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Team Broders' Garden: Now Serving Bodies...and Souls

The Team Broders' Garden for non-profit Hands for Harvest, as first described in the July Fulton Neighborhood News, is bursting with lovely, fresh produce ready for another harvest. Since the first harvest in late June, at least ten cases of lettuce, swiss chard, spinach, peas, beans and basil have been harvested and donated to Greater Lake Country Food Bank (GLCFB) in downtown Minneapolis. GLCFB was established in 1980 as the first large-scale community food bank in the Twin Cities area. Since the beginning, the food bank's primary focus has been to provide non-profit agencies with food for congregate dining (residential facilities, daycare centers, and other mass feeding programs) as well as any agency offering emergency food boxes. They also run a mobile food shelf that visits at least 35 low-income senior high-rises a month. They have been very grateful to receive home-grown produce and have been packaging it into small bundles for the senior citizens they serve.

There has been a small group of volunteers trying to maintain the large garden, but getting enough labor to the garden has been one of the biggest challenges. However, on a recent Wednesday, the cavalry arrived in the form of North Side Serves, a youth coalition from three churches in North Minneapolis who are performing a variety of service projects around the city.



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Fulton Fall Festival and Food Drive

Saturday, Sept. 8
11 a.m-3 p.m.

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B.L.E.N.D. Awards 2012

Announcing the 6th Annual Celebration



The 2012 B.L.E.N.D. & E.CO B.L.E.N.D. Awards will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Linden Hills Power and Light Offices located above Wild Rumpus, 2720 W 43rd St, #300. Chris Hudson, Editor of "Architecture Minnesota", will be this year's presenter.

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West 47th Street

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Approximately 15 volunteers spent three hours weeding, staking, harvesting and re-planting the garden. Pastor Melissa Pohlman of Christ English Lutheran Church said that youth from North Minneapolis see other people coming in to volunteer in their community all the time and it's important that they see "it's not all about receiving; it can be about giving, too." And a little bit of receiving — they were treated to lunch at Broders' Deli following their morning of hard work.



Volunteer pulling onions

FNA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 10, at Pershing Park

It's that time of year again when we gather to review the past year, recognize our treasured "Friends of Fulton" and elect half of the FNA Board. We also welcome Councilmember Betsy Hodges and local legislators to update us on their efforts over the past year. Join us at 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 10, at Pershing Park to reconnect with your Fulton friends and neighbors.

It's not too late to nominate a Friend of Fulton. Send us an e-mail or see our website for nomination details: info@fultonneighborhood.org or fultonneighborhood.org.

Run for the FNA Board. Six seats are open this year (two-year terms). 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 (must be 18 or over). Call us with questions about serving on the Board at 612-922-3106. We'd be happy to talk to you. To add your name to the pre-printed ballot, email ballot@fultonneighborhood.org. You may also write in your name at the Annual Meeting.

B.L.E.N.D. Awards from page 1

The B.L.E.N.D. Awards are presented in three categories: Remodel or Addition (Residential Properties), Remodel, Addition or New Construction (Commercial Properties) and New Construction (Residential Properties). The E.CO B.L.E.N.D. Awards will be presented in two categories: New Construction (Residential or Commercial) and Remodel/Addition (Residential or Commercial).

The 2012 B.L.E.N.D. Award Jurors are:



Matt Perry



Ed Bell



Taunya Nelson



Paul Ragozzino



Gardening Galore

Do you love to garden? Would you like to know more, or share what you know? The Fulton Plant Sale Committee will sponsor an Environmental Table during the Fulton Fall Festival to share information. They will have iris bulbs and native plants for sale, as well as several raffles for garden items and an hour of landscape consultation from a local landscaper. Stop by to visit and sign up to receive news of upcoming gardening events. Contact Fiona@visi.com or janetmerrill@comcast.net for more information.

On Wed., Oct. 3, Shirley Mah Kooyman, an award-winning teacher and botanist, will give a presentation, "Bulbs: Fall Planting for Spring Color," from 7 to 8 p.m. at Pershing Park. Learn which bulb species work well in Minnesota gardens and sources for purchase, plus tips for bulb gardening. Shirley worked at the MN Landscape Arboretum for 25 years and currently works as the native plant specialist at Natural Shore Technologies.

Bike Route and Traffic Circles on 54th Street

Edina is focusing on its bicycle infrastructure and making improvements to its bike routes. It will be making 54th Street a bike route, connecting into the planned bike route along Zenith Avenue in the Fulton Neighborhood. Along the border between Minneapolis and Edina on 54th Street, Edina will be installing traffic circles at Beard and Drew avenues. The circles have the following benefits:

- Provide prioritized bike travel
- Calm traffic by physically reducing speed through the intersections
- Improve safety — studies have found significant reduction in vehicle crashes over two-way and four-way stop control at residential intersections
- Enhance the streetscape with landscaping
- Discourage cut-through traffic
- Low cost and zero cost to residents. Traffic circles will be funded through an NTP grant

City of Edina Public Works will be responsible for the following:

- Maintaining landscaping (although resident may adopt the circles)
- Maintaining signs
- Snow plowing around circles

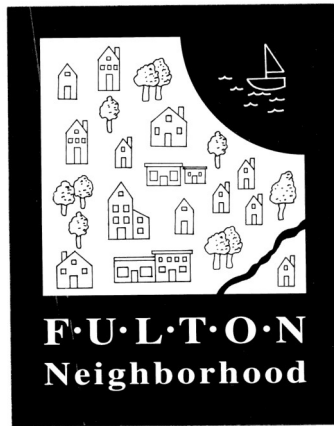


Example traffic circle

Program Registrations and Information

- Fall Program Registration is now open. Visit minneapolisparks.org. Select "Active Net Program Registration" under "Quick Links." Register online, in person or by phone.
- Fall sports registrations for soccer, volleyball and football available at www.swac.info
- Check out Pilates at Pershing Park: Mondays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22
6:30-7:20 p.m.
\$53
- Preschool Pumpkin Party: October 31, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
\$2 per child, 12 months and under FREE
Ages: 5 and under





Fulton Fall Festival & Food Drive

Saturday - September 8, 2012

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pershing Park (48th & Chownen)

HamDog @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Melvilles @ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

There's something for everyone

Live Music all day

Bike Parade (decorate at 10:30 a.m.; Parade with SW High Marching Band at 11 a.m.)

Inflatables including a 20 foot Inflatable Slide

Fun Food, Petting Zoo, Silent Auction, Marketplace

Kids' Games, Used Book Sale, & much more

Contact Ruth Olson at info@fultonneighborhood.org or 612-922-3106

to volunteer your time, donate an item to our Silent Auction,
rent a table at our Marketplace, or donate to the Used Book Sale

FULTON's 4th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

ITEMS NEEDED MOST (high-protein foods):

Hearty Soups, canned meats, peanut butter, dried peas/beans, rice (no glass)

WE ALSO APPRECIATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Toilet paper, diapers, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste

Drop a bag of food at Pershing Park after September 1st or at the Festival

Come help the Simply Jane Art Studio create a food sculpture
using the donated items. You can also make monetary donations.

Make checks payable to *Joyce Uptown Food Shelf*.

For every \$1 donated, we can distribute more than
\$9 worth of food and grocery items.

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