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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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Fulton NRP is an organization of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park.

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All FNA meetings and events are accessible. Requests for accommodations are welcome. Please make requests at least ten days in advance.

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Test your Home for Radon

by Daniel Tranter, Minnesota Department of Health

Have you wondered if radon is a problem in your home or wanted to get more information on radon? Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that is found in nearly all soils. Levels in outdoor air are usually much lower than indoor air.



Houses draw up air from the soil and that allows radon gas to enter the home. The soil around your home is porous and the radon gas is able to move through the dirt and rocks into the basement through pathways, like cracks in the concrete slab, and accumulate in the house.

Studies have shown that radon is a health concern. Over time, breathing in radon gas and its radioactive particles can increase your risk of lung cancer by causing damage to the cells that line the lung; long-term exposure to radon can then lead to lung cancer. In the U.S., radon exposure is associated with 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year and is the second-leading cause of lung cancer. This risk increases for those who smoke.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has data from approximately 1,250 radon home tests from the Fulton neighborhood. The results show that 33.54% of those homes had elevated radon levels at or above 4.0 picocuries (pCi/L). This is similar to levels found across the state. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends taking action to reduce radon in homes that have a radon level at or above 4 pCi/L.

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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, businessperson or good neighbor? Nominate him or her to be recognized as a "Friend of Fulton."

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ArtCar ArtBike Parade

**Sat., July 26
 6 p.m.
 Lake Harriet**

Everyday is a parade for the ArtCars and ArtBikes when art comes out of the gallery and rolls into your neighborhood!



We invite the neighbors of Lake Harriet to sit on their lawns with their family and friends to watch the parade and experience this fun, family event. The parade begins at the Rose Gardens and will go all the way around Lake Harriet. www.artcarparade.com



The Fulton Neighborhood News

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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Community Connects to the Creek Series

Pershing, Lynnhurst and Armatage Parks, along with Fulton, Lynnhurst and Armatage Neighborhood Associations, are proud to present Community Connects to the Creek! Join your neighbors in July for these exciting FREE family friendly programs that connect you and your neighbors to Minnehaha Creek.

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Program
7:30-8 p.m.: Social and Refreshments
Meet at Lynnhurst Community Center
(right by 51st St. & Minnehaha Creek)



July 10- Naturalist Event
July 17-History Walking Tour
July 24-Minneapolis Institute of Arts
July 31-Geocaching

Fulton Fall Festival Set for Sept. 13

Planning is under way for the Annual Fulton Fall Festival, scheduled for Sat., Sept. 13, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pershing Park.

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. Musical Guests: The Wrong Omar and Folk and Thieves.

Silent Auction items and help are needed— Can you donate goods or services? Or donate your time and expertise in a fun area? Contact Julie Backer at juliaannbacker@gmail.com.

Marketplace—A great place to showcase your wares. Marketplace spots are \$10 or free for children 15 and under. To register, contact Mary at 612-922-1591.

Volunteers—We need your help! **All volunteers receive six free tickets.** Check out the link on our website

(www.fultonneighborhood.org) to sign up now or call 612-922-3106.

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

Book donations needed—Donations are being accepted for the 2014 Fulton Festival Used Book Sale. Please drop your donations at the Linden Hills Library.

MSP FairSkies Airport Update

by Sara Thompson and Steve Kittleson



Arrivals: The FAA has decided to implement Required Navigation (RNAV) at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport for arrivals only, while RNAV departures were "postponed for further study and community input."

What does this mean for residents?

- The implementation date for RNAV arrivals is not yet known by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) staff, but likely the end of this year.
- It appears that RNAV arrival tracks will result in little or no change from current arrivals, since RNAV arrival tracks are essentially the same as the current flight paths.
- There is ongoing concern that the often-cited benefit of RNAV arrivals —noise reduction due to a straight descent vs. multiple-tiered step-down descent —will bring relief only to communities farther away from the airport and not necessarily affect those closer to the airport, including Minneapolis residents. There is also concern about the distance between arriving planes (nose to tail). Some airports have found that RNAV technology allows for closer distances between planes, which will increase the frequency and noise of these arrival tracks.

Remote Monitoring Towers (RMTs): The MAC has 39 RMTs throughout the metro area to measure noise. Only four of these towers are west of 35W. Communities in Edina, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis' ECCO neighborhood have asked for more RMTs so that we can use accurate data to better understand and compare noise impact on various communities.

MSP FairSkies and other organizations are continuing to work with state and federal legislators on these issues. To learn more about how airport changes will impact residents, please visit mspfairskies.org.

Fulton Farmers Market is Bustling

July means blueberries, raspberries, carrots, cucumbers, broccoli, potatoes, kale, chard, cauliflower, green beans, currants, & tart cherries are all in season at the market! In addition to produce, pick up pastured local meats, cheeses, eggs, breads, canned goods, breakfast, lunch and fun treats like ice pops, doughnuts, bagels, and more. Join us for activities and music every week; find full details at www.fultonfarmersmarket.org. See you at the market - 4901 Chowen Ave S, Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fulton/Lynnhurst Garage Sales

Sat., Sept. 20

9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine

If you would like to host a sale, mail registration and \$5 fee (checks made payable to Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association) to:

Mary Vander Leest

Questions? Call Mary at 612.827.5132

4653 Aldrich Ave S

Minneapolis, MN 55419

Your \$5 registration fee will include a group ad in the Star Tribune and your listing on sale maps.

Registration must include:

- Your name and phone number (it won't be published, but just in case there are questions)
- Address of the sale
- Location of the sale: Front, Back, Alley or Driveway
- In five words or less, a description of your sale (e.g. kids gear, general household, sporting goods, etc.)

Deadline to register: Sept. 9

