

The view from here

LIKE most things in life, how we perceive something is directly proportional to our commitment to it. For the University Grove this is even more true: Grove residents care. The decisions we make now affect the future. Several pending opportunities will need our concerted input. Falcon Heights wants to refine a policy regarding trash pickup. The trolley line project between the golf course and Folwell Avenue needs discussion and resolution

Passionate about music

NAME a church in the Twin Cities and professional keyboardist Kathryn Ulvilden Moen has probably played on its organ. Name a country and there's a good chance she's played an organ there, too. In fact, Kathryn's played on the oldest playable organ dating from the 15th century in Sion, Switzerland.

At 83, Kathryn's 64-year long music career shows no signs of slowing. She's an adjunct music professor at UW River Falls since 1974, a substitute church organist, a member of the American Guild of Organists and the River Falls alumni choir, as well as an artist member since 1958 of the Thursday Musical of Minneapolis. Her next recital is with the Thursday Musical, a 100-year-old organization, where she will perform with three other organists on Feb. 26 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.*

Previously, she was an organist-choir-master at three Twin Cities Lutheran churches and at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Anthony Park. Her portrait hangs with five seminary pioneers for her distinguished service in music and influential service to the church. For the last 25 years, she's hosted the music section of the University Faculty Women's Club in her home with a program in May. In her "spare time," she takes cello lessons,

among Grove residents. Safe crosswalk and flashing lights at Cleveland and Hoyt avenues may be possible. All of these issues are critical to the safety and enrichment of our unique community, and I am certain will be resolved by our residents.

— Mike Hamerski,
president

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Todd Rhoades

after a 60-year hiatus.

Music is in her genes. Her mother, who died when Kathryn was 13, was a vocalist. Kathryn's niece was an opera soprano and performed worldwide and with Pavarotti at London's Covent Garden. Her dad, a Lutheran minister, played the saxophone in college and was a church choir director traveling from church to church on Sundays with Kathryn in tow. He was Kathryn's ardent supporter and mentor.

Kathryn learned piano at an early age. She graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa following three generations of relatives. She chuckled recalling her first job for a \$1,200 *annual* salary working as the high school librarian while teaching English, music and Latin. After getting a master's in music from Northwestern University in Chicago, she taught at her alma mater for 11 years. The daughter of

second-generation Norwegian immigrants, she went to Norway in 1949 to study organ. Barely home, she received a cable awarding her a Fulbright back to Norway for a year to study at the Oslo Konservatoriet. In 1954 she spent another year in Paris as a student of the renowned organist Andre Marchal, who was blind.

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*Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 12th and Nicollet, Minneapolis. The 10:30 A.M. event is free and open to the public.



A gift from Kathryn Moen's father, the 8-foot high organ pipes fill an entire wall in her home.

Lucky to be alive

Phil Raup was hit while in the pedestrian crosswalk of Como Health-Partners on Dec. 15 by an unyielding motorist. He suffered a broken collarbone and two ribs, and two severed tendons in his right knee. A Health-Partners nurse saw the accident and provided emergency medical care until an ambulance arrived. He recuperated at Presbyterian Homes until Jan. 3, when he was brought home. Phil is using a walker and anticipates full recovery.

Condolences

Clint Johnson passed away on Jan. 26 from cancer at age 90. Clint joined the University as a cost accountant in 1939 and was treasurer of the Board of Regents for 23 years. He retired in 1982 as acting vice president. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

New neighbors

Gary and Robin Wright, 2129 Hoyt, [REDACTED]. Robin is associate dean of faculty and academic affairs in the College of Biological Sciences. She is a professor in genetics, and cell biology and development. Gary is working for H&R Block and is looking for permanent employment. Since moving, he's been fine-tuning his golf game and seeking a golf partner. The Wrights previously lived in Seattle and have one son living there.

Seeking a webmaster

The University Grove Homeowners Association seeks someone to maintain its new website. Please contact Grove President Mike Hamerski, [REDACTED].

Kathryn Moen continued

Between travels she met Dr. Norman W. Moen, a childhood friend from when their mothers were friends. He was teaching history in the University's General College where he was on the faculty 41 years. He lived in the home of her organ coach. They married in 1957 and lived one year in Prospect Park. A year later, they rented their Grove house from J. and Viola Buchta who built it. Several years later, Dr. Buchta called the Moens, who were vacationing in Glacier Park, to offer them the house.

