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A Community Dialogue with Minneapolis Police Leadership



L-R: Inspector Kathy Waite, Chief Medaria Arradondo and Council Member Linea Palmisano

On Mon., Feb. 26, approximately 75 southwest Minneapolis residents gathered at Pershing Park to meet Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo and 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite. The meeting, co-hosted by Council Member Linea Palmisano and Fulton Neighborhood Association, allowed neighbors to ask questions, make comments and speak with our leaders one-on-one. Neighbors learned the personal story and background of our new police chief and our inspector, and about their vision for improving safety across the city.

Topics discussed varied, but most questions and comments were focused on the office-involved shooting in Fulton in July, 2017, rebuilding trust, body-worn cameras and the wellness of the department's sworn officers and civilians.

Chief "Rondo," as he prefers to be called, noted the profound impact an officer-involved shooting has on a community. The police department's ultimate goal is to find out what happened and to bring justice for all involved. They are uncomfortable with the lack of control, lack of information, and the length of the criminal investigation, but fully support allowing the criminal justice system to play out in such a way that the truth is discovered while protecting the civil rights of all involved. The chief noted that there are still tough times ahead as the community grapples with healing. He will focus additional efforts on accountability and procedural justice.

The MPD knows that it needs to rebuild trust in order to establish strong communities and relationships. Some neighbors expressed their fear of police and others their anger that the body-worn cameras were not being used on the evening of the shooting. An internal audit of the entire department conducted after the shooting incident showed that cameras were not being used in the manner and amount that they were intended. A new policy has been put in place and compliance has increased, but not to desired levels. The city is working on an even more robust body-worn camera policy and recognizes that it will evolve because it is a new technology for MPD to implement.

Inspector Waite highlighted the impact that policing has on officer wellness. The department does a pre-employment screening that focuses on not only physical and emotional status, but also implicit bias, cultural competency, etc. All of these factors impact the overall fitness of an officer. Stress reducing activities like yoga and other wellness-based opportunities are now being offered. This has been a huge cultural shift in the way the department supports its officers.

Other topics discussed included pedestrian safety, traffic enforcement, police interactions with residents with a disability, excessive force and best practices seen in other departments around the country.



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Pershing Park Update *Summer Sports Registration*

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board provides experiences to help kids develop new physical and social skills in a fun, participatory and safe environment guided by knowledgeable and supportive coaches. Youth Sports programs contribute to your child's physical, social, emotional, cultural and educational growth and development.



Registration for Softball, Baseball and Track is open Feb. 28-March 30.

Sports programs for our younger players are offered through **Linden Hills** and include:

- 6U Coed T-Ball: Saturdays, April 28-June 9
- 8U Pitching Machine: Tues. games, Thurs. practices, Apr. 24-June 7
- 8U Softball: Tues. practices, Fri. games, Apr. 24-June 22

Games begin Fri., May 11

Baseball, softball and track for our older players are offered through **Pershing Park Recreation Center**.

Register online at minneapolisparcs.org/activities or in person at Pershing or Linden Hills Recreation Centers during open business hours. Practices typically begin in late April and games are held though late June.

Please contact Diane Moe at dmoe@minneapolisparcs.org (612-370-4812) or Scott Erazmus at serazmus@minneapolisparcs.org (612-370-4778) with questions or concerns.

Spring / Summer Program Registration has begun. Visit minneapolisparcs.org for a list of programs and activities.

Spring Community Clean-Up Day Scheduled for April 21



Please join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and students from the Southwest High School Green Team in a one-morning effort to help clean up around the community. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. Sat., April 21, at Southwest High School, 3414 W 47th St, for juice, coffee and rolls. The clean-up will run from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be cleaning up around the school and the shorelines along Minnehaha Creek and Lake Harriet. A picnic lunch will be provided after the clean-up.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Save the Date: Summer Fun Activities in Fulton

When we can finally put away our snow shovels and look forward to summer, Fulton Neighborhood Association and Pershing Park have a variety of fun activities planned for the neighborhood.

