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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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FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Board meetings are held the second 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. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park.

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## Annual Meeting & Board Elections

*September 13 at Pershing Park, 7 p.m.*

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. Come and elect new board members for the coming year and honor this year's Friends of Fulton Award recipients.

Fulton residents aged 18 and older are encouraged to run for the FNA Board. At this election, six seats with two-year terms are open and not all incumbents are seeking re-election. Individuals 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).

Clip and Save Reminder

**Fulton Fall Festival**  
**Saturday**  
**September 16, 2006**

**11 am - 3 pm**  
**Pershing Park - 48th & Chowen**

*See insert inside*

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## Fulton Zoning Committee

*Informational Meeting September 20, 7 p.m.*

The Fulton Neighborhood Association is looking for residents who are interested in participating in a neighborhood zoning committee. The committee would provide a forum for neighborhood residents to discuss proposed variances from the city's zoning code. The committee would meet approximately once a month, if necessary.

If you would like more information about participating in the Fulton Zoning Committee, please attend an informational meeting at Pershing Park at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. If you are interested in participating in the committee or have a question about zoning issues, please contact the Zoning Committee at [zoning@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:zoning@fultonneighborhood.org) or call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

## 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

Dear Fulton Neighbors,

Welcome to Fall! It has been wonderful to see so many of my neighbors out and about at the Lakes, along the Creek, and around town. The first months of my tenure as Council Member for Ward 13 have been hectic and fascinating. There are a number of issues I thought you should be aware of this Fall.

In my role as chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I spent a great deal of time at the State Capitol during the legislative session. The City had an excellent year at the legislature, particularly in our bonding requests. We secured funding for a number of great projects, including the Shubert Theater, the MacPhail Center for the Arts, and the Cedar Lake Trail, in addition to regional projects like Lake of the Isles and the Lowry Avenue Corridor and Bridge. We also secured an additional \$2 million in funding from the Governor for public safety efforts this summer.

In August, the Public Works Department began the first phase of a four year street renovation project in the Lynnhurst and Fulton neighborhoods. Be aware of this road work as you make your way around the ward. For the most complete information on the project, look for the link on the Ward 13 website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward13](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward13) or you can call my office at 612-673-2213. You can also contact the Project Manager, Jeff Handeland, at 612-673-2363.

One issue I have talked with neighbors about a great deal in my first six months revolves around neighborhood character, particularly in relation to teardowns and new housing construction. On July 20, my office held a community meeting to discuss the issue. A summary of the meeting and the meeting notes are on the Ward website, and questions or comments about this issue are welcome as we move forward! In addition, you may want to e-mail me to sign up for our monthly e-mail newsletter.

I hope to see many of you throughout the Fall. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 612-673-2213 or e-mail me at [betsy.hodges@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:betsy.hodges@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

*Betsy Hodges*  
Ward 13 Councilmember

## Southwest Senior Center *Healthy Changes Club Kick-Off September 20*

The **Healthy Changes Club**, a club for people with or at risk for diabetes, will kick off on Wednesday, September 20, at 1 p.m. at the Southwest Senior Center. Weekly meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., starting September 26. This new club will help people deal with the day-to-day self-management of diabetes by focusing on diet and physical activity issues. During each weekly meeting, participants will learn about exercise as it relates to diabetes, set goals for exercise and weight loss, and receive support from other group participants. This program is based on a model program from the National Council on Aging. People are encouraged to come to all of the meetings, but it is fine to start anytime. For more info, contact Mary Ann Schoenberger at 612-822-3194.

Southwest Senior Center, located at 3612 Bryant Avenue South, offers a dining program, adult day program, social work services and numerous educational, physical fitness, social and volunteer opportunities. For a full calendar of events, call 612-822-3194.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



## The Problem with Buckthorn And Some Solutions...

Most likely you are aware by now that there is a "buckthorn problem" in Minneapolis. But what exactly is the problem with buckthorn? What can we, as Fulton residents, do about it?

The two species of buckthorn responsible for these problems came to us from Europe, originally to be used in urban landscaping as an ornamental tree or hedge. Buckthorn proved to be durable, adaptable, and an aggressive grower. In fact, it grows in just about any soil type. Birds eat the abundant berries that grow on the plant and spread the seeds to our natural wetlands and woodlands. Unfortunately, this non-native plant thrives there as well and is replacing native species, and threatening the diversity of plant species in the areas it invades.



### **Buckthorn Workshop - October 16, 7 p.m.**

So, what can you do to help? The city is asking for residents to help control this invasive species by identifying and removing it from private residences. An informative Buckthorn Workshop will be held on October 16, at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park. Dianne Plunkett Latham, the Buckthorn Abatement Steering Committee Chair for the Edina Garden Council, will conduct the workshop and will offer ways to identify and remove buckthorn on your property, as well as offer suggestions for replacement plants. If you suspect that you have buckthorn on your property, visit the Nature Conservancy website at <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/esadocs/franalnu.html> to see photos of its fruit and foliage. The Minnesota DNR also has an informative website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>. If you have buckthorn, plan to attend the workshop and encourage your neighbors to attend.

