



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 7p.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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After the Election
Thinking Locally Year-Round

Follow the Money II . . .

From the State Deficit to the City Budget

As we learned in our first After the Election seminar titled *Follow the Money*, city officials have been working for the past year to restore financial health to Minneapolis in the face of a serious city budget deficit. Now an unexpectedly large state deficit may create further fiscal challenges for the city. **Council Members Barret Lane and Scott Benson** will lead a panel of Southwest state legislators, including **Senators Scott Dibble and Jane Ranum, and State Representatives Frank Hornstein and Paul Thissen**, through a discussion about how the state deficit will affect Minneapolis.

Tuesday, February 18th, 2003

7pm to 9pm

Southwest High School—Community Education

*This seminar is the first of six local-issue presentations planned for 2003. Look for information about future events at www.fultonneighborhood.org. This effort is sponsored by Southwest Citizens for Civic Engagement, a partnership of neighborhoods organized by Fulton neighborhood, and Southwest Community Education.

Fulton Neighborhood Website Up!

Check out fultonneighborhood.org

Fulton neighborhood has launched its first interactive website. Check it out and learn more about the opportunities for getting involved in your community.

If you would like to receive updates and announcements about important issues facing Fulton neighborhood, please send an email to list@fultonneighborhood.org. You will receive notices about projects in the neighborhood, funding and planning updates, announcements about special events, and updates about important community issues facing Southwest Minneapolis.

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"Focus Minneapolis" Approved

Development Reform to Begin in 2003

The Minneapolis City Council approved Focus Minneapolis - a major initiative aimed at making the City's planning and community development functions more effective, responsive and accountable. The Council approved the resolution on an 11-2 vote on September 13th, 2002.

Focus Minneapolis will guide the City through the following actions:

- ◆ Create an Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) to oversee, coordinate and streamline all City planning and development activity; and incorporate the functions of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency into the department.
- ◆ Create a Development Services Department to make it easier for residents, businesses and developers to do business with the city. The city will evaluate which functions of the current Regulatory Services department to include in this new department by Jan. 1, 2003.
- ◆ Establish housing and economic development as the City's top development priorities; and commit the City to setting specific, measurable goals during its strategic planning process this fall.
- ◆ Strengthen management and decision-making processes to improve strategic planning and focus development activity on these development priorities.
- ◆ Evaluate incorporation of functions of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), Regulatory Services and the Department of Health and Family Support into the CPED organizational structure.

The City has begun this process by appointing Lee Sheehy as Minneapolis's Interim Community Planning and Economic Development Director to serve jointly as Executive Director of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency. Sheehy currently serves as the Metropolitan Council's regional administrator and chief operating officer. He directs the council's planning, transit and sewer functions and oversees an annual operating budget of \$550 million, an equivalent capital budget and about 3,800 employees.

An evaluation process commenced on January 1, 2003 when the City Coordinator and Interim CPED Director began working with the affected agencies and departments to prepare for Council consideration, recommendations regarding whether to incorporate functions of the NRP, Regulatory Services and the Department of Health and Family Support into the CPED organizational structure, as well as recommendations regarding long-term position of the CPED Office within the City's larger organizational structure. For more information, visit the City's website at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Armatage Winter Festival

Celebrate Winter with Your Neighbors to the South

Armatage Neighborhood Winter Festival

**Sunday, February 23rd
1 -4 pm**

Armatage Park, 57th & Russell

Packed with doldrums-busting activities for everyone, including:

5k Run—Silent Auction—Rock Climbing Wall—Bingo—Food—Basketball—Snow Sculpting—Fun Runs—Pet Tricks—Moon Walk—Caricaturist—Carnival Games—Hobby Information—Face Painting—Clown

Tons of great prizes will be given out all day from area businesses like Penn Cycle, Lunds, Hub Hobby, Settergrens, Wagners and many more! Enter to win a bike from Penn Cycle!

Call (612) 668-3206 for more information.

City News

What's Happening in Minneapolis that Fulton Neighbors Need to Know?

Minneapolis Ski Event Planned

The first ever *City of Lakes Loppet* (Loppet is Swedish for ski race), a 35k cross-country ski race, will wind through Minneapolis parks this winter. This celebration of winter and cross-country skiing will happen on January 31 and February 1. The race begins at the newly planned cross country ski trails in Theodore Wirth Park, takes skiers through beautiful and unusually remote areas of Minneapolis parks and trails and eventually ends at the channel between from Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun. No other city in America could create such a scenic and diverse course. If all goes well - and the snowfall cooperates - the City of Lakes Loppet could become a national event.

Activities will include the main 35k event and a Minne-Loppet 10k family ski on Lake Calhoun. Another unique feature planned is "Loppet's Best Neighborhood" - a competition of the 11 neighborhood associations along the course for the best on-course distractions for the skiers. Mayor R.T. Rybak envisioned the Loppet after skiing in an event last winter and it has been organized through private sponsors partnering with the Mayor's office and the Minneapolis Park Board. For more information about this unique event, go to www.cityoflakesloppet.com.

