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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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# Friends of Fulton Honored

The ninth annual Friends of Fulton Awards were presented at the Fulton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on September 12, 2007. This year, ten awards highlighted the contributions made to Fulton neighborhood. Congratulations and thanks to:

**Julie Allyn** has served on the Zoning Committee and has been a member of the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors for the last 2 years. In addition, she has been a much needed resource for the Safety Committee.

**Ellen Berner** has been active on the Zoning Committee and the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board, and has been involved in the creation of the BLEND Awards. Her leadership is much appreciated.

**Joe Burns'** neighbors can attest that he knows how to put together a block party. Not only does he invite his surrounding blocks, he always brings in a band – and he's even been known to roast a pig for the event. But his generosity has also touched his neighbors in other ways, such as organizing a benefit for a neighbors dealing with cancer in the family. In the words of the neighbor who nominated him, "What a heart, and a great guy."

The **Fulton Housing Committee** put together a fantastic and groundbreaking partnership this year, working with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and the City of Lakes Community Land Trust to develop a

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## Notecards for Sale

The Fulton Neighborhood Association is selling Fulton notecards, designed by local artist **Darylee Michlink**, as part of its fundraising efforts. Featured at the Fulton Festival, each set of 4 cards highlights images from the neighborhood.

The notecards can be viewed on the FNA website

[www.fultonneighborhood.org](http://www.fultonneighborhood.org)

The cards (\$10/set) make great gifts and can be ordered by contacting Tara Kumar:

Phone 612-922-3106

Email [tkumar@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:tkumar@fultonneighborhood.org).

## New Fulton Coordinator

At the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the FNA board approved **Tara Kumar** as the new coordinator for the Fulton neighborhood. Tara has a background in community development, as well as experience with grantwriting and web development, that will greatly assist the neighborhood in meeting its goals. Tara and her husband recently moved to Fulton, and she is looking forward to engaging with the community. Welcome Tara!

## FNA Board Update

### Welcome New Board Members, Officers

Elections for the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors were held at the annual meeting on September 12, 2007. Welcome to new FNA Board member **Kathy Ollivier**. Congratulations to returning Directors **Jeff Alden**, **Ellen Berner**, **Morgan Clawson**, and **Steve Young**. Many thanks to outgoing Board member **Julie Allyn** for her service to the neighborhood.

FNA Officers were elected at the October 10 Board meeting. Officers for 2007 are: **Nick Mark**, President; **John Finlayson**, Vice President; **Linda Romine**, Treasurer and **Taunya Nelson**, Secretary.

## Time to Empty Your Rain Barrel

Your rain barrel needs to be disconnected before winter. Freezing and thawing water may cause your barrel to crack or split. Be sure the barrel and any connecting hoses are completely empty of water and either turn the barrel upside down or cover with a plastic tarp. You should also reconnect a temporary downspout extension to direct water away from your foundation. Flexible extensions are available at most hardware stores.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

## 2007 Fulton Festival

Saturday, September 15th was a fantastic day at Pershing Park. The weather was beautiful, and folks came out to enjoy the food, fun, great entertainment, and community at the Fulton Festival. Many thanks to the Pershing Park staff for partnering with the Fulton Neighborhood Association. Check out the photos from the Festival on the Fulton website at [www.fultonneighborhood.org](http://www.fultonneighborhood.org).

Thanks to all who participated, especially the volunteers who helped the day of the event. Special thanks to the **Community Engagement Committee**, which has worked since January to organize the Festival: Scott Vandeputte (Chair), Brian Erickson, Teresa Hermes, Maggie Koerth-Baker, Tony Mann, Mary Nolte, Mary Rogers, Lynn Steele, Rhea Sullivan and Steve Young. The 2008 Fulton Festival will be held on September 13, 2008. If you'd like to help plan the 2008 Fulton Festival, e-mail [community@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:community@fultonneighborhood.org) or call 612-922-3106.

