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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## PARTY PARTY PARTY!



A friendly neighborhood is a safe neighborhood. Minneapolis leads the nation in National Night Out participation and this year NNO will occur on Tuesday, August 6th.

There are many ways to show support for crime prevention during NNO. For instance, residents can leave a light on to “shine the light on crime,” or plan events and parties to get to know their neighbors. But if you want to plan a block party, July 23rd is the dead line for registering a free NNO street closure—register online at

[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/no\\_register](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/no_register)

Following that (from July 24th to August 1st) street closure events will cost \$100.00. After August 1<sup>st</sup>, no street closures can be processed or permitted.

To close the street, you will need 75% of your neighbors on a block to sign a petition, but keep in mind that you don’t need to close the street to have a block party and get to know one another. In fact, many blocks have a potluck BBQ in someone’s back yard, or meet at a local park or community room and order pizzas.

Bottineau Neighborhood Association has funds this year to assist in NNO block event organizing; this can include funds for party supplies and

## Rain Garden Restoration Event

**Where:** Bottineau Park Bldg

**When:** Aug 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Who:** YOU!

**Why?** See article on PAGE 2

*In case it rains (on our rain garden event!) the rain date will be August 8.*

printed invitations. Also, a block map that includes each house and address can be created for use upon request, which can then be used as a future aid to help residents get better response from 911.

How many times have you called 911 and been asked what is the address of the problem? In this scenario, you might know that the problem is at the green house, third from the corner, but you can’t remember the address. A block map shows each structure on your block labeled with its address.

Call 612-367-7262 and Nancy Przymus will be happy to assist with your block’s NNO effort. On a related note, this month’s Crime Solutions meeting will be on July 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the community room at Bottineau Commons (1808 University Ave NE).

## Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilwoman  
Hofstede  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Higgens  
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

## Rain Gardens Need HELP!

A number of years ago, rain gardens were excavated and planted at Bottineau Park with BNA funds and a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Organization; volunteers did the planting and vowed to maintain the gardens. Well, the gardens have long-since lapsed into weed choked eyesores and now we need new volunteers.

BNA has set a garden clean-up day and invites gardeners in the neighborhood to join us from **4:30 to 6:30 PM at Bottineau Park on Thursday, August 1.**

If 6-8 volunteers come pull weeds, it will only take two hours to finish the job. Volunteers should bring their own gloves and favorite trowel to get at stubborn thistles and quack grass.

As many know, rain gardens are especially designed and planted with prairie grasses to clean the run-off water before it goes into the Mississippi. Prairie plants may look like weeds to the untrained eye, so this means volunteers must know to pull the *correct* weeds. BNA staff will be on hand to assist with plant identification and pull weeds with the volunteers.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS:

#### *Paint the Pavement*

Artists who live or work in Bottineau Neighborhood are invited to submit a public art design for three intersections in Bottineau. Designs must be submitted by July 31 to [zna@bottineaneighborhood.com](mailto:zna@bottineaneighborhood.com) for review by the BNA board of directors and neighborhood residents. Stipend for each chosen design is \$100.00. Work from one or more artists could be chosen. Prior to submitting work,

artists should contact Nancy Przymus at the above email address for more information.

At the same time, BNA's Crime Solutions Committee will be choosing three intersections for the "Paint the Pavement" program—these will be the sites where volunteers will paint the winning design directly onto the pavement. As a neighborhood safety project, "Paint the Pavement" has been proven to lower traffic speeds at the affected intersections. Further, those who participate in the painting will help build community with the intersection's neighboring residents in a new and interesting way.

BNA will be handling the associated red tape on this project, and the details are as follows: The application for us to paint on the pavement is due by August 30, 2013 to Mary Altman, Director of Public Art, and to the City of Minneapolis; once that application has been approved, another application for encroachment on public property must be made to the Right-of-Way division of the Public Works Department before painting can begin. It is possible that one or more intersections will be painted this autumn.

### Little Libraries

Last month, Liz Reiser wrote an article for the Gazette encouraging everyone to use the Little Libraries located in Bottineau. Since that time, Lisa and John Moore have volunteered to make additional Little Libraries from plans found on the internet so other Bottineau neighbors can put them in their yards.

If you would like a Little Library in your yard, but the challenge of assembly is stopping you, just

> **LITTLE LIBRARY** cont.

contact BNA at 612-367-7262 or send an email to:

[bnabottineaneighborhood.org](mailto:bnabottineaneighborhood.org)

and we will help you host your very own Little Library.

BNA has funds to pay for materials but not the assembly, so we are grateful for Lisa and John's efforts to make this community opportunity possible.

## New Park Benches

The BNA board voted to use funds for new park benches costing about \$2000 apiece. This will also require a contract with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The BNA board made suggestions for bench placement around the play grounds and near the skate park. After concerned residents toured the park on June 20, they made similar suggestions. These bench locations have been forwarded to the MPRB planning staff, Jennifer Ringold, and our new park director, Bob Ramphal. The contracting process will take a number of months but it is hoped that new benches will be installed sometime this autumn.

## Camp Bovey

Eastside Neighborhood Services (ESNS) is now taking applications for Camp Bovey, and Bottineau youth between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible to apply. This is a secular camp with no religious affiliations; qualified adults and older youths act as counselors and guides for the campers. Special accommodations can be arranged when applying, and the cost for attending camp will depend on what a family can afford. ESNS staff will work fairly with each family to determine cost, and all

information will remain strictly confidential.

Camp Bovey has been serving youth in Bottineau Neighborhood for over 60 years. *"Our mission is to provide a safe place for youth to have fun while participating in outdoor activities that help build respect for themselves, one another and the environment."*

Campers will gather at ESNS at 8:00 AM on the Monday of their camping week, take a bus to camp, then return on the following Friday at 4:30 PM. These are the available dates:

July 22-Aug 2 (13 & 14 year olds)  
Aug 5 to Aug 9 (all ages).

Call 612-787-4030 or email [campbovey@esns.org](mailto:campbovey@esns.org) to begin the registration process.

## Mulberry Gardeners Hard at Work



## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineaneighborhood.org](http://bottineaneighborhood.org)

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  
[co.hennepin.mn.us](http://co.hennepin.mn.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)

Eureka Recycling  
[twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://twincitiesfreemarket.org)

Federal Trade Commission  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

## Mark Your Calendars



- 7/25 Crime Solutions Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Bottineau Commons Community Rm.  
1808 University Ave NE
- 8/1 Rain Garden Restoration (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)

### ***In History***

- July 8, 1776 – The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred before an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.
- July 9, 1868 – The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, defining citizenship to include former slaves, while prohibiting individual states from abridging the rights of any American Citizen without *due process* and *equal protection* under the law.
- July 16, 1862 – African-American journalist and anti-lynching crusader Ida B. Wells was born to slaves at Holly Springs, Missouri.

**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.