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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Bottineau Neighborhood Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park

*Friday August 15 6:00 to 10:00 PM  
at Bottineau Park*



*Come and enjoy a night out with family, friends and neighbors*

BNA and Bottineau Park are co-sponsoring Bottineau's annual Ice Cream Social, and this year it includes a showing of the movie "How to Train Your Dragon" beginning at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on, and don't forget the bug spray!

In addition to the movie, the Ice Cream Social will also feature a DJ, bouncy gyms, face painting, children's games and lots of good food: Bottineau Neighborhood Association will provide veggies and dip while the MPRB is supplying hotdogs, chips, ice cream, lemonade and popcorn.

This event is FREE and open to all, so help us put the U in commUnity: bring yourself, bring your family, bring your friends!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MOVIE IN THE PARK

**Where:** Bottineau Park

**When:** Aug 15, 6-10 p.m.

**Who:** YOU!

**Why?** Because it's FREE and it's FUN!

## Masterpieces of Polish Cinema

*August 8-31 at St. Anthony Main Theatre, 115 Main Street SE*

Presented by **Pacim**, and screening in partnership with the **Twin Cities Polish Film Festival**, this is a screening series of restored classic Polish films touring the U.S. and Canada, which first premiered at the Film Society of Lincoln Center in New York in February 2014.

Organized and curated by Martin Scorsese, one of the most respected filmmakers in the world, the series is the largest presentation of restored Polish cinema to date. For more information:

<http://mspfilm.org/films-and-events/martin-scorsese-presents-masterpieces-of-polish-cinema/>.

## Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

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Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember  
Frey  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Higgins  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
Wielinski  
230-6443

Bottineau Park  
370-4958

Family Violence,  
Domestic Abuse, Child  
Abuse  
673-3072

Housing Inspections  
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood  
Services (ESNS)  
781-6011

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

## Park Maintenance Building on the River



1720 Marshall St NE

Addressing the primary topic at Bottineau Neighborhood Association's quarterly community meeting on July 24, Clifton Swenson, the Park Board's Director of Design and Project Management, met with Bottineau residents and business owners at East Side Neighborhood Services about the proposed Michael P. Schmidt maintenance building located at **1720 Marshall St NE**. Important issues were raised, and Swenson did his best to thoroughly answer every question. A vigorous discussion ensued.

Here is what we learned.

The largest concern voiced was the \$4 million price tag for retrofitting a building that will eventually be torn down for park land along the river in accordance with the Above the Falls Master plan. Residents questioned whether these funds should be used to take care of existing park needs. At least \$800,000 of that total will be spent to make a U shaped trail around the building and along the river for recreational use and a public River overlook.

When asked how long the building will be used, Swenson suggested at least 20 years, as the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will most likely take out a loan to retrofit the structure to improve the parking lot for maintenance vehicles. In addition, a swale for water remediation from the parking lot will be created to prevent

vehicle pollutants from contaminating the River. Soil samples revealed lead and arsenic contamination, but that soil will not be removed as recreational use only requires that MPRB cover the soil with two (2) feet of clean fill.

Public bathrooms in the building are shown on the plans but will not be built in phase one of the project.

The loss of valet parking for Psycho Suzie's caused a stir because Bottineau Neighborhood—especially on Marshall Street NE—has become a de facto parking lot every day from 4 PM to 2 AM. The legality of terminating Psycho Suzie's lease for the parking lot continues to be questioned.

The personal vehicles of Park maintenance staff will not add to rush hour traffic as their shift change occurs between 2:00 and 2:30 PM daily. But Park work vehicles and trucks will travel in and out of the site as needed between 6 AM and 9 PM. Residents are concerned this will cause traffic accidents and delays.

Serious issues about crime and safety at the site were also raised. The trail area and adjoining overlook cannot be seen from Marshall Ave, and transients are known to live down by the River at a railroad bridge south of the proposed site. Unfortunately, there are no residential dwellings in the immediate vicinity of this area, so there will also be no residents nearby to hear calls for help.

