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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Neighborhoods Fear City Funding Cuts



On February 27, Bottineau Neighborhood Association treasurer **Amanda Winterer** testified on behalf of the BNA board of directors at the Neighborhood Community Engagement Committee open forum at the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) at 2001 Plymouth Ave N. A full copy of her testimony can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/BNA-testimony>.

In that testimony, the BNA board recommended that funding formulas remain the same for neighborhoods in 2021. Further, Amanda pointed out that BNA has used the money to implement solutions to issues of concern brought up by neighborhood residents, whether it is River and Neighborhood Clean-ups in honor of Earth Day, or Homework Helper at Bottineau Park, or advocating for clean air, water, and soil in Bottineau. For example, air pollution advocacy by neighborhood volunteers has leveraged over \$500,000 worth of additional air testing at the Lowry

## Dog Day at the California Building

### Open Studio Event

Saturday, April 14  
11am – 4pm  
The California Building  
2205 California St. NE

Pooches Welcome!

Bridge by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Fortunately, Bottineau very wisely and creatively used almost all of its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) dollars received from the City over the past 25 years. The focus of NRP dollars was first to maintain individual homeownership in the neighborhood, thereby stabilizing the community. Bottineau also used \$100,000 of NRP money to help build the East Side Neighborhood Services community center to assist residents in need of a hand up. NRP funds were also used to set up artist studios in the California Building, thus helping that once far off dream of a Northeast arts district become a reality.

Funding levels, however, are not the only fear; there are also serious concerns about proposed changes to

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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the structure of neighborhood groups.

Under current proposals, neighborhood organizations will be funded through December 31, 2019 with a one year transition period to 12-31-20. One proposed change to the current structure is to form district council type governance of the neighborhoods that would consolidate many neighborhoods into larger units that would share funds. For example, all 13 of the neighborhoods in Northeast would likely become one district. Minneapolis used to have District Councils until NRP was formed in 1990. District Council leaders were chosen by the City Council member(s) in each district. For more info and a copy of the draft, visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020)

## Bottineau Housing Grant Program

BNA's housing grant program is now on track for the spring 2018 construction cycle. The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) will be the program manager. Get a grant application by contacting CEE at 612-335-5858 or visit them at 212 3rd Ave N. Suite 560 Mpls, MN 55401. Free parking is available behind the building. Check out more of CEE's programs at <https://www.mncee.org/services/financing/residential/>.

The BNA grant program is for any property owner of 1-4 units in Bottineau neighborhood. There is no income limit or requirements. To qualify, you must be current on your property taxes and mortgage. The grants are 1:1 matching and the limit per grant is \$2000. Only one grant is allowed per year per property. Sweat Equity projects are welcome. For example, say you are putting in a new fence; you can do the work yourself

and get reimbursed for the materials. If you do the work yourself, you need to pull the correct permits and arrange for a City inspection. If no permit is required, CEE will do an inspection to verify that the work has been completed. One bid is required for projects under \$5000; two bids are required for projects over \$5000. Luxury improvements such as whirlpools, saunas, lawn sprinkler systems, and so on do not qualify for this grant. Appliances may be purchased as part of a kitchen remodel or to meet code, like replacing a hot water heater. Work is expected to be completed within 120 days after the grant closing, weather permitting.

## Mississippi River & Bottineau Clean-up

*Saturday, April 28*

*9am - Noon*

*Meet at Gluek Park Gazebo*

BNA just received confirmation that the City will send two garbage trucks and a tire disposal voucher to Bottineau neighborhood on April 28 so we can once again make Bottineau beautiful in honor of Earth Day.

Neighbors are encouraged to do one or all of the following:

1) De-clutter your home. Put things you no longer want where your garbage is usually picked up and neighborhood volunteers will be working with City garbage truck drivers to pick up all the extra refuse. If you live in an apartment building, you can participate by putting your junk out on the curb for pick-up or in the city alley, even if your landlord uses a private hauler.

