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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Please Recycle

March 2007

Recycling Rain Water Or Roll out the Barrel

Info from Minneapolis website

Bad pun aside, did you know that a moderate storm that dumps 1" of rain produces about 600 gallons of runoff from a roof surface of 1,000 square feet? Imagine the number of rooftops in the neighborhood and you can quickly see how much runoff is headed toward the storm drains, picking up pollutants common in urban areas along the way, and headed toward our lakes, streams and rivers. Rain barrels are one way of trapping some of this runoff. They are not only ecologically responsible, but they also help conserve water.



The City of Minneapolis has received a \$100,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to provide 2,000 rain barrels at a reduced cost to Minneapolis households.

Rain barrels function as a small cistern, trapping and storing water from rooftops during a rain storm. These barrels are equipped with a spigot that connects to a standard garden hose, and by storing water for later use, help to protect our lakes and streams while providing irrigation for lawns and gardens.

Rain Barrels on next column >

NOTICE

Neighborhood Meeting

- Gluek Park Restoration Update -
- Lowry Avenue Bridge Replacement -
- Mulberry Junction Community Garden -

Thursday, March 22nd
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)

Light refreshments provided

> Rain Barrels

Rain barrels will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning in April, 2007. Due to availability, sales will be limited to one per household.

More details are forthcoming and we encourage you to call the City at 311 for further information in the coming weeks.

A quick search shows a wide variety of styles and costs for rain barrels from a simple plastic 55-gallon barrel for about \$100 to an iron bound, oak whiskey barrel for about \$300. This should be the only cost involved as the City does not require a permit for installing rain barrels. The web address for the City's rain barrel page is:

ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cso/rain-barrel.asp

Phone

Earth Day 2007

Volunteers Needed

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

A little over a month away, this year's festivities are fast approaching.

**Earth Day 2007
River / Watershed Clean Up
Saturday, April 21st
9:00 AM
Gluek Park**
(actually in the parking lot across the street)

Join your neighbors and others from throughout NE and the City in the 3rd Annual Bottineau Neighborhood Association Earth Day event. The day's event schedule looks like this so far:

9:00 AM

- 5K Run/Walk (family friendly event)

10:00

- Breakfast
- River/Watershed Clean Up (gloves and bags provided)
- Environmental Displays
- Kid friendly activities

12:00 Noon

- Lunch
- Live Music
- MN Raptor Center Program

1:30

- Community wild-flower garden planting
- Edgewater Park Grand Opening

Registration for the 5K is required and we strongly urge you to do this early. You can register online or download a registration fromonline at:

bottineaneighborhood.org/earthday07.html

The 5K fee is \$15.00 (plus a small processing fee if you register online) and youth under 18 participate free. Proceeds benefit the Bottineau Neighborhood Association's environmental programs and future Earth Day events.

The rest of the day – the clean up, refreshments, music and the rest – are on us (and our many sponsors).

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

In the last month, three more neighborhoods have started participating for a total of 91. Bottineau has fallen from 5th to 25th overall, but still ranks 2nd among the other NE neighborhoods (again behind Windom Park).

Signing up is easy. There are three simple steps. Login to:

mnenergychallenge.org

Arts District Signs

The arts community has been growing in NE for many years. Art-a-Whirl has become one of the areas major arts events and many locally and nationally known artists live and work here. But, there is still somewhat of a lack of recognition of the NE Minneapolis Arts District. To help build this identity, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association Board of Directors has approved the use of up to \$4,500 of NRP funds in a multi-neighborhood effort to produce and install arts district signs and a few kiosks to help identify the district and provide more information on what arts and artists are nearby.

We have high hopes that the signs will be up in time for Art-a-Whirl this year (May 18-20).

Preschool/Kindergarten

Tiny Tots

This bi-weekly group gives parents a chance to have some free time during the week and kids a chance to make new friends while having a great chance to work with environmental programs, arts and crafts projects, games, music and more!

Children

Youth Indoor Soccer

Come down to our beautiful field house and practice your soccer this spring! We'll have skill building exercises as well as games, and we will move outside when the weather permits. Great off-season training! Ages 10 & under from 1-2 pm, 11 & older 2-3 pm.

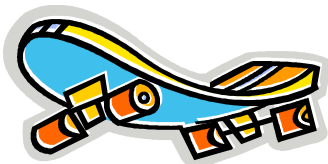


Children/Teens

Skateboard Checkout Program

Come enjoy our new skatepark-even if you have no skateboard or safety equipment! We will have a limited amount of both available for checkout from the park, participants must have a parent or guardian fill out a registration form and return to park. Special thanks to the H.Y.P.E. council of Minneapolis Public Schools Community Education Department!

Call Bottineau Park at 612-370-4958 for more information about starting dates, times, and fees.



The second Hotdish Revolution, April of 2006, was truly memorable. Residents of Holland, Sheridan, Bottineau, Audubon Park, and St. Anthony West brought their best. The competition was heated and good-hearted, and the judges met the challenge. 'Official' crowd estimates put the total number attending at close to 150.

This year, a panel of 'celebrities' will select the Top Dish in each category. They will also crown one lucky winner as this year's HotDish royal, and that winner's neighborhood will take the honor as champion. Those who attend will select the People's Choice awards in each category by voting with their forks during dinner. Dishes will be entered into one of the following categories:

- **"Spicy"** (in quotes as to not exclude those who firmly believe salt and pepper **are** spicy)
- **Vegetarian**
- **Tater tot** excellence
- **"I made it"** - kids under 16
- **Darn Good!** (if your dish doesn't fit in another category)

We will also award prizes for the hotdish with the best name, and the for the most original - think of it like a Miss Congeniality, most-likely-to-succeed deal.

Of course you don't need to enter a dish to attend, come for the food, fun, and entertainment. **Suggested donation is \$5 if you enter a dish, or \$10 for adults, kids age 5-15 are \$5, and kids under age 5 are free.** Doors open at 5:00pm for entries, entertainment starts at 5:30pm, then it's dinner at 6:00pm until it's all gone and the accordion player can't take anymore!

If you think you make the best hotdish quit bragging and bring it on—the third annual clash of the NE kitchen titans takes place April 21 at the Firefighters Hall & Museum. For more information call 612-781-2299.

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
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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



- 3/22 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting (Gluek Park Restoration, Lowry Bridge, Mulberry Junction Community Garden)
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)
- 3/31 Mawlid al-Nabi
- 4/3 Passover Begins
- 4/8 Easter Sunday

- 4/10 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM
BNA Office (2205 California St #107)
- 4/21 Earth Day River / Watershed Clean Up And 5K
9:00 AM
Gluek Park (see article inside)
- 4/21 3rd Annual Hotdish Revolution
(see Article inside)
- 4/26 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd Street NE)

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.