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Give to the Max Day: November 14

Give to the Max Day 2019 is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 14. Plan to join GiveMN and thousands of Minnesota nonprofits and schools to help raise millions of dollars together for the organizations which make our communities stronger.



Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) would love your support as you plan your financial giving. FNA works hard to engage the neighborhood and build a sense of community for one and all. We help represent the needs of the neighborhood with the City of Minneapolis and other agencies, provide communications (like this newsletter, a website and social media) and host a variety of engagement activities and programming such as happy hours, ice cream socials, the Pollinator Protection Project, the Fulton Fall Festival and our popular new security rebate program.

Visit givemn.org on Nov. 14 and help us continue making this the best neighborhood in Minneapolis.

Update on Ewing Municipal Parking Lot

A community meeting was held on Sept. 24 to discuss the future of the Ewing Municipal Parking Lot. Councilmember Linea Palmisano received feedback and is working to find answers to the questions posed and the information that was requested. One of those requests was to look at traffic and parking around the lot and the area of 50th and France as a whole. Some data have been received and the city is considering additional studies.

Councilmember Palmisano would like to hear additional feedback and questions. She will host another meeting in the near future and would like to know other topics of interest for the agenda such as what an affordable housing project might look like and the benefits it could bring to the neighborhood. Further discussion is also warranted about a working group and what it might look like.

You can reach Councilmember Palmisano at 612-673-2213 or Linea.Palmisano@minneapolismn.gov.

Drainage Issues at 53rd & France Avenue

Hennepin County has recently performed temporary sidewalk/ramp repair at the intersection of 53rd and France to address the pooling of water and improve access. The pedestrian ramps were temporarily built up with bituminous asphalt (blacktop) so excess water can be carried away to the proper stormwater drain.

Permanent concrete repair will be done in 2022 when funding is allocated for the France Ave Pedestrian Ramp Project. This interim repair is being done so that the water drainage is addressed as quickly as possible.

If you continue to notice an issue at France & 53rd, please contact Derek Sunstrom, ADA Implementation Engineer, at 612-596-0379 or derek.sunstrom@hennepin.us.



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West 54th Street

Friends of Fulton 2019

Award Winners Honored at FNA Annual Meeting

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Friends of Fulton award winners who were honored at the FNA Annual Meeting on Oct. 9. Many thanks to these wonderful volunteers whose efforts make Fulton a great place to live. State Senator Scott Dibble, State Representative Jamie Long and Councilmember Linea Palmisano presented the awards.



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Please visit the FNA website (fultonneighborhood.org) for more details on all of our recipients and their good work in the neighborhood.

Pershing Park Sports and Programs Registration



Don't miss out! Register today for basketball at Pershing Park for ages 6-18. Go to minneapolisparcs.org and search "Activities & Events" or contact the park at 612-370-4928.

You can also register for other winter/spring programs including preschool gymnastics, ballet, arts and crafts, active games, Jr. Naturalist classes, martial arts and much more.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Who's in the 'Hood: Marilyn — a Fulton Original

By Carolina Li

Who's in the 'Hood features the unique people and places of Fulton neighborhood.

What's the longest you've resided in one place? Chances are Marilyn Krekelberg has you beat. One of Fulton's longest-tenured denizens, Marilyn has lived in her current house on Ewing Ave. for 66 years and has a rich tapestry of neighborhood memories.



In 1922, Marilyn's parents moved from Pembina, N.D., to a small Tudor at 49th and Ewing Ave S, where they raised Marilyn, and her dog Toby. They purchased their home for under \$6,000. The neighborhood was so safe and the street had so little traffic that Marilyn grew up playing with Toby and her friends in the streets. Marilyn walked to the nearby Riley Portable School at 51st and Drew, "a darling school with steps leading to the main door," she recalls. The school was named after the children's author James Whitcomb Riley and closed in 1942. She moved onto Fulton Middle School, currently Lake Harriet Upper Campus, and then, during World War II, the newly built Southwest High School. Marilyn was in the first class of students to complete all four years of high school at Southwest, graduating in 1946. The younger students would frequently write to older classmates in the service to keep them connected to home.

