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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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FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 :00 p.m., at Pershing Park. All meetings are open to the public.

Fulton NRP is a committee of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park.

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What is a Neighborhood Association and What Does it Do?

Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) is one of more than 70 recognized neighborhood associations in the City of Minneapolis. Some associations are small and represent a few hundred residents; others are larger and represent over 20,000 residents. But whether large or small, neighborhood associations all have this in common: they help develop strong communities.

FNA is an independent non-profit organization governed by an elected volunteer Board of Directors. The Board works to identify common interests in the community, organize and mobilize community resources, and provide feedback to the City on important local issues such as housing, safety and development. By developing a clear vision for the community, and by developing and supporting leadership in the community around that vision, FNA can help the neighborhood grow and thrive in ways that benefit everyone.

Strong neighborhood associations empower their residents by involving them in the decision-making and community-building activities.

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Make Your Home Energy Efficient *Last Chance for \$30 Home Energy Visit*

The cost for Community Energy Services (CES), Minneapolis' premier residential energy efficiency program, will be increasing in April 2012. To sign up for just \$30 you must attend a presentation and schedule your home visit before March 31, 2012. Don't miss out – join the 271 homeowners in Fulton who have already participated!

Attending a FREE Community Energy Services presentation qualifies you for a home energy visit from a team of energy pros that will install energy savings materials and identify opportunities for insulation and mechanical upgrades. Of those who attend a presentation, 98 percent schedule a home energy visit because of the remarkable service and value. Homeowners have been amazed at all the practical and easy ways to make their home much more energy-efficient and comfortable.

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about neighborhood
and city happenings.**

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West 47th Street

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Neighborhood Associations work with all residents to:

- Inform and educate residents on City or neighborhood issues, opportunities and potential developments
- Identify and act on neighborhood priorities
- Hold neighborhood-wide gatherings and other community-building activities
- Generate new ideas to address current issues in creative ways
- Collaborate with partners (public and private) on projects
- Leverage funds to increase investment in neighborhood priorities
- Encourage everyone to volunteer– to get involved and help accomplish outcomes that improve their quality of life
- Support block clubs and encourage activities to welcome new neighbors in addition to prevent crime

FNA works hard to make sure that Fulton neighborhood continues to be a fabulous place to live, work and play. Want to help? Please see the back page of this newsletter for some volunteer opportunities.

Information for this article provided by Neighborhood Community Relations Department, City of Minneapolis



Upton Avenue Resurfacing Project Pre-Public Hearing set for March 27th

Resurfacing of Upton Avenue between 43rd St W and 54th St W (with the exception of the intersections at 50th St W and 52nd St W) is set to begin in Summer 2012.

The resurfacing process consists of removing a portion of the existing asphalt pavement surface and placing a new surface over the entire street. The work typically only takes 2 days in front of anyone's home- one day for pavement removal and a second day for asphalt replacement. The purpose of the resurfacing program is to extend the life of a roadway by approximately 10 years.

There will be an assessment associated with this project.

**The City of Minneapolis Public Works Department
will hold a Pre-Public Hearing for this project:**

**6:30 p.m.
March 27
Pershing Park**

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

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CES has helped over 4,000 Minneapolis homeowners fight ice-dam problems, make home energy improvements, and save energy and money in their homes while staying comfortable. Community Energy Services also helps homeowners with the next steps including: finding qualified contractors, applying for utility rebates and accessing low-interest financing.

Take advantage of this great program at this great price before it's too late! To register for a presentation, visit mncee.org or call (612) 335-5869.

Upcoming Presentation

6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20
Clara Barton Open School
4237 Colfax Avenue S



7th Annual Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale

Plan Ahead To Divide Your Plants

Once again the Fulton Environment Committee will be coordinating a plant sale to raise funds for additional boulevard trees. As Fulton gardens awake after the long winter and residents begin to clean up their yards, we ask that you keep the plant sale in mind by donating your extra plants or any garden-related items.

