

# News

September 2004

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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Rain or Shine

**Fulton Fall Festival**  
**Saturday, September 18**  
**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Lake Harriet Community School**  
**50th & Washburn**

*Savor the flavor of Famous Dave's BBQ - \$6/plate*

This is a **FREE** event for everyone – kids and adults alike!

- Wondering what your antique item *really* is? Bring a treasure and have it appraised at our Fulton "Antique Roadshow" (3:00-4:00)
- Enjoy the sounds of Stomp N' Dixie (3:00-5:00)
- Local talent show (5:00-7:00)
- Saddle up! **FREE** pony rides and a petting zoo.
- Ride the **GIANT** slide!
- Games! Games! Games! (For kids and the young at heart.)
- Browse crafts from local artists and vendors.
- Silent Auction to benefit Lake Harriet Community School and Fulton Neighborhood.
- Check out scarecrows created by LHCS students.
- Talk to political candidates.

For more information, call Fulton's new coordinator, Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106.

**Fulton Annual Meeting/  
Board Elections**

*September 8, 2004 - 7 p.m.*

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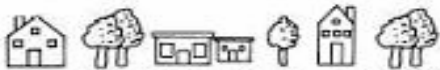
## **GetBoB Candidate Fair**

***October 12, 6-8 p.m., Burroughs School***

Getting to the Bottom of the Ballot (GetBoB) is organizing a community candidate fair to promote voting and provide voters the opportunity to engage with candidates for the Minnesota Legislature, Minneapolis School Board, and judicial candidates. The candidate fair is planned to bring back the old-style political social concept that has disappeared with the advent of the media. The focus at the event will be fostering one-to-one conversations between voters and candidates, so candidates will be stationed on the floor in front of information tables to be accessible to meet the public.

GetBoB is a local, nonpartisan, nonprofit that began its work in Southwest Minneapolis two years ago in order to provide information to residents about “bottom of the ballot” offices, elections, and issues. This year GetBoB continues its work to: 1) Help the Southwest community promote citizen involvement in local issues and elections, 2) Motivate and educate individuals to express their civic voices, and 3) Increase overall voter turnout by reaching citizens with varying voting experience.

Burroughs School is located at 1601 West 50th Street.



## **F•U•L•T•O•N Block Club**

The Fulton Block Club’s mission is to link neighbors to neighbors and blocks to blocks, to promote community and to maintain and enhance the safety of the neighborhood. Watch future issues of the *Fulton Neighborhood News* for updates on Block Club happenings. Fulton Block Club Facilitator Meg Cowden recently coordinated the assembly of a new batch of Welcome Packets. Thank you, Meg!

If you’re:

- ◆ New to the neighborhood and haven’t received a Welcome Packet
- ◆ A block contact and you haven’t got your updated Welcome Packets
- ◆ Not sure who your block contact is...

send an e-mail to [blocks@fultonneighborhood.org](mailto:blocks@fultonneighborhood.org) or call 612-922-3106.

## **Buckthorn Removal Event**

***October 9, 9-12 a.m.***

This year Fulton is sponsoring a joint buckthorn maintenance event with Linden Hills. Meet at the intersection of Linden Hills Blvd., 40th Street and Queen Avenue on Saturday, October 9 at 9 a.m. We will be working in the meadow area of William Berry Park and also near the trolley tracks. No prior experience with buckthorn is required. Identification tutoring will take place on site.

Bring a snack (if you want it), gloves (a must), and a dandelion digger or weed hound if you have one (though the Park Board will provide some other tools.) Water will be provided. If you’d like to help maintain this historical woodland which Thoreau once visited, call Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106.

# **FNA Annual Meeting/Board Elections**

## ***September 8, 7:00 p.m. – Pershing Park***

Don't miss the Fulton Neighborhood Association's annual meeting on September 8, 2004 at Pershing Park, 48<sup>th</sup> and Chowen Avenue South. Join your neighbors to elect new FNA Board members, vote on revisions to the FNA Bylaws, and honor Friends of Fulton award recipients. All Fulton residents (and business owners/property owners) are eligible to vote.

Any Fulton resident or business owner who is at least 18 years of age can run for a position on the FNA Board. Six positions are open this year. Members serve a two-year term. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Pershing Park. For more information, or to be added to the pre-printed ballot, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106 by September 1.

FNA has proposed changes to its bylaws in order to comply with state laws. To review the proposed revisions to the FNA bylaws, visit our website at [www.fultonneighborhood.org](http://www.fultonneighborhood.org) or pick up a copy at the UPS Store or at Pershing Park.

## ***Pershing Park Happenings***

Fall Program registration is now under way. Classes will begin the week of Sept. 20. New preschool programs this fall include: Parent Tot Time (ages 0 to 4), Lapsit Storytime (ages 0 to 24 months), Start Smart Baseball and Basketball classes (ages 3 - 5).

For adults, the building will be open beginning Wednesday, September 22 from noon to 2:00 p.m. to drop in and play cards.

- ◆ Adult First Aid - Wednesday, September 29 from 5-9 p.m., \$35.
- ◆ Adult CPR - Wednesday, October 27 from 5-9 p.m., \$35.

Other events:

- ◆ Pershing Halloween Party - Sunday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. FREE!
- ◆ Family Kickball - Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. beginning September 22.
- ◆ Tour de Lakes - Bike, skate or walk on Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning September 22.
- ◆ Parent's Play Time - Dinner and conversation, Fri. September 24 & Mystery Adventure, October 22.

## **Lake Harriet Concerts**

9-11 Tribute - Saturday, September 11, 7 p.m. [www.our911tribute.com](http://www.our911tribute.com).

Lake Harriet Live! - Sunday, September 19, noon - 8 p.m. [www.lakeharriettlive.com](http://www.lakeharriettlive.com).



***Rain Garden  
Tour 2004  
Landscaping for  
Rainwater Management  
September 10-12, 2004  
8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.***

***5008 Chown Ave S***

***5240 Beard Ave S***

***4740 Beard Ave S***

***5016 Chown Ave S***

***5241 Chown Ave S***

***3601 West 49th St***

***What is a "Rain Garden?"***

A rain garden is a garden that soaks up rain water, mainly from your roof, but also from your driveway and lawn. When it rains, the garden will fill up with a few inches of water and the water will slowly filter into the ground. This natural filtration system will help prevent pollutants like fertilizers from running off your yard and into storm sewers and eventually into Lake Harriet or the Minnehaha Creek. Rain Gardens also can help reduce the chances for street flooding in the neighborhood.

***Take the Tour!***

Take the Fulton Rain Garden Tour and learn more about rain gardens and other innovative approaches to rainwater management being promoted by the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA). Using Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funding and a grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, FNA developed a project to encourage homeowner improvements to managing how the rainwater flows on and off residential property.

The purpose of the tour is to showcase two years of work in developing neighborhood rain gardens and to teach residents about the benefits of landscaping to manage rainwater. With all the hard surfaces in our urban environment, we need to provide a space for rain to go.

There are many options a homeowner can consider to contribute to environmentally-friendly rainwater management, from rain gardens to rain barrels to gutter redirection. These techniques, ranging in simplicity and ease, are effective in holding and filtering rainwater. And homeowners can enjoy the low-maintenance beauty and natural benefits they bring to an urban yard.

***How Do I Learn More?***

On September 10, 11 and 12, you will be able to see firsthand examples of rainwater management techniques in various stages of completion at homes in Fulton neighborhood. You will also be able to see the garden designs, learn about their features, details of installation, and approximate costs. Go to any of the homes to pick up a guide for the tour and materials about the project. For more information, call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3106.