



bottineau
neighborhood association

BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

A Publication of the Bottineau Neighborhood Association
2205 California Street #107 • Minneapolis, MN • 55418
612.782.2145 • bna@bottineauneighborhood.org

In This Issue

Earth Day 2008 1

NE Child Development Center Openings 1

Phone Numbers 2

The Green Gala 2

Rain Garden Workshop 2

Bottineau Park News 3

Bicycling Improvements in NE? 3

Websites 3

Bottineau Neighborhood Association

- Board of Directors:
- Daniel Wovcha
 - Tim Kremer
 - Aaron Neupporte
 - David Salmela
 - Noelle Neupporte
 - Mariam Slayhi
 - Matt Ruby



Please Recycle
March
2008

Earth Day 2008

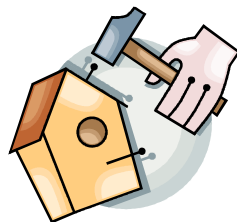
Now that it's finally Spring (or at least that's the way it feels every other day or so). The Bottineau Neighborhood Association is happy to announce the coming of our annual Earth Day Event.

Saturday, April 19th Gluek Park

Like last year, the day begins early with a timed, **family friendly 5K Run/Walk** down Marshall Street, across the Mississippi twice and back. Registration for the 5K is required and costs only \$15. Those 17 and under participate free. You can register online or download a form from our website: www.bottineauneighborhood.org

The 5K is being generously supported this year by the Sample Room.

Then feel free to join us for a light breakfast before heading out on a clean up mission. We provide gloves and trash bags. Just remember to dress for the weather (whatever it may be).



Before, during or after the clean up come check out programs from the **Science Museum of MN, Naturalists, build a bird house**, and of course get up close and personal with birds of prey from the **MN Raptor Center**.

NOTICE

March Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, March 27th
7:00 PM

Eastside Neighborhood Services

- 2008 Walking Challenge
- Councilwoman Hofstede: updates on several neighborhood properties and bike improvements

Next Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, April 24th

Northeast Child Development Center Openings

The Northeast Child Development Center at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd Street) has immediate openings for children 6 weeks to age 5 in a full day, full-year setting, promoting the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development of children. Screenings, assessments, advocacy and referrals support children and their family to succeed. The program is licensed and Nationally Accredited and is one of 10 Strong Beginnings Centers in Hennepin County.

Call (612) 787-4048 or (612) 781-6011 for more information and to inquire about enrolling.

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

> Earth Day

One new thing this year we are happy to be able to offer is a **FREE residential consumer electronics drop site**. Here's your chance to get rid of any old TVs, computer monitors, cell phones or other electronic waste you may have lying around. (No appliances please.) This service is being provided by OceanTech, a State licensed electronic recycler.

We will close the morning with the official **Grand re-Opening of Gluek Park**. Join us, elected officials and Gluek Family members for a ribbon cutting and cake.

The Green Gala

In keeping with the environmental theme of the day, the Bottineau Neighborhood Association invites one and all to our first Green Gala – a fashion show featuring recycled fabrics, textile art, reused fashions and hand made 'fair trade' clothing.

Saturday, April 19th
7-10 pm

Northrup King Bldg. 3rd Floor Gallery
(1500 Jackson St NE)

Come see textile art and clothing from:

Janet Groenert
Tatters

Heidi Henderson
Foat Design
Global Mamas

Rewind
Carole Bruns

Lula
Silver Angel
and more

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks for the whole family will be available. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ages 12 and under are free. Order tickets online from BNA or from many of the places listed above.

www.bottineaneighborhood.org

We'd like to thank Chowgirls (killer catering) for their sponsorship. Proceeds from the event benefit the Bottineau neighborhood Association.