Most perennials (*plants that come back year after year*) can be divided (*to separate out a portion*) and will actually benefit from previous overcrowding. Early spring is an excellent time to divide plants. The main plant will not notice the disturbance and the small division will have time to acclimate to its pot, thus insuring an attractive plant ready to be sold at our plant sale. For how-to information, visit <http://www.finegardening.com/how-to/articles/dividing-perennials.aspx>. For more information, contact Mary Nolte at mknlte@gmail.com or call 612-922-1591.

Plant a Tree This Spring

Tree Trust Offers \$25 Trees To Minneapolis Residents

Trees clean our air, mitigate stormwater runoff, provide habitat for wildlife and even increase property values. Once again this year, Tree Trust is offering their Minneapolis Tree Sale. For \$25, you can plant a tree on your property (limit one per residential address.) Ordering begins Mon., March 12 on the Tree Trust website at treetrust.org. Choose from these varieties:

Whitespire Birch

Black Hills Spruce

Princeeton Elm

Honeycrisp Apple

Bali Cherry

Prairifire Crabapple

Red Bud (tree form)

Bur Oak

Fall Fiesta Maple

Ironwood

Trees must be picked up between May 12-14 at the City of Minneapolis Impound lot. You will forfeit your tree, and the money you paid for it, if you don't pick up your tree on the dates specified. Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and quantities are limited.

FNA Seeking New Board Member

Fulton Neighborhood Association is seeking a new Board Member to fill a recent vacancy. The FNA Board is a group of neighborhood volunteers who meet once a month to discuss events and issues directly affecting life in Fulton Neighborhood. They also direct the use of City and private funds to support various neighborhood initiatives.

Interested? Please contact Steve Young, FNA Board President, at (612) 926-8000.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Spring Clean-Up Day

8:30 a.m. April 21 at Southwest High School

Join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and students from Southwest High School for informative environmental workshops along with a one-morning effort to help clean up around the community. We will meet at Southwest at 8:30 a.m. Sat., April 21, for juice, coffee, and rolls. Workshops will run from 9-10:30 a.m. followed by the clean-up from 10:45 a.m. to noon. We'll be cleaning around the school and also the shoreline along Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet, and Lake Calhoun (bus transportation will be provided to and from the school). We'll be providing a gourmet picnic lunch for everyone back at school (it's a good idea to share bread with friends & neighbors!). For more information, call [612-668-3100](tel:612-668-3100) or email tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us.

HELP WANTED:

Become a Fulton Block Contact



Looking for an easy and fun way to make a contribution to your neighborhood? Join the Fulton Block Club and help welcome new neighbors to your block with a Fulton Welcome Packet. If you live on one of the blocks listed below and would like to volunteer, please contact FNA Coordinator Ruth Olson at sr4olson@usfamily.net or 612-925-3711. Block contacts are also occasionally asked to help disseminate neighborhood information to their block.

4700 Abbott	4800 Drew	5100 France	5100 Queen	4700 Vincent	4800 York
5000 Abbott	4900 Drew	5200 France	Red Cedar	4900 Vincent	4900 York
5000 Beard	5100 Drew	4800 Penn	4800 Russell	5200 Vincent	5100 York
5300 Beard	5300 Drew	4900 Penn	4900 Russell	4700 Washburn	5300 York
4700 Chowen	4800 Ewing	5000 Penn	5100 Russell	4800 Washburn	4700 Zenith
4800 Chowen	Forest Dale	5100 Penn	5000 Sheridan	5100 Washburn	4900 Zenith
5100 Chowen	4700 France	5300 Penn	5100 Thomas	4700 Xerxes	5100 Zenith
5200 Chowen	4800 France	4800 Queen	4700 Upton	5000 Xerxes	5300 Zenith
4700 Drew	4900 France	5000 Queen	4800 Upton	5100 Xerxes	

Many thanks to all of our existing Block Contacts who help us keep connected. And a big thanks to Dawn Taylor and Brenda Everitt, Welcome Packet Coordinators, who keep the program running.