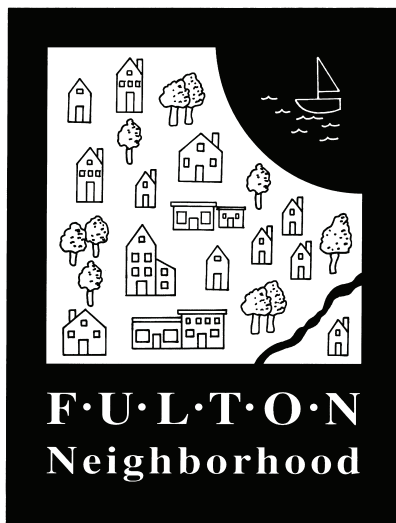




News

May 2005

The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

Fulton Neighborhood News is published every other month by a committee of the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) with funding from the Fulton Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).

FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Its board meetings are held: ***The 2nd 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. Its committee meetings are held: ***the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park.***

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TLC for Newly Planted Trees

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be planting 67 new trees in the neighborhood this spring. Watering is critical to the success of these new trees. Water newly planted trees thoroughly once every seven to ten days during dry periods in the spring, summer, and fall. Trees less than 5 years old need at least 15 gallons of water at a time. It's easy to water your trees. Put your hose under the crown of the tree and run water gently for about an hour. An inch of rainfall each week is what the tree requires. You do not need to water as often when rainfall has been adequate for your tree. Each tree that the MPRB plants on boulevards receives two waterings. After the initial watering, it becomes the responsibility of each property owner.

It is best to maintain a 4-6" layer of mulch around your trees. Shredded bark or wood chips are good mulch materials, the coarser the mulch the better. Using finely shredded mulch can almost act as a soil layer and can bury your tree base, possibly causing death. Do not heap the mulch around the tree trunk. Keep the mulch a few inches away from the trunk of the tree. This will help prevent damage to your tree from excessive moisture and rodent damage. As the tree grows older, the mulched area should expand with the tree. On older trees, a mulched area with a diameter of 12 feet is effective and attractive. Mulch is helpful to the tree by holding moisture, reducing weeds, and preventing damage from weed whips and lawn mowers. MPRB Forestry staff mulch newly planted trees each year for five years, as needed.

When available, free woodchips can be picked up at several locations throughout the city. Go to www.minneapolisparcs.org for wood chip sites.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Southwest

Hennepin County will be collecting household hazardous waste in Southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods on:

Armatage Park (58th & Russell)
Saturday, June 4, 9:00 – 1:00

SW High School (47th & Abbott)
Saturday, July 16, 9:00 – 1:00

Anthony School (57th & Irving)
Thursday, August 11, 3:00 – 7:00

The county will accept many household hazardous wastes, including mercury items, pesticides, automotive wastes, aerosol cans, paints/solvents, pool and photographic chemicals and household batteries. For more information about acceptable wastes visit www.hennepin.us and use *keyword search*: Mpls HHW events.

**Arbor Day
2005**



**Help plant trees!
Family Fun**

**Sat., May 7, 2005
9:45 a.m. - noon**

**Armatage Park
57th & Penn Ave. S.**

Visit www.minneapolisparcs.com
or call 612-673-5310

City Rental Property Inspection

Do you know of a property that needs attention?

In order to ensure safe housing in the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Housing Inspection Services and the Fire Department will inspect all rental property (approximately 16,800 buildings) over a five-year cycle beginning in January 2005.

The City is asking residents to help them identify specific rental properties that may require attention sooner so they can address them before they come up in the five-year cycle. If you know of a rental property that is falling into disrepair, needs paint, has broken windows or that you feel poses a health or safety risk, please e-mail the property address, number of units and reason for your referral to Fulton Neighborhood Coordinator Rhea Sullivan at rsullivan@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

General property complaints for nuisance conditions such as: tall grass, rubbish, inoperable vehicles, structural concerns, boarded buildings or vacant lots should be called in to the Department of Regulatory Services Customer Service Line at 612-673-5858.

Plan Ahead for National Night Out 2005

Avoid the rush, get an early start planning your party and applying to block off your street for National Night Out (NNO) August 2, 2005. This year you can even apply and pay online.

National Night Out is the largest community-building, crime-prevention event in the world and you can join the fun right there in your own backyard or on your street by creating a block party. In 2004 in Minneapolis alone there were more than 800 block parties. National Night Out is based on a simple idea: Get to know your neighbors. Spend some time with them in a social setting and break down barriers to isolation. See familiar, friendly faces and create a better, safer place to live for you and your family. When there's an issue on your block that needs to be resolved--the need for a speed bump, dealing with an unsightly house or signs of criminal behavior--it's easier and more effective to deal with it if the block is involved. Last year, more than 800 groups got together to build community during Minneapolis' National Night Out.

