



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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Save the Date for the Fulton Fall Festival

Saturday, September 18th - 3 to 7 p.m.

Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus (50th & Washburn)

We will have a talent show showcasing local residents, an antique dealer on hand to tell you if that item laying around the house is actually worth anything, a silent auction to benefit the school (LHCS) and our neighborhood, tons of FREE games for the kids, FREE pony rides, neighborhood resources and we can't forget ... lots of food! So mark your calendars today – fall is just around the corner!

Festival Participation—see page 2

FNA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Avenue South. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a year-end overview of board activities and to elect new board members for the coming year. In addition, the annual Friends of Fulton Awards will be presented at the meeting (see nomination form on back page). Please consider running for a position on the FNA Board. If you are interested, or would like more information, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

Proposed bylaws changes—see page 3

Fulton Coordinator Change

Thank you, Michelle

Michelle Martin is leaving the Fulton Neighborhood after 7 great years as our Neighborhood Coordinator. Michelle has been critical to successful implementation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Fulton. She has led, advised and helped implement many programs that help make Fulton a great place to live. She has also been the hub of communication between neighbors and helped us network with other neighborhoods on civic programs such as *Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot*. Michelle is now the Director of the PEACE Foundation and will use her talents to address local violence in Minneapolis neighborhoods. Thank you, Michelle, for all your great years of service to Fulton!

Welcome, Rhea

Rhea Sullivan is the new Fulton Neighborhood Coordinator. She comes to Fulton after six years of experience as the Coordinator for the Linden Hills neighborhood from 1995 until 2001. She has helped implement NRP projects and brings a wealth of community organizing experience. She was a member of the team that edited the local history book, *Down at the Lake: A Historical Portrait of Linden Hills and the Lake Harriet District*. Most recently she has been an office manager for an architectural and interior design office and is working on a screenplay in her spare time. Rhea has lived in Southwest Minneapolis for over 20 years and graduated from Washburn High School.

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Festival Opportunities

Silent Auction Items Wanted!

The Fulton Festival's silent auction last year raised about \$1000 and we hope to triple that this fall. Sixty-percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Lake Harriet Community School's media center; the remaining forty-percent will be available for our neighborhood. We are looking for silent auction items from residents; if you are in a profession that could offer a service or item for bid—such as a lawyer, accountant, or massage therapist, please consider making a donation to the auction. We are also looking for handmade items if you are a hobbyist or products from your small business! So consider giving to your neighborhood by simply sending an email to: community@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton line at 612-922-3106.

Sell Your Goods at the Fulton Festival

During the Fulton Fall Festival, which will be held on September 18th, we are offering table-space to residents and businesses wanting to sell goods. The cost of a 6-foot table is only \$25.00. This is great exposure for your small business, and could be a wonderful opportunity to sell goods to local residents. So put it on your calendar for September 18th and send us an email at community@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton line at 612-922-3106 for details.

Local Talent Wanted

Do you sing in the shower? Put on magic shows for your kids but have never performed in front of a 'real' audience? Belong to a musical group and want to get in front of your neighborhood? Come perform at the Fulton Fall Festival Talent Show September 18th. We are looking for all kinds of talent, so send us an email at community@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton line at 612-922-3106 for more information.

Fulton Neighborhood Association

What it means to you...

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Board is an elected body dedicated to the following purpose:

- ◆ Encouraging and supporting community involvement in the Fulton neighborhood
- ◆ Improving the residential, educational, and economic status of the community
- ◆ Functioning as a non-partisan, non-sectarian community action group keeping residents informed of proposals that affect the neighborhood
- ◆ Coordinating and publicizing activities in the community
- ◆ Facilitating needed programs and projects in the interest of neighborhood betterment
- ◆ Representing the Fulton neighborhood before city boards, commissions, and other governmental entities as needed

All neighborhood residents, businesses, and institutions are invited to participate in the activities of the association at regular Board meetings scheduled for 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Ave S. For more information, check out www.fultonneighborhood.org.



“GetBoB” Seeks New Members

Southwest Begins Election Activities Planning

If you have appreciated the workshops, gatherings, and information brought to you by GetBoB in Southwest Minneapolis over the last two years, then you can look forward to a new election cycle and new ways to get to the bottom of the ballot. GetBoB will be planning activities to support voting for local elections in November 2004—offices such as State Representatives and School Board will be

the focus. This coalition of seven Southwest neighborhoods is seeking new membership to plan these activities. They are looking for people who consider themselves average voters, as well as active partisans, to help shape the messages and activities to promote local voting. If you are interested, call Paul Lohman at 612-827-3625.

FNA Articles Changes Proposed

Vote Held at Annual Board Meeting

The FNA Board will propose changes to the organization’s articles of incorporation and will hold a neighborhood vote on the changes at its September 8th Annual Meeting. Changes will be made to comply with state laws. If you would like to read the proposed changes, go to www.fultonneighborhood.org after August 8th or call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.

City of Minneapolis Annual Report available

The 2003 City of Minneapolis Annual Report is now available at the Minneapolis website: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/about/annual-report/>. This document is Minneapolis' first attempt at a City-wide annual report and provides information on how the City has performed against the goals and priorities it set for itself for providing municipal services to its residents.

Fulton Rain Garden Tour

Visit Neighborhood “Rain Gardens” September 10—12

Over the last two years, Fulton neighborhood has developed a unique residential rainwater management project based on the principle that managing rainwater on individual properties has environmental benefit for the community. Less water flowing down our streets and sidewalks will increase the water quality in our lakes and creek and decrease flooding problems. Of course, the more households that participate in these rainwater management efforts, the more impact the project will have. So the neighborhood is showcasing two years of work from the volunteers and resident participants to spread the word about this effort, the community benefits, and the potential individual benefit of less flooding and enhanced aesthetics in your yard. Look for more information about the 2nd Fulton Rain Garden Tour in the next edition of FNN. Or check out the information on rain gardens at www.fultonneighborhood.org (click on Projects/Landscaping for Rainwater Management).

Sixth Annual Friends of Fulton Awards

Return Nomination Form by August 11th

It is time again to honor our neighbors in Fulton who help make our community an inviting place to live. Please consider nominating somebody you know who contributes to the Fulton community in a unique and meaningful way—as a volunteer, business person or good neighbor. Individuals receiving the “Friends of Fulton” award will be recognized at the Fulton Neighborhood Association’s (FNA) annual meeting on Wednesday, September 8th. To make a nomination, please complete this form and return it by August 11th.

Friends of Fulton Nomination Form

Mail to: **Fulton Neighborhood Association**
 Pershing Park
 3523 West 48th Street
 Minneapolis, MN 55410

I nominate _____ as a “Friend of Fulton.”

Your name (as nominator) _____ Your Phone # _____

Nominee’s address _____ Phone # _____

Please describe why you feel this individual should be recognized as a “Friend of Fulton.”
