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April/May 2011 Grove E-news

The Grove E-news is published every other month. The January and March 2011 E-news are [online](#).

Grove Summer Events

Saturday, May 21 – 10 AM

The MN Historical Society will conduct mid-century modernism drive by trolley tours that include the Grove on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m.–noon. If any residents would like to attend one of these tours at the member rate of \$20, contact [Aleah Vinick](#).

Sunday, June 5 – 3 - 6:30 PM

Annual Grove Spring Picnic/Park Clean Up
(same weekend as the Saturday [St. Anthony Park Art Fair](#))

The UGHA will provide grilled items and beverages again this year for the annual spring picnic and park clean up. Residents are asked to bring a rake, garden gloves and a dish to share. Watch for an e-flyer with more information.

Saturday, July 16 – 9 AM-Noon & 1-4 PM

Select Grove homes on tour co-sponsored by the MN Historical Society. Limited tickets available for residents.

Tuesday, August 2 – 7 PM

Falcon Heights Block Party (formerly National Night Out)
Location TBD

Announcements

Grove 2011 Graduates

- **Aria Christenson**, daughter of Lis and Mike (2298 Folwell), is graduating from Roseville Area High School and attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.
- **Fiona Dean**, daughter of Susan Harding and Antony Dean (2189 Folwell), is graduating from Kodaikanal International School in southern India and plans to attend Brandeis University, Massachusetts, in January 2012.
- **Reid McConnell-Johnson**, son of Ann Johnson (1595 Vincent), is graduating from Como High School and attending the University of San Francisco.
- **Andrew Mercer-Taylor**, son of Beth and Peter (2231 Folwell), is graduating from Great River School and attending Columbia University in New York City.

Grove Teen, Ethan Wagner, Receives Outstanding Leadership Award

Ethan Wagner, son of Jean and Rick Wagner (1595 Northrop), was this year's recipient of the Falcon Heights Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award. Ethan served on the city's Environment Commission for three years helping to implement the recent switch to single-sort recycling, and is an active member of the city's Community Garden. He is a freshman at Minnehaha Academy.

Short Term Housing Wanted

A postdoc from Turkey is visiting the department of Family Social Science for several months and is looking for a place to live near the St. Paul campus. Is there anyone who has a room to rent or needs a house sitter? Please contact: Hilal Çelik, 612-625-1900.

A visiting physician from New Zealand seeks housing accommodations for one week, July 24-28, to attend a summer institute program at the Earle Brown Center. The visitor is bringing her 18-year-old niece along. For more information contact: [Gary Hill](#)

A UMN alumnus and postdoc studying renewable chemicals and fuels biotechnology is leasing lab space on the St. Paul campus through December 2011. He is looking for short-term, low-cost housing near the campus. Contact: [Don Mattsson](#)

A new faculty member and his wife are looking to rent a house starting in the fall for at least one year and may be interested in an option to buy. He is joining the U's College of Engineering and Sciences in the Industrial and Systems Engineering program. Contact: ugrove@umn.edu

Condo For Sale Or Rent On Como

Grove resident has [Linnea Gardens](#) luxury corner penthouse condo for sale or rent. One bedroom, 1 bath. Contact: [Brett Arenz](#)

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UMN Twin Cities Campus Climate Action Plan Presentation And Discussion

[Roadmap to Net Zero Emissions](#)

Wednesday, May 25

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Van Cleve Park Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room

901 - 15th S.E.

Minneapolis

A presentation and discussion by o-chairs of the Twin Cities Campus Sustainability Committee :

Emily Hoover, horticulture professor and department head

Mike Berthelsen, Facilities Management associate vice president will discuss:

- What is the status of the University's air emissions today?
- How will we get to climate neutrality at the Twin Cities campus?
- What's happening with coal as a fuel for heating and cooling?
- What's the energy future for the campus?
- How does this align with other sustainability initiatives?

