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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Community Meeting:

What Does Bottineau Neighborhood Mean to You?

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA) Board of Directors invites you to a time of neighborhood reflection and community building on July 25 from 7 to 8:30 PM. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

On May 17, The Minneapolis City Council voted to restructure the funding and redefine the purpose of the 71 Minneapolis neighborhood groups. In a nut shell, funding for BNA will be cut in half next year and staff time will be cut by 2/3.

Currently, BNA has one half-time, contract staff person. In the future, BNA will need to rely on a greater number of volunteers if the community is to succeed in its goals.

Prudently, the BNA Board began planning for change last November and December by hiring a strategic planning consultant, Watson Durenberger, who presented a report at the April 8 board meeting. The first implementation step for the BNA board is to ask you, the residents and the business owners of Bottineau Neighborhood, what do you want BNA to be? What are your priorities, issues, concerns and dreams for the community? What steps do you think should be taken to help maintain Bottineau as a great place to live work and play?

Enclosed you will find a survey to fill out with your ideas. This survey will

BNA Community Meeting

Thursday, July 25
7:00pm – 8:30pm
East Side Neighborhood Svcs
1700 Second St. NE

Agenda:

- BNA Revamped
- Vapor Intrusion Tests

Free childcare provided

also be emailed to residents on our email list and posted to Facebook and Nextdoor. We want to reach as many people in the neighborhood as possible.

Also at this meeting, Environmental Resource Management (ERM), the firm responsible for testing basements in part of Bottineau for vapor intrusion, will give a short power point presentation and answer questions.

Residents in the affected area will be encouraged to sign up for a free vapor evaluation. If VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) like benzene or formaldehyde are detected in your basement, the vapors will be removed and the basement sealed so no more harmful vapors can get into your home. UNIVAR (owner of the chemical warehouse at 111 22nd

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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

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Ave NE that burned down in 1983) is paying all costs for this clean-up. There will be no charge to your home or business if you are in the vapor intrusion plume area. Maps of the plume area will be handed out at the meeting. The superfund division of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is overseeing this important remediation effort.

Mayor Frey's Budget 101

On June 24, Mayor Jacob Frey held a "budget training" for Minneapolis residents at the John B. Davis Center (1250 West Broadway). Attendees were assigned to tables that, as groups, were tasked with evaluating and recommending hypothetical *change item* budget requests. In case you didn't know, a change item is a request from a department to fund a new program or to change something that already exists. The initial evaluation of change items during the budget process begins in the Mayor's office. Hundreds of item requests might be made every year but only a few will eventually be funded.

In the training exercise, a hypothetical scenario was introduced: participants were given 17 different change items to consider for a year's budget in which an existing 7% tax levy is already established. Each of the change items were briefly described, assigned a hypothetical cost ranging between \$8 and \$171, then the groups were directed to choose which, if any, to fund, up to a limit of \$500. But their final amount had to equal exactly \$500. If they were willing to fund no more than \$300 in change items, for instance, they would then have to budget another \$200 which would be called tax relief.

While this exercise was designed to

mirror the actual change item budgeting process, the specifics for this exercise were entirely hypothetical, including the 7% tax levy and the amounts requested for each change item. It was unclear as to whether these item costs represented real-world costs, single year or multiyear funding requests, or what the full budgetary context was for any given department making the hypothetical request. Still, the items reflected some issues relevant in City politics today, and City staff sat at each table taking notes on the items that groups had prioritized. If participants found that important issues were ignored in the training's list of change items, they were directed to a website where they could make a comment to the Mayor's office.

Constituent Meeting with Steve Fletcher



On Wednesday, June 26, Council Member Steve Fletcher met with 3rd Ward constituents at Mojo's Coffee Café and Gallery. Topics of discussion ranged widely, touching on climate change, lack of parking, increased traffic, distaste for new multi-story developments, gentrification, high rents, waste water management, loss of green space for pollinators and the deforestation of the City.

A pair of renters who have called

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Northeast home for more than 20 years said that they can no longer afford to live here. Fletcher replied that he hopes to pass an ordinance this autumn that will require builders to set aside a percentage of units in each building for affordable housing. He also stated that he sincerely believes increased housing density is part of the solution for stopping the negative effects of climate change by curbing urban sprawl. As such, new multi-story apartment buildings will continue to be built in the city for many years to come. Constituents can speak up about specific buildings. For example, eight duplexes and single family homes are being torn down at Main Street and Broadway to make way for another multiplex. Local residents requested that the design accommodate families with children by including units for three or more people. Developers, though, say that product isn't selling well.

Fletcher also informed the gathering that that Broadway St NE will be re-stripped from 4th St. to Tyler in a pilot project to calm traffic by reducing Broadway to three lanes with a dedicated middle turn lane that will slow traffic but make trip times shorter by eliminating bottlenecks.

Free Lead Testing

Bottineau residents who have their children tested for lead will receive a \$50 gift card to Cub Foods for every tested child under 6 years old. Sustainable Resources Center and the Minneapolis Health Department are striving to create a healthy and safe environment for all families in Minneapolis. Bottineau residents can have their children tested at the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 6pm-8pm. For more info, contact Windy Daye (Community

Health Educator for Sustainable Resources Center) at 612-767-0238 or by email at w.daye@src-mn.org.

Little Jacks Site

Chris Guerrero of Studio M Architects, Inc. has applied for a plan review to allow for a new mixed-use building containing a restaurant and offices located at 201, 207 and 211 Lowry Ave NE. The Planning Commission hearing will be held on July 8, at 4:30 PM in room 317 of City Hall (350 S. 5th St MPLS MN 55415). The plan includes a brew pub/restaurant on the first floor, office space on the second and a small roof top dining area. There will be Rolle Ball courts and recessed outdoor dining at ground level. The buildings that housed Little Jacks, a dental office and KLASH will be demolished.

Proposed Somali Museum at 1720 Marshall St. NE

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) purchased this property in 2012. The signed purchase agreement clearly states that the property must be converted to green space; if the building is not demolished within 10 years of the purchase date, \$1.37 million in purchase funds must be returned to the purchase funder. Also, a Hennepin County stipulation on the property requires MPRB to properly maintain the parking lot, keeping polluted soil beneath the pavement from drifting downhill into the Mississippi, until MPRB finishes remediating the site for green space. All this is clearly stipulated in the MPRB contracts for purchase.

The BNA Board of Directors believes that a Somali Museum is a fine idea and that there are many properties that may be explored for this purpose which are legally acceptable in the City of Minneapolis Park system. 1720 Marshall Street is not one of them.

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

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Mark Your Calendars



- 7/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 2205 California St NE, Suite 107
 (Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 7/25 BNA Community Meeting (see page 1)
- 8/7 Ice Cream Social @ Bottineau Park
 & Lead Testing for Children

IT'S THE LAW!		
Minneapolis Curfew for Juveniles		
AGE	Weekdays	Friday & Saturday
Under 12	Home by 9:00 pm	Home by 10:00 pm
12 - 14	Home by 10:00 pm	Home by 11:00 pm
15 - 17	Home by 11:00 pm	Home by Midnight

★ Minneapolis Police Department ★

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