

News

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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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FNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections

Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Pershing Park, 48th Street & Chown Ave S

The purpose of the annual meeting is to provide a year-end overview of board activities and to elect new board members to the open seats for the coming year. In addition, the annual "Friends of Fulton" awards will be presented at the meeting.

Why Fulton residents should consider running for the Board . . .

Many residents are not fully aware of the valuable role the board and its members play in our community. The board would like to urge residents in Fulton to consider the opportunity to run for election and to take part in citizen government at its most basic level. FNA members contribute to the development of policies and projects that make Fulton a better place to live - from considering zoning issues to overseeing projects in the neighborhood. Board members are expected to attend the monthly board meetings and, as they are interested, to participate in committees and activities sponsored by the board. At this election five seats with two-year terms are open. 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.

Self-nominations are encouraged. Each candidate will be asked to introduce themselves and make a brief statement prior to the election. Call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at (612) 922-3106 to nominate yourself or for more information. Or send an email to info@fultonneighborhood.org.

Fulton Festival

Saturday, September 20th

4-7 p.m.


Lake Harriet School

(See details on back of this publication)

Fulton's Rain Garden Tour A Success

Over 400 people came from within the neighborhood and throughout the metro region to get a first-hand look at the innovative rainwater management techniques promoted through Fulton's Landscaping for Rainwater Management Project. People came to learn what they can do on their own property to better manage rainwater run-off and they took the tour to get ideas for how to develop similar projects in other areas. Thank you to the five Fulton households who opened their yards to the public for this event.

If you missed the tour and want to learn more about rain gardens and other rainwater management techniques, you can still get a guidebook and look at the front yard rain gardens on your own by calling the Fulton Neighborhood Line at (612) 922-3106. Check out fultonneighborhood.org for more information about how you can participate in the project and make improvements to your own property.

Getting
to the
bottom
of the
ballot


After the Election
Thinking Locally Year-Round

Violence in Minneapolis . . .

A region-wide solution to a local problem.

As gang violence has heated up in Minneapolis this summer, local leaders have defined the problem as metro and even statewide in its impact and solutions. **Council Member Don Samuels**, representing the impacted Jordan neighborhood, has led the response to this problem by calling on members of the larger community to pay attention, allocate resources, and participate in change. Samuels will lead a discussion on the roots of the violence and how the entire city is challenged with becoming part of the solution.

Tuesday, September 16th, 7—9 p.m.

The City and Suburbs Should be Friends . . .

But how, as competition for scarce resources heats up?

As power at the Minnesota Legislature shifts away from the Twin Cities to other parts of the state, how can we work together on common issues? **Gail Dorfman**, **Hennepin County Commissioner** representing Southwest Minneapolis and the neighboring suburbs, and **Eric Willette**, **policy research manager for the League of Minnesota Cities**, will host a discussion of the relationships among metropolitan municipalities.

Tuesday, October 21st, 7—9 p.m.

Where Will All the People Go?

Can you imagine 15% more people living in our developed area?

The Metropolitan Council has projected that this will happen in the next thirty years.

Could you afford to buy your own home at today's prices?

Many Southwest residents who previously bought here could not do so today. **Density** and **Affordability** stand to affect our lives greatly in the near future. Join with a few locally elected officials to take a big-picture look at how these two urban issues intersect in southwest Minneapolis. **Former State Senator Myron Orfield**, **State Senator Scott Dibble**, **State Representative Frank Hornstein**, and **City Council Member Dan Niziolek** will help us get a handle on this complex urban planning issue.

Tuesday, November 18th, 7—9 p.m.

Location: All seminars will be held at Southwest High School Community Education , Chowen Ave South and 47th Street – enter door #16.

Park Happenings

Pershing Park Updates

Fall Programs

Registration for Minneapolis residents will be Saturday, September 6th starting at 9:00 a.m. Programs begin the week of September 15th. New programs include teen movie night, teen video night, adult CPR, adult card night, and adult kickball. Call 370-4928 for more information.

Pershing Saturday Breakfasts

September 27th, October 25th and November 15th

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$3 pre-registered or \$4 at the door.

Pershing Halloween Party

Friday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m.

Residents urged to water trees in Minneapolis during current dry spell

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Forestry Division is encouraging residents of Minneapolis to water newly planted boulevard trees as part of its "Adopt A Tree" program. The recent dry spell has put a lot of stress on trees throughout Minnesota and it is very important to water newly planted trees once every seven to ten days during the growing season when dry soil conditions exist. Park Board urges residents to water the trees on the boulevard and on private property. Perennial gardens should also be watered regularly. Neighborhood youth groups can be involved by organizing a "Bucket Brigade" or branching out into neighborhoods to remind people to water their trees.

Here are some guidelines for watering trees:

If you have newly planted trees, water by placing your hose under the crown of the tree. Since the soils are so dry, turn the water on at a slow rate and water for two (2) hours. If a garden hose is not available, apply at least 20 gallons (4-5

gallon pails of water) slowly around each young tree. A 4-inch layer of mulch beginning a few inches from the trunk and going from a two-foot radius (for newly planted trees) to a six-foot radius (for established trees) keeps the moisture in the ground around your trees. Free mulch is available at several locations throughout Minneapolis. For further information visit the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Website at

www.minneapolisparke.org or contact the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Forestry Section at 612-370-4900.

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Fall into fun at the **Fulton Festival**

Saturday, Sept. 20th
4:00—7:00 p.m.

Festival Activities

Antiques Roadshow

Pony Rides

Picnic Games

Petting Zoo

Food

Neighborhood In-
formation Booths

Lake Harriet School
Scarecrow Contest

Music by:
Stomp N Dixie

Lake Harriet School Upper Campus
50th & Washburn Ave. S.

**Fun fall activities for chil-
dren and adults of all ages.**

Rain or Shine!

Introducing this year:

Fulton's Antiques Roadshow

Now you can get an answer to the question, "just
how much is that ____ worth?"

Festival sponsored by:

Fulton Neighborhood Association
Pershing Park

Southwest Community Education
West 50th Street Business Association