



News

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The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

Fulton Neighborhood News is published every other month by a committee of the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) with funding from the Fulton Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).

FNA is a nonprofit organization created by and for the residents and businesses of the Fulton neighborhood. Its board meetings are held: **The 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park—all meetings are open to the public.**

Fulton NRP is an organization of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Its committee meetings are held: **the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Pershing Park.**

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2004 Friends of Fulton Awards

The sixth annual Friends of Fulton Awards were presented at the Fulton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on September 8, 2004. This year twenty-one individuals were honored for their generous work on behalf of the Fulton Neighborhood. Congratulations and thanks to these individuals:

Meg Cowden

Meg is a new resident of Fulton who has jumped right into making this a safer and more welcoming community. During the past year, she revived the Fulton Block Club and coordinated the assembly of new Welcome Packets. Meg is also a new member of the FNA Board of Directors.

Nancy Evert

Nancy served as chair of the NRP Implementation Committee for two years and was instrumental in organizing and accomplishing Fulton's Phase II Action Plan. Nancy, a lawyer who specializes in non-profit law, recently assisted the neighborhood in updating its bylaws to comply with new state laws.

Barb Ryan

Barb is the block leader for the 4700 block of Washburn Avenue South. She organizes National Night Out in August and also hosts a separate get-together every spring to get neighbors together after the long winter. Her warmth and care make the 4700 block of Washburn a wonderful place to live.

Kalsalbro - Hosmer Brown, Bob Kalland and Robert Sykes

Kalsalbro's generous donation of the northern lot of 5048 Ewing to the neighborhood provides much-needed parking for the adjacent business district. Bob Kalland passed away this year and his son Kurt Kalland, pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, accepted the award in his father's memory.

50th Street Restriping Group - Tom Broder, Dave Delvoye, Ted Dorsey, John Finlayson, Lynn Gaspardo, Gary Gustafson, Richard Heinke, Bob Hunter, Bob Kruta, Michelle Martin, Peter Nussbaum, Marlene Parks, Nancy Russell, Kathy Shea and Steve Young

The 50th Street re-striping took seven years from inspiration to implementation. Getting a workable plan in place to make 50th Street safer took the hard work of more volunteers than we could possibly name, but these dedicated residents and business owners would not give up until they came up with a plan that balanced the interests of safety and a thriving business community.

FNA/NRP Membership Update

Elections for the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors were held at the Annual Meeting on September 8, 2004. Welcome to new FNA Board members **Meg Cowden, Nick Mark and Linda Romine**. Congratulations to returning Directors **Pat Bogusz, John Finlayson and Bill Kerker**. Many thanks to outgoing Board members **Tom Broder, Mike Metz and Tom Steele** for their service to the neighborhood.

Welcome also to **Lynn Gaspardo**, new member of the NRP Implementation Committee and chair of the West 50th Street Business Association. Kudos to outgoing NRP committee volunteers **Nancy Evert, Leslie Gibson and Drew Lamosse** for sharing their time and talents with their community.

The Holidays are Coming

Consider Participating in N.I.P.'s Adopt-A-Family Program

“Adopt” a family and provide newly purchased, wrapped gifts and food to a family in need during the holiday season. Individuals or groups are “matched” with a family in need. You will be provided with the first names and ages of each person and items on their holiday wish lists. For confidentiality reasons, sponsors and families do not meet. Adopting a family can be a very meaningful activity for your family or a group of friends or co-workers. For more information, call Loretta A., Neighborhood Involvement Program, at 612-374-3125, Ext. 233.

Volunteer Opportunities through N.I.P.

The Neighborhood Involvement Program is looking for volunteers to help with these youth programs:

Study Buddies is an afternoon tutoring program that works with children in grades 3-5 at Minneapolis Public School sites.

Good Grades and Games is an Extended Day Tutoring Program for students grades 1-5.

Study Friends is an evening tutoring/mentoring program that works with students in grades 3-9. This program focuses pairing students with trained, positive, adult role models who provide one-to-one academic assistance and mentorship at a community study site. Tickets are provided for pairs to attend sporting events, museums, theater performances and more. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 4 hours/month (1 hour per week.)

To find out more, contact the Youth Programs staff at 612-374-3125 or e-mail youth@neighborhoodinvolve.org. Check out the website at www.neighborhoodinvolve.org.

Max's Run for a Reason

Saturday, November 13, 2004

A 5K Run and 2K Family Fitness Walk
Benefiting the Sudden Unexplained Death
in Childhood (SUDC) Program

For more info, go to www.maxwellbest.com.

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Block Leaders/Contacts

Need Welcome Packets?

Pick them up at Pershing Park
in the FNA storage cabinet.

Questions? Call Rhea, 612-922-3106.



Fulton Fall Festival 2004

If you weren't there you missed a great party. The weather was wonderful and the crowd had a great time. We estimate over 700 people attended -- a great turn out for this event! Thanks to everyone who participated, especially the volunteers who made this a great day for our neighborhood.

Thanks to our festival committee members for all their hard work & dedication: **Leslie Gibson, Karen Howell, Sharon Spartz, Rhea Sullivan, and Rae Ann Vandeputte**. If you'd like to help plan next year's event, call Rhea at 612-922-3106 or e-mail community@fultonneighborhood.org.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us the day of the event.

