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Fulton Neighborhood News

ANNUAL MEETING



On Wednesday, October 9 Fulton residents gathered for our annual meeting at Raag to enjoy some food and drinks and to celebrate the past year and look towards the upcoming year in Fulton. We heard from our small grant winners, Minneapolis Ward 13 Council Member Linea Palmisano and gave a Friend of Fulton Award to Neighborhood Roots/Fulton Farmers market as well as Fulton Resident Sophie Su. We elected Melanie Heu and Blake Ward to our Board of Directors and said good-bye to our those leaving our board, Carolina Li, Michelle Doerrler and Nikki, Niermann. Please see below for a look at what Fulton Neighborhood Accomplished in 2024!

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



Fostered Community Connections

- Hosted 8 community dinners serving 80 people per dinner. All dinners sponsored and served by community members, and activities furnished by the Park.
- Hosted an Earth Day event where over 100 people attended, our highest turnout yet! We planted flowers, picked up garbage and mulched.
- Organized a neighborhood-wide garage sale, fall festival & annual meeting.

Supported Learning & Growth

- Organized 2 environmental education events: Electrify Everything & Environmental Justice Bus Tour.
- Donated books to Read in Color-Little Free Libraries and held a Little Free Library pop up at the Fulton Farmers Market.

Encouraged City Engagement

- Hosted City Council Member Palmisano bimonthly for city updates as well as Metro Transit and City Planners.
- Sponsored the Minneapolis School Board General Election Candidate Forum with League of Women Voters.

Contributions to Strengthening Community

- Distributed Small Grants totaling \$2,500. 2024 Grant recipients include: Lake Harriet PTA, SW Robotics, SWHS Gardening
- Maintained the Community Pantry Garden.
- Supported a food drive for Joyce Uptown Foodshelf & stroller drive for Kiwi Cares.



2024 Friends of Fulton Award Winners
Neighborhood Roots (above), Sophie Su (below)
pictured with Council Member Linea Palmisano

Upcoming FNA Events

- Food & Toy Drive
Drop off at Jones Coffee LH/Fulton from December 7-15
- FNA Board Meeting
December 13, 7:00pm
- Fulton Caroling Party
December 18
5:30-7:30
Meet @Pershing Park
- FNA Board Meeting
January 8, 7:00 pm
- FNA Board Meeting
February 12, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Pershing Park Events

- Movie & Dinner
Ages 5-12, \$10 per child
December 6 & 13
January 10 & 24
February 14 & 28
6-8:30pm
#4466, #4467, #11309,
#11310, #11311, #15430

Fulton Neighborhood Association

The FNA is a 501(c)3 organization funded by the City of Minneapolis and community donations. Our mission and vision (newly adopted in 2023) is as follows:

Mission: The Fulton Neighborhood Association fosters community connections, supports learning and growth, encourages city engagement, and contributes to the fabric of a stronger community

Vision: A neighborhood where every resident is heard, valued, empowered, and engaged with each other and the broader community.

FNA Board of Directors

- Ray Klahr, President
- Jane Kohnen, Treasurer
- Kristen Ingle, Secretary
- Jim Donnelly
- Melanie Heu-Kanow
- Jill Lock
- Blaine Miller-McFeeley
- Sophie Su
- Blake Ward
- Steve Young

NEW BUSINESSES

New on the Block: Hip and Fresh Hangout Spaces in the Neighborhood

Have you noticed that Fulton has some of the most happening new businesses in the Twin Cities?

Starting with North Star Art Club, an after-school art club for students in Minneapolis to develop their creativity and acquire skills and techniques for arts, crafts, and visual arts. Founded by art teacher Richelle Norton, North Star offers a unique and enriching space for youth to expand their artistic talents that goes well beyond the format of school curriculums so that each individual artist can expand and shine. They offer after-school art clubs, multi-day art camps in summer, and even host birthday parties. They have classes for adults, too, so consider this the official nudge for you to let your artistic expression bloom!

If you've been hankering for a Philly cheesesteak sandwich, Tono Pizzeria + Cheesesteaks, on the corner of 50th street and Washburn will save you a plane ticket to the East Coast Philadelphia-born Antonio "Tono" Gambino brings the expertise and passion of his childhood food to bring Minnesotans authentic Philly cheesesteaks, which strike the perfect note of crunchy bread sturdily supporting delicious and plentiful fillings without ever incurring the sin of sogginess. The Southwest location opened in September 2024, and serves a variety of sandwiches, some with sliced prosciutto and jam, others with sauteed mushrooms and jalapenos. Tono also serves amazing wood-fired Neapolitan pizza made in a beautifully tiled brick oven, using the family recipe from Tono's mom Andrea, the family pizza queen, who owns Andrea Pizza in Minneapolis. The family love shines through in the assembly of these sandwiches and of every item at the restaurant.