Swenson explained that a new facility is absolutely necessary, and if the MPRB didn't build it here, they would have to build it somewhere else at a much higher cost. A public hearing for this project, which had been scheduled for July 16, has been rescheduled for August 20.

## Twin Cities Polish Festival

Friday, August 8, 5–10 pm

Saturday, August 9, 10 am–10 pm

Sunday, August 10, 11 am–5 pm

The Twin Cities Polish Festival is a non-profit organization created to bring a world-class celebration of Polish culture and heritage to the Twin Cities. It also helps promote various community-service and Polish-American organizations. The Twin Cities Polish Festival will immerse Minnesotans and visitors in “all things Polish,” presenting a kaleidoscope of unique cultural and educational displays, food and top-notch entertainment. Bring a blanket, take a seat on the lawn along **historic Main Street in Minneapolis** (St. Anthony Main), visit with friends, watch outstanding musical and dance entertainment, enjoy traditional foods and beverages, and just simply have fun! You’ll see for yourself why Poland has earned itself the reputation as one of the World’s most hospitable cultures. For more information: <http://www.tcpolishfestival.org>

## Above the Falls

### Destination Maps

The Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership has coordinated with Minnehaha Media (a division of Hedberg Maps) to produce the Mississippi River Map—**Above the Falls Destinations**—a complete map and resource guide to the river and surrounding neighborhoods from the I-694 bridge in Fridley down to the Stone Arch Bridge in Downtown Minneapolis.

Explore the rich cultural and industrial history of Minneapolis’ birthplace on the river and the

neighborhoods (like Bottineau) that grew around it. Venture into the natural areas, parks and trails that straddle the river just north of downtown. Dine and relax at dozens of bars and restaurants in the neighborhoods of the North Loop, Northeast and North Minneapolis.

All paths lead to the river, and it’s time to rediscover the Mississippi! These maps are 12” x 18”, full-color (folded to pocket-sized), FREE and available at Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership events, their sponsors, select retail, restaurants and coffee shops, parks and recreation centers, schools, neighborhood and community centers throughout Downtown, North and Northeast Minneapolis and throughout the Twin Cities — over 80 locations. For more information: [http://www.minnehahamedia.com/gw/missriver\\_mpls\\_upper/index.html](http://www.minnehahamedia.com/gw/missriver_mpls_upper/index.html).

## Mississippi River Field Guide

Friends of the Mississippi River’s *Mississippi River Field Guide* gathers historical fact and folklore, information about ecology, natural history and industry, and tips for the river explorer or recreational user. Browse this site for interesting and fun facts about the Twin Cities area or use it as a guide for your own river adventure. For more information: <http://fieldguide.fmr.org>

## Minneapolis Bicycling Maps

The City of Minneapolis now has a great map available online that includes extensive information of interest to bicyclists, including bike trails and points of interest:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/maps/pan/index.htm>.

## Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association  
[bottineauneighborhood.org](http://bottineauneighborhood.org)

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

Hennepin County  
[co.hennepin.mn.us](http://co.hennepin.mn.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nema.org](http://nema.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

MN State Legislature  
[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Eureka Recycling  
[twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://twincitiesfreemarket.org)

Federal Trade Commission  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

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## Mark Your Calendars



There will be **NO** BNA Board Meeting in the month of August this year

8/15 Ice Cream Social & Movie in the Park from 6-10 p.m. at Bottineau Park

**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.

### ***In History***

August 7, 1904 – African American statesman and Nobel Prize recipient Ralph J. Bunche (1904-1971) was born in Detroit, Michigan. In 1949, as a mediator for the United Nations, he helped bring an end to hostilities in the war between Israel and the Arab League.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous I Have a Dream speech.

August 31, 1980 - Solidarity, the Polish trade union, was formed at Gdansk, Poland. Outlawed in 1981, Solidarity was re-legalized 7 years later, and the government then agreed to hold partially free parliamentary elections.