Rain Garden Educational Workshop

Learn how to install a rain garden using native plants that don't require fertilizers or pesticides, and whose long roots help draw the water deep into the soil. Rusty Schmidt, a Minneapolis landscape ecologist, is the key presenter. He has designed and maintained a wide range of alternative stormwater treatment systems including rain gardens, bioretention areas, and constructed wetlands in urban environments including Minneapolis, Ohio, Seattle and Kansas City. With Dan Shaw, he's authored *Plants for Stormwater Design*, and the *Blue Thumb Guide to Rain gardens*.

Workshops are offered in sixteen locations throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Each workshop introduces a description of a watershed; information on nonpoint source pollution solutions; residential rain garden design; the sizing and siting of rain gardens in the landscape; the principles and practice of downspout redirection; the use of rain barrels; the uses of native plants, trees and shrubs; lawn care that doesn't pollute.

The nearest location and date for Bottineau residents is:

Thursday, April 10th
Logan Park Community Center
690 13th Avenue NE

Participants receive a **free packet of support materials** explaining the details of how to install rain gardens, where to find native plants, and more. In addition, for participants that want to install a rain garden, a set of **simple and specific assignments** are included to help you plan your own rain garden. You may register online for the Rain Garden Educational Workshop with a VISA or Mastercard. The Fee is \$10. For more information or to register online see:

www.metroblooms.org/workshops.php

Here is just a sampling of programs available at Bottineau Park.

Summer Rec Plus Childcare – Registration begins March 18!

This low cost summer care program offers fun, enriching recreation opportunities for kids ages 6-12 in a safe, supervised environment while out of school. Rec Plus is the perfect solution for today's busy parents. Field trips are twice a week at an additional cost. Swimming lessons will be provided. Costs \$128/week plus trip fees. You must register in person.



Spring Sports

Bottineau Park is offering T-ball, Four Pitch, Baseball, Softball and Track & Field. Details about specific teams and age divisions are available by calling 612-370-4958 or online at www.minneapolisparcs.org

Summer Program Registration

begins April 19th at 9:00am for all Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board programs and sites. Registration is available in person or online at www.minneapolisparcs.org

Call **Bottineau Park** at **(612) 349-4958** with any questions.



Many of you might remember from the turn of the century about plans being developed by several Northeast neighborhoods and the City of Minneapolis to utilize abandoned rail road and street right of way where 18th Avenue is to build a multi use pedestrian and commuter path that would run from the Mississippi east to the City limits and provide additional access to the Quarry Shopping Center and the NE Diagonal Trail (now already built).

We all know it takes some time to put these things together and come up with the funding. However, this project was promised and even included for several years in the City's capital improvement plan for implementation in 2008. Somehow this project has now been pushed back to 2010. The explanations are many, but after nearly eight years of planning and fundraising, why another two year delay?

Further, thanks to Congressman Jim Oberstar, the Twin Cities received over \$7 million dollars last summer for many bicycling improvements including 22nd Avenue NE - a 2.21 mile bicycle boulevard will have 25 mph speed limits, "no passing cyclists" signage, special pavement markings, non-permanent traffic diverters, fewer stops, speed bumps, and improved crossings at busy streets. The project is expected to raise the profile of bicycling among Northeast residents, exponentially increasing bicycle use. The question is how many people have even heard about this and where is this project in terms of being built if the funding is already there?

To top it all off, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has been working hard the last couple years on filling in the 'missing link' on the Grand Rounds - in where else? Northeast. The Grand Rounds is a plan that is 125 years old. (Minneapolis is only 150 years old this year)

Let's hope we don't have to wait another century before these improvements are made.

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



3/27 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services

4/8 BNA Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM
2205 California St #107

4/13 Hot Dish Revolution
4:00 PM for entries, 5:00 PM for eats
Crescent Moon Banquet Hall
2339 Central Avenue
(call 612-781-2299 for more info)

4/19 Earth Day 5K and Watershed Clean Up
9:00 AM
Gluek Park (1926 Marshall St NE)
(see article inside)

4/24 Bottineau Neighborhood Meeting
7:00 PM
Eastside Neighborhood Services



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.