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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Neighborhood and River Clean-up

On Saturday, April 18, over 60 volunteers showed up to clean Bottineau’s river banks, parks, alleys and streets. On the same day, Mulberry Junction Community Garden also held *their* first garden clean-up event of the season and BNA’s crew helped them out by picking up some old tires that had been illegally dumped in the garden—just as we had throughout the neighborhood where residents were encouraged to put their old tires out for LEGAL disposal.



Among our volunteers were 30 helpers from Dangerous Man Brewery. Thank you, Dangerous Man!

As usual, the **Northeast Minneapolis RiverKeepers** led the river clean-up for this event. The RiverKeepers had an opportunity to strategize with National Park Service staff regarding the removal of buckthorn from the Sample Room river bank. In the weeks following clean-up day, the RiverKeepers have made great headway on performing river bank stabilization behind the Sample Room and have recently begun work on Heron Island. **Mississippi Water Management Organization** (MWMO) is the grantor

## BNA Community Meeting

**Where:** ESNS (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE)

**When:** Wed. May 27 at 7:00 PM

**Topic:** Community Solar Gardens

of the funds that pay for the shoreline stabilization work. For our clean-up day, they sent MWMO staff member **Tammy Schmidt** to show us how to make environmentally safe household cleaning supplies. **Senior Linkage Line** also set up a table and shared valuable information with our volunteers. To get everyone started, **Psycho Suzie’s** sent staff with an abundance of frosted cinnamon rolls and coffee while **River Liquor Store** provided juice, water and soda for the crew. Thank you, thank you, EVERYONE!

All in all, over 2 tons of junk was removed from the neighborhood as well as 16 tires. Good job, folks!



Council Member Jacob Frey (left) with volunteers

## Community Solar Gardens

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
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

Come to the BNA community meeting **May 27<sup>th</sup>** at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE) and find out how you can participate in a solar power program. Expert staff from [SolarGardens.MnCerts.org](http://SolarGardens.MnCerts.org) will be on hand to educate our community about all of the various options. Child care will be provided.

Can't afford solar panels on your roof but want to go solar? Community Solar Gardens will provide energy for residents who want to buy solar power for their home or apartment. Anyone who pays an electric bill can participate. Residents can pay up front or they can pay as they go on a month-to-month subscription basis.

A solar garden subscription is hard to explain but it's kind of like a subscription to cable TV. Just as there are many cable companies with differing options at various price points, there are also many solar developers with varying contracts and costs to the subscriber. Residents who **subscribe** to a solar garden program are renting from the facility owner a portion of the solar energy it produces. If instead you **buy** into the solar garden, you can buy as little as 200 watts, or you can buy enough to cover up to 120% of your annual electricity usage. On average, Minnesota households consume 9600 kilowatt hours per year, or 800 kWh per month.

In 2013, the MN legislature mandated that energy companies such as Xcel must purchase 1.5% of their total energy from Solar Gardens by the year 2020. Due to federal tax credits that are likely to expire the end of 2015, solar garden developers have submitted over 237 applications for solar garden installations but none of the installations have been approved

by Xcel. Still, there has been 500% more interest and demand for Solar Gardens than anyone anticipated.

Xcel Energy has gone to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to ask for changes in the program's implementation. More precisely, they have requested that 1) solar gardens greater than 1 megawatt in size not be allowed next to one another, and 2) that the PUC should put a cap on the size of solar gardens. Why these limitations? Because multiple large solar configurations in close proximity could affect Xcel's profit margin in areas of the state where there is a high concentration of solar gardens. However, the 2013 legislation does not cap the size of solar gardens and the PUC typically cannot overturn law, it can only interpret it. Here is a link to the 2013 Energy Law:

<http://tinyurl.com/nsbt5b3>

But maybe you don't want to subscribe and prefer to install solar panels of your own property. BNA is launching a \$2000 matching grant program in June for homesteaded properties in Bottineau Neighborhood. Home solar panel installations qualify for this program and are also eligible for a federal tax credit. If you choose this route, Xcel is required to purchase excess kilowatts of energy produced by property owners. The payback in this scenario is quicker and energy bills are much lower than if you subscribe or invest in a community solar garden program. But not everyone is able to install solar panels at home.

### BNA's May Board Mtg

NOTE: On May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Bottineau Neighborhood Association will hold its monthly board meeting at Mojo Coffee Gallery (2205 California St NE), not in the BNA office.

## The 3 R's: Renters Rights & Responsibilities

On **Saturday, May 30, from 2-4pm**, East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE) will host a seminar led by **Homeline**, the City-funded tenant rights organization. Renters and landlords are invited to attend this seminar where they can also receive free advice in face-to-face, confidential sessions with attorneys who specialize in tenant/landlord situations.

This is your chance to learn important information about rental issues and to visit one-on-one with a lawyer regarding your rights as a renter or a landlord. Don't miss it!

*Sponsored by BNA and other Northeast neighborhood organizations.*

## News from Bottineau Park Recreation Center

### Adults and Seniors Walking Club

Come on down to Bottineau Park Recreation Center and enjoy the indoor walking track, now open all year for adults and seniors to exercise and enjoy during designated hours.

The recreation center building and track is wheel chair accessible; parents with strollers are also welcome. And it's Free!

### 2015 Summer Hours

June-August  
Thursdays- 10am-Noon

### 2015 Fall and Winter Hours

September - December  
Thursdays- 1pm-3pm

*Sponsored by NE Seniors and the Bottineau Neighborhood Association*

## Sport and Art Camps

Looking for a place in the neighborhood to try out a sports camp or art camp? The Bottineau Park Recreation Center will be hosting new, weekly camps this summer for children ages 6-12 years old!

Badgers Baseball and Softball Camp  
Activity #51702  
1pm-5pm June 22nd-June 25th

Badgers Basketball Camp  
Activity #51698  
1pm-5pm June 29th - July 2nd

Badgers Art and Cooking Camp-  
Activity #51701  
1pm-5pm July 13th-July 16th

Badgers Flag Football Camp  
Activity #51700  
1pm-5pm July 20th- July 23rd

Badgers Volleyball Camp  
Activity #51699  
1pm-5pm July 27th-July 30<sup>th</sup>

Each week camp costs \$25.00 to attend. Scholarships are available at the Bottineau Park Recreation Center. Register in person at the Bottineau Park Recreation Center or online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)

## Art-A-Whirl 2015

*Friday, May 15, 5pm to 10pm*  
*Saturday, May 16, noon to 8pm*  
*Sunday, May 17, noon to 5pm*

Invite your friends, invite your family, and celebrate Art-A-Whirl's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday! Presented by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), more than 500 local artists will be displaying their work in over 50 locations throughout Northeast Minneapolis, including large studio buildings (like the California Building), art galleries, home studios, and area businesses. Don't miss it!

## 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



- 5/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE at Mojo Coffee  
Gallery (**not** at the BNA office!)
- 5/27 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
ESNS (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE)
- 5/30 Tenant Rights Seminar, 2-4 p.m.  
ESNS (1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St. 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,  
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