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Re-leaf the Boulevards

Over the last three years The Fulton Environment Committee has partnered with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Department of Natural Resources to plant over 500 trees in the Fulton neighborhood. Since the 1970s Minneapolis has lost thousands of trees to Dutch elm disease and is expecting to have the emerald ash borer cause the same destruction to ash trees when the ash borer moves into Minnesota.

The Environment Committee is working hard to replace the lost trees and to keep Fulton a green tree-lined neighborhood. But it costs the neighborhood about \$100 to have the Park and Recreation Board plant a single boulevard tree. It is probably not a surprise to you that funds to re-plant trees are not readily available. There are several ways that you can help keep the neighborhood green.

If you contribute \$25 (the donation is often tax deductible) or as much as you can, the Fulton Environment Committee will work to get matching funds to continue planting trees.

Make your donation payable to the Fulton Neighborhood Association and mail it to 3523 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, 55410 or drop it off at Pershing Park at the same address. Indicate that the donation is for trees.

Another way to help is to water young boulevard trees in the summer if it rains less than one inch per week. Ask your neighbors to water boulevard trees in front of their houses. And if you live across from a park, school or business that does not have outside water available please help to water those trees too.

One additional way you can help is through education. Teach others that trees are living structures and become diseased and die when branches are ripped, trunks are scarred by lawn mowers or car doors and tree roots are cut by planting too closely to the tree base.

See related plant sale article for how the Fulton Environment Committee is raising funds to plant trees.

Boulevard Tree Benefits

Tree lined streets have been shown to:

- ◆ Increase home value
- ◆ Reduce crime
- ◆ Improve air and water quality
- ◆ Reduce soil erosion
- ◆ Reduce need for summer air conditioning

For more information on how to request a boulevard tree be planted in front of your house in 2009, call 612-370-4900. For more information, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org and follow the links for Urban Forest. Please water and protect any tree that is planted in front of your home.

Plant Sale for Tree Dollar\$

Fulton neighbors are volunteering many hours of time and labor to hold the 3rd annual plant sale to raise funds to plant trees in our neighborhood. The sale is being held the weekend of the Edina Art Fair, May 30-June 1, and will be located at 5141 Ewing Ave.

We need your help to make the plant sale successful. To help, please divide and donate your extra perennials, donate time, drop by and make a contribution or buy some plants! Beautiful

Fulton custom note cards will be available for sale too. If you contribute money only, it is generally tax deductible.

Hennepin County Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions.

For all of your plant sale questions contact Mary Nolte, Fulton Environment Committee Chair, at 612-922-1591.

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SW Community Education - Super Summer Program

Southwest Community Education's 2008 Super Summer Program brochure is now available. The program brochure is available by mail or email. Call SW Community Ed at (612) 668-3100 or email Tom.Neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us. SW Community Ed is also continuing its Recreation Trek Program for middle school-aged children. The Trek Program emphasizes environmental education as part of the recreation trip experience. Southwest Community Education will also continue to provide open swimming for all ages all day on Fridays - June 20th, 27th, July 11th, 18th, and 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a "super" summer with Southwest Community Education!

Week #1 June 16-June 19

Week #2 June 23-June 26

Week #3 June 30-July 3

Week #4 July 7-July 10

Week #5 July 14-July 17

Week #6 July 21-July 24

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*Supervised lunch from

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m

This summer, SW Community Ed is trying out a new part of the program, the Pre-Super Summer Program. You can sign up by the Wednesday of each new week. The PSSP is only offered to children registered for morning or morning and afternoon classes. Thanks for your interest and support of Southwest Community Education and the Minneapolis Public Schools!

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Fulton Announces 2nd Annual BLEND Awards

The Fulton Neighborhood Association is issuing a call for submissions for its second annual neighborhood design award, called BLEND, recognizing builders, architects and designers whose projects respect existing neighborhood design aesthetics.

The submission deadline is **Friday, August 1st, 5:00 p.m.** Eligible projects include new buildings and remodels, renovation or additions to existing buildings that have been completed since July 1, 2003, within the Fulton Neighborhood boundaries on the city's south side.

A jury of design professionals and neighborhood residents will select projects to be announced before August 11, 2008. An award ceremony and media release is scheduled to correspond with the Fulton Neighborhood Association meeting September 10th, 2008. Details of project categories, mailing instructions, eligibility, and submission guidelines can be found on the neighborhood association's web site at www.fultonneighborhood.org.

BLEND stands for *Buildings and Landscapes Enhancing the Neighborhood through Design*. "The name and the award represent the residents' recognition of interest in their neighborhood and encouragement of progress while balancing a need for compatibility with existing residences," said Phil Rader, AIA, an architect on the Fulton Neighborhood Association's zoning committee. "We really wanted a name that the residents could identify with. 'Blend' is a word we hear often as they talk about how they'd like new construction to fit into our neighborhood."

