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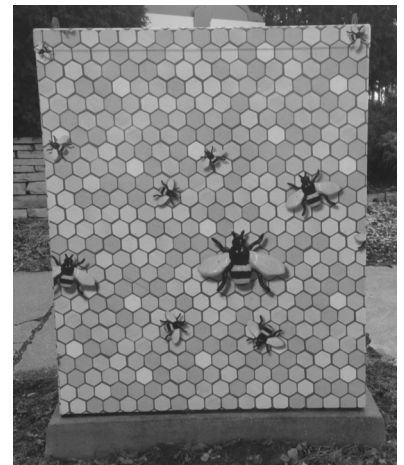
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FNA Wraps Utility Boxes

Have you ever noticed all of the ugly utility boxes in the neighborhood? Some people don't ever notice them, but most of us see them sticking out like a sore thumb with their unattractive colors, dented exteriors or, worst of all, with graffiti all over them. FNA recently took steps to make a few of them a little less ugly and bring some color and public art to the neighborhood.

Following guidelines and a set process from the City of Minneapolis, we identified several boxes around the neighborhood to beautify and prevent further graffiti by "wrapping" them with approved art designs. Some of the boxes we identified were ineligible due to poor condition, ownership or lack of permission from the owner of the nearest property. We ended up with approval to wrap four boxes in high-traffic areas: 50th & Upton, 50th & Xerxes, 49 1/2th & France and 51st & France. Four different art designs were chosen for the boxes, which were wrapped using weather-tolerant, graffiti-resistant 3M film. Check them out – we certainly think they add a little character to our already great neighborhood.



"The Hive" at 51st & France

We'd love to do a second round of wraps, possibly using original artwork. If you are interested in helping solicit art designs and jury the submissions, please contact us at info@fultonneighborhood.org.

FNA Winter Networking Event on February 6



6-8 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 6
Pig & Fiddle
3812 W. 50th St.

"Social Network" *noun*
Definition: A network of social interactions and personal relationships

Over the past couple of years, FNA has sponsored networking events to help people come together over a common interest, meet new neighbors and connect with other Fulton residents. Our most popular event to date was Happy Hour at Pig & Fiddle, so we have decided to do another one! Join us on Mon., Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m. in the side room at Pig & Fiddle for a free beverage and some tasty appetizers.

There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you pre-register so we can be prepared. There is a link to the registration site on our website at fultonneighborhood.org or call us at (612)922-3106. Attendance is limited due to space constraints, so register early! We are hoping to sponsor further Happy Hour gatherings throughout the year.



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Protect Your Property

Tips on Preventing Auto Theft and Theft from Auto

One-fifth of all crime in the United States is auto theft. A car is stolen every 33 seconds, every day of the year. Most vehicles are stolen because it was easy to do so; eighty percent of vehicles stolen are left unlocked and 42 percent had the keys left inside. In Minneapolis, purses, wallets, laptops, GPSs and other electronics are commonly stolen.



Here are some tips on how to protect your vehicle and valuables:

1. Don't leave valuables in your car. Even small items such as loose change can be tempting to a thief.
2. If you must leave valuables in your car, lock them in the trunk before reaching your destination.
3. Lock your car doors and close your windows.
4. Never leave your car running unattended.
5. Don't hide keys in your vehicle.
6. Park in a garage or a well-lit area.
7. Consider installing a car alarm or an anti-theft device such as a steering wheel bar lock, an engine disabler switch, etc.
8. If you have an after-market stereo, take it with you when you leave the car.
9. Be aware of identification theft if items stolen contain personal information.
10. Keep an updated record of all valuables in your car.

Winter Auto Safety



During the colder months, car thieves take advantage of residents who leave their cars running unattended. The temptation to start the car and let it warm up while you stay warm inside or leave it running while doing a short errand could be a costly mistake. Officers may issue tickets (with fines of \$34) to any

cars that are running with no driver present. Even if you lock the car, it only takes seconds to break a window or jimmy a door lock. It is against City ordinance to leave your keys in the ignition while you are not in your car. In fact, if your car is reported stolen and your keys are in it, you may get a ticket.

The Fulton Safety Committee meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. S. Use the entrance from the parking lot on the south side of the building.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Shredded Tire Waste Education and Action Session

6:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 1

Linden Hills Recreation Center, 3100 W. 43rd St.



Shredded tire waste is currently being used as a play surface by Minneapolis Public Schools on 47 elementary playgrounds. Chemicals detected in shredded tire material include carcinogens, neurotoxins, respiratory/eye/skin irritants and reproductive and developmental toxins.

