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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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River Liquor Store Development

Bob Marget and his developer, Master Properties, have grand plans for the businesses and properties he owns on the corner of Marshall and Lowry Ave NE. In a first phase of the development, River Liquor Store will be moved into a double wide trailer at the current location of Konawerks Barber Shop while the old store is torn down. When the project is completed, it will include the new River Liquor Store, a bakery, and a restaurant on the ground level of the new development along with 15 two-story row houses on both Lowry and Marshall. One and two bedroom apartments will occupy floors 2 thru 4. On the 5th floor, there will be 11 larger units with views of the river and the city scape. Set back from the building facades, these upper units will not be visible from the street.

Privately funded, the residential portion of this project will consist entirely of market rate rental housing—for a total of 182 housing units—with rent starting at \$1000.00/month. Parking space will cost extra. The plan is to open the complex in early 2017.

During construction all staging will be confined to the parking lot areas, thus avoiding lane closures on Marshall or Lowry. The current north/south alley between Marshall and Grand, from 23rd Ave NE to Lowry, will remain but will be elevated to slow down traffic

Free Pumpkin Carving For Kids

Where: Bottineau Park
Recreation Center

When: Saturday, Oct. 24
1pm – 4pm



and to encourage a green, safe pedestrian space between the buildings. In addition, the redesigned alley will incorporate a dog leg to the east, behind the new apartment complex, to retain easy access for all residents of the neighborhood. As a safety measure, the south to north part of the alley will incorporate a smart one-way design to prevent cars from turning down the alley from Lowry in order to avoid the traffic light at Marshall.

The development will also include 181 underground parking spaces for the apartments and 17 spaces at ground-level, behind the businesses. Deliveries will not impede traffic at the intersection of Marshall and Lowry because trucks will be directed to enter the ground-level parking area by turning off from either Marshall or Grand.

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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



Architect's drawing of the proposed development at River Liquors

> **RIVER LIQUORS** cont.

A few City variances need to be granted to make this development happen and include, but are not limited to, a conditional use permit, a zoning change to keep the liquor store open during construction, an alley change, and a small height variance for the penthouses. The Bottineau Board voted on September 30 to support the project as well as any variances needed for the plan to go forward.

Confusion at 311 about Odor Complaints

If the air outside smells like tar, fresh asphalt paving or burning tires, you can be sure it's caused by the GAF plant where, across the river at 50 N. Lowry, they manufacture roofing shingles and recycle old asphalt. To register a complaint about these noxious odors, City staff tells us to contact 311 via phone or internet. Be forewarned, though: many of our complaints are not being logged.

Anna Bierbauer, one of the leaders at **Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL)**, requested the past 6 months of 311 data concerning GAF complaints and found huge gaps in

the data. Knowing that complaints about GAF had been made on specific days, she was dismayed to learn that none of those complaints were properly listed in 311 records.

For the City to log your complaints about GAF's emissions and to make them count toward solving this air quality problem, you must specifically state GAF's address, 50 N. Lowry, and mention the keyword, "asphalt." Even if you call from across the Lowry bridge and tell 311 that the source of the odors is coming from the GAF plant, your complaint may not be properly logged.

So, Bottineau, keep up the good work of registering your complaints with 311 when the air smells like tar or burning tires, but always be sure to state GAF's address—50 N. Lowry—and mention the keyword "asphalt."

Air Testing Grant Received

Bottineau Neighborhood has received a community innovations grant from the City of Minneapolis for \$16,000 to conduct air sampling in Bottineau and other neighborhoods affected by GAF

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emissions. Tonye Slyvanus, the public health intern hired by BNA, has designed the study with the help of the City of Minneapolis Public Health Department, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the University of Minnesota Public Health Department.

Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL)—the committee formed by residents in affected neighborhoods to oversee this work—was advised to hire a professional air sampling company to carry out the actual testing. Therefore, volunteers will not be needed to help in this phase of the process. But to everyone who called and volunteered their time, thanks!

NOTE: The next EEQL meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6pm in the MWMO building at 2522 Marshall St. NE.

Northern Metals Recycling

Northern Metals Recycling (NMR) continues to fight the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in court, arguing that MPCA does not have the right to monitor air quality in the area surrounding their plant. In response, MPCA has informed NMR that, yes, they do have the right to monitor the air in this location and have additionally placed a second air sampling monitor just to the south of the company's fence line. This legal battle has been continuing since last fall, when the MPCA discovered that Northern Metals has been exceeding air pollution permit limits on both 2.5mm and 10mm particulates—each of which are known to cause cancer and acute asthma attacks. Further, Northern Metals has moved scrap right up to the river's edge, allowing debris to fall into the river in violation of various rules and ordinances that govern their recycling operation.

What is an Anaerobic Digester?

Investors approached the BNA board of directors on September 8th with a plan to turn the silos at 2301 California St NE into a group of anaerobic digesters. An anaerobic digester uses bacteria to turn food waste and sewage into fertilizer and methane, an alternative energy source. At first glance this digester seems like a pretty good idea.

But codigestion of various organics is just one part of the puzzle. Odors from these plants often carry up to 1.5 miles. The smell is often described as that of human excrement. We live here. Do we need another source of bad odors for our neighborhood?

Walking Group for Seniors

*Thursdays, from 1-3 pm
Bottineau Park Recreation Center
(2000 2nd Street NE)*

Come and walk on an indoor track that is great for walkers who like to talk. It provides smooth gliding for wheeled walkers, too—no curbs, cracks or bumps on the track. Bring a friend or meet new friends. Catch up on the local news over a cup of coffee or a bottle of water. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

NEIC Happy Hour Oct. 13

The Northeast Investment Cooperative (NEIC) is holding a Join and Ride Event for local residents to learn more about the organization. An information Session for prospective members will be held at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (2522 Marshall St. NE) followed by a happy hour at Betty Danger's Country Club. New members get a Ferris Wheel ride! Visit www.neic.coop/events/ for info.

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

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Mark Your Calendars



- 10/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 10/24 Pumpkin Carving, 1-4 p.m.
Bottineau Park (2000 2nd St NE)
- 10/28 EEQL Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2522 Marshall St. NE (MWMO Bldg)

Make This: Anime and Manga Drawings

October 29, 6pm – 8pm

A fun, non-traditional art program for teens (grades 7 through 12) at Pierre Bottineau Library (55 Broadway Ave. NE).

Work with a local comic artist on developing and refining your anime drawing skills. Practice character and concept development, composition, drawing, inking and coloring. No previous drawing experience necessary. Materials provided.

Call 612-543-6850 to register.

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.

For more information or for deadlines,
please call 612-367-7262