New Neighbors

Brett Arenz and Katherine McGough, (pictured right) moved into 1579 Burton. Brett is a postdoc associate in Plant Pathology.



Grove 2011 Home Tour Update

Terri Cermak, 1580 Fulham, is the Grove volunteer coordinator for the upcoming MN Historical Society-sponsored (MNHS) Grove Home Tour on Saturday, July 16, 2011. There will be two tours: 9 a.m.–noon and 1–4 p.m.

The interiors of the following residences will be featured in a first-ever MN Historical Society-sponsored tour of the Grove. Each home was selected to represent a specific architect and era.

2298 Folwell – 1931 Rollin Chapin - Lis & Mike Christenson
 1570 Vincent – 1928 Lundie house - Patricia Tomlinson
 1595 Vincent – 1960 Rapson house - Ann Johnson
 1564 Vincent – 1935 Rhodes, Robertson & Roy Childs - Mel Baughman
 2203 Folwell – 1954 Close house - Trisha Beuhring & Bob Cudeck

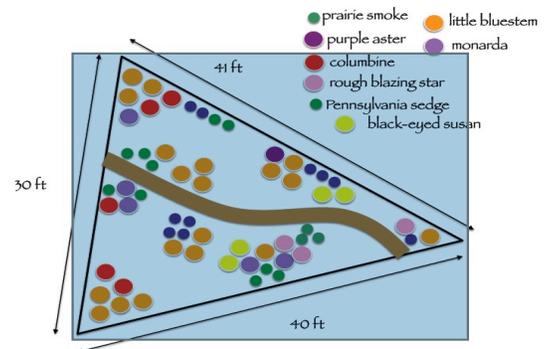
MNHS will set aside tickets for residents at the member rate (tentatively \$25), available on a first come/first served basis, up to two weeks prior to the event; any unclaimed tickets will be released to the general public i.e., MHS members.

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Traffic Triangle Perennial and Native Planting Project Underway

This mockup is not an actual representation of species, but all plant and design choices will be based on easy maintenance (i.e., site appropriateness), aesthetics, ease of use, and traffic sight lines. The triangle is 575 sq. ft. and large enough for a pathway.

Saturday, May 21st is tentatively scheduled as a work day for site preparation and planting. Donations of time, materials or money will be accepted on site. For more information, contact: [Rebecca Montgomery](#)



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Join The Forum: Grove Online Message Board

Our [online message board](#) member sign up is growing. Anyone can read the postings. However to post, you must register a username and password to log-in.

Recent Forum postings include:

- referrals for exterior house painters
- traffic triangle planting plans details
- request for mortgage refinancing resources and our leasehold agreement

How does the online message board work? Once you are registered, you will have to check the Forum for updates, there will be no notifications sent for new messages posted. Of the free online message boards evaluated, ravelly.com:

- has no popup ads except the banner above (nothing is free)
- archives up to 300 threaded-style, searchable messages
- is hosted on an offsite server
- is a spam protected, safe and secure forum

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Bylaws Committee Meets to Begin Revisions

At the 2010 annual meeting, the incoming officers were charged with updating the homeowner's association by-laws this year. Grove Vice-president Kevin Silverstein agreed to lead the effort and asked long-time residents to participate: **Sue Gehrz** (2285 Folwell), a former Falcon Heights city council member and mayor for a total of 17 years; **Susan Hoyt** (2217 Folwell), a former Falcon Heights city manager; and **Russ Hobbie** (2151 Folwell), a Grove homeowners association president in 1973-74 and 2005-07.

They met on April 21 to do an initial revision of the bylaws. The main changes will involve:

1. splitting the secretary/treasurer into two separate board positions.
2. adding the UGIO and job duties.
3. removing the need for a quorum at the annual meeting, while still preserving the ability for everyone to make their votes count (e.g. via absentee ballots in advance of the meeting).

By the end of September, the committee will e-mail the recommended by-law changes to all residents for their review.

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