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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Bottineau, GAF Roofing and Govt Officials Discuss Noxious Emissions



At Bottineau Neighborhood Association's October 2 annual meeting for board elections, we conducted some additional business that should be of interest to everyone in Bottineau. GAF Roofing and government officials—including Council Member Jacob Frey—were invited to discuss the noxious odors which result from chemicals being incinerated at the GAF shingle plant located at 50 N. Lowry Avenue, directly across the river from Bottineau and Marshall Terrace neighborhoods.

This is not a new issue, nor is its impact confined to Bottineau Neighborhood. In addition to Bottineau residents, representatives from Sheridan and Hawthorne neighborhoods also showed up for the meeting. And, to ensure continued community pressure, BNA's organizational counterpart in Marshall Terrace—Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace (CCMT)—has agreed to work in tandem with Bottineau

Pumpkin Carving

Where: Bottineau Park Recreation Center

When: Saturday, Oct. 25
1pm – 4pm



Halloween Party

Where: Bottineau Park Recreation Center

When: Friday, Oct. 31
6pm – 8pm

on this issue until it is resolved.

From the City of Minneapolis, Environmental Division, Supervisor Jim Doten and Inspector Margaret Taylor were on hand to talk about monitoring odors and the use of nasal ranger devices which quantify odors as being either acceptable or unacceptable by measuring their degree of stench. In fact, three environmental hazards staff employees handle more than 6000 odor complaints per year throughout the city, anything from tanker truck spills to offensive compost bins. However, residents were quick to point out that odors are not the real problem, but only a symptom of the

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd 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

> **GAF EMISSIONS** *cont.*

potentially hazardous chemicals which cause this odor. In other words, the potential for toxicity would be a much greater threat than odor when it comes to maintaining the general health and livability of our neighborhood.

Council Member Frey encouraged residents to continue calling 311 whenever they experience these noxious odors. GAF representative Tommie Richardson informed the group that GAF's incinerator had been off line for three of the previous four weeks and that the plant will be closed for much of the fourth quarter of 2014 due to a seasonal slowdown in the demand for shingles. Brandon Boyd, GAF Plant Manager, also stated that a \$500,000 upgrade to the fumes incinerator will be completed by March 31st, which should result in a dramatic air quality improvement by mixing the fuel better and automating a burn cycle that is currently operated manually. Its damper will also incorporate an O2 sensor to improve the burn.

MPCA staff on hand included Pollution Control Specialist Brent Rohne, who monitors the GAF permit, and his superior, Sarah Kilgriff, Air Quality Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor. Both addressed the GAF permit and stated that GAF operates within acceptable levels of emissions. A copy of the permit will be posted on the BNA website, or you can download a copy of the permit and its amendment by going to the following sites:

www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=10887

www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=10888

The next community meeting on this subject will be conducted by Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace—**7pm, October 23**, at River Village

Community Room (29th Ave NE and Randolph St NE). MPCA Air Monitoring Supervisor, Rick Strassman has said he would like to attend. If so, he will explain how air monitoring is currently being conducted on the Mississippi River near GAF. As supervisor for a pilot project that is currently being conducted in Minneapolis at other asphalt operations, he will also discuss the presence of carcinogens that are in these types of emissions but are not currently regulated at GAF or elsewhere.

BNA Board Elections

Bottineau Neighborhood Association's annual board elections were held on October 2, 2014. This year, Amanda Winterer was newly elected to the BNA board, and Matthew Ruby was reelected to serve another term.



Amanda Winterer

Amanda Winterer lives in Bottineau with her spouse, Will Winterer, and has been active organizing the blocks around their home for National Night Out, as well as faithfully attending neighborhood meetings. She is a successful realtor and enjoys making Bottineau a great place to live.

Matt Ruby lives in Bottineau and owns Nortec, a successful IT services business. Matt loves to ski and keeps busy remodeling his home. He has

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already served many years as a BNA board member and as BNA treasurer.



Matthew Ruby

Without a board, there is no organization, so many thanks to Matt, Amanda and all the other board members for serving Bottineau Neighborhood in this important capacity. And thanks are also due to Jim Rosenberg, owner of The Sample Room, who is taking a break from board service but will remain involved in the heartbeat of Bottineau.

RiverKeepers & Keegan's Irish Pub



On Oct. 4, Northeast RiverKeepers and Keegan's Irish Pub once again teamed up to do a Mississippi River Clean-up. Under glimpses of sun shining through the clouds, volunteers filled bags with debris collected from the river and its banks. Keegan's crew worked from E. Hennepin to Broadway, while the RiverKeepers crew worked northward from Broadway to Lowry. When all

was done, strong winds blew the RiverKeepers all the way from Gluek Park to John Olson's back yard for a celebratory BBQ to mark the end of the river's boating season. Thank you RiverKeepers!

Support Your Local Artists

A few weeks ago, eighteen resident artists began planning the California Building's annual California Dreamin' open studio art event. After considerable discussion, they decided to hold this year's event on the weekend before Thanksgiving:

Friday, Nov. 21, 5pm—10pm
Saturday, Nov. 22, Noon—8pm

For promotional purposes, they also expanded the event's name to **California Dreamin' Total Art Rush**. So, if you're planning on making some holiday season art purchases, support your local artists and buy local.

In other art-related news, the **Northeast Minneapolis Arts District** has formed a Board of Directors dedicated to speak with one voice and maintain the District as a vibrant arts home and destination that remains true to its social, cultural and creative mission. Directors on the Board include Dougie Padilla, Josh Blanc, Karen Wilcox, Leslie Palmer-Ross, Mary Cassidy, Herman Milligan, Betsy Gabler, and Michael Rainville.

Big River Brew Fest!

When: October 18, 1pm—4pm

Where: East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. NE

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (to sample over 200 craft Beers!)

For tickets or more information, visit: <http://www.esns.org/event-1728508>

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

Mark Your Calendars



- 10/14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is
locked)
- 10/23 Marshall Terrace (CCMT) GAF Mtg,
7:00 pm, River Village Community
Room @ 29th Ave NE and Randolph
- 10/25 Family Pumpkin Carving, 1pm-4pm
Bottineau Park Recreation Center
- 10/31 Halloween Party, 6pm-8pm
Bottineau Park Recreation Center

In History

- Oct 3, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.
- Oct 14, 1964 – Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the \$54,000 in prize money to the Civil Rights movement.
- Oct 27, 1924 – The New York City subway began operating, running from City Hall to West 145th Street, the first underground and underwater rail system in the world.

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