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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## 1720 Marshall Ave NE:

*Michael P. Schmidt Operations Center?*

On **July 24 at 7:00 pm**, Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA) will hold its regularly scheduled community meeting at **East Side Neighborhood Services** (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE). A major topic for discussion will concern the decision of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to develop a new operations center on the site of 1720 Marshall Ave NE. A Park Board representative will be in attendance to provide information and field your questions.

An operational center with fenced in vehicle and equipment lots is not what area residents expected for this part of the riverfront. What we did expect—according to the “Above the Falls” Master Plan that establishes a regional park along this stretch of the river—was open green space. But, apparently, green space is still in the plan: at some indeterminate point between 5 and 30 years from now, this \$4 million redevelopment of a currently decaying building and adjoining lots will, as promised by the master plan, be torn down and replaced with open park land.

But why is this news to everyone? Bottineau, Sheridan, and Marshall Terrance neighborhood groups were not informed of a May 22nd public information meeting and thus there was no neighborhood attendance at the meeting. Our park commissioner,

## BNA Community Meeting

**Where:** ESNS, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE

**When:** Thur. July 24, 7 p.m.

### Topics:

- Park Board Plans
- Free NNO supplies

Liz Wielinski, recently alerted neighborhood residents about the project, thus assuring local residents will have information, if not actual input.

Here’s what we think Bottineau residents need to know about MPRB’s *Michael P. Schmidt Operations Center* prior to our community meeting and the start of this project’s construction:

- The properties being developed straddle Sheridan Neighborhood on the south and Bottineau on the north.
- This operations center is meant to serve park operations in both North and Northeast Minneapolis and includes large fenced-in lots for storage of park equipment and vehicles.
- The cost for redeveloping the existing building (and adjoining lots to its north) will be

## Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember  
Frey  
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

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

> **1720 MARSHALL** cont.

approximately \$4 million, though \$800,000 of that is designated for onsite park land improvement. In accordance with the "Above the Falls" master plan, this building will be razed sometime in the indefinite future (anywhere from 5 to 30 years) in favor of the green space that the "Above the Falls" Master Plan establishes.

- The site's current building has fallen into disrepair and had been scheduled to be torn down (or so we presumed!) in favor of park land. Is renovating this building into a TEMPORARY(?) operations center—only to tear it down later—a good use of public funds?
- Part of what will be displaced is the parking lot currently used by **Psycho Suzi's** for valet parking. Street parking in this area is already in high demand, so where will these cars be parked in the future?
- To be fair, this temporary redevelopment plan also includes a narrow strip of walking and biking trails, along with a public overlook, behind the development, along the river front. But it does not include plans or cost estimates for the eventual *re-redevelopment* of these riverfront lots into park land.

Public bidding for construction on this project will begin in August of this year, followed by the start of construction in October. MPBR expects the project to be complete in July of 2015.

For more information about the *Michael P. Schmidt Operations Center*, visit <http://www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1483>

For information about the "Above the Falls Regional Park" Master Plan, visit <http://www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1373>

## National Night Out



This year, National Night Out will take place on Tuesday August 5, but it isn't too early to start planning your block event. For instance, you can order your neighborhood's annual crime statistics by contacting the BNA office via email or phone (612-367-7262). You can also pick up free supplies for your block event at BNA's community meeting on July 24th at ESNS at 7 PM. Supply packages include 45 invitations, paper products for meals, neighborhood maps and children's' game supplies. Someone from your block must pick up supplies at the meeting.

The deadline for closing your street for an NNO event without paying a \$100 fee is July 22, and no permits for street closures will be granted after the July 31 deadline. To register your block event online, please visit

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/no\\_register](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/no_register)

## MN Reading and Math Corps are Recruiting

The Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps are currently recruiting full-time Preschool and Elementary Literacy Tutors and Math Enrichment Tutors for the 2014-15 school year in schools across Minneapolis.

Basic eligibility requirements are a high school diploma or GED and US citizenship or permanent residency.

> **TUTORS WANTED** cont.

Positions are available in several Twin Cities area schools and full-time tutors are eligible for a biweekly living stipend of \$526, limited benefits including health coverage, and valuable training in research-based strategies. In addition, full-time tutors are eligible for an education award of \$5,645 that can be used to pay for college or other education expenses. Some part-time positions (20 hours per week, 4 hours per day) are also available.

For more info or to apply, please visit [www.minnesotareadingcorps.org](http://www.minnesotareadingcorps.org) or [www.minnesotamathcorps.org](http://www.minnesotamathcorps.org)

## Upcoming Workshops in Support of Local Arts



The **Northeast Arts Foundry** is a series of free, helpful workshops and forums for artists and arts businesses presented by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce with support from the City of Minneapolis Great Streets Grant Program.

### Upcoming Workshops:

#### [Advanced Social Media](#)

*Developing your 'brand' as an artist.*  
Tuesday, Aug 5, 2014 4pm-6pm

#### [How to Approach Galleries](#)

*Panelists share how to best approach local galleries.*  
Tuesday, Aug 12, 2014 4pm-6pm

All workshops/forums take place at Chowgirls Parlor (1222 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE) with snacks and refreshments courtesy of Chowgirls Killer Catering and the NE Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit [nema.org/events/](http://nema.org/events/) and scroll to the link for each individual workshop.

## NERIDE (A WET Success!)

Despite driving rain and 50 mph wind gusts, the June 14 ride went on. The most difficult part of the 12 mile bicycle tour through all of Northeast was biking into the wind over the train yard on the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge. At NERIDE's Bottineau Park stop, neighborhood volunteers **Lisa Moore, Emerald Moore, Kya Ivy** and **Jordan Tiller Scheuer** greeted riders with key lanyards and bottles of water donated by **Sentyrz Ethnic Market**. In addition, **Psycho Suzi's** served punch at the park with 80 hand squeezed limes in the mix. (Yum!) while **River Liquor Store** supported the ride by providing water at the Audubon Park Turkey stop. All in all, over 100 people rode or volunteered that day. While other parts of the city ran for cover and cancelled events, Northeasters took a bicycle ride. Is that spirit, or what? Well done, Northeast bikers!

## Fun Things to do Northeast

**What:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual NE Folk Festival

**When:** Sat. July 12, Noon - Closing

**Where:** Grumpy's NE (2200 4<sup>th</sup> St NE)

**Who:** Charlie Parr, Paul Metsa, Alicia Corbett, Mother Banjo, Liquor Pigs, Sneaky Pete Bauer, Dan Israel, Vernon Dixon, Calamity Jean, Pre-Existing Conditions and many more.

## Websites

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



- 7/8 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 7/24 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
East Side Neighborhood Services  
1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE

### ***In History***

- July 14, 1912 – American folk singer and political activist Woody Guthrie (1912-1967) was born in Okemah, Oklahoma. Among many other songs, he is best known for writing *This Land is Your Land*.
- July 19-20, 1848 – In Seneca Falls NY, a women’s rights convention was held, marking the beginning of an organized women’s rights movement in the U.S. Topics discussed included voting rights, property rights and divorce.

**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.