After high school, Marilyn attended college in St. Cloud and then landed a teaching post at Little Falls Elementary School. Marilyn and a friend rented a first-floor apartment for \$50 a month. Life revolved around teaching 1st through 3rd grade, participating in the town's legendary summer carnival, and musical performances with her quartet, "The Ukulele Gals." "A fellow teacher friend suggested to me and two other friends we should form a ukulele quartet. We had loads of fun!" They played at community events and even produced a record in 1952.

After four years in Little Falls, though, Marilyn grew nostalgic for her little corner of the world tucked by Lake Harriet and she moved back to Fulton, finding a teaching job in St. Paul. One weekend, when Marilyn went to visit her friend at the castle house on Chowen Ave. S., she met her husband-to-be, John Krekelberg. John was from Brainerd and had started working at Honeywell, where he would remain for 36 years. They clicked right away and dated for a year before getting engaged in 1952. In May 1953, John and Marilyn went house-hunting in, you guessed it, Fulton! They found a 1926 story-and-a-half cream-colored stucco house for sale on Ewing Ave and it has been Marilyn's home ever since. The couple got married on June 28, 1953, at the Edina Morningside Church and their entire family life developed in Fulton, just as Marilyn's parents' had.

Marilyn and John adopted a dog named Copper, a happy pup who greeted guests by putting his paws on their tummies. The family grew with the arrival of a daughter, Julie, in 1963 and a son, Steve, a year later. Using patterns from the *Minneapolis Tribune* paper, John made a complete set of furniture for his daughter and son. Julie's "pink-and-white dream bedroom" was painted vintage pink with a stencil of white flowers by Marilyn, and it was featured in a piece on house décor in the *Tribune* in February 1966.

A revered presence on Ewing Ave, Marilyn is the matriarch of the block, active in many civic activities, baking cookies for the church, fostering dogs and often attending the baby showers on the block even though her kids are now grown up and have built families of their own. Julie lives in Plymouth and Steve is a pilot for Delta Airlines in California. Together with grandchildren Ruby and Gregory, they visit Marilyn regularly. "I don't want to leave," Marilyn says of Fulton. And with friends and neighbors like these, who have been there her whole life, how could anyone?



Art Shanty Projects Returning to Lake Harriet

Art Shanty Projects is gearing up for an exciting return to Lake Harriet in 2020! Art Shanty Projects has always aimed to enrich the cultural vitality of our community in the dead of winter. By empowering a wide range of artists to create a temporary village on a frozen lake, they invite joy and reinforce connections between artists and visitors, and to our wider community and environment.

This news of the return of the program comes after a hiatus during the 2019 season which led to discussions with the community and a rethinking of how the Art Shanty Projects could become more financially sustainable in the future. One effort towards this end was the re-launching of their membership program in October. The membership initiative hopes to connect with the community of over 40,000 visitors that turned out in 2018, giving them a chance to support their shared values and ensure the continued success of the program.

Artists and performers have been selected for the 2020 On-Ice Program under the leadership of new Artistic Director Erin Lavelle and new Operations Director Arlo Sombor. Along with Erin's expertise as a producer for the Northern Spark Festival, she brings her experience as a two-time former shanty artist. Arlo was previously Operations Director at Cycles for Change, an organization working for social justice through the bicycle movement.

The Art Shanty Projects will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, Jan. 18-Feb. 9 on Lake Harriet. For more information about how you can keep this event going and enjoy winter fun, go to www.artshantyprojects.org.



Fulton Fall Festival Thanks

Many thanks to all who attended this year's fantastic Fulton Fall Festival on Sept. 14. With your help, we raised \$2,700 to help fund the activities of the Fulton Neighborhood Association. The Silent Auction raised \$3,200, which will go toward important neighborhood projects.

We are so grateful for all of the volunteers, businesses and other community partners who worked together to make the Fulton Fall Festival such a success. Many thanks to our wonderful corps of volunteer food servers, ticket sellers, silent-auction monitors and all who gave a couple hours to make this festival a success. We could not put on a festival of this magnitude without your gracious help.

The Fulton Festival was made possible by the generous donations of the following sponsors and contributors. Please thank them by patronizing their establishments: Broders', Bruegger's Bagels, Southwest Business Association and Boy Scout Troop 6. And a special thank you goes to Pershing Park for its space and help.

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It was a proud day to showcase what Fulton and the community at large has to offer while having a ton of fun together on a beautiful fall day. We are already looking forward to Festival 2020!