

# **NEWS**

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The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

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# **Broders' Lending a Helping Hand**

When Molly Broder, owner of Broders' Pasta Bar and Broders' Cucina Italiana, sat down at her computer last fall on Give to the Max Day, she had no idea of just how far her giving would take her in seven months. Wanting to make the most of her charitable contributions, she searched the Give to Max site looking for an organization that piqued her interest and came across Hands for Harvest (handsforharvestmn.org). Hands



Broder (center) with two of her faithful garden helpers, Gerogianna (left) and Heather (right).

for Harvest is a non-profit whose mission is to build community and provide food for local food shelves by working together to plant, cultivate, and harvest crops on a volunteer farm. Over the past two years, over 20,000 pounds (or 10 tons) of potatoes, carrots and onions were grown and donated to local food shelves and food banks courtesy of Hands for Harvest. Broder made a small contribution and an idea was born.

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### Nominate a "Friend of Fulton"

Do you know someone who contributes to the Fulton community in a unique and meaningful way - as a volunteer, business person or good neighbor? Nominate him or her to be recognized as a "Friend of Fulton."

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# Fulton Fall Festival Set for Sept. 8

Planning is underway for the Annual Fulton Fall Festival. We will be back at our regular space at Pershing Park this year from 11 a.m-3 p.m.

You can count on lots of family-friendly fun tentatively set to include a bike parade featuring the Southwest High Marching Band, inflatables, petting zoo, games and art projects for kids, food drive and food can sculpture, festival food (hot dogs, corn on the cob, etc.), the Marketplace, and Silent Auction. The Melvilles and Ham Dog will be providing musical entertainment.

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

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In the past, all of the volunteer farms have been in rural or suburban Minnesota, but Hands for Harvest was looking for opportunities to expand into Minneapolis. After consulting with her staff, Broder decided that Team Broders' would be the first to support a volunteer farm in Minneapolis. They would be the source of local, sustainable food that would be made available at food shelves this summer, giving everyone, not just the elite, a source of fresh, healthy produce. After much searching, an appropriate garden plot was found in nearby Kenny Neighborhood. The homeowner agreed to let Team Broders' use the terraced garden in exchange for free vegetable picking. The garden was in pretty rough shape, but with the help of some neighborhood volunteers who saw what was being done, the garden was cleaned up, tilled and made ready for planting.

Broder's daughter-in-law, Annie, plotted out the garden and planned a series of plantings that could be harvested all summer. Next came the easy part—finding seedlings. Annie grew some from seed, and Linder's and Gardens of Eagan both donated a lot of plants to the cause. Before she knew it, Broder had a garden planted with spinach, tomatoes, herbs, beans, peas, peppers, onions, carrots, squash, kale, chard, zucchini, parsley and several kinds of lettuce. The hardest part has been working the garden on a continual basis. Broder estimates that at least 11 volunteers have helped thus far, with a core group of about four volunteers who weed, water and tend the large garden. And now, they are starting to see the payoff, as the lettuce is ready to be harvested and sent to a local food shelf. Then more plantings will be put in and the rest of the produce will be harvested throughout the summer. Broder is proud of what her team has accomplished and the service that they are providing right in their own community.

Stay tuned for an update on the Team Broders' Garden in the next issue of the Fulton Neighborhood News. For more details on the story of the garden, check out the blog at broders.com under the Volunteer Farming tab. If you would like to



Lettuce ready for harvest

volunteer on Team Broders', please e-mail ann@broders.com.

Penn Avenue South



#### **Fabulous Fulton Fundraiser**

#### Another Record-Breaking Year for Our Annual Plant Sale

he Fulton Environment Committee organized another phenomenal plant sale this year on the weekend of the Edina Art Fair, eclipsing last year's profits by more than \$1,000. After expenses, we were able to add over \$5,150 to our neighborhood boulevard tree-planting fund. The Environment Committee is always keeping an eye out for potential grant funds to help us leverage these dollars for future tree planting.

The Environment Committee wishes to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated plants, volunteered time to help with the sale, or purchased plants at the sale. A special thanks is due to the Hennepin County Master Gardeners for donating plants and for their many volunteer hours during the sale.

