



# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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neighborhood association

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## Sign up for Plastic-Free July

Approximately 1,500 single-use bottles of water are consumed in the US each second. Of those, only one in five is recycled. A reusable bottle can:

- Displace thousands of bottles of water in its lifetime
- Stop the health and environmental impacts related to manufacturing, use and disposal

Sign up for the Plastic Free July challenge and join millions of others across the globe. Commit to taking one small step to reduce reliance on single-use plastics. Pledge to give up one plastic item in July.  
[plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

## Bottineau Neighborhood Association July Board Meeting

**Tuesday July 13th, 2021 | 7pm**

**Agenda: Presentation from  
The Buttered Tin at the  
Gateway NE Building**

**Join us virtually via Zoom!**  
*Find the link on our website,  
[bottineauneighborhood.org](http://bottineauneighborhood.org)*

Or

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799  
Meeting ID: 853 8825 1800

## Join the second annual Northeast Storm Drain Challenge!

Last year, 159 Northeast neighbors adopted 260 storm drains and kept over 2,700 pounds of debris from the Mississippi River! Because of the Challenge, Northeast Minneapolis saw a 40% increase in storm drain adoptions compared to only 14% in other neighborhoods!

The goal this year is to build on the success of last year's results and continue to spread awareness about the role storm drains play in the health of our Mississippi River. Remember that everything that enters our storm drains here in Minneapolis flows straight to the Mississippi River without any kind of filtration. After a long Minnesota winter, there are a lot of things on our streets and sidewalks that we don't want getting into our water. Even natural debris like leaves and sticks can lead to pollution since the nutrients in them that make great compost for our gardens feed toxic algae blooms in our lakes and rivers.

The best part about the Challenge is that we create community while taking concrete steps to restore Minnesota's precious resource: the Mississippi River. Cleaning a storm drain is easy and takes about 15 minutes. A great bonus is that kids love it, so it's a great activity for families with young children as we teach them to care for the world around them.

Learn more at the NE Storm Drain Challenge website:  
[nestormdrainchallenge.squarespace.com](http://nestormdrainchallenge.squarespace.com).



The NE Storm Drain Challenge targets Northeast Minneapolis neighborhoods to increase the number of storm drains

**NORTHEAST  
STORM  
DRAIN  
CHALLENGE!**

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**NE Farmer's Market Saturdays**

May 15th - October 16th, 2021  
Rain or shine!

Saturdays 9am - 1pm  
St. Boniface Church Parking Lot  
629 2nd St NE Minneapolis, MN 55413  
(Corner of University Ave & 7th Ave NE)  
[northeastfarmersmarket.com/events](http://northeastfarmersmarket.com/events)

**Free Fitness Summer Program at the Minneapolis Convention Center**

The Minneapolis Convention Center (MCC) is introducing the public to its newly redesigned Plaza this summer by offering free outdoors fitness classes every Saturday from July 17 through August 28. A variety of local fitness businesses have been invited to take their classes outside and onto the Plaza – bringing seven weekends and 15 classes to choose from.

Each Summer Fitness on the Plaza event is free to the public. There is no limit on the number of events that fitness enthusiasts may attend.

- **When:** Every Saturday from July 17 through August 28
- **Where:** Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403 (The Plaza is located across the street from the main entrance on 2nd Avenue)
- **Price:** Free
- **Registration & Class Details:** [mccfitnessontheplaza2021.eventbrite.com](http://mccfitnessontheplaza2021.eventbrite.com)
- **Facebook Event Calendar:** All events are on Facebook @MinneapolisConventionCenter

**Home Energy Squad Helps Save Year Round**

Minnesota is known for its frigid winters but the state also experiences hot, humid summers. This summer many of us will retreat to air-conditioned spaces to escape the heat. However, we may notice an increase in our utility bills and will be looking for solutions to save energy and improve comfort.

To help homeowners increase energy savings and comfort throughout the year, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy offer Home Energy Squad. During a two hour visit a crew of two energy experts will visit your home to conduct an assessment to reveal opportunities for energy savings and the installation of energy saving products such as LED bulbs, door weather-stripping, water savers and a programmable thermostat, at no extra cost.

There is the option of a no-cost virtual consultation. And, Minneapolis households residing in Green Zone neighborhoods with incomes less than \$100,000 are eligible for free Home Energy Squad visits.

To increase energy savings this summer, for a limited time Xcel Energy is offering FREE smart thermostats for customers that have central air and sign up for the AC Rewards program.

