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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Bottineau Housing Update

by Amanda Winterer

Home affordability continues to make Bottineau an attractive place to live.

Bottineau neighborhood is comprised of 367 single family homes and 384 multi-unit homes. In 2014, one multi-unit home and 18 single family homes (representing less than .02% of Bottineau's housing stock) were sold at 94.7% of their original list price, with a median price of \$152,250. This compares with 95.3% of list for all of Northeast, and a median price of \$179,250—a 15% difference.

In the greater Twin Cities region, the median home price in 2014 was \$205,732—a 7.2% increase over 2013. In 2015, prices are expected to rise at a slower pace, reaching a more balanced market. With 11,822 active listings in the Twin Cities at the end of 2014, consumers had 7.2% fewer homes from which to choose. New financing policies for FHA borrowers—reducing mortgage insurance premiums from 1.35% to 0.85%—will make housing more affordable for some buyers, especially for millennials who comprise about 16% of Bottineau's population. The new FHA mortgage interest rate is 3%.

Bottineau is also a prime neighborhood for new construction. A new two-level home on Grand St. NE, with 2,327 finished square feet, has a list price of \$379,900, amounting to \$163.26 per square foot. A proposed site for 8-10 new townhomes on 2nd St. NE will most likely have list prices

Indoor Walking Group for Adults and Seniors

When: Tuesdays through March 31

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Bottineau Recreation Center

Cost: Free - Donations appreciated

Sponsored by NE Seniors and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

in the upper \$200,000's and lower \$300,000's. Finally, the site of the silos on California Street, home of the Mulberry Junction Community Garden, is on the market for \$699,900, with medium density housing proposals on the table.

New amenities that draw people to the area surrounding Bottineau include Betty Danger's Country Club, the proposed Town Hall Brewery (at the site of the former Little Jack's) and Webster Elementary school, which re-opens in fall 2015 for Pre-K through 2nd grades. Grades will expand one grade each year until it reaches Pre-K through 5th grade.

Data Sources:

Minnesota Compass: www.Mncompass.org

Minneapolis Area Realtor Association:
<http://maar.stats.10kresearch.com/reports>

City Pages:
http://blogs.citypages.com/food/2014/09/is_a_new_town_hall_space_coming_to_northeast.php

St. Anthony West Neighborhood
Organization: <http://stawno.org/webster-elementary-opens/>

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911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

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Commissioner Higgins
348-7882

Parks Commissioner
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230-6443

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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

BNA Fund Allocation



Amanda Winterer, Luke Stellpflug and Liz Reiser

At BNA's community meeting, held on Jan. 29, Bottineau residents named the following priorities for funds in the upcoming years.

Annual Operating Budget:

\$27,100 for rent, utilities, internet, postage, salaries, the Gazette, office supplies and so on.

2015 Priorities (Funds do not expire in 2015):

\$1,200 - Movies in the Park, Wintertime Park wellness programs, ice cream social, and pumpkin carving.

\$5,500 - National Night Out, problem properties, and tenant organizing

\$500 - homeless outreach

\$550 - fundraising

\$500 - board, staff and volunteer training

Special Projects:

\$20,000 - Homeowner matching grants for exterior home improvements (approximate amount)

\$8000 - EEQL, Eastside Environmental Quality of Life committee, (air pollution)

\$10,000 - Shoreline Stabilization and Mississippi River Access

\$8000 - Bike Safety issues, kid's helmets, bike locks and traffic calming at intersections

In addition, Mulberry Junction Garden needs to move as the site at 2301 California St NE is up for sale. The gardeners are putting together hard numbers for a request to be made at the Feb. 10 BNA board meeting.



Park Planner Dana Murdoch addresses the Jan. 29 community meeting, with BNA Board President Mariam Slayhi looking on

Finally, \$20,000 of BNA funds are owed to the City of Minneapolis for "advances" given to the neighborhood on past contracts that now must be repaid. We are paying these debts off at about \$2000 per year. There is no free lunch.

Note: Until February 9th, Funding Priority recommendations are still welcome—just contact the BNA office.

Best in 3rd Ward Nominees

Bob Marget was nominated *Best 3rd Ward Volunteer*—stop by River Liquor Store to thank him for his efforts on behalf of Bottineau and greater Northeast Minneapolis. **Chowgirls Killer Catering**, owned by Amy Brown and Heidi Andermack, was nominated *Best 3rd Ward Business*.

Congratulations nominees! Bottineau appreciates your efforts.

Music School Opens in Northeast

In October of last year, Northeast Center for Music (NCM) opened for business. NCM is a community music school serving Northeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony.

“Our goal is to provide quality music education to families in Northeast,” said co-founder David DeGennaro. “Our teachers are experienced, knowledgeable, and engaging. Two are Northeast residents, and the others come from all over the world through the music department at the University of Minnesota: South Korea, Serbia, Canada, Argentina...and Wisconsin.”

NCM operates out of Gustavus Adolphus Church on the corner of 27th & Johnson. They offer lessons on piano, violin/viola, guitar, bass, drums, and voice.

“Eventually, we want to expand to offer master classes, ensembles, recording, and a performance space,” said David. “Northeast is an exciting place to start a business these days, and we’re really looking forward to our future here.”

New students receive 10% off tuition for the first term. For more information about NCM or to register for lessons, visit their website at www.necenterformusic.com.

Raingardens & Pollinators

by Aleli Balagtas

In a world without bees, your next plate of food would have considerably less variety. By some estimates, one of every three bites of food we take depends on pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. These small creatures carry pollen from

plant to plant as they forage, unknowingly performing an important step in the production of fruits and seeds.

In recent years, we have observed severe declines in various pollinator populations. Honey bees are a key example. According to the USDA, beekeepers lost an average of one-third of their colonies every winter from 2006 to 2011. In the last couple of decades, the monarch butterfly population has declined 90 percent in North America. This is worrisome because more than 80 percent of plants depend on pollinators for survival. In the U.S. alone, bees and other insect pollinators contribute more than \$24 billion a year to the economy.

Why are pollinators disappearing? A leading cause is lost habitat: many pollinators no longer have the food and other resources they need to survive. They are also vulnerable to pesticides, in ways that are currently being studied.

Which brings us to raingardens. These shallow depressions, planted with native vegetation, allow stormwater to be cleaned naturally as it soaks into the ground, diverting polluted runoff from our waterways, thus helping to clean and preserve natural bodies of water while also functioning as habitats for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. In turn, the pollinators help raingardens thrive so they can work efficiently to clean our water.

Metro Blooms teaches people how to plant raingardens as part of their mission to promote gardening, beautify the community, and help heal the environment. A workshop for Northeast Minneapolis has been scheduled for **June 4, from 6-9pm, at Logan Park Community Center** (690 13th Avenue NE). For more information or to register for this workshop, please visit www.metroblooms.org

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
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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

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Mark Your Calendars



2/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

FYI: Minneapolis Parks Spring Sports
Registration begins in March

Interested in Becoming a Beekeeper?

Camp Beez Kneez is a 14-week, intensive, guided beekeeping course that runs every other Saturday from April to October. Their teaching apiaries provide a unique opportunity for you to manage a hive, guided by professional beekeepers, while comparing your hive to many others in the same apiary.

For more information, visit their website at www.thebeezkneezdelivery.com/camp-beez-kneez/

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