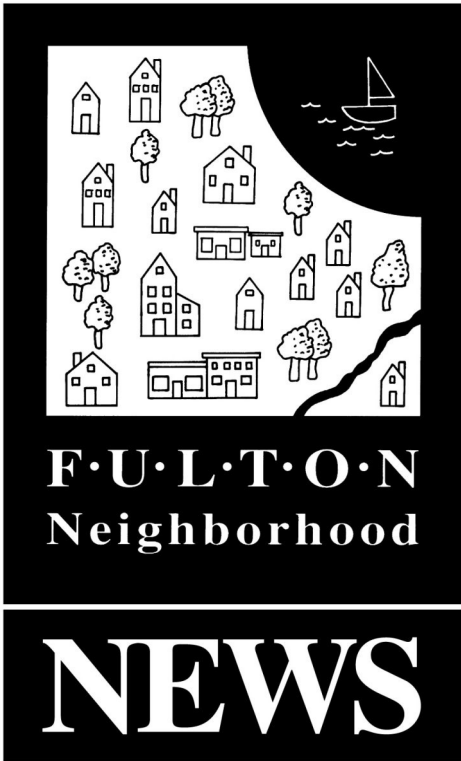


So I Live in Fulton Neighborhood...



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The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

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We all know that we live in Fulton neighborhood, but do you know much about Fulton? We've got lots of new neighbors and thought a history lesson might be fun.

Fulton's boundaries are W. 47th St. to the north, Penn Ave. S. to the east, W. 54th St. to the south and France Ave. S. to the west. The neighborhood spans approximately 108 square blocks. Lake Harriet sits in Fulton's northeast corner and Minnehaha Creek runs through it.

The neighborhood takes its name from Robert Fulton, the engineer and artist who invented the steamboat in the 19th century. The original housing stock was built mostly in the 1920s and 1930s, but Fulton has seen a lot of redevelopment of older homes into new construction over the past decade.

Fulton is one of the few neighborhoods in the city in which the park is not named after the neighborhood. Our park, officially called Pershing Field Park, was named after General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing, commander of American forces in World War I.

Minneapolis is laid out on a grid system, with avenues running north/south and streets running east/west. See p. 4 for which historical figures some of the interesting street names in Fulton come from.

Fulton is a great neighborhood — go explore!

Fulton at a Glance

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey:

- 6,400 residents
- 91.6 percent white, 8.4 percent people of color
- 2,600 households
 - * 83 percent owner-occupied
 - * 36 percent with children under the age of 18
 - * 23 percent with people over the age of 65



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Meet the FNA Board: Michael Wagner



Michael Wagner, who joined the FNA board in December 2019, has lived in Minneapolis since 2005 and in Fulton since 2012. He previously lived in both Whittier and West (Calhoun) Maka Ska, serving on the neighborhood board of the latter and on the Midtown Greenway Coalition. Michael grew up in Pittsburgh and therefore is a fully indoctrinated Steelers fan. He is a loyal alumnus of West Virginia University, let's go Mountaineers! He arrived in Minnesota by way of Cleveland

via a job transfer and found Minneapolis to be an energetic, active, dynamic city and hasn't looked back. He and his wife Jenn are raising two children in the neighborhood; both children attend Minneapolis Public Schools.

Michael believes community is paramount. He is an advocate for equity and cares about how people engage with each other, how they get around, and what makes neighborhoods and cities vibrant places to live and work. He believes Minneapolis is a world-class city but not without faults, shortcomings and issues. At the urging of his wife, Michael joined the board to get back involved with city community issues.

An avid cyclist, Michael cares about how people get around the neighborhood and how that connects to the greater city. He believes lofty goals are worth working toward, that access to good community schools and viable park amenities can make a world of difference, and that success is in the details. Creating healthy, thriving neighborhoods isn't magic but does take a lot of work, communication, and thoughtfulness. If 2020 has taught anything, it is that there are communities struggling, in pain, without equitable access to resources. Michael believes these are our neighbors and we should be working every day to make Minneapolis a better place for all of us to call home.

During the week Michael is the Head Brewer and Production Manager of Steel Toe Brewing in St. Louis Park. He enjoys spending time with his family, heading north into the wilderness, traveling (when that was a thing), biking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, working on house projects, listening to music, playing guitar and learning as much as he can about everything. If you see him around the neighborhood, strike up a conversation. He'll be glad you did.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Fulton Neighborhood Conversations on Racial Equity

Fulton Neighborhood News is devoting a section of each newsletter to racial equity including: ways to take action or be involved, ongoing learning and a book club.



