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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Mulberry Junction Garden Meeting

If you want to garden at Mulberry Junction Community Garden in 2013, please attend the annual meeting on Thursday March 21, 2013 at the Northeast Library (2200 Central Ave NE) from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This meeting is mandatory for current gardeners. There are a few plots opening up this year and if you are on the garden waiting list, you will be promoted over those on the list who do not attend. Meeting participants will set community work days, approve the garden budget, and sign up for volunteer tasks to keep the garden blooming, producing and safe.



Attention All Gardeners:

"We Can Grow" is a community gardening advocacy group now operating in Bottineau Neighborhood. Siwek Lumber and Millwork has donated materials and helped with storage. "We Can Grow" will provide raised bed gardens to low income

RIVER CLEAN-UP April 27, 2013

Instead of holding separate annual events, *Friends of the Mississippi* and BNA are joining forces this April to perform habitat restoration and prairie planting together at **Edgewater Park**. Also, members of the *Minnesota Hip Hop Coalition* have been invited to provide **live music!** If you want to help plan and implement this clean-up event, please **mark your calendars** and contact the BNA office at 612-367-7262.

families at no cost. These garden boxes are made of cedar wood which is naturally water and bug resistant. "We Can Grow" garden boxes are designed with a system of self-irrigation that keeps watering to a minimum. Renters are welcome as "We Can Grow" has a landlord agreement that ensures that the landlord will not be on the hook to remove the raised garden beds should the tenant move from the home. Homeowners are also welcome to have raised gardens put into their yards. All participants will receive free seeds, seedlings and

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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

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access to gardening tools, such as hoes, watering cans, tomato cages, and hand tillers from Gardening Matters Resource Hub (\$45.00 value).

What is the catch? If you want the free garden in your yard you must attend these 4 classes: 1) Better gardening, taught by Master Gardeners of Hennepin County. 2) Cooking with garden vegetables, taught by First Kitchen. 3) Food preserving such as freezing and canning your vegetables and jelly making. 4) Community building and development via gardening. The classes are designed with something for everyone. Whether you have never gardened or if you are a seasoned grower there is important and new information for gardeners of all abilities and interests at these classes.

To order your own garden from “We Can Grow”, contact Mike Smieja at wecangrow@gmail.com, or call him at 612-558-1501. For more info, visit their website www.wecangrow.org

Homeless in Bottineau

When they are not invisible, they are our family, friends and loved ones of all stripes. Too often, though, we turn our eyes and attention elsewhere.

Two weeks ago a homeless brother from the neighborhood died. His funeral, at Elim Church (685 13th Ave NE), was attended by all the homeless folks from around here. Pastor Becky Hanson, who presided at the service, knew everyone by name. After the funeral they had a turkey dinner—just like regular people have—to say good bye to a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle. Everybody took some leftovers for a sandwich later just like anyone else would. So, how are the homeless

any different from you and me? They don't have homes.

Elim has a ministry for the homeless right here in our back yard. Every Sunday morning, homeless people are welcome at Elim; they can take a shower, have breakfast and, if they want, go to church. While they are in church, volunteers do their laundry. If you would like to help, show up at 8 AM on Sunday mornings at Elim Church and lend a hand. For more information, call Pastor Becky Hanson at 612-789-3591—Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM—or leave her a message.

Neighborhood Priorities

Forty eight residents weighed in regarding how BNA should spend \$42,000 of city funds over the next year. Thanks to all of you who came to the January meeting and to those of you who answered the survey in the Gazette last month. Two people have offered to volunteer with BNA to make these priorities happen.

This is what democracy looks like in Bottineau:

Safety lighting and crime issues were tied for the highest priority. Second, behind crime and safety, was Lowry Ave NE business development and improvement. The third community priority concerned traffic issues—specifically loud motor cycles, speeding and unsafe driving. Fourth was “bridging the divide” between people of different cultures, groups and ages. Fifth place was a tie between park benches at Bottineau

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Park (in the playground and elsewhere) and bicycle racks and signage throughout the neighborhood.

Ten people offered other ideas or expanded on the meeting ideas for the board to consider. Some highlights included the following: Start a dog park; get more block clubs organized with block captains and neighborhood watch; hold more fun community events; connect the bike path at 18 ½ St NE to the Mississippi at 16th Ave NE; and develop more restaurants and condos on the Mississippi River front to boost the economy.

Of those who offered additional ideas, four advocated forming more block clubs; two recommended better youth supervision and repair of safety lighting at the park; two more wanted the BNA to promote the neighborhood and build our brand. Survey results indicate there is much room for improved cultural communication, especially related to dogs in society. Many survey participants expressed their thanks for being asked for their input and conveyed a thank you to the BNA board for their hard work on behalf of the community.

Camden School of Music, Spring Term

The Camden School of Music (1500 6th St NE) has scholarships available for music lessons. Applications for scholarships are due by 5 PM March 28th. Spring term registration begins March 11th. Visit www.camdenmusicschool.com, or call Janet Zahn at 612-618-0219. You are never too old to learn how to play an instrument.

Block Leader Training

The Minneapolis Police Department has scheduled a block leader training for Wednesday, April 10th at the 2nd Precinct located at the 19th Ave NE and Central Ave NE from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please join Susan Bradshaw—Bottineau’s new Crime Prevention Specialist—and learn how to organize an apartment or block club and solve neighborhood problems. Participants will be familiarized with crime statistics and trends and the Minneapolis Police Department’s crime tracking system. Citizens can park in the police parking lot that evening for the duration of the training.

Senior Tea Party Fundraiser

The Northeast Senior Services will hold a Tea Party Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 1-3 PM at 2600 Kenzie Terrace, St. Anthony. Advance tickets are required. Five courses of savories and sweets will be served with three teas. Dress for a party. Bring your favorite tea cup, hankie or gloves, to adorn your table. Space is limited. Tickets are \$25.00. All funds will be used to support senior services in the Northeast Minneapolis area. Contact NE Seniors at 612-781-5096 to reserve your ticket.

Reverse Mortgages – What Seniors Need to Know

Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of this common solution used to boost income for seniors who own their homes. Co-presenters are Monica Lewis, Attorney at Law, Estate & Elder Law Services and Volunteers of America of Minnesota & Beth Paterson of Reverse Mortgages SIDAC. Workshop will be held March 25th at 2510 Cleveland St NE (NE United Methodist) from noon to 1:00 PM.

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



- 3/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day—Visit your local
tap room (But PLEASE drink
responsibly!)

In History

- March 10, 1862 – The U.S. government issued paper money for the first time, in denominations of 5, 10, and 20 dollars.
- March 19, 2003 – The U.S. began aerial strikes on military sites in Iraq, followed by a full-scale invasion on the next day.
- March 22, 1972 – The Equal Rights Amendment, prohibiting gender-based discrimination, was passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification. Unfortunately, the amendment fell three states short of being ratified.

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.