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## Update on Proposed Flight Path Changes at MSP Airport

On Jan. 9, Fulton Neighborhood Association hosted a community meeting with special guests Councilmembers John Quincy (Ward 11) and Betsy Hodges (Ward 13). The Council Members provided an overview and update on the proposed changes to flight paths at MSP airport. The FAA wants to change the rules by which planes take-off. They would like to



implement Performance Based Navigation (PBN) and developed Radar Navigation (RNAV) paths that concentrate flight takeoffs into narrow paths. The City felt that there was not sufficient community engagement or environmental study on this issue and asked the FAA to slow down the process. In an unprecedented move, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) supported the City in its request and approved a partial implementation of the proposed routes over the southern metro area, but not for those routes going over south and southwest Minneapolis.

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## Turn on the Lights Project

Southwest High School is pursuing the addition of permanent lights and other possible upgrades to the Southwest Stadium. School and project representatives will be attending the **FNA meeting on March 13** for an informal question and answer session. The meeting begins at **7 p.m. at Pershing Park**. See page 4 for more details on the proposed project.

## I Wish I May, I Wish I Might... Part Two

In the last issue of the Fulton Neighborhood News, we requested feedback and ideas on ways to improve Fulton Neighborhood and continue to make it the best neighborhood in Minneapolis. We asked two very simple questions:

1. If you could change one thing about Fulton Neighborhood, what would it be?
2. If you had \$10,000 to invest in a project in Fulton Neighborhood, what would you do?

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

### Wishlist from page 1

We have received many answers to date. These responses are largely centered around the Farmers Market, streetscape and pedestrian improvements on 50th St., composting and organic recycling, Minnehaha Creek and current building trends in the neighborhood. If you have not had a chance to answer our questions, or have ideas for FNA, please let us know! We have put a short Wish List Survey on the website ([fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org)) and ask that anyone with ideas or feedback please click on the link and let us know what you are thinking. The survey is available under Quick Links on the left-hand side of the main page or under the Get Involved tab. If you don't have internet access, please call FNA at 612-922-3106 and leave a message with your responses. Thank you! The survey results (to date) are posted on the main page of the website and will be updated as further responses are submitted.

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### Pershing Park News

#### Spring Sports Team Registration

Register online at [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info) for baseball, pitching machine, T-ball, softball and track

#### Annual Egg Hunt at Linden Hills

10:30 a.m.-noon, Sat., March 30

Ages 9 & under; \$7 per child

Hop on down to the Hills for a fun family event. Enjoy a light brunch, puppet show, art projects, candy & treats, live bunnies for the kids to pet and the traditional finale of the famous egg hunt.

Spots are limited so register before Friday, March 23!

#### Register now for Spring Programs at the Parks

It's never too early to start thinking about Summer Registration. Watch for your catalog brochure at the park by April 1.

## 8th Annual Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale

*Expect the Unexpected!*

What grows bigger and better with age? The 8th Annual Fulton Plant Sale! The Fulton Environment Committee has some exciting additions and changes in store to make this year's plant sale a huge success for our Fulton community. Funds generated from the plant sale will continue to be utilized to enhance the overall Fulton neighborhood—details to come in the May newsletter. Here are just a few fun venue changes & additions:

- New location at 50th & Chowen will capitalize on Edina Art Fair foot traffic
- Expansion of our plant donation network means more plants and more variety
- Vast array of environment friendly 'upscale merchandise' (gently used garden and yard decor)
- Garden Picture Board Display—donate plants/decor and bring a picture of your garden to share with shoppers

### Plan Ahead to Donate Plants

Spring is the ideal time to split perennials. Share the love by replanting a slice of your favorite perennial! This fabulous event could not happen without volunteers and is a great way to meet new people in our community. Any and all volunteer efforts are appreciated. Interested? Questions? Ideas? Contact Cathy Karasov at [cogara1313@yahoo.com](mailto:cogara1313@yahoo.com) (Please put "Plant Sale" in the address line of your email). Fred & Cathy Karasov will host a volunteer social in May at their home.

