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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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March 2006

## 2006 Home Improvement Program

Please attend the March 23<sup>rd</sup> neighborhood meeting to vote on an NRP Plan amendment to authorize \$100,000 for a 2006 home improvement program. This program will offer two types of loans depending on 2005 household income.

For households with greater than 120% of the Metropolitan median income (MMI), the program will offer matching loans for 50% of the project costs at 4% interest. For households with household income less than 120% and greater than 100% of MMI, the program will offer loans of up to 75% of the project cost at 4% interest. For households with income less than 100% of MMI, the program will offer a loan of up to 100% of the project cost. For those who can not qualify for these loans due to whatever reasons, might be eligible for deferred loans. Deferred loans are forgiven at 10%/year and have a 2% annual interest rate.



All loans will be due in full if title is transferred, conversion to contract for deed or if the original borrower no longer occupies or owns the property.

There are some additional guidelines that will be reviewed at the meeting. Please see a sample chart of MMI on page 2.

## NOTICE

### Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM at  
Eastside Neighborhood Services

**Guest: Debbie Woodward** re: efforts to create signage to identify and support the NE Arts District.

### 2006 Bottineau Home Improvement Program

Please join us for a review of the 2006 guidelines and to approve a \$100,000 allocation.

## Race: the Power of an Illusion

This is a three-hour series that questions the very idea of race as biology. Science now tells us that believing in biological race is no more sound than believing the sun revolves around the earth. If race is biological myth, where did the idea come from? And why should it matter today? This series was produced by California Newsreel in association with the Independent Television Service. You can find much more information at the companion website. The URL is: [www.pbs.org/race](http://www.pbs.org/race)

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association will be including facts about race in the issues of the *Gazette* for the remainder of the year. We are also considering convening several community meetings to view this series. If you are interested in learning more or helping with this, call the BNA office at 782-2145.

# 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

## Plant a Tree

Thousands of Minneapolis trees were toppled in 2005 because of storms and Dutch elm disease. To help fill the void, the City of Minneapolis has made 1,000 trees available to Minneapolis Residents for their yards – one per address.

Choose from four varieties of trees, oak, maple, serviceberry or spruce. Each one is about 6 feet high with a 1 1/4" trunk. The trees are available on a first come first served basis.

Applications are available from the Tree Trust web site: [www.treetrust.org](http://www.treetrust.org), or you can Call BNA at 782-2145 and leave your name and address and we can mail you a copy.

Tree pick up dates are:  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Xcel Energy Riverside Plant, 3100 Marshall Street and  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** at Jenny Lind School, 900 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Free workshops are available for residents to learn more about how to plant a tree the right way, how to care for it and how to be your tree's first responder! Learn how to identify insect and disease problems, hazardous trees and other tree health issues.

Workshop dates are:  
**Tuesday, April 4**, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Northeast Bank, 77 NE Broadway and  
**Saturday, April 8**, 10:00 – 12:00 at the Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway.

For more information contact Lorrie Stromme, City of Minneapolis, 673-2003 or Mimi Hottinger, Tree Trust, 651-644-5800.

## NE Arts District Signs

BNA welcomes Debby Woodward, member of the Arts Action Plan Committee, to our next neighborhood meeting on, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Debby is the Manager of the Northrup King Building which currently houses 150 artists. She will be presenting the

## > Arts District

current efforts of creating a brand, and supporting signage that will market the NE Arts District. The committee is looking for community input for identity and style. Please join us to hear how these exciting ideas could impact our neighborhood!

## Earth Day – River Clean Up

BNA will hold its Second Annual Earth Day/River Clean Up on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Edgewater Park (Lowry & Marshall) from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please join us for breakfast before we start the clean up. After the clean up we will serve lunch, have a Master Gardener on site to answer your gardening questions, an educational display from the Minnesota Science Museum, live entertainment, and more. The day will end with a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Edgewater Park itself, complete with dignitaries.

**Race is a modern idea.** Ancient societies, like the Greeks, did not divide people according to physical differences, but according to religion, status, class, or even language. The English word "race" turns up for the first time in a 1508 poem by William Dunbar referring to a line of kings.

## > MMI from page 1

The chart below shows different income levels for a family of three and five. Adjust upwards or downwards for your particular situation. Detailed tables will be available at the meeting.

### Family Size = 3

120% of MMI	\$83,160
100% of MMI	\$69,300
60% of MMI	\$41,580

### Family Size = 5

120% of MMI	\$99,840
100% of MMI	\$83,200
60% of MMI	\$49,920

A full copy of the proposed guidelines can be found on the BNA website: [www.bottineaneighborhood.org](http://www.bottineaneighborhood.org)

By Nelson Evenrud

Bottineau received a \$2500 grant from H.Y.P.E. (Helping Youth Promote Empowerment) Council of the Mpls. Public Schools- Community Education Dept. to provide safety equipment, skateboards and extra supervision for the skate park in the 2006 season. We hope this will make the new amenity a more fun and safe environment for everyone. It will allow youth who may not otherwise be able to use it the opportunity to do so.

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** has been set as the date for the grand opening of the skate park and grand (re)opening of the entire park now that all the landscaping and repairs have been completed. Please join us from Noon to 2:00 PM for food, skating demonstrations and a chance to try out the new equipment yourself.

### **Nature Babies- Backyard Buddies** (ages 3 & under)

Come with your little one to play, sing and have fun with nature themed activities. Each day will have a different theme including Furry Friends, Snakes, Beavers and Birds. Join the spring fun with your child. For kids up to age 3 with an adult.

Time: 11:00am-12:00 pm  
Dates: Fridays April 7- 28<sup>th</sup>  
Costs: \$7/ four week session

### **Eggs-Stravaganza** (ages 3-5)

What comes first, the creature or the egg? Can you name all of the creatures in Minnesota that come from eggs? We'll play with fish, frogs, birds, and reptiles. Hop like frogs, swim like fish, fly like birds, and squirm like reptiles. Celebrate spring with us in this active program! A great way for your kindergarten age or younger child to socialize! Please pre-register.

Time: 12:00-1:00 pm  
Dates: Thursdays May 11- June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cost: Free

### **Piano Lessons** (ages 6 & up)

In these lessons, youth will learn note recognition, basic rhythm and timing and more. Kids will also gain the ability to learn songs of their choice, which suit their level of ability. Lessons can be tailored for youth with musical experience as well.

Times: 20 Minute Lessons between 4:00-5:00 pm (you will schedule actual times at desk)

Dates: Tuesdays April 11- May 23

Cost: \$5/ Lesson or \$30 for block of seven

### **Annual Bunny Brunch!** (all ages)

Come to Bottineau for an early afternoon brunch followed by an egg-hunt around the park. Have fun with the whole family and get to know your neighbors too!

Time: 11:30 am -1:30 pm  
Date: Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: Free



## Mulberry Junction Community Garden

Feel Like Gardening This Summer? The Mulberry Junction Community Garden, has open plots for Bottineau residents. Dig in the dirt, swap seeds, and meet neighbors. Garden fees are \$10 or \$20 depending on the size of the garden plot. For more info or to reserve a plot, call Terri at 612-789-5113.

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



- 3/14 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM  
BNA Office (2205 California #107)
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/23 BNA Neighborhood Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Eastside Neighborhood Services
- 4/11 BNA Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 PM  
BNA Office (2205 California #107)

4/22 Earth Day River Clean Up  
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Edgewater Park



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