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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Neighborhood & River Clean-up Event



Once again, Bottineau's annual Neighborhood and River Clean-up was both fun and successful.



Thank you to our sponsors: **River Liquor Store** for beverages, **Betty Danger's Country Club** for the delicious coffee cake & coffee (yum!),

Islam in Bottineau: Your Questions Answered

Tuesday, May 24, 7pm
at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St. NE)

Join BNA for a Community Q&A with Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf



Lisa Erb for graphic design of the posters, and the **NE RiverKeepers** for all their hard work and dedication to the river. This year's work was carried out by 15 youth and children and 38 adults, all of whom helped make Bottineau **beautiful**. Thank you, everyone!

Flower Give-Away, 2016: Let's Make Bottineau Bloom!

BNA's annual flower give-away for Bottineau residents will be held on **Saturday, May 14, from 10am-noon**, at the old Mulberry Junction Garden site (2301 California St. NE). Many varieties and colors of flowering plants will be available. With your help and neighborhood pride, we can make Bottineau BLOOM with color and beauty.

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

Closing the Gap and the Eastside Parks

On April 27, the Minneapolis City Council approved a charter amendment and 20-year financial plan to ensure additional funding for neighborhood parks. The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB), in turn, will advance a concurrent park funding ordinance in May, followed by an ordinance in June to ensure equitable investments in neighborhood parks. Bottom line? Both governing bodies are taking necessary steps to guarantee the continued health and vitality of neighborhood parks while the MPRB is also developing criteria for 1) deciding which neighborhood parks will be scheduled to receive additional funding for capital improvements, and 2) when these projects will be scheduled.

According to the MPRB's web site, this criteria falls into two categories: community characteristics and park characteristics. More specifically, the MPRB states: "Community characteristics include neighborhood demographic data such as identified racially concentrated areas of poverty, population density, youth population and crime statistics. Park characteristics include park asset data like asset condition, asset lifespan and proportionality of investment since 2000 relative to the total value of park assets. The criteria were developed with feedback from representatives of local organizations whose work is focused on racial equity."

In Bottineau, and Northeast as a whole, we might ask: how does this affect new capital funding for *our* parks? According to Liz Wielinski, District 1 Commissioner and MPRB President, the Eastside will not be receiving any of this new capital funding during *the first five years*

of the new twenty-year plan, but we'll still see immediate benefits from an increase in maintenance funding for important things like new roofs and improved grounds keeping, thus keeping our existing facilities functioning until they are replaced.

More importantly, however, Northeast parks will still see capital improvements during this five-year span. Many projects on the Eastside have already been scheduled in the MPRB's current Capital Improvement Plan, and none of them are dependent on the new charter amendment or the agreement with the City. This includes projects at Bottineau Park (new playground in 2020) and Northeast Park, as well as MPRB's share of the new St. Anthony Parkway Bridge.

In fact, according to Wielinski, the Eastside has received more capital funding for parks than any other area in the city over the last 6 years. On what, you ask? How about Sheridan Memorial Park, the new bike trail that will be extending north from Boom Island along the river (see next article) or recent land purchases that make that trail and additional park land possible? Not to mention the future development of Hall's Island, which is the top project in MPRB's bonding request at the State Legislature. So, in Wielinski's words, "the Eastside is doing pretty darn good". But, in neighborhoods that remain underfunded, Eastsiders might disagree. For more details, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/MPRB-fast-facts>

New Riverfront Bike Trail To Open this Fall

In early May, construction will begin on a new .75 mile bike trail along Northeast's Mississippi riverfront,

> **BIKE TRAIL** cont.

extending north from Boom Island, through the Scherer site, the Graco property and Sheridan Memorial Park. Its course will curve east at the BNSF railroad tracks near 16th Avenue NE, then terminate at Marshall Street NE. Bicyclists and pedestrians will share the southern half of the trail until it reaches Sheridan Memorial Park, where a separate pedestrian trail will break out and run next to the bike trail until it reaches the BNSF tracks. This new trail is one segment in a series of Upper Riverfront trail loops envisioned in the RiverFirst initiative (see tinyurl.com/river-first).

Project funding was provided by a \$1 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration through its Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program, along with \$600,000 in Metropolitan Council regional park capital improvement funds and a \$50,000 Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund grant for onsite pollution remediation, which will be performed during construction.

Celebrate Older Americans Month at ESNS

May is when our nation celebrates Older American's Month (OAM), acknowledging the contributions of older adults in our communities. The 2016 OAM theme is *Blaze a Trail*. To celebrate, join East Side Neighborhood Services on Tuesdays in May in their dining space for a variety of FREE events on the following schedule:

- 10am – Educational Programming*
- 11am – Vital Fitness
- Noon – Senior Dining by VOA**
- 12:30 – Bingo!

*The 10am Educational Programming will be on the following topics:

- May 3: Paying for Long-term care
- May 10: Keeping the (car) Keys
- May 17: Better Nutrition=Brain Health
- May 24: Ice Cream Social Sing-a-long
- May 31: Blaze a Trail Walk

**Senior Dining by VOA – \$4.00 suggested donation for Seniors 60+. Please make your reservation 3 days in advance by calling Dawn at 612-787-4093.

For more information, please visit <http://www.esns.org/events>

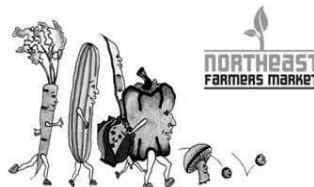
The Foodie 4 Mile

The Foodie 4 Mile on May 21st is a fun run/walk fundraiser that helps make our community Northeast Farmers Market possible.

It takes many engaged volunteers and local business partners to make the Foodie 4 Mile a success, and the Northeast Farmers Market shares a portion of the raised money with one of its partners, the Food Group, an innovative hunger relief organization dedicated to serving the needs of changing communities through the distribution and promotion of healthy foods to over 200 partner food shelves and meal programs.

So if you value small local businesses and fresh healthy food, register for the Foodie 4 Mile and come on out May 21st to celebrate the opening day of the Northeast Farmers Market and plan on having a fantastic time!

For more info: tinyurl.com/foodie4mile



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

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Mark Your Calendars



5/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)

5/14 Flower Give-Away (see page 1)

5/24 Islam in Bottineau Q&A (see page 1)

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.

A poster for the 'Paint-it-Forward N.E. Art-A-Whirl 2016' event. The poster features a large, hand-drawn map of the state of Minnesota in the center, with the text 'Paint it Forward N.E.' written on it. To the left of the map is a drawing of a cat, and to the right is a drawing of a man with a large head. The text on the poster includes: 'Paint-it-Forward N.E.', 'Art-A-Whirl 2016', 'Stanley's N.E. Bar Room', 'May 21st 12-8p', 'a F R E E fundraiser event benefiting Webster Elementary School's Early Childhood Special Ed. music program', 'Featuring: Live Music, Talent Show, Participatory Mural, Kids Activities, Face Painting, Instrument Making (from Wee Bopp), Local Artists, Food Truck & Bar!', 'art by Van, 6 yrs', 'art by Arvid, 10 yrs', '2500 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418 (overflow parking lot)', and a 'WEE BOPP' logo at the bottom right.

Community Calendar

For more information or for deadlines,
please call 612-367-7262