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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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**2020 Census**



The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories and happens every ten years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of Apr. 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

Census results are the basis for congressional representation and help determine how more than \$800 billion in federal funds is distributed each year to support vital programs in states and communities across the country. These funds shape local health care, education, transportation, employment, affordable housing, public safety, energy assistance programs, public policy and much more. The 2020 Census will inform funding decisions that shape our community for the next ten years.

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, gender and the number of people who live in your home, including children. Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, CIA, DHS, ICE, etc.

In March 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

**March 3 Presidential Primary**

Early voting begins in just a few weeks for the Mar. 3 Presidential Nomination Primary. This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992. It replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus. Precinct caucuses will still take place on Feb. 25 to conduct other party business.



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**Neighborhood Happy Hour on January 30**

If you still haven't been to one, the Fulton Neighborhood Happy Hours have been great successes! Our goal is to host a laid-back time to chat with your neighbors and Fulton Neighborhood Association board members two or three times a year.

5:30-7 p.m.  
Thurs., Jan. 30  
Tinto Kitchen Party Room  
4959 Penn Ave. S.



FNA will buy the first round and some appetizers to share. We ask that you RSVP as the Tinto Kitchen Party Room has a maximum capacity of 35. (Please note that the party room is in the basement and use of stairs is required to access the space.) Look for the link to RSVP at Eventbrite on our website: [fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org).



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West 47th Street

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## Meet the FNA Board: Chris Black, FNA Treasurer



Chris has lived in the Fulton neighborhood for four years after he and his wife, Erin, moved here from Uptown. Chris enjoys Fulton's proximity to the Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Creek and bike trails. He joined the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Board to meet other Fulton residents and to get more involved in the local community.

For the FNA, Chris recently took on the role as treasurer and helped organize the silent auction for the Fulton Fall Festival. Chris says, "Volunteering for the silent auction was a great way to meet local business owners and members of the community." He was able to use his experience as a software developer to help improve the process for generating bid sheets and sending out receipts.

Chris has his own business building applications for mobile phones. In his free time, Chris enjoys doing home improvement projects, walking by the lakes and eating at nearby restaurants.

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By law, only major parties can participate in the primary. The chair of each major party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than Dec. 2019. Those candidates will appear on the ballot even if they drop out of the presidential race before Mar. 3. Each party decides if they want to include a write-in choice or an option to vote for 'uncommitted'.

Parties then must use the presidential primary results to choose the delegates. Delegates will go to a national convention where a final candidate is nominated. Each party handles delegate elections according to their party rules.

Because each party will have their own ballot, you will need to choose which major party's ballot you want. Your choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How you voted on the ballot will be secret.

Like any election, there are three ways you can vote: early in-person, by mail, or on Election Day. Early voting begins on Fri., Jan. 17. Visit [vote.minneapolis.gov](http://vote.minneapolis.gov) to learn more, see who is on the ballot, register to vote, apply for a mail-ballot and more!

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

# Minneapolis Public Schools Comprehensive District Design Studies & Listening Sessions

Minneapolis Public Schools has recently released the initial results and plans from its Comprehensive District Design Process. Two new studies propose changes to Minneapolis Public Schools' programs, school configurations and community school boundaries. The studies outline significant proposed changes for Zone 3. If passed by the school board in the spring, proposed changes would start to take effect in fall 2021.



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The district will hold listening sessions in January and February 2020 and will also accept feedback online. Please go to [mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd) for more information.

## Join the Neighborhood Choir



Love to sing? Sign up to join the fifth season of The Neighborhood Choir!

We're a fun, non-auditioned, mixed choir that sings a variety of styles and genres. The choir is led by Nathan Knoll, who has 15 years of experience directing at the high school and college levels and is the former director of Southwest High School's choral program. Rehearsals are at the Friends Meetinghouse (4401 York Ave. S.) on Thursdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The winter/spring season will run from Feb. 27 to May 14, with a Friends and Family Concert on May 21. The fee for the season is \$110. Register online at [jotform.com/kerenprice/winter-2020-the-neighborhood-choir](https://jotform.com/kerenprice/winter-2020-the-neighborhood-choir). Feel free to contact Keren Price at [kprice@pro-ns.net](mailto:kprice@pro-ns.net) or 612-296-7816 if you have any questions.

## Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Markets

NEIGHBORHOOD ROOTS

*Where community and food are cultivated*

Do you love the Fulton Farmers Market? Do you miss the friendly faces of your farmers? Are you committed to supporting local food in the New Year? You don't have to wait for summer to roll around. Join us at the Neighborhood Roots Winter Markets this month. Neighborhood Roots is a small nonprofit that brings you Fulton, Nokomis and Kingfield Farmers Markets, as well as a series of indoor winter markets. The indoor markets take place on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 14 at Bachman's on Lyndale. Stock up on stored vegetables, pickles, jams, meat, eggs, cheese, wool, crafts and more while enjoying live music and perhaps breakfast pastries, a warm lunch or a mimosa or two.

# Art Shanty Projects Returns to the Ice in 2020



After a year off the ice, Art Shanty Projects will be back on Bde Unma/Lake Harriet from Jan. 18 through Feb. 9. Public hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Locals are invited to participate and a warm welcome is extended to visitors for this fun outdoor event that features 22 artist-made shanties and a variety of performances. There is a suggested donation of \$10-20 at the gate this season (no one will be turned away). Funds will support the compensation of artists and staff and will help ensure a viable future for the organization’s programming.

There are some returning favorites this year, including Rocky the Rockin’ Sea Shanty from the Twin Cities Sailing Club and the Pollinator Shanty with their iconic butterfly bicycles, as well as many new and exciting artist creations. Curious visitors can expect to gather seeds, grow plants, dance, cast their ballot, look through a giant camera obscura, and interact with

giant kaleidoscopes, roving performers, infrared readings, and much more.

Opening weekend (Jan. 18 & 19) has programming that caters to youth & families, including giant puppets, a tiny art car parade, and a participatory lacrosse game hosted by Twin Cities Native Lacrosse. Jan. 25 overlaps with the Lake Harriet Winter Kite Festival from noon-4 p.m.

As Art Shanty Projects strives to present more equitable and inclusive programming, this year will also feature projects in partnership with community organizations, including zAmya Theater Project and Better Futures Minnesota. The accessibility plan has been expanded to include daily ASL interpretation, audio description and accommodations for individuals with limited mobility.

To enter the festival, leave shore near Bread & Pickle via the ramp onto the ice. A plowed walking path to the entrance gate will be available and kicksleds will be offered to transport folks with limited mobility (including individuals in wheelchairs) from shore to the ice and throughout the village.

## How and Why You Should Report Crimes to the Police by 911 or 311

Some people are hesitant to call 911 because they have been told it is just for emergencies. But in the City of Minneapolis, 911 is the only number you can call to get the police, fire or an ambulance to respond. If you witness a crime in progress or there is a medical emergency you should call 911. This includes any suspicious activity that you see happening at the time.

311 was implemented over ten years ago to alleviate the call load to 911 and to answer any non-life-threatening questions. This can consist of making a police report about a car break-in that you noticed the next day, vandalism that you didn’t see happen or a theft that occurred in the past. 311 can also be used for any other City of Minneapolis questions you may have. The city’s motto is: “When in doubt call 911!” A trained 911 operator will be able to transfer you to the right agency if an immediate response isn’t needed.



Filing police reports either by having an officer come out or making an online report is essential to let the police department know what’s happening in your neighborhood. Posting this information online to your Facebook group or on Nextdoor is great information to share with your neighbors to make them aware, but it also very important for you to make an actual police report. This enables the police to get the information and be alert to crimes happening in your neighborhood for and to allocate extra resources to your area. You can file a report by calling 911, 311, or going online at [ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and search “how to file a police report online”.