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**2017 Fulton Small Grants Recipients**

Fulton Neighborhood Association is in its third 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 two years of programming, funding has gone to support a bullying prevention program, music education and enhancement, art activities, youth leadership, senior wellness, Open Streets and school programs.



Fulton Neighborhood Association is proud to announce the recipients of the 2017 Fulton Small Grants:

**Southwest High School Orchestra Program**

**Award Amount:** \$1,000

**Program:** Purchase new sheet music for the orchestra and support the busing cost to take the orchestra on a tour to perform at the local middle and elementary schools. This project will help strengthen orchestra in the schools and give more visibility to the program.

**Cub Scout Pack 6**

**Award Amount:** \$650

**Program:** Start a new, local Cub Scout Pack (grades K-5) and help cover the cost of program materials that stay with the organization such as leader manuals, handbooks, flags, neckerchiefs, etc. The new Pack will service the growth and developmental needs of youth through the Scouting program.

**Venturing Crew 6**

**Award Amount:** \$285

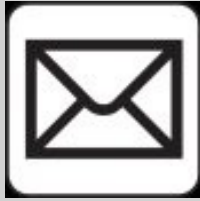
**Program:** Provide program resources to youth ages 14-20 who are interested in developing leadership qualities through high adventure planning and execution. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults, with an emphasis in adventure, leadership, personal growth, and community service.

Congratulations to these recipients!

**Programming for Fulton Seniors**

**What do you need?**

The 2016 Fulton Small Grants Program supported a senior wellness/balance program that was highly sought after and well-attended. We would like to continue to offer programming like this geared toward the senior population of the neighborhood. We are wondering what classes/activities you would like to see in the future. Would you like another balance class or possibly classes focused on exercise, retirement finances, eldercare, etc.? What ideas do you have? Please send your ideas and interests to [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org) or call 612-922-3106.



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## 2017 Metro Blooms Workshops: How to Create a Weather-Resilient Yard



Unseasonably warm weather, long periods of drought and flooding rains are the new normal for Minnesota's spring and summer seasons. Metro Blooms' *Creating Weather Resilient Yards* workshops will give you an overview of Minnesota's changing weather patterns and ways to mitigate the impact in your own yard. We'll cover options for establishing mowable, native alternatives to "grass" turf, raingarden basics and other resilient yard practices. Receive one-on-one assistance creating a plan for your yard from Metro Blooms landscape designers, Blue Thumb Planting for Clean Water Partners, Hennepin County Master Gardeners, and Master Water Stewards, as well as information about cost share programs and Blue Thumb resources for help along the way.

The workshop fee is \$15. There are many workshops scheduled in the metro area. The ones closest to Fulton are on April 18 at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis and May 24 in Edina. For a complete list of workshops and registration information, please visit [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or call 651-699-2426.

## Tree Trust: Minneapolis \$25 Tree Sale Lottery



Because of the annually increasing demand of this always popular event, this year's \$25 Tree Sale program will be administered by lottery for Ward 13. From Mar. 13 to Mar. 20, residents will be able to register their property address for the lottery at [treetrust.org](http://treetrust.org). All registrations received during that time will be put into the lottery drawing, so registration can be done anytime during those eight days. The day and time of registration will have no bearing on potentially being selected in the lottery drawing.

All registrants will be notified of their status by March 22 and further details on the process will be provided at that time. The distribution location will be the City of Minneapolis Impound Lot on May 20-22.

## Metro Transit Bus Service to Fort Snelling

There is now an environmentally sustainable way to visit Fort Snelling! Metro Transit has new weekend and holiday bus service to Historic Fort Snelling and Fort Snelling State Park. Route 7-F buses run every 30 minutes, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; they are timed to connect with Route 46, our 50th St bus, at the Hiawatha Ave & 46th St stations.



For details, please go to [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org). This new route begins operating on Mar. 4.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

## Save the Date: Pershing Park Ice Cream Social and Movie Night on July 21

This year we are combing forces and combining events into one awesome evening!

Please join us on Fri., July 21, at Pershing Park in the early evening for a FREE ice cream cone (first 400 people) from Sebastian Joe's. Bring a blanket and stay until dusk for a screening of *Minions* on the big inflatable screen. Come for one or both of the fun events that evening and enjoy an evening with your neighbors!



Co-sponsored by Pershing Park and FNA

## Fulton Farmers Market

### *Final Winter Market is March 25*

Don't miss the final Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Market of the season on Mar. 25, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the greenhouse of Bachman's Garden Center (6010 Lyndale Ave S). Fill your shopping bags with local pasture raised meats, farmstead cheeses, fermented vegetables, jams, honey, maple syrup and much more. Vendors will have baked goods and tasty foods for breakfast or lunch; beer and wine will be available for sale by the glass and live music will accompany your shopping trip.

