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# Fulton Fall Festival and Food Drive

Saturday, Sept. 11  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Pershing Park (48th & Chownen)

### ***New This Year:***

**Art Swap** - Join us for an Art Swap at the Festival. Simply bring a piece of original artwork and swap it for another! You don't need to be a professional artist to participate. In fact, you can swap any piece of original art - drawing, photography, knitting, jewelry - for another. It's a great way to share your work with others - and have others share their work with you.

**Blood Drive** - Donors are needed! Register now to donate blood at the Festival. Contact Kristine at 612-928-3953 or [kris@lamosse.com](mailto:kris@lamosse.com).

**Voter Registration** - Register to vote at the Festival.

### ***Don't Miss:***

**Bike Parade** - Kids! Come decorate your bike at 10:30 a.m. and join the parade at 11 a.m., led by members of the Southwest High School marching band.

**Second Annual Food Drive & Food Sculpture** - Donate a bag of food and **register to win a \$100 gift certificate** to the Fulton business of your choice. We're hoping to get most of the food donated before the Festival. Drop your donation at Pershing Park from Sept. 1 through the day of the Festival, Sept. 11. (Fill out a donation form when you drop off your food.) Pershing Park will be open from 9:30 a.m.- 8:30 p.m. on Mon.-Thurs. and 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, see the Festival insert inside.

**Exciting Entertainment on the Showmobile Stage** -  
Blues 211 ~ Swing Set ~ Trio Tipo ~ Brad McLemore & Band

### ***We Need You:***

**Volunteers Needed** - Help out at the Festival and get 6 free food tickets. Contact Courtney at [courtneyklocke@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyklocke@gmail.com) or phone 612-922-3106.

**Zero Waste** - Disposal monitors will be on hand to help you dispose of your trash.

***See Festival insert inside for more details***

## FULTON Safety Update

Do you want to stay informed about neighborhood safety? The Fulton Safety Update is now available via Constant Contact.

If you already get the e-news, you need to sign up again to opt into the Safety Update. To sign up for the e-news or the Safety Update, go to our website and enter your e-mail address in the box under "E-mail Newsletter."

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

## Great Opportunity to Connect Homebuyers with the Fulton Affordable Housing Program

Many of you may remember the January FNN article about Laura Martinez, her two children, and Tilly the cat, who moved into a home in Fulton with the help of funding from the Fulton Neighborhood Association and the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT).

\$100,000 is still available from the FNA to provide \$50,000 each to two more home buyers. Added to this is up to \$60,000 from CLCLT for each of the two homes, making a total of up to \$110,000 in cash to buy down the mortgages of the prospective Fulton homeowners. CLCLT also provides up to \$25,000 to make repairs to the new home after doing a detailed analysis of needed improvements.

To qualify, the potential buyer must not earn more than 50 percent of the area median income, which is currently \$42,000 for a family of four. So, if you know of or hear about anyone who would like to live in Fulton, and who you think might qualify, have them call Jeff Washburne at CLCLT at 612-721-7556, ext. 17.

## Fulton Farmers Market Sign Up Now to Volunteer

Hopefully by now you've heard the exciting news that Fulton will be getting a **Farmers Market** in 2011! A group of volunteers who are partnering with the Kingfield Farmers Market is hard at work planning a Saturday market beginning in the late spring or very early summer. We are busy planning our opening season, securing our site and vendors, creating a logo, and reaching out into the community for volunteer and business support. We'd love to have your help on our working committee to get us off to an awesome start.

Among other things, we need community-minded Fulton volunteers to provide ideas and creativity, distribute postcards and fliers throughout Fulton, and work on market days. Plus, we'd love to know what \*you\* want to see at the market -- feel free to suggest vendors, too! And if you're a neighborhood businessperson, we'd love to talk to you about working together.

If you're interested, please e-mail the Fulton Farmers Market Committee to get involved: [fultonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:fultonfarmersmarket@gmail.com). We hope you're as excited as we are!

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



## Mulch: The Good and the Bad

*Choose Your Mulch with Care*

To help retain moisture, it's good to replenish that layer of mulch around your trees, but did you know that some wood mulch may have been treated with *chromated copper arsenate* (CCA), a chemical used to retard wood rot and found to be a carcinogen? Despite the fact that this chemical was banned in 2004, some salvaged wood used to manufacture garden mulch may contain this dangerous chemical. Toxic dyes that are unsafe for you and your pets are also sometimes used to color mulch. Cocoa bean mulch is not recommended due to a possible risk of poisoning for dogs. Although cypress mulch is generally free of additives, much of it on the market was not sustainably harvested and could come from deforested Florida or Louisiana wetlands. Emerald ash borers could be hitching a ride in mulch from an infected area if the woodchips are larger than an inch in diameter.