### **Buckthorn Pickup - November 4, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

A special buckthorn pickup date has been scheduled for November 4, 2006. Volunteers from Fulton neighborhood, a wood chipper, and a truck will be going through the neighborhood picking up buckthorn brush. Buckthorn will need to be at your alley or where you normally have trash picked up. Even if you don't have buckthorn on your property, you can still help! Volunteer to help on the day of the pickup or volunteer to help remove it for someone who is physically unable to do it themselves. To schedule your pickup or to volunteer, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106 or e-mail [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).

### **Need Help with Identification?**

If you suspect that you have buckthorn and would like a Hennepin County Master Gardener to positively identify it, please call 612-922-3106 or e-mail [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).

## Preserving our Urban Forest

### *Keep Watering*

Keep watering the newly planted boulevard trees. Trees and shrubs need to be watered until the ground freezes to ensure they make it through the winter.

### *New Tree Requests*

Some of our newly planted trees have not survived the drought conditions this summer. Trees that did not survive will not automatically be replaced. Fulton Neighborhood Association will only have funding for approximately 50 trees to be planted in the Spring of 2007. If you want a tree planted on your boulevard, please call 612-370-4900.

## **NRP Policy Board Candidate Filing Deadline September 15, 2006**

Are you interested in providing overall direction to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) process? Consider running for the NRP Policy Board as a representative for protection neighborhoods (including Fulton).

The candidate filing deadline is noon on Friday, September 15, 2006. You can download registration materials from the NRP website at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org) or call the Fulton Line at 612-922-3106. For more info, call Carsten at 612-673-5150.

## **9-11 Tribute 2006 September 11 - 7 p.m.**

The fifth annual "9-11 Tribute - Our Community Remembers" free concert will take place rain or shine at the Lake Harriet Band Shell, 42nd Street and W. Lake Harriet Parkway, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11. Frank Vascellaro and Amelia Santaniello, the husband and wife news anchor team of WCCO-TV, Channel 4, will host the program. Dr. Jeffrey Stirling will conduct.

# Better Ballot Campaign

## *Will Bring Instant Runoff Voting to Minneapolis*

This November 7, Minneapolis voters will have a special opportunity when they mark their ballots. An amendment to adopt Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) as the method for electing mayor, city council, and boards for the library, parks, and estimation and taxation will be up for approval. Instant Runoff Voting is a ranked-choice voting method that simulates several rounds of voting, but accomplishes the task in just one election.

The Fulton Neighborhood Association board has endorsed this important ballot measure. Why? Because Instant Runoff Voting is a better voting method that would:

- eliminate the need for primary elections
- increase voter participation and choice of candidates on the ballot
- more accurately represent the voters and foster more positive, issue-based campaigns

The proposal has been endorsed by a broad spectrum of elected officials and candidates, nonprofit organizations, neighborhoods, religious institutions, and political parties. Please join us in voting YES on November 7. More information about Instant Runoff Voting and how to become involved in the Better Ballot Campaign can be found at [www.betterballotcampaign.org](http://www.betterballotcampaign.org). Contact us by e-mail at [info@betterballotcampaign.org](mailto:info@betterballotcampaign.org).

## Southwest Community Education Fall Update

*Our fall adult classes and swimming classes start the week of October 2nd.*

### **Green Guardian Grant Community & Civic Engagement Program**

We will be seeking suggestions, ideas and help for our Green Guardian grant. Did you know that currently each person in the metro area generates almost seven pounds of waste a day? That's enough waste to fill the Metrodome eleven times every year! We will be involved in civic engagement meetings concerning environmental problems and solutions for our community. There will be workshops through the Green Guardian Communications Campaign on proper waste management. We will cover topics such as packaging waste, reducing unwanted mail, composting, hazardous waste, and recycling. For more information, contact us at 612-668-3100.

### **Pershing Park Update**

New fall hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., from Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Fridays.

Fall classes are now beginning.  
You can register online at  
[www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

**Free Halloween Parties**  
**Tuesday Oct. 31**

**NEW:**  
**Preschool Parade and Party**  
begins at 10:00 a.m. Bring your preschoolers and enjoy a fun, safe party in the light of day.

**Halloween Party** for school age youth 5 to 14, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



### **Southwest Community Education Family Halloween Party Thursday, October 26, 2006**

Join us October 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., for our annual Family Halloween Party. The party is open to all families. There will be a \$5 entry fee per family at the door (for up to four people). Also, please bring a donation of a ream or more of white paper. Activities will include carnival games, a raffle for door prizes, a moonwalk, magic shows, puppet shows, treats and prizes, and lots of fun things for children ages 1-99! The party will be held at Southwest High. (Go to the Abbott side of our building and enter through the N.E. door #17.) All youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No scary or inappropriate costumes, please.