

## The view from here

I look forward to serving as your president. I am a retired physics professor who taught at the U from 1960–1998. After having just sent the fourth edition of *Intermediate Physics for Medicine and Biology* to the publisher, I hope to have more time for building hardwood furniture. Cynthia and I built our house in the Grove in 1969. I was president once before — sometime in the last century.

I would like to thank **Karen Kloser** for six years of exemplary volunteer service maintaining the Grove website and acting as a contact for those seeking information about the Grove. She has done a wonderful job, as has **Charlie Sellew**, our student web tech. Karen also spearheaded this newsletter, greatly increasing our sense of community. I am pleased that Karen will continue

## Around the Grove

**Mel Baughman**, an expert in recreational trail design with the College of Natural Resources, designed the metro area's newest cross-country ski trail. The Lone Rock Trail at UMore Park, the university's 7500-acre research facility near Rosemount, has 11 miles of groomed trails for intermediate skate and classic skiing through gently rolling terrain, woodland and agricultural land. A shorter four-mile trail is also available. The trail's design, use and maintenance are frequently cited as examples of good trail management. The trail is open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. For trail conditions, call 651-438-4636, for 24-hour information.

**Charlie Sellew**, son of **Philip** and **Kathleen**, and web tech for our website is on "sabbatical" for spring term. He is

doing the newsletter on a volunteer basis.

My main goal for the year is to revise the bylaws. They have been distributed to you and are also on our website. One concern I have is the need for a quorum of 50 percent of the households at Grove meetings in order to pass any business. I am not aware of ANY meeting where attendance was that high.

I welcome your thoughts on this matter. As part of the updating process, we must also decide whether to incorporate. I expect to appoint a small committee to finish exploring this issue and welcome your thoughts: you can even volunteer!  
— Russell Hobbie, president

one of 30 students selected to participate in CITYterm, a national study program for high school juniors and seniors. Students spend a semester in New York City studying neighborhoods and meeting politicians, urban historians,

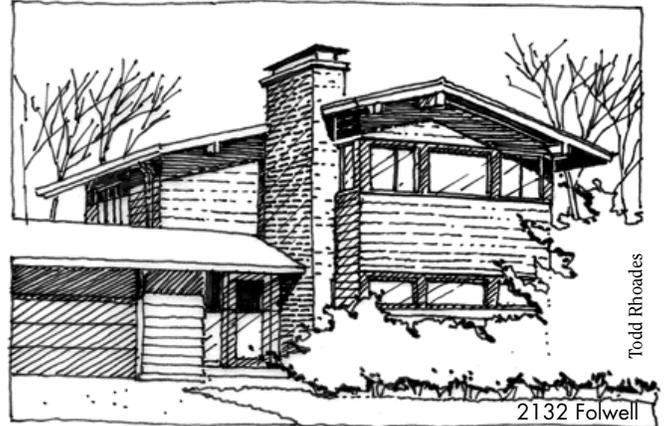
authors, artists, actors, and city experts. One of the students' first outings was to Chinatown, where they celebrated Chinese New Year. Charlie, who returns in May, will perform his Grove web duties from New York.

The first **Philip M. Raup** Lecture on Land and Environmental Policy will be held Thursday, March 9 at 3 P.M. in the Cargill Building. Dr. Emery Castle, professor emeritus, Oregon State University, will present "The Separation of Powers - Federal, State, Local - and Environmental Public Policy." This

is a free lecture, but registration is required. For more information go to: [www.apec.umn.edu/rauplecture](http://www.apec.umn.edu/rauplecture).

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## Ballot results

### UGIO position funded, dues/website fees increase

I am pleased to report that both measures on the written ballot were approved with 62 ballots cast. The bylaws require at least half of the households (52) to vote. On Recommendation 1, to fill the UGIO position, the vote was 56 yes, 5 no and one abstention. On Recommendation 2, to raise the dues to \$15 and the website listing fee to \$250, the vote was 54 yes, 6 no, and 2 abstentions.

Thanks to all who voted. I am concerned that it is so difficult for the UGHA to approve an action. We never have a quorum (over half the households) at a meeting, and the written ballot requires a lot of effort. *Robert's Rules* says, "In both houses of Congress, the quorum is a majority of the members.... Such a quorum... is too large in most voluntary societies [where] ... the bylaws should specify the number of members that shall constitute a quorum, which should approximate the largest number that can be depended on to attend any meeting except in very bad weather...." I welcome your thoughts on this matter, please call [REDACTED]. Russell Hobbie, president

## New neighbors

**Bob Close** and **Cindy Peltier**, [REDACTED]. See

article on back.

## Home for sale:

**2160 Folwell (price reduced)**

Contact: Nancy Meeden  
651-282-9650



Bill Swanson (ageless!) and Adam Schiffman, 12, created this amazing Great Sphinx, igniting a neighborhood snow-sculpting competition.