Bottom line – ask before you purchase. A safe alternative is the free woodchip pile at Armatage Park, 5700 block of Russell Ave. S.

## More Recycling Options from Nancy Lo

*Fulton Trashbasher Recycles for a Good Cause*

Besides preparing for a Zero Waste Fulton Festival, Fulton resident Nancy Lo has recently started collecting the following for recycling:

- Granola/energy/nutrition/cereal/protein bar wrappers
- Candy wrappers (all brands and sizes)
- Cookie wrappers (all brands and sizes)
- Corks (natural and synthetic)
- Chip bags (all brands and sizes)
- Coffee-bean bags (all brands and sizes)
- Juice pouches (all brands, please empty juice out)

These will all go to TerraCycle ([www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)), which makes new products out of "trash." The money she raises will go to support Linden Hills Power and Light (LHP&L), a neighborhood non-profit working on energy conservation and waste reduction. Each wrapper, bag, and pouch will generate 2 cents for LHP&L. For more details, visit Nancy's blog at <http://trashbasher.blogspot.com>. E-mail Nancy if you'd like to recycle these items at [nanlo@fastmail.fm](mailto:nanlo@fastmail.fm).

## 8th Ladies' Night Out Event

*4-8 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 23 at 50th & France*

Call your friends and join us for the 8th Ladies Night Out Event. Begin by picking up your Ladies' Night Out signature pink bag at the outdoor water fountain on 50th Street, inviting you to over 45 participating stores. While you explore the stores, you will find yourself spoiled with treats and refreshments, brow and makeup consultations, discounts, giveaways, gift card drawings from over 20 stores and much more. Listen to jazz by Gypsy Mania from 5-8 p.m. 50th & France is the ultimate shopping experience and will indulge all of your senses. 50th and France offers free parking in the three on-site parking ramps. For more information, visit [www.50thandfrance.com](http://www.50thandfrance.com).

# FNA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

7:00 p.m., Wed., Oct. 13 at Pershing Park

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wed., Oct. 13. Join us at Pershing Park, 48th and Chowen, to elect new board members, hear updates from our elected public officials and recognize this year's Friends of Fulton and B.L.E.N.D. Award recipients.

Six seats with two-year terms are open. Fulton residents 18 and older are encouraged to run for the FNA Board. Individuals who reside or own property in the Fulton neighborhood, or who are the sole designated representative of a business, religious institution, or school in the Fulton neighborhood, are eligible. For more information, or to add your name to the pre-printed ballot, contact us at [ballot@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:ballot@fultonneighborhood.org) or 612-922-3106. You can also add your name to the ballot at the beginning of the meeting.

## Pershing Park Improvements

### *Soccer Field Irrigation and Energy Efficiency Updates*

Improvements to the Pershing soccer fields are slated to begin in July 2011. The project will entail: soil preparation, grading, installation of irrigation, a removal of Field #3 (to make space for an additional soccer field) and seeding. The grant is through the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program with financial support from the Fulton Neighborhood Association, Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and Southwest Activities Council.

Pershing was also one of five parks selected to participate in the McKinstry Energy Efficiency Project. The program will implement energy-saving measures based upon the unique needs of each recreation center. Improvements will begin in August and be completed by the end of 2010. The work focuses on heating and air conditioning systems, web-based temperature controls, energy efficient lighting, weatherstripping, insulation, vending machine operation controls and plumbing enhancements to conserve water. Project work will not impact the day-to-day operations at the recreation centers.

## Pershing Park Update

**Fall Program Registration is now open.** Programs can be viewed at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org). Register online, in person or over the phone. Please call 612-370-4928, if you have any questions.

### **Children's Special Events**

Pre-School Halloween Party – Fri., Oct. 29 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) Please note: Linden Hills Park will be hosting a Halloween Party from 6-8 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 31.

**SWAC Fall Sports Registration** – Inquire at Linden Hills Park (612-370-4913) for Volleyball, Fundamental Soccer (K-1st grade) and Squirt Soccer (2nd-3rd grade) and at Pershing Park (612-370-4928) for 11U and up Soccer space availability.

**Minneapolis Bike Tour** – Sun., Sept. 19. The tour benefits The Foundation for Minneapolis Parks. For more information, please visit [www.minneapolisbiketour.com](http://www.minneapolisbiketour.com).