



BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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East Side Neighborhood Services Launches the Sharing Our Stories Call Tree

How can we stay socially connected especially if we do not have access to the internet? One answer is in the "old" technology of our telephone and using it in a purposeful and fun new way. East Side Neighborhood Services is currently enrolling people who would like to be a part of **Sharing Our Stories Call Tree**.

Help others who may not have internet access stay connected and make a new friend while staying at home.

- The Sharing Our Stories Call Trees are groups of people who, once a week, call another participant and are, in turn, called by another participant. People are assigned to a group and share the names and phone numbers with just the people in their group. Each group is limited to 6 participants.
- Each week, the Sharing Our Stories Call Tree uses a story prompt like, "How did you come in live in the Twin Cities?" as a place to start a conversation. Sharing stories from our lives is powerful and life affirming.

This will be an on-going project as long as it helps fill the need we all have for socializing and deepening friendships. Participants are asked to commit to making their calls for at least 4 weeks.

To learn more, please contact VitalLiving@esns.org or call 612-787-4086.

Bottineau Neighborhood Association Virtual Board Meeting

Tuesday May 12th - 7pm

Join us virtually via Zoom!

Email bna@bottineauneighborhood.org for the meeting link

Sharing Our Stories Join Our Calling Tree

How It Works



Weekly Story Prompts Will Be Given

Each person will share the story prompt with the person they are assigned to call



<p>Bottineau Neighborhood Association 205 California Street NE #107 Minneapolis, MN 55418</p> <p>Board of Directors: Maryam Adbullahi Jennefer James Seth Nesselhuf Liz Novotny Liz Reiser Mariam Slayhi Mitch Kall</p> <p>www.bottineaneighborhood.org bna@bottineaneighborhood.org</p>	<p>Bottineau Plant Giveaway and DIY Clean Up!</p> <p>Bottineau Neighborhood Association is giving away vegetable plants, herbs, and flowers to Bottineau residents. We will also have garbage bags available to residents wanting to do a DIY clean up of their neighborhood.</p> <p>Plant Give Away June 6th, 9am -Noon Behind the California Building at the old garden site</p> <p>Please wear a mask and gloves. Be prepared to stay 6 feet away from other participants. Residents can chose up 5 plants.</p> <p>Share your DIY Clean-Up photos with BNA!</p>
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Self Guided Cleanups Needed!

Please spend some time cleaning up your block, alley, or a section of the river, in honor of Earth Day last month.

It's helpful to have two bags for collecting debris; one for garbage, one for recycling. Don't forget your gloves and if you have a grabber stick, bring that along too! Many drains in our neighborhood still need adopting, you can adopt a drain here (<https://adopt-a-drain.org>). Do not separate the yard waste in the spring because it's been sitting in salt and chemicals all winter long.

Thank you to those that took part in a cleanup already, we greatly appreciate your community involvement! **We'd love to share your photos, email them to bna@bottineaneighborhood.org**

Eastside Neighborhood Services Updates

On the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, East Side staff worked to care for the communities across the city. They gave staff two hours of paid time on April 22nd to engage in Earth Day activities, like picking up trash around their neighborhoods. Even while physically distanced from clients and offices, they're still finding ways to build pathways toward equity.

This isn't the first time that East Side Neighborhood Services has faced a global pandemic—in 1918 they were a fledgling organization and have carried on for 105 years.

Follow ESNS @esneighborhood on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to keep up with the initiatives

If you have the ability, consider giving at www.esns.org/donate to help them continue to serve the Bottineau community and beyond.



Free Wireless Internet in Minneapolis

Minneapolis residents and visitors can access the internet for free from 117 wireless Minneapolis hotspots throughout the city. Look for the "City of Minneapolis Public WiFi" or "USI Wireless" networks on your mobile device to get connected. You do not need a password or credit card to login. You need to be within 50 feet of the hotspots or the open public WiFi nodes. Signal strength varies indoors. Please contact USI internet support if you are experiencing problems. usinternet.com/support/

**ADOPT
A STORM
DRAIN**



Don't forget to adopt your drain!

The competition starts May 1st and ends October 31st, 2020. To participate, go to adopt-a-drain.org to sign up. Once your drain is adopted, keep your drain clean by sweeping leaves and other debris off the drain surface. You can also track your efforts online.

Minnesota Energy Assistance Program - New COVID-19 based eligibility

There have been changes made to the eligibility requirements for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and deadlines for applications to help those that may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and quarantine.

Energy Assistance Program (EAP) facts

- Renters and homeowners are eligible.
- Assets such as the home value are not considered in determining eligibility.
- Grants range from \$200 to \$1,400, based on household size, income, and fuel cost.
- The average grant is about \$500.
- In addition to the initial grant, additional Crisis funds are available to:
 - Help pay a past due bill or get an emergency fuel delivery.
 - Help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replace

EAP changes made to help during COVID-19

- The application **deadline is extended to July 1.**
- The annual **Crisis maximum is increased to \$1,200** (up from \$600).
- EAP can **help households pay a past due bill**, even without a shut-off notice.
- Income **eligibility is based on past one month** only.
- EAP still has **sufficient funds and expects more from the CARES Act.**

Minnesota Department of Commerce EAP website: mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp

Help Finding a Service Provider: 1-800-657-3710

Free Virtual Home Energy Visits

Home Energy Squad is here to help with a new FREE service - the Virtual HES Visit. An hour long virtual consultation with our energy experts could help you discover many easy ways to reduce energy use in your home. Sign up online or call 651-328-6220. mncee.org/home-energy-squad/sign-up/

Transportation Action Plan Online Open House May 14th

The City of Minneapolis is taking feedback on the draft Transportation Action Plan through May 22nd, 2020 and they want to hear from you. Due to COVID-19 all remaining engagement is taking place online via online open houses. The last open house is Thursday, May 14th, 11am. You can find the meeting link at go.minneapolismn.gov.

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