Glacier Park was the Moen's summer home for 25 years. Avid hikers and nature lovers, Norman and Kathryn often hiked an average of 100 miles each summer. Kathryn faithfully recorded their summer idylls compiling a stack of steno pads. Norman died in 1993 from cancer. He encouraged Kathryn to travel the world wherever she was invited.

During the summers of 1967, 1968 and 1970, she was accepted as a student at the international Zomeracademie voor Organisten in Holland. She was the only American and one of three Westerners enrolled in master classes for organists at the Conservatory of Music in Prague.

City news

MAYOR Sue Gehrz reported on Dec. 8, Grove residents **Greg Anderson** and **Cynthia** and **Russ Hobbie** graduated from the 21-hour Community Emergency Response Team training to assist their neighbors in a disaster situation. Please let them know how much you appreciate their commitment to us.

Based on months of input from Grove residents, the city is developing a design for improvements to the trolley path for consideration by the Grove Trolley Path Task Force and residents in March. This design is for an unpaved 6-foot wide pedestrian path, removal of invasive species, habitat restoration and vegetative screening. If approved by affected homeowners, the city would be asked to match a \$54,000 grant from the DNR to fund these improvements.

CURRENTLY, the Grove is one of two neighborhoods that are served by only one trash hauler. Multiple trash haulers collect refuse in the remainder of the city. On Jan. 28, the city council

In 1986 she recorded *Czech Organ Music*, which played on NPR. In 1989 she played 12 solo organ concerts in Norway as part of an U.S. exchange tour. Kathryn has performed in Canada, Italy, France, Germany, Israel, Austria, South Africa, China and Switzerland.

Her home is a visual tour of their world travels. The walls are decorated with prints of historical towns of Europe collected by her for Norman. An upstairs wall is a portrait hall of fame of Kathryn's famous teachers. Music and travel books fill bookcases and Kathryn admits to closets, file cabinets and drawers full of music. Above the mantel is an oil painting of the last streetcar that traveled on the Grove trolley tracks by Louis Safer, who lived in St. Anthony Park. Perched on a knoll overlooking Branston Street, sun radiants into the south-facing 1930s home where music instruments take center stage: a grand piano, pipe organ, harpsichord and cello. Kathryn's motto for aging is to keep active. As her neighbors can attest, she plants hundreds of tulip bulbs every fall for a brilliant display in the spring.

adopted a set of solid waste collection goals recommended by the Solid Waste Commission. In the next month, the council will decide whether to initiate a more formalized process. This will involve citizen and trash hauler input on the pros and cons of the city contracting with one or two haulers to serve the entire city and for studying environmental impact, cost and service level options.

DURING the last week of March, the city will be coordinating the first annual Falcon Heights Food Drive to restock local food shelves. The city is looking for homes on every block to make donating easy. On Sat., March 27, Lions Club volunteers will pick up food from the drop off sites and take it to Keystone Community Services (formerly Neighbor to Neighbor) at Fairview Community Center. If you are willing to be a Grove drop-off site, please contact city hall 651-644-5050 to be listed in a March flier.

Introducing the pet column

Everybody knows pets are people. No doubt, neighbors on opposite ends of the Grove have met because of their pets. In the dead of winter, we often can identify our disguised neighbors by their furry friend. If you have any pet news you'd like to share: new, dearly departed or otherwise, please contact the editor.

On that note, non-pet owner Kate Winters reported an orphan tawny tabby known to roam the Grove under two aliases has passed on to eternal lap heaven. "Sasha" was fed at the Winters household but was known as "Tulip" by Sue Spalding who maintained its litter box.

At the annual meeting, bird-watchers requested cat owners to put bells on their outdoor felines.

CERT sessions

The city will be offering its third CERT training class later this spring. CERT teaches basic skills that are important in a widespread disaster when emergency services may not be immediately available.

The training schedule is 6:30 - 9:30 P.M. starting Thursdays, March 18 - April 29. There is a \$15.00 charge to attend and those who complete the training will be provided with a kit of emergency response equipment worth \$130. To register, call city hall 651-644-5050.

Dues reminder

Thirty-four households have paid their 2004 dues. For the remaining 69 households, *please* bring or send \$10 to Jinny Massey, 2099 W. Hoyt Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. Make your check payable to University Grove Homeowners Association. The treasurer and our creditors will be grateful.

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