



FNA is an independent 501(c)3 organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. It is part of a city-wide web of more than 70 neighborhood organizations serving over 83 separate neighborhoods.

The FNA was founded in 1990 and serves the Fulton Neighborhood, bounded by France Avenue, Penn Avenue, West 47th Street and West 54th Street. Fulton has three lively commercial nodes along West 50th Street at France, Xerxes and Penn Avenues. If you receive this newsletter in your mailbox, you live in Fulton!

Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park. All meetings are open to the public.

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## Helping our Community: New Little Free Pantry at Pershing Park

By Jill Lock

At the beginning of the pandemic, Alycia Lund-Busch decided to add food to her Little Free Library inspired by others doing the same. One day she received a note from a neighbor letting her know that COVID had been hard on their family and they relied on her informal food pantry. Minnesota has experienced dramatic changes in food security since the outset of COVID-19. 12% of people living in Hennepin County are food insecure, though needs have surged as high as 40% according to research from the University of Minnesota.

Alycia reached out to more community members to help keep the library well-stocked, including notifying the FNA Board of this need in our neighborhood. The Board thought the best location for a neighborhood food pantry would be Pershing Park, our site of community. With the support of Heather Susag, Director of Pershing Park, and her staff, the Lock family took the lead on this community project. It truly was a community project, too! Fellow FNA board member Andrea Davila supplied the Little Free Library structure. Dave and Lauren Lock repaired the Little Free Library and made it new again. Materials were gathered from neighbors and curbsides, even the shingles. The Little Free Pantry (LFP) is now installed right next to the Little Free Library at Pershing Park, on the North side of the building next to the parking lot. We hope the neighbors fill this LFP as a small act of kindness and utilize it as an act of collective care.

### How can you help?

You can donate items to this Little Free Pantry any time. All shelf stable items are welcome, and most preferred foods are: peanut butter, canned soups/stews, canned fruits and vegetables, shelf-stable proteins, pasta/rice. Simply put your donations in the Little Free Pantry. Pershing Park is also in need of after school snacks. Drop these off in the park building. This summer Fulton added a Pantry Garden to our food offerings! In a partnership with the Minneapolis Park Board, volunteers from the neighborhood have been growing produce this summer. The produce is used for community dinners and other park events but it is also there for residents to use. Next time you are at Pershing check out the planters on the East Side of the Rec Center and take home some fresh produce to use.



**Our current  
Board members are:**

Andrea Davila, Dylan McMahon, Jane Kohnen, Jill Lock, Katrina Kessler, Michelle Doerrler, Kristen Ingle, Carolina Li, Michale Wagner, Nikki Nethercot-Niermann, and Ray Klahr.

Our Staff Coordinator is  
Sasha Jensen.

If you are interested in learning more about our board, or joining a committee, please email us at [fna@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:fna@fultonneighborhood.org)

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Amanda Suniti Niskode-Dossett

By Meg McMonigal

Amanda Suniti Niskode-Dossett may be Pershing Park's biggest fan. Or perhaps it's the other way around. It seems the neighbors and visitors of Pershing Park have Amanda to thank! Amanda sees Pershing as the heart of Fulton. It is the neighborhood's central gathering place with so many activities for people of all ages, and a very welcoming place. "I hope Pershing Park is a destination for Fulton residents, like an extension of their own backyard."



Amanda volunteers tirelessly to improve the park experience by taking care of trees, planting flowers, picking up trash and the like. She is "unapologetically enthusiastic" about connecting and involving people in the park by promoting activities, organizing volunteer events, and helping to apply for a grant to beautify the park. Her enthusiasm is truly infectious.

Living next to the park with her husband Aaron and their two daughters, Malati and Meena, has made Pershing Park a central part of their lives. They have found it to be a great place to gather, meet friends and get to know neighbors. "A lot of people take pride in Pershing Park and do a lot of little things every day that no one may ever see, like picking up trash or just coming regularly to the park to use the beautiful space and be part of the community and the neighborhood." Building off of these great efforts, one of Amanda's aims is to encourage more folks to get involved and feel ownership of their park. "Supporting Pershing is one of the ways I try to live purposefully. I hope that my efforts (along with many others) highlight all the good that is happening at Pershing."

