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Fulton Educational Raingarden

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recently named stormwater runoff as our nation's biggest water quality threat. We in Fulton experience first hand the result of excess stormwater in many areas, but one of the worst is the intersection of Chowen Ave S at 49th St W. For many years, this intersection has easily flooded during heavy rains as the storm sewer system is too easily overwhelmed. FNA began working with Jim Sowers of Lake Harriet United Methodist Church (LHUMC) to come up with a neighborhood based solution. They landed on the idea of a raingarden placed on the north side of the church which would not only help absorb the rain water but could also provide an educational example of a working raingarden for neighborhood residents. Raingardens use natural topography and specific plants to help retain rain water in the soil rather than letting it run off into the sewer system, where it empties into nearby lakes, rivers and streams. The timing for the installation of a raingarden was ideal as the church was undertaking both exterior and interior renovation projects and the raingarden fit into their overall vision of environmental stewardship.

Over the course of one and a half years plans were drawn up and the garden was constructed and installed in the fall of 2013. The garden, which is approximately 15' x 20', required a retaining wall to properly function in the chosen space on the north side of the church. Very specific plants such as butterfly milkweed, little bluestem, purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, New England aster, stiff goldenrod, red switch grass, Virginia bluebells, wild geranium, cardinal flower and compact red-twig dogwood were chosen and planted. Fulton neighborhood funds paid for the installation of the raingarden and the church is paying for a maintenance contract for the first three years in order to let the garden get fully established and flourish.

The last step in the process was to install an educational sign depicting a raingarden, how it works and what plants can be used. On Sat., April 11 a few dedicated neighborhood and community volunteers gathered to install the sign and complete the project.

Please stop by, take a look and learn about our own neighborhood raingarden. Stop back frequently throughout the spring and summer to watch the garden bloom and work its magic abating excess stormwater.



From left to right: Peter Hoban, Mary Nolte, Linda Romine, Jim Sowers and Steve Haslach.

Save the Date!

Fulton Fall Festival



Sat., Sept. 12

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Announcing the 9th Annual BLEND Awards

Submissions are now being accepted for the 9th annual BLEND Awards, recognizing homes and businesses that blend into their Minneapolis neighborhoods.



The 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.

More information can be found at BLENDaward.org, including submission guidelines, entry forms and a gallery of previous winners serving as a resource for anyone looking to remodel or build new, while maintaining the character of the neighborhood. Submission deadline is July 31.

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

Pershing Summer Rec Plus Childcare

Rec Plus has limited openings for summer (June 8- Aug. 14). Part time rate is \$38/day (2 days a week minimum for 6 weeks of the summer) and includes field trips, snacks, and a number of park programs. Full time rate is \$172/week and includes two field trips per week, swim lessons at Lupient Water Park, snacks, and a number of park programs.



Minneapolis Police Department Fifth Precinct Open House

5-7 p.m.
Wed., May 13
3101 Nicollet Ave S

Join the MPD for fun, free, family friendly event. There will be free food, music by the MPD Police Band and representatives of many of the police units including K9, Mounted Patrol, the Bomb Squad with its bomb robot, SWAT, 311 and more. There will be information and displays on many community policing efforts. It's a great way to learn more about the various city units and to enjoy a spring evening.

Fulton Farmers Market Opens on May 16



Get ready for a great season of locally grown fruits and vegetables, delicious artisan foods, live music, and fun activities at the Fulton Farmers Market. The 2015 outdoor market season begins Sat., May 16 and will run every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct 24 at 4901 Chowen Ave. S. While it's a little early for most local vegetables, customers can expect to see spring greens and lots of plant starts along with meats, cheeses, canned goods and more.

Fulton is welcoming some exciting new vendors to the market this season and many old favorites will be returning. Don't miss out on wood fired pizzas, tarts, jams and jellies, honey, popsicles, bagels and soups. Two fantastic food trucks will be at each market with tasty breakfast and lunch items and a brand new Twin Cities coffee roaster will be pouring delicious brews.

The 2015 Fulton Market will have great weekly activities for kids and adults alike. All can enjoy live music from local artists every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and the little ones can gather around for story time at 9:30 a.m. each week. Throughout the season we will have food samplings, kid's crafts, educational programing, veggie parades and more.

For more details on Fulton vendors and events, follow them on Facebook and check out the webpage at neighborhoodrootsmn.org. Sign up for the newsletter to get details on vendors and events each week.

Fulton Spring Networking Event



The inaugural Fulton Networking Event was held on Mon., April 6 at local restaurant Pig & Fiddle. Over 40 residents and FNA Board Members gathered to make personal connections, see some familiar faces and make new acquaintances. Attendees enjoyed fine food and drink from Pig & Fiddle and a few lucky people went home with a raffle prize. The event was a definite success and we will be scheduling more networking events in the future with different themes using a variety of local venues.

What do you like most about living in Fulton Neighborhood?

1. Living close to and biking the lakes
2. Walkability
3. Dog friendly community
4. Sidewalks and neighbors
5. Farmers Market



Fulton Small Grants



Bullying Prevention Seminar

As one of the recipients of the first annual Fulton Small Grants Program, Lakes Martial Arts held a bullying prevention seminar on April 25 at Pershing Park. The seminar, which was attended by 26 youth ages six to twelve, included demonstrations and discussions about bullying, the differences between tattling and bullying, how to report bullying and what students can do to prevent bullying. Guidance was also given on how to prevent bullying through confidence, self-defense, and leadership skills. To learn more about the program and the personal story of its leader, please visit <http://www.lakesmartialarts.com/blog/> and read the blog entry dated April 1.

Southwest High School

Upcoming Concerts

Community members encouraged to attend!

- May 12 Choir Concert, SW Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 14 Orchestra Concert, SW Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 18 Band and Orchestra Concert,
Lake Harriet Band Shell, 7 p.m.
- May 19 Choir Concert
Lake Harriet Band Shell, 7 p.m.
- May 20 Dance Concert
Lake Harriet Band Shell, 7 p.m.
- May 21 ¡Cantaré! Southwest Singers Concert
with Vocal Essence, Ordway, 7:30 p.m.
- May 26 Jazz Concert
Lake Harriet Band Shell, 7 p.m.
- May 26 Guitar Concert, SW Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 27 Dance Concert, SW Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Construction News



Minneapolis Public Schools has begun a \$47M expansion and renovation of Southwest High School. Plans include a state of the art media center, more classrooms, and a three-story atrium space that will include a new lunchroom, a small stage/performance space and multi-use rooms for collaborative student projects.