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Islam in Bottineau



On May 24 at East Side Neighborhood Services, Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf and Jaylani Hussein spoke and answered questions at the "Islam in Bottineau" forum sponsored by BNA.

Dr. El-Sawaf is a local psychoanalyst, University of Minnesota professor and Imam at Masjid Al-Iman Islamic community center in Sheridan Neighborhood. Jaylani Hussein is executive director of the Council on American Islamic Relations-Minnesota (CAIR-MN).

At the forum, Dr. El-Sawaf presented a short primer on Islam, followed by a 60 minute question and answer session. Below is a brief excerpt from the Q&A session:

Q 1: If the Koran gives clear instructions, [how is it] that so many people can distort those teachings, i.e. why do you think young people—even in our community—become radicalized?

A1: Many profess to be believers in Islam yet but they fail to act upon the actual teaching of Islam. A2: Youth are especially susceptible to



Movie in the Park Jurassic World (2015)

**Wednesday, June 15
at Bottineau Park**

Movie begins at Dusk

predators. For instance, there are sexual predators that target youth, there are religious predators as well, and many exploit youth and deceive them.

Q 9: Why do young girls wear headscarves?

A1: When a girl reaches puberty she is telling men I am not for everyone, I am for the one who will pick me out of the millions of women. It is an honor to wear the scarf. It is beautiful to show this modesty and respect. But not only the scarf is worn; the whole body is required to be dressed modestly. Muslim cultures around the world have differing definitions of "modest dress" but tight jeans with a head scarf are not modest. The term for this scarf and dress is Hajib.

For the full Q&A transcript, visit: tinyurl.com/Islam-in-Bottineau

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911

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311

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367-7262

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Frey
673-2203

Hennepin County
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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

Bottineau Residents Tour Minneapolis Water Works



Jenny Salmela at the Minneapolis Water Works

On May 27, a number of Bottineau residents—all of whom live on or near the Mississippi River—toured the Minneapolis water treatment plant at 4500 Marshall St. NE.

Minneapolis Water Works purifies 70 million gallons of water per day. Most of this water is consumed in Minneapolis, but the City also sells water to other municipalities such as Edina, Bloomington, Crystal and Columbia Heights. If you didn't already know, Minneapolis's tap water is sourced from the Mississippi River and has been consistently cited for producing some of the cleanest and best tasting water in the United States.

Lucian Osuji, Water Bacteriologist and Chemist, led this group on the tour. Other group tours can be scheduled by calling Water Quality Manager George Kraynick at 612-661-4923.



Touring the Water Works: Jenny Salmela, Lucian Osuji, David Salmela, Anna Bierbrauer & Otto Harder

Local Relief Fund for Ecuador Quake Victims

On April 16th, Ecuador was devastated by an earthquake that registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. Many of the victims from this quake are related to Bottineau residents. Because of this, Bottineau Neighborhood Association was asked by the City of Minneapolis to act as the fiscal agent to hire a community organizer, Mary Anne Quiroz, to assist with the relief effort. Mary Anne set up a "go fund me" page whereby funds can securely be sent to those who need it most, the homeless.

Funds raised will only go toward building temporary cinderblock homes in Ecuador. People are currently housed in tents that will leak in the rainy season. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please visit www.gofundme.com/minnesotaporecuerdo

ESNS Workshop: Living Well With Chronic Conditions

If you live with health challenges such as diabetes, persistent pain, heart disease, high blood pressure or anxiety, then the Living Well With Chronic Conditions workshop at East Side Neighborhood Services can provide you with the knowledge and essential skills necessary for living a healthier, more productive life style.

Participants in this class will learn:

- Options for healthier nutrition and exercise

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- How to improve communication with family and healthcare professionals concerning one's health and well-being
- Practical ways for dealing with pain and fatigue
- How to develop skills for getting necessary support

The workshops will be held on Thursdays, from June 9 through July 21, beginning at 9:30am and lasting until 11:30am. Cost is based on ability to pay. Caregivers and family members are encouraged to attend. The class will include group discussions. Contact Brenna Horn (612-787-4055) to register.

River & Neighborhood Clean-up Results



Seth Nesselhuf and Koral Purdy load a hide-a-bed and a bed frame into the city truck

Bottineau volunteers did a great job cleaning up the neighborhood on April 30th. How great? In 2.5 hours, they picked up 3540 pounds of household garbage and 1000 pounds of appliances, mattresses and tires. Combined, that totals more than 2.25 tons of garbage.

Good job people!

'Water Wednesdays' Workshop Series at MWMO



We all want to do our part to protect our water resources. And we all want to be good neighbors, taking good care of our yards. But not everyone realizes these two things are connected.

This summer, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) is offering a series of "Water Wednesdays" workshops on sustainable yard care. People of all skill levels are invited to learn how changing the way we care for our lawns, gardens and landscapes can help the environment by preventing pollution, protecting water quality and providing habitat.

From June through August, the second Wednesday of each month will feature a workshop at the MWMO Stormwater Park and Learning Center (2522 Marshall St. NE). These free classes will offer practical tips on how to capture, clean and reuse stormwater runoff and provide pollinator habitat in your own yard. Each class runs from 6pm-7:30pm on the topics listed below:

June 8 – *Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden Habitat*

July 13 – *Raingardens for Clean Water*

August 10 – *Your Fall Yard*

For more info, visit tinyurl.com/hsz5v3t

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



6/14 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

6/15 Movie in the Park (see page 1)

In History

June 6, 1872 – Susan B. Anthony was fined for voting in a presidential election. After voting rights were secured for African-American men by the 15th Amendment, she attempted to assert those same rights for women by leading a group of women to test their status as citizens by voting illegally in Rochester, NY.

June 7, 1848 – French painter Paul Gauguin was born in Paris. He is best known for the bold colors and broad flat tones of the painting style he developed in Tahiti.

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.