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Friends of Fulton Honored

The tenth annual Friends of Fulton Awards were presented at the Fulton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on September 10, 2008. The awards highlighted the contributions made to Fulton neighborhood. Congratulations and thanks to:

Nancy Malone is a long time resident of Fulton and a wonderful ambassador for the neighborhood. She has been an excellent resource and welcomer to all neighbors, new and old! She especially loves the children and takes great care of their well being.

Tony Mann is a member and tireless volunteer for both the Fulton Community Engagement and Environment Committees. Last year's Fall Festival was more successful for his canvassing local businesses to donate silent auction items. He provided tables and chairs for the festival so that FNA would not have to pay for them. This year, Tony worked all three days of the plant sale – donating pots, delivering flyers, assisting neighbors with planting and delivering purchased plants for buyers.

Phil Rader has been the resident architect as well as committed volunteer on the Zoning committee for the past 2 years. He has been an integral team member in variance review discussions, the development of the 2007 Fulton Residential Design Guidelines, and the subsequent residential design B.L.E.N.D. awards. Not only did Phil offer valuable input about other design contest entry forms, rules and guidelines, he developed the name for the awards, has been the point of contact for the press & public, and has organized & hosted the juried judging each August. When the committee faced reduced membership in 2008, Phil stepped up to the plate to make sure the second annual B.L.E.N.D. award did not fall by the wayside.

Susan Troha contributes to the Fulton Neighborhood News by proofreading and writing articles. She is also a member of the Environment Committee, volunteering her

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Arts Funds Available

The Fulton NRP Committee has identified approximately \$7,500 remaining in the "neighborhood arts" account, which has gone unused for a number of years. The suggested purposes for the funding are quite broad -- ranging from activities such as music, dance, film and art performances or workshops to temporary or permanent art installations in the Fulton Neighborhood.

A new committee, the Fulton Arts Committee, has been formed to determine how the money will be spent. The Arts Committee will hold a community meeting at the Pershing Park Arts & Crafts Room on December 11th, 7-8:30 p.m to hear comments on how the funding should be used, and receive proposals. Interested parties can contact Jeff Alden at 612 920 1896 or Lynn Steele at 612 924 9269.



FNA Coordinator Needed

The FNA Board is looking for a new Fulton neighborhood coordinator. The coordinator should be knowledgeable of grant application procedures and technologically savvy.

If interested, please contact us at
info@fultonneighborhood.org
or 612 922 3106 for a more detailed job description.

Education Grants Awarded

The Fulton Neighborhood Association has developed a grant program, funded by the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, to enhance educational activities in the community. The Education Committee awarded more than \$40,000 in grant funds to a total of 10 organizations. Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

Academic Success and Leadership, Southwest High School—The Academic Success and Leadership Program serves 45 9th and 10th graders that exhibit barriers to their educational achievement due to health issues, homelessness and family problems. ASLP is designed to help students achieve academic success, social competence and self confidence.

Basketball Equipment, Lake Harriet Community School—Outdoor basketball equipment will now be available at LCHS for use in physical education classes!

Education Supplies, Southwest Community Education—Grant funding will provide program supplies for the "Super Summer Program." Some of the supplies include: pottery wheel, Lego robotics kits, AV televisions, and miter saw.

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Used Book Drive

LHCS 6th grade Girl Scout troop #10443 is collecting used children's books and magazines for



kids at People Serving People. They need board books, picture books, easy readers, comic books and current magazines. Sixty percent of PSP residents are under the age of 18 and the average age is seven. Drop-off boxes are located in the offices at both campuses of Lake Harriet Community School until Thursday, November 6. (Lower campus: 4030 Chowen Ave. S. Upper campus: 4912 Vincent Ave. S.) After November 6th and through November 20th, contact Troop Leader Susan Stehling, 612-928-0729 for book pick-up.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

2008 Fulton Festival

Despite the rain, many people attended the 2008 Fulton Festival and had a great time! Many thanks to Marc Holtey and 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.

