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All FNA meetings and events are accessible. Requests for accommodations are welcome. Please make requests at least ten days in advance.

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Winter Networking Gathering: Let's Go Fly a Kite! *Sat., Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m.*

Meet fellow Fulton residents to network a bit over hot coffee and bagels at 11:30 a.m. at Bruegger's (50th & Penn) on Jan. 16, then walk together to the 16th Annual Winter Kite Festival held at Lake Harriet.

The annual festival runs Noon-4 p.m. and has kites of all shapes, sizes and colors as well as horse-drawn wagon rides, snowshoeing, a kid's ice fishing village and a marshmallow roast. Food will be available for purchase at Bread & Pickle or from a variety of food trucks.

The Minnesota Kite Society will have experts to demonstrate their skills maneuvering spectacular kites throughout the day, and they will be offering their help and expertise. So bring your own kite, or buy an inexpensive one at the lake to fly!

The Kite Festival will take place on the north end of Lake Harriet near the Bandshell, located at 4135 W. Lake Harriet Parkway. Admission is free.



Meet the New Director at Pershing Park: Diane Moe



Diane is a lifelong south Minneapolis resident (Washburn graduate), receiving her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado and Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota in Recreation Administration. Besides working for the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, she worked for the City of Bloomington for ten years in their recreation department. She has worked for the MPRB for more than fourteen years, having worked at Hiawatha School Park, Matthews, Folwell and Loring Parks with additional responsibilities as Cultural Arts Coordinator. For the past four years Diane has been at Whittier Park working closely with the Stevens Square, Clinton Field, Washburn Fair Oaks, and Mueller neighborhoods.



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Minneapolis Toy Library by Rebecca Nutter

The Minneapolis Toy Library is a new toy-lending program in Minneapolis. It is a volunteer-run, mobile toy-lending library which uses Hennepin County Libraries to host its events. The events are generally every three weeks and provide toys for children up to age 5. The toy collection is made up of newly purchased toys in addition to gently used donations. We are always looking for donations! These safe, educational toys focus on various developmental areas.



The toy library was developed by local moms who didn't want to continually buy their children new toys at each development stage. They also wanted to limit their impact on the environment by reusing outgrown toys. The idea of a community toy sharing came to mind.

You can become a member by attending one of our toy lending events. For a \$20/year membership fee, your family can borrow up to five toys each time. Members are expected to take good care of the materials and bring them back clean and with all the pieces; extra fees will be assessed for dirty and missing/broken toys.

Our events are listed on our website: mplstoylibrary.org. There you will also find more information about our library and a contact form if you'd like to donate your time or toys.

With our membership dues, we are currently working on becoming a nonprofit and finding a permanent space.



West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Fulton Small Grants Program

The 2016 Fulton Small Grant recipients will be announced in February. Please check the FNA website (fultonneighborhood.org) for a list of recipients and watch for more information in the March Fulton Neighborhood News. We are pleased to see the dedication that residents have to making Fulton neighborhood a great place to live. Fulton residents are doing good work in their community supporting the needs of youth, families and the arts.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret

An annual benefit for the Southwest High School performing arts programs

Sat., Jan. 30

7 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Ave S

Tickets: \$37 in advance; \$50 at the door (adults only)



Hot Notes on a Cold Night is the party of the year for SWHS parents and the southwest Minneapolis community. It is a wonderful community-building showcase event, featuring talented student entertainment and dancing to our award-winning Jazz Big Band. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.southwest.mpls.k12.mn.us. Thank you for your support of SWHS's beloved programs—and for fostering appreciation for arts and culture in our community. We welcome our entire Southwest community and neighbors to the party and look forward to seeing you on Jan. 30.

Organics Recycling: Sign Up by February 1 to Get Your Cart This Spring



Over 12,000 households in the Phase 1 roll-out area received their green organics recycling carts this fall. All Solid Waste & Recycling customers who sign up to participate in the organics recycling program by Feb. 1 will receive their organics carts beginning in April. So far, 977 Fulton neighborhood households (38%) have signed up to recycle organics.

Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Market and 2016 Vendor Applications

Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Market

Sat., Jan. 23

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Bachman's Garden Center

6010 Lyndale Ave S



Start 2016 off right with a visit to the Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Market. Find your favorite vendors from the Fulton, Kingfield and Nokomis markets indoors at Bachman's Garden Center. Hearty veggies such as carrots, cabbage, beets and potatoes are still available along with hydroponic and hoophouse greens. Stock up on local meats, cheeses, jams, honey, maple syrup, pickles, fermented veggies, crafts and much more. Come in from the cold and enjoy live music and a glass of beer or wine as you shop. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the final two winter markets on Feb. 27 and March 26.

Neighborhood Roots is now accepting vendor applications for the 2016 Fulton, Kingfield and Nokomis Farmers Markets. For more details, check out neighborhoodrootsmn.org or send an email to info@neighborhoodrootsmn.org.

Southwest Minneapolis Neighborhood Survey: Fulton Responds

by Madelyn Sundberg



Words used to describe Fulton neighborhood

This summer a survey was circulated through the Southwest Minneapolis community asking about the qualities and places that defined each of the nine neighborhoods included in the study. Over 400 residents participated, including 42 members of the Fulton community, who I would like to take this opportunity to thank for donating their time to my study. The results of the survey will be used in my thesis on the role of community involvement in the field of heritage preservation as well as shared with the neighborhood associations.

Of the 42 Fulton participants, eight percent were racial or ethnic minorities. The residents ranged in age from 31 to 85 and on average had lived in the neighborhood for 19 years. The general consensus was that the way the neighborhood feels is more important than the way it looks, which was a viewpoint shared by residents throughout Southwest Minneapolis. Additionally, participants indicated that bodies of water, parks, people, and homes are the most important elements in the creation of neighborhood character. Residents were asked to describe the character of Fulton neighborhood in three words, leading to a list of 53 different words (shown in the word cloud graphic) with the four most frequently utilized words being friendly, family, active, and walkable. When asked what they would change about Fulton neighborhood if they could change one thing, respondents came up with a list of nine different changes they would make. The most frequent answers were restricting residential new development to better maintain the historic appearance of the neighborhood, decreasing the amount of airplane noise, and increasing the ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of residents.

Participants were given the opportunity to choose three places in the neighborhood that they would preserve for future generations of Fulton residents, which led to the identification of 21 places important to maintaining the character of the neighborhood. Fifty-eight percent of the places people felt were important to the neighborhood were natural sites, including the three most commonly selected places: Lake Harriet, Minnehaha Creek and Pershing Park. Fifty percent of participants indicated that small commercial hubs were important architectural sites within the neighborhood, specifically nodes along 50th St. Fifty-four words were used by Fulton residents to describe the term heritage, with the most common being history, culture, and past. Additionally, Fulton residents felt more strongly than those living in surrounding neighborhoods that Fulton's heritage is based on the aesthetic and protection of historic places and that it contributes to the larger heritage of the City of Minneapolis.

Thank you again to everyone who took the time to participate. If you have any questions about the study please contact me at sundb173@umn.edu.