### We want to recognize our sponsors and community partners:

Bill Minge, Edina Realty  
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Larry LaVercombe, ReMax Results  
MPRB (Showmobile)

North American Banking Company  
Pershing Park  
Southwest Community Education  
Wade Hermes, ReMax Results

### Many thanks to our entertainers:

David Goldman, Master of Ceremonies  
Enchanted Ape  
George Mejia, bagpiper  
Riley Wiklund, juggler

The Wrong Omar  
UpTil2  
The Morris Dancers  
Shout, Lake Harriet Methodist Church Band

**Silent Auction:** A huge thank you to everyone who solicited donations, especially Tony Mann and our Silent Auction Coordinators: Rae Ann Vandeputte, Janis Mackmiller and Greg Klaverkamp. The silent auction made over \$2,000 this year to benefit the activities of the Fulton Neighborhood Association. Many thanks to these businesses and residents who donated an item(s) to the Silent Auction:

Abbie Johnson  
Howard Rogers  
Sew What!  
Nu Look  
Birch Clothing  
Old Country Buffet  
Desserts by Emily  
Wuollet Bakery  
Zumbro Café  
Paradise Pizza  
Papa John's Pizza  
Sociale  
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Dairy Queen  
Cave' Vin  
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Howard's Barber Shop  
Darrin James Salon  
51st Street Hair Salon  
Eden Amos  
Edina Massage  
Ellen Berner, House & Home  
UPS Store  
Banners to Go  
Cookies by Design  
Rae Ann Vandeputte

### Special thanks to the following businesses:

*Food Donations*  
Almsted's Sunnyside Market  
Bruegger's Bagels  
Dunn Bros Coffee  
Lunds  
Wuollet Bakery

*Children's Arts Activities*  
Abrakadoodle

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

## Friends of Fulton Continued . .

plan that will not only create three affordable housing opportunities for housing in Fulton, but also ensure that these homes will remain affordable for subsequent owners in perpetuity. Our thanks goes out to the entire Housing Committee for their vision and hard work on this project. In addition, committee chair Ahndi Fridell was also nominated by one of her neighbors in recognition of her energy, commitment, and contributions to the neighborhood. The 2007 Fulton Housing Committee members are: **Ahndi Fridell, Jeff Alden, Mary Colbert, Nancy Evert, and Will Keniston**

**Mary Ellen Halverson** is a long-time Fulton resident whose generosity, charity and consideration have touched her neighbors. Whether collecting clothing for African orphans, finding homes for discarded plants, or reminding neighbors to move their cars on street-sweeping day, her commitment to Fulton makes her a valued neighbor. The FNA, and especially the neighbors who nominated her for this award, are happy to have her as a neighbor and a friend.

**Scott Vandeputte** has been active on the Community Engagement Committee and has directed the Fulton Festival for several years. The festival is a complex endeavor, and he has turned it from being completely funded by neighborhood money into an event that nearly pays for itself. A job well done!

**Josie Walton** took over managing our participation in the Edina Art Fair. She coordinated volunteers, scheduling, refreshments, and even some problem solving. She made a tough job look easy!

**Tim Walton** has been active in neighborhood issues for many years and has recently taken over the important job of coordinating Neighborhood Welcome Packets, which block leaders distribute to new residents.

**Joe Wolf** joined the Community Engagement committee last year. He has taken on responsibility for organizing the book sale at the Fulton Festival, a joint fundraiser for Linden Hills Library and the Fulton Neighborhood Association. His efforts and energy are even more impressive – and appreciated – in consideration of the fact that he doesn't even live in Fulton.

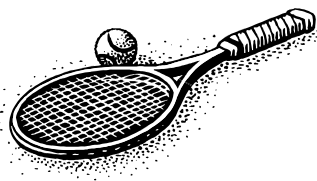
**Steve Young** is a long term board member who has made major contributions in the re-stripping of West 50th Street and is the point man with the city on Business Streetscape.

## Tennis Court Construction Under Way

Construction has begun on new tennis and basketball courts at Pershing Park. Four tennis courts and one basketball court are being replaced. Demolition and construction will continue through the fall so long as weather conditions allow, with construction resuming in spring 2008. Courts are expected to open in spring 2008.

The new tennis courts will replace the existing ones, which were installed in the 1970s. Because of their age and deterioration, the existing courts were no longer maintainable. Court design and materials will minimize the amount of maintenance, prolong the lifespan of the courts and reduce the drying time of the surface following precipitation. Once completed, the new facilities will provide high-quality playing space for both the community and the tennis teams at Southwest High School.

Funding for this project is provided by Support the Courts, a non-profit organization dedicated to upgrading public tennis facilities in Minneapolis. For more information on Support the Courts or to donate, visit [www.supportthecourts.net](http://www.supportthecourts.net).



