

# **BOTTINEAU GAZETTE**

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Bottineau Neighborhood Association

#### Board of Directors:

- Daniel Wovcha
- Tim Kremer
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- Mariam Slayhi
- Matt Ruby



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### **BNA Board Elections**

This year there are three nominees running for three open seats.

Even though there are three cendidates for three seats, the neighborhood association is required by law to hold an election. You will find information on the nominess inside this issue. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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).

# Another \$70,000 for Neighborhood Housing Input Needed

BNA has reached a milestone in implementing the neighborhood NRP Plan – it's been three years. This means that the 30% of the funding that has been held back (why is a long story) is now available. These funds are legally required to be put towards housing and housing related improvements.

A lot has changed in the last three years. Foreclosures are up, there are more vacant properties, some property values have fallen, the economy is very different, and the list goes on.

The BNA Board would like your input as to how these funds could be best spent to benefit the neighborhood. They have grouped the realm of possible

### **NOTICE**

Thursday, September 25 7:00 PM Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE)

Neighborhood Board and NRP Housing Funds voting results

Refreshments served Childcare available

#### > Housing

options into three main groups. They are:

- 1. Improvements to Occupied Homes:
  - ➤ Additional funds for improvements to owner and renter occupied homes.
- 2. Address Vacant/Foreclosed Properties:
  - Funding to purchase and/or rehab vacant properties; possibly reconvert duplexes to single family
- 3. Promote New Development:Funding to help acquire propertiy for new housing

On the enclosed ballot you will also find a section to provide your input on how these funds should best be utilized.

# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical Emergency 911

Minneapolis City Info: 311

Bottineau Neighborhood Association 782-2145

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Jim Rosenberg



I have lived in Northeast Minneapolis for 18 years, the last 11 in Bottineau. My wife Christine and I own a home, rental property, and a business here in Bottineau, so you can see we are genuinely invested in the neighborhood and care deeply about its future.

I would like to bring my years of experience with real estate, finance, and starting a business in Minneapolis to the BNA board to help it remain a strong organization for years to come and that it retain its strong voice in city development.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to serve you well.

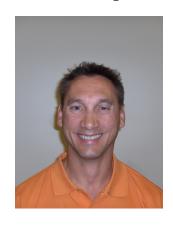
#### **BNA** Ballot

You will find a ballot inside the newsletter. Plese vote for up to two of the nominees for BNA Board of Directors and one of the three housing funding options.

There are three ways to deliver your ballot. After folding and taping shut, you can 1) put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail, 2) drop your sealed ballot be the BNA office (slide it under the door) at 2205 Californai St #107, or 3) bring it to the neighborhood meeting on Thurday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services.



### Kris Zielger



Bottineau is a great neighborhood with a lot of characteristics which represent the epitome of Northeast Minneapolis. Although I have never lived in the neighborhood, my mother was born and raised on 2nd street where my grandmother lived for decades and my father owned Lowry Liquor at Lowry and 2nd street from 1960 to 1981. I have lived all over Minneapolis, however in 1999 I decided to invest in rental property ownership with my brother-in-law and went to the place we knew best, NE Minneapolis. Since then we have acquired and I personally manage 4 properties in Bottineau.

Today there are significant challenges to the city neighborhoods, I have periodically attended the Bottineau meetings to help me stay informed about the goals and problems of the neighborhood and have now decided to become more involved. I would like to serve on the board because my family has a significant investment of both time and capital in the neighborhood, and I am highly motivated to do everything possible to insure we have a safe, clean and vibrant place where people can live and work. This quality of life issue is my personal goal for Bottineau and if elected I will invest the time and energy to achieve that as well as the goals you deem important to the neighborhood.

Although a lifelong visitor of NE Minneapolis I feel that my history with Bottineau and current property ownership makes me a qualified proponent to make it a better place for everyone.

Thank you.

#### **Bottineau Park News**

Basketball Registration Event – The youth basketball season tips off soon with teams for ages K-12. We're having a registration event on November 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. All participants who register during this event will get a slice of pizza and be entered in a drawing for door prizes. Teams fill up quickly, so don't miss your chance to play hoops for Bottineau Park this winter! Practices begin the week of November 17 and the season ends mid-March. If you're interested in coaching, call Eric at Bottineau before November 3rd.

#### Teen Volunteer of the Year -

Adam Johnson, a junior at Edison High School, volunteers during Badger's Den, an after school program at Bottineau. His positive attitude, big smile, and friendly personality make him an excellent role model for the participants. Adam says his favorite thing about volunteering is "helping kids with games." Thank you Adam for making Bottineau a positive place to play! Adam will receive an award along with other teens who volunteer at Minneapolis parks on October 7th.

#### 2008 Family Pumpkin Carving Night

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:00 PM Bottineau Park



Volunteers are still needed for this event. Call 612-782-2145.

### Urban Design – What is it?

"Urban design is about making connections between people and places, movement and urban form, nature and the built fabric. Urban design draws together the many strands of place-making, environmental stewardship, social equity and economic viability into the creation of places with distinct beauty and identity. Urban design is derived from but transcends planning and transportation policy, architectural design, development economics, engineering and landscape. It draws these and other strands together creating a vision for an area and then deploying the resources and skills needed to bring the vision to life." (www.urbandesign.org)

So I still don't know what it is, but I know what I like!



And that I don't like.

#### Smallest State Forest

The neighborhood is now home to the smallest school forest in the State. A Chance to Grow/New Visions Academy recently completed an addition that includes the new Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots Science Classroom and the Marlene Meyers Nature Gardens. The gardens are also one of the newest additions to the MN DNR School Forest Program. A School Forest is an outdoor classroom where students learn about math, art, science, and geography while gaining an appreciation and awareness of natural resources. Stop by and take a look.

### Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association

bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis ci.minneapolis.mn.us

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 nemaa.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

Community Calendar

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### Mark Your Calendars



10/14 BNA Board Meeting 6:30 PM BNA Offices (2205 California)

10/15 3rd Ward Summit 6:00 - 9:30 Ritz Theater (345 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE)

10/23 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting 7:00 PM, Eastside Neighborhood Services Board of Directors Election Results 10/28 Family Pumpkin Carving Night 6:30 – 9:00 PM Bottineau Park

10/31 Halloween



**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.