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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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## Invest in Your Community *Consider Running for the FNA Board*

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Avenue South. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a year-end overview of board activities and to elect new board members for the coming year. In addition, the annual Friends of Fulton Awards will be presented at the meeting. (See nomination form on page 4.)

Consider investing your time and talents in your neighborhood - run for a seat on the FNA Board. FNA members contribute to the development of policies and projects that make Fulton a better place to live - from considering zoning issues to overseeing neighborhood projects. Board members are expected to attend the monthly board meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park. They are also encouraged to participate in committees and activities sponsored by the board. At this election six seats with two-year terms are open and not all incumbents are seeking re-election. Individuals, eighteen years of age or older, who reside or own property in the Fulton neighborhood, or who are the sole designated representative of a business, religious institution, or school in the Fulton neighborhood, are eligible for membership in FNA.

For more information, or to add your name to the pre-printed ballot, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106 or send an e-mail to [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).

## Fulton Fundraising Update *Plant Sale, Quilt Raffle Successful*

With NRP funds dwindling, we continue to develop new ways to fundraise in Fulton to support community projects and events. The Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale, held during the Edina Art Fair, made \$861. Many thanks to Mary Nolte and Pat Bogusz for all of their hard work and to those who donated plants and their time to help run the plant sale.

FNA sold \$448 in quilt raffle tickets at the Edina Art Fair. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the information booth. A very special thanks to Lynn Steele for making the quilt.

The quilt raffle is still open. The drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Fulton Festival on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at Pershing Park. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets, call the Fulton Line at 612-922-3106.

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## 2006 Friends of Fulton Awards *Time to Nominate Your Neighbors*

It's time again to honor our neighbors in Fulton who help make our community an inviting place to live. Please consider nominating someone you know who contributes to the Fulton community in a unique and meaningful way—as a volunteer, business person, or good neighbor. Individuals receiving the Friends of Fulton Award will be recognized at FNA's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 13. To make a nomination, complete the form on page 4 and deliver it to Pershing Park or e-mail the required information to [friends@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:friends@fultonneighborhood.org) by August 1, 2006.

## 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](mailto: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

# Edina Traffic Calming Proposal

By John Finlayson

Since last fall, I have been the Fulton representative to a Study and Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Edina Traffic Commission. The purpose of SAC was to investigate traffic problems in northeast Edina (Country Club, White Oaks, and Morningside.) The committee had a \$60,000 budget and used it to hire SRF Consulting Group, Inc., to do a large-scale traffic study in the area. This was probably the first good look at traffic in the area for fifty years. They looked at fixing traffic flows on the main arterial routes as well as in the above-mentioned neighborhoods.

To help alleviate high traffic levels and the resulting cut-through Traffic from Highway 100, Edina pursued a temporary widening of Highway 100 to three lanes. The State is doing that this summer. To improve traffic flows on West 44th Street, West 50th Street and on France Avenue South, Edina is proposing to allow no turns on eastbound 50th Street at France Avenue during rush hour. This will remove the obstacle that turning cars create and allow more cars through per green light. This will also encourage drivers to stay on 50th Street and not divert to 51st Street. (A gentleman who lives at 51st and Beard recently told me that during an evening rush hour, he counted 87 cars in a 15 minute period of time.)

Under the new proposal, the right lane on westbound 50th at France Avenue, which is currently right turn only, would allow drivers to turn right or go straight. Currently westbound traffic on 50th can be blocked by a left turning car. Adding a lane that goes straight through is likely to keep traffic on 50th rather than diverting to 51st Street.

Another proposed change on France Avenue is to remove parking on the Minneapolis side to create two lanes of traffic going north – one a left turn lane and the other a through lane. The current left turn at 49-1/2 Street is difficult on a good day. Few left turners get through per green light and northbound traffic is forced to jog around parked cars. This intersection is the site of numerous collisions. In the opinion of the traffic consultants, this change would clean up this intersection. An improved north France flow would also tend to reduce cut-through traffic in the northeast area of 50th and France. To avoid bad traffic at both 50th and France and at 49-1/2 and France, drivers are going north on Chowen, Drew, and Ewing to 49th and then to northbound France.

The city of Edina began this study at their own expense to solve their own problems. They wish to keep drivers on the main arterial routes and out of the neighborhoods. Their proposal does the same for Minneapolis. All opinions expressed are my own, based on my experience with the re-striping of the Minneapolis side of 50th Street and having been a member of the Study and Advisory Committee that created Edina's proposals.

Council Member Betsy Hodges sponsored a public presentation of this proposal on June 27th, which was well attended. Opinions or reactions can be expressed to Council Member Hodges at 612-673-2213 or at Fulton Neighborhood Association meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of the month (August 9) at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park, 48th and Chowen.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



Fulton Green

## Adopt An At-Risk Tree

Have you noticed a newly-planted boulevard tree that is not doing well? When rainfall is less than one inch per week, young trees need water in proper amounts. To water a young tree, use a hose on a slow trickle for one hour once a week. You may also use the slow drain bucket method (see instructions at <http://www.fultonneighborhood.org/treecareslowdrain.htm>).