### Flight Path Update from page 1

Many thanks go out to MAC Chair Dan Boivin, Gov. Dayton, Sens. Franken and Klobuchar, Rep. Keith Ellison, State Sen. Dibble and State Rep. Hornstein (Chairs of Senate and House Transportation Committees, respectively) for their help.

On Feb 1, MAC Executive Director Jeff Hamiel sent a letter to the FAA suggesting that implementation of RNAV over south and southwest Minneapolis be delayed until RNAV over the southern metro area has already been implemented and evaluated. He recommends that the FAA wait until July 2015 to begin the process of re-engaging with the communities to evaluate how RNAV can be implemented over Minneapolis.

A group of residents from neighborhoods affected by proposed RNAV tracks over Minneapolis and Edina has formed a coalition to help keep neighborhoods engaged and informed on airport related issues. They will also be considering how the MSP Airport 2020 Expansion Plan could affect Fulton residents in the near future and will request that a proper environmental impact study is done. This group, MSP FairSkies Coalition, can be accessed at [mspairskies.com](http://mspairskies.com) or on Facebook under the same name. If you have any questions or concerns, contact FNA at [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org) and we will get you connected with a FairSkies representative. An informative slide show and overview of the proposal is available on the FairSkies website. Click on the MSP RNAV Overview link on the right-hand side of the home page.

### Upcoming Events from Southwest Community Ed

- Brochures for the popular Super Summer Program will be mailed out the week of April 8
- Namekagon River Canoe Trip, June 21-23
- Midnight-to-Dawn Metro Bike Tour #35, July 20
- Glacier National Park Hiking Trip, July 25-Aug. 10, 2014

For more information on any of these events, please contact Tom Neiman at [tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us)

# Volunteer Opportunity

## Spring Community Clean Up Day

*April 20*

Join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and students from the Southwest Green Team for an Earth Day clean-up in our community.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. Sat., Apr. 20, at Southwest High School for coffee, juice, and rolls. Environmental workshops will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and the clean-up will run from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Clean-up areas will include the school as well as shorelines around Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet, and Lake Calhoun. Bus transportation from the school to the sites will be provided.

A gourmet picnic lunch will be provided at the school after the clean-up.

To sign up, call 612-668-3100 or email Tom Neiman at [tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us).

## Turn on the Lights Project

Southwest High School has recently launched the Turn on the Lights Project. This project calls for the installation of permanent lighting to the Southwest High School stadium to allow for nighttime track meets and soccer and football games. The stadium will be renamed after two of Southwest's legendary coaches, Art Frederickson and Dave Peterson.

Studies show that lighted fields help in multiple ways to build and support local neighborhoods and communities. The stadium is shared with Pershing Park, so community events such as Special Olympics, SWAC and Armatage track will also benefit.

The Turn on the Lights Project was the idea of Harvey Feldman, a 1961 alumni of Southwest High School. Mr. Feldman was inspired after attending the homecoming game in 2011 with rented lights. The project is being managed by the Southwest Foundation with the full support of Southwest High School and in coordination with the Minneapolis Public Schools. Anderson-Johnson Associates, Inc., a local firm with experience in other city stadium projects, has been hired to install the lights. They have recently completed the necessary soil borings and are just at the very beginning of the design process. The design process will include neighborhood input to address concerns about light "spill" and glare. The Turn on the Lights Committee is dedicated to addressing neighbor issues including waste, noise, parking, crowd control, neighborhood use and other issues that may arise.

Installation of the lights will cost \$300,000. This includes all the design, permitting, and installation. There is no funding for the project from the district budget; private fundraising is underway. Mr. Feldman has offered to match the first \$300,000 raised, dollar-for-dollar, for long-range enhancements such as an updated concession stand, a new scoreboard, an improved entrance and artificial turf. The budget for the long-range enhancements has not yet been determined and will depend, in part, on how much money is raised. Mr. Feldman remembers playing at Parade Stadium and says "I want those kids to have that same feeling I had – playing under the lights with the community there to support them."

Please visit the FNA website at [fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org) for more information and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the project.