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2016 Fulton Small Grants Recipients

Fulton Neighborhood Association is in its second year of providing funding for local programming through the Fulton Small Grants Program. The program is designed to support community



engagement and neighborhood youth activities. In the first year of programming, funding went to support a bullying prevention program, music education and enhancement, art activities and youth leadership.

Fulton Neighborhood Association is proud to announce the recipients of the 2016 Fulton Small Grants:

Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness

Award Amount: \$2,500

Program: Provide supportive encouragement to community participants ages 60+ in a fun learning environment as they engage in healthy aging practices.

50th & France Business Association

Award Amount: \$2,000

Program: Support the 2nd Annual Open Streets on 50th St. which is an event that allows for safe and walkable ways to explore the area and businesses while engaging with neighbors and other community groups.

Student Health Force

Award Amount: \$1,000

Program: Initiate a new Health Force program teaching children how to keep themselves healthy using current technology, posters and other activities.

Lake Harriet Community School: Mrs. Hansen's Seventh Grade Class

Award Amount: \$1,000

Program: Students have read *The Diary of Anne Frank* and will now attend a performance of the same-named play and create scrapbook displays to educate other students and staff.

Congratulations to these recipients!



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Environmental Corner

Pollinator Resolution

The Fulton Neighborhood Environmental Committee wants to remind everyone that the Minneapolis City Council has unanimously approved a resolution supporting a pollinator-friendly community. They recommend that all city residents, businesses and institutions adopt organic lawn and garden methods starting this spring. This action by all of us will protect our priceless pollinators - honeybees, butterflies, etc. Their health is our health and that of our food supply.

We support pollinator gardens; look for further information in the FNA Newsletter in the coming months for suggestions on what each one of us can do to support this resolution.

Google "Minneapolis Pollinator Resolution" to learn more.

Planting for Pollinators and Clean Water

If you'd like to learn more about clean water, pollinators, and what you can do on your property to help, consider attending a Metro Blooms workshop in the coming months. This fast-paced and focused three-hour workshop explores simple changes you can make on your property that helps protect clean water and create healthy habitats. It includes the latest information in healthy yard care practices combined with our popular do-it-yourself approach to rain garden design and installation. Following a presentation you will have the opportunity to receive assistance from Landscape Designers and Master Gardeners in a small group setting to go over your particular property issues.

There are many workshops scheduled in the metro area, the closest of which to Fulton are on April 13 in Edina and May 18 at Pearl Park. For a complete list of workshops and registration information, please visit metroblooms.org.

\$25 Trees Available

Starting March 21, the City of Minneapolis will offer three- to eight-foot trees for only \$25 each to residents of Ward 13. Order your tree starting at 9 a.m. on March 21 at treetrust.org. Pick it up May 21-23. Trees are available for Minneapolis property owners including residents, businesses and nonprofits and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Order early for the best selection. Limit one tree per property.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Pershing Park News

SWAC Spring Sports Registration

Spring sports registration continues through Thurs. March 24 for track, t-ball, pitching machine, baseball and softball; registration continues through May 13 for tennis. Placement on a team cannot be guaranteed after end of late registration listed on each form. Visit swac.info for more information.

Summer Rec+ Plus Program

Rec Plus provides school-age childcare for children ages 5-12 at Pershing Park Recreation Center, Mon. – Fri., June 13 – August 19, 7a.m. – 6 p.m. Children must have completed Kindergarten to participate. Activities include games and sports, arts and crafts, field trips and nutritious snacks.

For more information call 612-230-6498.

Fulton Farmers Market

Eat at Broders' and Support the Fulton Farmers Market

Dine out at all three Broders' restaurants – Terzo, the Pasta Bar, and the Cucina Italiana – on March 28 and 15 percent of their revenue will be donated to the Fulton Farmers Market. Bring friends and family for a fun night out or grab something to go. Our farmers markets rely on support from local businesses and neighbors like you!

Indoor Market on March 26

Stock up on local produce, preserves, baked goods, and more from your favorite Fulton, Kingfield, and Nokomis farmers market vendors. The market will take place on March 26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bachman's Garden Center (6010 Lyndale Ave. S). Support small local farms and businesses and enjoy a beautiful morning at the market.

Southwest High School Spotlight Musical *Guys and Dolls*

7 p.m. Thurs.-Sat. March 10-12 and 17-19
2 p.m. Sun. March 13 and 20

See the wonderful, professional quality product of our talented students and staff at Southwest High – the best-priced theatre ticket in town. This year's Spotlight Musical will be the popular romantic comedy, *Guys and Dolls*. Set in the Manhattan of Damon Runyon's 1920s and 30s short stories, *Guys and Dolls* won multiple Tony awards for its original production and revivals on Broadway. Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.

Reserved tickets: \$17 adults, \$14 seniors, \$7 students
General admission: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$5 students

To reserve tickets go to: southwesttheatre.org



Spring Community Clean-Up Day Scheduled for April 23

Please join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and students from Southwest High School in a one-morning effort to help clean up around the community. We will meet at Southwest High School in the lunchroom at 8:30 a.m. on Sat., April 23, for juice, coffee, and rolls. The clean-up will run from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be cleaning up around the school and the shorelines along Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun (bus transportation will be provided to and from the school). We'll provide a gourmet picnic lunch for everyone back at school (it's a good idea to share bread with friends & neighbors!). This project is being sponsored by the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and the Southwest "Green Team." If you wish to participate in the clean-up, contact Tom Neiman at 612-668-3100 or tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Metro Blooms 2015 Formal Garden Award: 4753 Vincent Ave S by Metro Blooms

When Steve and Marsha Cusulos moved into Fulton in 1976, it was a different landscape from what we see today. Not only was their own yard rather sparse and barren (except for a couple of large trees), the neighborhood itself was more turf-centric and less filled with flower gardens. Although they deny starting the trend, they did immediately start transforming their yard into the beautiful formal garden Minneapolis residents now enjoy.



Steve and Marsha described their search for a “classic” home, and their delight upon finding the Palladian home at 4753 Vincent Ave S. They believe that a house should be consistent in style both inside and out, and have therefore carefully selected period furnishings inside and created a formal garden outside.



Marsha grew up gardening “by force,” pulling out dandelions with a table knife, but explains that she now finds weeding therapeutic. Steve also came to the task by helping his family, and now spends a great deal of time doing some of the hardscaping (he put in their patio and driveway himself), planting and transplanting. While Marsha is fairly conservative and deliberately plans her gardening, Steve is more likely to just “go with it.” The combination seems to work, as they have together planned and created a beautiful oasis with endless items to catch the eye and peaceful places to just sit and enjoy the environment. They describe their garden as a “museum garden,” with small galleries and “discovery

spaces,” and have left it open (they took out a privacy fence decades ago) so that people can enjoy it from the street. They explain that “if we weren’t outside working, we wouldn’t have gotten to know the people we do.”

Steve and Marsha invite you to stop by and take a look. “We are on a busy walking route to Lake Harriet and have the opportunity to visit with passers by when we are out working, which is any day when it is not raining or snowing.”



First in a two-part series

Next issue: Best Alley Garden