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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Make Bottineau Beautiful

Spring cleaning time is here! Once again everyone is encouraged to join the **Northeast RiverKeepers** and the BNA Board as we gather at Gluek Park (2000 Marshall St. NE) to start our annual Spring clean-up. And, for the first time, **Ben Weaver’s Bicycle Club** will also roll up their sleeves and pitch in.

Here’s how it all works: Everyone cleans the riverfront from Broadway Bridge to Marshall Terrace Park. Once the shoreline is clean, volunteers then fan out into the neighborhoods to pick up garbage left behind after the snow melt. Bring the whole family. Children are always welcome.

Before we start work, we’ll have a light breakfast at Gluek Park. **Betty Danger’s** is providing their famous coffee cake—along with the requisite java—while **River Liquor Store** will supply everyone with juice and water. What BNA will provide after breakfast is the slightly less glamorous stuff: garbage and recycling bags; work gloves of all sizes; and trucks for the garbage pick-up. What *you* supply is the essential able-bodied help.

As per usual, City trucks will meet us at Gluek Park. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to put all their Spring cleaning garbage (including old furniture, used tires and other junk) in the area of their usual garbage pick-up, then Bottineau elves will make it all disappear!

You can be one of those elves.

River & Bottineau Clean-up Day

Where: Meet at Gluek Park

When: April 30, 9am - Noon

Free Breakfast, too!

As for trucks, we’ll have two: one for regular household garbage and one for metal items like bed frames, bed springs, hide-a-beds, metal lawn furniture and other mostly metal stuff. What a great excuse to clean the garage! BNA has also paid the drop-off fees for two pick-up loads of used tires to be unloaded at the South transfer station. One wonders, do tires breed during the winter or do people dump them in our neighborhood? Of course, if you change your own tires you might have a few that can be disposed of at no cost. If you have an old pick-up truck and are willing to pick up old tires put out for disposal, please contact BNA at 612-367-7262 or bnabottineau@bottineauneighborhood.org

Note: hazardous waste cannot be put out for the Bottineau clean sweep day: no partially empty paint cans, solvents, florescent light bulbs, or batteries. If you have many of these items or think the neighborhood should host a hazardous waste “rodeo” with Hennepin County, sign up for it at the event and we’ll schedule one.

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

Eastside Environmental Quality of Life (EEQL) Scores a Win for Clean Air

Northeast residents are happy the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) found the proof needed for stopping at least one industrial plant on the River from polluting our air. What you may not know is that on December 31, 2014, the MPCA was scheduled to close down the 909 air monitoring site that was responsible for finding this necessary proof. Community action is what kept the air monitoring site operational beyond that cut-off date.

Many other communities vie for the limited number of monitoring sites available statewide. Residents and board members from Bottineau and Marshall Terrace neighborhoods—the same people who (along with residents from other nearby neighborhoods) later formed EEQL—met repeatedly with MPCA and City Environmental staff in the fall of 2014, convincing the MPCA to add VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) to the monitoring mix and to increase the frequency of 24 hour monitoring periods to 1 in every 6 days. Because of this stepped-up air monitoring, the MPCA later discovered exceedances for particulates associated with emissions from Northern Metals Recycling.

This finding set in motion efforts that led to the current results published recently in the Minneapolis Star Tribune and reported on by KSTP and Minnesota Public Radio. In short, the MPCA kept the 909 monitoring site at the Lowry bridge active while also adding a second monitoring site just south of Northern Metals. This is how the proof was found, and none of it would have happened without neighborhood involvement and advocacy. Thank you EEQL!

But we're not done yet and you can play a part. How? Keep calling 311 when you smell tar fumes coming from the GAF shingle plant. BNA and Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace (CCMT) are currently collecting air samples that go beyond what the MPCA monitors. BNA has also launched a cancer study covering our local neighborhoods.

Bottom line? Community health matters. Which is to say, one polluter down, but more must go.

