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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 p.m., at Pershing Park. All meetings are open to the public.

Fulton NRP is an organization 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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FNA Approves Housing Collaboration *Land Trust Home Will Ensure Affordability*

Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) will collaborate with the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) to offer a low-income MPHA family the opportunity to purchase a home in Fulton neighborhood through CLCLT's Homebuyer Initiated Program (HIP). HIP offers a family the opportunity to purchase a house currently on the real estate market with the help of two grants. The first grant provides up to \$135,000 towards the purchase of a home. The second grant provides up to \$25,000 to rehab the home purchased through HIP. In exchange for the HIP grants, the participating homebuyer agrees to the community land trust model of homeownership. Through the model, the homeowner takes title to the house while the CLCLT takes title to the land. Both parties enter into a 99-year ground lease agreement, which ensures that the home will remain affordable to all future buyers. This program is partially funded using \$50,000 of FNA Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds.

The FNA Housing Committee will next focus on home energy efficiency improvement programs. If you are interested in joining the Housing Committee to help make decisions about these programs, please contact Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106.

Fulton_Block_Club Yahoo Group *Join Now And Stay Informed*

Sign up for the Fulton Block Club Yahoo Group. The group has been established to share information about community safety, neighborhood news and events, and opportunities to become more involved in our community. You do not have to be a block contact to subscribe. To sign up, go to www.fultonneighborhood.org and click on the Yahoo Groups icon.



Volunteer Block Facilitator Needed *Welcome New Residents; Share Information*

Many thanks to Meg Cowden who has done a great job as Block Facilitator for the past 2-1/2 years. Meg has to step down, so we are looking for a replacement. This is a great opportunity for someone who prefers to volunteer from home rather than attending meetings.

Block Facilitator responsibilities include: 1) Maintain list of all Fulton Block Contacts and recruit new contacts as needed; 2) Post safety updates and other pertinent neighborhood information to Fulton_Block_Club Yahoo Group; 3) Keep welcome packets updated and ensure packets are delivered to new homeowners via their block contacts; and 4) Send welcome letters directly to new homeowners on a bi-monthly basis.

Intrigued? Call Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106 for more information or to volunteer.

New to the 'Hood?

A Fulton Welcome Packet awaits you!

A Welcome Packet, full of valuable
coupons and information,
is waiting for you.

Call 612-922-3106 or e-mail
info@fultonneighborhood.org.



We look forward to meeting
you and invite you to attend
our monthly meetings.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Resolve To Get Involved

Your Time, Talents = Better Neighborhood

Do you ever wonder how Fulton Neighborhood Association
manages to accomplish so much each year? It is due to the efforts
of volunteers who share their time and talents to improve the
neighborhood.

It's easy to do and doesn't have to be a huge time commitment.
FNA Committees meet only once a month. Take a look at the list
of committees below and see if there is a way you might be able to
make a difference this year in your neighborhood. **New
volunteers are welcome on all committees.**

NRP Implementation – 1st Wednesday

Interested in having a say about how our NRP money is spent?
Consider joining this committee that oversees Phase I and II NRP
projects and programs.

Community Engagement – First meeting: January 31

Join the fun! Help plan the annual Fulton Festival. This
committee is also responsible for the Block Club and Welcome
Packet programs and volunteer recognition activities.

Education – 2nd Wednesday

Concerned about education? Help get Phase II NRP educational
projects/programs for area schools underway.

Environment – 4th Thursday

Organize environmental projects including reforestation (planting
trees/Dutch Elm tree inoculation), Landscaping for Rain-
water Management and buckthorn removal.

Zoning – 1st Wednesday

Review neighborhood zoning and development issues and make
recommendations to the FNA Board.

Housing – 4th Wednesday

Help develop home energy efficiency improvement programs.

Safety – Last Tuesday

Work to promote public safety in the neighborhood. The committee
has been involved with block organizing, traffic calming issues, and
graffiti prevention and removal.

Most committees meet at 7:00 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th and
Chowen, with the exception of the Education Committee, which
meets at 6:00 p.m., and the Safety Committee, which meets at 7:00
p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 48th and France.

For more information or to talk to someone about volunteering, call
Rhea at 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Help Prevent Burglaries

Review Your Home Security Habits

Do you lock up?

- Are your doors locked while you are in the house or if you leave the house for even a few minutes?
- Is your front door locked while you are in the backyard?
- Do you lock your windows when you leave your house?
- Are your basement windows locked or permanently secured?
- Do you keep your garage doors closed and locked at all times?

Does your home look occupied?

- When you are gone for the evening, do you leave an outdoor and an indoor light on?
- Do you leave a radio, TV, etc. on when your home is not occupied at night or during the day?
- When you go on vacation do you have a neighbor watch your house; move drapes, shades and blinds; mow the lawn/shovel snow; collect mail and newspapers?

Do you practice yard security? Overall security?

- Do you keep valuables (like bikes and lawn equipment) locked up and out of sight?
- Do you lock up tools and ladders after you use them?
- Do you have a block map by your phone that lists neighbors' addresses and phone numbers?
- Do you report suspicious activity to the police?

For more crime prevention tips, to go <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/>



Save the date
Fulton Festival
Saturday
September 15,
2007
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pershing Park
Save the date

Southwest Senior Center

Computer Lab, Exercise Classes & Treadmill

The Southwest Senior Center has seven computers with high-speed internet access available for use by people ages 55 and over. Lab hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday - Friday. Computer classes are also offered at the Center. In addition, people 55 and over have access to a treadmill during the same hours. Strength and Flexibility classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a nominal recommended donation. For more information, call 612-822-3194. The Center is located at 3612 Bryant Avenue South.



Southwest Community Education

Sign Up Now For Free Waste Reduction/Environmental Workshops

Concerned about the environment? Sign up for any or all of these four **free** workshops to learn simple steps you can take at home and at work to help create a cleaner, greener, safer environment.

January 29: Toxicity at Home and at Work

Tentative topics include: labeling and terminology; risks associated with chemical poisons; cleaning products and soaps; water quality; carcinogens; and phosphorus.

February 26: Batteries, Paper and Garbage... Oh My!

Tentative topics include: battery and paper usage; paper production facts and myths; chemical pollution; mercury hazards; battery options; and carcinogens and birth defects.

April 23: Eco-Friendly Food and Products

Tentative topics include: wasteful packaging/misleading labeling; hormones in food/drinks; small farm vs. mass scale organic produce/products; and the effect of garbage on the natural world.

May 14: Greener Yards and Gardens

Tentative topics include: the use of pesticides, artificial fertilizers, and organic alternatives; composting; what happens to recyclables/garbage; and the difference between waste water and clean water.

Call 612-668-3100 now to register; space is limited. The workshops will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in room #E5 in the East Building of Southwest High School. These hands-on workshops are made possible through a Green Guardian grant from the Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Board and an NRP grant from Linden Hills Neighborhood Council.

Pershing Park Update

New class: Adult Digital Camera and Film Editing.

For more information, contact the park at 612-370-4928.

Pershing Spring Breakfast and Egg Hunt Celebration

Saturday, March 24 - 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Sign up now to reserve a place for your family.

Pershing Park, working with Special Olympics Minnesota, is offering five sports this year for youth and adult athletes with intellectual disabilities:

- Winter - Table Tennis
- Spring - Tennis and Track
- Summer - Bocce Ball and Softball

If you know of anyone who is interested in either participating or coaching, have them contact Pershing Park at 612-370-4928.



**Save Energy -
Save CO₂
Emissions**

Have you taken the
Energy Challenge?

www.mnenergychallenge.org