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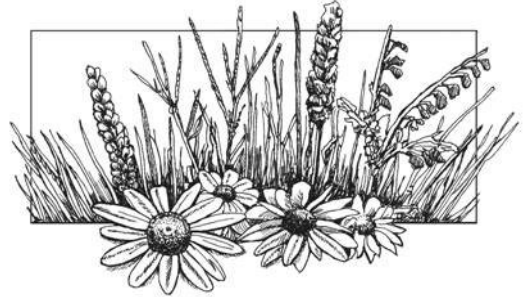
Rainwater Management 2006

Goal: Redirect, Catch and Contain Rainwater

Fulton Neighborhood Association has been awarded a Minnehaha Creek Watershed District grant of \$9,675 to continue to motivate and educate property owners to redirect, catch and contain rainwater on their property. This is the fourth year of rainwater management efforts in the neighborhood, and we are hoping to build on our past success. Last year, FNA awarded 24 rainwater management consultations, 8 gutter redirection matching grants and 6 rain barrel grants. This year's program will be even bigger.

Free Rainwater Management Workshop - Monday, May 22

Learn about methods to manage rainwater on your property from Doug Mensing of Applied Ecological Services and find out how to apply for this year's rainwater management incentives. FNA will offer up to 20 rainwater management consultations, 20 matching grants for gutter redirection, 14 rain barrel grants and 6 matching grants for rain garden construction.



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“How to Build a Rain Barrel” Workshop – Monday, June 12

You can attend this free demonstration and learn how a rain barrel is made or pre-register and pre-pay \$30 to build a rain barrel at the workshop. To reserve a rain barrel, send a check by June 1 for \$30 to: Fulton Neighborhood Association, 3523 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410. Include your name, address and phone number, and indicate that you are registering for the Rain Barrel Workshop. Questions? Call 612-922-3106.

Both workshops will be held at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th and Chowen.

Summer HHW Drop-off Events

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste

Open a cupboard in your kitchen, basement, or garage. Read a few labels. If they contain any of these words: CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER, POISON, those products may contain materials that are hazardous to you, your family and our environment if not used up or disposed of properly. Take advantage of these Southwest area hazardous waste collection events.

Armatage Park, 58th St. and Russell Ave. S.
Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St.
Saturday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anthony Middle School, 5757 Irving Ave. S.
Saturday, August 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The county will accept many household hazardous wastes, including mercury (fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats and thermometers); pesticides; automotive wastes (fuel additives, starter fluid, waxes); aerosol cans, paint, lead-based chips, solvents and thinners; pool, photographic and hobby chemicals; and household batteries. Call 612-348-3777 for more information or go to www.hennepin.us keyword search: HHW events.

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

Celebrating Your Community *Southwest Remodeling Contest & Home Tour*

As Southwest Minneapolis residents gear up for the home remodeling season, Great Minneapolis Real Estate Company, Inc. and the *Southwest Journal* are excited to announce the "Southwest Remodeling Contest & Home Tour." This is a fundraising event for the neighborhood associations in Fulton, Lynnhurst, East Harriet Farmstead and Linden Hills neighborhoods. The contest is open to the residents of these neighborhoods. The tour is open to everyone and will guide people through the top 12 remodeling projects.

All neighbors with a remodel to be completed by August 1, 2006 are encouraged to enter their projects – large or small, professional or DIY – in the contest. Winning remodels will be awarded prizes, and all remodels will receive recognition. A local team of industry professionals will judge the projects.

A tour of the top remodeling projects will take place on Sunday, August 13. Everyone interested in seeing great remodeling and supporting healthy neighborhoods is encouraged to purchase tickets. Tour tickets will be sold for \$8 each. All of the proceeds will be donated to Fulton, Lynnhurst, East Harriet Farmstead and Linden Hills neighborhood associations.

To enter the contest and/or purchase tickets for the tour, contact Ben Kolkman of Great Minneapolis Real Estate at 612-925-5990 or visit their office at 5357 Penn Avenue South.

Bike To School with Will Steger *Wednesday, May 17, 2006 - 7:30 a.m.*

A small circle of your neighbors - inspired by polar explorer Will Steger's current expeditions into the uncharted territory of climate change - is making plans to get our kids to school under their own petroleum-free pedal-power.

In conjunction with "Bike to Work Week" (May 15-19), we're organizing a "bike-train." With a little adult supervision, our two-wheeler train will follow safe routes to at least five neighborhood schools: **Lake Harriet Lower and Upper, Barton, and Carondelet Lower and Upper**. Important details: don't forget a bike helmet; and, with our help, parents are responsible for arranging each student's return trip home in the afternoon.

We'll start gathering at Linden Hills Park at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, May 17. Will Steger will be there at 8:00 a.m. to share stories of his own expeditions and current efforts to slow the warming. Then Will will lead one of the five bike-trains to school.

So, c'mon, climb aboard. Call Madalyn Cioci (612-926-5249) or Tom Braun (612-925-4249) for information, to volunteer as a "train conductor" and/or to reserve your own carbon-free ticket to ride...your bike. This event is co-sponsored by Tom Braun and SW Area Community Education.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



Fulton Green

Discount for Dutch Elm Disease Prevention

June 9 Deadline for 2nd Annual Discount

2005 was a successful year for inoculating neighborhood elms with a fungicide that can prevent Dutch Elm disease, and we can build on that success in 2006. Rainbow Treecare is providing a bulk discount again for Fulton residents. This is an opportunity to protect remaining mature trees that have become all the more valuable after several years of resurgent disease.