Extra thanks go to Mary Nolte, who puts her heart and soul into organizing the Plant Sale each year.

#### **Pershing Park Carnival**

Wed. July 11 1-4:00 p.m.

Games Galore

**Face Painting & Popcorn** 

Food and Tickets will be for sale!

Questions? Inquire at the Park at 612.370.4913



#### Two New Liquor Licenses Sought in Fulton

Two local businesses are seeking new liquor licenses from the City of Minneapolis.

Bread and Pickle, operating in the Lake Harriet Refectory, is seeking a variance and a beer & wine license.

Pig and Fiddle, located at 3812 W 50th St, is seeking to expand its existing license to include a full liquor service.

If you have any comments regarding these applications, please contact Ward 13 Council Member Betsy Hodges at betsy.hodges@minneapolismn.gov or at 673-2213.

#### **Food Drive for Joyce Uptown Food Shelf**



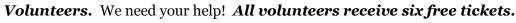
On Aug. 14-16, Camp MSP, a service camp held at Lake Harriet UMC, will be seeking donations to support one of our local food shelves.

Watch your front door for a bag with the food shelf's wish list. If you wish to participate, just fill the bag and it will be picked up the following day.

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Silent Auction items and help are needed. Can you pick up items, help with setup, write thank-you notes or donate something? Contact Kathy Shea at *kshea@q.com* or call 612-961-2837.

*Marketplace.* A great place to showcase your wares. Marketplace tables are \$30 or \$10 for children 15 and under. To register, contact Mary at 612-922-1591 or mknolte@comcast.net.



Email info@fultonneighborhood.org to sign up now or call 612-922-3106.

Fourth Annual Food Drive & Sculpture. Start saving up your canned goods and boxed foods now. Simply Jane Studio will help kids create a food can sculpture.

**Book donations needed.** Donations are being accepted for the 2012 Fulton Festival Used Book Sale. Please drop your donations at the Linden Hills Library.





# 6th Annual B.L.E.N.D. Award

Submission deadline 7/30 Recipient(s) announced 8/15 Presentation of Awards T.B.A.



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We are pleased to announce the 2012 B.L.E.N.D. Awards! We will be accepting entries from all of Minneapolis again this year.

The B.L.E.N.D. Award encourages and rewards builders, architects, and home owners to **blend** newly remodeled or constructed homes and businesses into the fabric of Minneapolis neighborhoods. A jury of industry professionals and neighborhood residents will select projects for recognition awards. Eligible projects include new buildings, renovation or additions to existing buildings, and landscape projects that have been completed since July 1, 2007; projects must be located within the boundaries of the City of Minneapolis.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** In partnership with Linden Hills Power and Light (LHP&L) we are creating a new category of award: The E.CO. B.L.E.N.D Award (Ecologically Conscience Buildings and Landscapes Enhancing the Neighborhood through Design). We would like to recognize that in addition to creating buildings and landscapes that respect the neighborhood, projects can be designed to respect our planet as well.

Please visit the The B.L.E.N.D. Award website (www.blendaward.org) for more information and entrance criteria for both the B.L.E.N.D. and the E.CO. B.L.E.N.D. Awards.

The B.L.E.N.D. Award is sponsored by the Fulton Neighborhood Association. The E.CO. B.L.E.N.D. Award is sponsored by Linden Hills Power and Light.

# 2012 Friends of Fulton Awards

Help Us Honor Fulton's Star Neighbors

Nominate a "Friend of Fulton" this year. It's easy! Just answer the questions below, put the information into an email and send to *friends@fultonneighborhood.org* or mail to: Friends of Fulton, Fulton Neighborhood Association, 3523 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410. Questions? Send an email to the address above or call the FNA line at 612-922-3106. The deadline is Sept. 10, 2012.

- 1. Name of the person you are nominating.
- 2. Your name (as nominator)
- 3. Your phone number

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- 4. Nominee's home address
- 5. Nominee's phone number
- 6. Explain why you feel this individual should be recognized as a "Friend of Fulton."

The winners will be announced at the FNA Annual Meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct.

10, 2012, at Pershing Park. They will also be recognized in the November issue of the *Fulton*Neighborhood News. To see photos of past Friends of Fulton, visit http://bit.ly/friendsoffulton.