Snow Alert Email Notice

Sign up Now

Get a jump on Minneapolis Snow Emergencies! Subscribe to receive a FREE e-mail notification service being provided by the City of Minneapolis and receive an e-mail as soon as the City officially declares a Snow Emergency. The notification will also direct you to Snow Emergency parking regulations and other Snow Emergency information. Residents are urged to subscribe to their home, work or school e-mail addresses so that they can increase their chances of seeing the alert quicker. To subscribe, visit the City's website at:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/esubscribe.asp.

Council Member's Report

Did you know . . .

- ◆ That for the second straight year, a Brown University study rated the City of Minneapolis website to be the **best e-government site** among the nation's 70 largest metropolitan areas? Stop by for a visit at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us. To visit the Ward 13 page, click on the "Elected Officials" link on the City's homepage. There is extensive information about the ward's neighborhoods and issues as well as articles and links to help you learn more about your community and city.
- ◆ That five Ward 13 neighborhoods are the **5 safest neighborhoods** in Minneapolis? In 2000, each neighborhood's crime rate (crimes per 1000 in population) was calculated. Linden Hills and Fulton tied for 75th, Lynnhurst ranked 77th, Armatage 78th, and Kenny 79th. In the 5th precinct (which serves the 13th Ward), in 2001 crime declined below 2000 numbers. So far this year crime has continued to decline.
- ◆ Residents cannot leave **unattached trailers** on the street? If not attached to a car or truck it will be ticketed. Why? Unattached trailers can damage streets, harm people, and are attractive to vandals and thieves. Please attach your trailers and/or store them in your driveway or garage.
- ◆ That your CCP/SAFE team will provide a **free home security check**? They also hold crime prevention seminars for homeowners and businesses. To learn more call Off. Jabra Kawas and Robin North (for Fulton, Armatage, Lynnhurst, and Kenny) at 673-2861 or Off. Scott Shepard and Jennifer Nesemeier (for Linden Hills and West Calhoun) at 673-2820.

Fulton Neighborhood Association

What it means to you . . .

The Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Board is an elected body dedicated to the following purpose:

- ◆ encouraging and supporting community involvement in the Fulton neighborhood
- ◆ improving the residential, educational, and economic status of the community
- ◆ functioning as a non-partisan, non-sectarian community action group keeping residents informed of proposals that affect the neighborhood
- ◆ coordinating and publicizing activities in the community
- ◆ facilitating needed programs and projects in the interest of neighborhood betterment
- ◆ representing the Fulton neighborhood before city boards, commissions, and other governmental entities as needed

All neighborhood residents, businesses, and institutions are invited to participate in the activities of the association. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors of FNA are scheduled for **7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month** at Pershing Park, Chowen Avenue at West 48th Street. For more information, leave a message on the Fulton Neighborhood Line, (612) 922-3106 or email to: info@fultonneighborhood.org.

New Member Elected

In a special election on November 13th, Pat Bogusz was elected to serve a two-year term on the Board. The opening on the Board was a result of an election error from the September regular board elections. Five members were elected at that meeting, instead of the six needed to fill the seats up for election.

Standing Tall in Fulton

A New Column Introducing Neighbors

Beginning in the March 2003 edition of FNN, a new column will be published focusing on our neighbors in Fulton. We will chat with neighbors who Stand Tall in Fulton and highlight who they are, how they ended up here and what they value most in our neighborhood.

We are looking for individuals who we can present in this column over the next year. If you have any suggestions of neighbors you know who have lead an interesting life or would have something unique to share about our neighborhood, please forward them to the column writer, Michelle Mensing, at (612) 922-3106 or email to fnn@fultonneighborhood.org.

FNA Board Member Profiles

Jon Bogen, Secretary

Real Estate Broker & Developer; Lake Harriet School PTSA Board, Minneapolis Affordable Housing Task Force

Pat Bogusz

Business Manager, Industrial Coatings at the Valspar Corporation; Fulton Garden Club member

Tom Broder

Owner of Broders' Cucina Italiana & Southside Pasta Bar

John Finlayson, President

Real estate appraiser with private company; serves on the city's Board of Adjustment.

Kim Keilholtz, Vice-President

Workforce Diversity Consultant at Xcel Energy; serves on several social service agency Board of Directors and the MN Board of Nursing

Bill Kerker

Owner & operator of landscaping company, Kerker Inc.

Sharon Spartz

Court reporter for Hennepin County District Court; Union steward for court reporters

Tom Steele

Owns and operates a lawn care and snow removal company.

Gregg Sougstad

Senior Project Engineer for a private company; Southwest Community Schools advisory council

Steve Young

Owner of 50th & Ewing Shops and other neighborhood shopping venues; Real estate broker

Lenny Queiroz, Treasurer

Field support and customer relationship manager for Avendra LLC; Fulton Buckthorn Bust volunteer and charity golf tournament organizer.