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CES Home Energy Workshops

Last time \$20 co-pay offered for home visit

Register now to take advantage of this great opportunity to save money and energy in your home. Attend one of the March Community Energy Services home energy workshops, to qualify for a \$20 home energy visit (valued at \$400). Both workshops are from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Any future workshops/home visits in Fulton will be offered at a higher co-pay.

Tues., March 9 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4801 France Ave. S.

or

Thurs., March 11 - Lake Harriet Community School
4912 Vincent Ave. S.

The home energy visit includes two qualified professionals who come to your home to identify your home's energy needs, provide a blower door test to measure air leaks and help you install some energy-saving materials. Materials, as applicable, include as many compact fluorescent bulbs as needed, a low-flow shower head, programmable thermostat, gasket seals, pipe wrap, water heater thermometers and more! To reserve your spot in the workshop, contact Ashley at 612-335-5869 or e-mail arobertson@mncee.org.

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5th Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale

Plan ahead for June 4, 5 & 6, 2010

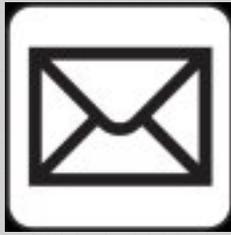
Spring will soon be here and so will our Fulton neighborhood plant sale. This event has become a very successful fundraiser for planting additional boulevard trees, so the Fulton Environment Committee is again asking Fulton residents to help. Please consider donating your plants or any garden-related item.

Spring is the easiest time of year to divide perennials. The plants will be healthier and will reward you for your efforts. For how-to information, visit <http://www.finegardening.com/how-to/articles/dividing-perennials.aspx>. Look for more details in the May FNN or contact Mary Nolte at 612-922-1591.

Fulton Earth Day Clean-Up

April 17, 9:30 a.m., Pershing Park

Join the Fulton Environment Committee on Earth Day to clean up the neighborhood. Stop by Pershing Park at 9:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and to pick up a bag and gloves. Someone will help you select an area that needs attention or you can choose your own path. **Help keep Fulton Green and our watershed clean.**



Sign up now for our monthly e-mail newsletter to stay informed about neighborhood and city happenings. Visit www.fultonneighborhood.org and fill in the form on the left side of the page.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

From Your Council Member *Betsy Hodges - 612-673-2213*

Happy New Year, Fulton neighbors! At the end of 2009 we passed our budget. We were able to reduce overall City spending by \$100 million and, thanks to our focus on reforming our closed pension funds, to reduce the proposed property tax levy by \$10 million. In addition, we were able to use a combination of federal grant and Regulatory Service funds to re-hire 15 police officers.

January has seen many changes as we start a new Council term. In addition to three new council members, there have been changes to committee structure and assignments. I am now Chair of the Ways and Means/Budget Committee. From cuts to our state funding to changes in the property tax system and our growing obligation to our closed pension funds, the underlying budget pressures the City has faced for most of the last decade still loom. But I believe we have made and will continue to make progress to address those challenges. I look forward to working with you as we move forward on these crucial financial issues that have such an impact on our quality of life.

With the new term also comes a change in my office's outreach efforts. My monthly Ward Breakfast will now be held quarterly, on the third Wednesday of April, July, and October, still at 8 a.m. at Pearson's Restaurant. We will be holding a number of neighborhood summits throughout the year, including one focused on the development and business needs of the ward in April, our annual Public Safety Day in August, and a budget summit in October. I encourage you all to attend these summits to ask questions or give me your thoughts on these issues.

I hope you all have a great 2010!

Betsy

Home Improvement Fairs *Get Tips From The Experts*

South Minneapolis Housing/Home Improvement Fair
Saturday, March 6 - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S.
www.housingfair.org

Southwest Journal Home Improvement Fair
Saturday, March 13 - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Southwest High School, 3414 West 47th St.
www.southwestjournal.com

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Fulton March Safety Update

Regarding Gerald Lee Dettman

On Jan. 28, police cited **Gerald Lee Dettman** (4/22/72) of Richfield for lurking with intent to commit a crime at a home on the 5200 block of James Ave. S. in the Lynn-hurst neighborhood. Dettman admitted to an officer that he was looking into the rear window of a home and told the officer that he wanted to ask the resident if she needed ice scraped off of her home. The officer noted that Dettman had no tools or equipment to do that job.



