

Fulton Neighborhood News

FULTON COMMUNITY DINNERS

Community Dinner Kickoff June 18th - Pollinator Plant Giveaway and More!

Summer is one of our favorite times of the year to be part of the Fulton community! The warm weather brings a season full of fun, organized by the Fulton Neighborhood Association, park staff, and our neighbors. Join us on June 18th as we kick off this summer's Fulton Community Dinners! Enjoy the first gathering of the season and take home a free pollinator plant, courtesy of the FNA Environmental Committee—plus a few fun surprises you won't want to miss!

What are the Fulton Community Dinners?

Wednesdays at Pershing Park, together with neighbors, the Fulton Neighborhood Association is cooking up dinner for the community. Stop by starting a 5:30pm to grab a free dinner. This is a great time to make connections, chat with neighbors, play yard games, and enjoy summer. All are welcome!

Where & When are the Dinners?

- Wednesdays starting 6/18
 - Mark all the dates: 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13
- Inside the air-conditioned Pershing Park building
- 5:30-7:00pm (or until food runs out)
- Rain or shine!



Why does FNA host Community Dinners?

Fulton Community Dinners began in response to feedback from FNA's 2022 Community Welcome Survey. Neighbors expressed a desire for more opportunities to connect and shared that Pershing Park was a common gathering spot. These dinners aim to foster connection, strengthen relationships, and build a stronger sense of community.

Want to help out?

Volunteer: We need help cooking, serving, and cleaning up.

Donate: We'd be grateful for your support. Fulton Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit neighborhood organization. Your donation is tax-deductible.



Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer and donate, or visit our website fultonneighborhood.org/events/community-dinners/



Upcoming FNA Events

June

- FNA Board Meeting
June 11, 6:30 pm
- **Community Dinner Kickoff
June 18, 5:30 pm**
- Community Dinner
June 25, 5:30 pm

July

- Community Dinner
July 9, 5:30 pm
- FNA Board Meeting
July 9, 6:30 pm
- **Ice Cream Social
July 16**
- Community Dinner
July 23, 5:30pm
- Community Dinner
July 30, 5:30pm

August

- Community Dinner
August 6, 5:30 pm
- Community Dinner
August 13, 5:30 pm
- FNA Board Meeting
August 13, 6:30
- **Chili Cookoff Potluck
August 20, 5:30pm**

Upcoming Pershing Park Events

- Movie & Dinner
Ages 5-12, \$10 per child
June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25,
August 8 & 22
6-8pm
- Laker Adventure Camp
K-12 years old, \$25/session
Fridays June 27-August 8
9:30am-Noon & 1-3:30pm



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.

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Join us!

FNA holds board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, and everyone is welcome to attend—either in person or virtually.

Interested in getting more involved? We currently have an open seat on the board—join us and help shape the future of our neighborhood!

For more information:
fna@fultonneighborhood.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOD DRIVE



Thank you for your generosity and continued support for Joyce Uptown Food Shelf!

Thanks to all who donated to the Food Drive benefiting Joyce Uptown Food Shelf. Together, we donated over 112 bags and boxes of food and supplies, totalling 1,551 pounds!



This year FNA learned that the food shelf spends around \$10,000 each year just on grocery bags. That means even donating your used grocery bags can make a real difference, freeing up funds to help meet other urgent needs. An easy drop-off location in our neighborhood is at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. They host a drop-off site just inside their entryway doors.

You can provide monetary support for Joyce Uptown Food Shelf by scanning the qr code below or donating online at joyceuptownfoodshelf.org.

DONATE 



Your kindness and generosity help ensure our neighbors have access to the food they need.

SMALL GRANT AWARD WINNERS



Fulton Neighborhood Association's Small Grant Award Budget Doubled

Every year, the Fulton Neighborhood Association's Small Grant Program provides small grants to businesses, groups, or organizations in the Fulton Neighborhood. The grants support programs, opportunities, events, or experiences that enhance our community engagement. Awards range from \$500-\$2,500. This year, we had a record number of requests for funding. Because of the large interest, FNA decided to double the amount of money awarded to meet more community needs. Some of the 2025 FNA Small Grant Award Recipients include:

Good Trouble: a youth-led movement will host a community wide singing event in early fall. All ages and abilities are welcome for this unique musical opportunity.

Minneapolis Public Schools, Special School District No 1: will use its grant money to help make three performances of their annual summer musical, Hairspray, accessible to Deaf/Hard of Hearing community members.

