



BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Covid-19 Vaccine Connector

The Minnesota Department of Health has launched a Vaccine Connector survey for all unvaccinated Minnesotans. You can fill out with employment, health, and demographic details so that they can contact you directly when you'll be eligible to sign up for a vaccine.

This is NOT signing up for a vaccine – after you fill out this survey, when you do become eligible you'll be contacted with further resources about how to sign up for an appointment. Visit <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp> to learn more. If someone you know doesn't have access to the internet, they can call the Community Vaccination Program Hotline at 833-431-2053 to fill out the same survey!



Bottineau Neighborhood Board Meeting

**Tuesday March 9th, 2021
7pm**

Join us virtually via Zoom!

**Find the link on our website,
bottineauneighborhood.org**

or

Dial in: 312.626.6799
Meeting ID: 814 7162 1237

Agenda:
Prepare + Prosper Tax Services
Friends of the Falls



Get involved with Bottineau Neighborhood Association!



If you are interested in advocating for your community, volunteer opportunities, or learning more about BNA, contact bna@bottineauneighborhood.org, or stop by our next board meeting!

We meet virtually the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Find meeting details at bottineauneighborhood.org.

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Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Mondays | March 1-April 5 | 1:00-3:00 PM

Living Well with Chronic Conditions helps you discover healthier nutrition options and exercise choices; learn how to improve communication with your family and healthcare professionals concerning your health and well-being; find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue; and develop skills to get the support you need. This class meets two hours a week for six weeks.

This is a "virtual" six-week class via Zoom video conferencing. Registered participants will be asked to attend an orientation prior to the class where you will practice using Zoom and receive support for any technical challenges.

To register, call 612-787-4086 or visit VitalLiving@esns.org

Donations accepted based on a cost share.

Emerge Second Chance Community Solar Garden: Subscribers Wanted!

Did you know you have an opportunity to use renewable solar energy, save on your electric bill, reduce pollution and promote local green jobs? The Second Chance Community Solar Garden is installed on the Emerge Second Chance Recycling facility at 1179 15th Ave SE in Minneapolis and they are signing up subscribers now for a projected early summer launch!

Community solar gardens (CSG) are solar arrays on a larger roof (in this case, Emerge) whose electricity is shared by more than one property. CSGs are an opportunity for Minneapolis neighbors to participate in the solar energy revolution, regardless of income, credit score or whether you rent or own, and get a credit on their electric bill. And there are options to participate with no upfront money. The only requirement is that you pay your own Xcel electric bill and not a landlord or third party.

BENEFITS of Community Solar Gardens:

- Enables renters or those with roofs unsuitable for solar to use renewable energy and get a credit on your electric bill.
- Enables participation regardless of income or credit score, with a Pay-As-You-Go option that does not require upfront money.
- Energy bill credits move with you, even if you move homes.
- Make your money back (& then some...) with an estimated 8 year Return on Investment (ROI) with the Pay Up Front Option.
- Subscriptions can cover up to 120% of your annual electricity usage.



Electricity rates are locked in for 25 years. Quality assurances, turn-key maintenance and energy guarantees. More information can be found at mplscclimate.org or by emailing info@mplscclimate.org.

Lowry NE for People Workgroup

Lowry Avenue NE is scheduled to be reconstructed by Hennepin County in 2021. Our Streets Minneapolis has formed a Lowry NE for People Workgroup.

More information can be found at ourstreetsmpls.org/countystreets. Want to get involved? Contact cindy@ourstreetsmpls.org for more information.



Lowry Ave NE for People

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (EAP) Information

If you are having troubles paying your energy bills, apply for Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program that offers eligible residents help to pay their energy bills so they do not have to choose between life's necessities.

The Energy Assistance Program:

- Serves both renters and homeowners.
- Provides benefits to pay for home heating ranging from \$200 to \$1,400, with an average benefit of about \$500.
- Benefit amounts are based on the household's heating costs, household size, and income.
- Provides help with energy disconnections, no/low fuel in the tank, and homeowners' furnace repairs.
- Eligibility is based on the household's past 3 months of income and assets are not counted.

Visit mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp to learn more or call 1-800-657-3710 to connect with your local service provider.

Saving energy can make your home more comfortable

It takes a lot of energy to keep our homes comfortable during Minneapolis's famously chilly winters. However, homes that look similar may need very different amounts of energy to maintain this comfort. That difference is measurable — it represents the energy efficiency of a home.

For almost a year, the City has been assessing the energy use of houses on the market and has compiled thousands of home efficiency scores. Because many Minneapolis homes are older, the average city score is 70 out of 100. (You can view the publicly available map of scores at mncee.org/tish/yourscore.)

Curious about how you can stay more comfortable by saving energy? Contact an Energy Advisor from the local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment. Energy Advisors are a free, no-pressure service to help answer home energy questions, identify available rebates and financing, and provide connections to quality contractors.

Improving a home's energy efficiency has multiple benefits:

- improved year-round comfort;
- better indoor air quality;
- lower energy bills; and
- reduced environmental impact.



Call 651-328-6225 to speak with an Energy Advisor or visit mncee.org/tish for more information.

Energy Advisors are a service from the local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment in partnership with CenterPoint Energy and the City of Minneapolis.

Northeast Emergency Food Growers Network

The Audubon Neighborhood Association has initiated the Northeast Emergency Food Growers Network to immediately begin preparing, growing, then harvesting, collecting and finally distributing produce that is grown by residents in the Northeast community. Gardeners select two or three varieties of produce, agree to set aside a small section of their gardens specifically dedicated for the Northeast Emergency Food Growers Network. They also agree to use organic methods for growing.

When produce is ready for harvest, a staging area will be set up for easy collection and distribution. Distribution will be handled in one of three ways: 1) through a weekly pay-what-you-can market, 2) directly to the Eastside Senior Food Shelf and other local non-profit food shelves and kitchens, and 3) through Second Harvest Heartland.

If interested in learning more, please contact Audubon Neighborhood Association administrator, Deborah Brister at deborah@audubonneighborhood.org.

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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. Please contact BNA with specific requests.