- Fulton Farmers Market Opens: May 19
- Ice Cream Social: July 10
- Movies in the Park: Aug. 25
- Fulton Fall Festival: Sept. 8
- Fulton/Lynnhurst Garage Sales: Sept. 15
- Open Streets on 50th: Sept. TBD



Fulton Farmers Market

Final Winter Market is March 24

Don't miss the final Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Market of the season on March 24, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the greenhouse of Bachman's Garden Center (6010 Lyndale Ave S). Hardworking farmers and foodmakers will be bringing greenhouse-grown greens, pickled vegetables, pasture-raised meats, farmstead cheeses, maple syrup, preserves, baked goods, crafts and much more. Come hungry and enjoy tasty breakfast and lunch foods. Beer and wine will be available for sale by the glass and live music will accompany your outing.

Outdoor Market

And be sure to mark your calendar for the opening of the outdoor season on May 19. Support local agriculture and connect with your community at the Neighborhood Roots Farmers Markets.

FNA Survey — Please Tell Us What You Think

Fulton Neighborhood Association supports Fulton neighborhood through outreach, community engagement and City connections. We spent last summer asking neighbors one main question: What would you do to improve Fulton neighborhood? Those responses lead us to create a survey, which was mailed to every household in the neighborhood. The survey results will provide a baseline understanding of how residents feel about the neighborhood and to guide the FNA in identifying short and long-term priorities.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey online via the link at fultonneighborhood.org. Or you may complete the paper survey and drop it in the box at Pershing Park or mail it to us at: FNA, 3523 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410. Please contact us at 612.922.3106 or info@fultonneighborhood.org should you need additional paper copies. Thank you for your participation in helping make Fulton neighborhood a great place!

Southwest High School Spotlight Musical *RENT*

7 p.m. March 15-17 and 22-24
2 p.m. March 18 and 25

Rent follows a year in the life of a group of bohemian artists in the East Village of New York City as they struggle with addiction, poverty, and love under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Based on Puccini's "La Boheme," this passionate, pop cultural phenomenon won a Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

RENT SING-A-LONG (with lyrics and bouncing ball) on Mar. 22.

Directed by Margaret Berg, vocal direction by Bryan Fisher, conducted by Reid Wixson, choreography by Erin Brown. Book, Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson. To find out more about the show or reserve tickets go to: southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com/rent/details



2018 Fulton Small Grants Recipients

Fulton Neighborhood Association is in its fourth year of providing funding for local programming through the Fulton Small Grants Program. The program is designed to support community engagement and neighborhood youth activities. We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2018 Fulton Small Grants:



Southwest First Technology Challenge (FTC) Award Amount: \$1,095

The Southwest FTC program was created to make FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics available to middle school students and fills the gap between existing elementary school Lego Robotics programs and high school FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) robotics programs. FTC teams design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

Grant funds will allow for the purchase an official FTC competition field. This portable 12 x 12 ft. field will make it easier to prepare for robotics competitions as well as host robot competitions and demonstrate this robotics program to the Community.

Lake Harriet Community School Lower Campus S.T.E.A.M. Activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Award Amount: \$1,243.22

The S.T.E.A.M. Program will bring engineering experience to students. Young children have a fascination with both building things and taking them apart – making them natural engineers. While doing this, they use math and science skills and see how they are relevant to their lives. Hands-on, project-based learning is the essence of engineering.

Grant funds will be used to purchase a Lego wall, Plus-Plus Blocks to build 3D structures and shapes and Keva planks. The students will explore structures and stability and determine what makes them stronger, more efficient and stable. The building tools will be available not only to LHLC students, but also the after-school program.

Southwest High School Wellness Club Award Amount: \$1,100

This new club will meet weekly to learn about mental health and cultivate a culture of wellness at SWHS, proactively addressing wellness from multiple angles, including environmental, social-emotional, and racial consciousness. This club will affect not only the high school itself but the whole neighborhood as more and more research shows that emotional health is the underpinning of any healthy community. Offering SWHS students an empowering framework and approach they can use and share with their world could have a significant impact not only on Fulton but beyond.

Grant funds will be used to plan, coordinate and conduct approximately 20 club meetings.

Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus Safety Patrol Support Award Amount: \$500

The mission of the Lake Harriet Safety Patrol Program is to keep the children of Lake Harriet Upper Campus and the immediate community safe when walking across crosswalks that surround school before and after-school hours. The Safety Patrol Program fosters a positive school climate with the goal of involving all students who want to participate and retaining their participation for the entire school year. A longer-term goal is to train younger students and incent participating students to return to safety patrol the following year.

Grant funds will be used for program coordination, monthly meetings, badges, certificates, bulletin boards and a visit from University of Minnesota mascot, Goldy Gopher.