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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Money Decision\$

Good news, Bottineau: Some NRP funds designated by the City for Bottineau Neighborhood have unexpectedly turned up and we, as a community, need to vote on how we are going to use that money. And you will have that opportunity at our first community meeting of the new year at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St. NE) on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.

At our December meeting, the BNA board discussed funding priorities in the Neighborhood and voted to recommend that we reassign this money—\$46,340.85 from an old commercial loan program—to the current housing grant program that benefits Bottineau property owners and helps keep our neighborhood’s housing stock in good shape. If that sounds familiar it’s because you’ve read about it in the Gazette before—it’s the Bottineau Matching Grant program that provides up to \$2000 for home improvement projects.

To reassign this money from an old NRP strategy to a current neighborhood priority, we need the community—a.k.a. *you*—to ratify the board’s recommendation.

But that’s not the only NRP money available to be reassigned: another \$9000 in uncontracted funds from an NRP I bike path strategy has also turned up and the Board has voted to recommend using these funds to engage neighborhood residents in

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Where: 1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)

When: Thur. Jan 28 @ 7:00pm

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other meaningful ways. One thing the Board wants to do is again fund the family reading program we piloted in 2014. A popular and effective program, it worked with immigrant families to better prepare their children’s reading skills and, thus, their ability to succeed in school. Volunteers read books to children and every week each child was given a book to take home.

Other potential uses for these funds include translation services at meetings; youth arts programming via Juxtaposition Art, or via workshops organized in conjunction with resident artists at the California Building; and Movies in the Park—something we can all enjoy.

But, again, this is something for our community to vote on, and other ideas—for how to use this money to engage neighborhood residents—are certainly welcome. To propose an idea, though, you need to show up. In fact, the world is run by people who show up. Join us and help make Bottineau beautiful.

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Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilmember
Frey
673-2203

Hennepin County
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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

Agenda for January 28 Community Meeting

- Marshall Street Bikeway—Bob Byers
- BNA RiverKeepers Video & Slideshow—John Olson
- NE College Prep Charter School—Erica Sass
- Air Pollution Study Update—Tonye Slyvanus & Anna Bierbrauer
- Vote on NRP Funding Changes

Plus, we'll have a door prize drawing for people who show up!

Note: Childcare will also be provided. Please contact BNA (612-367-7262) with numbers of children so we can arrange to have enough volunteers.

Everything Bicycles

At our January community meeting, Bob Byers, Hennepin County Planner in charge of bicycle and pedestrian improvements, will address the community about the planned Marshall St NE protected bikeway.

An ad hoc group of bicycle enthusiasts, neighborhood people, Minneapolis Riverfront staff, Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition representatives, Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee, Minneapolis Park Board staff and others have been meeting since October of 2014 regarding the Marshall St NE bikeway. Many plans—going back to at least 2000—have indicated that Marshall St NE should be a bikeway.

Marshall St NE is part of the *Mississippi River Trail* (MRT), a national corridor designated for biking and pedestrian use. The MRT runs from New Orleans to Itasca State Park, where the Mississippi River has its source.

In addition, Marshall Street NE is also part of the historical *Red Ox Trail* from Minneapolis to Winnipeg via the Red

River of the North. In fact, an important ferry launch that predates the Minnesota Territory (1849) was located at 1822 Marshall St NE. For these reasons and others, many people wish to see Marshall St NE in a new way that recognizes and appreciates this history.

What remains to be determined is how local concerns about this vital transportation artery will be addressed. For instance, how will businesses and residents be affected by the loss of parking on Marshall? As always, community concerns need to have a place at the table.

Park Board Puts “RiverFIRST”

The *RiverFirst* plan, a vision for the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, is moving forward, one step at a time.

In our neck of the woods, the Kouri family's property at 1822 Marshall St NE was purchased in December 2015 by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). **Randy Kouri**—the property's previous owner, who passed away in 2014—was a strong environmental advocate and neighborhood leader who once served as president of the *Mississippi Corridor Coalition* as well as *Bottineau Citizens in Action*—BNA's predecessor.

The house on that site, built in 1901, has now been demolished and hauled away. One of the big cottonwoods on the property, the one with a tree house, had to be taken down as its core had completely rotted away. The other “grandmother” cottonwood at the south end of the lot was saved and will be trimmed by MPRB staff in the spring. Riverfront property

owners—Gunther Gullickson, John Holmberg and Jane Calvin—met with MPRB staff on December 30th to comment on the planned demolition and to provide input on public uses for the property.

Thank you, Kouri family, Bottineau neighbors and MPRB for putting the “RiverFIRST”.

Organics Recycling:

Sign up by February 1st to get your cart this spring!

Over 12,000 households in the Phase 1 roll-out area received their green organics recycling carts last fall. All Solid Waste & Recycling customers who sign up to participate in phase 2 of the organics recycling program by February 1 will receive their organics carts beginning in April 2016.

City crews already have over 20,000 organics carts to deliver in the Phase 2 areas of the City. To prepare, delivery lists have to be printed and reviewed beginning in February. If you sign up after the February 1, 2016 deadline, you’ll still get your cart in 2016; it just might not be until July or August.

As of December 14, 2015, 34,015 households have signed up for organics recycling, about 32% of the city’s solid waste and recycling customers. In Bottineau, as of that same date, the number of households signed up to participate is 147, or 31.14% of neighborhood households.

To sign up now, contact Solid Waste and Recycling (between 8am and 4:30, M-F) at 612-673-2917 or SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov

For more information visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/organics

Keys for Heroes

With the **Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry**, veterans facing homelessness no longer face it alone. When veterans join the Registry, a local team of service providers create a comprehensive housing plan tailored to their specific needs. These case managers support veterans throughout their journey back to stable housing. Hundreds of veterans and their families have already been housed through the Registry. Still too many veterans face homelessness in Minnesota, particularly in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Most of these Veterans have funding in place to cover rent and needed services. All that is missing is a landlord willing to rent to them.

What is the solution? Keys for Heroes.

Under this program, landlords rent vacant units to a homeless veteran while receiving fair market rent and the support of a network of service providers in resolving any tenancy issues that might arise, thus ensuring the Veteran remains stably housed.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS EFFORT:

- Reliable rent payments
- Full control over tenant selection that is not subject to Fair Housing requirements. (Veterans are not a protected class for Fair Housing).
- Single point of contact for tenancy issues that may arise via access to the veteran’s case manager.
- Organizational support for landlords and tenants alike to ensure a successful match.

Through January 2016, landlords may also be eligible for a \$1,000 incentive for housing a veteran on the registry.

For more info, call 1-888-546-5838 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/KeysForHeroes>

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



- 1/12 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)

In History

- January 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.
- January 6, 1992 – The twelve-year civil war in El Salvador ended with the signing of a peace treaty in Mexico City. The conflict had claimed over 75,000 lives.
- January 23, 1907 - Charles Curtis of Kansas became the first person of Native American ancestry to serve in the U.S Senate. He later served as vice president under President Herbert Hoover from 1929-33.

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.