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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## National Night Out - Recap

This year’s National Night Out was a great success. An estimated 250 people attended and enjoyed the food, entertainment, games, and fellowship.

The corn on the cob, purchased by BNA, was a huge hit. In addition, Sentyrz Market, Grumpy’s, Gabbys Saloon and Eatery, Viva Mexico, Marina Grill and Deli, The Sample Room, Jax, and River Liqior and the xx family all donated food and drinks. Kozlak Radulovich Funeral Home, Packaging Corporation of America and Sherman Associates contributed funding to support the bookwalk. Over 150 books in English, Spanish and Somali were given to neighborhood youth. Raffle prizes were donated by many area businesses including: Video Stardom, Minneapolis School of Massage, The Matchbox, 331 Club, Kerry Jimenez, Vanderbloom Florist, Siweks, California Street Garage, Gastof zur Gemutlichkeit, and Park Commissioner Dziejdzic. The cakes for the cakewalk – oh those cakes – were donated by the BNA Board and staff, Mayor Rybak, Councilman Samuels and Jose Velez, Diane Loeffler, Walt Dziejdzic, Eastside Neighborhood Services, and more.

However, the night would not have been the success it was if it wasn’t for the efforts of the many volunteers, who include: Lou and Marie Marino, Phil Harder, Mary P., Kurt Froelich, Lucile Conkler, Jolynn, and Ron and Carol. Apologies if we missed anyone.

And lastly, a special thanks to all those who came out on that warm evening to make it such a great time. We’ll see you next year.

## NOTICE

There is no neighborhood meeting scheduled for August.

The next scheduled neighborhood meeting is the BNA Annual Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Join us for presentation of our Annual Report, Board of Directors nominations, and presentation of numerous neighborhood maps. (see article on page 2).

## Edgewater Park Update

On Thursday, August 4 the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board held an informational meeting at their headquarters to outline the improvements to Edgewater Park they can plan to make based on the funding provided by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

The project elements they plan to complete include:

- Site preparation, soil correction, and grading
- Shoreline and slope restoration using native plantings and other methods
- Revegetation using prairie plantings in “The Prairie” portion of the site
- Turf establishment in “The Metro” section of the site
- Installation of additional trees and shrubs



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# Phone

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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

- Construction of overlook plaza and paths using a permeable but low maintenance and handicapped-accessible surface
- Provision of electrical and water service to locations where lighting, a drinking fountain, and other items will be installed at a later time
- Interpretive signs, particularly pertaining to water quality and habitat restoration.

It is very likely that the Edgewater Master Plan will not be implemented exactly as it appears. This is because as more specific design details are developed, additional issues have to be considered. For example, in the two preliminary design options presented at the meeting, the overlook plaza is shown further to the south on the site than it is in the master plan. This has been suggested because the area to the south is a higher elevation which will provide for better views of the river and downtown and will make the platform itself more easily seen which will enhance safety for park visitors. Lessons learned in prairie restoration over the last decade have also influenced the design suggestions.

A consulting team from URS Corporation will be working with Park Board staff over the next month to further refine and develop implementation options to bring before the neighborhood. This next meeting will be at a site within the neighborhood and will likely be in early October. The MPRB will present a more detailed plan that draws from aspects of the concepts shown at the August 4th meeting, public comments received from neighborhood residents, and further site examination. After this final review from the community, construction documents will be drafted and put out to bid for construction to begin next spring.

Look for meeting notices in the *Gazette* or register for email meeting notices on the BNA website.

## Bottineau Neighborhood: Mapping Project

Now that the Bottineau neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Plan has been approved, we need to start thinking about the specifics of how to implement the projects it contains. Like the Edgewater Master Plan, the neighborhood's NRP plan is a best viewed as a general, somewhat organic document. That is, the project ideas inside lack the specific detail needed to implement them and the contents may change over time. In order for BNA to start any specific projects, there is a bit more research that needs to be done.

To help with this, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association is helping with the development of NE Futures, a project of the Northeast Community Development Corporation (in partnership with the NE Arts Association and the NE Chamber of Commerce) to help neighborhoods across Northeast think strategically about their future in order to be more intentional in their project choices and program designs.

To start this process, we have created many maps of the Bottineau neighborhood including data from sources as varied as the Minneapolis Assessor, Inspections, US Census, Department of Social Security, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and more. These maps include land use, zoning, market value, homestead status, householder age, presence of children, property condition, and much more.

We invite everyone to attend the BNA Annual Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to help us do a few things. First is to 'reality check' the maps (we know some of the data is missing or incorrect). Second, tell us how helpful they are in enhancing your understanding of the (historic, present, and future) neighborhood. Lastly, to suggest other data that you would find helpful

## Toxic Hazards

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition and the University of Minnesota: School of Public Health Presents: **Toxic Hazards in Your Community: Water Quality & the Health of the Mississippi River**, Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM at Eastside Neighborhood Services.

This free course will answer questions such as: What toxins are entering the Mississippi River, What are the effects, and What can be done about it. The goal of this course is to raise community awareness of toxicants, promote health risk reduction strategies, and emphasize the importance of knowledge in reducing and preventing the presence of toxics in the community.

The class will be taught by Dr. William Toscano, Chair of the Environmental Health Sciences division of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Although the information will cater to people living in zip codes: 55430, 55412, 55418, 55411, 55413, 55401 we encourage all citizens to attend.

This is the second in a series of forums to educate citizens on environmental toxins in our community. The series will conclude with a forum titled Herbicide/Pesticide Use: Effects and Alternatives.



### Bottineau Park News

Registration is open for many of the Fall programs, including Football and Soccer. Contact the Park at 370-4958 for information on dates, times and fees.

## Rebuilding Together

This is a non-profit, volunteer organization that puts low-income home-owners, particularly the elderly, disabled and families with children, together with people willing to lend a hand. Rebuilding Together coordinates volunteers and donated supplies to rehabilitate homes at no charge.

They are currently accepting applications for Spring 2006 projects. If you think you or a neighbor may qualify, call the BNA office at 782-2145 for more information and an application. If you have internet access, you can find this information on our newly redesigned 'Resources' page of the BNA website found at: [www.bottineauneighborhood.org/resources.html](http://www.bottineauneighborhood.org/resources.html)

## Election Time

### Neighborhood

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association will hold elections for two Board of Directors seats this fall. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the neighborhood organization, please contact BNA for more information. Nominations for Directors will take place at the September BNA meeting (September 22<sup>nd</sup>). Elections will follow in October.

### City Wide

Minneapolis residents will be also be able to vote for Mayor, all 13 City Council seats, two members of the Board of Estimate & Taxation, nine (six districts and three at-large) Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Members, and six at-large Library Board members.

Remember, the **Primary is Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. The voting location for the Bottineau Neighborhood is Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street).



## Websites

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  
[mcnc-mpls.org](http://mcnc-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



- 9/10 Breakfast with Councilman Samuels  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Mill City Café
- 9/13 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM at BNA Office  
(2205 California Street #107)

- 9/13 Water Quality & the Health of the  
Mississippi River  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Eastside Neighborhood Services  
Sponsored by the Mississippi Corridor  
Neighborhood Coalition
- 9/22 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting  
(Annual Meeting)  
7:00 PM  
Eastside Neighborhood Services  
(1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE)
- Annual Report Presentation
  - Mapping Project
  - Board of Directors Nominations

**NOTE:** The public is welcome at all BNA meetings.  
To have your event listed here, please call  
782-2145.