Take Action

This is lifelong work; nothing about this is ever complete. Start your long-term strategy for change. What actions will you take in 2021? Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Support BIPOC-owned businesses.
2. Mentor someone at your workplace or in the community.
3. Read, watch, listen. Educate yourself about systemic racism, step back and listen to what others say and make sure you are listening to a diversity of voices, especially those of color.
4. Donate your time and/or your dollars. Consider joining Fulton's new Racial Equity Committee!
5. Start conversations about race and call out inequity when you see it.

Education

For Adults:

Learn more about the history of racism in Minneapolis:

- *The Days of Rondo* by Evelyn Fairbanks
- *Voices of Rondo: Oral Histories of Saint Paul's Historic Black Community* by Kate Cavett
- *The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race* by Jesmyn Ward
- *Fear and Loving in South Minneapolis* by Jim Walsh

For Children

- Pre-K: *Beautiful, Beautiful Me* by Ashley Sirah Hinton
- 4-6 years: *One Family* by George Shannon
- 4-8 years: *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall
- 7-10 years: *A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Book Club



Join the virtual bookclub! At 10 a.m. on Feb. 6 we will discuss:
A Good Time for Truth: Race in Minnesota, edited by Sun Yung Shin.

Contact Ray Klahr to join: rayklahr@gmail.com

Fulton Votes in Record Numbers

The Nov. 3 General Election was one for the record books!

- Minnesota and Maine tied at 75 percent for the highest turnout of citizens of voting age.
- Minneapolis saw an 81 percent turnout of registered voters.
- Ward 13 had a 91 percent turnout rate, the highest in the city.
- Fulton neighborhood, split among 4 precincts, averaged a 93 percent turnout.
- 77 percent of Fulton residents who voted did so by absentee ballot.



January 31 Application Deadline for Distance Learning Rebates and Fulton Small Grants

Applications are due by Jan. 31 for both the Fulton Distance Learning Rebates and the Fulton Small Grant Program.

Distance Learning Rebate

Up to \$250 for out-of-pocket costs associated with distance learning for the 2020-2021 school year. All households in Fulton neighborhood with children attending K-12 public school in a distance learning or hybrid model qualify to receive a rebate.

Fulton Small Grants

\$500-\$2,500 for programs or projects that align with our youth education and community engagement strategies. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate how the funding will have a positive impact on the Fulton community.

More information, guidelines and applications for both opportunities are available on our website: fultonneighborhood.org. E-mail or online submissions are preferred during the pandemic.

New Speed Limits in Minneapolis



Crews finished installing signs at Minneapolis entry points to alert drivers that the speed limit is now 20 mph in the city unless otherwise signed. Slower speeds on local streets make travel safer for everyone no matter how you get around.

Now that the gateway signs are installed, the 20 mph speed limit on Minneapolis residential streets is in effect. New speed limits are 20 mph for local residential streets; 25 mph for larger, arterial City-owned streets; and 30-plus mph for a few City-owned streets.

Fulton Street Names

- **Penn Avenue** was named for William Penn (1642-1727), founder of Pennsylvania.
- **Russell Avenue** was named for Roswell P. Russell (1820-1896), who came to Fort Snelling in 1839 and who opened the first store in the old city of St. Anthony in 1847.
- **Sheridan Avenue** was named for General Phillip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888), who was a Civil War hero who helped end the Civil War by cutting off Confederate General Robert E. Lee's retreat from the battle of Appomattox.
- **Thomas Avenue** was named for George H. Thomas (1816-1870), a Union general during the Civil War.
- **Upton Avenue** was named for General Emory Upton (1839-1881), who was a Civil War general for the Union Army and later the commandant of cadets at West Point.
- **Vincent Avenue** was named for Thomas M. Vincent (1832-1909), a graduate of West Point in 1853 and the assistant adjutant general of the United States through the Civil War.
- **Washburn Avenue** was named for Cadwallader C. Washburn (1818-1882) and/or his brother William D. Washburn. Both were founders of the Washburn Crosby Company (later General Mills). Both men had tremendous influence of the early political and economic life of the City of Minneapolis and the state of Minnesota.

