

University Grove Homeowners Association Annual Meeting  
Come and join your neighbors

Tuesday, 15 October 2013  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Falcon Heights City Hall  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue

### **Agenda**

**Approve Agenda**

**Approve 2012 Minutes (see below)**

**President's Report (Steve Taff)**

**City of Falcon Heights Report (Mayor, council member, city administrator):** parking study, ice rink and seating, Grove park issues

**University of Minnesota Report:** golf course renewal, status of "Bell Museum site," possible track and field relocation

**President's Report (Steve Taff):** thank yous, relationships with City and University, certificate of insurance, possible changes to management of Commons and proposed increase to annual Lease fee.

**Treasurer's Report (see below) (Don Lee)**

**Communications Officer's Report (Karen Kloser)**

**Other Issues, to be announced**

**Election of Officers (Karen Kloser)**

(Nominations can be made from the floor: nominees must have agreed to serve if elected)

Nominations as of October 1, 2013:

- President: Mike Bougie
- Vice President: Ken Winters
- Treasurer: Damon Anderson
- Secretary: Carol Klee

**Closing**

**Refreshments**

UGHA dues \$25 can be paid at the meeting- Please bring cash or check (Note: if you paid last year for 2 years, you do not need to pay this year- if you can't remember, we can look it up.)

#### Homeowners' Reminders

Lease approval required:

- Tree trimming or landscaping
- U of M listed as "Lessor" on homeowners insurance - Any questions, contact the U of M Real Estate Office
- Grove Lease Insurance Requirements (verbatim):
  1. Maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on all improvements at 100% of the full insurable value of said improvements, which insurance shall name REGENTS OF THE UNIVERISTY OF MINNESOTA as an additional loss payee as its interest may appear.
  2. Maintain general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000, which insurance shall name REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA as an additional insured and as an additional loss payee as its interest may appear.
  3. Provide the University (c/o Real Estate Office, 424 Donhowe, 319 15th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455) a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage described in 1 and 2 above, at commencement of the land lease and upon the renewal of each policy.
- Pets, weeds, snow/ice removal
- Maintain the commons, following current Lease provisions

## University Grove Homeowners Association Treasurer's Report

2013 annual report  
sept. 17,2013

	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Balance of Assets</b>	\$8235.74	\$4711	\$2700	\$1800
<b>income</b>				
membership dues	\$3360	\$2600	\$2575	\$1540
web postings	\$1000	\$750	\$1150	\$700
interest	0	minimal	\$0.36	\$0.36
MNHS home tour	\$300	\$250	\$250	
closing U account	0	\$231		
total gross income	\$4660	\$3831	\$3975.36	\$2240.36
<b>Expenses</b>				
info officer	\$986.10	\$1830	\$2560	\$1889
web maintenance	\$125	\$125	\$185	\$250
national night out	\$23.27	\$59.82	\$19	\$78
spring picnic	\$203.12	\$332.96	\$200	\$116
annual meeting	\$100(est)	\$90		
misc	-	\$26.17	\$159	\$44
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$1437.49	\$2463.95	\$3040	\$2396
<b>income Less Expense</b>				
	\$3222.51	\$1368	\$935	(\$155)

59 of 103 homes paid 2 years last year. 40 paid one year dues. plan is to change to 2 year dues all the time for everyone.

dues collected from 99 of 103 homes.

info officer expense does not have 4th quarter included. probably closer to \$1600.

**2012 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:36pm

**2012 Agenda:** moved, seconded, approved

**2011 Minutes:** moved, seconded, approved

**President's welcome**

The Board represents Grove residents in dealings with UMN, the City of Falcon Heights, and the world. It is a conduit for concerns. It assists with real estate marketing. It hosts parties and organizes neighborhood cleanup efforts.

Cooperation over past year was great.

**Communications Officer's report:**

Events: Spring Park Clean up and BBQ, University Grove Home Tour, Night to Unite.

Home Tour July 2013 needs more volunteer houses and a Grove resident pre-tour is in the works.

Homes sold: 1564 Vincent, 1603 Northrop, 2292 Folwell

Thanks to Block Captains for gathering information for directory update

In memorium: Condolences to the families of Gene Mason and Herb Pick, Jr.

**Treasurer's report:**

Beginning of fiscal year: \$2,700; current balance: \$4,700; income: \$3,800 (home tour donation, UMN account and savings account closed out and deposited, dues, real estate web postings); expenses: \$2,400.

Dues: Pay \$40 for two years or \$25 for one year.

**City of Falcon Heights**

Mayor Peter Lindstrom

Introduction of Bart Fischer, City Manager

FYI: Larpenteur, east of St. Paul border with Minneapolis, was known as Bank Robbers Row 90 years ago.