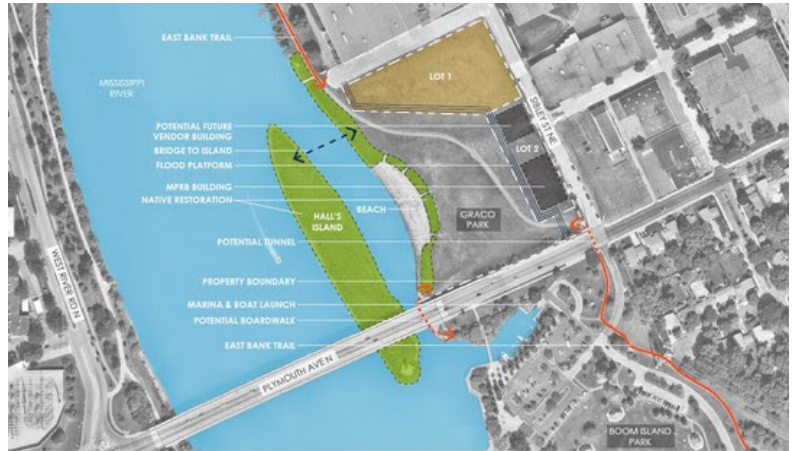
To help with financing energy efficiency upgrades Minneapolis residents can also take advantage of a 0% loan program. Recently the loan term increased to 10 years and the maximum increased to \$20,000.

To schedule an appointment with the Home Energy Squad, call 651-328-6220 or visit [mncee.org/hes](http://mncee.org/hes).



## Help Plan & Design a New Riverfront Park in Northeast Minneapolis

This project includes new and improved park on a parcel of riverfront land north of Plymouth Avenue Bridge that currently hosts a section of Mississippi East Bank Trail and a gravel beach facing Hall's Island. It will include improved trail connections to Boom Island Park and a pedestrian bridge connecting to Hall's Island.



The project will be based on a site concept plan approved by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners and a series of agreements reached with Graco Inc. in 2018. The new park owned and operated building will be approximately 4,000 square feet composed of a combination of shared or independent office space, community meeting rooms, public restrooms, and an open programmable gallery-like hall. The design and configuration of the future commercial building may change as a result of the design process.

### The Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board is Seeking Feedback:

**Online Survey:** Visit the project engagement page to find maps and images with information about the project and prompts to provide input. All submitted ideas and comments will be documented and considered as designs for the project are developed. This survey will be open through July 7, 2021. [aflandarc.com/graco-park-community-engagement-1](https://aflandarc.com/graco-park-community-engagement-1)

The first phase of engagement wraps up in July. Project staff will use feedback collected to create multiple park and building design concepts and share them in August for another round of feedback with another survey and additional in-person events. Then, in the fall, a single, preferred concept will be shared for a third round of engagement. [minneapolisparcs.org](https://minneapolisparcs.org)

### Need to report theft or property damage?

The City of Minneapolis is changing the way residents report non-violent, non-emergency theft and property damage not in progress. Starting June 14, non-police City employees at 311 will take these reports from Minneapolis residents instead of 911 dispatching Minneapolis Police officers.

You can report theft or property damage in two ways:

- Submit an online report ([minneapolismn.gov/report-an-issue/theft-lost-property-or-damaged-property](https://minneapolismn.gov/report-an-issue/theft-lost-property-or-damaged-property))
- Call 311

Minneapolis 311 takes calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Friday but you will need to call between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to make a theft or property damage report. If you need to make a report outside these hours or on holidays, you can:

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- Call back during those hours
- Leave a voicemail for a callback within 3 business days

You will receive an incident case number when you file a report whether you submit your report online or by calling 311. The quickest way to generate an incident case number for your report is to file it online. If the theft or property damage is occurring at the time of call, call 911. This is a service change aligned with the City's work around seeking alternatives to police response. The goal is to reduce administrative capacity for police and improve service experiences. Results of the program will be assessed throughout the year.

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### **California Street Farm *Pay-What-You-Can* Monday Farm Stand**

Mondays 4:30pm-6:30pm  
June 7th - September 27th

22nd Ave NE and California Street, across  
from Mojo Coffee

[californiastreetfarm.com](http://californiastreetfarm.com)

You can also visit the California Street Farm  
on Saturdays at the NE Farmer's Market!

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. Please contact BNA with specific requests.