Is there a large boulevard elm on your block that you would like to see protected while younger trees grow and fill gaps in the canopy? Perhaps several neighbors would consider sharing the cost with you. Are you concerned that a private elm may become infected and lead to a large removal expense? Did you know that inoculation comes with a money-back guarantee? Once they're infected, elms can be difficult or impossible to save, so take a minute to learn more now. Call Fulton homeowner Will Cowden by June 9 at 612-385-3052.

Tree Tags Are Coming

You may have noticed the new trees that the Park Board is planting around the neighborhood. Watch for tags on the newly-planted trees with simple instructions about how to care for your new tree.

Wind Powers FNA Sign

The Fulton Neighborhood information sign at 50th and Washburn is now illuminated using electricity generated from wind! Fulton Neighborhood Association has signed up for Xcel Energy's Windsourse program, which allows customers to ensure that the electricity they use comes from an environmentally friendly source, offsetting dirtier forms of generation. Xcel invests the program's small additional monthly charge in new wind turbines, which produce clean, renewable electricity. And because many of Xcel's turbines are located in rural Minnesota, the money stays in the regional economy, rather than paying for fuels transported from beyond the state's borders.

FNA's enrollment in the program is a 3-year commitment. Over that time, powering the neighborhood sign with wind instead of fossil fuels will avoid the emission of about 2,200 pounds of carbon dioxide, the gas chiefly responsible for global warming. Over 10,000 Minnesota residents and businesses have signed up to promote wind power and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Windsourse. For more information and to enroll your household in the program, visit www.xcelenergy.com or call Xcel at 1-800-895-4999.

2006 Rainwater Management Incentives

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Personal Rainwater Management Consultations

Doug Mensing of Applied Ecological Services will come to your Fulton home or business for a one-hour consultation regarding opportunities to manage rainwater on your property.

A rainwater management consultation is required to apply for a matching grant. Cost: \$25 (\$90 value). To register, e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton Line at 612-922-3106.

Gutter Redirection Grants

Matching grants of up to \$400 for Fulton property owners to install new gutters and/or redirect existing gutters on their home or garage to keep rainwater on their property.

Rain Garden Grants

Matching grants of up to \$400 for Fulton property owners to construct a rain garden (plants, materials, labor and/or design.)

Rain Barrel Grants

Receive a \$50 grant toward the purchase of a new rain barrel.

You may apply for all three grants (rain barrel grant, matching grants for gutter redirection and rain gardens). Property owners in the priority flooding area (50th to 54th, Xerxes to France) are encouraged to apply.

For guidelines/application:

- ◆ Pick one up at the May 22 Rainwater Management Workshop
- ◆ Download it from the Fulton website: www.fultonneighborhood.org
- ◆ Call 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org and ask for an application to be mailed to you.

Help Make the 2006 Fulton Festival A Success

September 16, 11-3, Pershing Park

Plans are underway for this year's festival, and we need your help! Please take a look at the opportunities below and get involved. E-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

Quilt Raffle Promotion

Volunteers are needed to sell quilt raffle tickets at the Edina Art Fair, June 2-4 and at the Festival. Sign up with a friend for a couple of hours!

Silent Auction Chair(s)

Put your organizational talents to work for your neighborhood.

Volunteer Coordinator/Festival Volunteers

We need one neighborhood community builder who's willing to help recruit festival volunteers. Or sign up to help out the day of the festival.

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. Call Mary Rogers at 612-920-3622.

Pershing Park Update

May 13 - 3rd Annual Plant & Flower Sale

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Geraniums, vinca vine, spikes, sweet potato vine, wave petunia, New Guinea impatiens, celosia, marigold, pansies, petunia, dusty miller, salvia, snapdragons, tomato, sweet peppers, 10" assorted hanging baskets, 14" annual terra cotta bowls, Bonsai Japanese juniper, ornamental grasses and more. Prices will range from \$1-25, depending on size and amount. Funds will be used to support youth programming at the park.



June 5 - Pershing Park Planting

Pershing Gardeners will plant the two flower gardens adjacent to the building. If you are interested in joining this group, call Rosey at 612-370-4928. We will also be taking monthly trips to visit other gardens in the city.

June 21 - Ice Cream Social

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Ongoing Summer Program Registration

Register now at the park or online at www.minneapolisparcs.org. Pershing Park will be holding youth soccer camps and lacrosse camps this summer. For more information, call 612-370-4928 or stop by the park.

Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale

5141 Ewing

(Same weekend as Edina Art Fair)

Friday, June 2, 2-7 p.m.

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

While quantities last

We need your plant donations.
(Divide your hostas & perennials.)

Deliver plants to 5240 Beard Ave.
Questions? Call 612-922-1591.

Thanks for your support!

All proceeds will go to the
Fulton Neighborhood Association

Needed: Zoning Committee Chair

Fulton Neighborhood Association is seeking committee members and a chair or co-chairs to lead the Fulton Zoning Committee. Duties include reviewing requests for zoning variances on Fulton properties and providing recommendations to the FNA Board of Directors.

For more information, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

**Join City Councilmember
Betsy Hodges for breakfast**

3rd Wednesday of each month

**Pearson's Restaurant
3808 West 50th Street
8:00 a.m.**