



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

September 14, 7 p.m. - Pershing Park

Plan to attend the Fulton Neighborhood Association's annual meeting to elect new FNA Board members and honor this year's "Friends of Fulton" award recipients.

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 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.

For more information, or to add your name to the pre-printed ballot, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org. Candidates will be asked to introduce themselves and make a brief statement prior to the election on September 14th.

Fulton Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There are still opportunities to participate in this great neighborhood event:

Talent Show - Performers are needed for our Second Annual Fulton Festival Talent Show. Kids and adults are encouraged to let their star quality shine on the Showmobile stage! Prizes will be awarded. Call 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org to be a part of the fun.

Marketplace - A great place to showcase your small business. A table is only \$25. To register, call Mary Rogers at 612-920-3622.

Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up, serving food and supervising the giant slide. Call 612-922-3106 to sign up.

Housing Committee to convene

Implementation of NRP Phase II Housing funds

First meeting in October

To join the committee, call 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org.

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Dutch Elm Disease Prevention

Residents Identified 32 Elms for July's Bulk Injections

Fulton residents responded enthusiastically to the bulk discount offer for preventative Dutch Elm disease inoculation. 70% of the participating trees are located on the boulevard where we all can enjoy them for years to come. Look for another discount opportunity in the Spring. To be added to the Spring reminder list, call Will Cowden at 612-920-3248 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Lost a tree this year?

If you've lost a boulevard tree this year, you can call the Park Board to request a new tree at 612-370-4900.

Fulton Rainwater Management Incentives

It's not too late to take advantage of these great programs offered by the Fulton Environment Committee:

Rainwater Management Consultations: Sign up for a \$25 one-hour consultation (\$80 value) with Doug Mensing from Applied Ecological Services to learn how to manage rainwater on your property.

Matching Grants: Apply for a matching grant for gutter redirection of up to \$400. A \$25 consultation (valued at \$80) with Doug Mensing is required to qualify for a grant. To set up a consultation, call Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org. Grant application deadline is September 28, 2005. Rain barrel grants of up to \$50 are also available (no consultation required).

"How to Make a Rain Barrel" Workshop: August 31st at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th and Chownen. You can attend this demonstration workshop for free and learn how a rain barrel is made or pre-register and prepay \$25 to make your rain barrel at the workshop. Call the Fulton Line at 612-922-3106 to arrange pre-payment.

Pershing Park Happenings

October 31 – Monday

Halloween Party for all ages FREE 6 to 8 pm

New Classes this fall:

0 to 36 months: Babygarten

6 to 12 yr olds: Tumbling/gymnastics, tennis, scrap booking, Frisbee, dance

K to 2nd grade: I'm Safe and Sure

3rd to 6th grade: I'm Peer Proof

Ages 11 to 15: Babysitting class

7th & 8th grade: The 7th -8th Club

For more information or to register, call 612-370-4913 or go to www.minneapolisparcs.org and click on "Activities and Programs."

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Buckthorn Bust Planned for October

The Fulton Environment Committee will be coordinating a residential buckthorn removal this October. Master gardeners will be surveying the neighborhood for buckthorn. Watch for a door-hanger in September that will include the location of buckthorn on your property and information about the neighborhood pick-up. Volunteers are needed to help load the buckthorn the day of the Buckthorn Bust. If you'd like to volunteer or you know you have buckthorn you'd like hauled away, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

Minnesota regulates buckthorn as a restricted noxious weed. Selling, transporting or moving it is prohibited. Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) hasn't been legal to sell in Minnesota for about 70 years. Much of Fulton's housing stock predates that ban and many hedges survive today from the twenties. Its seeds are spread when birds eat the berries and promptly get diarrhea. Have you noticed the purple stains on sidewalks, cars and houses? Buckthorn is so invasive it will out compete native plants in natural areas turning them into buckthorn thickets. Think of the Minnehaha Creek and Mississippi River corridors. Think of Roberts Bird Sanctuary and the Chain of Lakes Parks. Buckthorn originates in Europe and has no predators here. It greens up early and grows later than natives giving it on average 58 more days of growing season. It grows extremely fast and re-sprouts with a vengeance when cut. No wonder those hedges have survived all these decades.

Removal of existing buckthorn isn't required; however, the DNR, Department of Agriculture, U of M Extension Service and, even closer to home, the Minneapolis Park Board and Fulton Neighborhood Association, strongly recommend removing all buckthorn.

Clean Up Your Act in the Alley

Are you a front door person? Or, do you come and go by the back door? For some of us, the garage is just a storage area, which we regard with guilt. For others, the multi-car juggle determines who uses the alley access; all other vehicles are relegated to the street. Whatever way you go, the alley is a border of your property, and deserves some attention. September is a perfect time to tackle that peeling paint, and remove weeds and small trees in the alley and garden beds. In their place, consider some easy, hardy perennials: daylilies, black-eyed susans, daisies, yarrow, asters, Russian sage, sedum, hostas, snow on the mountain or lily of the valley. They're effortless, and withstand heat and neglect fairly well. Your neighbors will thank you, come spring!

New Parking Regulations at Southwest

On August 5, the Minneapolis City Council approved new parking regulations for streets close to Southwest High School. The new regulations will help residents maintain access to their homes and distribute school-related parking fairly around the neighborhood.

The new regulations will go into effect beginning September 6, the first day of school. As of that day, on the 4600 and 4700 blocks of Abbott, Beard, Chowen, and Drew Avenues, a permit will be required to park on one side of each block. The other side of each block will be open to all drivers. Only residents of these blocks are allowed to purchase permits. These regulations are in effect on school days only. Minneapolis Public Works will install signs in this area to indicate where permits are required and where parking is open to the public.

The new parking regulations are a product of a joint effort of neighborhood residents, Southwest High School administrators and students, and Community Education representatives. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this process for their efforts. If you would like to learn more about this project, visit the Ward 13 website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13 and click on "Current Ward Issues."

Rain or Shine

Fulton Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17

11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pershing Park – 48th & Chowen

This is a FREE event for everyone – kids and adults alike!

- * FREE Angie's Kettle Corn
- * Food!! Paradise Pizza - \$2, hot dogs - \$1, Sno cones - \$1
- * "Woody" – Variety Act for kids (12:00 – 1)
- * 2nd Annual Talent Show (1:00 – 3:00)
- * Fulton "Antique Roadshow"
Bring a treasure and have it appraised!
- * Saddle up! FREE pony rides and a petting zoo.
- * Ride the GIANT slide!
- * Games! Games! Games! by Southwest Community Education
and Pershing Park - FREE
- * Kids ID Program
- * Marketplace featuring local artists and vendors
- * Silent Auction to benefit Pershing Park & Fulton Neighborhood
- * Political Candidate Forum

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