Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades Coming to 47th & Xerxes

After many years of discussions with the City of Minneapolis, safety improvements are being made to the intersection of 47th & Xerxes to allow safe crossings for Southwest High School students, local residents accessing Lake Harriet, and all pedestrians and cyclists. Funding for the project is being made available from a Safe Routes to School federal grant.

This intersection was evaluated in 2014 as part of Metropolitan Council’s regional solicitation process and an application was submitted for federal funding, but funding was not awarded. City of Minneapolis Public Works has built upon the preliminary design developed in 2014 and expanded it to include additional elements. These elements include:

• Curb extensions with new ADA pedestrian ramps extending into Xerxes at all four corners of the intersection
• Push-activated overhead pedestrian flasher and signage
• New pavement markings including “zebra” crosswalks and a stop bar

The proposed project is scheduled to occur over the course of the 2018 construction season. Public Works is currently in the preliminary stages of planning and design for the project, which will be accompanied by community outreach activities that will help inform and guide design concepts. If you have any questions or comments on the design or process, please contact Rebecca Hughes at 612-673-3594 or rebecca.hughes@minneapolismn.gov.
Construction Begins on the Edina Side of 50th & France

At their Dec. 5, 2017 meeting, the Edina City Council awarded an $8.5M contract to Adolfson & Peterson to expand the City’s north parking ramp in the 50th & France District. This will be the first of several substantial capital improvement and development projects that will transform the 50th & France neighborhood over the next 36 months. The north parking ramp project began in January.

In an effort to mitigate as many construction-related problems as possible, the City of Edina has prepared a Construction Mitigation and Parking Management Plan for the 50th & France projects. This plan is available for review at www.EdinaMN.gov/50thandFrance (under the “ongoing construction” tab). A link to the plan is also available on the FNA website at www.fultonneighborhood.org.

Try as it might to prevent disruption, this project will surely impact Fulton residents. Edina will do its best to minimize the negative impacts of the project(s) on Minneapolis residents. Please contact Pat Tucker, the Market Street Project Construction Communication Coordinator and Liaison, at ptucker@EdinaMN.gov with any questions or concerns.

Prevent Auto Theft

During the colder months, car thieves take advantage of residents who leave their cars running unattended. The temptation to start the car and let it warm up while you stay warm inside or leave it running while doing a short errand could be a costly mistake. Officers may issue tickets (with fines of $34) to any cars that are running with no driver present. Even if you lock the car, it only takes seconds to break a window or jimmy a door lock. It is against City ordinance to leave your keys in the ignition while you are not in your car. In fact, if your car is reported stolen and your keys are in it, you may get a ticket.

Prevent Snowblower Theft

Each winter, snowblower theft becomes a big problem for property crime investigators. Usually, the more it snows, the more snowblowers are stolen. This year, encourage all of your neighbors who own snowblowers to:
• Record the make, model, and serial number
• Paint some part of the snowblower a distinguishing color to make identification faster and easier
• Use a padlock in the garage door as an additional lock
• Secure the service door of your garage with a medium or heavy-duty deadbolt lock and maximum-security strike plate
• Block in the snowblower with a vehicle
New Look for FNA Website

FNA recently updated their website to be more viewer-friendly on cell phones as well as reorganized content to better reflect current needs and to welcome new neighbors. Check it out at www.fultonneighborhood.org!

FNA Survey Coming Soon to Your Mailbox

Fulton Neighborhood Association exists to support the Fulton neighborhood through outreach and communications, community engagement, events, projects, City connections, etc. We spent last summer and fall collecting feedback from residents at various events in the neighborhood such as the Fulton Farmers Market, Fulton Fall Festival, Open Streets on 50th and our Fall Networking Event. We asked one main question: What would you do to improve Fulton neighborhood? We have collated those responses and are devising a survey for the entire neighborhood. The survey has two purposes: to provide a baseline understanding of how residents feel about the neighborhood and to guide FNA as to what projects or events to prioritize. Please watch your mailbox in February for the survey and let us know how we can best represent you and your interests. We will encourage you to take the survey online, but will also accept paper surveys. Thank you!

Neighborhood Roots Winter Markets

Mark your calendar for three amazing Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Markets in 2018. Gather in the greenhouse of Bachman’s Garden Center, 6010 Lyndale Ave. S., from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Saturdays of Jan. 27, Feb. 24 and March 24 for a morning of amazing local food and community. Farmers from the Fulton, Kingfield and Nokomis Farmers Markets will be bringing farmstead cheeses, pasture raised meats, apples, greenhouse greens, honey, eggs and storage vegetables. Stock up on preserves, fermented veggies, pickles, wild-caught salmon, locally made crafts and much more. Bring your family and friends and make it a festive morning out. There will be lots of tasty breakfast and lunch options along with live music and beer or wine available for sale by the glass. Keep your shopping local and connect with your community this winter!
Ready for Summer Airplane Noise? MSP FairSkies Coalition Invites You to Get Engaged!

*Winter MSP Listening Session to be Held at Mt. Olivet Church*

7 p.m.  
Tues., Jan. 30  
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
5025 Knox Ave. S.  
Minneapolis

Members of the public interested in the topic of aircraft noise as it relates to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) are invited to the Winter Listening Session hosted by Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) staff and MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) members. The agenda for the January meeting includes an update on recent NOC meetings, Super Bowl planning, and an open dialogue about airport topics raised by attendees.

The NOC sponsors quarterly Listening Sessions that are dedicated to citizen engagement and dialogue between the attendees, NOC members and the MAC. These meetings are particularly valuable for airport neighbors who seek to interact with MAC Environment Department staff, NOC representatives, MAC Board members and local Federal Aviation Administration representatives. Conversations and feedback from Listening Sessions are shared and discussed during regular NOC meetings.

**Art Shanty Projects Brings Frozen Festival to Minneapolis**

Art Shanty Projects, the uniquely Minnesotan festival created each year atop a frozen lake, will occur for the first time in Minneapolis on Lake Harriet.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturdays & Sundays, Jan. 20-Feb. 11  
Free

For over a decade, Art Shanty Projects has organized a monthlong transformation of an ice-covered body of water into an interactive, artist-driven temporary community that expands notions of art and artist. Each year curious locals, regional artists and thousands of visitors brave the elements to celebrate art and community. The 2018 On-Ice Program brings new artistic use to frozen landscapes by assembling an artist-designed village filled with creative structures and lively performances where audience participation is encouraged to complete the scene.

This event is estimated to attract more than 25,000 visitors during its four-week run. Art Shanty Projects will be open every weekend regardless of weather: rain, sleet, snow, ice, blizzard or heat wave. The shanty village will be located either on the frozen lake or on shore near the Lake Harriet Bandshell, depending on ice conditions.

For more information on the organization and a list of participating artists and performers, visit artshantyprojects.org.