Opening in the former Agra Culture location on West 50th Street, Daniel del Prado's new restaurant, Dexter's, provides an refined bar experience for sports and food aficionados, with a classic favorites like burgers, salads, onion rings, snacks, and appetizers, while also featuring more sophisticated fare that ranges from cinnamon-rubbed chicken wings, to oysters, charcuterie plates, and upscale sandwiches paying homage to the chef's Argentinean roots, such as beef tongue pastrami and fried mortadella sandwiches. Kid-friendly options available together with locally made Little Bird Gelato options for dessert. A great option for neighborhood sports fans to gather, chat, enjoy hand-crafted cocktails, and bond over delicious food.

And... because you can never have too much of a good thing, Mothership Pizza Paradise is another new pizzeria that recently sprouted in Fulton, opening in the former Arezzo space, with a family-friendly vibe. A perfect spot for families to grab a bite after a busy day, it's easy to sit back, relax and feel comfortable, serving pie after pie of mouth-wateringly delicious, lightly charred Neapolitan-style pizza. Framed art, plastic tumblers, a retro vibe, and thrilling and unique combinations of pizza as well as pasta dishes are available for a dinner out that is delicious, satisfying, and unfussy within a few blocks in the neighborhood.

If you've noticed or heard of a new business in Fulton opening recently, send us an email at info@fultonneighborhood.org. We feature neighborhood news in our quarterly newsletters.

FNA COMMUNITY DINNERS

Thank you for attending our Fulton Community Dinners this summer. Despite the hustle and bustle of daily life, around 70-100 people gathered each week from June to August for dinner.

This year, we worked together to make them even more sustainable. Each dinner was sponsored by community members both monetarily and with time. Special thanks to The Pettinger Family, The Martin & Miller Family, The Doerrler Family, The Salenger & Rosen Families, The Leither Family, The 47th & Abbott Block, and Southwest Alliance for Equity (SWAE) for their generous contributions. And thank you to Brianna Raymo, Seth Salenger, Meg Martin, Craig Miller, Tate Miller, Mike Youngblood, Lo Eaton, Rahmo Ali, Wendy Kerr, Ana, Max, Aurelia, and Eliza Leither, Elianna Lippold-Johnson, John Benda, Emily Ziring, and Bill Doerrler for volunteering their time.

In addition to these incredible contributions, we worked hard to remove paper products from dinner this year. You may have noticed our new bussing stations and for a few weeks we even had access to organic waste disposal.

We continue to hear overwhelmingly positive responses from neighbors and the desire among attendees for these gatherings to continue, underscoring the warmth and togetherness these dinners provide. We deeply appreciate your presence and support, and we hope the impact of these moments of connection, joy, and belonging continues to enrich our community.

We'd love your feedback on what we can do better or differently next year. Based on your feedback, we tried a few new menu items this summer and are open to expanding our repertoire (maybe a little beyond mac and cheese).

**Complete
Survey**



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BUS TOUR

An opportunity to learn about environmental justice from community members most overburdened by pollution.

Southwest Minneapolis neighbors hopped on board a yellow school bus on Saturday, September 28th for a tour of North Minneapolis with community leaders. Participants heard about the issues surrounding some of the state's most persistent environmental health problems, in locations where low-income residents and communities of color are disproportionately represented. The bus stops included: Northern Metals, GAF Roofing, Upper Harbor Terminal, Spirit Island, the HERC, and Terrell Mayes Garden.

All ticket sales supported Community Members for Environmental Justice (CMEJ).



Thank You Fall Festival

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Fulton Fall Festival

Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, donors, and attendees who helped us create another wonderful Fulton Fall Festival. This year's Fall Festival Silent Auction was a resounding success. This festival is an important way we gather and have fun as a community. It's also our key fundraising event that enables us to hold other events throughout the year. Seventy-three companies donated to the auction and FNA met its goal and raised over \$9,000. That money will go back into our community for next year.

FOOD & TOY DRIVE

Looking for another way to give this year?

You can drop off nonperishable food items and toys for the Waite House at Jones Coffee locations in Linden Hills & Fulton, Picnic, and Wooden Ship Brewing Company December 7-15th.

Check our socials for more details.



Food & Toy Drive

The beloved Waite House food & toy drive is back!

We invite you to give this holiday season to the Waite House Food & Toy Drive - we'll be accepting nonperishable food items as well as toys to give to 350 families and 1000 kids.

Location
both Jones Coffee locations
Picnic Linden Hills
Wooden Ship Brewing Company

When
December 7-15

The weekends of December 7&8 and 14&15, donations can be brought directly to the container at the St. Thomas parking lot from 12 - 5 p.m.

To share a monetary donation:

via Venmo
@lindenhillscouncil