Garden Update

As many of you know, Mulberry Junction Garden's lease was not renewed by the owner of the lot at 2301 California St NE. When this edition of the Gazette went to press, a serious discussion was still ongoing with a Bottineau landowner for the relocation of about 20 of Mulberry Junction's gardeners for the current growing season. In March, BNA's board voted to provide seed money for a new garden and to provide fiscal support as before. The new garden will require extra elbow grease so serious gardeners are needed. We're also requesting Bottineau residents and artists to send an email to BNA or leave a voice message if you want a plot yet this spring. Contact us at 612-367-7262 or by email at bna@bottineaneighborhood.org

Note: Beltrami Neighborhood (south of Broadway, east of Central Ave.) currently has a garden expansion underway at 642 Buchanan St NE. Beltrami is willing to provide plots for new gardeners who live in any Northeast neighborhood. This is a vacant lot and needs quite a bit of volunteer labor to prepare plots and build boxes. Interested? Send an email to office@discoverbeltrami.org

Planting for Pollinators and Clean Water

By John Bly, a Minnesota GreenCorps member serving with Metro Blooms

You may have heard that pollinators are suffering from habitat loss and pesticide overuse. In 2015, American bee keepers lost 40% of their colonies. Pollinators contribute \$24 billion a year to our economy and are responsible for 1/3 of a healthy diet. You may have also heard that our lakes and rivers are polluted. Most of the rain falling on our urban landscape is directed to storm sewers, picking up all sorts of pollutants before entering the nearest body of water. What's the connection? We need more native plants. The impervious surfaces around us don't treat the runoff they create, and they don't provide anything for beneficial insects—native plants do. But it's not all doom and gloom. Minneapolis recently declared a Pollinator Resolution and will begin planting more native flowers and, this year, will cease large-scale pesticide applications. You can help too. One elegant solution is a raingarden that contains runoff from your property while also providing year-round food and habitat for pollinators.

To learn more about what you can do for clean water and pollinators, consider attending a Metro Blooms workshop. For more information, visit metroblooms.org/workshops

Dog Day at the California Building, April 9

The California Building will be dog friendly for April's Second Saturday open studio event! Social dogs and their owners are invited to explore

over 25 artist studios, meet local artists and wander through 6 floors of art studios and gallery spaces. This will all happen on April 9, 2016, from 11am-4pm, coinciding with the California Building's monthly *Second Saturday* open art studio event, which is always free and open to the public.

In the main lobby, **Project Pet Rescue** will be bringing adoptable dogs you can meet and play with. Local businesses, **Bone Adventure** and **Ollu Dog Wash**, will set up booths with information and pet products. Swag bags filled with goodies and offers from other local Northeast businesses will also be available. In Studio 101, **Sarah Beth Photography** (an accomplished pet photographer) will host a reception celebrating 10 years of business. She'll provide refreshments, a pet photo booth and a chance to win a free pet photo session! **Mojo Coffee Gallery** and its dog friendly patio will also be open, so bring your social dogs and celebrate our local art scene.

Bike to School Day Poster Contest

Bicycling creates some of childhood's happiest moments, and we want to capture that. This year, **Minnesota Safe Routes to School** is holding its first ever *Bike to School Day Poster Contest*. Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Quality Bicycle Products and Dero, the contest asks participants to design an 8.5 x 11 poster that shows how they feel when they ride a bicycle. Age categories include K- 4th and 5th - 8th. Winners will receive their choice of several Dero products (including a bike rack, public bike pump, and more) for placement at their school. Contest entries must be submitted by April 20, 2016. Download the Poster Contest Guidelines here: <http://tinyurl.com/zg8sl2g>

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



- 4/9 Dog Days at the California Bldg
(See page 3)
- 4/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/30 Bottineau Clean-up Day (see page 1)

In History

- April 9, 1865 – After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House.
- April 11, 1968 – A week after the assassination of Martin Luther King, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The law prohibited discrimination in housing, protected civil rights workers and expanded the rights of Native Americans.
- April 23 – Established by Israel's Knesset as Holocaust Day in remembrance of the estimated six million Jews killed by Nazis.

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.