The award reinforces the design guidelines written by FNA's zoning committee. The guidelines encourage design features of the neighborhood that make it unique without limiting redevelopment. It was also prompted by Councilmember Betsy Hodges' sponsorship of changes to the Minneapolis Zoning Code to curtail one of the most criticized practices of builders of so-called "McMansions" in Minneapolis neighborhoods.



France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Bringing Swim Docks Back to Lake Harriet

Last month, the Fulton Neighborhood Association passed a resolution encouraging the Park Board Commissioners to look into the feasibility of installing swim docks or platforms at the beaches for kids to jump into the water. Many of Fulton's residents fondly remember past summers with our beaches crowded with families enjoying swim platforms and other amenities that the Park Board once provided. As you know, these amenities and those families are largely gone. Combined with other rules, our beaches no longer have the vibrant activity they once had.

If you're interested in bringing family fun back to our beaches, please email or call the below Park Board Commissioners and encourage them to look into the feasibility of swim docks on our beaches. Feel free to cc or contact Fulton Board member Steve Young at steve.young@earthlink.net for more information.

Lastly, when you're enjoying the beaches this summer, don't forget the following Park Board rules:

1. No flotation equipment.
2. Swim only within marked areas.
3. Only Coast Guard approved lifejackets are allowed and must be worn the correct way.
4. "Chicken fights", riding piggyback or throwing swimmers is prohibited.
5. No running on beach.

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Innoculate Your Elms



Rainbow Treecare is offering a discount to Fulton Neighborhood residents interested in preventing the spread of Dutch elm disease to their property or boulevard trees. Once infected the tree generally cannot be saved, but a timely application of a fungicide every three years has proven to be

an effective method of protecting the old elms from infestation.

Innocation is far less costly than replacement, increased energy costs, diminished property values and the aesthetic shock of a stump where a stately old elm used to stand.

Please call (612) 922-1591 to schedule a no obligation inspection of your elms with arborist Scott Henke.

Volunteers Needed for Fulton Fall Festival!!

Planning is underway for what is sure to be a fantastic 2008 Fulton Fall Festival. The Festival will be held Saturday, September 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help make this year's festival even more successful than last year's event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Volunteer Committee Chair, Rhea Sullivan, at 612-386-6974 or rhea.sullivan@gmail.com.

Pershing Park Update

Summer Program Registration – Began on April 19th. Programs can be viewed online at www.minneapolisparcs.org. Register on-line, in person or over the phone. Please call 370-4928, if you have any questions.

Preschool Program Highlights

- General Pershing Preschool Camp – Tuesdays-Thursdays, Session I: June 17th-26th; Session II: July 22nd-31st, 9:00 -11:30 a.m., ages 3-5, \$65
- Critter Camp – Monday-Thursday, July 7th-10th, 9:30–11:30 a.m., ages 4-5, \$30
- Nature Babies Summer Fun – Friday, July 11th-August 1st, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, ages 0-3, \$10

Please note: Fees listed are for Minneapolis residents

Children's Program Highlights

- Pershing's Urban Adventurers – Thursdays, July 10th-August 14 th (No Class August 7), 12:30-4:00 p.m., ages 11-12, \$50.
- Summer Recreation Plus - Monday, June 16th-Friday, August 22nd, 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., ages 6-12, \$128 per week plus an activity fee
- Friday Field Trips (Check online for specifics or pick up a summer program at Pershing.)

Sports Camps (Check online for specifics or pick up a summer program at Pershing.)

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Special Olympics

- Skills, T-Ball and Softball – Thursdays, June 12th-August 14th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., ages 6 and up, \$30
- Bocce Ball – Wednesdays, June 11th-August 13th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., ages 6 and up, \$30

Community Special Event (Mark Your Calendars)

- Comedy Magic Show – Thursday, June 5, 5:00-6:00 p.m., all ages, FREE (sponsored by the Linden Hills Library)
- Pershing Summer "Chill" Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, June 18th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., all ages, FREE (with hot dogs, chips and refreshments available for purchase)

Edina Art Fair — May 30th thru June 1st

The 42nd Annual Edina Art Fair will be held Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1 in the 50th & France neighborhood of Edina. The official first art fair of the year and the second largest in the state, this year's Edina Art Fair will boast more than 400 fine artists and crafters. In addition to viewing and purchasing artistic masterpieces, visitors may enjoy children's activities, fashion shows, lifestyle demonstrations, live music and tasty food.

Hours of operation for the 2008 Edina Art Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31. The event will close at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 1. FREE shuttle bus hours from Southdale Shopping Center to 50th & France are Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The City of Edina Mayor Jim Hovland, will participate in the ceremonial opening of the Edina Art Fair on Friday, May 30 at 10 a.m.

The Edina Art Fair is hosted by the 50th & France Business and Professional Association. This unique area has a reputation for being delightfully charming and dangerously decadent – a distinction its members take pride in. With more than 175 distinct shops and boutiques, over 20 restaurants, casual cafes and coffee shops, the quaint streets of 50th and France are the perfect site for a summertime stroll.

For more information on the Edina Art Fair, please visit www.edinaartfair.org or contact Rachel Hubbard at 952-922-1524.