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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Art-a-Whirl at the California Building



Naye Strunes Klezmer band in Studio 501

Artists in the California Building reported a very busy Friday night, steady sales on Saturday and a quiet rainy Sunday. Building owner, Jennifer Young, was found beaming in Mojo's café due to the good turnout.

The trolley transport was a hit for Whirlers even though one trolley had a fender bender at no fault to the driver. Two people were slightly injured but the volunteer trolley driver continued the route to everyone's satisfaction. The Stillwater Trolley Company covered the damages, so Art-a-Whirl's organizer, NEMAA (Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association), was not negatively affected by the mishap.

Some highlights from the California Building included a Klezmer band led by Judith Eisner called Naye Strunes (Yiddish for "New Strings") which played in Susan Armington's studio 501. The Raku firing that took place out in the parking lot was also a big hit. Many artists mentioned that the cool rainy weather was perfect as it kept Art-a-Whirl visitors inside touring

## NEighbors Garage Sales

*Friday & Saturday  
June 14 & 15*

### All Northeast Sale Weekend!

- Sales map will be in the **Northeaster Newspaper**
- **Rain date on June 16**
- **See next page for street detour that will affect the Sale weekend**



Raku pottery firing

studios instead of doing their "whirling" outdoors in the annual party atmosphere. For instance, Gail Graybow had standing room only crowds in her second floor jewelry studio on Saturday afternoon. On the third floor, Faye Passow reported steady traffic and good sales.

## 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 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

## MnDOT Traffic Alert: University Ave Closure through June 15

Due to construction, University Ave (Hwy 47) is closed between Lowry Ave and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE in Minneapolis through Saturday, June 15, and possibly longer. Passenger vehicles are detoured along Central Ave (Hwy 65); Semi traffic is detoured to 694 along East River Road.



## Neighborhood & River Clean-up



Thank you to all volunteers, including the Northeast RiverKeepers, who showed up on May 4 to scour river

banks, street boulevards and rail road tracks.



Other Bottineau residents worked with City of Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling trucks picking up garbage in the alleys. Psycho Suzi's provided rolls and coffee while River Liquor Store supplied water to keep everyone hydrated. For at least 24 years, BNA has organized and paid for the garbage trucks for this annual event. Thank you for helping us keep-up the good work!



## Minneapolis Transit Plans

There's still time to provide feedback on the *Transportation Action Plan* before the City of Minneapolis releases its draft plan. In-person workshops are over, but you can visit [go.minneapolismn.gov/commentmap](http://go.minneapolismn.gov/commentmap) to take a short survey and to comment about specific locales on a city map of draft networks for different modes of transportation like biking, walking, transit, and freight.

Called the *Online Open House*, this website will be open only until June 6. This is where Bottineau can advocate for a bicycle crossing light at University and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.

## Juneteenth Celebration

The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation's People of Color Union Members Caucus (POCUM) welcomes everyone to the Twin Cities "Juneteenth" celebration, **Saturday, June 17 at North Mississippi Regional Park, 4900 Mississippi Ct.** (take the 49th Ave N exit from Interstate 94). The POCUM festivities at Juneteenth will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature activities for all ages, including games and barbecue. All are welcome.

*Juneteenth*, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Specifically, Juneteenth commemorates the day in June, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas (near the end of the U.S. Civil War) and finally brought news of President Abraham Lincoln's January 1, 1863, Emancipation Proclamation which declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." Along with the Fourth of July, it is one of two freedom celebrations held throughout the United States.

## Bottineau Strategic Plan

On May 17, the Minneapolis City Council adopted its *2020 Neighborhood Plan*. The Mayor's budget funding the plan is due on Aug. 30, 2019. There has been some controversy concerning how this plan changes funding and requirements for neighborhood associations. To see the plan in its entirety, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ep7e6y>

In the meantime, the City Council has requested a study to find out why there is such low participation in

neighborhood associations by renters, people of color, immigrants and people living in poverty – a disparity that the 2020 plan presumes to address.

Here is what we know about the plan so far:

1. Under the 2020 Plan, neighborhood groups will no longer decide how to spend the funds they receive. All expenditures must be pre-approved by the City.
2. Examples of BNA expenditures that would be disallowed under the 2020 plan include community meetings to discuss topics such as the proposed impound lot at 1901 Grand or the housing development at 2301 California St. NE.
3. BNA funds will be cut in half to \$25,000 per year.
4. Of that sum, half (\$12,500) can be used for operations (e.g. staff time, office rent, newsletter, internet access, meeting supplies, office supplies, phone) while the other half can be spent on city projects like National Night Out, Clean Sweep, community gardens and bike safety. Funds can also be used for food at meetings, childcare, and other activities to encourage under represented populations to be involved with City programs.
5. Neighborhood groups must apply for their funds each year; those who break the rules or fail to meet diversity goals will lose funding.

Due to these changes, the BNA board hired a consultancy (Durenberger & Watson) for \$1200 to help with strategic planning. The board received the consultant's report on April 8 and will begin discussing recommendations on June 11, seeking neighborhood input over the summer. To share your priorities for the neighborhood with the board or to volunteer, please contact the BNA office at 612-367-7262 or [bna@bottineuneighborhood.org](mailto:bna@bottineuneighborhood.org).

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineuneighborhood.org](http://bottineuneighborhood.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



6/11 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

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**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.

## May 11 - Free Flower Day!



At least 36 families showed up on May 11 to get free flowers from BNA's annual flower give-away at the corner of California and 23rd Ave NE. Thanks to all of you for beautifying Bottineau and making it a great place to live, work and play!