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Open Streets on 50th

On Sun., Sept. 27, neighbors from Minneapolis and Edina joined together to celebrate community, healthy lifestyles and active transportation at our neighborhood's inaugural Open Streets. 50th St. from Utley Park in Edina to Beard Ave in Minneapolis was closed and neighbors were able to casually walk, run, bike, scooter or stroll the street and visit many local businesses and community organizations, all promoting the wonderful things and services available in our area. Fulton Neighborhood Association hosted a booth with neighborhood and parks information while fostering community-building with interactive games, face-painting and even a magic show for all ages. We look forward to this becoming an annual event and a cooperative venture between cities and neighborhoods.



FNA Small Grants Program

Fulton Neighborhood Association announces a second year of the Fulton Small Grants Program. The program is designed to support community engagement and neighborhood youth activities. In the first year of the programming, funding went to support a bullying prevention program, music education and enhancement, art activities and youth leadership.

Applications are available on the FNA website and are due by Dec. 31 (www.fultonneighborhood.org). We are looking for organizations or individuals based in or operating in the Fulton Neighborhood that have programs or projects that align with our youth education and community engagement strategies. Youth education strategies could be focused on activities such as environment-related projects, tutoring, mentoring and youth recreation. Supported community engagement strategies could focus on programs and projects that unite demographics to advance shared community goals or values.

Grants are available between \$500-\$2,500 and partial funding of requested amount is possible. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate how the funding will have a positive impact on the Fulton community, and priority will be given to grants that stress partnerships and innovative approaches to youth education or community involvement.

Grants like these can make a real difference for community-focused organizations and initiatives. FNA believes this initiative will build a stronger and more interconnected community.



The Fulton Neighborhood News

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

FixIt Fund Goes Wide

FNA recently launched a new home improvement program, FixIt Fund. The program has two components: an Emergency Repair Loan and a Low Interest Home Improvement Loan. The initial response to the program was fantastic and we loaned out all of our available funds right away. We are pleased to know our funds are being used to improve the housing stock in the neighborhood. But what if you didn't get your application in on time and were told that FNA was out of funds? Good news: this program was launched in partnership with Armatage, Kenny and Lynnhurst Neighborhood Associations. All remaining funds from the four neighborhoods have now been pooled and will be available to residents from any of the four neighborhoods. This means that even though Fulton is out of funds, you are now eligible to use funds that came from one of the other neighborhoods. As the colder winter months are upon us, please remember the Emergency Loan in the case of a failed furnace, frozen water pipes, etc. Please also remind your neighbors of the program if you are aware of a need.

Low Interest Home Improvement Loan

- \$5,000-\$20,000 loan amounts
- 3 percent interest rate
- No income limit
- Most exterior and interior projects are eligible

Emergency Repair Loan

- \$3,000-\$8,000 loan amounts
- 0 percent interest rate; payments deferred for 5 years
- Must have an income less than 80 percent of the area median income
- Funds must be used for repair of imminent conditions that make a home uninhabitable



BLEND Award Winners Announced

The 2015 BLEND Award recipients were announced on Sept. 28 at the Fulton Brewery. BLEND Awards recognize newly constructed or remodeled homes and businesses that architecturally blend in with their neighborhood. For the first time, two projects were selected as Best In Show. The full list of the 2015 BLEND Award winners, photos and project information can be viewed at BLENDAward.org.

Best In Show GOLD

Architect/designer: David Wagner and Marc Slood, SALA Architects
Builder: Stephen Roche, Showcase Renovation
Homeowner: Patrick & Nancy Lewis

Best in Show SILVER

Architect/designer: David Heide Design Studio
Builder: MDS Remodeling

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Friends of Fulton 2015

Award Winners Honored at FNA Annual Meeting

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Friends of Fulton award winners who were honored at the FNA Annual Meeting on Oct. 14. Many thanks to these wonderful volunteers whose efforts make Fulton a great place to live and to State Sen. Scott Dibble and State Rep. Frank Hornstein for presenting the awards.



Pictured from left to right:
Front row: Scott Erazmus, Mary VanderLeest, Sheila Sager, Jenny Monroe, Rep. Frank Hornstein and Eric Eickhof
Back row: Sen. Scott Dibble, Terry Sauer, Christian Lindgen and Bart Phillips

Please visit the FNA website (fultonneighborhood.org) for more details on all of our recipients and their good work in the neighborhood.

Indoor Fulton Farmers Markets

Enjoy local food and support small businesses this winter: Mark your calendars for the Fulton Holiday Farmers Market on Sun., Nov. 15, and Winter Markets on Jan. 23, Feb. 27, and March 26. Local produce will be available at all the winter markets, and the Holiday Farmers Market will include unique gifts and foods. Enjoy live music, beer and wine at all four markets, which will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the greenhouse of Bachman's Garden Center, 6010 Lyndale Ave. S. For more information, visit neighborhoodrootsmn.org.



Volunteer with FNA



FNA is looking for new members for several committees: Environment, Arts, Community Engagement and Zoning.

The **Environment Committee** will be meeting at 7 p.m. Thurs, Nov. 19 at Pershing Park to create a charter and brainstorm ideas for future initiatives. Please come to share your ideas and passions to make Fulton Neighborhood an environmentally safe and sound place to live.

If you are interested in other committees, please contact:

Arts: Blaire Hartley at blaire_hartley@yahoo.com

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Yoga in the Park at the Fulton Fall Festival (With a Marching Band and Bike Parade) *by Christian Lindgen*

There was a new component to the Fulton Fall Festival this year: Yoga in the Park. I ambled down to the park at 10 a.m. to join a dozen other neighborhood yogis on the grass just east of the tennis courts. Kitty from YogaFit studio at 4507 France Ave. greeted us and gently began guiding us through poses and then into a series of asanas. All was pleasant and serene until the bike parade marched by with some of our children calling to us as they rode by on decorated bikes. More down dog and repeat, peacefully returning our attention to the yoga at hand. Next the Southwest High School Band marched by us booming and banging in harmony. Breathe in, breathe out; repeat. By the end of our session, smells of hot food floated our way from the festival. What a way to start another fine day in our neighborhood!



Fulton Fall Festival Thanks

Many thanks to all who attended this year's fantastic Fulton Fall Festival on Sept. 12. With your help, we were able to give 375 pounds of food to a very grateful Joyce Uptown Food Shelf plus \$203 in cash donations. We raised \$2,000 to help fund the activities of the Fulton Neighborhood Association. The Silent Auction raised \$3,800, which will go toward important neighborhood needs such as shade structures. The Used Book Sale raised \$380, which was donated to Friends of Linden Hills Library.

We are so grateful for all of the volunteers, businesses and other community partners who worked together to make the Fulton Fall Festival such a success. Many thanks to our wonderful corps of volunteer food servers, ticket sellers, silent auction monitors, children's activity supervisors and all who gave a couple hours to make this festival a success. We could not put on a festival without your gracious help.

The Fulton Festival was made possible by the generous donations of the following sponsors and contributors. Please thank them by patronizing their establishments: Broders', Caribou Coffee, Experience Southwest, Jerry's Food Stores, Simply Jane & Art Able and Boy Scout Troop 6.

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It was a proud day to showcase what Fulton and the community at large has to offer while having a ton of fun together on a beautiful fall day. We are already looking forward to Festival 2016!