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Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL) Update

Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA) and Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace (CCMT) have hired a new Research Coordinator, Jim Olson, to spearhead the air toxins research we are conducting in neighborhoods near the Lowry Bridge.

Any organization that hopes to intervene on the permits of industrial polluters must first qualify by collecting 3 years' worth of air testing data. As of October 7, 2017, the MPCA data that BNA has downloaded meets the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for intervening on the GAF and NMR permits. The reason this has been successful is because EEQL (a joint committee formed by BNA and CCMT) persuaded the MPCA to do the necessary air monitoring and sample testing which began in October 2014.

While the community waited for the NAAQS data to be completed, EEQL studied the frequency of air pollution-related deaths in neighborhoods near the Lowry Bridge, conducting our own air sampling and testing for PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) that are primarily emitted from asphalt smelting operations and shingle plants. This work was then able to leverage a \$500,000 Community Air Monitoring Project (CAMP) at the Lowry Bridge beginning in January 2016, but expanded to

New Community Garden Site Visit

Saturday, Nov. 11

9:30 a.m.

6th St. NE & 23rd Ave NE

**Get a plot for 2018!
20 to 30 plots available**

include a PAH study at its Lowry air monitoring site on July 7, 2017.

At a minimum, one complete year of data is needed to show how chronic illness are caused by air pollutants that exceed health risk values in populations exposed to air toxins. MPCA recently delivered the three years of data showing which air toxins have exceeded the health risk values in the Lowry Bridge area to EEQL. When the health analysis is complete it will be published.

While our permit intervention goes forward, the case against the polluters will be bolstered with another health study focused on people who live near the Lowry Bridge, working to show how likely it is that instances of cancer, asthma and leukemia are due to air pollution. The study will document the intensity of local asthmatic episodes while also studying the oddly high cancer rates found in

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Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

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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

> **EEQL UPDATE** cont.

neighborhoods around the bridge.

Keep your eyes open for a health survey in your mailbox. We are conducting a random survey for this study so it is very important that those who receive the survey fill it out and return it promptly. Lives may depend on the survey's findings.

BNA will also be starting a Go Fund Me Page to help pay for the upcoming research costs. In addition, a fundraiser was held on Nov. 3 and 4 at the *California Dreamin'* open studio event to support this research.

That Darned Bridge...

The BNSF Bridge across the Mississippi River in North/Northeast Minneapolis (near 16th and Marshall) is a crucial link in plans to create a greenway across the northern stretch of Minneapolis, which would be the only greenway of its kind in this part of the City. The bridge is also a critical element to the Park Board's *RiverFirst Vision* – envisioning parks and public access along the riverfront throughout North and Northeast Minneapolis.

That said, you are invited to attend a meeting to begin the process of turning this dream into a reality. In this first gathering of stakeholders, we will develop an understanding of the current status of the bridge and develop a framework for moving forward.

Please join us on **Thursday, November 30 at 8 am** at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (2522 Marshall St NE) to launch this important effort. Let the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership know you are onboard by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/greenway-bridge>

See you on the 30th!

Pumpkin Carving Success



Every year Bottineau Neighborhood Association, Bottineau Park and Sentyrz Market join forces to hold a pumpkin carving event for the community. BNA pays for the pumpkins, Bottineau Park staffs the event and Sentyrz arranges for us to get the pumpkins at cost from the supplier. With a little elbow grease, everyone gets a free pumpkin and many take home the seeds to roast and eat. This year 105 pumpkins were available, so a whole lot of neighborhood kids and adults had a great time.

\$30 Thanksgiving Meal Packages Available

Fare For All, a local non-profit food program, will be selling special "Holiday Packs" for \$30 on Friday, Nov. 17 from 11am to 1pm at the Sprinkler Fitters Local 417 union hall (1404 Central Ave NE). Each holiday pack includes a 9-10 pound turkey, a Hormel pork tenderloin, sage pork sausage, a turkey tenderloin, chicken drumsticks, two bags of green beans and an apple pie. This program has no income requirements and is open to everyone who is looking to save money. **Working Partnerships**, the AFL-CIO community services program, hosts this program. Visit fareforall.org for more information.

Title V Polluters within 1.2 miles of the Lowry Bridge

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
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

If not regulated properly, a *Title V polluter* emits the type of pollution most likely to cause severe health problems in humans. The map above shows Title V polluters in the area around the Lowry Bridge. Each of these contribute to poor air quality experienced in the area. Some cause more of the air pollution than others. BNA, with the help of EEQL, has studied these health effects by examining our area's death rates over the past 19 years. That study can be found on BNA's website at <http://tinyurl.com/BNA-pollution-study>. Our new project will study living residents to find out how often people in the community are getting sick due to air pollution. The MPCA can determine which pollutants in the area come from which polluters. BNA is currently seeking that data.

Local Industrial Polluters, as marked on the map above:

A: **GAF Building Materials** (50 N. Lowry) Asphalt smelter and shingle maker.

Pollution: 2.5PM & 10PM particulates, VOCs and PAHs.

B: **Northern Metals Recycling LLC** (1803 N 2nd St) Auto recycling and crushing.

Pollution: 2.5 PM & 10PM particulates, including lead, chromium & other metals.

C: **Hard Chrome Inc.** (2631 NE 2nd St) Coats metals for industry, electroplater with chrome, zinc, nickel and copper. Pollution: 10 PM or larger particulates.

D. **Pinta Foamtech** (2601 49th Ave N – Moved recently out of the Upper Harbor Terminal area) Foam coating. Pollution: VOCs, clean-up of soils needed.

E. **Xcel Energy Riverside Plant** (3100 Marshall St NE) Coal fired until 2007 natural gas conversion. Pollution: SO₂ and particulates, coal ash residue in soils.

F. **G & K Services** (2108 Washington Ave N) Commercial laundry. Pollution: VOCs

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Mark Your Calendars



- 11/7 VOTE!
- 11/14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 12/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The John Servaty Memorial Toy Drive is in Full Swing

This toy drive is sponsored by the Hennepin County Adult Probation staff to make the holidays happy for children whose parents are in jail or on probation. The group suggests that toy values be limited to \$10.00 each. To make more of an impact, you are encouraged to send Target gift cards or make cash donations. Because every child deserves a Merry Christmas.

To make a donation, contact Elsa Segura at elsa.segura@hennepin.us or call 612-348-8078.

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.