



# News

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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. 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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## Join the Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a joint project of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Minneapolis Fire Department. The program trains and prepares residents throughout Minneapolis to react safely to emergencies in their neighborhoods before police and fire are able to respond. They are also trained to assist police and fire to help a community in need.

This program was developed in response to the 1994 Northridge earthquake. More people were injured helping others than were injured in the actual quake. This occurred because many of the people helping those in need did not have the knowledge or skills to help others safely. CERT provides interested residents with the knowledge and skills to safely help others in their communities in a time of need.

To date, over 100 residents throughout Minneapolis, including Council Member Barret Lane, have received CERT training. Training is open to any resident, is free of charge and takes about 21 hours. It includes instruction in first aid, search and rescue, as well as knowledge about how to react to different types of emergencies.

In 2005, the MFD will offer five training sessions. They will be held in April, June, August, October and December. Three of the sessions are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings during one month. Two sessions (April and October) will be offered intensively over the course of a single weekend.

The Ward 13 office is managing registration for the 2005 training sessions. To learn more about the program or to register, visit the Ward 13 website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13) and click on "Current Ward Issues." Or, if you'd like a hard copy of the information and registration materials or have questions, please call the Ward office at 612-673-2213.

## Looking Ahead to NRP Phase II

The Fulton Phase II NRP Plan and the proposed plan modification to the Phase I NRP Action Plan were approved at the February 9 Community Meeting. The Phase II Plan will go before the NRP Policy Board and City Council in the coming weeks. Once the plan has been accepted by the City, we can begin to implement our Phase II NRP Projects.

### *Are you interested in environmental issues?*

Consider joining the Fulton Environment Committee. This committee will work on programs like reforestation to replace trees on public property (working with the Minneapolis Park Board) and continuation of the successful Landscaping for Rainwater Management project which provided education and financial incentives for residents to develop rain gardens to help alleviate flooding on their property. Call Rhea to get involved at 612-922-3106 or e-mail [rsullivan@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:rsullivan@fultonneighborhood.org). Watch the newsletter for more opportunities to participate in NRP projects.

# Metro Paint-A-Thon 2005

In 2004, Paint-A-Thon volunteer teams painted 137 homes and/or garages for low-income senior and disabled homeowners. A volunteer group scrapes, primes and paints the exterior of the selected homes at no cost to the owner(s). The Paint-A-Thon date has been set for August 6-7, 2005.

To be eligible, the applicant must be the owner and occupant of a single-family home in the seven-county metro area. The house must be in need of paint, but not in need of major repair. Paint-A-Thon volunteers only paint the exterior of the home. Homeowners must be over the age of 60 or permanently disabled and must meet low-income guidelines. For example, a two-person household must have a monthly income that does not exceed \$2,081.

To find out more about applying for Paint-A-Thon or to volunteer your help, call 612-721-8687, ext. 321. Homeowner applications may be downloaded from the Paint-A-Thon website: [www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon](http://www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon). The application deadline is May 13, 2005.

**Lake Harriet Community School Carnival**  
**Friday, April 22, 2005**  
**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**LHCS Upper Campus - 50th & Washburn**  
*Community Welcome!*

## Boy Scout Troop 6: Community Activists

Troop 6 is a neighborhood Boy Scout troop sponsored by Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. This year the troop will celebrate its 90th year anniversary. The Troop is very active in the community: the scouts go to neighborhood schools, many of the Eagle Scouts' projects benefit the neighborhood and they provide many hours of community service – last year over 700 hours!

The National Scouting for Food Drive will be held April 30, 2005. Troop 6 typically collects one ton of food, which is donated to the Sabathani food shelf. Watch for a bag to appear at your front door and plan to take part. (New Eagle Scout Riley Curran coordinated the recent Southwest High School NHS Food Drive with the assistance of Southwest High Students and Troop 6 -- 16,400 pounds of food were collected!)

One of the highlights of the past year for the troop was a high adventure trip to re-enact the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Eleven scouts and six adults enjoyed a two-week trek to Montana incorporating many aspects of the 200-year-old historic trail. Some of the photos can be seen on the Troops' website: [www.workandwellness.com/scouts.htm](http://www.workandwellness.com/scouts.htm). This year the troop is planning a 10-day, two-part trip sailing on Lake Superior and canoeing in the BWCA.

Now is a great time to get involved with scouting. If you'd like to learn more, contact Scoutmaster Ralph Greiling at 612-824-0430.

