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## Lowry Bridge

[Editor's Note: This article was finished almost exactly one hour before the Hwy 35 bridge over the Mississippi River collapsed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those involved or hurt and to the families of those still missing.]

The original bridge on this site was built in 1887. In the late 1950's the bridge was replaced and lifted 20' primarily to accommodate barge traffic. (See photo below.) A few years ago, the bridge deck was replaced and the bridge repainted. It was discovered during the course of repairs and that one of the piers had shifted up to 11". That initiated the County thoughts about replacing the bridge sooner than later.



Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis Star Journal Tribune, 1950

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## NOTICE

### No Neighborhood Meeting in August

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and see you in September.

Want to be more involved? The BNA Annual Meeting is approaching. We will be electing two Board members. For information, call BNA at 612-782-2145

According to Jim Grube, an engineer for the County, this is not the only pier that is reported to have shifted in the over 100 year history of the bridge (the current bridge is only about 60 years old.) As part of this work, the County hired the consulting team of SRF Consulting Group and TY Lin International. Between the two they list over 40 bridge projects from the Bloomington Ferry Bridge to the Lanier Bridge in Sydney, Australia. A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) has been formed with members from the consulting team, County, City, DNR, Army Corps, MnDoT, neighborhoods and businesses. Their task is to develop the 'larger picture' design elements – what kind of bridge should it be, how long should it be, where should the bike paths be located and other similar questions. Public input is more than welcome. If you would like to express your ideas about the new bridge, one of at least two public meetings has been scheduled.

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
782-2145

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilwoman  
Hofstede  
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

Traffic Enforcement  
673-3443

## > Lowry Bridge

Lowry Bridge Public Meeting  
Tuesday, August 21st  
5:30 – 7:30 PM  
Program at 6:30  
North Regional Library  
(1315 Lowry Ave N)

If you can not attend this meeting and would like to express your opinions or have questions, you can send them to the Bottineau Neighborhood Association and they will be directed to Isabelle Harder, BNA's appointed representative to the Lowry Bridge PAC. She will see that they get brought up at the PAC meetings and that questions get answers. Comments are preferred in writing. You can send them to:

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
Attn: Lowry Bridge PAC  
2205 California St NE #107  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Or by email to:  
[bnabottineau@bottineauneighborhood.org](mailto:bnabottineau@bottineauneighborhood.org)



1890 Lowry Bridge

Minnesota Historical Society, Photographer:  
Michael Nowack



## Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are again available to neighborhood residents. This time it is Hennepin County making them available at reduced cost to all county residents.

**Where:** These low cost rain barrels can be purchased at Hennepin County's Drop-off Facility in Brooklyn Park, and are available only to Hennepin County residents on a first come, first serve basis.

**When:** Bins are available for purchase on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays during regular facility hours.

Visit Hennepin County's website for more information: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) and type 'rain barrels' in the search window or contact Hennepin County Environmental Services at: [DESMail@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:DESMail@co.hennepin.mn.us) or 612-348-3777.

## Gabby's Update

BNA received notice that an Administrative Law Judge hearing regarding Gabby's Saloon & Eatery originally scheduled for late July has been postponed to September.

Earlier this year, the City and Gabby's management were unable to reach agreement on actions and conditions on the establishment's liquor license. The City then requested the administrative hearing. This is like a mini-trial of sorts. Each side presents its case to a judge who then deliberates and issues an opinion supporting one side or the other or perhaps even some middle ground. This is not a public hearing so we will have to wait for the judge's decision which will probably be in late September or October, depending on when the hearing is rescheduled.

### Soccer and Football Registration

Fall youth football and soccer for boys and girls. Players must be 8 years old by September 1, 2007, and not turn 16 until after September 1, 2007. Practices begin in mid to late August, and the season runs through October. Games are on Saturdays and some evenings beginning around September 8th. Practice times are generally evenings Monday through Thursday. Players are provided a full uniform, and all uniforms must be returned at the end of the season.

Call the Bottineau Park at 612-370-4958 for more information on age groups, times and fees.



### Garden Parade

Community Gardeners invite one and all to come and celebrate the community building, beautification and local food blossoming at their community garden. Spend the day at your local community garden, or take yourself on a tour! Garden Works is again sponsoring this 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parade. There are 49 community gardens in Minneapolis and St. Paul that will be gladly welcoming visitors on:

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bottineau's own Mulberry Junction is one stop on the tour. For a map and additional details, please visit the Garden Works web site at:  
[www.gardenworksmn.org/index\\_2.htm](http://www.gardenworksmn.org/index_2.htm)

([minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org))

You may have noticed that work on this park has started. Completion is scheduled for this fall, weather and construction schedules permitting. Amenities include new picnic tables, benches, an overlook at the riverbank, pathways, a drinking fountain, and a gazebo. The parking lot will also be resurfaced. The park, which has been closed since 2004, will remain fenced off until construction is complete. Landscaping of the park, including new flowerbeds, will be done in spring 2008.

Gluek Park was closed in May 2004 because of ground contamination resulting from prior manufacturing in the area. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began remediation that year; however, federal emergencies delayed the project. Remediation, which finished in late fall 2006, included the removal of a two-foot layer of asbestos-contaminated soil, paths, tables, benches, the gazebo, shrubs, and trees; turf replacement; reduction in the steepness of the bank; and shoreline stabilization. The former well has also been sealed due to contamination unrelated to asbestos. The new drinking fountain replaces the well.

Fitol-Hintz Construction, Inc, based in St. Paul is doing the work.

### Bottineau NECP

BNA sponsored the creation of a Northeast Citizens Patrol (NECP) walking group. They have been at it for several months now and are slowly growing in size. They have been walking Monday evenings starting at 6:00 PM and meeting at Bottineau Park. However, with the recent growth, the walking group is reevaluating its walking schedule and will be changing nights. If you would like to join them or have any questions, please call the group leader at 612-708-3064.

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  
[minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.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)

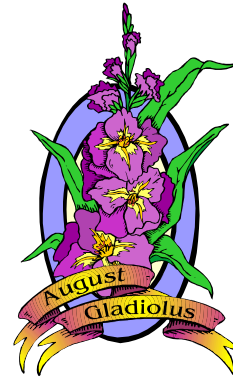
Eureka Recycling  
[twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://twincitiesfreemarket.org)

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

## Mark Your Calendars



- 8/18 Parade of Community Gardens  
10:00 – 2:00  
Mulberry Junction Community Garden  
(2300 California St)
- 8/21 Community Meeting  
Lowry Bridge Replacement  
5:30 PM  
North Regional Library  
(1315 Lowry Avenue North)
- 9/11 BNA Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
BNA Office (2205 California St)



**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.