



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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NRP Phase II Plan Revisited *Neighborhood Meeting to Vote on Revised Plan*

In April 2004, the neighborhood approved the Fulton Phase II Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plan at a community meeting. After the plan was approved, the NRP Policy Board made some policy changes which have made it necessary to revise the Phase II Plan and submit it to the neighborhood for review.

The good news is that Fulton's Phase II funding allocation increased from \$304,000 (in the original plan) to \$387,299. Many neighborhoods' Phase II funds were reduced, so this was a welcome change. Another significant change is that 70% of each neighborhood's Phase II funds must now be allocated to housing strategies (an increase from the 52-1/2% that was required to fund housing city-wide in Phase I). The other new policy is that we cannot spend more than 70% of NRP funds in the first three years of Phase II implementation.

Come to the FNA Board meeting on February 9, 2005 to vote on the proposed changes to the Phase II Plan and proposed reallocation of unused Phase I funds. The revisions that have been made to the plan include increasing the housing funding to a total of \$271,000 (to meet the 70% requirement) and increasing program implementation funding to accurately reflect projected administrative expenses for the next six years.

To review the revised Fulton NRP Phase II Plan and proposed reallocation of Phase I funds, go to the Fulton website at www.fultonneighborhood.org or pick up a copy of the plan at Pershing Park (48th St. and Chowen), the UPS Store, Dunn Bros. or Doin' the Dishes (West 50th Street and Xerxes).

**Community Meeting &
Neighborhood Vote
Wednesday, February 9
7-9 p.m.
Pershing Park
48th and Chowen**



Sign of the Times

Neighbors may have noticed that there's something missing lately on the Southwest corner of 50th Street & Washburn Avenue South adjacent to the Southwest Montessori School.

See page 3 for details.

FNA 2005 Administrative Calendar

January	5-9 12 15	January <i>Fulton Neighborhood News</i> (FNN) distribution FNA/Community Engagement Committee Planning Session Review quarterly financial spreadsheets/Submit quarterly NRP CORF request Update NRP contracts Welcome Packets – quarterly list of moved/update content
February	9 16	FNA/NRP Committee Planning Session FNN copy due for March issue
March	2-6 9	March FNN distribution FNA/Safety Committee Planning Session
April	13 15 15 20	FNA/Zoning Committee Planning Session Charitable Organization Annual Report due Review quarterly financial spreadsheets/Submit quarterly NRP CORF request FNN copy due for May issue Welcome Packets – quarterly list of moved
May	4-8	May FNN distribution
June	3 20	Coordinator contract update FNN copy due for July issue - include Friends of Fulton nominations, announcement of FNA Board elections
July	6-10 15	July FNN distribution Review quarterly financial spreadsheets/Submit quarterly NRP CORF request Welcome packets – quarterly list of moved
August	10 24-28	FNN copy due for September issue September FNN distribution (may change based on Festival/Annual Meeting)
September	14 17 30	FNA Annual Meeting & Friends of Fulton Awards Fulton Festival Before the Election efforts/Primary Elections Fiscal year end
October	15 19	Review quarterly financial spreadsheets/Submit quarterly NRP CORF request FNN copy due for November issue Train new FNA Board members on NRP Welcome Packets - quarterly list of moved Appoint NRP Elector
November	2-6	FNN distribution (may change depending on pre-election events schedule) Prepare Financial Statements and Federal Tax Filing 990 General Elections
December	16	Update Administrative Calendar and FNN Calendar for 2006 FNN copy due for January 2006 issue

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The Fulton Neighborhood Information Sign was blown down by heavy winds on Sunday, December 12, 2004. The sign, which is normally mounted on a light pole at the corner of 50th and Washburn, was part of Fulton's Phase I Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plan and was installed in 2001 to provide neighborhood identity and to serve as a means to engage and inform residents and business owners about Fulton activities and events.

The sign is now being repaired and will soon be up again. Watch the sign all year long for notices of neighborhood happenings and make 2005 the year you get involved in your community. There are many ways to take part:

Community Engagement Committee

Organizes the Fulton Festival and Block Club
Third Tuesday of the month
Next Meeting: January 25, 2005

NRP Implementation Committee

Plans and implements NRP projects and programs
First Wednesday of the month
Next Meeting: January 5, 2005

Zoning Committee

Reviews neighborhood zoning & development issues
Third Wednesday of the month
Next meeting: January 19, 2005

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Avenue South. For more information about how to get involved, call Fulton Neighborhood Coordinator, Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106 or e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org.

Pershing Park Happenings

Pershing Park Winter Programs begin the week of January 10 and run through March 19th. You can now register online for the majority of these programs by going to www.minneapolisparcs.org. Just search for Activities and Programs at Pershing Recreation Center or ask park staff for assistance with online registration

“Parent Tot Time”- Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, beginning January 12th.

The multi- purpose room will be open and available for parents to bring their preschoolers into a warm safe place to burn off some of that excess energy. Parents are responsible for their children during this time.

“Adult Cards” - Wednesdays, noon to 2:00 p.m.

The building is available for adults to drop in with their friends and play cards. Pershing will furnish the cards, you pick the game. A great opportunity to avoid winter “cabin fever.”

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Southwest Community Education

Feedback Needed on Proposed Open Swim/Gym

Background Information: We have had many requests from parents for more opportunities for children to remain in our Super Summer Program for more hours during the day, such as after care.

Project Proposal: As a supplement to the Super Summer Program, we would like to propose having an open swim and/or open gym from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Goals: To provide programming for youth after regular Super Summer Program hours (9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) Allow parents more flexibility with their work schedules. Grant staff more working hours.

Budget: We would charge \$5.00 per day for the additional hours. If a child stays for a whole day of programming four days a week, it would equal approximately \$95-\$100, which would cover staffing.

We are interested in getting community feedback about this proposal, so let us know what you think of this change to the Southwest Community Education's "Super Summer Program." You can contact us by phone, 612-668-3100, or e-mail us at: TNeiman@mpls.k12.mn.us. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

- Tom Nieman, Southwest Community Education

Fulton Festival 2005
Save the date! Saturday, September 17
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pershing Park

The Community Engagement Committee has begun planning for next year's festival. Volunteers are most welcome! Come to the next meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Pershing Park and be a part of making this great neighborhood tradition happen. For more information, call Rhea at 612-922-3106 or e-mail community@fultonneighborhood.org.

2005 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

Have you recently remodeled your home? Does your home have a notable feature that gets people to take notice? Has your home been maintained or renovated in a way that respects the craftsmanship and design characteristics appropriate for its distinct style and era? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should nominate your home for the 18th annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, taking place the weekend of May 7-8, 2005.

The Home Tour is an inspiring celebration of city living that brings thousands of home enthusiasts together for a weekend of sharing remodeling ideas and new rental and ownership opportunities. Nomination forms can be obtained on the official Home Tour Web site at www.msphometour.com or by calling Brett at 612-673-5158. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 18, 2005.

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is presented by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) in cooperation with the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul and others. The Home Tour's most important partners, of course, are the people who volunteer to open their homes.