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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Above the Falls

AUG 12: Walk/Bike Tour of the Mississippi's "Above the Falls" Area (Huck Finn film to follow)

A guided tour of the Mississippi above St. Anthony Falls will be led by John Olson and others from the Northeast RiverKeepers; Friends of the Mississippi; City Planner, Haila Maze; and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) Planner, Andrew Caddock.

Participants will gather at 6 PM August 12th at the Scherer Bros. site, just north of the Plymouth Bridge, where there will be a short program explaining plans for the new park site followed by a one mile walking tour (led by Haila Maze) and a 7 mile bicycle tour to the Camden Bridge and back (led by Andrew Caddock).

In addition to learning about plans for the new park, the history and ecology of the Above the Falls pool will be discussed during the guided tours.

The Northeast RiverKeepers will be on hand to answer questions on the tours as group members are intimately familiar with the plants, animals, birds and fish that comprise the Above the Falls pool area.

The tours end at the new park site (Scherer Bros.) where MPRB will

Community Meeting

Where: ESNS, 1700 2nd St NE

When: Wed. Aug 29, 7:00 PM

On the agenda:

- Northeast Time Trade
- Paint the Pavement



host a showing of *Huck Finn* at dusk—so bring a blanket and some snacks for the show.

This event is free but capacity is limited. Registration is required. To sign up, contact events registrar Lindsay Hefferan at lhefferan@fmr.org, or call 651-222-2193 ext. 24.

Are We a Welcoming Community?

In September, **Northeast Network** begins an exploration of what it means to be a welcoming community...

Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd Ward Councilwoman
Hofstede
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner Higgins
348-7882

Parks Commissioner
Wielinski
230-6443

Bottineau Park
370-4958

Family Violence,
Domestic Abuse, Child
Abuse
673-3072

Housing Inspections
673-5858

NE Home Ownership
Center
378-7985

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

> **NE NETWORK** *cont.*

According to the website for Eastside Food Co-op, *NE Network* is "a monthly conversation between Northeast's organizations, businesses, educators, elected officials, police, art collectives, and various groups in the faith community." It goes on to say, "Help us to build a civic partnership for a stronger Northeast Minneapolis!" All Northeast residents are welcome to attend.

Though NE Network took a break in the month of August, it returns again in September with the topic: *Minnesota Nice—Are We a Welcoming Community?* Within this framework, they'll be exploring what it means to be a welcoming community, a relevant topic we should all be thinking about.

Emily Good, Staff Attorney with *The Advocates for Human Rights*, will provide an overview of the Advocates' *One Voice* project. Additional information about this upcoming series will be announced at a later date.

NE Network meets every second Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Eastside Co-op's Granite Studio at 2551 Central Ave NE. For this topic, the gathering will be extended til 9:00 a.m. and, if you need to mark your calendar, the second Thursday will fall on September 12.

For further information about the Northeast Network, email nenetwork@eastsidefood.coop

Rain Garden Maintenance at Bottineau Park

On August 1st, Isaac Miner, Terry Buchinger, Lisa and Tory Moore weeded the rain garden east of the Bottineau Park Building. It was quite a chore as the garden has been largely

unattended for the past three years. The rain garden west of the building is in better shape (weed-wise) because it has afternoon shade and the prairie plants were thus better able to establish themselves in greater abundance than in the east garden. Volunteers will meet again next Thursday (Aug 8) to continue weeding in the west garden.



The gardens were planted by BNA volunteers with funding from a Mississippi Water Management Organization grant. Because of a rain garden's specific design and purpose, the plants chosen were tough and, natives to this environment, they were able to survive despite three years of no watering.

Included in the gardens are native prairie grasses, Black-eyed-Susans, Cone Flowers and other indigenous plants we are working to identify. If anyone in Bottineau reading this is a Master Gardener or other type of plant specialist, we would love to hear from you.

In the future, we hope to put up informative plaques that help people understand the purpose of rain gardens, and we would like to mark the best specimens of these species with name plates so people walking by the gardens can learn how to identify native plants and appreciate the ways in which rain gardens protect the Mississippi from urban pollution.



Northeast time trade

Neighborhood skills exchange
for NE Minneapolis and
nearby areas

Northeast Time Trade is a new nonprofit organization in our community that promotes an active and equitable exchange of neighborhood skills as another vital way in which we might build and strengthen our shared community.

Kathy Ahlers, who is leading the organizing effort of this group, will be on hand **August 29, 2013** at the Bottineau community meeting to explain how a time trade works and how to get involved.

Sometimes these organizations are called a service exchange or time bank. There is a national organization called *Time Banks* that is an umbrella group for these types of organizations. One very successful service exchange, based in St. Paul, is called *Hour Dollars*; neighbors involved in this group have been happily exchanging skills for over 14 years. No money changes hands but work gets done.

For more information about *Northeast Time Trade*, you can like their page on Facebook, follow them on Twitter (@NETimeTrade), or contact them directly:

Email: netimetrade@gmail.com

Phone: 763-789-0529

NOW OPEN:

University Bike Trail

Do you like to take long, recreational bike rides throughout the Twin Cities, enjoying what has become a world-class system of metropolitan bike transit? Then this news is for you.

Bike Walk Twin Cities has funded a University Bike Trail connecting downtown Minneapolis to Saint Paul. By the time this issue of the Gazette goes to press, this trail should already be open.

“Avid bikers have long awaited this important connection, first envisioned more than twenty years ago. Though only a mile long, it means that cyclists and walkers will be able to travel on a car-free expressway from the University of Minnesota's Saint Paul campus all the way to the west side of the Mississippi River. This important link on the northern border of the University of Minnesota campus—with connections at Oak Street SE, 17th Avenue SE, and East River Road—is poised to become one of the most heavily traveled bike routes in the Twin Cities.”

For more information about this and other bike trails, visit

www.bikewalktwincities.org

Energy Ballot

Should Minneapolis build its own energy system? This is the question being debated all over Minneapolis. A public hearing was held August 1 in City Council chambers. The City wishes to put the idea before the voters and Xcel Energy prefers to keep the idea off the ballot next November. The idea arose from the City's Climate Change Plan that calls for a 30% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020.

For information in favor of a municipal energy system, contact *Minnesota Energy Options* at 612-331-8404, or visit the *Environment MN* website

www.environmentminnesota.org

For information opposed to this plan, contact Xcel's spokesperson at 612-330-7980, or by email at

Stephen.A.Wilson@xcelenergy.com

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.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

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

Mark Your Calendars



- 8/12 Above the Falls Bike/Walk Tour
(See page 1)
- 8/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 8/29 Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
ESNS, 1700 2nd St NE

In History

August 6, 1965 – The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law. The Act suspended all literacy, knowledge, and character tests designed to keep African Americans from voting in the South. It also authorized the appointment of Federal voting examiners and barred discriminatory poll taxes. The Act was renewed by Congress in 1975, 1984 and 1991.

August 14, 1945 – Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act establishing the system that guarantees pensions to those who retire at age 65.

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.