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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 10th at Pershing Park, 7 p.m.*

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at Pershing Park, 48th Street and Chowen Avenue South. Come and elect new board members 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. Six 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). You can also add your name to the ballot at the beginning of the Annual Meeting.



**Fulton Fall Festival**  
**Saturday**  
**September 13, 2008**

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

*See insert inside*

## BLEND AWARD WINNERS

*Fulton Award Recognizes Great Home Design*

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

An awards ceremony to honor the winners will be held during FNA's annual meeting at 7:00 p.m., Sept. 10th, 2008, 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 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, cont'd

The selected projects include properties at:

- 5041 Chowen Ave. South
- 5001 Queen Ave South
- 4857 Upton 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, 2003 within the Fulton Neighborhood  
boundaries.

The 2008 BLEND Award Jurors were Ashley Mitlyng, Acacia Architects,  
LLC; Eric J. Hansen, AIA; and Patrick Mackey, Mackey Malin Archi-  
tects. Many thanks to the jurors for their participation.

BLEND stands for *Buildings and Landscapes Enhancing the Neighbor-  
hood through Design*. The name and the award represent Fulton resi-  
dents' recognition of interest in their neighborhood and encouragement  
of progress while balancing a need for compatibility with existing resi-  
dences. 'Blend' is a word we hear often as people talk about how they'd  
like new construction to fit into their neighborhoods.

The award reinforces design guidelines written by FNA's zoning com-  
mittee in March 2007 which also mirror changes to the Minneapolis  
Zoning Code sponsored by Councilmember Betsy Hodges' to curtail the  
most criticized practices of builders.

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).

## Keep Fulton Green — Please Water Your Trees

The Fulton Environment Committee has placed tree  
water reminder signs throughout the neighborhood.

Please watch for these signs and use their appearance  
as a reminder to water those young trees. Using a hose  
on a slow trickle for approximately 1/2- 1 hour once a  
week works best.

This is also a good time to replenish the mulch around  
the base of the tree. Free mulch is available from the  
city at various parks. For more information contact the Fulton Environment Com-  
mittee via the neighborhood website at [www.fultonneighborhood.org](http://www.fultonneighborhood.org)



France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

# A Letter from Council Member Betsy Hodges

Greetings, Fulton neighbors!

As fall approaches, a couple of important things are happening at the City I'd like to let you know about. The Mayor recently announced his proposed budget, and the Council will be making decisions about the future of neighborhood funding and governance.

The budget is the most important piece of policy I work on as a Council Member. My foundation is a budget based on principles. That means making sure that our budget is structurally balanced, that we're paying off our debt responsibly and vigorously, and that we are making decisions within our stated financial policies. All fiscal decisions, both regarding taxes and expenditures, are built upon that solid foundation.

As we set the levy this year, I am mindful of the pressure residents are feeling in their property tax bills. In an era of reduced state aid and increased need, when the City's budget has been cut to the bone so much we are now simply cutting bone, it is nonetheless important to find ways to responsibly ease the property tax burden on neighbors.

Once those questions are answered, it then becomes a series of decisions about where we as a City should be spending the dollars we **\*do\*** have.

When I met with the Mayor this year about my priorities as he was putting his budget together, I told him the same thing I told him last year when we met: investment in our infrastructure is crucial at this time in Minneapolis' history. Our budget has been so stretched in the last six years that only now is the stretched-out timeline for street maintenance becoming painfully evident. We must maintain our commitment to the public safety dollars we've committed in recent years, but now it is time to turn our attention to the basic needs of public works. In addition, as a member of the NRP Working Group, I think it's crucial that we find funding for neighborhoods beyond 2009.

The NRP Workgroup, on which I serve, presented our final recommendations to the Council on July 24th, in the form of a document called the Framework for the Future. The Framework addresses key issues regarding administration, governance, and funding of an on-going neighborhood revitalization program. Key features are a new City department to administer all of the City's community engagement efforts, a new Neighborhood and Community Advisory Board, and two new funds for discretionary neighborhood spending in addition to basic dollars for neighborhoods to use for their own administrative needs.

I hope you all are having a great summer. Feel free to call my office if you need anything, and I look forward to seeing you at the Fulton Festival in September!

Betsy Hodges

## 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).

## Volunteer Block

### Facilitator Needed

Many thanks to Tim Walton who has done a great job as Block Facilitator. Tim has to step down, so we are looking for a replacement. This is a great opportunity for someone who prefers to volunteer from home rather than attending meetings.

Block Facilitator responsibilities include: 1) Maintain list of all Fulton Block Contacts and recruit new contacts as needed; 2) Keep welcome packets updated and ensure packets are delivered to new homeowners via their block contacts; and 3) Send welcome letters directly to new homeowners on a bi-monthly basis.

Interested? Contact Tara Kumar at 612-922-3106 or [tku-mar@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:tku-mar@fultonneighborhood.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## 9-11 Tribute Concert

The Seventh Annual 9-11 Tribute, "Our Community Remembers", will take place Thursday, **Sept. 11th at 7pm at the Lake Harriet Band Shell**. It will be an evening of music and remembrance of the events that took place on 9-11-2001. There will be a march for the young people. All who participate will receive an American Flag to wave. The evening concludes with a candlelight vigil, "God Bless America", and a few fireworks. Plan on arriving early as the event is attended by more than 2,000 people each year. For more information on the tribute concert, visit <http://ourtribute911.com>.



### 5K Run/Walk for the Lake Harriet Band Shell

People for Parks is hosting the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk for the Lake Harriet Band Shell on **Sunday, Sept. 7th**. Participants are welcome to run, walk, jog with their dogs and/or push a stroller for this family event. The race begins at 11 a. m. All proceeds from the race are dedicated to the long-term preservation of the Lake Harriet Band Shell and its surroundings. More information is available at [peopleforparks.net](http://peopleforparks.net).

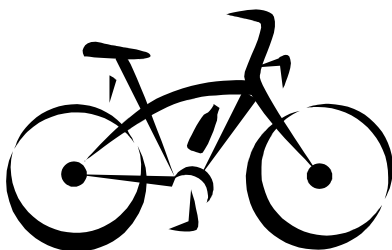
## Pershing Park Update

**Fall Program Registration is now open.** Programs can be viewed online starting at [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org). Register online, in person or over the phone. Please call 370-4928, if you have any questions.

### Children's Special Events

- Release Field Trips (check on-line at [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org) for specifics or pick up a summer program at Pershing).
- Pre-School Halloween Party – Friday, Oct. 31 (10:00-11:30 a.m.). Please note: Linden Hills Park will be hosting a Halloween Party from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

**SWAC Fall Sports Registration** – Some space still available for Volleyball and Soccer. Inquire at Linden Hills Park (370-4913) for Volleyball, Fundamental Soccer (K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade) and Squirt Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and Pershing Park (370-4928) for 11 and Up Soccer.



**Minneapolis Bike Tour** – Sunday, Sept. 14 (7:00-9:00 a.m. Start Times). The tour benefits The Foundation for Minneapolis Parks. For more information, please visit [www.minneapolisbiketour.com](http://www.minneapolisbiketour.com)