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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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RiverFirst Development Update

On October 16, 2012, a **RiverFirst** public forum was held at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation headquarters, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis. A presentation by park planner Andrew Caddock and City of Minneapolis planner Haila Maze explained how the Above the Falls Master Plan (AFMP), adopted in 2000, has been revised to reflect current economic complexities. BNA's representative on the Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee (AFCAC) is Bob Marget, a Bottineau resident, business owner and BNA board director.

The original plan called for zoning most of the river front for residential, green space or public park land. Under the revised plan, less of this land will be converted to green space and much less will be owned by the park board. For instance, the public marina envisioned in the original plan is off the table, and businesses like Cemstone and Northern Metals will now remain in current locations. It is also probable that the locks at St. Anthony Falls will not be closed to prevent Asian carp from swimming upstream.

Further, many of the zoning changes

that favored residential use under the original plan will now, under RiverFirst, be zoned for mixed use, allowing business, light commercial and multi-family, multi-level residential units to be built – a far more diverse use of river front property than had been approved in 2000.

Among new public amenities envisioned by the current plan is a park at the Scherer site – an area directly north of the Plymouth Bridge – that will include a re-established island in the river and a new swimming beach. The Park Board has already purchased this property.

Also, according to artist renderings, the city-owned Port of Minneapolis (on the west side of the river at Dowling Ave N.) will be made into a public boat launch, fishing dock and entertainment space, and a new green way will be extended to the river from Fairview Park (at 26th Ave. N. and Lyndale Ave. N.), providing access to new and existing bike and pedestrian trails. A site for kayak rental might also be established at some point.

The plan also calls for Marshall St. N. E. to become a multiuse transit avenue with bicycle usage clearly marked. However, Marshall Street is a county highway, so Hennepin County must decide if it wishes to reconfigure it in the green vision

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Phone

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
782-2145

3rd Ward Councilwoman
Hofstede
673-2203

Hennepin County
Commissioner (Vacant)
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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recommended by the MPRB and the
City of Minneapolis.

Finally, the mudflats will be
reestablished on the west side of the
Mississippi to help clean and restore
the river's water quality.

City of Minneapolis Health Department
staff were on hand to conduct health
impact assessment surveys, but they
still need hundreds more Northeast
residents to respond. The Health
Department received a grant to
monitor and insure that the riverfront
development will make Minneapolitans
healthier. Please contact Dave
Johnson, 673-3948 or Jared Erdmann,
673-2638 with questions or to get a
copy mailed to you. If you have access
you can fill out the survey on line by
going to this site:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/AFT_MPLS_Survey.

NE Harvest Gathering

Many faces, one community. That is
the tag line of the Northeast Harvest
Gathering. This free event features
Alan Page, Minnesota Supreme Court
Justice as the keynote speaker. Justice
Page has founded the Page Foundation.
There will be live music, dessert and
discussion. Meet new people and
discuss authentic community.

When: November 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Northeast Middle School

For more information contact them at
neharvestgathering@gmail.com or like
them on Facebook.

Family Fun: Mighty Mississippi Discovery Backpack

Check out a free, fun *Mighty
Mississippi Discovery Backpack* at
three Metro river parks. The
backpacks include everything needed
to explore the park and the
Mississippi River including activity
cards, binoculars, magnifying lenses,
bird calls, easy-to-use nature guides
and more! Discovery Backpacks are
great for families, friends and
individuals.

Scouts and other groups can check
out the special "Group Pack" which
includes additional activities and
supplies to help groups of 10-20
people have fun and learn while
exploring along the Mississippi River.

Check-out a Mighty Mississippi
Discovery Backpack at the North
Mississippi Regional Park (763-694-
7693), Mississippi River Visitor Center
of the National Park Service (651-
293-0200) at the Science Museum of
Minnesota and Fort Snelling State
Park (612-725-2724).

Call any check-out site for more
information. The Discovery
Backpacks were made possible
through a grant from the McKnight
Foundation and the Mississippi River
Fund. The packs are developed by
the Mississippi National River and
Recreation Area of the National Park
Service and offered in cooperation
with partner sites.

Visit <http://www.nps.gov/miss> to
learn more about the Mississippi
National River and Recreation Area.

FYI: Upcoming Northeast Senior Events

Free Legal Clinic for Real Estate and Related issues will be open to anyone over 60 years of age. Seniors can speak with a real estate attorney about their issues. Attorneys from Lindquist and Venum Real Estate group will staff this clinic December 5, 2012. Call *Northeast Senior Services* for an appointment, 612-781-5096.

Foot Care Clinics will be held November 15, 2012 and December 7, 2012. The provider is Quality Foot Care and cost is \$30.00 paid to the nurse. Call for an appointment.

Exercise especially for Seniors is held every Monday from 1-1:40 PM at NE United Methodist Church, 2510 Cleveland St NE Minneapolis.

All events are coordinated by *Northeast Senior Services*. Call 612-781-5096 for more information.

Mulberry Junction Gardeners:

U.S. Catholic Bishops Withdraw Longtime Support from the *Land Stewardship Project*

The recent decision on the part of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)—the social justice funding arm of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops—to withdraw funding for Land Stewardship Project's, LSP, has

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greatly affected LSP, organizing work related to family farms and care of the land.

In early July, the Catholic Bishops notified LSP that they had been approved for a \$48,000 grant for rural organizing in southeast Minnesota. Two weeks later CCHD reversed the decision to support Gardening Matters and the LSP unless it resigned membership in two organizations: TakeAction Minnesota and the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. The reason given for withdrawing the funding was because of these organizations' stated positions against the constitutional amendment to limit marriage that is going to be on the Nov. 6 ballot in Minnesota. LSP has no position on the marriage amendment. This action has left a deep hole in LSP's organizing budget.

If you have questions concerning the withdrawal of the Land Stewardship Project's CCHD funding, contact Mark Schultz at 612-722-6377 or Doug Nopar at 507-523-3366 .

The Land Stewardship Project needs to raise \$48,000 in the next six weeks. Currently, there is a \$25,000 matching grant so any donations to the LSP will count twice. Go to <http://landstewardshipproject.org/home/donate> to make a difference

Medicine Disposal Drop Boxes

Hennepin County has a total of six medicine drop boxes, including one in Minneapolis at 401 4th Ave South. Visit www.hennepin.us/medicine for more information on drop box locations and hours and materials accepted.

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd 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

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

Neighborhood
Revitalization Program
nrp.org

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
[www.minneapolismn.gov/
police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade
Commission
www.ftc.gov

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

Mark Your Calendars



11/13 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is
locked)

11/22 Thanksgiving

Please welcome Nancy Przymus as BNA's new part time contract staff person. Office hours will begin November 5th on Mondays, 9-11 AM, and Fridays, 3-5 PM, or call 612-801-7834 for an appointment.

In History

November 7, 1867: Birthdate of Polish chemist Marie Curie, winner of the Nobel Prize for discovering Radium.

November 10, 1483: Birthdate of Martin Luther, Reformation leader & theologian.

November 15, 1850: Birthdate of Georgia O'Keefe, noted American artist.

November 19, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

THIS MONTH: Name two U.S. Presidents born in November and *win a cash prize!* Send your answers to bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

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.