## Boundary Tree Workshop

On October 3rd, **Lorrie Stromme** addressed Fulton residents at Pershing Park in a workshop titled, "*Trees, Neighbors and the Law*". Ms. Stromme, an attorney, horticulturist and master gardener, touched on several key points:

- ◆ Generally, the location of the trunk determines who owns the tree. When a tree grows on a boundary line, the property owners are considered co-owners. This means one owner can't cut down the tree without the other's consent and that expenses and responsibilities are shared.
- ◆ If a neighbor considers a tree a nuisance, a conversation is a good start toward resolving the issue. "Chat before you chop," Ms. Stromme advises, "You can trim up to the boundary line, even if the tree looks funny afterward, but you can't harm the health of the tree." Ms. Stromme also warned against trespassing, noting that cutting down your neighbor's tree carries a stiff penalty.
- ◆ Storm debris is the tree owner's responsibility. "Leaves happen," Ms. Stromme said, "but if your neighbor's tree threatens to harm you or your property, your neighbor is liable for foreseeable damage the tree causes." A tree owner is expected to recognize obvious problems, such as visible decay, cracks in the trunk, dead limbs or a dangerous lean. The owner is liable for negligence if these problems cause injury or property damage.
- ◆ When it comes to branches and power lines, utility companies have the right to trim or remove trees to keep power lines clear. However, the electric company will generally not trim trees along utility lines from pole to house, unless there is a safety hazard or emergency. A homeowner can contact the electric company to "de-energize lines" and/or hire a pro to trim trees under power lines.

## Breakfast with Betsy Hodges

The next Ward 13 breakfast with Councilmember Betsy Hodges is:

**Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 8a.m. at Pearson's Restaurant**

Special guest, **Jim Farstad**, will be at the breakfast to provide an update on Wireless Minneapolis.

## Burglary Prevention Tips

A great percentage of reported burglaries in Fifth Precinct are a result of unforced entry, including unlocked or open doors and windows. Prevention measures can be taken to drastically reduce the occurrence of opportunity crimes.

### Home Security:

- **Lock your home, apartment, or garage doors and windows at all times**, even if you are at home.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight. This includes laptops, wallets, keys, or anything that may contain personal information.
- **Record make, model, and serial number on your valuables.** This information can greatly assist in recovery of items. Photographs may also be of assistance.
- Secure windows and doors in homes and garages.
- Use deadbolt locks with at least a 1" throw on all exterior doors. Use 6" strike plates and 3" case-hardened screws that enter the studs behind the doorframe.
- Pin or add auxiliary locking devices to windows and sliding glass doors.
- Place an opaque material over garage windows.
- Install a solid core door with a deadbolt on garage service door.
- Secure overhead garage door tracks with a padlock.
- Consider using timers on lights, radios and/or a TV when you are away from home.
- If you have a security system, use it even while at home. Dogs can be a deterrent as well.
- Know who is in your home; service providers and contractors should do background checks on their employees.

### Yard Security:

- Do not leave valuables on porches, in yards, or in other unsecured areas of the home.
- Light up all home entry points. Utilize or add exterior lighting that eliminates shadows and hiding spots.
- Leave outdoor lights on overnight or install lighting that operates from dusk till dawn.
- Keep shrubs, bushes and hedges trimmed down to a height of 3' or less. Keep all flowering trees trimmed up to a height of 6' or higher.

### How to report a burglary:

Call 911 to report a burglary, whether or not you witness the burglary in progress. Note missing items, suspect description, tools, objects, or DNA evidence left at scene, possible time and date of occurrence, video surveillance, etc.

For additional tips and resources, see [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/) or contact Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist, 612-673-2815.

## Pershing Park Update

**Winter Program Registration** – Registration for park programs will be open at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10th. Programs will be available for viewing on Friday, Nov. 30th on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website, [www.minneapolispark.org](http://www.minneapolispark.org).

**Winter Sport Registration** – Registration is open for Pershing/Linden Hills (SWAC) Basketball, Wrestling and Hockey. Register online at [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info) or mail in your registration to the SWAC P.O. Box listed on the form. Forms are available at Pershing Park, Linden Hills Park and on-line at [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info). For basketball specific questions, please call Pershing Park at 370-4928. For hockey and wrestling questions, please call Linden Hills Park at 370-4913.

**The Pershing Park building will be closed on the following dates in 2007: Friday, Nov. 23, Monday, Dec. 24-Friday, Dec. 28.**

**Breakfast with Santa** – 8:30–10:30 a.m. – Saturday, Dec. 8th – Free. Make an ornament for the tree or for a gift. Write, decorate and hand your letter to Santa and capture the moment with a picture. The event will include breakfast with pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Please register online at [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org), in person or by phone by Saturday, Dec. 1st.

