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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Neighborhood Survey Results and Demographic Background

Bottineau neighborhood is a community of 1656 people living in 646 occupied housing units. According to the 2015 American Survey—extrapolated from the 2010 U.S. census—the racial demographics of Bottineau are as follows:

- 45% White
- 37% Black or African American
- 10% Hispanic or Latino
- 4% Asian
- 1.7% Native American
- 2.3% Two or more races

Annual door knocking in the community by BNA over the past seven years reveals two nuances to our neighborhood demographics: 1) more than 50% of the Hispanic or Latino residents are Ecuadoran, and 2) 89% of the black or African American households are Somali. Bottineau has been a welcoming home for immigrants for more than a hundred years—a neighborhood characteristic that is as strong today as it has ever been.

Last month, BNA distributed a neighborhood survey both as an insert in the July edition of the Gazette and as a survey monkey application via email and social media. Forty-five of you responded.

How respondents answered these survey questions is as follows:

Eastside Annual BBQ

Thursday, August 29
3:30 – 7:30pm
Edison High School
700 22nd Ave NE 55418

Free Food and Lots of Fun!

- 97% of 45 respondents had heard of Bottineau Neighborhood Association
- 76% had participated in Bottineau Neighborhood events like National Night Out, BNA’s Flower Give-away, and Neighborhood Clean-up
- 64% (29 of 45 respondents) had attended an issue-oriented meeting in the past

The survey asked respondents to rank nine issues in order of importance and all 45 respondents did so. Here are the results of that:

- Air pollution:** 67% ranked this as one of their top three issues
- Soil/Water Pollution:** 53% ranked this as a top three issue
- Crime Issues:** 48% ranked this as a top three issue
- Housing Density:** 43% ranked this as a top issue (4% for more density, 39% against)
- Street Maintenance:** 27% ranked this as a top three issue

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilmember
Fletcher
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner Fernando
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

> NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY cont.

- f. **Land Use** (Impound Lot, etc.): 27% ranked this as a top three issue
- g. **Bicycle Transit:** 16% ranked this ranked this as a top three issue
- h. **Transit Busing:** 14% ranked this ranked this as a top three issue
- i. **Community Garden:** 2% ranked this as a top three issue

Unsurprisingly, issues that ranked toward the bottom are an inverse of the above list. For example, those who thought gardening was least important (about 98% of respondents) fits because only 2% thought gardening should rank at the top. There were no anomalies or outliers, indicating the validity of survey results.

In addition, 28 of the 45 total respondents answered questions about BNA's monthly newsletter, the Bottineau Gazette. Of those, 96% were familiar with the Gazette, 64% preferred electronic delivery, 36% preferred US Mail delivery, and 2% wanted both electronic and US Mail delivery to continue. **Note:** Of the 28 responses on this question, two respondents voted to continue both delivery options while also voting for a single option. Thus, the final tally on Gazette delivery options comes out to 102%.

The survey also showed that 77% of the 45 respondents would like BNA to keep doing what it is currently doing only do more of it. Nobody wanted BNA to do less if funding could be maintained either by fundraising or City contracts.

When asked what BNA should focus on given the impending funding cuts, 45 people gave 81 responses which are as follows:

- 2 respondents want BNA to work toward greater housing density
- 3 want to continue Homework Helper and provide more activities for children
- 4 want land use decisions to be made by neighborhood residents
- 6 want housing to remain affordable
- 10 want to focus on water/soil pollution and environmental issues
- 12 want to focus on Air Pollution
- 12 want more work on crime and public safety, including bicycle safety
- 23 want more community events and social gatherings

Why is BNA's funding being cut? The City Council has a new vision of neighborhood participation and community engagement that was passed on May 17, 2019. If included in the Mayor's budget, the new funding structure doesn't look too promising for Bottineau. Under the new plan, funding will be allocated by neighborhood size. As one of the smallest neighborhoods in the City, Bottineau will likely receive the minimum of \$25,000 per year. Of that, 50% (\$12,500) would be for administration, out of which \$6250 can go toward staff and \$6250 for operating costs like rent and office supplies. The other half of total funding would then be dedicated toward community engagement activities based around City programs like National Night Out, organics recycling, lead testing of children, emergency disaster preparedness, wellness and healthy eating, as well as other city-wide programs. As part of community engagement, these funds could be used for social events to break down barriers between residents, including the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages so more people will attend.

Northern Metals Update



Bottineau's Phil Harder leads the protest

A lot has happened in the past week. First, Northern Metal Recycling (NMR) wanted to break the agreement requiring them to move their auto crushing operation off the river by August 1, 2019, but the MPCA denied their request (NMR had already had two years to comply). Then Ramsey County District Court Judge John H. Guthmann gave NMR permission to delay their move to Becker MN by at least 2 months. Residents on both sides of the River took action by protesting on the Lowry Bridge and asking everyone to flood the Judge with phone calls. In addition to that action, the Northeast RiverKeepers boated up and down the Mississippi blowing a horn for clean air as they passed NMR. Every state legislator from North and Northeast Minneapolis, including Bottineau's representatives, Sen. Kari Dzeidzic and Rep. Diane Loffler, sent a letter to the Judge expressing their displeasure with his action.

How can you help? Call Judge Guthmann's chambers to register your comments by dialing 651-266-8266, select the #7 prompt, then ask to be put through to Chief Judge Guthmann's chambers and leave a message with his clerk.

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

Bottineau Housing Grants

Twelve full home-improvement grants for amounts up to \$2000 are still available for owners of single-family homes and duplexes in Bottineau. These are grants, not loans, so they do not need to be paid back and they are available for both owner-occupied and rental properties. DIY projects are allowed but you need to buy the materials, save your receipts and complete the work before you will be reimbursed. If you hire a contractor to complete your project, the contractor will be paid directly by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE). Funds can be used for any permanent improvements. To complete an online application, go to www.mncee.org/, enter "Bottineau" on the search bar, then click on "Bottineau: Home Improvement Grant". To receive an application through the mail, call (612) 335-5858.

Board Elections are Coming

BNA will soon be holding its annual board election. **Mitch Kall**, a Bottineau resident since November 2018, is willing to serve. New to the neighborhood (but not to NE) he wants to join the Board and help Bottineau reach its full potential, saying he has the background and skill set necessary to increase community involvement and secure what is needed from the City. What Mitch likes best about Bottineau is its walkability and the care people put into their properties. He lives on 2nd St. NE with his wife Ryanna, dog Ned and cat Japetto.

Do you want to be on the BNA board? If so, please send a short biography to bna@bottineaneighborhood.org. Bios (and a picture if available) will be printed in the September edition of the Bottineau Gazette. Thank you, Mitch, for stepping up to the plate!

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineaneighborhood.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

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Mark Your Calendars



- FYI: No BNA Board Meeting in August
- 8/29 East Side BBQ (see page 1)
 - 9/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7pm
2205 California St. NE #107
 - 9/26 Annual Mtg & Board Election, 7pm
ESNS (1700 NE 2nd St.)

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.

East Side Neighborhood Services: H2 Whoa!

H2Whoa! is a project-based learning experience focused on water quality that will engage all youth in East Side's out-of-school time programs. Through *H2 Whoa!*, youth will go on field trips, document their experiences through videos, engage their families, and help clean-up their neighborhood through the adopt-a-drain program.

For more information about this and other Youth Department programs at ESNS, contact Caryn Olsen at 612-787-4034 or colsen@esns.org.

For more information or for deadlines,
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