The neighborhood is lucky to have an amazing Park Director in Heather Susag and dedicated park staff, says Amanda. They are busy re-envisioning what Pershing can be. Amanda encourages neighbors to get to know the staff and collaborate on ideas that will be fun and personally fulfilling for them. She said, "If you keep showing up and caring, the community will naturally strengthen."

Amanda hopes that when people think of Pershing, they take pride in its beauty and think about its possibilities. She invites everyone to ask themselves: "What interests, skills, and joys can I share at Pershing Park? What can my neighbors and I do together to make Pershing synonymous with community?"

Amanda and her family have lived in Fulton for almost a decade. She currently works as a Senior Academic & Career Coach at the Center for Academic Planning & Exploration at the University of Minnesota. Amanda has spent her entire career in university settings, supporting the development of college students. Before Minneapolis became her home, Amanda lived in Bloomington, Indiana, where she earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University.



## Upcoming Events This Fall

### League of Women Voters Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, September 6, 6pm Mt Olivet Church

### Fulton Fall Festival

Saturday, September 9, 11am-3pm, Pershing Park. Food trucks, live music, yard games, silent auction, Bingo, facepainting and more. Join your neighbors for our annual Fall Festival. All activities are free!

### September FNA Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Pershing Recreation Center

3523 W 48th Street., Minneapolis MN 55410.

The monthly FNA meetings are now back to in-person and all neighbors are welcome to attend!

**Virtual Option Available:** If you are unable to attend in person, or are not comfortable attending in person, we are offering a virtual option via Google Meet. Please email

[fna@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:fna@fultonneighborhood.org).

### Fulton /Lynnhurst Garage Sale

Saturday September 23 9am-4pm

#### LYNNHURST & FULTON NEIGHBORHOOD



Saturday, September 23, 2023

9am - 4pm

Rain or shine

To register your sale (and get a spot on the map), complete the information below (your personal info will not be shared publicly) and send it, along with \$5 (check payable to Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association,) to:

Mary Vander Leest  
4653 Aldrich Av. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Registration must be received by Saturday, Sept. 16

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items for sale (limit five words) \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like a list of tips for garage sale set up/execution, please include your email address below: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call Mary at 612.718.5814

## Calling All Block Captains

Did you know that Fulton Neighborhood Association has an email list for block captains? We email them occasionally for information we would like to get out to their block, as well as building a network of neighbors across Fulton. If you are a block captain and don't think you are on our list please email us at [fna@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:fna@fultonneighborhood.org) with your name and block and we will add you to our list!



### Stay in Touch!

Sign up for our e-news by emailing [fna@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:fna@fultonneighborhood.org). Our e-news is delivered about once a month.

Stay the most up-to-date by following us on social media: <https://www.instagram.com/fultonneighborhoodmpls/>

<https://www.facebook.com/fultonneighborhood>

Our website has great resources and information about the neighborhood: <https://fultonneighborhood.org/>

### Simple Tips for a Safer Neighborhood

There has been some crime occurring in our neighborhood. Here are some basic things we can all do to keep our neighborhood safer.

- W Keep an eye out for any unusual activities. If you see something suspicious, **call 911**. Call **311** for non-emergencies.
- W Keep your garage doors closed.
- W Lock cars, on the street and in the garage.
- W Do not leave keys or any valuables in cars.
- W Park in well-lit outdoor areas.
- W Keep home doors locked – even when home.
- W Install motion detector lighting outside.

## WATCH



**Fulton Farmers Market!**  
**Open Through October 28.**  
**Saturdays 8:30am-12:30pm.**

**49th Street & Chowen Avenue South.**  
Features fresh products, live music every week, and yoga twice a month!



**Help out your Neighbors!**

We have had a full roster of fun events in Fulton this year - which include many opportunities to meet your neighbors and other members of our community that make our corner of Minneapolis one of the best places to live! Please consider joining us in weaving together the fabric of a stronger Minneapolis by signing up for a volunteer opportunity or event - we'd love to see you! Scan the QR code below for more details!

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