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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Community in a Garden

What makes a garden a 'community garden'? Is it the friendships, camaraderie and support networks formed between the gardeners? Or, is it the relationships between the gardeners and the larger community in which it is located? Or maybe some combination.

To help develop a stronger relationship between the garden and the larger community, the gardeners of the Mulberry Junction Community Garden worked with Korrin Lohman, a neighborhood resident, to design and build three new seats for the garden.



This was part of Korrin's senior project at Vesper College in Minneapolis.

The Mulberry gardeners invite everyone to come and use the benches to share in the enjoyment of the garden, strike up conversations about what are the best tomatoes, or just to give your feet a break during a walk. For those who may not even realize Bottineau has a community garden, it is located at 2300 California Street, just south of the grain elevators.

NOTICE

June Neighborhood Meeting

How to Host your Own National Night Out Block Party

Information about street closing, fun ideas, and financial resources available from BNA to help.

No meetings in July or August,
Next Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, September 28

National Night Out Planning

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association will not be holding a neighborhood wide National Night Out event this year. Instead we are encouraging individual blocks or groups of blocks to hold their own events. These smaller events are better for getting to know your neighbors and discussing issues that more immediately affect you.

To help promote block parties, BNA will provide the organizers of each block party with a NNO kit which includes plates, cups, utensils, napkins, etc for 50. We will also print invitations/flyers for your event. NNO block club organizers will also receive a 2008 Blue Sky Guide (\$20 value) as our way of saying thanks.

Please attend the next neighborhood meeting for more information and to sign up to be a NNO block party organizer.

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 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

2008 Neighborhood Walking Challenge in Full Stride

East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) reports that 18 NE teams are off and running...er...walking briskly, hoping to earn their neighborhood a 1st or 2nd place trophy in the third annual walking challenge! The goal for each club is to "virtually" walk the length of Route 66 equal to 4.9 million steps. Other benefits include becoming healthier, meeting neighbors and increasing the vibrancy and safety of our community.

Some treks you and your family may enjoy are walking to the NE farmer's market on Saturday mornings (7th and University) or the East Side Co-op (25th & Central)--bring a wagon for your healthy food purchases; or visiting all parks along the river from Marshall Terrace to Boom Island or even the "Xcel Water Power Park" across from Riverplace?

Thanks to our NE Libraries (Central Ave and Pierre Bottineau), a refreshing bottle of water is yours if you walk there and show them your green tracking log or your "Steps" pedometer. Plus you can also check out their fitness and nutrition resources.

So what are you waiting for? Join in anytime between May 1 and July 31. Contact Sheila at sbiernat@esns.org or 612-787-4020 for more information!

Foreclosure Rate Slowing and Some Help

Recent data from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the City of Minneapolis shows a decrease in the number of foreclosures in Minneapolis for the first four months of 2008 compared to the same period last year. The number is still fairly astonishing – 91 in the 3rd Ward during this period, four of those were in Bottineau.

While this is bad news, there is some good news to report. PRG, a local non-

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profit located at 2017 E. 38th St. has mortgage foreclosure counselors available to assist people who need advice about their mortgages. The counselors can help you understand your mortgage and provide tools to work with your lender if you are behind on your mortgage payments. The counseling is free, confidential and is available to anyone who is facing mortgage concerns. There is no lower or upper income limit. You can reach them at (612) 804-7025 or (612) 805-7756. Don't wait. The sooner you take action, the more options you have.



Another Day Another Bridge

The recent closing of the bridge across the Mississippi in Hastings shares more with the Lowry Bridge than just the body of water it crosses. This most recent bridge issue seems to be slowly shifting the attention of some of the powers that be away from the Lowry Bridge. The BNA Board encourages you to contact your elected officials to remind them how valuable the Lowry bridge is to not only the immediate community but also to local businesses, the City and County and the importance of building a replacement sooner than later. Local numbers are listed below:

US Senator Norm Coleman:
(651) 645-0323

US Senator Amy Klobuchar:
(612) 727-5220

US Congressman Keith Ellison:
(612) 522-1212

MN Senator Larry Pogemiller:
(651) 296-7809

MN Congresswoman Diane Loeffler:
(651) 296-4219

The Lowry Bridge carried more vehicles per day than the Hastings Bridge.

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Summer Series Skate Contest

35 youth took part in the second annual Summer Series Skate Contest held at Bottineau Park on Saturday, May 17th. There were three levels in the competition – beginner, intermediate, and expert. The tricks advanced as the competition increased from ollies to rail grinds to some big air tricks.

The event was presented by 3rd Lair Skatepark. Their "Summer Series" hosts events throughout the metro area. The top three finishers in each division won prize bags full of gear. The winners each received a new skate deck. The Bottineau skate park is a popular attraction everyday and has a reputation as one of the best free public parks in the Twin Cities because of its high quality concrete ramps. Hosting this Summer Series event provided even more exposure. About half the participants were from Minneapolis with others coming from as far away as Taylor's Falls. Home park advantage prevailed as all three division winners hailed from the Bottineau neighborhood.



Ice Cream Social

**Thursday, June 19th
6-8 PM**

Join us for games, entertainment and tasty ice cream at this fun kickoff to the summer. Karaoke, raffles, art & environmental projects for kids, games of skill and much more! Get some info on summer activities, field trips for kids and youth sports!

Free Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling

It seems Thomas Edison and his light bulb are on the way out. Compact fluorescent lights (CFL) are increasingly popular but have one small problem – about 5 milligrams of mercury. This makes them difficult to dispose of when they do burn out.

Many retailers would accept burnt out CFLs for a small fee. According to a story on WCCO (June 9, 2008), all Menards stores in Minnesota will now accept CFLs at no cost. All you need do is take your old bulbs to the customer service desk.

Red, White and Boom!

Friday, July 4, 2008

(from MPRB website)

What better place to celebrate the Fourth of July than along the Mississippi riverfront, historic Main Street and West River Parkway in downtown Minneapolis? "Red, White and Boom!" is an exciting afternoon and evening of amazing music, great food and activities for the whole family.

Events begin at 5 p.m. and highlights include a performance stage on West River Parkway, three stages of live music on historic Main Street, free family games and activities at Father Hennepin Bluffs Park, and the spectacular fireworks show at 10 p.m. Prime viewing areas are West River Parkway from the 8th Ave. bridge to 35W, Main Street from Central Ave. to 6th Ave. SE and the Stone Arch Bridge. The event also commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.



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
minneapolisparks.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
nemaa.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

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- 6/14 Flag Day
- 6/15 Father's Day
- 6/19 Bottineau Park Ice Cream Social
6-8 PM
- 6/26 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM, Eastside Neighborhood Services
1700 2nd Street NE
- 7/4 Independence Day

- 7/8 BNA Board Meeting
6:30 PM, BNA Office
2205 California Street, #107



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.

For more information or for deadlines,
please call 782-2145.

Community Events