Please join the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council Environment Committee and Play It Safe Minneapolis for an Education and Action Session advocating for the removal and replacement of shredded waste tires and crumb rubber on playgrounds.

16th Annual Lake Harriet KiteFest on January 28

Noon-4 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 28

Lake Harriet

Near the bandshell



The Minnesota Kite Society will be flying their large kites on the lake and offering demonstrations. Bring your own kite or buy one at the event. Other popular events include the kids' ice fishing village, music, food, marshmallow roasting, snowshoeing and more. Hot food and beverages will be available from Bread and Pickle and several food trucks.

5th Annual Tin Chef Cook-Off

It's time for Southwest Community Education's fourth annual Tin Chef Cooking Competition. Similar to popular television shows "Top Chef" and "Chopped," we'll transform our kitchen classroom into contest central as four teams battle it out for the winning dishes. Watch as teams prepare two dishes from scratch, complete with the chaos of surprise ingredients and outlandish comedy. Sample the recipes of each participating team. Celebrity judges TBD. WCCO-TV's Liz Collin will emcee.

7-9 p.m.

Wed., Feb 15

SWHS Lunchroom

\$5



Fulton Farmers Market



Volunteers

The Fulton Farmers Market is made possible, in large part, by regular folks who give a little of their time. If you love your market and want to ensure its success for years to come, we invite you to join our team of volunteers. Neighborhood Roots, the organization behind the Fulton, Kingfield and Nokomis Markets, will be hosting an informal meet-and-greet for interested volunteers from 7 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 26, at Studio 2 Cafe. Chat with Neighborhood Roots board members, staff, and Fulton volunteers about market day volunteering, operations committees, and other opportunities to help. Stop by Studio 2 Cafe on the 26th or get in touch at volunteers@neighborhoodrootsmn.org. RSVPs appreciated but not required.

Winter Markets

Loyal market customers longing for the Saturdays of summer needn't wait until spring to continue their local shopping. Mark your calendars for the 2017 Winter Markets on Jan. 28, Feb. 25 and March 25. All three markets will take place from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the greenhouse of Bachman's Garden Center at 6010 Lyndale Ave S. Come in from the cold and stock up on all your favorite local goodies.

Minneapolis Parks Long Term Planning



Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan Public Comment Period to Open on January 18

The design team has been preparing the draft document for the Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan since the last meeting of the appointed Community Advisory Committee on May 10, 2016. When the draft is complete, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners will open a 45-day public comment period, anticipated on Jan. 18.

The public will be able to submit comments in a variety of formats, including an online survey. A public hearing on the master plan will occur during a board meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in early 2017.

If approved by the MPRB Commissioners, the master plan will be sent to the Metropolitan Council for review and adoption. Future state funding for improvements in a regional park is contingent upon an adopted master plan.

Plans to construct improvements with an existing \$2.5 million in funding are moving forward. Because 80 percent of the estimated five million visits to the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park are for trail use, most of the existing improvement funding is being used to replace trail surfacing in poor or fair condition and to improve access to the trail network. Visit minneapolis-parks.org for more information.

Trail Access Improvements at Southeast Lake Harriet

Trail and access improvements near northeast Lake Calhoun, southeast Lake Harriet and Lake Street will begin construction this spring. These improvements are part of the official Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan and are funded partially through a grant. Because grant expiration is looming, the implementation project schedule will begin in advance of final approval of the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan.

The new design for improved circulation at the southeast corner of Lake Harriet includes:

- ~ Improved bicycle trail transition from Lake Harriet Trail to W. Minnehaha Parkway with improved sight lines, new alignment and a curb extension leading to dedicated two-way on-road bike trail to 49th St.
- ~ Separated bicycle and pedestrian trails approaching Lake Harriet
- ~ Raised crosswalk for bicycle and pedestrian trail crossing of Lake Harriet Parkway
- ~ Bicycle trail connection to Lower Road
- ~ Improved wayfinding

To implement this design, changes will be made to W. Minnehaha Parkway between W. 49th St. and Lake Harriet Parkway. The roadway for parking and vehicular two-way traffic will be reduced by three feet and the two-way bike lane will be increased by three feet. There will be parking allowed on the west side of the West Minnehaha Parkway, although there will be several "no parking" zones at intersections to allow greater visibility for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Parking will not be allowed on the east side of this section of the parkway.