Pink Giraffe will host a two-hour creative experience workshop for neighborhood mothers where women can reconnect with themselves through art.

Rose Lani Music for Children will host a free outdoor music jam for children of all ages and their accompanying adults. The children will be engaged with stories, songs, music, moving to the music, and simple rhythm instruments.

Southwest High School will use the grant to fund a server for the school newspaper website. The newspaper provides a voice to students, brings to light student issues, and serves as an accessible news source for Southwest students, families, and community.

More information on the specifics of the events will be published on the FNA website, electronic newsletter, and via social media.

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT



The Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division of Public Works is replacing lead water service lines in Fulton this summer and fall.

In Minneapolis, property owners own their water service lines. A recent state law now allows public funds to replace private lines, and the City has begun replacing lead lines at no cost in project areas. Since service lines are privately owned in Minneapolis, the City will need your permission—if your home is scheduled for replacement this year, you'll receive a letter and agreement form by mail.

How will a replacement project impact my yard and property?

It is a common misconception that a trench needs to be dug in your front yard to complete the service line replacement. This is NOT the case. To replace your service line, the contractor will dig two 6' x 6' utility holes. One over the water main in the street, and another over the curb stop in the sidewalk. The crew will utilize a small directional drill machine in the utility hole to install the new copper service line. The installation process should not be disruptive to your yard nor landscaping and will likely be complete within the same day.



How do I get my lead service line replaced?

Across Minneapolis, about 40,000 properties have lead service lines. Visit "Lead Service Line Replacement" project web page to view the project area using the qr code.

Property owners can replace their water service line at any time at their own expense. Costs can be added to the property tax bill over 5 or 10 years. To use this option, contact Minneapolis Water Distribution at 612-673-5600 for assistance with the process.

For additional information: minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov, call 311 or 612-673-3000.

GARDENING CORNER



Pollinator Plant Giveaway

FNA's Environmental Committee will host their annual Pollinator Plant Giveaway at the Community Dinner Kickoff on June 18th at 5:30pm.

Community Pantry Garden

We need your help to keep our community garden thriving. Sign-up to be a part of the Watering Team this summer. Volunteer slots are split up weekly and we ask that you come by 2-3 times during your week(s) and give everything a good soaking.

Please sign up using the qr code or email Amanda at aniskode@gmail.com



The Community Pantry Garden is located behind the Pershing Park Recreation Center. You can enjoy the harvest anytime.

Lake Harriet Community School

Lake Harriet Community School has a gardening group to maintain and improve the area around Lower and Upper Campus. To volunteer contact lhcsgardenteam@gmail.com

Southwest High School Garden

The SWHS Garden Group is an informal group of students, parents, teachers, staff and neighbors devoted to improving the appearance and functionality of the outdoor spaces at Southwest High School while adding pollinator habitat, helping the ecosystem, improving student experience and education about ecological value of Native plantings. The group could really use the help with watering and continuing to lead this group into the future.

Please sign up to help with garden watering using the qr code or email lmeyermn@comcast.net



Seeking Volunteers & Silent Auction Items for Fall Festival

We are grateful for the many hands that make our community events possible.

The silent auction for our Fall Festival on Saturday, September 13, supports the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA), fund community events like the Fulton Lunar New Year Celebration and Community Dinners, park upgrades such as pickleball lines and shade structures, small grants, and other local initiatives. To donate to the Fulton Fall Festival Silent Auction, email fna@fultonneighborhood.org.

Sign up to volunteer at one of our many community events using the QR code below.



Pets of Fulton Spotlight

Have a lovable pet in your life? Submit your pets to be featured in this new spotlight, Pets of Fulton!

A photo and brief description can be submitted by email to: fna@fultonneighborhood.org



Meet Rusty! This lovable Aussiedoodle is the unofficial mayor of York Avenue. As the street's resident meet-and-greeter he is always ready to welcome passersby with a happy grin and a friendly bark.

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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) is doing strategic planning for how to spend funds on big-impact projects. Share your thoughts on community priorities by taking our short survey and help shape how FNA allocates public funds.

SAVE THE DATE



- Community Dinners, Wednesdays from June 18-August 13 (*no dinner on July 2 or 16*)
- Fulton Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, July 16
- Minneapolis Community Education's Annual Intergenerational Musical Hairspray July 18-20 & 24-27 at Southwest Highschool
- Beat the Heat Chili Cookoff Wednesday, August 20
- Fulton Fall Festival Saturday, September 13

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