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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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### Bottineau Neighborhood Association

#### Board of Directors:

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- Matt Ruby
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2018

## Public Art Utility Boxes

After two years of effort, the utility boxes in Bottineau Neighborhood have been wrapped with beautiful public art. BNA board directors Liz Reiser and Amanda Winterer spearheaded the project and Vomela Specialty Company, as chosen by the board, installed the artwork. The three designs used on this project were chosen in 2017 by Bottineau residents and are as follows: *The Hive*, by artist Kirsten Walstead; *Fishing Lures*, by artist Steven Lang; and *Fox Box*, by artist Danielle Attinella.

Fun challenge: Find *The Hive* boxes in Bottineau Neighborhood, count the bees on each box, submit the correct total number of bees on the boxes to BNA and win two tickets (60 dollar value) for brunch at Psycho Suzie's for the Eastside Exchange Fundraiser on November 4.



The Hive (Kirsten Walstead)

## California Dreamin' Open Studios & Silent Auction

Nov. 2, 3 & 4  
@The California Building  
2205 California St NE



## California Dreamin' Silent Auction

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual California Dreamin' Silent Auction for Bottineau Neighborhood will take place on the first weekend of November (Nov 2, 5-10pm; Nov. 3, Noon-8pm; and Nov. 4, Noon-5pm). Building artists are supporting this effort by donating art to the silent auction. Proceeds fund BNA's *Cancer and Asthma Air Pollution Study* as well as Bottineau Neighborhood's Homework Helper program.

Auction items will include:

- Wine basket from River Liquor Store
- Strider bike and helmet from QBP

# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember  
Fletcher  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Higgins  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
Meyer  
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

## > **SILENT AUCTION** cont.

- Alene Air Purifier from Lars Morris
- Eastside Food Co-op gift certificate
- The Sample Room gift certificate
- Jewelry from Gail Grabow Gem & Nature Inspired Designer Jewelry
- Fine Art Print from Florence Hill, Studio 103
- Painting from Patricia Canney, Studio 406

But that's not all! Like last year, we hope to receive tickets to Target Center events like a Timberwolves game, Musical events and Ice shows, as well as gift cards from many other local business, food baskets and dining options on which to bid.

To cap off the weekend, on Sunday November 4, BNA's Board of Directors invite neighborhood residents to our office in Suite 107 of the California Building from 3-5pm for free beverages, sweets and hors d'oeuvres. Come meet the BNA board and neighbors for a nosh and conversation.

## GAF Update: No Permit Review for New Equipment

According to a September 20, 2018 press release, GAF (located at 50 N. Lowry) has promised to install a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) at a cost of \$4.6 million. GAF currently emits five tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) annually from their stacks, including formaldehyde, benzene, ethylene dibromide and other cancer causing agents. The new oxidizer is supposed to reduce those emissions by 95%. This sounds great. But is it?

On two earlier occasions, in 2005 and 2015, GAF promised Bottineau neighborhood that they would install an oxidizer for the stacks. In both instances, GAF installed new

equipment in their plant while failing to install the promised oxidizer. They also managed to avoid a permit review by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). In 2015, BNA was told via email from Brent Rohne (GAF's MPCA air permit reviewer) that GAF made those pollution reduction improvements voluntarily so a permit review was not required. Unfortunately, the new equipment GAF installed on those occasions improved shingle production but did not improve air emissions.

Fast forward to 2018 and GAF's third promise of an oxidizer at their plant: MPCA Manager Sarah Kilgriff wrote this last week regarding BNA's request for a permit review, "The MPCA applauds the efforts of GAF in making this type of significant investment voluntarily. This type of investment, when not required by regulatory requirements, is uncommon and commendable." This is the same language BNA received in 2015, almost word for word, as a reason not to do a full permit review.

State law, Chapter 116, says that major changes to an existing emissions system in a permitted company such GAF should trigger a permit review. BNA does not have lawyers on staff to look up case law and other fine points but neighborhood residents are within their rights to ask for a full permit review of GAF.

Why is it that every time a permit review that would comply with state law and industry standards is requested by the public, GAF responds with some "voluntary" improvement to duck a full permit review and the MPCA goes along with it? Perhaps this 82 year old plant

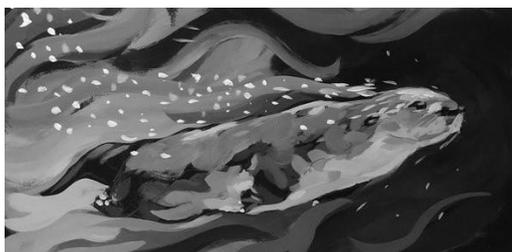
> **GAF UPDATE** cont.

won't pass a full permit review without spending significantly more than \$4.6 million. Perhaps the plant is too old to be fixed. These are questions that could be answered at a full permit review. If you agree, call your legislator. The next time you smell GAF fumes, complain to the MPCA either online at this site <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/citizen-complaints> or by phone, 651-296-6300.

## Board Election Results

Congratulations to Maryam Abdullahi, Jenny James, Liz Novotny and Liz Reiser for being elected to the BNA board of directors. The next step is for board directors to elect officers at the regularly scheduled BNA board meeting on October 9. BNA by-laws require board directors to elect from among themselves who will be president, vice president, treasurer and, if needed, a secretary.

## New Exhibit: Waterways and Otterways



Local artist **Kat Corrigan** is bringing her show *Waterways and Otterways*, a collection of river otter paintings, to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) Stormwater Park and Learning Center. You are invited to attend a series of interactive community events to celebrate the art and the animal that inspired it.

A lively puppet show will provide a fun way to learn about otters and their connection to the Mississippi River, while make-and-take coloring books and a community mural project will allow everybody to create their own otter artwork. These events are geared toward all ages.

Event dates:

- September 23, 11am–2pm
- October 14, 1pm–4pm
- November 10, 1pm–4pm
- January 12, 1pm–4pm

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/otterways>

## Hunger Solutions

Solving hunger in Minnesota requires a two-part approach — directly connecting hungry Minnesotans with food resources AND long-term advocacy. Hunger Solutions connects hungry residents with resources to put food on the table today while also helping to find long-term solutions to hunger. For help or more information, visit <http://hungersolutions.org> today!

Looking for **low cost food**?  
Healthy food can be expensive.  
Call or click to find free or cheap healthy foods near you.  
Call 1-800-936-1154  
or visit [hungersolutions.org/find-help/minneapolis](http://hungersolutions.org/find-help/minneapolis)

MERCK FOUNDATION BRIDGING THE GAP IN DIABETES CARE  
This project is supported by the Minneapolis Health Department with a Merck Foundation grant

## 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



- 10/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 11/2 California Dreamin' event begins
- 11/4 BNA Board Meet & Greet, 3-5pm  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
- 11/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



**CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'**  
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NOVEMBER 2ND, 3RD & 4TH  
FRIDAY 5-10  
SATURDAY 12-8  
SUNDAY 12-5

The California Building is home to 70+ artists on 6 floors + Mojo Coffee Gallery  
and we welcome you to our 2018 event: California Dreamin'!

**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.

Community Calendar

For more information or for deadlines,  
please call 612-367-7262