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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Bottineau Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors:

- Mariam Slayhi
- Amanda Winterer
- Matt Ruby
- Liz Reiser
- Bob Marget
- John Olson
- Koral Purdy



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CAMP: Community Air Monitoring Comes to Bottineau

Last month in the Gazette we announced that Community Air Monitoring was coming to Bottineau Neighborhood. On Sept. 22, Rick Strassman of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) attended BNA's annual meeting and explained how the Community Air Monitoring Project (CAMP) will be carried out in our neighborhood.

Air testing, which begins in January 2017, will go on for a minimum of one year. During the first six months, the MPCA's monitoring will include tests for 57 different *Volatile Organic Compounds* (VOCs) as well as particulate testing for 2.5 PPM (parts per million) particles and 10 PPM particles. According to Mr. Strassman, 2.5 PPM particles are smaller than 10 PPM particles and are often breathed more deeply into the lungs.

Later, in July 2017, the MPCA will add tests for *Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons* (PAHs) to the ongoing VOC and particulate monitoring. PAH testing is especially important for our community because PAHs frequently smell like tar or creosote—a noxious odor we are all too familiar with in Bottineau—and are commonly associated with asphalt shingle plants like GAF Building Materials, located across the river from Bottineau at 50 N. Lowry.

Free Pumpkin Carving For Kids

Where: Bottineau Park Recreation Center

When: Oct. 22 & 29
1pm – 3:30pm

Sponsored by Bottineau Neighborhood Association



CAMP, which is funded by the State of Minnesota, chose Bottineau as a testing site for two reasons:

1. Bottineau residents have frequently and consistently reported air quality issues to 311
2. BNA has worked tirelessly to show that air pollution has negatively affected the health of neighborhood residents

In other words, concerned citizens—organized and engaged with the community—really do make a difference. How can you make a difference now? Call or make online complaints to 311 whenever you smell tar or creosote odors. Be sure to mention the word "asphalt" and the address 50 N. Lowry so that your complaint will be registered correctly. You may remain anonymous.

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

Election Results – Volunteers Make the Difference

Congratulations go out to those who are willing to serve on BNA's neighborhood board this year, and many thanks. Amanda Winterer, Koral Purdy, Matthew Ruby and Mariam Slayhi were all elected. Officers of the board will be chosen at BNA's monthly board meeting on Oct. 11, 2016.

But don't forget, there's another election coming up soon, and it's an important one. Remember to VOTE on Tuesday November 8. Make a difference, be a voter. Many people have died to preserve and expand our right to vote. Honor them by participating on Election Day.

Minneapolis Public Schools 2016 Referendum

On Nov. 8, Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization that expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, it ensures funding that will help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students.

If approved, voters will be authorizing the referendum for nine more years, including annual adjustments for inflation. Property taxes are not projected to increase due to this approval.

More specifically, in the district's 2016-17 budget, the operating referendum will provide funding for:

- 591 classroom teachers to manage class sizes across the district
- 82 academic and behavioral specialists

- Math, science, and early literacy curriculum and materials
- Classroom technology

Just as importantly, this funding will also pay for student opportunities like tutoring, leadership development, mentoring programs and afterschool activities.

If the referendum fails, Minneapolis Public Schools will have to make difficult decisions about how to operate the district without a substantial portion of the budget. This may change the current services and opportunities that our schools provide for students and families, including class sizes.

To locate your polling place or get information about absentee voting or voter registration, visit <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov>

Second Precinct Advisory Committee (2PAC)

Every police precinct in Minneapolis has a Precinct Advisory Committee (PAC) and a name that corresponds to the precinct number. Northeast is in the Second Precinct, so our Precinct Advisory Committee is called 2PAC.

The whole point of the PAC is to facilitate 2-way communication between the police and the community they serve. It is not a forum for telling the police inspector how to run the precinct, but rather an opportunity for citizens to stay up to date with the Precinct Inspector's monthly reports, express concerns about what is going on in the community, and hopefully get some direction about how those concerns can be addressed. Sometimes these concerns are not police matters, as in

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housing inspections, so PACs work to get issues like that sorted out and citizens directed to the appropriate City departments. Officials who are in charge of a City services department are frequently invited to speak at PAC meetings.

2PAC, the Second Precinct Advisory Committee, meets on the second Monday of every month at 1900 Central Ave. NE from 6pm–8pm. All precinct residents are welcome to attend. For more information, visit <https://courtwatch2pac.com/>

Are You Ready for Medicare Open Enrollment?

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period (October 15 through December 7) is just around the corner! Fortunately, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, East Side Neighborhood Services, and Northeast Senior Services Inc. are hosting free *Understanding Medicare – An Overview* presentations. Two identical presentations will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2016** at East Side Neighborhood Services, Dining Room, 1700 Second Street NE in Minneapolis, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring your Medicare questions and get objective and accurate answers from a state-certified volunteer health insurance counselor from the Metro Area Agency on Aging Senior LinkAge Line® service.

The presentation will highlight:

- What Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D cover
- Who is eligible for Medicare
- When and how to enroll in Medicare

- What the “donut hole” is and what extra help is available to lower prescription drug costs
- How the Senior LinkAge Line® can help with your Medicare questions

Space is limited. For more information or to register call 651-917-4657.

Organics Recycling NE Training Session

Come and get your organics recycling questions answered with hands-on learning, demonstrations and tips that make organics recycling easier in your home. Learn what happens to organics once they are collected. Pick up a yard sign to promote the organics recycling program. Organics kitchen collection containers will be distributed to attendees while supplies last. The training will be held on **Thursday Oct. 13 from 6-8pm at Windom Park** (2251 Hayes St. NE). RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Contact Laura Horner at 612-673-3318 with questions. For more info or to RSVP, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/organics

“A Stray”

Remember **Barkhad Abdirahman**, the Minneapolis actor who got an Oscar nod for his first movie role in *Captain Phillips*? Well, he has a new movie out—*A Stray*—that tells the story of a young homeless Somali man, the dog he reluctantly adopts and the resulting social problems he encounters within his own community. It was filmed in the Twin Cities, premiered at SXSW in Austin and since then has become a favorite on the festival circuit. It has also received good reviews.

If you enjoy seeing movies that were shot in your own backyard, this might be a good one. And it’s playing at St. Anthony Main Theater from October 14th through the 27th.

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

Dislocated Worker Program
tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

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Mark Your Calendars



- 10/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 10/22 Pumpkin Carving (see page one)
- 10/29 Pumpkin Carving (see page one)
- 11/8 VOTE!

A Morris Park Players Production



Edison Auditorium (700 22nd Ave NE)
7:30pm shows on Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 12
2:00pm shows on Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 6 & 13

For advance tickets, visit www.morrisparkplayers.org/

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.