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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## BNA Board of Directors Nominations

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association is accepting nominations for two open positions on the Board of Directors. Both open positions are three-year terms. The primary responsibilities of a Board member include:

- Determine BNA's strategic direction (where it wants to go and how to get there),
- Approve and assess an annual budget,
- Hire and conduct annual reviews of staff,
- Be responsible for BNA's financial health, and
- Ensure BNA's compliance with all legal, regulatory, and reporting requirements.

If you are interested in serving on the BNA Board of directors, either send us a letter stating that or attend the Annual Meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All nominees will be asked to provide a short description of why they are interested in serving on the Board and what they feel are their qualifications. This will be printed in the October issues of the *Gazette*. New Board members are elected at the October meeting.

If you have any questions, please call BNA at 782-2145 or email us at [bna@bottineauneighborhood.org](mailto:bna@bottineauneighborhood.org). Our Mailing Address is:

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
2205 California Street NE  
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## NOTICE

### BNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 p.m. at ESNS  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

Board Election Nominations  
Preliminary NRP II Plan  
Oral History Project

\*Childcare Available \*  
(you must call 782-2145 by 9/21 to confirm)  
\* light refreshments served \*

## Landlord/Tenant Info Security Deposits

Source: <http://www.ag.state.mn.us/>  
(MN State Attorney General)

Landlords have the right to require tenants to pay a security deposit (sometimes called a "damage deposit"). This is money paid by the tenant and held by the landlord to pay for any damage, beyond ordinary wear and tear, the tenant might do to the rental unit. It can be used to pay for any unpaid rent, or any money the tenant owes to the landlord under the lease or another agreement. The security deposit cannot be used by the tenant to pay the rent.

Amount of the Deposit: Minnesota law does not limit the amount a landlord may require as a security deposit. A landlord can increase the amount of the security deposit at any time

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## Phone Numbers

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency  
911

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
782-2145

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Animal Control  
348-4250

Housing Inspections  
673-5858

NE Home Ownership  
Center  
378-7985

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

## Lowry Avenue Bridge Update: County to examine Lowry Avenue Bridge

During the repainting project on the Lowry Avenue Bridge (Hennepin County State Aid Highway 153) over the Mississippi River in North Minneapolis, the county Transportation Department has discovered structural problems at the large pier on the east side of the navigation channel.

Transportation Department engineers and a bridge consultant are in the process of determining the extent of the problems and what repairs are needed.

Although the painting project is to be completed in September, the bridge will remain closed until the necessary repairs are made. Transportation Department officials are uncertain when the bridge will be reopened. For more information, contact Craig Twinem of the Transportation Department Design Division at 763-745-7653.

## Weeding: The Organic Way

By Deb Brown  
from [www1.umn.edu/umnnews](http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews)

If you're thinking about weed control strategies for your lawn this year, how about trying an "organic" approach? Corn gluten meal, a by-product of the corn milling process, has been found to interfere with seeds' ability to germinate. The product is also beneficial because it adds nitrogen to the soil as it breaks down, so it fertilizes the lawn and helps grass grow more vigorously.

If you've already started using corn gluten meal to prevent weed seeds from sprouting--or if you'd like to begin an organic lawn care routine--apply corn gluten meal to your lawn now (early September). Then follow through with another application next spring--late April or early May.

Spread the product at a rate of 20 pounds per thousand square feet, then water it into the soil to activate it.

You'll get the best weed control after using the product in both spring and late summer for three or four consecutive years. Results should improve each year, then level off after several years.

Corn gluten meal is effective against a broad range of weed seeds, not just crabgrass and other annual weeds. But it cannot tell the difference between weed seeds and grass seeds. So, if you apply it in August or September, you won't be able to seed your lawn until the following spring.

Corn gluten meal won't help as much with broad-leaf perennial weeds such as dandelions, plantain, or creeping charlie (ground ivy). It only works to stop their seeds from sprouting. It doesn't damage existing plants. Plan to pull or dig those broad-leaf weeds this fall after a heavy rain when the ground is soft. That way, they won't be around to bloom next spring or produce more seeds and seedlings.

Corn gluten meal is available at garden centers and hardware stores.