Jeff Alden	John Farrell	Mike Howell	Judy McGraw	Mary Rogers
Quena Batres	John Finlayson	Bill Kerker	Mike Metz	Nancy Russell
Pat Bogusz	Ahndi Fridell	Susan Krahn	Wendy Muilenberg	Terry Sauer
Joe Borman	Kay Grady	Ernie Lewis	Mary Nolte	Grace Theisen
Judy Brink	Tom Hanson	Kris Lindholm	Nora Pederson	Nora Thompson
Dave Delvoye	Karen Howell	Larry McGraw	Ann Rogers	

Special thanks to our entertainers during the first annual Fulton Talent show! It was a HUGE success!

"The Amos Girls"	Jazz singers - Sunny Ackert and Demitra Gilbertson
Atomic Flea - Mike Senkovich and Eric Kreidler	Magician - Brian Alexander
"Code 612" - Chris Engh and Noah Pepper	Storyteller - Julianne Schwietz
"Greased Lightning" - Girl Scout Troop 2571	

Thanks to our community partners for entertaining us with the children's games:

Southwest Community Education	Boy Scouts, PAC 46
Pershing Park	Lake Harriet Community School for the tables and
Girl Scouts, Troop 2571	sound equipment

Thanks to businesses and residents that donated an item for our silent auction! We raised over \$800; 60% of that will benefit the Lake Harriet Community School Media Center. The remaining balance will be used in Fulton.

All About Home Color Consultation, Susan Krahn	Marathon Sports
Another Look Re-Sale Boutique, 50th & Xerxes	Minneapolis Southwest Community Education
B. Moore Jewelry	Next Wave Media, Laura Niemi
Blizzard Ski & Snowboard School, Minnetonka	North American Banking Company, 50th & France
Broders Cucina Italiana, 50th & Penn	Nu Look Consignment, 50th & Penn
Calhoun Beach Framing, 50th & Penn	Paperback Exchange, 50th & Penn
Cookies By Design	Patina, 50th & Bryant
Creative Memories, Rae Ann Vandeputte	Pearson's Edina Restaurant, 50th & France
Dairy Queen, West 50th Street	Julianne Schwietz, Life Coach and Storyteller
Edina Grill, West 50th Street	Slim and Tone Fitness, Linden Hills
Tina Erickson	Southwest Firestone, 50th & Xerxes
Emily Nagan-Stelzner, Gourmet Desserts	Spalon Montage, Edina
Lake Harriet Florist, 50th & Penn	Sharon Spartz
The Malt Shop, 50th & Bryant	Stems & Vines, 50th & Bryant

Special thanks to the following businesses:

Broder's Cucina Italiana and Geek Squad for putting up our banners.
Dunn Brothers for the great coffee.
Michelangelo's Pizza and Paradise Pizza for advertising our event.
Sunnyside Gardens for donating the hay for our scarecrows.

The following people were the lucky winners of a \$100 savings bond from North American Banking Company, 50th & France:

Janet Place	Amy Blackmore
Hannah Evanson	Michael Eiden
Patrick Schulte	Julia Kloehn
Andrew Koller	Cece Metzdrorf
Ginny Schwake	Laura Hankey



LHCS students and volunteers clean up the prairie on a work day this fall.



Tending the Prairie Garden

The Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus Prairie Garden has received some much needed attention this fall from a group of concerned parents, neighborhood Master Gardeners, school staff, and volunteers. The ad hoc committee, organized by LHCS parent Madalyn Cioci, has prepared a plan for maintaining the prairie which includes annual weeding days in July and September, periodic aeration and planting of grass seed and additional prairie plants in the Spring of 2005.

A key element of the plan is to encourage the use of the prairie garden as an educational tool. In that spirit, three weeding sessions were led by Master Gardeners Mary Zeleny Arimond and Diane Jensen in October with grade 6/7 science classes taught by Deb Bahl Moore. Another educational component for next spring is the development of laminated information cards about prairie plants, designed for student use.

Pershing Park Happenings

Pershing Park is going online with winter registration (www.minneapolisparcs.org) beginning December 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Be watching at the park for more news about how to register. Winter programs run from January 20 - March 18, 2005.

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 11 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Come write and decorate your letter to Santa. Santa will be on hand to collect them. Breakfast will be served for \$4/person. Register now as space is limited.

Parent Tot Time - November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8, 15 from 10:00 a.m. - noon, FREE

The weather is getting colder and outdoor time is scarce. Come and enjoy the multi-purpose room and let your preschoolers run off some excess energy. Parents are required to be with their children.

Adult Cards - Wednesdays, now until December 8 from noon - 2 p.m., FREE

Want to get out of the house? Bring your friends or come make new ones. Play Cribbage, Rummy, 500, Canasta and other fun card games.

Dinner Network Seeks to Build Relationships

Ever wondered who your neighbors were north of 94 and 394? The Dinner Network is your chance to find out! A project of the PEACE Foundation, the Dinner Network is designed to bring small groups of people from North/Northeast Minneapolis and Southwest Minneapolis together to break bread and build relationships. People in North/Northeast Minneapolis will host dinners (6-12 people, or larger if families wanted to meet) with people from Southwest Minneapolis, and people from Southwest Minneapolis will host similar dinners with the same group. Each person would host and be hosted by the people in their group at least once. The project would go for one year with no goal other than people meeting and getting to know one another.

This is a great way to meet neighbors from across Southwest Minneapolis and across the city while building our community and making new friends. And all you need to do is eat dinner a couple of times! For more information, or to sign on to host or attend dinners, please contact Betsy Hodges at betsyhodges@visi.com or 612-925-5999.