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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Earth Day River Clean Up

The Minneapolis Park Board will be having its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day clean up on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are several clean up sites located throughout the City. In what we hope will be the first of many Earth Day events, BNA is sponsoring an upper river clean up site. Join us for coffee, pastries, and more

Saturday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 AM  
at Edgewater Park.

You will receive gloves, trash bags and instructions before you head off to enjoy the river and lend a hand. Afterwards, we welcome you back for pizza and refreshments.

The objective of the first Earth Day was to show there was broad and deep support for the environmental movement. Since 1970 much of the basic legislation needed to protect the environment has been enacted into law: the Clean Air Act, the Water Quality Improvement Act, the Water Pollution and Control Act Amendments, the Resource Recovery Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the list goes on.

If you would like, the Park Board invites everyone to an Environmental Fair at Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway) from 11 am - 2 pm they will have information booths, activities for the kids, music and refreshments.

Please note that MCNC will not be coordinating a river clean up this year. Please consider joining us on Earth Day.

## NOTICE

No Neighborhood Meeting in April

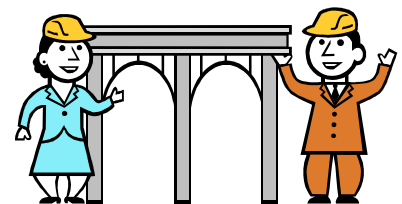
Instead, BNA is sponsoring an  
Earth Day River Cleanup

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.  
at Edgewater Park  
(Lowry and Marshall)

Please join us for coffee and pastries before and pizza after the cleanup.

## Correction

We would like to apologize for the incorrect last name spelling of Councilman Samuels' new policy aide in the previous issue. The correct spelling of Jose's last name is Velez, with two e's.



## Lowry Bridge

Hooray, the Lowry Bridge is finally open. Several years and millions of dollars later, people from all neighborhoods can once again use the bridge to get from here to there and back again.

## Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency  
911

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
782-2145

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman  
Samuels  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Stenglein  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
Dziedzic  
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

Graffiti Hotline  
673-2941

Traffic Enforcement  
673-3443

## Dirt Cheap Compost

Hennepin County Environmental Services is again partnering with the Green Guardian Program to offer composting bins at a 60% discount to encourage residents to compost food and yard waste. Kits will be sold for only \$30 (an \$80 value) on Saturday, May 7 from 10 am-2 pm at the Minneapolis public Schools District Office, 807 Broadway Street NE. To take advantage of this special price, you MUST pre-order. You can reserve a compost bin online at [www.GreenGuardian.com](http://www.GreenGuardian.com) or by calling 651-292-3933. You will not need to send any money. Payment will be collected the day of the event.

## Living Green Expo

The 2005 Living Green Expo will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am-5 pm at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds in the Grandstand Building. This is a free event. Over 200 businesses, food organizations, state and local agencies and environmental groups will showcase environmentally sound products, technologies, information and practices.

For more information on events, call 651-215-0218. For a list of schedules for workshops and entertainment, log onto [www.livinggreen.org](http://www.livinggreen.org).

## Annual Flower Give-Away

Bottineau neighborhood residents can pick up two packs of free annuals, thanks to BNA and the Mulberry Junction Community Garden, on May 14, between 10 and noon, at the garden. Here's to floral front yards across Bottineau! The Mulberry Junction Community Garden is located north of the California Building at 22nd and California. Availability of plants is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

## Mulberry Junction Community Garden Plots

Feel Like Gardening This Summer? The Mulberry Junction Community Garden, **your** community garden, has open plots for Bottineau residents. Dig in the dirt, swap seeds, and meet neighbors. The cost is \$10. Call Terri at 612-789-5113.

## Minneapolis One Stop

The City of Minneapolis is making it easier for do-it-yourselfers and those not-so-handy folks to get what they need before beginning any home improvement or construction project in the city. Every Monday, April 4 - Sept. 29, 2005 (excluding Holidays), the Minneapolis One Stop is holding "Homeowner's Nights," and extending its office hours until 7 p.m. to make it easier and convenient for Minneapolis homeowners to get building code information and appropriate permits and to schedule needed inspections.

