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# NEWS

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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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## Annual Meeting & Board Elections

*September 12 at Pershing Park, 7 p.m.*

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Avenue South. Come and elect new board members for the coming year and honor this year's Friends of Fulton and BLEND Award recipients.

Fulton residents aged 18 and older are encouraged to run for the FNA Board. Five seats with two-year terms are open. Individuals who reside or own property in the Fulton neighborhood, or who are the sole designated representative of a business, religious institution, or school in the Fulton neighborhood are eligible for membership in FNA.

For more information or to add your name to the pre-printed ballot call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106 or send an e-mail to [info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).

**Fulton Fall Festival**  
**Saturday**  
**September 15, 2007**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Pershing Park**  
**48th & Chowen**

*See insert inside*

## Thanks Rhea!

Rhea Sullivan has been Fulton's neighborhood coordinator for three years. She is moving on this fall to pursue her writing career. Rhea helped Fulton complete its NRP Phase II Plan and led numerous projects, such as the rain garden grants and showcase, establishing a community land trust home, and recruiting and empowering a strong network of volunteers. Thank you for keeping us moving ahead and accomplishing our goals. Good luck Rhea!

## BLEND AWARD WINNERS

*Fulton Award Recognizes Great Home Design*

The Fulton Neighborhood Association announces the selection of three projects for its first neighborhood design award, called BLEND, that recognizes builders, architects and designers whose projects respect existing neighborhood design aesthetics.

An award ceremony to honor the winners will be held during FNA's annual meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 12th, 2007, at Pershing Park on the corner of W 48th St. and Chowen Ave. S.

*Go to page 2 for a list of project winners*

## New to the 'Hood?

### *A Fulton Welcome Packet awaits you!*

A Welcome Packet, full of valuable coupons and information, is waiting for you.

Call 612-922-3106 or e-mail  
[info@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:info@fultonneighborhood.org).



We look forward to meeting you and invite you to attend our monthly meetings.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

## BLEND Award Winners, con't.

The selected projects include properties at:

- 5308 Russell Ave. South
- 2515 West 52nd Street
- 5257 Washburn Avenue South



FULTON B•L•E•N•D AWARD  
BUILDINGS and LANDSCAPES ENHANCING  
the NEIGHBORHOOD through DESIGN

Eligible projects included new buildings and remodels, renovation or additions to existing buildings that have been completed since July 1, 2002 within the Fulton Neighborhood boundaries.

A jury of design professionals and a neighborhood resident selected the projects that adhere to the design guidelines developed by the committee in March 2007.

BLEND stands for Buildings and Landscapes Enhancing the Neighborhood through Design. "These selections illustrate the spirit of the BLEND award. By awarding these homes we hope to encourage others contemplating building new homes or remodeling an existing home to give consideration to the neighborhood and the adjacent homes. These projects show how you can meet the needs of modern family lifestyles while blending into the architectural context of an older neighborhood," said Phil Rader, AIA a member of the neighborhood zoning committee that organized the award. "All of the projects submitted, not just those we selected, are of a high quality," added juror Scott Newland.

Photos and briefs of the selected projects, along with quotes from the jurors about each of them can be found at [www.blendaward.org](http://www.blendaward.org).

## Southwest Senior Center

### *Vision Impairment Resource Fair*

### *Friday, September 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.*

If you or someone you know has trouble seeing, you'll want to be sure to come to the Vision Impairment Resource Fair at the Southwest Senior Center, 3612 Bryant Avenue South. There will be speakers and information booths. You'll get a chance to see the latest tools that can help improve the lives of people with vision loss. The fair is sponsored by VOA of MN, the University of MN Ophthalmology Department, with funding from a Minneapolis Foundation grant. Call Mary Ann at 822-3194 for more information

- ♦ Call ElderRide at 332-9544 to schedule a ride
- ♦ Call 824-5512 to reserve a lunch

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

# Bancroft Condominiums Update

## *50th St. & Chowen Ave. Development*

*By John Finlayson, FNA President*

Questions have been asked recently about the progress, or lack thereof, on the Bancroft project on 50th Street West at Chowen Avenue South. There are concerns that the lack of activity indicates that there is something wrong about the project itself. This is not necessarily the case. The current real estate market may be the problem and not the project itself.

*Why have they not started building? Why is this a vacant lot?*

The answer is construction financing. Currently banks are requiring that 50% of the units in a condo project be sold before construction funds can be released. This protects everyone. The bank does not lose its money on a project that did not work and the developers do not lose their investment in the property.

*How many units have to be sold before construction begins?*

There are 2 proposed buildings with 26 units per building for a total of 52 units on the site. The developer can elect to build one building at a time. The developer, Mr. Tom Lohmann, states that the current plan is to build one building at a time. In order to begin building, half the units, or 13 units must be presold. No one knows when this will happen.