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during a "periodic tenancy" (a rental agreement in which no final date is mentioned), but only if the tenant is given proper advance written notice. Generally, this is one rental period plus a day.

If the deposit amount is stated in the rental agreement, and the rental agreement has a definite ending date, no changes in the deposit can be made unless both parties agree to the changes or the lease allows for changes.

At the end of the tenancy, the landlord must return the deposit to the tenant with interest. Presently, the required interest rate is 3 percent. The landlord may keep the amount necessary to repair any damage done to the unit by the tenant (beyond ordinary wear and tear), or to pay off other debts related to the tenancy, including any unpaid rent.

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## Draft Street Lighting Policy

The City of Minneapolis is in the process of developing a citywide Street Lighting Policy. This is intended to formalize the process for new lighting projects. Minneapolis Public Works is drafting this policy with consultation with the Park Board and other City Departments.

As part of the development of this policy, the Public Works Department is seeking public input and comment on the Draft policy, lighting levels, and options for lighting fixtures. The department is also promoting a self-guided lighting tour so you can see what the different lighting options actually look like.

When finalized and approved by the City Council, this policy will create a cohesive lighting system throughout the city, ensure that all areas of Minneapolis have adequate light levels, and provide guidance to elected officials, residents, developers and city staff. The policy will also assist in ensuring quality, efficiency, cost effectiveness, and ease of operation and maintenance. There are three ways you can provide input:

- Provide comments on the possible lighting fixture styles (deadline for comments is September 30, 2004)
- Take a self-guided lighting tour (deadline for comments is October 31, 2004)
- Provide comment on the draft policy itself. (deadline for comments is October 31, 2004)

The Public Works Department has chosen to only make this information available on the internet. The address is: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works).

If you do not have access to the internet, BNA will provide printed copies of the fixture styles and walking tour comment forms. Call 782-2145 and leave your name and address. BNA is also providing a printed copy of the draft policy (18 pages) for viewing at Bottineau Park and the Pierre Bottineau Library.

## Park Program News - Active Adults Club -

Bottineau Park is starting an active adults club. This is a program sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and is geared for 55+ adults. No highly competitive sports experience is needed – just a willingness to get active. There will be a variety of sport and physical activities depending on season and interests. Time and day of week are not yet determined. Please join Bottineau Park Director, Kevin Cook, and Active Adults Club Coordinator, Mary Kunza, at an upcoming coffee (coffee, soda, and cookies served). Your input is important to the success in getting the Club started.

### Informational Coffee

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Bottineau Park

Questions? Call 370-4958 weekdays  
1:00 pm – 9:00.

## MLC Adult Learning Center Open House

The MLC Adult Learning Center, located in the school building of Trinity United Methodist Church at 2511 Taylor Street NE has been providing free instruction to adults in English, literacy, math and computers for the past six months. The Minnesota Literacy Council funds the center and trained volunteer tutors provide most of the instruction. The center serves about 50 students per day. Most of these students work in the area and many have children attending local schools.

To learn more about the center, meet learners, volunteers and staff, all are welcome to attend the open house:

### MLC Adult Learning Center Open House

Tuesday, September 21  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
2511 Taylor Street NE

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineauneighborhood.org](http://bottineauneighborhood.org)

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3)

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

Hennepin County  
[co.hennepin.mn.us](http://co.hennepin.mn.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

Environmental Protection Agency  
[epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition  
[mcnc-mpls.org](http://mcnc-mpls.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[art-a-whirl.org](http://art-a-whirl.org)

Neighborhood Revitalization Program  
[nrp.org](http://nrp.org)

MN State Legislature  
[leg.state.mn](http://leg.state.mn)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert)

Eureka Recycling  
[twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://twincitiesfreemarket.org)

Federal Trade Commission  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

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## Mark Your Calendars



- 9/23 BNA Annual Meeting
- Board of Directors Nominations  
7 p.m. at EastSide Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)
- 9/29 Center for Neighborhoods  
'State of the Neighborhoods' Address  
call 612-339-3480 for reservations
- 10/9 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels  
10 a.m. at Mill City Cafe

10/12 BNA Board Meeting  
6 p.m. at BNA office  
2205 California Street, #107

- 10/28 BNA General Meeting
- Board of Directors Election  
7 p.m. at EastSide Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

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

Community Events

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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.