The view from here

In the past few months people have asked about several issues affecting University Grove residents. The trash hauling companies flood us with mail and the issue of the city contracting with a single hauler is still under study. The possibility of upgrading the trolley path concluded with the city withdrawing its proposal. The city put in a request to paint crosswalks with stripes on Cleveland and Hoyt leading to the field house. There has even been some inquiry into the possibility of new construction in the Grove. All of these issues are further evidence of the vitality of the Grove and its interest and involvement as a community. — Mike Hamerski, president

My Grove
By Marilyn Fenske Heltzer

We were the first generation of kids who lived in the Grove, back in the 40s and 50s. We moved to the Grove in 1947 and I quickly discovered three other girls my age: Carla Nordly Arny, Judy Piper, and Katie O'Brien. Okay, Judy lived across Fulham, but it counted because her dad was at the U. Carla and I went to Gutterson Grade School, Kay to St. Cecilia's, and Judy to Lauderdale. We all got together in 7th grade at Murray, where we graduated in 1954 and will (astonishingly) celebrate our 50th class reunion this summer. We were one of the last classes to graduate from Murray High, before our younger brothers and sisters went off to Alexander Ramsey.

The friendships that began way back then continue to this day. Katie, Judy, and I were last together in early October when we went to Santa Fe with three other high school friends to celebrate our 67th birthdays. Unfortunately Carla, who was undergoing cancer radiation treatments, was unable to go. (Carla passed away this year.) One of the other friends was Ann Snyder Bursch, whose dad founded the Minnesota Arboretum. She lived on Knapp Street in the Park and tells us that she used to cry because she didn’t live in the Grove! There were about a dozen kids living in the “old Grove,” bordered by Hoyt, Fulham, Polwell and Northrop. The newer part of the Grove was known as the “veterans’ village,” where several hundred Quonset huts, put up after World War II for men and their families back from the war, were going to school on the GI bill. My guess is the mature trees now there were planted by these young families. For me it was prime babysitting territory: 25 cents an hour, with “Your Show of Shows” on television on Saturday nights.

We moved to the Grove from Morris, where my dad was the superintendent of the old West Central School of Agriculture, now UM-Morris. We lived at 1570 Vincent in the Clara Brown house. Clara was a home economics professor who built the house and later married Dr. Arny. They sold the house to my parents. For years, we called it “The Brown House” and not because of its brown shingles. Here we were in the city in a neighborhood full of fabulous people: chemists, psychologists, deans, vice-presidents, writers, inventors and the great Bernie Bierman himself. Joy of joys, Carol Ryrie Brink lived just around the corner from us. I loved Caddie Woodlawn, and was in awe that right up there, in one of those rooms behind the

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New neighbors
Randy and Mary Zimmermann, (current phone number) Randy is the new director of international programs at the Carlson School of Management. Mary is owner of MZ Communications, offering marketing communications and related services for nonprofits. They have three sons, John, 11, William, 8, and Joe, 6, who attend Adams Spanish Immersion school. The Zimmermanns currently live in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood and will move in July 1.

Condolences
Betty Johnson, wife of Clint Johnson, passed away March 3 at the age of 89 - five weeks after Clint died. Clint and Betty were married almost 39 years, lasting longer than either of their first marriages ending in the death of their spouses. They met through mutual friends at a golf course in Duluth in 1963 and married in 1965. Betty moved with two of her three sons: Bruce and Randy (Locke was in the Navy) into Clint’s house on Hoyt with his daughter, Margot. (Gary, Clint’s son, was in graduate school.) Their passions were golf and attending U sporting events, particularly football games. “They traveled the world and were great dancers,” said Bruce Perkins, Betty’s son. Grove residents will recall another of Clint’s passions: maintaining a perfect yard.

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Rewards for removing buckthorn

After eradicating buckthorn from our garden several years ago, we continue to struggle with sprouts and new seedlings. Some small trees sprouted despite treatment with concentrated Round-up, so last summer I cut them back closer to the ground and nailed tin cans over the stumps. Every time I pull weeds, there are a few buckthorn seedlings in the mix. The upside of all this work is nodding trillium flowering in the early spring and rue anemone and wild geranium spreading nicely. Look for dark green leaves after most trees lose theirs to see if buckthorn is crowding out less vigorous plants in your garden.

— Meredith Anderson

Looking for the architectural plans of your home?

Contact Northwest Architectural Archives, (612) 625-3550, located in the Elmer L. Andersen Library on the West Bank. They have copies of most of the Grove homes on view or to copy. The homes are cataloged under the original owner and must be requested with that name.

City news

Summer Fun The city is taking registrations for a wide range of great summer recreation programs for ages two through adults. Program information and registration forms are available at City Hall or at www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us.

Ice Cream Social The city’s annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Community Park on Roselawn and Cleveland from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 29. This is always a fun community event with great music, games and food for all ages. Bring your family and friends!

Folwell Trolley Path The task force completed the plan but since approval was not given by all of the residents whose leased lots are adjacent to the path, the $108,000 of DNR and city funds will not be utilized for any improvements in that area.

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Home for sale:

2099 Hoyt Avenue
Contact: Nancy Meeden (612) 790-5053.

Correction

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