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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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FEBRUARY
2016

Celebrate Black History



February is Black History month. But the lives of African American people matter all year long.

According to the 2010 census, 37% of Bottineau residents identify as Black and/or African American. In addition, numerous Bottineau residents took part in the December 13, 2015, **Black Lives Matter** march to the Police Federation Building at 18th and University. This is history in the making. And it's important.

At BNA's recent Community Meeting, held on January 28, 2016, neighborhood residents voted on their priorities for ways in which BNA should allocate funds. As recommended by the BNA Board, residents voted to set aside \$9000 to further build community relationships as well as to encourage a greater sense of cultural understanding throughout our neighborhood.

Over the next year, BNA will make a concerted outreach effort to encourage more people and groups, of various backgrounds, to become involved in neighborhood leadership and a more inclusive community life.

SAVE THE DATE:

2016 Community Connections Conference

Saturday, April 2nd
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mpls Convention Center

Focus:

- Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan update
- Neighborhoods 2020 Initiative
- Community Involvement 101

Free Admission, Free Lunch
Everyone Encouraged to Attend!

Though Black History should matter all year long, we'd also like to recommend one of the many events taking place in the Twin Cities this February:

A Tribute to Walter R. Scott

Saturday, Feb. 20, 11am-1pm
Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Doty Board Room (2nd Floor)

Walter R. Scott was a trailblazing Minneapolis author who recognized the importance of celebrating the achievements of Minnesota's Black Community. Scott family members will give an overview of his work and an introduction to Minnesota's *Black Community Book Project*.

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

Dislocated Worker Program

The Dislocated Worker Program is a state-wide program that offers a range of services to workers laid off through no fault of their own—or have been notified from their employer that a layoff is coming—and who are eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits. A worker must meet both requirements to enroll in the program. There is no program fee for individuals or charges to employers for any services. The government provides a grant to fund the services administered through the Dislocated Worker Program.

The goal of the Dislocated Worker Program is for workers to find suitable employment at comparable wages with minimal disruption to their lives. The Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development oversees the Dislocated Worker Program.

Program participation begins with attending an enrollment session to learn more about the program and to complete the necessary paperwork. The next step is meeting one-on-one with your counselor. With the help of your counselor, you will then define an employment goal and develop an action plan to get you there.

The Dislocated Worker Program can help you with job search activities, résumé writing, interview practice, and getting the training you need to become gainfully re-employed. They offer valuable monthly workshops on a range of job search topics, and often hold special events to present in-depth information on specific topics that are relevant to today's job search.

For more information, visit their website at <http://mn.gov/deed/>

Note: This website is now included under the Gazette's *Website* section.

Gardening Corner:

*Winter Seminar Series 2016
at Mother Earth Gardens*

Spend some winter evenings with Mother Earth Gardens (2318 NE Lowry Ave) learning more about flora, fauna and food!

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7pm, and will run approximately an hour and a half. All are free of charge, but require registration because seating is limited to 50 participants per class.

Class schedule:

Feb. 10 – Get Your Seeds Out
Feb. 17 – No Dig Gardening
Feb. 24 – Buggin' Out
Mar. 2 – Pollinator Planting
Mar. 9 – Annuals, Cutting Gardens
Mar. 16 – Harvesting Rainwater

To sign up, visit their sign-up page:
<http://tinyurl.com/Winter-Seminar-2016>

For more information, including a link to class offerings at their South Minneapolis location, please visit the Mother Earth Gardens website:
<http://www.motherearthgarden.com/>

*Farmer Tune-Up Class with Dr.
Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing*

Weed Identification and Management Workshop

Saturday, February 20, 10am-3pm
The Good Acre Classroom
1790 Larpenteur Ave. W.
Falcon Heights, MN 55113
Cost: \$85

Improve your growing skills through increased knowledge of weed identification and management. Learn proper organic pesticide selection,

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safe application and handling. This workshop will contain in-class lectures with hands-on activities. All beginning to advanced farmers & growers welcome. Dr. Ribbing will be there to answer all your weed questions.

Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing is a former research scientist with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Extension Specialist with the University of Illinois; and Assistant Professor of Crop Science with the University of Wisconsin in River Falls where she taught courses such as Organic Production Systems, Sustainable Agriculture, Weed Control and Integrated Pest Management.

Upcoming Events at East Side Neighborhood Services

Tax Preparation Assistance from *Prepare and Prosper*

Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings
January 23 - April 18 at East Side

Prepare and Prosper will provide free tax preparation to low-income individuals and families. There is no need to sign up – service is walk-in only. The order in which clients are served will be determined randomly. Everyone present at the sign-in time, which is 5:15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, and 8:15 am on Saturday, has an equal chance to be served and to be seen first. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the sign-in time. Those arriving after the sign in time will be served if there is time.

FREE Tax Assistance for Seniors

February 1 to April 13

AARP will be providing free tax assistance to low-income senior and disabled individuals at East Side. Assistance is by appointment only and may be made in person or by calling the front desk. Volunteer tax preparers will be here Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings beginning February 1 through April 13. Appointment times fill up fast, so if you know anyone that could benefit, encourage them to call early. (612) 781-6011

40th Annual Senior Appreciation Valentine Luncheon

Thursday, February 11, 2016 - 11:30 AM seating

Admission by ticket only - Cost \$4.00
Community members 55+ welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at: the Senior Food Shelf (1801 Central Avenue NE) or at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second Street NE). Call 612-781-6011 with questions.

FREE Financial Empowerment Sessions at East Side: Strategies for Paying off Debt

February 11, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Learn the shortcuts that lenders and debt collectors don't want you to know and begin your journey to financial freedom!

Call Camri (612) 787-4068 to register.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions Six week workshop

February 16 to March 22 (Tuesdays) from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Contact Brenna Horn to register: (612) 787-4055 or bhorn@esns.org

Websites

Bottineau Neighborhood Association
bottineauneighborhood.org

Minneapolis
www.minneapolismn.gov

3rd Ward
www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3

Inspections
www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections

Hennepin County
www.hennepin.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

Dislocated Worker Program
tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed

Neighborhood & Community Relations
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr

Mark Your Calendars



2/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

2/20 A Tribute to Walter R. Scott, 11 a.m.
(see page 1)

2/27 MJG Annual Mtg, 10-Noon, NE Library

In History

Feb. 1, 1960 – In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

Feb. 23, 1868 – African American educator and leader W.E.B. Du Bois (d. 1963) was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

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.