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Fulton residents attended October 27 CES workshop

Community Energy Services *Another Fulton Success Story*

Fulton's partnership with the Community Energy Services (CES) residential home energy program has been a great success. Over 140 homeowners attended recent workshops to learn techniques to save money and energy in their homes.

"I thought it was terrific that so many people turned out. We were really pleased to be able to use some of our NRP housing money this way, and glad that we decided to partner with the Center for Energy and Environment," said Jeff Alden, FNA Board and Housing Committee member, after a recent CES workshop.

Participating homeowners receive a \$400 package for a co-pay of only \$20. This package includes a home energy visit from two energy professionals who spend 1-1/2 hours with the homeowner.

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Affordable Housing Options *Fulton Partnership with CLCLT*

Finding an affordable home in Fulton need no longer be a dream. Through Fulton's Homebuyer Initiated Program (HIP), up to two more families will become City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) homeowners in the Fulton neighborhood. This program offers families the opportunity to purchase houses currently on the real estate market with the help of two grants. The first grant provides the homebuyer up to \$110,000 to put towards the purchase of a home. The second grant provides up to \$25,000 to rehab the houses purchased through HIP.

In exchange for the HIP grants, the participating homebuyers agree to the community land trust model of homeownership. Through the model, the homeowners take title to the house while

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FULTON FARMER'S MARKET?

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Are you interested in having a Farmer's Market in Fulton?

Join a group of like-minded folks who are exploring the possibility of a summer market for fresh, local foods and a "Winter Farmer's Market" for seasonal foods/items.

Contact us by e-mail at community@fultonneighborhood.org or call Rhea at 612-922-3106.

West 47th Street

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During the home visit, they perform a blower door test, which measures air leaks in the home, and install energy- and money-saving materials. Some of these materials include: compact fluorescent light bulbs, set-back thermostats, low-flow showerheads, gasket seals, safety caps, pipe insulation and more. In addition, CES provides financing, incentives, and rebates for those wishing to complete larger projects such as insulation or a furnace replacement. To see Fulton's financing options, visit www.fultonneighborhood.org and click on the link on the top page.

A second round of workshops will be held in early March. Look for the announcement in the January *FNN*. For more info, contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org.

Fulton Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer Fulton homeowners this comprehensive program. Funding for this project was provided by, among other sources, the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

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the CLCLT takes title to the land. Both parties enter into a 99-year ground lease agreement - this arrangement gives the homeowner full rights and responsibilities to and for the land. It also ensures that the home will remain affordable to all future buyers.

Interested households must earn gross household income less than 50% of the median income (\$41,950 for a family of four) to be eligible for HIP.

Contact CLCLT for more information on income restrictions and how to qualify and apply for the Homebuyer Initiated Program. Visit the website at www.clclt.org or call 612-721-7556 x18.

Pershing Park Update

SWAC Winter Sports Registration is Open

Register through the mail or online at www.swac.info. Mail-in registration forms are available at Pershing Park.

Winter Park Program Registration

Program registration begins on Monday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. for park programs. Winter programs will be available online on December 1 at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Upcoming Special Events

Breakfast with Santa – Sat., Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., \$3.
Please Note: Register in advance online or call 612-370-4928.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



Mary Nolte: Watershed Hero

Mary Nolte, pictured left, with Doug Mensing of Applied Ecological Services. Mary was honored recently by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for her "Outstanding Contribution." This is one of the organization's top honors.

Mary has worked tirelessly over the past six years to promote and support improved rainwater management in Fulton neighborhood and the greater metropolitan area.

Friends of Fulton 2009

Award winners recognized at FNA Annual Meeting

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Friends of Fulton award winners who were honored at the FNA Annual meeting on September 9. Kudos to these amazing volunteers who make our neighborhood such a special place to live, work and play:

Kristine Johansen - Kristine has chaired the Festival Silent Auction for a number of years. Kristine's charm and community spirit help us connect with our businesses for this important fundraiser.

Nancy Lo - Nancy collects the recycling that the city won't accept from her neighbors, sorts it and takes it to the appropriate place. Nancy also worked hard to reduce our Festival waste this year.

Nick Mark - Nick has been on the FNA Board since 2003 and FNA President for the past two years. Nick's policy-savvy leadership is one of the reasons FNA is such a successful neighborhood association.

Mary Nolte - Mary is the Chair of the Fulton Environment Committee. She coordinates the Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale each year. This key fundraiser earned \$3,600 for boulevard tree planting this year.

Theresa Punyko - Theresa's beautiful gardens (including a rain garden) are legend in Fulton. She has also donated to the Festival Silent Auction. Her artistry helps make Fulton a great place to live.

Robert Thompson - Robert was our very capable NRP Specialist for many years. We are grateful for his many years of intelligent service and wise council in helping Fulton navigate the waters of NRP.

Cheryl-Shrader Bogen - Cheryl is a caring and compassionate neighbor, much beloved, who keeps her block connected, volunteers at the schools, and acts as host to many fun neighborhood gatherings.

Members of the Fulton Zoning Committee and Friends were honored for the creation and expansion of FNA's successful B.L.E.N.D. Awards. Huge thanks to these dedicated individuals:

- ◆ Current Fulton Zoning Committee members: Paul Bardal, Ellen Berner, Gavin Poindexter, Phil Rader and Gregg Sougstad
- ◆ Past Zoning Committee members: Camille Benoit, Richard Hermann
- ◆ Friends of the newly-expanded award: Dan Sweeney (Armatage), Michael Dietrich (East Harriet Farmstead), and Tony Meysenburg (Kenny).



Year of the Dragon

The Fulton Festival Food Drive produced a whopping 1,450 lbs. of food and \$250 in donations for the Joyce Uptown Food Shelf. Jane Elias of Simply Jane Art Studio led the creation of our first ever Fulton Fall Festival food sculpture, pictured here. Thanks to all who contributed food, money & creative energy. Congratulations to Stacie Vandermyde who won the \$100 gift certificate to the Fulton business of her choice.

Fulton Festival Thanks

We are so grateful for all of the volunteers, businesses and other community partners who worked together to make the Fulton Fall Festival 2009 such a wonderful success.

First off, a huge thanks to our Community Engagement Committee. What an amazing team! We applaud Steve Young, Committee Chair, and volunteers: Marc Holtey, Kristine Johansen, Tony Mann, Lisa McCleary, Mary Nolte, Terry Sauer, Lynn Steele, Doug Stewart, Rhea Sullivan and Joe Wolf.

Also many thanks to our wonderful corps of volunteer food servers, ticket sellers, silent auction monitors, temporary tattoo-ers, pony guiders, climbing wall supervisors and all who gave a couple hours to make this festival a success. We could not put on a festival without your gracious help.

Thanks to our fantastic entertainment: Shout (Lake Harriet Methodist Church band), Peace Child Musical, Kevin Anthony & the Twin City Playboys, Don White and Blues 211.

The Fulton Festival was made possible by the generous donations of the following sponsors and contributors. ***Please thank them by patronizing their establishments.***

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