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Fulton Neighborhood News is published bimonthly by the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) with funding from the Fulton Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).

FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at Pershing Park. All meetings are open to the public.

Fulton NRP is an organization of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Committee meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Pershing Park.

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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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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Makes \$5,000 Donation

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 4801 France Ave. S., has been a loyal partner to Fulton Neighborhood Association for many years. In the past, the church has supported FNA with funds to help start this publication as well as being host to numerous meetings and gatherings.

At the regular FNA meeting on May 13, the church presented FNA with a \$5,000 donation. Currently, the church is undergoing a major renovation and has committed ten percent of the renovation budget to community outreach. The gift represents an ongoing partnership between the church and neighborhood and the church's desire to support work of the neighborhood association in a way that benefits Fulton residents.



FNA President Jim Tincher with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd representative Bill Kerker

FNA is pleased to receive this donation and has committed to spend this incredible gift in a way that is thoughtful and in the spirit in which it was given. To achieve that goal, FNA gathered suggestions from FNA Board members and community members for small projects around the neighborhood that could be accomplished with the donated funds. Suggestions ranged far and wide, including signage, park improvements, services to seniors, environmental projects and art installations. At the June FNA meeting, Board and community members participated in a "Dotmocracy" vote to identify the top priorities. Each person was given seven "dots" and instructed to vote for their favorite project ideas from the over 50 suggestions. Many fun and heartfelt discussions were held as residents thought about the needs of Fulton neighborhood.

The top five priorities identified were:

- Additional or Larger Shade Structures at Pershing Pool
- Bee Garden/Bee Hives
- Milkweed for Monarchs
- Fulton 5K
- "Welcome to Minneapolis" Sign at 50th & France

A subcommittee of Board and community members will review the vote results and make a recommendation soon as to how to spend the donation. Please watch the next issue of the Fulton Neighborhood News for further updates.



The Fulton Neighborhood News

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Fulton Fall Festival Set for Sept. 12

Planning is under way for the Annual Fulton Fall Festival, scheduled for Sat., Sept. 12, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pershing Park.

Count on lots of family friendly fun at the festival, which is tentatively set to include a bike parade featuring the Southwest High Marching Band, inflatables, petting zoo, games and art projects for kids, food drive and food can sculpture, festival food (hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, etc.), the Marketplace, a silent auction, and great music for all ages.

Silent auction items and help are needed—Can you donate goods or services? Or donate your time and expertise in a fun area? Contact Sheila Sager at organizeplus@gmail.com.

Marketplace—A great place to showcase your wares. Marketplace spots are \$10 or free for children 15 and under. To register, contact Ruth at sr4olson@usfamily.net.

Volunteers—We need your help! ***All volunteers receive four free \$1 tickets.*** Sign up now at www.fultonneighborhood.org or by calling 612-922-3106.

Eighth annual food drive & sculpture—Start saving up your canned goods and boxed foods now. Simply Jane and ArtAble will help kids create a food can sculpture.

Book donations needed—Donations are being accepted for the 2015 Fulton Festival Used Book Sale. Please drop your donations at the Linden Hills Library.

Fulton Farmers Market in Full Swing

July at the market means lots of summer fruit—raspberries, blueberries, sour cherries & currants. Veggie-wise, you'll find green beans, carrots, potatoes, beets, cucumbers, summer squash, cabbages, greens, broccoli and cherry tomatoes. You may even see the first of the sweet corn by the end of the month! In addition to produce, our vendors have beautiful flower bouquets, eggs, cheese, breads, and meats perfect for your summer grilling. Cool down with an ice pop at the market, and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

Make plans to meet up with your friends and neighbors to listen to live music and enjoy activities every week – kids craft activities, veggie tastings, and more. We have storytime every week at 9:30 a.m., and live music starting at 10 a.m. Coming up, don't miss out on the free puppet show from Open Eye Figure Theatre at 10 a.m. on July 18. Find our full schedule of events online at: neighborhoodrootsmn.org. We'll see you at the market!

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Annual BLEND Award Submissions due July 31

The annual BLEND Award submission deadline is fast approaching. Submissions must be received no later than July 31.

The 9th annual BLEND Award encourages and rewards home owners, architects and builders who aesthetically blend newly remodeled or constructed homes and businesses into the existing neighborhood. In addition, EcoBLEND Badges will be presented to BLEND Award recipients who apply eco-friendly design and sustainable building practices to their projects. New this year, one project will be selected as "Best in Show," recognizing a particularly exceptional example of the BLEND philosophy.



The annual awards ceremony will be held on Sept. 28 at Fulton Brewery and will feature keynote speaker Larry Millett, famed Minneapolis architectural historian and author of *Minnesota's Own*.

More information can be found at BLENDaward.org.

Fulton/Lynnhurst Garage Sales

Sat., Sept. 19
9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine

If you would like to host a sale, mail registration and \$5 fee (checks made payable to Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association) to:

Mary Vander Leest
4653 Aldrich Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Questions? Call Mary at 612.827.5132



Your \$5 registration fee will include a group ad in the Star Tribune and your listing on sale maps.

Registration must include:

- Your name and phone number (it won't be published, but just in case there are questions)
- Address of the sale
- Location of the sale: Front, Back, Alley or Driveway
- In five words or less, a description of your sale (e.g. kids gear, general household, sporting goods, etc.)

Deadline to register: Sept. 9

Open Streets 50th & France

Sun., Sept. 27
1-5 p.m.

A day of fun promoting local shops, health & wellness, connecting communities and active transportation.

50th St. will be closed from Wooddale to Chowne Avenues.

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Fulton Small Grants



Southwest High School Music Program Grant

After receiving a generous grant from the Fulton Neighborhood Association, the Southwest High School Bands and Orchestras, under the direction of Reid Wixson, performed a concert on May 18 that featured guest trombone soloist and conductor Ben Bussey (SWHS Class of 2002). Additionally, the money from the grant was also used to purchase brand new sheet music for the concert and the students in the ensembles had the opportunity to select the music. The audience enthusiastically supported the students as they listened to a wide range of pieces that showcased the musical learning for the year.

Help Plan the Future of Minneapolis Parks

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is undergoing what may be the most comprehensive planning effort in its 130-year history. Minneapolis residents are encouraged to get involved and help the MPRB with three distinct, yet deeply intertwined projects: RecQuest, Service Area Master Plans, and Closing the Gap: Investing in our Neighborhood Parks. If you value Pershing Park, it is very important to attend one of the public meetings and share your feedback. Even though the meeting focusing on Pershing Park has already been held, please attend one of the other sessions on July 20 at MLK Park or July 28 at Lynnhurst Park. Both meetings are 6-8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.fultonneighborhood.org for a link to the project page at MPRB.

Pershing Park Carnival

Wed., July 15
1-4 p.m.



The Pershing Park Carnival is an exciting, activity-filled experience for both children and adults that will feature a variety of food booths, games and prizes. Spend the afternoon indulging in tasty treats and participating in entertaining, hands-on activities. Tickets will be sold for activities and concessions.