### *Outdoor Market*

And be sure to mark your calendar for the opening of the outdoor season at the Fulton Farmers Market on May 20. To volunteer, get in touch at [volunteers@neighborhoodrootsmn.org](mailto:volunteers@neighborhoodrootsmn.org) -we look forward to hearing from you!

## The Real Costs of Theft from Motor Vehicles: Avoid Theft to Avoid a Hassle

Did you know ... the average cost of fixing a broken window is \$200? If your credit cards are stolen they will be used in less than an hour for \$100-\$500+? That thieves may open credit lines in your name? Every credit inquiry that is made can drop your credit score 10-20 points.\*

The cost of theft from your car is too high. Lock your doors and don't leave valuables like your purse/wallet or personal identify information inside.

\* Forbes Magazine

## Southwest High School Spotlight Musical *Sweet Charity*

**7 p.m. March 16-18 and 23-25**  
**2 p.m. March 19 and 26**

Charity works at a dance club and has only seen the dark side of life but thinks things are changing when she meets Oscar. Even when things turn sour, Charity stays sweet and hopeful of her dreams.

Music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields, book by Neil Simon and originally directed and choreographed for Broadway by Bob Fosse starring his wife and muse, Gwen Verdon.

Reserved tickets: \$17 adults, \$14 seniors, \$7 students

To find out more about the show or reserve tickets go to: [southwesttheatre.org](http://southwesttheatre.org)



# What's UP? Notes from MSP FairSkies Coalition

*Airplane noise pollution remains a serious problem for residents surrounding MSP Airport. MSP FairSkies Coalition (MSPFSC) continues to monitor overflight impact, and works to fight noise increases on a variety of fronts.*



## **2015/2016 Recap:**

- Through data acquired via the Freedom of Information Act, we published the first full accounting of the impact of aircraft noise using modern standards. This can be viewed at [mspfairskies.com](http://mspfairskies.com) under the “Real Impact” tab.
- Together with many residents from Minneapolis and Edina, we were able to persuade the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to temporarily pause approval of its Comprehensive Plan.
- In October 2015 MSP FairSkies co-sponsored “National No Fly Day” — a series of six simultaneous rallies across the country to protest FAA actions on NextGen flight paths, garnering national press.
- MN Congressman Keith Ellison joined other House members in the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus.
- Brian Ryks became the CEO of MAC. He has stressed “the importance of communication and collaboration” between the MAC and the community.
- Delta announced it will replace its noisy MD-88 with A320-class planes over the course of several years. This reduces noise on takeoff by approximately 8dB. The impact on arrivals is much smaller.
- Delta also announced it will install a vortex generator on the A320-class planes, as required in Europe, reducing landing noise by up to 11dB. NOTE: this will primarily benefit residents near Hwy. 169, not those closer to the airport. Learn more about the vortex generator at [mspfairskies.com](http://mspfairskies.com) under “Real Impact.”

## **What's ahead:**

### **Nationally:**

Congress needs to periodically reauthorize the FAA to conduct its business. We have been working with other citizen groups to leverage this into legislation that would require Environmental Impact Studies which could potentially change the noise metrics. Of great concern is the Trump administration's recently announced plans to reduce airline regulations.

### **Locally:**

The FAA recently announced that MSP needs to restrict flights on runway 17 — the nearly billion-dollar runway that was built a few years ago. As a result, it appears the FAA will increase the number of flights along the 35W corridor. Besides being a poor use of the new runway, this distribution overly burdens neighborhoods to the north of the airport. It is believed the FAA will return in the next two years to try and implement NextGen (RNAV) departures out of MSP. We need to be prepared for this.

### **You can help:**

Please stay tuned-in and engaged. Here are a few things you can do:

- Register your noise complaints. Call 612-726-9411 or go to [macnoise.com](http://macnoise.com).
- Contact elected officials. It's important to let the Governor, state representatives, and federal elected officials know your opinion regarding aviation noise. Share your personal story — how the noise affects your quality of life or changes you have noticed.
- Share your concerns with other influential officials including city council members and MAC/NOC commissioners. You can contact the MAC/NOC commissioners by going to the MAC web site at [metroairports.org](http://metroairports.org).
- Follow MSPFSC co-founders Steve Kittleson and Kevin Terrell on Facebook or Twitter.