Don't forget to water the trees that were planted in 2004 and 2005. They still need your care. Some of the wood mulch may need replenishing. Free wood mulch is available at Armatage Park, 57th and Russell.

Contact the Fulton Environment Committee at 612-922-3106 to learn about or report trees at risk. Thanks for helping to keep Fulton Green!

## Rainwater Management Funds Still Available

It's not too late to take advantage of incentives to manage rainwater on your property.

- ♦ \$25 Rainwater Management consultation with Doug Mensing (required to apply for matching grant)
- ♦ \$400 matching grants for gutter redirection
- ♦ \$50 rain barrel grants

To set up a consult, call 612-922-3106. Download an application at: <http://www.fultonneighborhood.org/lfrwm.htm>.

If you are interested in learning how to make your own rain barrel from our workshop instructors Andre Guirard and Rebecca Chesin, go to: <http://www.lizardrevolution.com/rainbarrel/page2.html>.

## Calling All Seniors

### *Exercise, Learn, Socialize, Eat*

Southwest Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and services. Feel free to call for a calendar or drop by for a tour at any time. The Center is located at 3612 Bryant Avenue South, Minneapolis, and the phone number is 612-822-3194.

**Strengthen & Stretch Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.**

**Computer Access (with high speed internet) - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Senior Dining - Monday through Friday. Recommended donation: \$3. Call and ask Mary Ann Schoenberger about a coupon to try a free meal.**

**DayElders Adult Day Program also available.**

## Fulton Festival Coming Soon!

*Sat., Sept. 16—11-3  
Pershing Park*

### **Save Your Used Books**

Donate your used books to the Fulton Festival Book Sale. All proceeds to benefit Linden Hills Library. Watch for more information in the September FNN. To arrange a pick up before then, e-mail [noveltrader@aol.com](mailto:noveltrader@aol.com) or call Joe Wolf at 248-302-7369.

### **Festival Marketplace**

Market your wares or promote your small business! A table is only \$25. *New this year:* We will have eight free half tables available for young entrepreneurs, ages 16 and under. To register, call Mary Rogers at 612-920-3622.

### **Bulb Sale**

Plan to buy your spring blossoming bulbs at the Fulton Festival Bulb Sale at the Fulton Environment Committee table.

### **Quilt Raffle**

Don't forget to buy your quilt raffle tickets, only \$2. Call the Fulton Phone Line at 612-922-3106.

### **Silent Auction Donations**

Last year's silent auction raised over \$900, and we'd like to double that this year. We are looking for silent auction items from residents. Are you in a profession that could offer a product or service for bid—a lawyer, accountant, massage therapist, babysitter? Please consider making a donation.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Sign up for a two-hour shift at the festival. Volunteers will be recognized at the festival.

To offer a donation or volunteer, call 612-922-3106 or e-mail us at: [community@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:community@fultonneighborhood.org).

# Friends of Fulton Nomination Form

Mail to: **Fulton Neighborhood Association**  
**Pershing Park**  
**3523 West 48th Street**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55410**

**Deadline: August 1, 2006**

Or you can put all of this information in an e-mail to: ***friends@fultonneighborhood.org***

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a "Friend of Fulton."

Your name (as nominator) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain why you feel this individual should be recognized as a "Friend of Fulton."**  
**If you need more space, please feel free to attach another sheet of paper.**

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## National Night Out

*Tuesday, August 1, 2006*

Having an event on National Night Out is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to a safer community. Don't know if your block is having an event? Call your block leader. Don't know who your block leader is? Call Crime Prevention Specialist Lt. Marie Przynski at 612-673-5595 or e-mail her at [marie.przynski@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:marie.przynski@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

**Southwest Remodeled  
Home Tour**

**August 13, 2006  
12-4 p.m.**

**Call 612-925-5990  
to order tickets**

## Pershing Park Update

**New Summer building hours** - Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Friday, 12 - 6 p.m. The park building will be closed Aug. 28 through September 4, 2006.

**Fall program registration** will be on Monday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. Register in person or online at [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org).

**Fall sports registration** for soccer & volleyball is ongoing at [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info) or pick up forms at Pershing Park. Soccer registration deadline is July 24. Volleyball registration deadline is October 1.

The MPRB, working with Special Olympics Minnesota, is offering Bocce Ball to youth and adult athletes with intellectual disabilities. Pershing Park is one of three parks city wide to offer this special program. If you know anyone interested in competing in the Special Olympics, please call Rosey at Pershing Park, 612-370-4928.

## Race for the Bandshell

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Lake Harriet Bandshell and the 2nd Anniversary of its refurbishment in 2004. Celebrate by participating in the People for Parks 5K (3.1 mile) race around Lake Harriet to raise money for bandshell preservation. The race will be held **September 10** in conjunction with the City of Lakes 25K. Entry forms are available at Marathon Sports (50th/Penn), Running Room (28th/Hennepin), and Great Harvest (43rd/Upton). Or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Entry fee is \$12 in advance.