## Close home update

Last April, a sale of Elizabeth and Winston Close's artifacts from the celebrated architectural couple's former home on Fulham drew long lines. Eager shoppers (one camped in a car three days prior to the sale!) waited hours to buy collectibles from the couple's distinctive home. Winston Close, who died in 1997, designed and built much of the furniture in the home.

Elizabeth, 93, is settled in her assisted living apartment in the Jones Harrison Residence where she has resided since 2004. Her address is [REDACTED]

She would enjoy hearing from former neighbors.

Bob Close (the youngest of the Close's three children) and his wife, Cindy Peltier, bought the family home. Bob is a landscape architect with Close Landscape Architecture located in the Wyman Building in the Minneapolis Warehouse District. The firm primarily provides urban design, site planning and

some residential work services. Cindy was a gardener for 10 years with the City of White Bear Lake and owned Waterlily, a candy and gift store. The couple have four adult children.

Bob and Cindy recently renovated his childhood home. They feel privileged to be moving into a Close-designed home in such a "wonderful neighborhood." When they started renovation, plans included a new kitchen, converting the former nanny room into a study and master bath, and asbestos removal. The initially modest renovation blossomed into a major project upon the discovery of water damaged walls and insulation. They also decided to bring the entire house up to code. With the move-in date set for the end of February, the number of construction vehicles – and the porta-potty! – will finally disappear. Bob and Cindy appreciate everyone's patience. Please welcome Bob (and Cindy) back into the Grove.

## City news

The first Falcon Heights City Tour will be held May 13. The Grove is on the tour as a hallmark of 20<sup>th</sup> century American residential architecture. Watch for more information from the city.

The Ramsey County Historical Society purchased the Rose Bed and Breakfast property located between Gibbs Museum and the golf course. A portion of this home will be used as a bed and breakfast beginning in November. This will be a wonderful neighborhood resource for visiting family, friends and faculty.

## News you can use

- 30 households have paid their 2006 dues for fiscal year ending June 30. You still have time to pay this year's dues (still \$10 - next year \$15) by either mailing or delivering a check to Rose Cherlin, 2165 Hoyt.
- Falcon Heights requires sidewalk shoveling when **two inches** of snow has fallen, **not** when the snow stops. Please move all vehicles off-street until plowed.
- Honor a kid between the ages of 12-15 and 16-19 for the Neal Kwong Award for outstanding leadership, volunteerism or citizenship in this community. The nomination form – due **March 6** – is on

Falcon Heights Mayor **Sue Gehrz** received the League of Minnesota Cities highest honor for an elected official: The CC Ludwig Award. She's served for the past 16 years as a Falcon Heights elected official, 10 as mayor. Sue is being recognized for her work with CERTs (Community Emergency Response Team), land use and redevelopment of the new Falcon Heights Town Square, and her service on several county and state associations.

the city's website or at city hall.

- The Housing Resource Center provides loans, consulting and information services to residents *regardless of income*. See their website for purchase, refinance or new construction/renovation: [www.housingresourcecenter.org](http://www.housingresourcecenter.org) or call NorthMetro: 651-486-7401.
- Gardeners, start your planting ... for the Grove's second annual plant swap. **Kristen Swanson** ([REDACTED]) and **Monica Chandler** ([REDACTED]) will organize the event again this year for **Sunday, May 21, 1-3 P.M.** Watch for a flier in early May for details.

## Kudos:

Congratulations to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members **Greg Anderson, Veryl Andre** and **Barbara O'Leary**. They passed the FCC exam to earn their amateur radio licenses, allowing them to provide emergency communication. We now have eight active CERT hams in the city – half of them in the Grove!

**Wayne Barstad** serves on the environment committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The committee contributed to the District 12 vision for the entire neighborhood. A belated thanks to the homeowners who opened their doors for the first-ever(?) Grove Home Tour: **Terri Cermak** (tour brainchild) and **Todd Rhoades, Lis** and **Mike Christenson, Ben** and **Brenda Zimmerman, Helen Foster** and **Fred Cooper, Ann Bechtell** and **Paul Nyquist, Diane** and **Nevin Young**, and **Marty** and **Noni Dworkin**.

**Karen Kistler** co-chairs the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner on Saturday, March 11. To participate, call 645-7706 by **March 1**. **Stephan Kistler** was promoted to technical director at 3M.

**Peter Mercer-Taylor's** rock-n-roll class in the School of Music received the 2005 Minnesota Daily Grapevine Award for Best Class.

**Sydney** and **Toby Pardey**, children of **Philip Pardey** and **Michelle Hallaway**, placed at the Minnesota State Fair Competition in photography. Sydney won first and third place and Toby won a fifth place.

**Antony Dean** (Ecology, Evolution and Behavior) published a report in *Science* on relationships between genotype, phenotype and fitness and how natural selection produces adaptations.

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