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# Fulton Neighborhood Association Sponsors Free Trees for Local Schoolchildren



Nearly 2,600 kids at four schools have been offered free trees to plant during Earth Week as part of Neighborhood Forest's eighth annual giveaway.

The program has been giving away free trees to schools across the Twin Cities and Minnesota since 2010. This year, Fulton Neighborhood Association was a key sponsor of the program and provided free trees at Carondelet Catholic School, Lake Harriet Lower School, Lake Harriet United Methodist Preschool and Southwest High School.

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## Milk Carton Boat Races and Sandcastle Contest are Back!

The Twin Cities Beach Blast is returning two old favorites to Thomas Beach at Lake Calhoun this summer: milk carton boat races and a sandcastle competition. Both events will be held on Sun., July 16.



The boat races will include special categories for children, teenagers and adults. Big boats will compete and race for solo or stand-up paddling awards.

The sandcastle competition will have contests for experts, families and beginners, and an award for Best in Show.

Mark your calendars and join in the fun for the return of these oldie but goodie classic summer events.

## Save the Date!

### Fulton Fall Festival



Sat., Sept. 9

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

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To receive a free tree, parents registered via an online form sent by the school and agreed to plant and care for the tree with their child(ren). More than half of Fulton school-aged families received tamarack trees through the program this year. Tree shipments arrived between Earth Day, April 22, and Arbor Day, April 28.

In all, Neighborhood Forest gave away nearly 10,000 trees this Earth Day at 70+ schools across Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Ontario, Canada. They soon hope to be in every state in the nation.

For more info, visit [www.neighborhoodforest.org](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org).

### 39th Annual Midnight-to-Dawn Bike Trip



July 8-9

Insomniacs and bicycling lovers unite! Join Southwest Community Education and enjoy a 42- or 28-mile ride through the metro on the "Midsummer Night's Dream-of-a-Ride." Make stops at late-night shops like Mel-O-Glaze Bakery and the Grand Ol' Creamery or bike straight through the night to the sunrise finish. A gourmet breakfast will follow the ride at Beard's Plaisance. Registration deadline is June 15. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and a T-shirt.

Registration is at [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com) or by calling 612-668-3100.

### Minneapolis Police Department Fifth Precinct Open House

5-7 p.m.  
Wed., May 17  
3101 Nicollet Ave S

Join the MPD for a fun, free, family friendly event. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Minneapolis Police Department.



Please join us and bring your family and friends! For questions, call the precinct at 612- 673-5715. Access the event by walking through the opened gates on 1st Ave or Nicollet Ave.

# 54<sup>th</sup> Street West Reconstruction



The 54th St reconstruction project resumed in April. The 2017 roadway construction will primarily take place along 54th from just west of Humboldt Ave to Penn Ave. However, there will be some sidewalk removal and replacement, sodding, tree planting and utility work behind the curb between Humboldt and Lyndale.

Additional information and updates on this project are available at the City's web site, [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov), or on Facebook.

The project will include complete removal and replacement of the pavement surface, curb and gutter, storm drains, driveway approaches, sidewalk, new trees and sod.

Construction is scheduled to begin with pavement removal and estimated to be substantially completed with new pavement by late September. Please understand that the construction schedules are subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

## 2017 Fulton Farmers Market Opens May 20

The days are getting long and things are heating up – it's almost time for the Fulton Farmers Market! Join us on Sat., May 20, for Opening Day and every Saturday through Oct. 28 thereafter. The market is located at 4901 Chowen Ave S, and runs 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. We're open rain or shine!

There's always something to do at the market – children's story time runs every week at 9:30 a.m., followed by live music at 10 a.m. On Opening Day we'll have a bird feeder activity for kids starting at 10 a.m. and will be handing out a limited number of market bags.



Planning a garden? Find a variety of vegetable starts at the market as we kick off the season, along with pollinator-friendly perennials. Produce will highlight local greens along with radishes, rhubarb, asparagus, and green onions depending on how warm the weather's been. Find us on Facebook as Fulton Farmers Market, or Instagram (@neighborhoodrootsmn) for the latest on what's in season.

# Metro Blooms 2016 Best Pollinator Garden Award:

## 5100 Penn Ave S

### *by Metro Blooms*

Thirty-five years ago, Denise Stromberg moved into her home, which she claims was a disaster. Born with a love for nature and all living creatures, she began to garden. As time passed she eventually filled up her tiered garden on a busy street. Her very visible yard now provides enjoyment for many passersby and a haven for pollinators to get busy.

Stromberg describes herself as a laid-back giver. Her interest in gardening goes back to her parents—her dad grew veggies and her mom planted flowers. She loves to make people and plants happy, even leaving the weeds alone, feeling sorry for the ones that are pulled out.

Denise recommends that the first step in starting a garden should be a soil test, finding out the soil's PH and amending the soil accordingly. She also recommends getting a guidebook specific to plants that do well in Minnesota. She has found that many perennial native plants not only make great pollinators but are also very beautiful. Her garden is full of coneflowers, sedum, asters, forget-me-nots, lilacs, a variety of lilies, phlox and bee-loving huechera. Stromberg recommends the reseeding type of black-eyed Susans to keep them from spreading too much. She deadheads them and throws them where she wants them in the garden. Another trick she shares is to throw a few cups of

Black Oil sunflower seeds around the yard—the goldfinches love them. Her favorite pollinator plant is the red bee balm, bringing an impressive numbers of bees, hummingbirds and butterflies!

Stromberg has received several letters over the years from neighbors expressing their gratitude for her hard work. She has inspired her next-door neighbor to start gardening and they now share plants. Stromberg also received a photo of her garden in poster size that was given to her by a neighbor. This same photographer was sending photos of the garden to her own mother who was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and loved getting the photos of the ever-changing blooms. This was great news for Stromberg who says that she strives to brighten people's day in a world that needs more joy.

Stromberg's garden has won this award because of the great variety of plants that she has nurtured over the years that attract all kinds of pollinators. She admits that her garden came to be without much planning and instead she gardens with the thought of simply "plopping plants where I like".