Dettman has prior convictions in Minnesota for lurking with intent to commit a crime (at a home in the area of 48th and Chowen in Fulton neighborhood on Jan. 20, 2004), theft, check forgery, offering a forged check, financial card transaction fraud, tampering with a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing stolen property, obstructing the legal process, second degree burglary (3), attempted first degree burglary, first degree burglary, and stalking (4).

In 2000, *The Southwest Journal* published an article about an ongoing criminal investigation of Dettman at the time: *“According to the criminal complaint, Dettman broke into an Armatage home at 4 p.m. Sept. 1. He took several checks from a checkbook and rummaged through other papers. In the kitchen, he wrote racial epithets on the cabinets – a biracial couple lives in the home. Dettman, who is white, also wrote racial epithets on a picture of the couple. The woman’s underwear drawer had been disturbed, and a number of photographs, which were normally kept in the closet, were spread around the room. The family’s Jeep Cherokee was taken from the garage. Later that day, officers arrested Dettman while he was driving the stolen vehicle.”*

Describing the impact of Dettman’s crimes on his female victims, a police investigator stated that “Dettman will go through their underwear drawer or lingerie drawer. They feel very violated. It’s not just taking their TV or stereo, but taking photographs of them. So, you know this burglar is concerned with who you are and what you look like.”

According to a 2004 crime alert issued by the 5th Precinct Safe Unit, Dettman has a history of burglaries, window peeping, and stalking in the southwest area of Minneapolis.

For monthly safety updates, sign up for our Fulton Block Club Yahoo Group at www.fultonneighborhood.org on the lower left side of the top page. The group is a vehicle for sharing information about community safety and Fulton news and events. You don’t need to be a block contact to subscribe.

The Fulton Safety Committee meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. S. Also visit our Safety page on the FNA website: www.fultonneighborhood.org/safety.htm. For additional resources, contact the City’s Crime Prevention website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/>

This information is provided by the Fulton Safety Committee, 3523 West 48th St, Minneapolis, 55410. Contact safety@fultonneighborhood.org if you’d like more information.

Southwest Community Education

Family Sock Hop - Friday, March 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Southwest Community Education will be sponsoring their annual Family Sock Hop on Friday, March 19, and you're invited! Don't miss this evening of great music (50s, 60s & 70s), great games, treats and prizes, and lots of fond memories for rock-n-rollers of all ages! Have your picture taken in front of their famous '57 Chevrolet, and buy some take-out snacks at "Porky's Drive-In." The Southwest High School gym will be decorated for the occasion, and they'll be spinning those 45s from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 per family. They also ask that you bring a bring a food donation for the Metro Food Shelf.

All youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear soft-soled shoes or tennis shoes, or be prepared to wear stockings only in the gym.



Calling Neighborhood Artists *Request for Project Ideas*

The Fulton Arts Committee invites Fulton artists to submit project ideas for consideration for funding. Grant amounts are not yet set, but funding will be determined based on the project proposals presented. Project possibilities range from music, dance, film, art performance and workshops to temporary or permanent art installations in the Fulton neighborhood. The Arts Committee seeks to build on the success of last year's successful art projects.

For more information, contact Lynn Steele at steele@bitstream.net.

Pershing Park Update

Spring Program Registration - Begins Mon., March 8 at 6:00 p.m. Check online for program information beginning March 1 at www.minneapolisparcs.org or pick up information at the park.

Spring Sports Information - Sign up for SWAC T-ball, Pitching Machine, Baseball, Softball and Track. Register online at www.swac.info or pick up a mail-in registration form at the park.

Summer Rec+ Plus Program Registration - Begins Tues., March 16 at 5:30 p.m. in person at Pershing Park. The program runs from June 15 - August 20, 2010.

Pershing Spring Breakfast and Egg Hunt Celebration - Sat., March 27, 8:30-10:30 a.m., all ages. Egg hunt is for youth ages 12 and under. Cost: \$3. Please register by Thurs., March 25 at www.minneapolisparcs.org (under Pershing Recreation Center Winter programs), in person or by phone at 612-370-4928.