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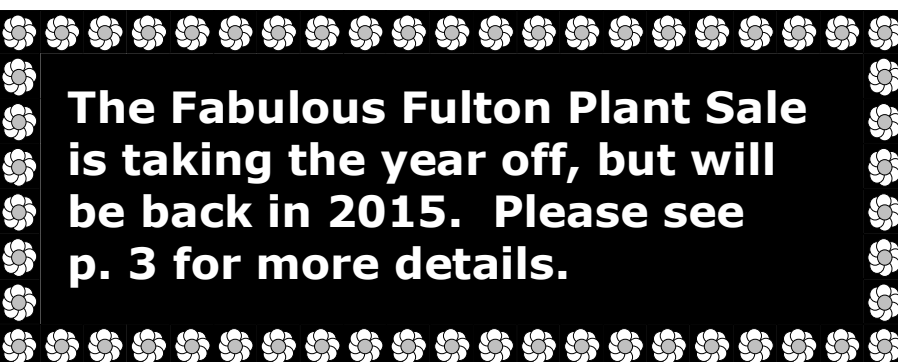
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Fulton Farmers Market Set to Open May 17



Spring and sunshine means it's farmers market season! Our Fulton Market opens up outdoors again on Sat. May 17 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. You can find us there rain or shine on Saturdays through Oct. 25. This season, we're excited about a new produce vendor, new prepared food options, and lots of fun activities. Expect to see hoophouse-grown greens and plant starts galore right when we open, with additional produce offerings every week as more vendors arrive. Decorate your own Fulton Market lawn sign from 9-11 a.m., May 31-July 5 (except 6/14), and mark your calendars for Sat., June 7 when Open Eye Figure Theatre presents Tucker's Robot at 10 a.m. We'll see you at the market!



The Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale is taking the year off, but will be back in 2015. Please see p. 3 for more details.

Increasing Capacity at Southwest High School



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The Enrollment Planning process approved by the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Board of Directors on Dec. 10, 2013, included enrollment capacity projects at several existing schools, one of which is Southwest High School. Students already exist within MPS elementary grades that will generate additional enrollment of approximately 450 more students at Southwest over the next five years. As a result, a Facilities Expansion Project has been developed to accommodate this increased enrollment.

This Facilities Expansion Project has four goals: prioritize classroom count and enrollment capacity, improve classroom support spaces where existing capacity is already inadequate or where the enrollment increase will render them inadequate, enhance building security, and to leave the site better poised for future development, whatever that may be and whenever it may occur.

For more information, visit the MPS website: mpls.k12.mn.us/five-year_enrollment_plan.html. FNA will also post any updates received on the neighborhood website: fultonneighborhood.org.

Save the Date!

Fulton Fall Festival



**Sat.,
Sept. 13**

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Eighth Annual BLEND and EcoBLEND Awards



We are pleased to announce the 8th annual BLEND Awards, recognizing homes and businesses that blend in with their neighbors; and the EcoBLEND Award, recognizing the incorporation of sustainable initiatives in residential and commercial projects.

The BLEND Award (Buildings and Landscapes Enhancing the Neighborhood through Design) encourages and rewards builders, architects, and home owners whose newly remodeled or constructed homes and businesses blend into the existing neighborhood design aesthetics. A jury of industry professionals will select projects for recognition awards.

The EcoBLEND Award encourages and rewards eco-friendly design and sustainable building practices in both new and remodeled projects in Minneapolis. The award will evaluate nominees in four areas: resource efficiency, water conservation, indoor environmental quality, and energy efficiency.

Submission deadline is July 31.

Learn more and download an application at blendaward.org.

May 15 Deadline for SW Hall of Fame Nominations

The deadline for nominations to the inaugural Southwest High School Hall of Fame is fast approaching. Now is the time to submit your nomination in one of five unique categories: an athlete, a team, a coach or administrator, a booster or a family.

To celebrate the school's great sports history and successes, an All Sports Reunion/Hall of Fame Dinner, open to everyone, will be held Aug. 14 at the Interlachen Country Club.

To submit a nomination or reserve seats for the All Sports Reunion Dinner, go online to: SWHSHOF.com.

The first class of SW Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in early summer.