Thanks to volunteers

Les Bolstad Golf Course: updated information will be posted on a website off the Falcon Heights City webpage (<http://www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us>; click "Zoning, Planning and Community Development" then click "U of M Les Bolstad Golf Course- present and future.") City government assures transparency in planning process.

Fire Department Study: It was launched after Grove Fire (February 2011). Its aim was to look at ways to improve or make more efficient the city's paid on-call fire department. Topics

addressed by the study include: response time, vehicles, and partnerships with other municipalities. Issues raised in the study to be resolved this fall.

Arts: Sidewalk Poetry Winner is Grove resident and amateur poet, Louella Hirsch. Her haiku will appear on the sidewalk on California Ave. Lion's Club is paying for stamp.

Sustainability: Falcon Heights is a Step 3 City (Minnesota Green Step Cities). Solar panels now provide 2/3 of power used at city hall. TenKsolar and 3M made the panels. There is an opportunity for solar bulk purchasing. If 10 households express an interest in buying panels before December 2012, they will be eligible for 22% discount.

Bus Rapid Transit: Snelling will be first road in region with BRT. Opticon Light Changer System will turn red lights to green as bus approaches. Riders will buy tickets at bus stop while awaiting its arrival. Route will link to Light Rail. Coming 2014.

Graffiti: City is working with the UGHA to remove graffiti along trolley path.

Bart Fischer, City Administrator, responded to residents' concerns.

Parking Signs: Signs have arrived and will be installed soon.

City hall parking lot lighting: flicker and inadequate illumination. It will be investigated.

Grove Park ice rink bench: Installing a bench is on Bart Fischer's to-do list.

Drainage: Problem areas will be addressed as infrastructure in areas of concern comes up for maintenance.

Grove Park playground: Two adult swings and baby swing on separate structure would be preferable to current configuration. Baby swing is too high and could be lowered with more links in the suspending chains. Bart will look into it.

## **Landscape**

Buckthorn: Rebecca Montgomery and her Forest Ecology Class have been busting buckthorn since 2010. About 2 tons of material have been removed and the work continues. In October, the students will identify buckthorn plants on the properties of interested Grove residents. Rebecca will double check for accuracy in tagging, then the plants will be removed, at residents' request. Plants will also be removed from the trolley path.

Traffic triangle: Many thanks to all who made the garden possible. The Grove kids' stepping stones are in the garden. The tall plants will be pruned back to improve visibility. Donations of plants, bulbs, divisions, cash and labor all welcome.

Contact Rebecca for details or with concerns.

Steve: Reminder that the lease states that property adjacent to commons is responsible for their care and maintenance (including clearing paths and stairs). Also, a U of M forester must give approval for all work done to trees. Contact Susan Weinberg in the Real Estate Office at 612-625-4539 or [weinberg@umn.edu](mailto:weinberg@umn.edu).

This year, the UGHA Board will seek clarification of who controls, maintains and is liable for commons areas.

## **Garbage contract**

Kevin Silverstein, King of Trash these past 8 years. The Grove has one trash hauler for 103 households. Every 2 years the contract comes up for renegotiation and renewal. This time,

there will be no vote as Allied Waste, the current hauler, still has the best rates by a large margin. The cost will increase 4% in the first year and 4% in the second. The Grove enjoys a discount of about 50% by bulk contracting with one hauler. You're welcome.

Recycling: Suggestions for dealing with challenging materials included listing items on TwinCitiesFreeMarket.org and freecycle.org.

### **University of Minnesota**

Representatives from the U of M were: Jan Morlock, Director of Community Relations; Peg Wolff, Coordinator; Michael Denny, Complex Project Manager; and Jon Steadland, Associate to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Initiatives and taskforce member.

Les Bolstad Golf Course: Recreational Sports has \$7.5 million budget which still needs to be funded. The report of the taskforce charged with setting priorities and establishing next steps is due in December 2012. The stated goals for the course are that it be a "quality course" that meets the needs the community while working within a self-sufficient business plan. No boundary changes. No land use changes. Challenges include how to rebuild/renovate the club house, rebuild other buildings, install new irrigation, solve drainage problems, and address distance from parking lot to club house.

Comments from residents: Cross-country skiing and running are important to the neighborhood. The trees are an important part of our history and the ecosystem. Is the chain link and barbed wire fence necessary? What happens if the money isn't raised to fund project?

Bell Museum at Cleveland and Larpenteur: No news. The new museum is designed and ready on paper. The plan has been line item vetoed twice. No other plans for the site made known.

Contact Peg Wolff with any questions or concerns at 612-624-6504 and wolff002@umn.edu.

**Other issues:** Japanese Beetle can't be eradicated.

**Election of officers:** Candidate list was moved, seconded, voted on and passed. We're here for another year!

### **Closing**

Adjourned at 9:05pm

\*Liberties have been taken with chronology.