel face the neighborhood, your ideas for solutions and your goals and dreams for future improvements for the community. We have held meetings at Eastside Neighborhood Services, Jax Cafe, Bottineau Commons, and even outside under tents. All of this input has been compiled and turned into a draft Neighborhood Action Plan.

In late October, we mailed you a copy of this draft. We included a questionnaire that asked for feedback on how accurately the plan addressed your concerns and on the preliminary funding levels. To date we have not received many of the returned questionnaires. Normally, a non-response can be interpreted as a favorable response, but we would rather not make this default judgement. If you still have the draft plan and the questionnaire, please complete it and mail it back. If you would like another copy of the draft plan and questionnaire, call or email BNA at (612) 782-2145 or bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

Currently the draft plan is going through Legal Review – one of the necessary approval steps for NRP plans. This review looks at the legality of for what the neighborhood proposes using NRP funding. Any concerns or issues identified during this review and the comments from the neighborhood (through the questionnaire) will be addressed and a final draft will be mailed out for one last review. At this time, you will be asked to indicate your approval of the Action Plan.

With neighborhood approval, BNA will submit the plan to the NRP and work through the other various approval processes downtown. The best case scenario for a final approval by the City Council is April of 2005. A later approval could jeopardize being able to start any neighborhood projects next year. That is why it is important the we hear your comments now.

Mulberry Junction Youth Program

This is a program of Eastside Neighborhood Services that provides an opportunity for youth in grades 1-7 to participate in activities, programs and events that encourage friendships and make learning fun. The program serves all youth and is offered at little to no cost after-school, on school release days and during the summer.

The program is about more than just learning. It seeks to provide an environment that also supports creativity, development of social skills and respect and understanding for others and to provide opportunities for youth to form a stronger sense of community by working together with neighborhood residents to help each other for the betterment of the neighborhood.

For more information and schedule details, you can contact Choua Thao at Eastside Neighborhood Services. She can be reached by phone at 787-4029 or by email at cthao@esns.org.

Street Lights and Snow Removal

Now that it is autumn and it gets dark that much earlier and snow isn't far away, we want to provide you with some related contact information.

To report a street light out on a wooden pole, call Xcel Energy at 1-800-960-6235. If it is on a metal pole, call Minneapolis Public Works at 673-5760 (during business hours).

Snow is supposed to be removed from sidewalks within four hours for apartments and commercial property and 24 hours for houses and duplexes. If you or someone you know needs help shoveling, you can call 673-3004 for a list of community groups that, for a fee, shovel snow for seniors and people with disabilities. After that, if it still does not get resolved, you can report it to Sidewalk Inspections at 673-2420.

Hennepin County Attorney Community Prosecution

The Hennepin County Attorney recently unveiled their new website. This is an excellent site for information and links to even more information on topics from protecting children to violent crimes to property crimes.

Beyond the information resources, the Community Prosecution section is of particular interest. The goal of community prosecution is to help ensure that the criminal justice system is accountable and responsive to the residents of Hennepin County by building stronger connections between what happens in the courtroom and what is happening in local communities. It takes a bit of clicking, but you can find information about current cases that directly affect the Bottineau neighborhood. You can also provide your views on how the crime has affected you and your community. Your comment will be forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor, who may use it at sentencing to help inform the court about the community impact of this crime. You can request that your comments not be used in court if you want to protect your identity.

The main page for the Hennepin County Attorney page is: www.hennepinattorney.org. Look for Community Prosecution in the menu on the left side of the page.

Lowry Avenue Bridge Update

According to Craig Twinem at Hennepin County, the preliminary report on the bridge indicates that new bearings need to be installed. There are still some details to be worked out, but the County is working with a manufacturer to build and install the new bearings. He said the County is hopeful that the bridge will reopen by late January. You can check the Hennepin County website for more details as they become known.

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
ci.minneapolis.mn.us

3rd Ward
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/
council/war03](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/war03)

Inspections
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/
inspections](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections)

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolis.parks.org

Environmental Protection
Agency
epa.gov

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

Mississippi Corridor
Neighborhood Coalition
mnc-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](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert)

Eureka Recycling
twinditiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade
Commission
www.ftc.gov

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Mark Your Calendars



11/24 Thanksgiving

12/08 Hanukkah

12/14 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6 p.m. at BNA office
2205 California Street, # 107

12/25 Christmas

12/26 Kwanzaa

1/11 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6 p.m. at BNA office
2205 California Street, # 107

Note: there are no General Membership meetings in November or December. See you all again in 2005!

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

Community Events

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association through a grant from Community Planning and Economic Development publishes the Bottineau Gazette. For more information or for deadlines, please call 782-2145.