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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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California Dreamin' (and a Successful Fundraiser)



If you read the Gazette last month, you already know that BNA joined forces with California Building artists at their annual *California Dreamin'* open studio event to both raise money for air quality testing and to help draw more art buying patrons to the open studios. On both counts, our efforts were a success.

After expenses, BNA raised \$927 toward additional air quality tests near the GAF shingle plant across the river. We did this largely by selling beer (donated by Fulton Brewery) and wine (donated by River Liquor Store) in the lobby of the California Building during the event. In order to do this legally, we also benefitted from another sponsor—The Sample Room—who provided the liquor license.

To help draw art patrons to the event, BNA organized a raffle, with the winner receiving a \$1000 gift certificate from Sun Country Airlines. Though individual raffle tickets were priced at \$10, patrons who purchased art at the event were awarded up to

First Community Meeting of 2016

Where: 1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)

When: Thur. Jan 28 @ 7pm

Agenda: It's all about bikes!

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ten free tickets depending on how much money they spent purchasing art. Receipts were required, and when we tallied up the receipts that had been turned in for raffle tickets, it amounted to \$17,340 spent on art!

Does it get any better than this? Of course it does! The man who won the raffle—Brad Dunn, an art patron from Waite Park neighborhood—will be donating his \$1000 gift certificate to neighbors so they can afford to visit family over the holidays. And our volunteers (from Bottineau, Marshall Terrace and Logan Park) all had a great time. Thank you, everyone!

Bottineau Facelift

Matching home improvement grants are still available to home owners in Bottineau Neighborhood. The maximum grant offered is \$2000,

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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

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minimum is \$1000, and grants are available for owner-occupied and rental property owners alike.

The intent of the Bottineau Matching Grant Program is to help property owners in our neighborhood make necessary repairs and improvements, thus extending the life and value of Bottineau's housing stock. Applicants must be current on mortgages and property taxes, but the application process is simple and straight forward. Sweat equity is also allowed. Do the projects yourself or hire a contractor.

The **Bierbrauers on Marshall** recently put in a new deck using sweat equity:



Nice. Below is what the deck replaced:



Is this something you see in your house's future? Remember: \$2000 is available for FREE to any residential property owner in Bottineau

Neighborhood—you just need to apply. And it's a paper application, so, for the less tech-savvy among us, there's no complication arising from internet difficulty!

For more information, contact the **HousingResource Center™—North:**

2148 - 44th Ave North
Minneapolis, MN 55412
Phone: (612) 588-3033

Be sure to mention the key word, *Bottineau.*

First Community Meeting of 2016

Every three months, Bottineau Neighborhood Association hosts a community-wide meeting to discuss issues relevant to our neighborhood. The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016. As usual, we'll be meeting at East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS), 1700 2nd Street NE.

What's on the agenda? Everything to do with bikes in our neighborhood. More specifically, we'll discuss the proposed bikeway on Marshall St. NE and a "bike button" for the Bicycle Boulevard crossing at 22nd Ave and University.



If bicycle issues are an issue for you, plan on attending. To sweeten the deal, BNA will award free child-sized bicycle helmets to the first six parents who show up.

Free Tax Help Available from *Prepare + Prosper*

Believe it or not but the 2016 tax season is right around the corner. And, for some of us, it's a daunting prospect. Fortunately, help is available!

Prepare + Prosper (formerly known as AccountAbility Minnesota) is an organization that provides free tax preparation and financial services in the Twin Cities to more than 14,000 families every year.

For the 2016 tax season, individuals who made less than \$35,000 and families who made less than \$55,000 in 2015 can file their taxes for free with *Prepare + Prosper*. The organization will also make sure that anyone who qualifies for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC, up to a maximum of \$6242) will receive the help they need.

How can you hook up with this valuable service? Between January 23 and April 18, *Prepare + Prosper* tax preparation clinics will take place at East Side Neighborhood Services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. (On alternating days, AARP will be providing similar tax preparation services for seniors). The clinic will operate on a walk-in basis—no appointment necessary.

Here's the schedule:

Tuesdays: Sign-in at 5:15 p.m.
Thursdays: Sign-in at 5:15 p.m.
Saturdays: Sign-in at 8:15 a.m.

Everyone present at the sign-in time listed above has an equal chance to be served and to be seen first. Those arriving after sign-in will be served if there is space. Due to capacity, they may not see everyone.

Please allow 2-4 hours for preparation. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the sign-in time.

All tax forms are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who are passionate about what they do.

Please note: *Prepare + Prosper* can serve you only if you have with you a Social Security card or ITIN card or letter for every person on the return.

For each person listed on the return, you'll need to bring:

- Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) card or letter AND birth date
- Picture I.D.

Income statements or forms like the following:

- Wages from each job (Form W-2)
- Interest (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends (Form 1099-DIV)
- Retirement plans (Form 1099-R)
- Gambling winnings (Form W-2G)
- Unemployment (Form 1099-G)
- Social Security benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Miscellaneous income (1099-MISC)
- Sale of stock (1099-B)
- Scholarships and grants (1098-T)
- Health insurance purchased thru MNSure (Form 1095-A)

If it applies to you, also bring:

- Prior year's tax returns
- Verification of health insurance (Form 1095-A or 1095-B)
- Checking and/or savings account & routing numbers
- Any additional year-end income statements
- Any expense records for daycare, children's education, tuition (1098-T), student loan interest (1098-E), charitable giving, mortgage interest, Statement of Property Tax payable or Certificate of Rent Paid

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
www.hennepin.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



12/8 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

1/28 Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
1700 2nd St NE (ESNS)

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.

In History

December 2, 1859 – French Neo-impressionist painter Georges Seurat (d. 1891) was born in Paris.

December 3, 1962 – Edith Sampson was sworn in as the first female African-American judge after she was elected associate judge of the Municipal Court in Chicago.

December 8, 1980 – John Lennon was shot and killed in New York City by Mark David Chapman.

December 23, 1913 – The U.S. Congress established the Federal Reserve System to serve as the nation's central bank, with responsibilities that include: monetary policy; influencing the lending and investing activities of commercial banks; and overseeing the cost and availability of money and credit.