# Pershing Park Happenings

Online registration for Spring programs at Pershing begins March 14th at 6:00 pm. Spring programs run from April 11 to June 10, 2005. Go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) to register or come to the park and staff will assist you.

**SWAC Spring and Summer Sports Registration** - Registration for youth in kindergarten and older begins in mid-March at [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info). Spring sports include baseball, badminton, softball and t-ball. Summer sports include track and tennis.

## **The Pershing Spring Breakfast and Egg Hunt Celebration - Saturday, April 9**

Breakfast will be served from 8:30-10:00 a.m. An egg hunt for children up to the age of 12 will begin at 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to join your neighbors and welcome Spring while enjoying the excitement of your children at the egg hunt. Cost for this event is \$3 per person and you must pre-register either online or at Pershing Park.

## **Young Dance Performance and Modern Dance Workshop - Friday, March 25, 1-3 p.m.**

Pershing Park will be hosting *Young Dance* for a performance and a free modern dance workshop. The performance will feature dances by professional and emerging choreographers. Workshop participants will learn basic modern dance and improvisation skills and it is open to ages 7 and up. Please register online or at Pershing Park.

# Southwest Community Education Events

## **Family Sock Hop - Friday, April 1, 7-9 p.m.**

An evening of great music, (50s, 60s & 70s), great games, treats and prizes at the Southwest High gym! \$5 per family plus a requested donation of a ream or more of white paper to benefit Southwest. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear tennis shoes or dance in your socks!

## **Adults Only Disco Dance - Saturday, April 2 7-9:30 p.m.**

Dress for the occasion and dance the night away at the Southwest High gym! \$5 per person plus a ream of paper.

## **Spring "Community Clean-up Day" Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Meet at Southwest at 8:30 a.m. for juice, coffee and rolls. Help clean up around the school and the shoreline along Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet & Lake Calhoun (with transportation provided to and from the school). A picnic lunch will follow the clean-up. Call 612-668-3100 to sign up.

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# Fulton Blooms!

Mary Nolte and Cheryl Jackman are among the Fulton gardeners who will be recognized this year at the annual Minneapolis Blooms Day event. Minneapolis Blooms recognition is not a competition, according to Laura Wieland, one of the organizers, but rather a way of giving gardeners a pat on the back for sharing the joy of their publicly visible gardens. Neighbors nominate each other and all who are recommended are honored. According to Wieland, 55 gardeners will receive awards in the Fulton/Linden Hills area out of about 800 gardeners citywide.

Blooms Day this year will be Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. All are welcome to attend. Master Gardeners and other experts will be on hand to provide information on native perennials, lilies, irises, roses, hosta, peonies, ornamental grasses and more. There will be refreshments, door prizes, a donated plant sale, and a free seed giveaway, courtesy of Minnesota Green. A rain garden workshop will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Interested in learning more about rain gardens? This Spring the Minneapolis Blooms Program will conduct a series of free workshops on how to create rain gardens using native perennial plants. Part A of the workshop will include the basics about gardening to help protect our rivers and lakes from polluted rainwater runoff and snowmelt. Part B will include hands-on design help from landscape architect interns and Master Gardeners. Workshops will be held at Linden Hills Park on March 31 (Part A), April 14 (Part B), May 5 (Part A) and May 26 (Part B). To register or get more information, contact Laura Wieland, 612-673-3014 or Joyce Vincent, 612-623-0157.



## F.U.L.T.O.N Block Club

### Volunteer Opportunity

#### *Block Contacts Needed in Our Neighborhood!*

Do you find yourself 'unofficially' organizing events for your block? Do you want to become more active in sustaining our community? If so, becoming a block contact is a great opportunity to get involved! Your primary responsibility is to welcome new neighbors on your block with a Welcome Packet courtesy of the Fulton Neighborhood Association.

A neighborhood committee has formed to unite current block contacts and block leaders. Our goal is to have at least one point of contact per block in the Fulton neighborhood. The following blocks **still need** a block contact:

5000 Abbott	4900 Drew	Harriet Heights	4900 Queen
Brookwood	4900 France	4800 Penn	Red Cedar
5100 Chowen	5100 France	4900 Penn	5300 Washburn
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#### **How can you get involved?**

Send an e-mail to [blocks@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:blocks@fultonneighborhood.org) or call the Fulton Line at 612-922-3106.