Fulton Green

Clean Alley Campaign

Now that spring is here the alley between the 5200 blocks of Beard and Chowen is looking good. Last fall a group of neighbors decided it was time to do an alley clean-up because too many volunteer trees, invasive weeds and assorted detritus had taken over. Since the back of the house also reflects pride of property, they hoped that most everyone would welcome an attractive alley. However, thinking of the busy lives most everyone leads and that cleaning the alley was a low priority, they also thought help would be appreciated. A plan was hatched, a flyer produced, a few supplies and tools collected, and within a short period of time the alley was looking great. Surprisingly, the group decided doing it together was actually fun.

This spring these folks would like to carry the project one step further by planting native flowers where possible to provide habitat for our endangered butterflies, bees and beneficial insects. They would also like to challenge other Fulton residents to take the first step by doing an alleyway clean up and consider making a wildlife friendly corridor. If not convinced, making this overlooked community space beautiful increases property values, makes a safer space for children to play and deters crime. For more information please visit:

info@fultonneighborhood.org
metroblooms.org/nokomis

monarchjointventure.org
monarchwatch.org/waystations/

Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale

The annual Fulton Plant Sale will be postponed until 2015. Fulton neighbors who would still like to donate plants this year can participate in a plant share project. Plants donated will be given to those neighbors who wish to participate in the Environment Committee's Clean Alley Campaign to clean up alleys in Fulton. This includes planting flowers to provide habitat for our endangered native bees, other pollinator species and beneficial insects.

For more information e-mail us at info@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

Southwest Community Education Programs and Activities

Super Summer Program: Over 125 activities for children entering grades K-8. Mon.-Thurs., June 16-July 24.

Root River Canoe Trip: June 20-22; \$125; adults only.

Midnight-to-Dawn Metro Bike Tour: July 12; \$20

Call 612-668-3100 for more details on any of these programs or activities.



Minnehaha Creek Corridor Community Feedback and Survey Results



Over the course of the past year and a half, Fulton, Lynnhurst and Armatage Neighborhood Associations have been asking residents “What would you do?” along Minnehaha Creek between Lynnhurst Community Center and Zenith Ave S. They have collected information through feedback boards right along the creek and the Fulton Farmers Market, online requests, engagement at annual festivals, a Creek Walk, a survey and a Community Creek Meeting held on March 22. It has been a fun and exciting project and gave us the chance to hear from a wide variety of residents in the three neighborhoods.

The information received from the feedback boards, online and at festivals was used to generate a survey focusing on access, amenities and environmental changes along the creek corridor. The survey was mailed to every resident in Fulton and Lynnhurst neighborhoods and was made available online to Armatage residents. We learned that 83 percent of respondents rated the importance of the creek as a 5 on a 5-point scale; another 13 percent rated it a 4. Fifty percent of residents use the creek on a weekly basis and the top five ways they use the creek are for walking, enjoying nature, walking a pet, biking and spending time with family. When asked what they would do to improve the Creek corridor, the top responses from residents were to improve/increase walking access, make environmental improvements and to keep it natural.



At the Community Creek Meeting on March 22, residents worked in small groups to identify their issues, concerns and suggestions for the same topics of access, amenities and environment. They also looked at smaller geographic sections of the creek and provided further feedback. At the end of the meeting, residents participated in a “Dotmocracy” and were asked to choose their top three priorities for further consideration, research and possible changes or improvements. They were allowed to use all three of their votes for the same priority or choose multiple priorities. The areas that were most heavily prioritized by residents were to plant more trees and native species, decrease run-off and erosion, create defined walking paths and remove the concrete spillways at York and Washburn Avenues. For complete survey, community meeting and dotmocracy

reports, please visit fultonneighborhood.org.

The results from the survey, community meeting and dotmocracy will be given to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, which will continue the community engagement process with residents and begin consideration of potential design changes with a target date of 2018.

Save the Dates-Community Connects to the Creek Series

Fulton, Lynnhurst and Armatage Neighborhood Associations, in conjunction with Pershing, Lynnhurst and Armatage Parks, are planning family friendly activities along Minnehaha Creek on Thursday evenings this summer (7/10, 7/17, 7/24 and 7/31). Themes will be geocaching, fun with water, history and art. Watch the neighborhood and park websites for more details and join us in further enjoying the benefits and beauty of Minnehaha Creek.