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NE RiverKeepers Team Up With MWMO, BNA



Too often, even in Bottineau, we take the Mississippi River for granted. Fortunately, the **Northeast RiverKeepers** are working hard to keep the river clean and healthy. In fact, the RiverKeepers have now begun working on a project funded by the **Mississippi Watershed Management Organization** (MWMO) to stabilize shorelines and reestablish native species for the purpose of mitigating water runoff along our urban stretch of the Mississippi. BNA is also a partner in this project.

More specifically, the RiverKeepers are currently working on Phase One of that project: replacing invasive species like Buckthorn with native species of trees, shrubs and grass on the steep river bank behind The Sample Room (2124 Marshall St NE). This is a multi-agency project made possible by Sample Room owner Jim Rosenberg who gave these groups permission to experiment with several different techniques for replacing invasive species on the bank of his

Upcoming Events:

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4

Have a Party—BNA can help!

Open Streets

Sunday, July 12

Water Safe Cleaners Demo

3-5pm @ 2nd St & 22nd Ave NE

riverfront property. In funding this project, MWMO hopes it will serve as a demonstration site to show the public which treatments work best on the steep, loose-soiled river banks that are common above St. Anthony Falls.

Phase Two of the project will begin further north on Heron Island when water levels recede. Heron Island is the site of the old Blue Heron rookery that was destroyed by the 2011 tornado. While the rookery might be gone for good, the island itself is in dire need of restoration. Staff from the Mississippi River Fund will be providing Cottonwood whips for the planting effort as well as expert advice on how best to stabilize the island's river banks. Three Rivers Park District has granted formal approval for this project, while the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will closely monitor and analyze these efforts to see if similar techniques will be effective for islands and river banks under their own jurisdiction.

Phone

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



August 4th is National Night Out

This year, National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 4. Registering your block party with the City is free, and when you do, you will receive free Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America. Registering your block party also places you on the official list of NNO events that is distributed to police and other departments, though there is no guarantee police will be able to visit your event. Block Leader Hodan Aden is already coordinating a multi-block event at the 1808 University Ave NE parking lot. For this event, children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you want to block off your street, the following dates are important:

- Register your party with the City by July 21 and you can block your street at no charge
- If you register from July 22 through July 29, there will be a \$100 fee for street blocking
- If you register after July 29, you cannot block off your street

For more info or to register, visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/nno_register

Beyond these important details, BNA can also help by providing print outs of your neighborhood's annual crime statistics and various party supplies including invitations, paper products and neighborhood maps. Call the office at 612-367-7262, or send an email to bnabottineaneighborhood.org

Minneapolis Economic and Housing Update

by Amanda Winterer

The City of Minneapolis has released its analysis of the overall economic state of the city for the first quarter of 2015. The unemployment rate has dropped to 3.7% and the rental vacancy rate is down to 3.1%. Average rents through the entire city are \$1133 per month. There were 119 new construction residential units in the first quarter, a decrease from 2014 and the lowest count since the second quarter of 2011. Of the 24 single-family homes permitted for development, the majority was concentrated in Southwest Minneapolis. Foreclosure sales are down to just 6.9% of the market, as compared with the same time last year.

How does Northeast and Bottineau housing fit into this picture?

In Northeast, homes were selling for \$131 per square foot, compared with \$97 in Bottineau. As of May 31, 2015, that number had risen to \$133 in Northeast and dropped to \$89 in Bottineau, due to the selling of one low-priced home. Bottineau has relatively low turnover when compared with other neighborhoods. There were 76 homes that sold in Northeast in the first quarter, compared with only 3 in Bottineau. As of the end of May, 185 homes had sold in Northeast, but only 4 in Bottineau. There were no foreclosures or short sales in our neighborhood. The relative low turnover and affordability of the neighborhood remains attractive to buyers.

Sources:

City of Minneapolis Quarterly Overview
Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors

Gardening Corner:

Amendment to MN Seed Law Promotes Food Security

Governor Mark Dayton recently signed into law an amendment to the Minnesota Seed Law promoting food security and urban agriculture by removing regulatory barriers to seed sharing activities, including seed libraries. Introduced by Senator Roger Reinert and attached to the legislature's agricultural policy omnibus bill, HF1544, the amendment exempts non-commercial, interpersonal seed sharing from industrial labeling, testing, and permitting requirements.

The new amendment to the Seed Law is a response to regulatory actions by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture last year that restricted the Duluth Public Library's ability to operate a seed library. Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council participated in a coalition of organizations that advocated for the Seed Law changes. The Minneapolis City Council also supported the changes with an official resolution.

Open Streets in Bottineau:

Sunday, July 12, Noon-6 pm

Join BNA and volunteers from the **MWMO Green Team** to make and take home safe, earth friendly household cleaners at the corner of 2nd St and 22nd Ave NE from 3-5 PM. Not only do these products really work, but they're better for the environment.

Open Streets is a bicycle oriented fundraising event sponsored by the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition. Visit www.openstreetsmpls.org/northeast for a map of the event, sponsorship information and other fun things to see and do along the way.

Mpls Lock is Now CLOSED



Photo provided by neighborhood volunteers. As the lock closed for the last time, John Olson and Dale Peterson took their final trip through at midnight.

On Tuesday, June 9, the deepest lock on the Mississippi River—located in Downtown Minneapolis, just up from the Stone Arch Bridge—closed for good. Why? To hopefully stop the spread of Asian carp into the upper Mississippi and other connected water systems north of the Twin Cities. Even so, local boaters were sad to see the lock closed because boat access to the river downstream from the lock has now been permanently curtailed.

Beware Door to Door Soliciting Scam

On June 2, 2015, around 5:45pm, officers were dispatched to a suspicious person call. Upon arrival, they found a male trying to sell magazines door to door. Officers advised the male that all solicitors must be registered or licensed with the City of Minneapolis to sell items door to door. They sent him away, but he turned up again and was arrested for peddling without a license. There have been many recent complaints involving solicitors from three different companies: *Moving Forward*, *Urban Development Solutions*, and *Graceful Hands*. Allegedly, customers pay money for magazine subscriptions that never materialize. Don't be taken in by this potential scam. Instead, report it.

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



- 7/12 Open Streets Northeast (see page 3)
- 7/14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Gluek Park Gazebo – Board Potluck!
In case of rain, meeting will be at
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
- 8/4 National Night Out (see page 2)

In History

- July 8, 1776 – The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred before an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.
- July 9, 1868 – The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, defining citizenship to include former slaves, while prohibiting individual states from abridging the rights of any American Citizen without *due process* and *equal protection* under the law.
- July 16, 1862 – African-American journalist and anti-lynching crusader Ida B. Wells was born to slaves at Holly Springs, Missouri.

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.