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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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Neighborhood-Wide Survey Coming this Fall

Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) works to engage and improve the quality of life in Fulton neighborhood. To best do this, we need to know what you currently think about the neighborhood and what we can do to help maintain and improve this already great place we call home. In the past (1995 and 2004) we sent out surveys to every home in the neighborhood to better understand the issues, concerns and upcoming needs of residents. We did a lot of great work with that information, but realize that the neighborhood – and many of its residents – has changed since 2004 and it's time to get updated feedback.

We have already started to gather information to populate a survey. At several neighborhood events this summer and coming up this fall, we have/will be asking residents a simple question: What would you do to improve Fulton neighborhood (e.g. new events, improvement projects, additional programming, etc.)? You may have already come across us at an event and had the chance to answer that question – thanks! If you haven't had a chance to give some feedback, we have three ways in which you can do so:

- Look for us at the Farmers Market, the Fulton Fall Festival (9/9) or at Open Streets on 50th (9/24).
- Send us an e-mail: <u>info@fultonneighborhood.org</u> or give us a call at 612-922-4106.
- Join us at the neighborhood feedback event on 10/9 (see sidebar).

After we have gathered your initial feedback, we'll put together a more detailed survey and will be mailing that to every home and ask you to fill it out online or by hard copy.

We look forward to hearing from you and getting a better understanding of where our time, efforts and resources should be focused.

Neighborhood Feedback Event

7-8:30 p.m. Mon., Oct. 9 Vinaigrette 5006 Xerxes Ave S

We've scheduled a special evening to gather, socialize, have a little food and drink and talk about Fulton neighborhood. We're looking for feedback on how you feel about the neighborhood now and what we can do to maintain and improve upon it.

Vinaigrette will be treating us to bread and samples of their vinegars and olive oils. FNA will be providing other hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks.

Please make plans to join us at this important event that will help shape our future plans. Pre-registration is requested: fultonneighborhood.org.

Nominate a "Friend of Fulton" this year. It's easy!

Do you know someone who is making Fulton a better place? We'd love to celebrate his or her contributions to the neighborhood with a Friend of Fulton Award. Let us know the name of the person you are nominating, your name (as nominator), your phone number, nominee's home address and phone number and why you feel this individual should be recognized as a Friend of Fulton. Send to info@fultonneighborhood.org.

Questions? Send an email to the address above or call the FNA line at 612-922-3106. The deadline is Sept. 15. Awards will be presented at the FNA Annual Meeting on Oct. 11.



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Looking for Fulton Photos for Our New Website



We are in the midst of a redesign of our neighborhood website, fultonneighborhood.org. We'd like to highlight some photographs of the neighborhood, but find that most of ours are of events. Do you have any that you could share with us and that might be used on the website? We're looking for horizon-

tally oriented photos of interesting sites in the neighborhood like 50th St, Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet, etc. Please submit them to info@fultonneighborhood.org and we'll give you photo credit on the website.

Fulton Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 4901 Chowen Ave S



Its harvest season at the Fulton Farmers Market! September and October are two of the best months for local food shopping in Minnesota. Catch the last of the sweet corn in early September along with heirloom tomatoes, melons, grapes and pears. Mid-September through late October brings apples, winter squash and root vegetables. Stock back-to-school lunches with local fruits and spend cool fall evenings cooking delicious meals with the fall harvest.

Just because the days are getting shorter and the mornings cooler does not mean that farmers market season is over! The Fulton Farmers Market runs every Saturday through Oct. 28. Support local agriculture and connect with your community throughout the autumn season.

FNA Annual Meeting & Board Elections 7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 11, 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 Linea Palmisano and local legislators to update us on their efforts over the past year. Join us at 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 11, at Pershing Park to reconnect with your Fulton friends and neighbors.

Run for the FNA Board. Five 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 1 at 612-922-3106. We'd be happy to talk to you. To add your name to the pre-printed ballot, email info@fultonneighborhood.org. You may also write in your name at the Annual Meeting.

It's a Beautiful Night in the Neighborhood...

On Fri., July 21, hundreds of Fulton neighbors and friends gathered for the Pershing Park Ice Cream Social and Movie Night. Co-sponsored by the park and FNA, the event celebrated summer in the best way possible: with free ice cream, a band concert, fun activities and a movie under the stars.

FNA handed out at least 600 cones/dishes of yummy Sebastian Joe's ice cream to hungry neighbors – and we ran out! Next year, we'll order more cones and ice cream. FNA also sponsored a concert by the Crosstown Community Band, a group of local amateur musicians who love to get together to play music.

Pershing Park sponsored face painting, inflatables, games and the fun movie at the end of the night, "Minions". If you missed out this year, don't worry – we plan to make this an annual event!



Annual BLEND Awards Ceremony September 25

The annual BLEND awards ceremony will be held 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Fulton Brewery (414 6th Ave. N, Minneapolis). It will be a fun night honoring the work of homeowners, builders & architects doing great work to blend their projects into our Minneapolis neighborhoods.

In addition to the BLEND Award celebration, Dennis Gardner, of MN State Historic Preservation Office, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Gardner is the author of the forthcoming book, Our Minnesota State Capitol: from Groundbreaking through Restoration and will speak about the history of this remarkable public building and how the building itself represents who we all are as Minnesotans.

Food is provided and Fulton beer is available for purchase. More information can be found at BLENDaward.org.

Open Streets on 50th



Open Streets on 50th is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Sun., Sept. 24. 50th St. will be closed to traffic from Wooddale Ave. in ON 50TH Edina to Chowen Ave. in Minneapolis and open to bikes

and pedestrians to enjoy music, dance, games, crafts, voga and other creative and active events. It's time for everyone to come together for a day of celebration and community building promoting local shops, health and wellness, connecting communities and active transportation.

Fulton Neighborhood Association will be hosting a booth featuring kid and family games like Plinko, Jenga and giant Connect Four as well as other fun activities; look for us near 50th St and Drew Ave. Check our website for up-to-date information as more activities are added.

Pershing Park News

Pre-School Halloween Party

10:30 a.m. Tues. Oct. 31



Wear your costume and bring your parents for a morning of silly spooky fun. Tricks and treats, games, crafts, music and more will be an eerie kickoff to your Halloween fun.

Registration for **SWAC winter sports** begins Nov. 1 at swac.info.

Registration for winter park programs and activities also begins Nov. 1 at minneapolisparks.org.



Fulton Fall Festival Marketplace & Food Drive

Sat., Sept. 9

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pershing Park (48th & Chowen)

Musical Guests: Southwest High School Jazz Combos and The Jaztronauts

There's something for everyone!

Bike Parade (decorate at 10:30 a.m.; parade with local youth marching band at 10:45 a.m.) Yoga in the Park (FREE; all levels class): 11:30 a.m.; check-in starts at 11:15 a.m. at the YogaFit table in the Marketplace Fun Food: grilled items, pizza, chips, sides and more New Food this Year! Sebastian Joe's ice cream, mini-donuts and hot pretzels For the Kids: Inflatables, Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Games For the Adults: Silent Auction, Marketplace, Used Book Sale & much more Community Information: Minneapolis Voter Service, Fairvote MN, Hennepin County Gardeners, Boy Scouts and more

FULTON's 9th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Drop a bag of food at Pershing Park or at the Festival and help decorate the collection bin.

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.

> **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.

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