



# Fulton Neighborhood News

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## September 2021

### Fulton Fall Festival Returns! Join us on September 11

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 11



At Pershing  
Park

We're back this year with a fun neighborhood event for all! Due to rising pandemic concerns, the event will be scaled back from our usual festivities, but there's still PLENTY of things for a fun afternoon.

**Bike Parade** decorate at 10:30 a.m., parade at 10:45 a.m. Meet in the parking lot.

**9/11 Remembrance** at 11 a.m.

**Music** by a variety of local bands along with DJ Dave Premack.

- \*11 a.m.: Southwest High School Jazz Band
- \*Noon: The Team Players (teachers from LHCS)
- \*1 p.m.: No. 6 (youth)
- \*2 p.m.: The Disappointments (youth)

**Food** by Potter's Pasties, Full Belly Happy Heart and Thumbs Cookies food trucks.

**Activities** include our silent auction, bubble making (11-1), balloon twisting (1-3), demonstrations by the Southwest High School Robotics team, bingo, yard games, info tables and some candidates for Ward 13 and MPRB.

**Volunteers** make the event possible! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/FFFvolunteers](http://tinyurl.com/FFFvolunteers) if you can help.

**COVID-19 Safety Info:** Please plan to distance and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. Stay home if you're experiencing any symptoms, were recently exposed or are waiting on a COVID-19 test. Thanks for keeping our neighbors, staff, vendors and volunteers safe!

### 2021 Elections: Candidate Forums and Charter Education

The neighborhoods of southwest Minneapolis are partnering to bring you a variety of election-related opportunities. Candidate availability is still being confirmed. Forums moderated by the League of Women Voters.

#### District 6 Park Board Candidate Forum

- Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.
- Hybrid in-person at Mt. Olivet Church or livestream
- Candidates: Cathy Abene, Bob Fine, Risa Hustad and Barb Schlaefer

#### Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum

- Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.
- Hybrid in-person at St. John's Episcopal Church or livestream
- Candidates: Kati Medford, Mike Norton,

Linea Palmisano, Bob Reuer and Ken Salway

#### Charter Amendment Education

- Non-partisan information sessions regarding proposed Minneapolis City Charter amendments, web page and printed educational materials
- Two sessions the week of Oct. 11
- Proposed amendments: public safety, government structure and rent stabilization

We will post updated information and registration/viewing links as they become available on [fultonneighborhood.org](http://fultonneighborhood.org), FB and Nextdoor.



# Fulton Neighborhood Annual Meeting on October 13

## ANNUAL MEETING

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. **City Clerk Casey Carl will join us to present information and answer questions on the three city charter amendment proposals.** It is our intent to receive factual and neutral information and not to debate the merits of any particular amendment. 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. 13. The meeting will be held on Zoom; contact us and we'll send you back the link: [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).

**Run for the FNA Board!** Board members serve a 2-year term with half the seats filled each year. Our goal is to have a board that represents the demographics of those who live in Fulton. We encourage all who are interested to apply – renters and BIPOC strongly encouraged! 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). Please contact us for an application or with any questions: (612)922-3106 or [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org). Voting will take place online.

**Nominate a Friend of Fulton!** Do you know someone who is making Fulton a better place? Someone who volunteers their time, helps their neighbors or builds community within Fulton? 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 e-mail, nominee's e-mail and why you feel this individual should be recognized as a Friend of Fulton. Send your submission to [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).



Questions? Send an email to the address above or call the FNA line at 612-922-3106. The deadline is Sept. 22. Awards will be presented at the FNA Annual Meeting on Oct. 13.

## Fulton/Lynnhurst Garage Sales Are Back in 2021!

Sat., Sept. 18  
9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine

If you would like to host a sale, mail registration and \$5 fee (checks made payable to Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association) to:

Mary Vander Leest  
4653 Aldrich Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Questions? Call Mary at 612.827.5132

Your \$5 registration fee will include a group ad in the Star Tribune and your listing on downloadable sale maps.

### NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Registration must include:

- Your name and phone number (it won't be published, but just in case there are questions)
- Address of the sale
- In 25 characters or less, a description of your sale (e.g. kids gear, general household, sporting goods, etc.)