Would we have been better off, as a neighborhood, if this was a less expensive project that was finished and sold out? This is a matter of opinion. To me, a less expensive project would probably be a series of rectangular shapes with vinyl siding over stick frame construction (wood) and devoid of interesting features. The project, as proposed, would have a reinforced concrete set of bones with good quality masonry and stone exterior.

If anyone has additional questions, the Fulton Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at Pershing Park at 48th and Chowen.

## 9-11 Tribute Concert 2007

*September 11, 7 p.m., Lake Harriet Bandshell*

The sixth annual "9-11 Tribute Concert" will take place at the Lake Harriet Band Shell, 42nd Street and W. Lake Harriet Parkway, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11. There will be a special tribute to the 35W bridge disaster victims, their families, First Responders, rescue/recovery teams and heroes. Fulton residents Frank Vascellaro and Amelia Santaniello, the husband and wife news anchor team of WCCO-TV, Channel 4, will host the program. Manny Laureano and John Hoffacker will conduct.

## Trees, Neighbors and the Law

### *Free Workshop*

*Wed., Oct. 3, 7 p.m.*

Lorrie Stromme, an urban forestry professional and lawyer, will present information that will help you manage issues and resolve conflicts regarding boundary trees, shrubs, and other plants that lie between properties. The workshop will be held at Pershing Park.

Please register in advance by calling 612-922-1591.

## Solar Panels in Seward

*Sept. 22 at Matthews Park*

The first photovoltaic (PV or solar) panels on a park building in the Twin Cities metropolitan area are generating electricity and graphic readouts of the energy produced.

At Matthews Recreation Center, the solar-generated electricity reduces the building's reliance on conventional sources of electricity. The Heliotronic viewer system monitors short and long-term energy production of the panels in relation to season, sun angle, and weather conditions and produces graphs of the amount of energy produced. Energy production is also monitored by a reverse meter installed by Xcel Energy; this meter allows the MPRB to be credited for the electricity generated by the panels.

To celebrate the completion of this long-standing project, there will be a dedication ceremony at 1:30 p.m. during the neighborhood's biennial King's Fair in Matthews Park, E. 24th St. and 29th Ave. S in the Seward neighborhood.

Public demonstrations of the Heliotronic viewer system will be offered hourly beginning at 2 p.m. by a member of the Seward Neighborhood Group Environment Committee.

# Back to School Bus Safety

The Minneapolis Park Police Department is urging families to discuss bus safety rules with their children and remind motorists to pay attention to current bus safety laws. Children who know the procedure of where they can wait and how to walk around the bus have a better chance at beating the odds of becoming the victim of a potential accident. Motorists who become more aware also can help with school bus safety.

## Important Safety Tips:

- ♦ Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop in order to pick up or drop off passengers. Vehicles should slow down and prepare to stop.
- ♦ When a school bus is stopped with red flashing lights and a stop arm extended, vehicles from all directions must stop until the lights are turned off and the stop arm is retracted.
- ♦ Before boarding, passengers should wait for the bus driver to indicate it is safe to approach and board the bus.

## Pershing Park Update

**New Director**—My name is Marc Holtey and I will be serving as the Pershing Park Director. I've been with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board full time for 8 years. Most recently, I served as the Park Director at Linden Hills Park. I served at Bottineau Park and Logan Park in northeast Minneapolis from January 1999-June 2004. I'm excited to serve the community at Pershing Park. Pershing has a solid combination of staff, programs, events and community use and involvement. I can be reached at [mholtey@minneapolisiparks.org](mailto:mholtey@minneapolisiparks.org) or at Pershing Park (612) 370-4928.

**Preschool Halloween Party** – Wednesday, October 31 – 10-11:30 a.m. – Free. Parent participation and supervision is required.

**Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday, December 8 – 8:30-10:30 a.m. – Free – Make an ornament for the tree or 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.

**Lakes, Creeks and Carburetor Leaks (Environmental Program)** – Wednesdays, September 19-October 10 – 4:30-5:30 p.m., Ages 9-12, Free. Sponsored by Minneapolis Public Works. Discover where water pollution comes from, learn about wetlands, “tag” the storm drains as we alert the neighborhood to where rainwater goes.

**Go Girl Go** – Wednesdays, September 5-December 5 – 4:00-6:00 p.m., Grades 4-6, Free. The Go Girl Go! Project combines physical activity with an educational intervention that focuses on reducing and preventing health-risk behaviors. The goal is for girls to make healthy choices. Girls will participate in the *Lakes, Creeks and Carburetor Leaks* program for the community service component of the program. (No Class on October 31 or November 21)

**Adaptive Art** – Wednesdays, September 12-December 5 – 7:00-8:30 p.m., Ages 6-12. This program is offered for families with child with disabilities and their siblings. Each week, we will explore a different art medium to express ourselves. Create a project and take it home. Space is limited. Parent participation is required. (No Class on October 31 or November 21)

