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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Money Makes the World Go Round???

Please join Bottineau Neighborhood Association’s Board of Directors on January 29th at East Side Neighborhood Services at 7 PM to decide how to spend recently discovered neighborhood funds.

How did this situation come about? Neighborhood Coordinator Nancy Przymus has been turning over every stone to find every bit of funding allocated by the City of Minneapolis to Bottineau Neighborhood since 1991. Surprisingly, in dribs and drabs, many small amounts of previously unallocated funds— totaling a little more than *\$123,000!*—were discovered. Now the neighborhood needs to tell the board where to spend these funds.

Do you have an idea to share for a community project that might be funded?

The BNA board will recommend a budget for review. Here are some neighborhood priorities that BNA has long supported: crime prevention; neighborhood and river clean-ups; water quality and Mississippi River protection; air quality; industry compliance with MPCA regulations; artists; park programs and youth enrichment activities; outreach to the homeless; small business ownership; intelligent development; bike paths; community gardens; and more.

Please join us for this very important

BNA Community Meeting

Where: ESNS, 1700 2nd St NE

When: Thursday, Jan. 29

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: \$\$\$\$ Decisions

Free Childcare Provided

discussion and vote. Free childcare will also be provided.

In addition to spending decisions, Bottineau’s City Council Member, Jacob Frey, will attend the first part of the meeting for a 3rd Ward update.

Air Quality Overview & GAF Industries

A group of dedicated and determined citizens from northeast and north Minneapolis have been meeting since last August to improve air quality in the neighborhoods on either side of the Lowry Ave Bridge.

Accomplished so far:

- 1) GAF will install a device that equalizes the burn of toxic chemicals at their 50 Lowry Ave N shingle plant by March 15.

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

> **AIR QUALITY** cont.

The new device will burn the chemicals in an automated fashion eliminating the spikes in toxic fumes generated by a manual burn cycle. (Instead of having a person flip the burn switch, a computer will do it.) Currently, vacuum hoods, somewhat like the hood over your kitchen range, are located over the shingle assembly lines. These hoods capture toxic gases that are kept in containment cylinders until they are incinerated on site. The resulting exhaust from the incineration is what has generated hundreds of complaints to 311 this year. GAF reports that this automated burn device will cost GAF about \$500,000. The device does not filter or change the chemicals being spewed from the stack, but it does even out emission spikes.

2) Due to the level of citizen complaints and community meetings, MPCA previously agreed to keep an air monitor at the Lowry bridge until 12-31-14. The MPCA later agreed to do 24 hour air sampling every six days at the Lowry Ave bridge air monitoring site. Due to this intensified monitoring, many other air pollution violations in the area were also identified. Now, the MPCA will keep this air monitor at the site until the end of **2015**. Most seriously, the MPCA found violations of PM 2.5 (fine particulates) and ozone. *There is no safe level of PM 2.5.*

3) Marshall Terrace and Bottineau Neighborhoods are spearheading this effort. Representatives from Sheridan, Logan, Hawthorne and Camden neighborhoods have attended taskforce meetings. The taskforce continues to monitor the situation, expand its knowledge base, and plan future actions to ensure the air we breathe is safe.

Potential future actions: Find out what chemicals are being burned at the GAF

site; conduct a health study of those living around the Lowry Ave Bridge. For instance, is there more asthma, COPD, or cancer here than in other areas? These are some of the things we, as a neighborhood, need to know.

Do you want to help make a difference? Join the taskforce Monday January 19th at River Village East (2919 Randolph St NE) at 6:30 PM. In addition, continue to **make those 311 calls** whenever you smell fumes that make you or your family uncomfortable or sick. Working together, we can improve this situation and make good things happen.

2015 Home Tour wants your home (or your neighbor's)

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is accepting nominations! For 11 hours, on the weekend of April 25-26, homeowners and contractors will open their doors to share ideas from their own remodeling experience with other home enthusiasts.

Visitors are particularly interested in period-accurate restoration and expansions that are sensitive to the environment and surrounding neighborhood. Being on the tour gives homeowners great feedback as well as incentive to finish those last few projects.

How do you nominate a home? Visit <http://www.msphometour.com/> and click on "Submit a Home" near the top of the page on the menu bar. If you or someone you know needs more information, contact coordinator Margo Ashmore at Margo@MargoAshmore.com.

The 2015 State Legislature is Now in Session

The 2015 legislative session began on Tuesday, January 6, and a good portion of the session will be dedicated toward developing a state budget for 2016-17.

Earlier this month, the Minnesota Budget and Management Office announced that the State of Minnesota is projected to have a budget surplus of \$1 billion dollars for fiscal year 2016-17. This indicates progress (compared to past deficits) but is **not** a windfall: there are many competing needs and the projected surplus does not take inflation into account.

Bottineau Neighborhood is represented by Diane Loeffler in the Minnesota House and Kari Dziedzic in the Senate. If there are any issues or priorities of particular concern to YOU, here is their contact info:

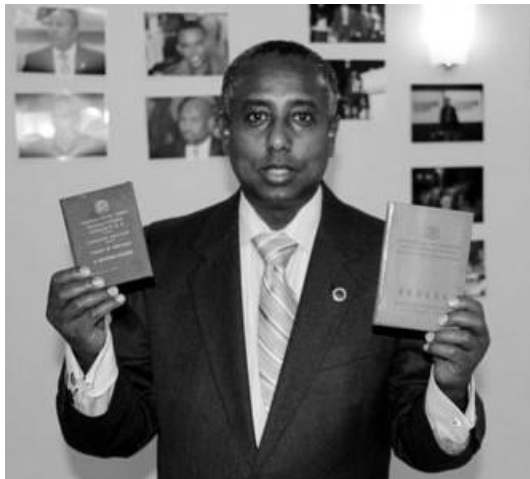
Rep. Diane Loeffler (612)781-1307
Sen. Kari Dziedzic (651) 296-7809

Additionally, Senator Dziedzic has created an online survey to help her better represent constituent priorities. Interested in providing your own input as an active and involved citizen of the state? Follow the link below:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z5RXZBD

What you'll find is a short survey that asks you to rank general areas of state funding in terms of importance to you, your community, and the state. For instance, do you favor additional funding for education, or is transportation infrastructure a higher priority? Which plays a more vital role in Minnesota's economy? Have an opinion? Tell your elected officials!

"Another Family in the Neighborhood"



On December 13, the fourth annual photography exhibit from *MN 6 I Group* took place at Bottineau Commons. Organized by local photographer, activist and photo journalist **Mohamed Barre** (pictured above and below, with Sen. Kari Dziedzic), past exhibits have ranged from a more traditional approach to Somali art, to a more documentarian approach that captures the daily lives of Minnesota's flourishing community of Somali immigrants. In fact, the Minnesota Historical Society has a portfolio of Barre's work entitled *Somali community in MN photos: Somali MN legacy/heritage*.

This year's exhibit also featured the work of **Mohamoud Hussain**, a local photo journalist from the *Somali Channel* and *Isma Photography*.



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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

Mark Your Calendars



- 1/20 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 1/29 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
ESNS, 1700 Second St. NE (in the
basement meeting room)

In History

- Jan. 4, 1790 – President George Washington delivered the new American government’s first ever State of the Union address.
- Jan. 5, 1925 – Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming became the first female governor inaugurated in the U.S.
- Jan. 13, 1990 – Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the first African American governor in the U.S. when he took the oath of office in Richmond.
- Jan. 25, 1961 – President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

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