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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Please Recycle

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The Three R's

with info from greenguardian.com

As this is the second in a series of environmentally focused articles, the three R's are Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Because the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County have excellent recycling programs where households can recycle paper, plastic, glass and more every other week with your normal garbage pick up and the county offers free drop off facilities for the some difficult to recycle items like consumer electronics and many household hazardous wastes. this article is going to focus on the other two R's, which while coming before Recycling do not often get as much attention.



Reduce

To Reduce is to prevent waste. By consuming and throwing away less, we can reduce the source of the waste. One of the best practices in reducing waste is knowing what to buy.

Choose less harmful ingredients.

- Choose products containing the least harmful ingredients in order to avoid disposal problems and reduce environmental impact.
- Reduce the number of cleaning products in your home by using one general-purpose cleaner or by making your own non-toxic cleaners with household products such as baking soda, lemon juice and vinegar.

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)

Gluek Park restoration and safety and security concerns.

Light refreshments provided

> 3 R's

Buy and bring reusable containers.

- Take a reusable coffee mug to work or school. Some coffee houses provide a discount per cup.
- Bring water and other beverages in reusable bottles when away from home.

Bring home goods, not packaging.

- Purchase products such as pasta, fruit, grains and nuts from self-serve bins. Use your own containers when possible. Purchase items such as dish soap and laundry detergents in concentrate forms
- Buy products made from recycled materials. Look for products labeled "post-consumer", "pre-consumer" or "recycled-content."

Phone

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Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
782-2145

3rd 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

Reuse

Reuse requires fewer resources, less energy, and less labor, compared to recycling, disposal, or the manufacture of new products from virgin materials. Reuse provides an excellent, environmentally-preferred alternative to other waste management methods, because it reduces air, water and land pollution, limits the need for new natural resources and increases the material well-being of our neighborhoods by taking useful products discarded by those who no longer want or need them and provide them to those who do.



There are numerous organizations that take donations of or purchase everything from used clothing to building materials to children's toys and everything in between. A quick glance through the 'consignment' section of the Yellow Pages provides over 50 different places that buy and sell a broad variety of items. Hennepin County also has an online 'Choose to Reuse Directory' that can help you find specific organizations and businesses that reuse, repair, rent, resell and accept donations in and around Hennepin County.

If you want to be even more in control of your reuse efforts, you can use other various online resources. One of these resources is the Twin Cities Free Market. Twin Cities Free Market is a listing service for residents who want to give or get free reusable goods for the home, garage and garden. Another popular resource is Craigslist. Craigslist is a listing service where you can find just about anything (housing, jobs, autos, events goods and services and much more).

See the boxed text on the next column for related article links.

3 R's Article Links

Hennepin County Choose to
Reuse Directory
www16.co.hennepin.mn.us/ceweb/Search.do

Twin Cities Free Market
www.twincitiesfreemarket.org/index.cfm

Craigslist: Minneapolis
www.minneapolis.craigslist.org

Volunteers Needed

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association will be coordinating its 3rd Annual **Earth Day / River Clean Up** later this spring. The date for 2007 is **Saturday, April 21st**. Because of the expanded nature of this year's event, we have a greater than ever need for volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities ranging from as little as 30 minutes (set-up and tear-down) to 5 hours (general event coordination). If you would like to help with this great neighborhood/NE/city-wide event contact BNA at 612-782-2145.

MN Energy Challenge Update

Congratulations are in order. There are now 88 neighborhoods participating in the MN energy Challenge. This is up from 79 last month. In the same time, the Bottineau neighborhood moved from 52nd place amongst all the neighborhoods to 5th and from 6th among the other 13 NE neighborhoods to 2nd (only behind Windom Park).

If you haven't signed up for this effort, there is still a lot of time. There are three simple steps:

1. Login to www.mnenergychallenge.org. You will need to provide some basic info about your household and energy use.
2. Take the challenge. You will create a customized action list and be able to assign your savings to a team (Bottineau has a team of five).
3. Learn about other programs and rebates available to reduce your energy use.

Gluek Park Renovation Update

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board held a community meeting on February 8th at Bottineau Park to discuss their plans for final renovation projects Gluek Park.

The proposed projects include a new and larger covered shelter with room for up to eight picnic tables, more trees, ornamental flowerbeds, places for public art, a new walkway that winds through the park, and a drinking fountain that is connected to the City water supply. The MPRB originally had proposed to cover the existing viewing area on the north end of the park with a grassy berm, but due to objection from those in attendance, this will remain uncovered. The MPRB also agreed to include panel or kiosk of some sort that will highlight the history of the site and the involvement of the Gluek family in the creation of the park.



One other issue that was brought up was park safety and security. Normally lighted parks, of which Gluek is one, are 'open' until 12AM. The MPRB agreed to set the lights to go out at 10PM which creates an earlier closing time and a set of circumstances that make enforcement of the closing time possible. Park Commissioner Dzeidzic volunteered the Park Police to attend the next Bottineau Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss their patrolling and enforcement plans for the park and to answer any other questions neighbors may have.

The Future of the Gazette (part II)

Last December, we informed you that the BNA Board of Directors was looking at the Bottineau Gazette as one area to cut costs because of reduced funding from CPED (Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development). In 2003, BNA received over \$8,800 from CPED for citizen participation projects. This includes the publication of the Gazette, rent, phone, some meeting related costs, insurance (required by the City), postage, and other similar costs. In 2007, BNA will receive just over \$3,100. The Board of Directors has been able to keep many costs steady and even lower in some instances. However, this reduction in funding will require some further cost cutting. For example, it currently costs BNA just over \$3,200 for the City required insurance and to produce and distribute the monthly Gazette.

A number of you wrote and called with suggestions.

The BNA Board proposes to 1) reduce the number of issues by two by combining the July/August and November/December issues (we currently do not hold neighborhood meetings in these months) and 2) to ask our volunteer newsletter deliverers to deliver the Gazette in one of the four winter months (we currently bulk mail the Gazette from November through February keep our volunteers from having to brave the cold, snow, and ice.)

The Board also proposes an annual 'capital giving' campaign of sorts. Later this spring you will be receiving a donation envelope tucked in your copy of the Gazette. We would appreciate any contribution you might wish to make. The Bottineau Neighborhood Association is organized as a non-profit charity under the 501(c)(3) IRS code and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
ci.minneapolis.mn.us

3rd Ward
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3

Inspections
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
pca.state.mn.us

Environmental Protection Agency
epa.gov

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition
mcnc-mpls.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
art-a-whirl.org

Neighborhood Revitalization Program
nrp.org

MN State Legislature
leg.state.mn

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Mark Your Calendars



- 2/22 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting (Gluek Park Restoration, Safety and Security)
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)
- 2/24 Mulberry Junction Community Garden Meeting
11:30 AM
BNA Office (2205 California St #107)
- 3/13 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM
BNA Office (2205 California St #107)



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

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.

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association through a grant from Community Planning and Economic Development publishes the Bottineau Gazette. For more information or for deadlines, please call 782-2145.