An NNO event can be a small gathering or a full-blown street party. Plan ahead with your neighbors to decide what you would like to do and divide up the work. If you don't have a block club, you can start one by calling Community Crime Prevention/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department, at 612-673-3568.

Register Your Block Party With Community Crime Prevention/SAFE Starting May 15

Review NNO materials and register your party online starting May 15, at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno.

Register by July 12 to be eligible for door prizes. If you don't have Internet access, call 612-673-3568 for registration materials.

Apply Early to Close Off Streets

You don't have to close off your street to have a successful NNO event, although many blocks do. If you want to close off your street, do it early to get the benefit of low registration fees. Please apply to the Public Works Department. (This is separate from registration of your event with CCP/SAFE.) Block clubs can apply online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management or call 612-673-2220 for a form. You may pay the fee online with a credit card. Applications received or postmarked after July 27 not accepted.

Fulton Fall Festival Opportunities

Neighbor participation is key to the success of our annual Fulton Festival, scheduled this year for Saturday, September 17, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th and Chown Avenue South. Take a look at these opportunities and let us know how you'd like to participate!

Star Search

Are you a diva? A dancer? A stand up comic? Here's your chance to share your talent with the neighborhood at the 2nd Annual Fulton Festival Talent Show.

Market Your Wares

Looking for great exposure for your small business? Sell your goods at our Festival Marketplace. A six-foot table is only \$25.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Last year's silent auction raised over \$850 and we'd like to triple 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? Please consider making a donation.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above activities, send an e-mail to community@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

New to the Neighborhood?

A Fulton Neighborhood Welome Packet, full of information and valuable coupons, is waiting for you.

Call Rhea at 612-922-3106 or e-mail community@fultonneighborhood.org

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Fulton website: www.fultonneighborhood.org

Come join the fun!
Linden Hills Festival

May 21
Business Districts/Garage Sales

May 22
Linden Hills Park

For more info, visit www.lindenhills.org

Homebuyer Initiated Program

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust has launched a new program to help low-to-moderate income households purchase homes in Minneapolis. Through the Homebuyer Initiated Program (HIP), eleven households will become homeowners in 2005. HIP offers families the opportunity to purchase homes currently on the real estate market with the help of two grants. The first grant provides the homebuyer up to \$65,000 to put towards the purchase of a home. The second grant provides up to \$25,000 to rehab the houses purchased through HIP.

Households earning less than 80% of median income (\$58,000 for a family of four) are eligible for HIP; however, preference will be given to households earning less than 50% of median income (\$38,500 for a family of four). The CLCT accepts applications quarterly. The next deadline for consideration is July 15, 2005.

To learn more about this program, visit the website at www.clct.org or call 612-721-7556, ext. 18.

Southwest Super Summer Program

The Southwest Community Education Super Summer Program will be in session from June 13 - July 21, 2005. Six weeks of classes will be offered for children in grades K-8. This year the program will offer an extension of the program from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. called the "Post Super Summer Program" or PSSP. PSSP is available only to children registered for classes. The cost is \$44 for a 4-day week and includes a snack and a beverage.

The Red Cross certified swimming program also begins the week of June 13. Swim classes are limited to 8:1 student-staff ratio (or less), and all teachers are certified WSI's. Community Education will also continue to provide Open Swimming, all day on Fridays, from June 17-July 29 (except July 8) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 612-668-3100.

Pershing Park Happenings

Summer Registration - Saturday May 7th is summer registration day starting at 9:00 a.m. Sign up for summer programs either online at www.minneapolis-parks.org or in person at the park. Summer programs begin the week of June 13th.

Pershing Youth Programs Spring Plant Sale - Our spring plant & flower sale will be held at Pershing Park on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Funds raised will support park youth programs. Plants sold include Geraniums, Vinca Vine, Spikes, Sweet Potato Vine, Wave Petunia, New Guinea Impatiens, 10" Assorted Hanging Baskets, 14" Annuals Terra Cotta Bowls, Bonsai Japanese Juniper, Ornamental Grasses, Celosia, Marigold, Pansies, Petunia, Dusty Miller, Salvia, Snapdragons, Impatiens, Tomato, Sweet Peppers, & much more.

Don't forget park hours change Memorial Weekend through Labor Day -- Monday through Thursday, 12-9 p.m. and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Pershing Park at 612-370-4928.