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I-94 Construction Update



On March 6, BNA hosted a meeting between representatives of Metro Transit, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT) and concerned residents of Bottineau Neighborhood. What emerged was a transit solution that is a win-win for the neighborhood and commuters alike: During rush hours (6-9am and 4-7pm), Marshall St. NE will be used for only one express route, not nine. We also made a strong case for keeping I-94's Broadway exit open during Art-A-Whirl.

Here's how it all transpired:

At a Feb. 23 open house concerning MnDOT's Spring/Summer I-94 resurfacing project, representatives from BNA discovered that Metro Transit was planning to re-route nine different express buses (190 daily trips) down Marshall St. NE. After much questioning of MnDOT staff, we also suspected that this project would begin earlier than planned and that additional public meetings would be canceled, thus negating opportunities for further community input. So we got on the phone and, with the help of elected officials, quickly organized our own community meeting to address

Bottineau Spring Clean-up

Saturday, April 29
9am-Noon

Meet at Gluek Park for a light breakfast

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neighborhood concerns with MnDOT and Metro Transit. While it is rarely a good idea to hastily arrange a community meeting on such short notice, BNA had to choose between holding this meeting in early March or living with the original plans laid out by MnDOT and Metro Transit. During this time, not surprisingly, MnDOT moved the project's start-date up to March 20 and plans were quickly being finalized.

Before BNA's March 6 meeting, Metro Transit had already reduced the number of express buses re-routed down Marshall from nine to seven, but it would have still meant 150 bus trips through Bottineau during rush hours. After our community meeting, this plan was further reduced down to just one express route, the 852, which is familiar to many because 10+ years ago it ran on Marshall.

The other express buses that were slated to run down Marshall will now

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911

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311

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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

> **I-94 UPDATE** *cont.*

use the shoulders on I-94 until the interior lanes are upgraded. Then the buses will use the far right lane until the shoulders are fixed. For a short time, perhaps 4-6 weeks, a few bus routes will travel down State Hwy 47 (University Ave) during a critical phase in the resurfacing of I-94.

Commuter buses, however, were not our only issue with the I-94 plan. On behalf of NE artists, Malcolm Potek asked MNDOT to keep the West Broadway exit open during Art-a-Whirl. MnDOT Project Manager Marcell Walker said that it was possible that the West Broadway exit could be kept open but did not exactly promise it would be so.

BNA wishes to thank the more than 80 residents and business owners along Marshall St NE who turned out for the meeting. Remember: When we work together and make our voices heard, positive things can and do happen for the neighborhood.

Community Air Monitoring Project (CAMP)

BNA has been working for a long time to solve air pollution problems caused by industries on the other side of the river. In the fall of 2016, BNA was informed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that we had successfully landed a Community Air Monitoring Project (CAMP) site for Bottineau and Marshall Terrace neighborhoods. Originally, we expected this site to be fully operational on January 7, 2017. However, due to staffing issues, the MPCA was only able to begin testing at that time for heavy metals, which, in our neighborhood, primarily come from Northern Metals Recycling but can also be caused by other sources. Currently, equipment for more intensive monitoring has been

pulled from a previous site at Owen's Corning Shingle Plant and is being staged at the MPCA laboratory for placement at the Bottineau-Marshall Terrace site on April 1. By the time you read this, our CAMP site will have taken a big step toward becoming fully operational.

In addition to the monitoring of heavy metals, CAMP air sampling will now begin to monitor 2.5 PM particulates which are so small they penetrate deep into the lungs and are associated with asthma and a variety of cancers. Also on April 1, MPCA will begin monitoring 57 different VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) such as benzene because VOCs are highly carcinogenic. Finally, carbonyls will also be monitored because these gases (associated with manufacturing plants, wood resins and cleaning products found at dry cleaners and auto paints) degrade into formaldehyde. For information from the EPA on these pollutants, you can visit the following website:

www.atsdr.cdc.gov/ToxProfiles/tp111-c1-b.pdf

Finally, in July 2017, the MPCA will begin monitoring for PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) which, according to the EPA, are associated with shingle production and/or asphalt smelting. Specific cancers (like bladder cancer) are associated with PAHs and have been the subject of study by BNA's environmental justice research team over the past year.

Bottineau Spring Clean-up

Every year in Bottineau, neighbors join together to clean the neighborhood. Some clean the Mississippi shoreline, others go with

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the City garbage trucks and pick up debris from our alleys. This is also a great opportunity to do your own spring cleaning. You can get rid of old tires, light construction debris, broken appliances, old TVs, computers, furniture and junk from storage. Leave these items where your usual garbage is placed and Bottineau volunteers will pick them up for proper disposal. But please note: **hazardous waste will not be accepted**. This includes items like used car oil, florescent lights, partially-full paint cans, batteries or anything else that is not ordinarily allowed in your city trash.

All this takes place, rain or shine, on **Saturday, April 29, from 9am until Noon**. We'll meet for a light breakfast at Gluek Park (2000 Marshall St NE) then get to work. Children are welcome to join their parents, cleaning our neighborhood's boulevards and open spaces. Together, we'll have fun *and* make Bottineau beautiful.

Landlord Training Workshops

Last April, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued guidelines concerning the use of criminal history in performing background checks on applicants for residential housing. In response to this, the City of Minneapolis has scheduled regular workshops throughout the 2017 calendar year to help landlords understand these new guidelines and to ensure compliance in the City's rental housing market. Key topics in this training include criminal record check guidelines for Section 8 and other public housing applicants;

changes in the rental licensing process; and information about the weekly *911 Calls for Service* reports that landlords can sign up to receive, including restrictions in available data and how available data may be acted upon when dealing with problematic tenants.

If you are a landlord and need an attendance certificate for the City's conversion fee discount, for license reinstatement, or in response to a license conditions meeting, you should attend ASAP. Workshops are held the third Wednesday of every month, from 6-9pm, on the following dates: March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20. There are also five Saturday workshops, meeting from 10am-1pm, on these dates: April 8, June 10, July 8, September 9 and October 14. All workshops take place at the 5th Precinct (3101 Nicollet Ave S) in the community room opposite the front desk. There is no on-line form for registration, so RSVP's should be sent directly to Luther Krueger, Crime Prevention Analyst at the Minneapolis Police Department:
Luther.Krueger@MinneapolisMN.gov.

Coaches Needed!

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is seeking enthusiastic volunteer coaches for youth Track & Field, T-Ball, Baseball and Softball. Athletes to be coached range in age from 5-18 years old. Teams practice once or twice per week beginning in April. Games/meets are scheduled for a weeknight and/or Saturdays beginning in May. MPRB will provide orientation for all new coaches. Can't coach this Spring? MPRB will also be needing coaches for fall football, soccer and volleyball. For more information or to volunteer, call 612-230-6493 or send an email to recvolunteers@minneapolisparcs.org

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

BNA's Facebook Page
tinyurl.com/zmgldlw

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

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

Neighborhood & Community Relations
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Mark Your Calendars



- 4/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/29 Bottineau Spring Clean-up, 9-Noon
Meet at Gluek Park (2000 Marshall)

East Side Wine Tasting

Thursday, May 11 at the Nicollet Island Pavilion

Join East Side Neighborhood Services for their
21st Annual East Side Wine Tasting!

An evening of wine, food, spectacular views and
entertainment! Tickets and proceeds benefit the
many programs of East Side Neighborhood
Services. Tickets will be available in early spring.

Watch this space for more information.

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.