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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## GAF – Toxic Fumes

The BNA office has been inundated with phone calls and emails regarding toxic fumes emanating from GAF Building Materials Manufacturing Corporation across the river at 50 Lowry Avenue North.



This is not a new problem. Area residents and business owners say the issue goes back at least 15 years.

In 2005, GAF representatives promised a new vapor recovery system that would eliminate their emissions problem, but residents contend this improvement was never made. So BNA called City Environmental Inspector, Megan Taylor, who stated that GAF is in compliance with the MPCA permit, No. 05300043-002. Further, she said GAF’s compliance officer is working with the City to find the cause of these odors. Calls to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency yielded a similar response, this time from Pollution Control Specialist Brent Rohne who conducted MPCA’s most recent inspection on Oct. 24, 2013.

## BNA Community Meeting

**When:** Thur. Oct 2, 7 p.m.

**Where:** ESNS, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE

### Agenda:

- BNA Board Elections
- GAF – Toxic Fumes

At Mr. Rohne’s suggestion, BNA contacted MPCA’s Air Monitoring Supervisor, Rick Strassman, who requested that neighborhood residents and business owners log the exact times and duration of the incidents when fumes are detected. Mr. Strassman also verified that the fumes emanating from the stack are carcinogenic and can adversely affect people with asthma and other lung conditions.

Being in compliance with an air permit can mean monitored emissions are okay in an area zoned for industry (like the riverfront industrial zone at 50 N. Lowry) but that doesn’t necessarily mean they’re okay for the residential areas into which they drift. The MPCA and EPA rules make it clear that **odors** are monitored by City health department and/or regulatory personnel. Unfortunately, the smells coming from GAF are not merely nuisance odors. Maybe the problem has been incorrectly defined.

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember  
Frey  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Higgins  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
Wielinski  
230-6443

Bottineau Park  
370-4958

Family Violence,  
Domestic Abuse, Child  
Abuse  
673-3072

Housing Inspections  
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood  
Services (ESNS)  
781-6011

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

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In other words, the unpleasant odor of these fumes might be the least of our problems.

BNA encourages everyone who is concerned about these fumes to follow Rick Strassman's advice and maintain an accurate log of the times and durations that these fumes are noticeable in our neighborhood. Your first logs can be turned in at 7pm on October 2 at East Side Neighborhood Services where BNA will formally address this issue.

In addition, residents and businesses are encouraged to call 311 to register complaints. Unfortunately, because the fumes sometimes occur in the middle of the night when 311 is closed it is unclear if 311 call data reflects the actual times and dates of the incidents. Further, wind directions might also complicate the exact timing of reported toxic incidents.

Council Member Jacob Frey, City of Minneapolis, MPCA and GAF personnel have all been invited to the annual BNA elections and community meeting on **October 2, 2014** at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE).

Save the date, show up and *make your voices heard*.

## Legalize Grandmother's Apartment

The City of Minneapolis is undertaking a review of ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units, also known as "grandmother apartments") with the aim of legalizing this type of residential unit. Town hall type open house meetings are being held throughout Minneapolis. In Northeast, this occurred on August 27, 2014, at East Side Neighborhood Services. Personnel from the City's

Community Planning and Economic Development agency (CPED) were on hand to explain the concept of ADUs and to ask for citizen input. In addition, there is a survey available for comment at:

<http://minneapolismn.gov/cped/projects/WCMS1P-126877>.

Here are some basic facts gleaned from that meeting:

- ADU units cannot be any larger than the primary residential units
- The primary and ADU units would need to be owned by one property owner
- An ADU could be either detached from or attached to the primary unit
- An ADU could be either one or two stories
- Garages and carriage houses could be converted into an ADU
- Minimum square footage would be set at 200 sq. ft.
- It is anticipated that the primary residences will be homesteaded
- One of the City's aims is to allow multi-generational families to co-habit on a single lot
- Rental licensing and regulation of ADUs will bring existing undocumented units into code compliance

Here are a few unanswered questions:

- Currently one off street parking space is required per dwelling unit in Minneapolis—how many will be required for ADUs?
- What access requirements are necessary for fire suppression in adjoined ADUs or in detached ADUs?
- Should utility billing for ADUs be separate from the primary unit?
- Should there be an ADU height requirement?

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- What should be the maximum ADU square footage?
- Should there be a minimum number of bedrooms?
- Should there be a limit to how many "relatives" can live with "grandma" in an ADU? (Currently, there is no limit to the number of relatives living together in a legal domicile)
- What will be the regulated leasing requirements and eviction processes when (God forbid!) grandmothers go wild?

## Bottineau Ice Cream Social



On August 20, over 350 ice cream cones were served at Bottineau Park. In addition, the movie "How to Train Your Dragon" was shown at dusk, delighting children and adults alike. To keep costs down, BNA paid the movie's rental fee, but Joe Hazuka and his team deserve our hearty thanks for orchestrating this well-attended, much enjoyed, family event. Thank you Bottineau Park!



## Watch for BNA Board Ballot in US Mail

BNA by-laws provide many avenues for voters to participate in board elections. You can vote in person at our annual election meeting (7pm on October 2 at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St NE), mail in the ballot we've sent to your home, or drop your ballot off at the BNA office (2205 California St NE #107)—just slip it under the door. This year two director positions are open, each for two year terms. If you want to run for office, let BNA know by September 10th as ballots will be mailed on Sept. 12—call Nancy (612-801-7834) or BNA's office (612-387-7262), send us an email ([zna@bottineaneighborhood.org](mailto:zna@bottineaneighborhood.org)), or put your name and address on a post card and slip it under the door at 2205 California St NE #107. Any resident, business owner or property owner in Bottineau neighborhood can run for the board of directors.

## BNA Launches New Website:

<http://bottineaneighborhood.org>

Thanks to **Sean Hayford Oleary Design**, BNA's new website is now up and running! When BNA issued an RFP (request for proposal), Sean's proposal was not only the least expensive response received, it was also the most inclusive. At a cost of just over \$2500, he designed the website to specifications and also trained BNA contract staff to perform site updates and maintenance. He will remain on retainer to help with site maintenance as needed. Sean's superb training abilities (and patience!) greatly impressed BNA staff, so we are especially pleased to recommend his services to others—visit his website at <http://hayfordoleary.com/>

## Websites

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

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

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

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

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

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

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nema.org](http://nema.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

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

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

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

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

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

## Mark Your Calendars



- 9/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 10/2 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
ESNS, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE

### ***In History***

- Sept. 9, 1776 – The United States came into existence under its current name when the Continental Congress changed the former name of the new American nation from “The United Colonies.”
- Sept. 25, 1896 – American writer F. Scott Fitzgerald (d. 1940), famed author of *The Great Gatsby* and other notable works, was born in St. Paul, MN.
- Sept. 25, 1690 – The first American newspaper *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* appeared in Boston MA, but British authorities deemed it offensive and ordered its immediate suppression.

**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.