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Bottineau Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors:

- Daniel Wovcha
- Tim Kremer
- Aaron Neupporte
- David Salmela
- Noelle Neupporte
- Isabelle Harder
- Mary p



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October 2007

BNA Board Elections

Many may be wondering what it is to be a member of the Board of Directors for a non-profit corporation. In the most legalistic form, there are three responsibilities of a nonprofit board: Care, Loyalty and Obedience. In other words, work for the best interests of corporation in a normally prudent manner, put the organization first and avoid situations that might create conflicts, and obey the laws and rules governing the organization. Pretty easy really.



For neighborhood organization involvement, this legalese translates to: 1) oversee the general business of BNA, 2) attend Board meetings, 3) volunteer at neighborhood events, 4) share your ideas, 5) encourage others, and 6) be positive and have fun.

This year there are four nominees running for two open seats – each for a three year term.

Please use the enclosed ballot to vote for up to two nominees. You may return the ballot by mail (we must receive it by October 25th for it to be counted) or you can drop it by the BNA Office at 2205 California St, #107 (and slide it under the door) or bring it to the October neighborhood meeting (see Notice to the right).

NOTICE

BNA Board of Directors Election

Thursday, October 25th
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services

Final ballot counting and
announcement of two new
Directors.

light refreshments served

Lowry Bridge Open House

Tuesday, October 16th
5:30 – 7:30

Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)

The public is invited to view conceptual renderings of proposed designs for the replacement Lowry Avenue Bridge and provide input on these designs. There will be a presentation starting at approximately 6:30 pm.

The technical and project advisory teams have narrowed the field of possible bridge types to three: concrete box, steel through-arch, and cable stayed. There will be two different conceptual representations for each type. The first will simply span the river; the other will reach west to the railroad tracks.

There may only be one other public meeting during this phase of determining the type of bridge.

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



John Nakagawa

I have lived in Northeast since 2000, and in Bottineau since 2004. Nowhere else have I come to know as many of my neighbors as well as here. I would like to serve on the neighborhood board to continue the feeling of welcome and community that I have felt here.

I have volunteered in State Senate and City Council elections. I helped organize delivery drivers and bike couriers at a company I once worked for. I have attended neighborhood association meetings regularly.

I have an interest in government affairs and I believe I have a pretty good understanding of how City Hall works.

I currently work as a woodworker for a remodeling business. Some other jobs I have had include mortgage loan processor, dispatcher, and public radio journalist. I am a renter.

I believe that our neighborhood will thrive if we can appreciate it as a whole. Our own homes, sure, but also our small businesses, large businesses, park youth programs, bus lines, street network, apartment buildings and empty buildings and lots. We must demand that the city respect our neighborhood as it is and not see only what they would like to be. We must also demand that anyone who wants to build in our neighborhood contribute to its quality.

I also believe the more interest we show in our neighbors concerns, the better our solutions to our problems, be it development, safety, noise or pollution. As a board member, I would feel obliged to consider the interests of all my neighbors, whether or not they are involved in the business of the Neighborhood Association.



Mary P

Ever attentive to the needs of her community, Mary P hopes to continue contributing to the changing and unique dynamic of Bottineau neighborhood. As an existing member, she has played a vital role in organizing and manifesting NNO neighborhood events: coordinating musical acts, running the cakewalk, and setting up the food line.

She envisions walking and biking paths as a route to crime-reduction and enhanced neighborly connections. She runs events in her art studio designed to educate folks on topics that may not be readily available, in the hopes of nurturing relationships between diverse communities. She cares about the needs of the individual as one relates to their environment, knowing that the skills of each enhance the skills of all.

Family Pumpkin Carving Night

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
6:30 – 8:30 PM
BOTTINEAU PARK

Once again, join us for a night of slimy fun as we carve up some pumpkins. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. Those of the younger persuasion will receive a pumpkin to carve and a treat bag. We will provide designs, pumpkin cutters and snacks. All you have to do is bring the fun. And please, young children must be accompanied by an adult. Thanks.

For more information or to volunteer, please call BNA at 612-782-2145.



Matt Ruby

My name is Matt Ruby and I live at 53-23rd Ave. N.E. This house belonged to my grandparents, Edwin and Anne Granroth, who purchased it in about 1952 and raised a family of three children there: Patricia (my mother), Victoria and Thomas. My grandfather died in 1970 and my grandmother lived there until her death in 1998.

It was their commitment to a safe, livable neighborhood that I value today. I believe that we can still have a neighborhood where everyone feels safe to walk the streets at any time of the day. This is why I support block clubs and neighborhood groups, and why I am asking for your vote to be on the Board of Directors in the Bottineau Neighborhood.

When on the BNA board, I will advocate for these public safety initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mariam Slayhi

Hi! I am Mariam Slayhi. I have owned my property in Bottineau for ten years, where I have been a resident, and an active landlord in the neighborhood. I have helped in the development of the Mulberry Junction Garden, and have been active with Northeast Citizens in Action, as of late, to bring awareness to recent issues affecting the neighborhood.

I have fresh ideas to bring out neighbors to participate more and to unify us as a community (residents and business owners). I want to be active in solving many of the challenges in this neighborhood and listen to what others have to say to help bring together a diplomatic dialogue that represents a supportive and just relationship between all the citizens of Bottineau.

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
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

Help Prevent Home Foreclosures!

Home mortgage foreclosures are on the rise across the country. This growing national problem has hit home in Minneapolis, where foreclosed properties are showing up in almost every neighborhood. There have been over 150 foreclosures in Northeast this year; about 15 of those have been in the Bottineau neighborhood. While no one person can solve this problem, there are a couple of things you can do.

- If you or someone you know in Minneapolis is having trouble making mortgage payments, we can help: CALL 3-1-1
- Before you purchase or refinance a home, learn about mortgages and how to avoid risky ones, call the MN Home Ownership Center at 651-659-9336; www.hocmn.org

Mark Your Calendars



10/13 3rd Ward Summit
10:00 Am – 1:00 PM
City View School
3350 North 4th Street

10/15 Coordinated Street Furniture Program
Meeting
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Minneapolis Central Library
(see www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/)

10/16 Lowry Bridge Open House
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services

10/25 BNA Neighborhood Meeting
Board Election Results
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services

10/29 Family Pumpkin Carving Night
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Bottineau Park



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.

For more information or for deadlines,
please call 782-2145.