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Bottineau Neighborhood
Association

Board of Directors:

- Daniel Wovcha
- Tim Kremer
- Jim Rosenberg
- Kris Ziegler
- Mariam Slayhi
- Matt Ruby
- open



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November/December
2009

Board Elections

Like the 2009 Minneapolis elections, voter turnout for the Bottineau Neighborhood Association Board of Directors elections was low. Still, the results are in. Not surprisingly, because there were only two nominations for three available positions, the winners are: Tim Kremer and Daniel Wovcha.

At the November Board meeting, the directors reaffirmed continuing with the same officers for the next year. They are: President, Tim Kremer; Vice President, Kris Ziegler; and Treasurer/Secretary, Matt Ruby.

There are many ways to participate in your neighborhood/community. There are opportunities to contribute through church, synagogue or mosque; other affinity groups; employer sponsored events, block clubs, and more. Neighborhood organizations are just one of many. If you think you might like to get more involved in very local issues, consider the Bottineau Neighborhood Association. Feel free to contact us with any questions or to find out what specific opportunities are available. Our phone number and email are listed above.

NOTICE

No scheduled neighborhood meetings until 2010.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Next scheduled
Neighborhood Meeting:
Thursday, January 28, 2010

Lowry Bridge Update

The County had delayed the opening of the construction bids for the project primarily due to the size of the project. This most likely means that there were a number of questions from bidders that need to be answered by the County and then additional time for those interested bidders to respond in kind.

Hennepin County Commissioner Johnson, who represents the 7th District in NW Hennepin County from roughly St. Bonifacius to Champlin, has awarded this project the Golden Hydrant for wasteful government spending. You can find his comments on his blog here: www.taxpayerwatchdog.org/.

KSTP also did a recent story on the cost of the bridge. Tom Hauser's report can be found here: kstp.com/article/stories/S1236590.shtml?cat=1

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

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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

> *Lowry Bridge*

Commissioner Johnson's main objection is that in the current economic situation with the County cutting programs and laying off employees that spending \$14 million more than is necessary on a bridge is, as he puts it, crazy.

The \$14 million figure comes from the difference between the estimated cost for a simple concrete box girder bridge, that as Commissioner Johnson agreed would "look like most other bridges in the State," and the estimate for the approved design.

The bids have been opened and the apparent low bid is millions under even the estimate for the simple concrete box girder design. It is considered 'apparent' because County staff must review all the bids and make sure they are comparing 'apples to apples' before making a final selection of builder and getting all final approvals and contracts signed.

The hope is that all will be finalized by early December so the selected builder might still have some time to begin mobilizing equipment.

Residents from North and Northeast that served on the public advisory committee created by the County for gaining input on project items like design were very clear early in the process that they felt North and Northeast deserved more than 'just another bridge.' It looks like the County just might get it and for even less than 'just another bridge.'

More information on the Lowry Avenue Bridge project can be found online at: www.lowryavenuebridge.com

There is another Lowry Bridge – in Salford, England. That one cost £106 million. Granted it is only a footbridge.

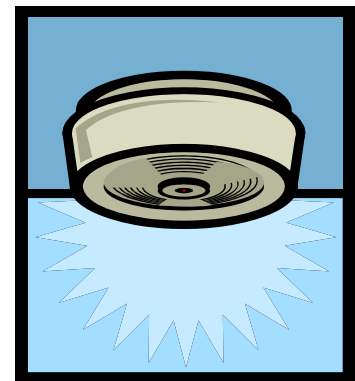
Seasonal Safety Tip Home Smoke Alarms

Hopefully everyone now has their clocks all set to the current and correct (standard) time. Most safety experts agree that these times of the year are also good opportunities to pay attention to other things that we typically don't notice.

Home smoke alarms are one great example. Most of us never even notice them during the day and hopefully never actually have to rely them in an emergency. You should check household smoke alarms monthly and the two times of the year we change our clocks is also a good time to remember to replace the batteries in the alarms.

Minneapolis housing code requires a minimum of one smoke detector on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area in existing homes. If your home is newer, code now requires all hardwired smoke detectors to be interconnected so that if one smoke detector is activated, all smoke detectors in the house will sound the alarm. New homes are also required to have a smoke detector installed inside each room used for sleeping.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.



Fall activities are underway. There are programs for all ages and too many to list here. Here's just one example:

Floor Hockey

Get ready for the ice hockey season by playing floor hockey in the gym. This fast-paced game is a great way to burn off some energy after school.

Time: 4:00-5:00PM

Date: Th 11/5/2009-12/17/2009

Ages: Ages 6-12

No Fee

Contact park staff for more information. Bottineau Park, 2000 2nd Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418, Phone: 612-370-4958, www.minneapolisparks.org

Park hours are:

Monday – Thursday 2PM – 9PM

Friday 1PM – 9PM

Saturday 11AM – 3PM

Sunday Closed

Check with the park about hours on holidays and school release days.

Eastside Thrift Store Open Mondays

East Side Thrift Store, Northeast's own charity thrift store, is now open Mondays! Located at 1928 Central Ave NE, the store is now open:

Mon & Tues 10 – 6

Wed 10-7

Thurs & Fri 10-6

Saturday 10-5

Sunday Closed.

Also announcing our Half-Price sale Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th! Shop local re-used and new items for great holiday bargains!

Please call for more information at 612-789-0600. Donations for gently used items, especially children's coats, gratefully appreciated. Volunteers needed.

We'll all be doing some gift shopping over the next few weeks. Here are a few common sense things to remember:

Try to shop when the mall is less crowded -- during the weekday, or at night when malls stay open late for holiday shoppers.

Keep a purse tucked tightly under your arm, or better yet, don't even carry a purse. Wear a fanny pack facing the front instead.

Place your checkbook, cash, or credit cards in your front pockets.

Avoid carrying your checkbook, cash, and credit cards all together in one wallet. Keep your keys separate, too.

Make a list of your major credit cards, their account numbers and the phone numbers to call if cards are lost. Keep this list at home.

Consolidate as many packages as possible, or make several trips to your car to deposit packages in the trunk.

Always park where there is plenty of light, not only around your car, but also from your car to the mall or store entrance.

Don't hesitate to ask for a security escort if you feel unsafe.

Use the trunk of your car to keep your packages out of sight.

When walking through parking lots, be sure that you are aware of your surroundings. Walk with authority. Don't look like a victim!

Have your keys in your hand before you go to your car.

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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

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Mark Your Calendars



- 11/26 Thanksgiving
- 11/27 Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice
- 12/8 BNA Board Meeting
6:30 PM, BNA Office
- 12/12 Hanukkah
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/26 Kwanzaa

In History

November 1945: Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal began
December 1919: Lady Astor is first woman member of the House of Commons

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