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Small Area Plan

Fulton and Lynnhurst neighborhoods are jointly considering the pursuit of a Small Area Plan for 50th St. between France and Lyndale Avenues. This plan could address development, zoning, housing, parking, growth, density, etc. along the commercial nodes of 50th St.

An initial meeting for interested community members has been scheduled for Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park. City of Minneapolis Planning Staff will be at the meeting to help us better understand what a Small Area Plan is, what it can and cannot do, the process for development and approval of a plan, etc. We have a great group of people from both neighborhoods who have volunteered to look into this possibility. Please join us on the 28th if you would also like to be involved.

Fulton Home Improvement Funds Available

Did you know that FNA has set aside funding for home improvements? There are three different programs available to Fulton residents:

Low Interest Loan Program

- Interest Rate: 4 percent
- Loan Amount: \$1,000 - \$7,500
- Income Limit: 150 percent of the Adjusted Median Income (AMI)
- Eligible Improvements: interior and exterior permanent improvements

Energy Efficiency Deferred Loan Program

- Interest Rate: 0 percent
- Loan Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000
- Income Limit: 115 percent of the Adjusted Median Income (AMI)
- Matching Funds : may be required based on AMI
- The loan will be 100 percent forgiven if the owner remains in the property for 10 years
- Eligible Improvements: energy improvements (air sealing, insulation, heating and cooling upgrades, etc.)

Emergency Deferred Loan Program

- Interest Rate: 0 percent
- Loan Amount: \$500 - \$5,000
- Income Limit: 115 percent of the Adjusted Median Income (AMI)
- Eligible Improvements: an emergency is defined as an imminent condition that makes a house uninhabitable, extremely dangerous to the occupants, or is capable of causing severe health problems.

FNA also has a fourth program similar to the low-interest revolving loan program which offers an interest subsidy. For more information on these programs or loan eligibility, please contact Brenda Yartz at Center for Energy and Environment: byartz@mncee.org or 612-335-5891.



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Pershing Park News

Kitefest on Lake Harriet

Sat., Jan. 18 (Back-Up Date Jan. 25)
Noon - 4 p.m.

Winterfest at Linden Hills

Fri., Jan. 31
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Winter/Spring Program Registration

Register online at www.minneapolisparcs.org

5th Annual MLK Food Drive

Please help support a local food shelf and bring your non-perishable food items to Linden Hills Park until Jan. 20.

What Would You Do...?



FNA spent all summer and fall asking for your ideas for improvements to the Minnehaha Creek Corridor. We have collected your feedback on boards at the Farmers Market and along the Creek, at the Fall Festival, online and at a community walk along the Creek. We are now analyzing all the ideas and putting them into general categories.

Our next step is a survey based on the results of the original feedback. This survey will be sent to all residents of Fulton and Lynnhurst neighborhoods. Please watch your mailbox in February and be sure to let us know what you think.

Fulton Winter Farmers Markets Escape the Freeze!

We've got just the cure for your winter blues - indoor fun and farmers. The Fulton Farmers Market is moving indoors for a series of three monthly markets: Jan. 25, Feb. 22 and March 22. We'll be at Bachman's (6010 Lyndale Ave S) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on these Saturdays with cheeses, meats, canned goods, prepared foods, crafts... even some fresh produce! We'll also have beer & wine by the glass, live music, and activities for kids. It's a great way to connect with local producers - and your neighbors - before the outdoor season starts up again in May at 49th & Chowen Ave. Interested in applying for the outdoor markets? Check out our website: www.fultonfarmersmarket.org

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Southwest High School Athletic Hall of Fame



School News

Southwest High School (SWHS), in collaboration with the SWHS Hall of Fame committee, has announced it will establish a new Athletic Hall of Fame. Athletically, Southwest has a great high school sports tradition with 23 State Championships and over 200 City Championships. The SWHS Hall of Fame was created to annually honor those who have contributed to the school's tremendous success. What makes this Hall of Fame unique is that it will have five different categories from which people can be nominated: individual, team, coach or administrator, booster, and family. As part of the Hall of Fame, a new website, www.SWHSOF.com, was developed and will be used to take nominations plus offer a view into the school's sports history. In addition, the website also contains all the specifics on nominations, criteria, selection, the Hall of Fame dinner, and contact information. Nominations are now being accepted through the online form. From these nominations, a select group will be inducted into the SWHS Hall of Fame on Thurs., Aug. 14 at an All Sports Reunion/Hall of Fame dinner at Interlachen Country Club. The dinner is open to the public and reservations can be made on the website.



Community Education

Family Sleigh Ride & Hoedown Sat., Feb. 22

Join Southwest Community Education for an old-fashioned Family Sleigh Ride at Bunker Hills Stable on Sat., Feb. 22. We'll be busing out there from Southwest at 5 p.m. We'll be taking a one-hour sleigh ride followed by a singalong at the campfire including all the s'mores you can eat! We'll return to Southwest at 8:30 p.m. The fee for the hayride, bus transportation and treats is \$6/per child and \$12/per adult (All children must be accompanied by an adult).

This family event is sponsored by the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Metro Food Shelf. Thank you (Please note: registration is by check or cash only).

Family Sock Hop Fri., March 7

Rock-n-Roll! Southwest Community Ed will be sponsoring its annual Family Sock Hop on Fri., March 7, and YOU'RE invited! You and your children and/or grandchildren are invited to an evening of great music (50s, 60s & 70s), great games, treats, prizes, and lots of fond memories for rock-n-rollers of all ages. You'll be able to have your picture taken in front of a '57 Chevrolet and buy some take-out snacks at our own version of "Porky's Drive-In." The gym will be decorated for the occasion, and they'll be spinning those 45s from 7 to 9 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 per family. Please consider bringing a food donation for the Metro Food Shelf. All youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear soft-soled shoes or tennis shoes, or be prepared to wear stockings in the gym.

Metro Blooms 2013

Top Minneapolis Garden Awards

by Metro Blooms



Best Residential Rain Garden: Mary Nolte

Mary Nolte is passionate about gardening. Her rain garden was started in the spring of 2003 with a grant and a design plan from Applied Ecological Services to help alleviate the flooding problems in Fulton neighborhood. She filled her kidney-shaped garden with native plants, learning all the botanical names for the plants as she worked. Nodding onion, little bluestem, pussytoes, harebell, purple coneflower, Joe Pye weed, celandine poppy, Ohio spiderwort and other plants form a perfect blend of color and contrast foliage to make the rain garden as striking as her companion flower bed along the other side of the sidewalk. Hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, insects and especially goldfinches are also attracted to the garden. It has always been her intent to make her rain garden very appealing to encourage others to construct one in their own yards.

Growing up on a farm in southern Minnesota, she fondly remembers planting potatoes with her father. This was the start of a lifelong interest in gardening. She states, "Gardening is in my blood." Each spring she reclaims more of her lawn for another flowering bed. Her goals are to have continuous color and to "showcase" native plants proving that they do not have to look weedy and unkempt.

A second rain garden is viewable from the alley. Native trees, shrubs and plants line the fence. Even a little fairy garden with frogs, mushrooms, houses and plants occupies a ledge near the garage. Herbs line the driveway so she can pick whatever she needs for cooking her dinner.

Inspired by her mentor, Shirley Mah Kooyman, formerly of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Mary has fun experimenting with new native plants. Her interest in rain gardens has prompted an active participation in neighborhood ecological functions and causes such as promoting cleaning the streets to avoid rainwater washing fallen leaves into the storm sewers. Mary is an inspiration to others in her care of the environment, her promotion of lovely rain gardens and her interest in planting native species.