Thanks to all who volunteered, setting up, shucking corn, serving food and cleaning up. Without their help, the Festival would not have been possible. Special thanks to the **Community Engagement Committee**, which has worked all year to organize the Festival: Steve Young (Chair), Kris Johansen, Nikki Kenney, Tony Mann, Mary Nolte, Terry Sauer, Lynn Steele, Rhea Sullivan and Joe Wolf. The 2009 Fulton Festival will be held on September 12, 2009. If you'd like to help plan the 2008 Fulton Festival, e-mail community@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

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Silent Auction: A huge thank you to everyone who solicited donations. Many thanks to these businesses and residents who donated an item(s) to the Silent Auction:

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FNA Board Update

Elections for the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors were held at the annual meeting on September 10, 2008. Welcome to new FNA Board members **Charles Donly** and **Erle Savage**. Congratulations to returning Directors **John Finlayson**, **Bill Kerker**, **Nick Mark**, and **Linda Romine**. Many thanks to outgoing Board members **Taunya Nelson** and **Tom Steele** for their service to the neighborhood.

FNA Officers were elected at the October 10 Board meeting. Officers for 2008 are: **Nick Mark**, President; **John Finlayson**, Vice President; **Erle Savage**, Treasurer and **Kathy Ollivier**, Secretary.

Friends of Fulton Continued . .

time at the plant sale, delivering flyers, attaching tree tags to new trees, busting buckthorn and helping at the Fulton Festival.

Mary Weeks has lived in the neighborhood for over 30 years and her neighbors say she is the heart of their block. She coordinates the block party, brings all of the paper goods, grill, and chairs. When a member of our block family was dying from cancer last year, Mary was coordinating meals and chores to help out. She is the first one to bring all of us together through e-mails or calls when we need to ban together as a community, such as when graffiti appeared on our garages regularly. Mary coordinated a meeting with the SW principal and the Crime Watch Officer to discuss what to do.

Education Grants, Continued . .

Green Team, Southwest Community Education—The Green Team is a group of students that seek to 1) experience environmental issues first-hand through field trips, and 2) educate grade and middle school students about environmental concerns.

Key Skills, Lake Harriet Community School—The Key Skills Learning System Program is a software program that enhances reading and math curriculum while integrating and embracing today's changing technological environment.

Language Arts, Lake Harriet Community School—This grant will provide language arts textbooks for 7th and 8th graders at Lake Harriet School's upper campus.

Minnesota and Twin Cities History, Lake Harriet Community School—This grant will provide 6th graders with resource books from the Minnesota Historical Society, field trip transportation, and technological equipment that will be used in the field.

Roots of the Community, Lake Harriet Community School—Roots of the Community seeks to reinforce the positive image of Lake Harriet Community School for families and businesses in Fulton. Brochures, lawn signs and vehicle stickers will be used to promote the Lake Harriet Schools.

Social Studies Alive!, Lake Harriet Community School—Social Studies Alive! is a curriculum program that provides and intensive study of US social issues. The curriculum will be used by 100 4th grade students.

Study Buddies Plus, Southwest Community Education—The Study Buddies are Southwest High students that work with 10-15 LHCS Lower Campus students on their reading skills. Grant dollars provide stipends for the tutors.

Snow Shoveling Reminder!

As we prepare for winter, please remember residents of single-family and duplex properties are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after snowfall. Apartments and commercial property sidewalks must be cleared within 4 hours of last snowfall. For seniors or disabled residents, contact the Senior Ombudsman for information, at 612-673-3004, or Trust Handiwork, at 612-827-6150. There is a fee for services provided. For more details about the City's snow shoveling rules, visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/snow-shoveling-rules.asp>

Help Keep Emerald Ash Borer Away

Before buying firewood from vendors, ask to see their City license. The City of Minneapolis is trying to prevent infestation from an insect that could threaten 20% of all trees in the city. The insect has already been discovered in Wisconsin, but has not yet reached Minnesota. If the bug makes its way here via out-state firewood or other means, Minnesota could lose 867 million trees. For more information on this pest, contact the MN Dept. of Agriculture hotline to "Arrest the Pest," 651-201-6684, or check their website, www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab.htm

FNA Needs Your Help!

Are you skilled in web design? If so, the FNA wants you!

The Fulton Neighborhood Association is redesigning its website and is looking for someone to help them with this project. If you have experience with web design and are interested in helping out, please contact:

Tara Kumar

612-922-3106

tkumar@fultonneighborhood.org

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.

