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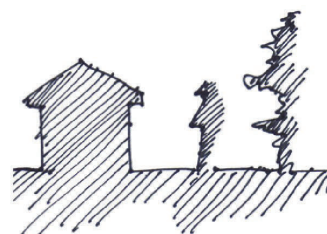
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Fulton Announces 3rd Annual BLEND Awards

The Fulton Neighborhood Association is proud to announce that the BLEND Award has been expanded to include several adjoining Southwest neighborhoods. The participating neighborhood associations are issuing a call for submissions for the third annual BLEND Award, which recognizes builders, architects and designers whose projects respect existing neighborhood design aesthetics. The submission deadline is **Friday, July 31st, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.** Eligible projects include new buildings and remodels, renovation or additions to existing buildings, and landscape projects that have been completed since July 1, 2004; projects must be located within the boundaries of the participating Southwest neighborhoods. A jury of design professionals and neighborhood residents will select projects to receive awards. An award ceremony and media release is scheduled to correspond with the Fulton Neighborhood Association meeting to be held on September 9, 2009, at Pershing Park, 3523 W. 48th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410.



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HELP WANTED Fulton Block Contacts

See page 4 to find out if your block needs a new contact

Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale June 5, 6, 7 - 5141 Ewing Ave. S.

Fulton neighbors are gearing up for the 4th annual Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale to raise funds to plant boulevard trees in our neighborhood. The sale will be held the weekend of the Edina Art Fair, June 5-7, and will be located at 5141 Ewing Ave. S. Hours are Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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. Financial contributions are tax deductible. To donate plants or your time, contact Mary Nolte, Fulton Environment Committee Chair, at 612-922-1591.



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West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

BLEND Awards from page 1

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 residents talk about how they would like new construction to fit into their 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.

Details of participating neighborhoods, project categories, mailing instructions, eligibility, and submission guidelines can be found on the BLEND Award web site at www.blendaward.org or by contacting Phil Rader at prader@philrader.com.

Pershing Park Update

Summer Program Registration - Programs can be viewed online at www.minneapolisparcs.org. Register now online, in person or over the phone. Call 612-370-4928, if you have any questions.

Special Olympics: Bocce Ball - Wednesdays, June 24-August 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m., ages 6 and up, \$30.

Pershing "Summer Chill" Ice Cream Social - Wednesday, June 17, 6 - 8 p.m., all ages. It's time to "chill" with friends, neighbors and family and enjoy FREE ice cream. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments are available for purchase. Kids can enjoy the Moon Walk and other fun activities. Participate in "Fulton Favorites" art project (*more on page 4.*)

Community Meeting: Court Sports Activity Plan Public Meeting - Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., Pershing Park. Share your ideas on court sports in Minneapolis parks. The plan will set the programming and infrastructure guidelines in Minneapolis parks for outdoor basketball, tennis, sand and grass volleyball, shuffleboard, bocce, horseshoes and playground games (i.e., Four Square).

"City Pages' Best of Twin Cities showcases MPRB amenities, attractions" - read more at www.minneapolisparcs.org under "News and Events."

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



An Ounce of Prevention

Inoculate Your Elm Tree(s)

Rainbow Treecare is offering a group discount again this year to Fulton residents interested in preventing the spread of Dutch elm disease. Once infected, an elm tree generally cannot be saved, but a timely application of a fungicide every three years has proven to be an effective method of protecting elms from infestation.

Inoculation 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. The inoculation comes with a money-back guarantee.

Call 612-922-1591 to schedule a no-obligation inspection of your elm tree(s) with Rainbow Tree Care's arborist Scott Henke.

Spring is Here and Plant Sales Abound

Donate Your Leftover Plant Sale Stock

Are you looking for a place to donate your organization's left-over "Plant Sale" plants? The Fulton Environment Committee would love to be the recipient of your unsold plants. In fact, we'd be happy to pick them up.

All plants will be tenderly cared for, repotted if necessary and offered for sale at the Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale on June 5, 6 and 7. The money we raise will be used to plant additional boulevard trees in Fulton neighborhood. If you can help us out, call Mary Nolte at 612-922-1591.

Fulton Festival Needs You

Balloon Artist Wanted

We are looking for a local balloon artist capable of making animal figures. If you are interested, please contact us at 612-922-3106 or info@fultonneighborhood.org.

Silent Auction Items Needed

It's not too early to think about making a donation to the Festival Silent Auction. Are you an artist who would like to share your talent? Or a business that would benefit from publicity in our e-newsletter, newsletter and at the Festival? Or a neighbor who would like to host a dinner party or other event to support the neighborhood? Contact Kristine Johansen to donate at 612-928-3953 or kris@lamosse.com.

Festival Marketplace

Showcase your wares at the Fulton Festival this year. Marketplace tables are only \$30 or \$10 for children 15 and under. To register, contact Mary Nolte at 612-922-1591.

Books Needed

Donate your used books to a good cause. The funds earned help to support the Linden Hills Library and FNA. Contact Joe at 248-302-7369 or noveltrader@aol.com.

Volunteer for the day of the Festival

It's not too soon to sign up to help at this year's Festival. Check your calendar and sign up for a shift. Contact us at info@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

Discover Your Inner Artist

At June 17 Ice Cream Social at Pershing Park

In April, the Fulton Arts Committee awarded local artist Gail Katz-James a grant for a public art project called "Fulton Favorites." This project will give residents of all ages a chance to design and make their own colorful lawn sign depicting their favorite aspects of Fulton. Over 100 signs will be unveiled at the Fulton Festival in September! Then, Fulton residents can take home and display their signs on their own lawns.

Join Gail for a free workshop at Pershing Park during the Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, June 17, from 6 - 8 p.m. Gail is happy to bring the workshop to your neighborhood club or organization this summer. Contact her at gkatzjam@earthlink.net or 612-926-4497.



FULTON Block Club

Block Contacts Needed

Join the Fulton Block Club and help welcome new neighbors to your block with a Fulton Welcome Packet. This is an easy and fun way to make a contribution to the neighborhood. If you live on one of the blocks listed below and would like to volunteer, please contact Block Facilitator Lisa McCleary at tabandlisa@aol.com or 612-920-7954. Block contacts are also occasionally asked to help disseminate neighborhood information to their block.

5000 Abbott	5300 Chowen	5300 Ewing	5200 France	Red Cedar	5200 Xerxes
5300 Abbott	4700 Drew	Forest Dale	Harriet Heights	5000 Russell	4700 York
5000 Beard	4900 Drew	4700 France	4800 Penn	5300 Russell	4800 York
4700 Chowen	5100 Drew	4800 France	4900 Penn	5000 Thomas	5200 York
4800 Chowen	4800 Ewing	4900 France	5000 Penn	5000 Washburn	5300 York
5100 Chowen	5100 Ewing	5100 France	4800 Queen	4800 Xerxes	4900 Zenith

Southwest Community Education Update

The 2009 "Super Summer Program" will offer a wide variety of educational enrichment and recreational opportunities for children from grades K-8. The program is open to all children—regardless of where you live. Morning activities are held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon; afternoon activities from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. If you send your child with a lunch, a supervised lunch hour will be provided. Pre-program drop off, beginning at 8:30 a.m., is also available. The 2009 program will run from Monday, June 15 through Thursday, July 23.

For middle-school youth ages 12-14, the Trek Program offers hiking, canoeing and biking trips as one Trek each week.

Southwest Community Education also offers a number of interesting trips for adults over the summer. For more information about the Super Summer Program or trips, call 612-668-3100.