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**Community Meeting September 24:
 Future of Ewing Avenue Parking Lot**



Join Council Member Linea Palmisano, along with the Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department staff, at a community meeting on Tues., Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. at Pershing Park to discuss the process for developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration of a city-owned affordable housing development on the site of the existing Ewing Avenue parking lot just south of 50th St. The meeting is the very first step of this process and its goal is to discuss how best to include stakeholders and the neighborhood association as we move forward together.

New Fulton Merchandise Available at Fall Festival

We have been working on a line of Fulton branded merchandise for the neighborhood. We have t-shirts (men's, women's and youth, shown at right modeled by FNA Board members Jane Kohnen and Chris Black) and stickers ready for purchase. You can buy the shirts and stickers at the Fulton Fall Festival on Sept. 14 or contact us at info@fultonneighborhood.org and we'll make arrangements to get them to you. Be the first to show your neighborhood pride!



Thanks to all of those who submitted suggestions – we have a very creative neighborhood! And many thanks to Rebecca Noran for her winning suggestion and to Craig Brown for artwork and project management.

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 your submission 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. 18. Awards will be presented at the FNA Annual Meeting on Oct. 9.



Kids' books are especially needed for the Fall Festival Used Book Sale. Drop off your donation at Pershing Park or contact Joe Wolf at noveltrader@aol.com. Proceeds benefit the Linden Hills Library.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Open Streets on 50th



Open Streets on 50th is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 22. 50th St. will be closed to traffic from Wooddale Ave. in Edina to Chowen Ave. in Minneapolis and open to bikes and pedestrians to enjoy music, dance, games, crafts, yoga 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 FREE POPCORN FOR ALL, kid games, free play and information about local events and issues. Look for us near 50th St and Drew Ave.



Residential Security Rebates Still Available



Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) has recently launched a rebate program for all Fulton residents (owner or renter) to encourage new residential security upgrades to their home. FNA will reimburse up to \$100 (per address, per calendar year) for upgrades such as exterior lighting, motion detector lighting, video doorbells, exterior cameras, deadbolt locks, etc., as long as funds are available. Program details, eligible improvements and the rebate application are available on our website: fultonneighborhood.org.

FNA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 9, 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. 9, 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 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.

Who's in the 'Hood: Fulton's Musical Family

By Carolina Li

Who's in the 'Hood is a new feature highlighting the unique people and places of Fulton neighborhood.



There is something about Fulton that magically draws people from all over the world and leads them to call it home. Like any place, some of Fulton's charms are geographical: its parks, creeks, and lakes. But at the core of Fulton's appeal are its people and culture. After all, the fabric of a community is as central to the character of a place as is its geography. It is the beautiful people of Fulton that make the neighborhood a pleasant, happier place to live. And if you happen to walk down tree-lined Drew Ave., you might see this for yourself, as you hear in the distance the sweet melody of a violin. Follow the sound and it would guide you to Richard and Cece's home, two of Minnesota's most celebrated professional musicians, raising their musical family of four right here in Fulton.

A native of St. Louis, Cece found her passion for music at age three. Her parents, both musicians, took Cece to music lessons and she discovered an affinity for the violin right away. As she describes it, "Doors kept opening to opportunities to keep learning and developing as a violinist through high school, college, and beyond." She studied at the University of Michigan, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and at Rice University. She was a fellow at the New World Symphony in

Miami Beach and also performed with the St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Houston Symphony Orchestras before joining the Minnesota Orchestra.

When Cece was studying for her Master's degree at Rice, she met her now-husband Richard Belcher. A native of Christchurch, New Zealand, Richard was exposed to a huge amount of music starting at six years, first on the piano, then singing in cathedral choir, and finally discovering that the cello was his instrument at age eleven. While studying music in New Zealand, he also played in the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, and then moved to the United States to earn a Master's in cello at Yale University. While there, he founded the Ensō String Quartet which went on to receive multiple accolades, including a Grammy award nomination. All the while, Cece and Richard kept up their relationship, as they each followed music from one city to another.

It was Minnesota that brought the couple together. When Cece won a position with the Minnesota Orchestra in 2014, Richard was still active touring with the Ensō String Quartet based out of New York. Then, this past July, Richard won a position with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, which cemented their family base in Minnesota, encouraging them to put down roots in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This allowed them to be in the same state for the first time in years. "It was a life-changer," Cece explains. "Life as a musician can sometimes mean not choosing where to live, so to suddenly have two opportunities in the same place was amazing and a miracle of timing." When not playing the great classics, Richard and Cece can be found singing and playing lullabies on the piano for their young children at home: a wonderfully happy boy named Finn, and their sweet, newborn daughter Annabel.

Fulton must have some magic of its own if, after travelling and touring all over the world, the Belchers chose to call it home. "We feel so lucky to be here," Richard affirms. And Fulton is lucky too, for if a neighborhood's character is marked by its people, then how lucky to have the Belchers amongst us, weaving a bridge of song and sound and bringing neighbors together in the symphony of life.





Fulton Fall Festival

Sat., Sept. 14

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pershing Park (48th & Chowen)

Sponsored by Fulton Neighborhood Association and Pershing Park

Musical Guests:

Southwest High School Jazz (11 a.m.-Noon)

Duopolis 66 (Noon-1:30 p.m.)

612live (1:30 p.m.-3 p.m)

New this Year!

- ⇒ Inflatable Basketball Shoot
- ⇒ Sir Sidney Soapington, The Baron of Bubble
- ⇒ Tap Minneapolis Water Filling Station
(bring your own water bottle)



- Bike Parade (decorate at 10:30 a.m.; parade at 10:45 a.m.)
- Fun Food: grilled items, pizza, chips, sides, cookies and Sebastian Joe's ice cream
- For the Kids: inflatables, The Reptile Experience (11 a.m.-2 p.m.), The Baron of Bubble, face painting, games and Bingo (Noon-2 p.m.)
- For the Adults: Silent Auction, Marketplace, Used Book Sale and more
- Community Information: MN Healthcare for All, Best Friends Animal Society, MPRB, Boy Scout Troop 6, MN Tool Library and more

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to volunteer your time, donate an item to our Silent Auction, rent a table at our Marketplace
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