Congratulations Mary!

Mary Nolte, chair of the FNA Environment Committee, was recently honored by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board for her volunteer work on behalf of the forestry department. With her leadership, the Environment Committee has hosted plant sales, ensured that neighborhood trees have been mulched and watered and engaged in numerous other activities to help keep Fulton green.

Garden Tip: Leaf 'em Alone

Think twice before you carry those bags of leaves to the curbside. Instead of having them hauled to a municipal compost site, why not mulch them with a lawn mower into your lawn? They will help protect the crown of turf grass plants, add new nutrients to the soil and protect any nutrients you may have added through fertilizing. To prevent the matting of leaves and protect turf from mold, try to chop fallen leaves frequently with a power rotary mower. As long as you avoid buildup around tree or shrub trunks, you can leave the leaves where they fall in and around shrub beds. Think of mimicking the natural landscape. If you must, rake the leaves and collect them into a simple compost bin and add them to your garden as a surface mulch next fall. You'll soon discover that composting is actually natural, simple and fun!

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Festival Silent Auction items still available!

Due to the rain there were items that either did not receive bids on or we could not read who won the item. Here is your chance to bid on items. Please email Kris Johansen (kris@lamosse.com) the item you would like and your highest bid. The deadline is December 1st.

Automotive	Item	Value	Min Bid
1- All J's Tire Center	4 wheel balance and alignment	\$80.00	\$16
2- Dunrite Automotive	20- Gift Certificate	\$7 or 15%	\$5
Education & Health			
3- 50th & France Chiro	1 hr Cosmetic Acupuncture Facial	\$250.00	\$50
4- Acupuncture Health Center	2 - Gift Card	\$50.00	\$10
5- Curves for Women	Basket of goodies & 1 month membership	\$75.00	\$15
6- Lynn Steele	Modeling consult	\$150.00	\$50
7- Snap Fitness	health assessment & one personal training session	\$225.00	\$45
Hair			
8- James Loren Salon	Halo & Kenra Product	\$45.00	\$9
9- Marty's Barbers	Set of Shampoo & conditioner	\$33.00	\$7
Home & Design			
10- Bayers Do It Best Hardware	One Gallon of Paint	\$30.00	\$6
Photos & Framing			
11- Calhoun Beach Framing	Gift Card	\$25.00	\$5
12- Tiny Acorn Photo Studio	Gift Certificate	\$100.00	\$20
Restaurants & Food			
13- Breadsmith	12 loaves of bread	\$72.00	\$14
14- Woullets Bakery	Gift Certificate	\$25.00	\$5

Pershing Park Update

Winter Park Program Registration – Begins Monday, December 8 at 6:00 PM. Registration is available online at www.minneapolisparcs.org, in person or over the phone at 370-4928. Information on winter programs will be available at www.minneapolisparcs.org, beginning Monday, December 1.

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 13 – 8:30-10:30 AM - FREE. Make an ornament for the tree or a gift. Write, decorate and deliver a letter directly to Santa. Enjoy a breakfast with pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Please register online at www.minneapolisparcs.org, in person or by phone by Thursday, December 11th.

Park Closings — The Pershing Park building will be closed the following dates in 2008: Friday, November 28; Wednesday, December 24-Wednesday, December 31.

Congratulations to Peter Froehlich and Peter Groff who won the Gold Medal in the doubles competition at the Special Olympics Fall Games! Peter Groff finished 3rd in the singles competition and Peter Froehlich finished in 4th place.

Each year, Pershing Park has the opportunity to honor a teen volunteer at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board "Teen Volunteer Recognition" Banquet. This year, Malia Svoboda was recognized as Pershing Park's honoree. Malia is a Fulton resident and volunteered throughout this past summer. Congratulations to Malia!

Get Help with Weatherization

Southwest Community Education's "Green Team" of Southwest High School students will be assisting Fulton Neighborhood senior citizens (62+) with weatherizing their windows. You can contact the Southwest Community Education office at (612) 668-3100 to schedule them to properly install plastic on the inside of your windows on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in November or December. You provide the plastic and the Green Team students will do the rest! This is one way Southwest Community Education wishes to acknowledge and thank the FNA and the Fulton Neighborhood for their NRP support of our Green Team.

