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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Why Won't the Cottonwoods Grow?

Thanks to the Mississippi Water Management Organization (MWMO)—who provide guidance, cottonwood samplings and funds—Northeast RiverKeepers and other volunteers from Bottineau Neighborhood have now begun Phase Two of our River stabilization project on Heron Island. Invasive species have been eradicated and the planting of native trees is currently underway.

Everyone hopes that the cottonwood whips donated by the Mississippi River Fund—and the larger cottonwood trees purchased from the Tree Trust—will take root and survive.

Cottonwoods are nurseries of the skies, builders of river islands, and important shoreline stabilizers. They alert us to river health just as canaries once warned miners of an impending blowout. The group effort undertaken by the Northeast RiverKeepers and BNA is part of a study to help figure out why cottonwood trees are not establishing themselves naturally in our area. One cause may be the “flashing” (or extreme flooding) on the Mississippi in recent years, and many suspect this is due to a higher than natural influx of flood waters caused by agricultural tiling and by the ditching of streams up river.

Also helping with this project are volunteers from Dangerous Man Brewing. Good job everyone!

Upcoming Events:

Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL) Public Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7pm
2522 Marshall St. NE (MWMO)

BNA Board Elections & Community Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7pm
1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)
“\$20K??? Have a say!”

BNA Board Elections

BNA by-laws provide many avenues for voters to participate in board elections. You can vote in person at our annual election meeting (7pm on September 30 at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St NE), mail in the ballot we’ve sent to your home, or drop your ballot off at the BNA office (2205 California St NE #107)—just slip it under the door. This year three director positions are open, for one, two and three year terms, respectively. If you want to run for office, let BNA know by September 11th as ballots will be mailed on Sept. 12—call Nancy (612-801-7834), BNA’s office (612-387-7262), or send an email to bnabottineau@bottineauneighborhood.org. Any resident, business owner or property owner in Bottineau neighborhood can run for the board of directors.

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

EEQL to Host Public Mtg

On Wednesday, September 16, at 7pm, Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL) will hold a public meeting to introduce **Tonye Slyvanus**, the Masters of Public Health candidate who is guiding our neighborhood through the process of conducting an air sampling study designed to find out what exactly is in the smoke coming out of the GAF stack just west of us. The meeting will take place at the offices of the Mississippi Water Management Organization (MWMO) located at 2522 Marshall St. NE.

GAF's emissions are not a new problem for our neighborhood—a 1994 letter sent to the MPCA about these fumes has recently been found in the BNA archives—but this new approach should establish the process necessary for solving this issue once and for all.

At the meeting, Tonye will present a progress report on his work, followed by a Q&A session. Down the road, after all the sampling has been completed and analyzed, Tonye will produce a human health assessment derived from the analysis as part of his final report to EEQL. In addition, he will also be researching solutions that have been successfully deployed by other companies in an effort to eliminate odors and fumes similar to those produced by GAF. Tonye is using this internship to produce his Master's Thesis at the University Of Minnesota Graduate School Of Public Health.

Be Air Aware, Minnesota

BeAirAwareMN.org is a new website that distills and simplifies information about major air pollutants while also providing real-time data about air quality issues throughout Minnesota. Are you concerned about the air you and your family breathe? Check it out!

A New Backyard on the Mississippi River

New Stormwater Park and Learning Center Demonstrates Sustainable Development, Green Infrastructure

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) invites the public to celebrate the completion of its one-of-a-kind *Stormwater Park and Learning Center* on **Saturday, Sept. 19**, from 10am to 1pm.

The family-friendly grand opening celebration will feature tours, interactive exhibits and kids' activities. The event will mark the completion of the MWMO's public park and facility, which serves as a showcase of landscape features that save, clean and reuse stormwater.

"We have built a beautiful green space for people to enjoy—but more importantly, it's a place where people can see what green infrastructure looks like and how simple features like raingardens and tree trenches protect our natural resources," said MWMO Executive Director Doug Snyder.

The park is built around 11 unique, visible stormwater management features. Highlights include a green roof, a 4,500-gallon cistern, large raingardens with native prairie vegetation and a special experiment station to test different soil mixtures for filtering stormwater.

Opening the Stormwater Park and Learning Center involved removing nearly 18,000 tons of contaminated soil and restoring a piece of riverbank to its natural state. The project won a Minnesota Brownfields ReScope Award and provides a new public access point to the Mississippi River.

Customized Energy Savings for Your Home

For only \$70, a team of trusted energy consultants from **Home Energy Squad Enhanced** will come to your home, evaluate your energy savings opportunities, and install the energy-efficient materials of your choice: weather stripping, a water heater blanket, a programmable thermostat, compact fluorescent light bulbs, high-efficiency showerheads, and faucet aerators. Their team will also perform tasks to measure the energy efficiency of your home and check the safety of your home's heating system and hot water heater.

To schedule your visit, call 612-335-5874 or go to mncee.org/hes-mpls

If your home needs insulation or air sealing, their crews will provide a quote for the recommended work and connect you to a qualified contractor that will honor the quote.

Made in Minnesota (MiM) Solar Thermal Rebate

Got Solar? Minnesotans can still apply for the Solar Thermal Rebate portion of the Made in Minnesota (MiM) Solar Incentive Program. Funding for the solar thermal rebate was reopened in March to all Minnesota residents, nonprofits and businesses. Rebate applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through the end of the year or until all solar thermal funds have been fully committed. Up to \$250,000 per year in rebates is available. More information on the MiM program and solar thermal rebates is available at <http://tinyurl.com/solar-incentive>

From the MN Department of Commerce

Eastside Resource Fair

*Saturday, October 3, 10–11:30am
at East Side Neighborhood Services
1700 2nd Street NE*

Need funds for home improvements? Help with winter heat bills? Chore assistance for seniors? These questions and more can be answered at the Eastside Resource Fair. From renters to homeowners, young people to seniors, this event has something for everyone. For more information—or if you plan to attend the event and need translation services or other accommodation—please contact Ward 3 Council Associate Zach Farley by phone (612-673-2203) or by email at zachary.farley@minneapolismn.gov

Mission Nutrition Dining Edition

Thursday, Sept. 17 is the day for Eastside Meals on Wheels' annual fundraiser, *Mission Nutrition Dining Edition*. Dine at a participating restaurant and the restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds to Eastside Meals on Wheels. Participating restaurants include: Red Stag Supper Club, The Anchor, Kramarczuk's Deli, Stanley's Bar Room, Ray J's American Grill, Moose Bar and Grill, Mattie's on Main, Jax Restaurant, UP Cafe, Vic's, Element Pizza, and Bulldog NE.

Minneapolis Satellite Reef

Come see the Minneapolis Satellite Reef—part of the worldwide Crochet Coral Reef project—on display at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (2522 Marshall St. NE) from August 24 to September 30, 2015. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/mpls-satellite-reef>

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



- 9/16 EEQL Public Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2522 Marshall St. NE (MWMO)
- 9/19 Stormwater Park Grand Opening
10am–1pm, 2522 Marshall St. NE
- 9/30 BNA Board Elections, 7:00 p.m.
1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)
- 10/3 Eastside Resource Fair, 10:00 a.m.
1700 2nd St. NE (ESNS)

In (Recent) History



August 18, 2015 - Juxtaposition Arts instructor Drew Peterson teaches *Notan Collage* (a Japanese art form) to young Bottineau artists

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.