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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Neighborhood Awarded MWMO Grant

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) recently awarded a \$3000 grant to BNA and the Northeast RiverKeepers for a pilot project on the Sample Room’s shoreline embankment and on Heron Island. The project’s task is to remove buckthorn and re-establish native species habitat. In addition, project participants will use two different treatments for eradicating buckthorn—on side by side halves of the Sample Room site—that will allow MWMO to determine which treatment works best. Flood Plain Collective, a landscape architectural firm owned and operated in our neighborhood by Bottineau residents, will advise the group regarding native plant purchases and installation.

Additionally, volunteers will work with the Mississippi River Fund and MPRB to plant cottonwood whips in North Mississippi Regional Park. This experiment to re-establish native cottonwood trees is being closely watched and evaluated. Currently, no cottonwood trees of less than 6 inches in diameter are surviving on the islands or on the banks of the river in our upper pool. Something is preventing these seedlings from establishing themselves. Like the canary in the coal mine, native cottonwoods tell a tale of the river’s health.

Why are cottonwood trees so important? Because their roots

Community Connections non-Conference

Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm

Minneapolis Convention Center
(2nd Floor)

Creative Engagement and Action
using Arts and Placemaking

(Free lunch, too!)


communityconnections conference

provide badly needed shoreline stability and their branches provide habitat. For instance, bald eagles need cottonwoods for hunting and nesting, while otters play in the roots. (Yes, we have otters right here in Bottineau.)

The grant kick-off date will coincide with our annual River and Neighborhood Clean-up, scheduled for **9:00 AM on April 18th at Gluek Park**. Won’t you join us? To volunteer go to the BNA website and sign up (look for “Volunteer” on the menu bar) or call the office at 612-367-7262 and leave a message.



Bottineau is Home

Police, Fire and Medical
Emergency:
911

Minneapolis City Info:
311

Bottineau Neighborhood
Association
367-7262

3rd 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

*Homeowners and renters alike make
Bottineau Neighborhood home.*

Homeline is the new tenant advocacy group that helps renters with landlord issues. If you need legal advice about a lease or if you can't get your landlord to make repairs visit their website at <https://homelinemn.org/e-mail-an-attorney/> or call: 612-728-5767. Also the BNA office has a copy of the manual "How to be the Smartest Renter on Your Block" available for loan to interested residents. Call the BNA office and leave a message if you want to read this book or would like to attend a free renter's rights workshop.

Need Help with Home Repairs?

Is your home in need of repairs but you can't afford the cost? Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity has a home repair and restoration program called **A Brush With Kindness** (ABWK).

A Brush with Kindness helps homeowners with painting, repairs or critical health and safety issues. Their program works in partnership with municipalities and agencies in the Twin Cities to help struggling homeowners remain living in a safe, healthy home.

In 2014, they served 130 families in the Twin Cities, many of whom live in the inner cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. This past year ABWK moved their offices/warehouse to NE Minneapolis and would love to do more work in their new "backyard" of Northeast neighborhoods.

Their typical home improvement projects include exterior painting and minor repairs to siding, porches/decks and windows. Their interior projects include painting, minor patching and some flooring work. They also do a few larger projects as well as some

accessibility work (including roofing, ramps, and railings) as well as some electrical and plumbing work.

Requirements to qualify for the program include filling out an application, having an income below 60% AMI (Area Median Income), having a significant repair need, and, if capable, a willingness to work alongside project volunteers.

Don't know if your income is below 60% AMI? Here is what the income guidelines were in 2014 (established by HUD and subject to change in 2015):

Household size – Max Combined Household Income Accepted

- 1 - \$34,860
- 2 - \$39,840
- 3 - \$44,820
- 4 - \$49,740
- 5 - \$53,760
- 6 - \$57,720
- 7 - \$61,680
- >7 - \$65,700

If this is something that fits your needs and you want to apply, simply call the program office (612-788-8169) or visit their website at www.tchabitat.org/abwk to get more information, apply online or download an application.

Home Ownership Assistance

Have you given up on the idea of ever owning your own home? Homeownership may still be possible. The **City of Lakes Community Land Trust** (CLCLT) makes those dreams come true with new homeowner down payment assistance and fix-up costs associated with purchase of homes in Minneapolis. You could find a home

right here in Bottineau that CLCLT will make affordable for you. Say you qualify for a \$150,000 loan but the house you want is \$210,000—CLCLT has down payment assistance up to \$60,000 dollars for residents who qualify. This is not a joke, and BNA will be sponsoring a new homeowner workshop in May with the CLCLT.

Coming soon: A neighborhood grant program to help homeowners make repairs sponsored by BNA and the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC). Look in next month's Gazette for details.

Neighborhood Parks & Neighborhood Needs

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) is beginning a new planning project called **RecQuest** with the following goals:

- To better assess community recreation needs
- To engage MPRB staff and the community in a collaborative process to determine how the MPRB can best serve current and projected park and recreation needs of communities
- To provide a vision for the next generation of recreation center programs and facilities
- To compile, create, analyze, and illustrate city-wide recreation center facility (size, amenities, etc.), use, and program data
- To outline guiding principles for management and operations of facilities and programs
- To articulate a 25-30 year investment strategy

Community engagement around this project is expected to begin in late winter/early spring 2015.

BNA Funds Indoor Walking Program

Every Tuesday from 1-3 PM at Bottineau Park, walkers meet to do laps on the cushioned walking track in the Bottineau gymnasium. 18 laps equal one mile, but when you walk with other friendly people, the miles fly by. Give it a try. Build your endurance and make new friends. But do it soon—the program ends on May 31.

NortheastRIDE:

Cultivate Art & Community

The 4th annual **NERIDE**—a guided bicycle tour of all 14 Northeast neighborhoods—will be held on **Saturday, June 13, from 10 to Noon**. This year's theme is "Cultivate Art & Community." Stops include Bottineau Park where volunteers will hand out "bling" to all bikers.

The **Northeast Community Development Corporation** (NECDC) sponsors the ride every year with support from area businesses including, this year, 25 volunteers from **Dangerous Man** who will assist the **NERIDE** team. The ride will begin at Beltrami Park then finish (once again) at **Indeed Brewery** for an after party, door prizes and music by the bicycle-powered band **Eclectic Ensemble** (volunteers ride stationary bikes to generate electricity to power the amps). Fun and fitness from beginning to end!

All ages are welcome to participate in this safe, fun-filled family event. The cost is \$20 for adults, free for children 12 and under. To register, go to: www.northeastride.org/rides/



Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
co.hennepin.mn.us

Park Board
minneapolisparcs.org

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us

Public Education NE
publicedne.blogspot.com

Friends of the Mississippi
fmr.org

NE Minneapolis Arts Association
nema.org

Northeast Investment Cooperative
neic.coop

MN State Legislature
www.leg.state.mn.us

Minneapolis Crime Alerts
www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert

Eureka Recycling
twincitiesfreemarket.org

Federal Trade Commission
www.ftc.gov

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

Mark Your Calendars



- 3/21 Community Connections Conference
Minneapolis Convention Center
- 4/14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/18 River & Neighborhood Clean-up
Meet at Gluek Park, 9 a.m.
- 6/13 NERIDE, 10 a.m. until Noon
Begins at Beltrami Park

In History

- March 1, 1961 – President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization that sends young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic needs.
- March 6, 1475 – Birthdate of Michelangelo, painter, sculptor and architect, best known for his iconic fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.
- March 31, 1933 – The Civilian Conservation Corps (better known as the CCC) was established by President Franklin Roosevelt, putting unemployed men and youths to work in national parks and forests during the Great Depression.

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.