The City offers a variety of services on Homeowner's Night, including:

- Applying for building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits
- Plan reviews for projects such as decks, additions, garages, etc.
- Scheduling Truth-in-Sale of Housing re-inspections

To receive personal assistance on Homeowner's Nights, **you will need to make an appointment**. Call 612-673-DECK (3325) to make an appointment or to get more information.

Minneapolis One Stop is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Public Service Center, 250 S Fourth Street. **Free parking** is located behind the building. To find out what kind of permits you may require, visit:

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections/) .

**Bottineau Seniors (55+)**

The Bottineau Seniors group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 AM for social time and outings.

Please note that for April, the group will meet at 11:00 AM and go to Eastside Neighborhood Services for lunch.

For more information or a ride, please contact Jeanne Bain at 788.6212.



**Youth Sports**

There are still openings in the youth baseball/softball programs at Bottineau Park.

**T-Ball (5-8 year olds)**

Season – Thursdays, May 5 to June 9  
Practice at Bottineau and games at Logan or Waite Parks  
Cost - \$13 (includes t-shirt)

**4-Pitch (7-8 year olds)**

Season – Tuesdays, May 3 to June 7  
Practice at Bottineau and games at Van Cleeve and Luxton Parks  
Cost - \$13 (includes t-shirt)

**Baseball/Softball (9-15 year olds)**

Practice began April 11<sup>th</sup> and games are played on Mon., Wed., and Sat.  
Cost - \$15 (a \$50 refundable deposit is required)

On Saturday, April 23, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM, families will have an opportunity to have their children tested for lead poisoning at the Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave S, Minneapolis.

Parents with children under the age of 6 years are especially encouraged to attend. Families should bring their health insurance card(s). There is no cost if they do not have health insurance. In addition, Somali speaking staff from SRC, the health plans and counties will be available to answer questions and talk about the programs and services they offer.

Because it is important to get children tested for lead, the Dar Al-Hijrah and Shafici mosques are collaborating with Hennepin & Ramsey Counties' Child & Teen Checkups (C&TC), Sustainable Resource Center (SRC), as well as Metropolitan Health Plan (MHP), Health Partners, Medica, Blue Plus, and UCare health plans. If families have questions, please call Nimco Abas, Multicultural Worker from the Sustainable Resource Center (SRC) at 612.366.7111. She speaks both Somali & English.

**Edgewater Park Update**

With it looking like Gluek Park will be closed for this year as well, we have some small ray of good news. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is almost ready to move forward with the Edgewater Park Master Plan. We will be coordinating a community meeting in the upcoming months to review what has been planned and allow the MPRB to present a timeline.

If you would like to get more involved in this project, call BNA at 782-2145.

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

Minneapolis  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3)

Inspections  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections)

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

Park Board  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[pca.state.mn.us/](http://pca.state.mn.us/)

Environmental Protection Agency  
[epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition  
[mncn-mpls.org](http://mncn-mpls.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[art-a-whirl.org](http://art-a-whirl.org)

Neighborhood Revitalization Program  
[nrp.org](http://nrp.org)

MN State Legislature  
[leg.state.mn](http://leg.state.mn)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert)

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

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

## Mark Your Calendars



- 4/16 Mulberry Junction Community Garden Meeting  
11:00 AM at BNA Office  
Enter building through Mill City Cafe
- 4/23 Earth Day River Cleanup  
9:00 AM at Edgewater Park  
(Corner of Lowry & Marshall)
- 4/24 Passover
- 5/8 Mother's Day

- 5/10 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6 PM at BNA Office  
(2205 California Street #107)
- 5/11 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels  
9:00 AM – 11:00  
Mill City Cafe
- 5/20 Art-a-Whirl  
To  
5/22
- 5/26 BNA Neighborhood Meeting  
7:00 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

**NOTE:** The public is welcome at all BNA meetings.

To have your event listed here, please call  
782-2145.