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BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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Homework Helper Program

BNA and Bottineau Park staff are currently working together to expand a Homework Helper program in Bottineau neighborhood. While there is already a daily afterschool homework program at Logan Park, it is too far away for many Bottineau kids who would have to take a long, dark 6pm walk home during the cold weather of Winter and early Spring—a clear disincentive for any student who might need the available help.

BNA has a limited amount of funds available to increase the number of helper days in Bottineau's existing program by hiring homework helpers on a stipend basis. But first we need to design the expanded program and, to do that well, we need community input. Should we hire college education students to assist high school students with tough class homework? Should we hire neighborhood youth to help kids in the younger grades? What about energetic senior citizens? Would they like to earn some extra cash and help kids succeed?

Any thoughts? If so, please contact the BNA office (612-367-7262 or bna@bottineauneighborhood.org) to offer your ideas or to apply for a homework helper position.



Bottineau Housing Market & Grant Information

East Side Neighborhood Services
(1700 2nd St NE) Room B-19

Tuesday, January 24, 7–9pm

Free Childcare & Treats

Sell, Buy, Rent, Remodel?

Find out all about the Bottineau housing market and how it compares to Northeast and other areas. Find out what you can do to make your home better for you and for your pocket book. Amanda Winterer, BNA treasurer and area realtor, will provide the market data, explain what it means, and talk about neighborhood developments that are in process, as well as current sales and rent prices. (See information in the box above for date, time and location.)

Right now, a \$2000 matching grant for homeowners and landlords is available for fix-up and remodeling. Sweat equity is allowed for the match. Applications will be available at the meeting. There are also many other low interest fix-up loans (up to \$20,000) that are available only to Bottineau residents like you. These programs will be discussed.

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

Saluting MWMO's First Class of Master Water Stewards



Three Bottineau Residents are in MWMO's first class of Master Water Stewards: Liz Reiser (second from left), John & Mary Holmberg (last two on the right)

Last year, 14 people in our watershed volunteered for a program that would train them to be grassroots leaders for clean water. They spent the next several months studying hydrology, stormwater management, community engagement and a slew of related subjects. Finally, late this fall, they put their new knowledge to the test, designing and implementing a series of projects tackling real environmental problems in their communities.

Those 14 individuals comprise the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's first graduating class of Master Water Stewards. They now join a growing vanguard of ordinary citizens who are leading the charge to protect our water quality.

The Master Water Stewards program is designed to equip citizens with the knowledge and skills they need to address water pollution in their communities. The Freshwater Society launched the program in 2013, modeling it after the successful Master Gardener program offered through many university extensions. A pilot project with the Minnehaha Creek

Watershed District quickly spread, and, as of 2017, a total of seven watersheds and one city have now joined the program.

In a very short amount of time, Master Water Stewards have proven themselves invaluable as educators and community organizers. Nearly 150 people have graduated from the program. They conduct outreach to neighbors and businesses, develop innovative projects to manage stormwater runoff, and advocate for local environmental policy.

The Freshwater Society estimates that altogether, Master Water Stewards' projects already infiltrate more than a million gallons of stormwater runoff into the ground each year, helping to keep pollutants like phosphorus and sediment out of our waterbodies.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Water Steward, the class of 2016–2017 is already underway, but more opportunities will be coming soon. You can check for updates at the following link:

<http://mwmo.org/learn/master-water-stewards/>

Art of Hosting

This March, an internationally recognized community organizing tool called "Art of Hosting" will be launched in the Eastside neighborhoods of Minneapolis.

Northeast attendees at the January 3 kick-off event—Liz Reiser (Bottineau), Nancy Przymus (Bottineau), Pat Vogel (Logan Park) and Anne Therkelsen (Windom Park)—came up with a plan for reaching out to the Eastside, beginning with a Community Meal and Conversation

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that will take place this March, at a location, date and time to be determined.

Authentic input and ownership by all Eastside residents, artists, business owners, students, property owners, church, mosque and temple members is sought. Watch for more details in the Northeast Newspaper and from local neighborhood organizations.

Northern Metals Recycling

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will hold a listening session about the settlement with Northern Metals Recycling. Highlights will include: Northern Metals' relocation to a non-metro site; damages paid to City of Minneapolis, and/or affected neighborhoods, and/or to people harmed by pollution; and other interesting options.

The listening session will take place at Farview Park (621 N. 29th Ave) on **Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8:30pm**. Free childcare will be provided. Please attend.

New Year's Resolution? Strive for Zero Waste

The average person generates 4.4 pounds of waste each day. Make it your 2017 New Year's resolution to reduce the amount of waste you generate and pledge to reduce, reuse, repair, recycle and compost as many materials as you can before throwing them away. Here are a few ways to make this resolution achievable in Minneapolis:

Reuse: Shop at reuse stores to prevent waste and save money. The new *ReUSE Minnesota* online

directory (www.reusemn.org) can help you find where to donate, rent, repair, or sell items for reuse and where you can purchase items secondhand.

Reduce: Join the NE Minneapolis Tool Library (nemtl.org) to reduce waste and save money by gaining access to tools you can check out like library books; over 2,500 tools are available. There's also a Minneapolis Toy Library! (www.mplstoylibrary.org).

Repair: Don't give up on your toaster that went kaput before bringing it to a Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic (www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/fix-it-clinics). There's a Fix-It Clinic scheduled every month where you can seek assistance in fixing and even be taught how to troubleshoot and fix your favorite household items.

Recycle: Don't forget to recycle beyond your curbside recycling cart. Although some items can't be recycled curbside, things like plastic bags and CFL lightbulbs can be recycled at county Drop-Off Facilities (www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities).

Compost: Participate in Minneapolis' organics recycling program. Organic materials, which include food and compostable paper, make up about one-quarter of our trash and represent the biggest opportunity to reduce our trash. Large apartment dwellers that don't have access to curbside composting can bring organics to one of seven drop-off sites in Minneapolis (www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/organics/drop-off-sites).

If you aren't sure what to do with an item, check the City's *What to do List* (www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/whattodo/index.htm) or call Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917.

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



- 1/10 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2205 California St NE, Suite 107
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 1/11 Northern Metals Listening Session
(see page 3)
- 1/24 Housing Market & Grant Information
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Need to prepare for the upcoming tax season? Sign up for **Taxes 101** training this month!

Find a training that works for you: *In-Person* trainings run through January 24 in Minneapolis; *Webinars* will be held at Noon on January 12, 19 and 26.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/hkle9e8> for more information or to register

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.