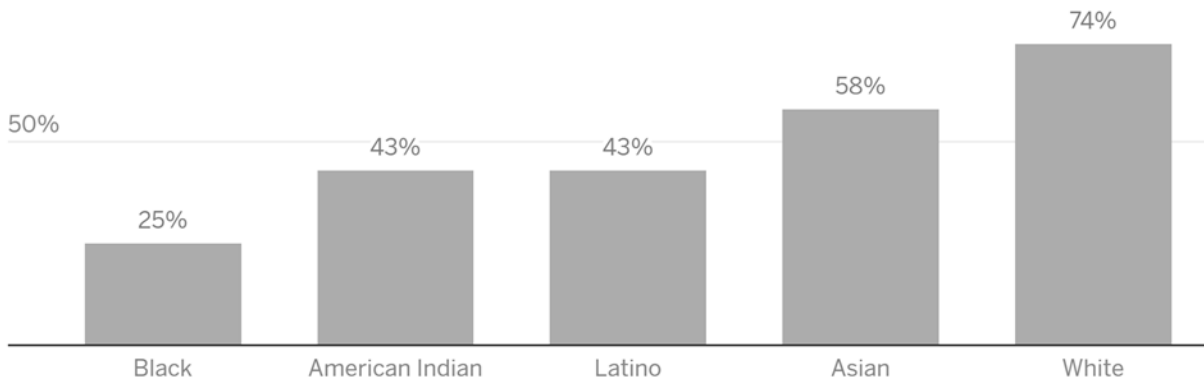
Deadline to register: Sept. 11

# Equitable Housing

Written by Jenny Floria, FNA Racial Equity Committee member

## Twin Cities has wide racial disparities in homeownership

PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH GROUP WHO OWN THEIR OWN HOME



Includes the 102 cities in the Star Tribune zoning pattern analysis.

Source: American Community Survey 2015-2019

Over the summer the Racial Equity Committee of the FNA has been at the Fulton Farmers Market, talking to residents about racial equity in our corner of Minneapolis. We learned that people want to learn more about what equitable housing looks like, so we are addressing that topic with this article.

Previously, we wrote about the history of redlining and racial covenants. Racial covenants historically prevented Black, brown and indigenous residents from purchasing homes in certain neighborhoods, relegating them to areas of less value, away from natural resources like lakes and rivers. The practice of redlining by banks and investors ensured that majority Black and brown neighborhoods remained undesirable for investment, further reducing property values in these areas. These restrictions maintained segregated housing until the Civil Rights Act of 1965, which made housing discrimination based on race illegal. Still, our city neighborhoods remain mostly segregated today.

So...what does equitable housing look like?

The United States is one of a handful of countries in the world that uses zoning laws to segregate single family homes from multi-family housing, according to Jonathan Rothwell of the Brookings Institution.\* These zoning laws were created in the 1900s to protect all-white neighborhoods from an influx of

Blacks who, at that point in history, could not afford single family homes.

In 2018, Minneapolis was the first major city in the nation to loosen single-family zoning laws, allowing multiplexes and apartment buildings to be built among single-family homes. This allows people who cannot afford the median price of \$511,000\*\* in Fulton to still live in the neighborhood and take advantage of its amenities, schools and proximity to the lakes.

One other aspect of policymaking that supports improving diversity across the city is the inclusionary zoning requirements adopted by the City of Minneapolis in the 2040 plan, which affects new housing development and requires a percentage of units to be made available to families below certain income levels. Some of the challenges of this policy is that it only applies to new housing developments of more than 20 units and does not apply to single-family homes. Also, developers can choose to pay a fine in lieu of these affordable housing accommodations

In Fulton, we have 2,676 housing units available; 83 percent are owner-occupied single-family homes and condos. The 17 percent of renters in Fulton pay a median monthly rent of \$1,451.

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Forty-six percent of families who rent in Fulton are cost-burdened. This is in sharp contrast to homeowners in Fulton for whom only 17 percent are cost burdened.

As residents we can support equitable housing in our neighborhood by understanding the purpose of newly enacted housing policies and advocating our elected officials for expanded policies that will help create diverse neighbor-

hoods that are welcoming to all.

\*Originally quoted in *Star Tribune* article on this topic, "How Twin Cities Housing Rules Keep the Metro Segregated," published Aug 7, 2021.

\*\*According to Realtor.com, the median price of homes sold in Fulton in July 2021 was \$511,000, the relevant data for families who want to move into the neighborhood.

## Racial Equity Book Club



Join the book club! At 10 a.m. on Oct. 9 we will discuss *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem.

Interested in joining the Book Club or Fulton's Racial

Equity Committee? Contact Ray Klahr at rayklahr@gmail.com.

## Little Free Library Opportunity

Having trouble stocking your Little Free Library with diverse authors + stories? Do you want to engage readers in an inclusive worldview? FNA's Racial Equity Committee can

help. Scan the QR code below and fill out the application to receive 3 or more free books with diverse characters and/or written by diverse authors and could include themes about race, equity, anti-racism and inclusion.

Have books you'd like to donate to this project? Drop them off at the Fulton Fall Festival on 9/11 or at the Fulton Farmers Market starting on 9/18.



## Southwest Community Education Presents: TRUCKSPLOURATION Big Rig Vehicle Fair

Noon-3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 2  
Lake Harriet Upper Campus  
4912 Vincent Ave S.  
FREE!

Join Southwest Community Education for a one-day event that allows children of all ages to climb on, learn about and explore their

favorite big trucks and vehicles. Sit in a fire engine, snowplow or helicopter. Talk with a construction worker or firefighter. Meet the personnel who protect and serve the Twin Cities. Fire helmets will be given to the first 150 children. Concessions provided by the Minnesota Vikings Table Food Truck.