2) De-litter the neighborhood. Volunteer to pick up litter all over the

neighborhood between 9 and 11am, then deliver filled bags of trash to Gluek Park (2000 Marshall St NE) where volunteers will load them into garbage trucks.

3) Walk the river banks and pick up trash that has been deposited along our beautiful river shores over the past year.

4) Help with the used tire pick-up. Collect tires that have been dumped along the rail road tracks and on park property. Tires need to be removed in order to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses like West Nile Virus and encephalitis. Residents can also responsibly put out tires that day—along with other discarded junk—in their normal garbage pick-up area.

To kick-off the day, a light breakfast will be served at Gluek Park gazebo (beginning at 8:30am) until the rolls, coffee, fruit and juice is gone. Volunteers will then gather there to get their garbage bags, cotton work gloves, and Bottineau maps. Child sized gloves for kiddos are available. A lucky 6–7 volunteers will get to go with garbage trucks and load bed springs, mattresses, broken garden implements, old fence posts and so on into either the packer or the metals truck. BNA pays the City for these trucks and drivers but we need volunteers to clean the neighborhood and load the trucks. If you have an elderly or disabled person who lives near you, ask if they need help for putting out junk. Who knows, you might be that special someone that someone else needs.

One no-no for pick-up is hazardous waste. For example, please do not put out florescent light bulbs, oil, solvents, cans of liquid paint (paint cans with dried paint is okay), anti-freeze, fertilizer, herbicides or other poisons and chemicals. There will be

a sign up at the park that day to see if there is interest in holding a special hazardous waste disposal day in Bottineau this summer.

## Twin Cities Bike to Work Day with *Our Streets*

This year, Twin Cities Bike to Work Day will take place on Friday, May 18. Last year 1,545 people on bikes visited *Open Streets'* 13 commuter pit stops located across Minneapolis. At each pit stop, commuters picked up swag bags full of goodies along with snacks, coffee, and stickers. Pit stops are made possible through the generosity of partners and volunteers who staff pit stops and fill commuter bags with treats and information.

*Our Streets* would be thrilled to partner with your business or organization for Twin Cities Bike to Work Day to highlight your commitment to our local community. Sponsorship opportunities range from including items in our swag bags to hosting a pit stop of your own!

For more information or to reserve your spot, Contact Emily at [ewade@ourstreetsmpls.org](mailto:ewade@ourstreetsmpls.org) or call her at (612)758-0203. Then visit <http://www.ourstreetsmpls.org/> for more information about all of their 2018 Minneapolis Bike Month events!

## Dog Day Open Studios

On April 14, the California Building (2205 California St. NE) will hold its 3rd annual Dog Day open studio event where dogs are welcome to tour the building with their owners. The first 100 dog owners will get a great swag bag. Stop by the *Paws Please - Prevent Pollution* tent. BNA will create a dog paw print canvas to educate people about the effects of pollution on us and our canine friends. Donations accepted.

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineauneighborhood.org](http://bottineauneighborhood.org)

BNA's Facebook Page  
[tinyurl.com/zmgldlw](http://tinyurl.com/zmgldlw)

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

Hennepin County  
[www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nema.org](http://nema.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

MN State Legislature  
[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Dislocated Worker Program  
[tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed](http://tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

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## Mark Your Calendars



- 3/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4/14 Dog Day at the California Building
- 4/28 Neighborhood Clean-up! (see page 2)

## East Side Job Fair

*Wednesday, April 18*  
*10:30am – 2:30pm*  
*East Side Neighborhood Services*  
*1700 Second St. NE*

Join ESNS for the first annual East Side Job Fair, a free opportunity for job seekers to speak with 20+ companies currently hiring workers for childcare, warehouse, healthcare, customer service, and more. During the event, companies will accept resumes, help individuals with applications, conduct onsite interviews, and answer questions. Registration is not required.

More info at <http://www.esns.org/event-2829702>

**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.