August/September 2011 Grove E-news
This is the last Grove e-news to be published in 2011. The next Grove e-news will be published in January 2012. Newsletter archives are online.

August Storm Damage
It was a close call for Helen Foster and Fred Cooper's home, 2190 Folwell, when this tree fell across Burton Street following the Aug. 1 storm that blew through our neighborhood. Photo credit: George Weiblen

Grove Calendar of Events
Sunday, October 2
Annual Fall Potluck Picnic & Buckthorn Bust
3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Grove Park
Rain or Shine
Residents are asked to bring a rake, garden gloves and a dish to share. Watch for an e-flyer with more information.

Monday, October 17
Annual Grove Homeowners Association Meeting features a guest speaker on household storm water runoff prevention
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Falcon Heights City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

Find out why "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named stormwater runoff as our nation’s biggest water quality threat" (http://www.bluthumb.org/why/); easy things homeowners can do to positively affect or capture stormwater runoff; and resources and grants available to homeowners to do so. Capitol Region Watershed District administrator, Mark Doneux, will present.

Announcements
Faculty Seeking Home To Rent
Ralph Seelke, UW-Superior faculty member, is looking for a home to rent for a sabbatical from January-May 2012. For more information, go to the Grove Forum Message Board.

Free Neighborhood Cleanup Hauling
On Saturday, Sept. 24, Grove resident Susan Harding, 651-645-6833, will pickup and transport items to the State Fairgrounds Neighborhood Cleanup event for anyone in the Grove. There is a $5 dollar fee per car load. Susan is happy to pick up items from a driveway or garage while they are at work.

Vote Nov. 8 - Absentee Voting Begins On Friday, Sept. 23
Vote at City Hall for Falcon Heights mayor and two at-large city council seats on Tuesday, Nov. 8.
Grove Resident Expert On Ambiguous Loss Has New Book Out
Pauline Boss, UMN emeritus professor, has a new book available on Amazon.com: Loving Someone Who Has Dementia: How to Find Hope while Coping with Stress and Grief.

Falcon Heights Crime Alerts Available On CrimeReports.com
Find out where the emergency flashing blue and red lights are going within the Falcon Heights/St. Anthony Police department's jurisdiction at CrimeReports.com
Type in an address, choose the date parameters, and locate on the map. To receive regular email alerts, log onto their website or download the iPhone App.

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Grove Night to Unite Aug. 2 event
Thanks to Steve Taff and Sue Hoyt (pictured right) for hosting our annual neighborhood Night to Unite event. They have held this event (also known as National Night Out) in their front yard at 2217 Folwel for more than 15 years.

More pictures from Night to Unite 2011: (pictured above) Ann Bechtell, Grove president, and Phil Pardey, co-treasurer/secretary; (and below) splashing around are Bridget Keel and Norah
Looking to refinance?
Two new lenders have been added to the Grove website Mortgage and Refinancing section who are familiar with our UMN leasehold property agreement and are interested in assisting residents.

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By-laws committee's proposed changes
An ad hoc committee composed of Grove residents: Sue Gehrz, Sue Hoyt, Russ Hobbie and Kevin Silverstein, committee chair and Grove vice-president, have been revising the Grove association's bylaws this year. At the Sept. 12th steering committee meeting of board members and block captains, the attendees reviewed and discussed the proposed changes:

1. Change the quorum voting requirement. Current rules require 52 households present at the annual meeting for any motion to be voted upon - a situation not achieved in decades.
2. Update the association board positions and split the secretary/treasurer position into two positions.
3. Add the Communications Officer position and role.
4. Implement e-mail voting and guidelines.

The proposed by-laws revisions, along with the agenda, will be sent out electronically approximately two weeks prior to the October 17th annual meeting.
For questions or comments about the proposed revisions, contact Kevin Silverstein.

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Wanted: Spring bulb donations for traffic triangle
The traffic triangle garden project has almost completed its first growing season (pictured right). Much work has been done by many residents. We hope the volunteer effort and the garden will continue to grow.

The group met their goal to plant 1/3 of the triangle this summer. Great job, everyone!

A mix of native and non-native hardy perennials are planted with a few annuals for color until the perennials become established. This year, the beds required some watering; however, the garden is designed to be relatively self-sustaining once plants are established.
The city of Falcon Heights will continue to mow the existing grass. I’d like to thank all the people that have contributed time, effort and money; purchased plants; or shared plants from their own gardens. At the risk of missing someone (and apologize if I do), I would like to thank the following people:

For plant donations purchased and shared: Helen Foster, Cynthia Hobbie, Karen Kloser, Karen Tang, David and Maryanne Wark, George Weiblen, Brenda Zimmerman

For time and labor: Brett Arenz, Ann Bechtell, Rose Cherlin, Paul Crowell, Helen Foster, Cynthia Hobbie, Karen Kloser, Elise Schiffman, Brenda Zimmerman

For monetary donations: David & Mary Ann Wark, Alan Smith & Monika Chandler

For water and hoses: Kloser/Schiffman household, Wagner household, Crowell/Stillman household

— Rebecca Montgomery, project organizer

**New neighbor**
Caroline Ann Montgomery Weiblen joined brother Carl, almost 3, and parents, Rebecca Montgomery and George Weiblen on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:56 a.m. 7 lbs.-2 oz. Congratulations!

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**For Sale - 2292 Folwell - $575,000**

Now listed with Coldwell Banker Burnet: Sarah Kinney

**Falcon Heights reaches Step 2 in sustainability program**
Our municipal government is one of seven cities statewide to reach the second step stage designation for best practices in sustainability efforts. Falcon Heights has:

• Conducted a city-wide carbon footprint analysis for future impact
• Installed energy efficient, cost saving lighting in city buildings
• Zoned for higher densities in redevelopment areas
• Added more bike racks and pedestrian facilities
• Expanded the community garden
• Rebates on building permit fees for qualifying purchases, and
• Instituted a Buy Local campaign with prize incentives

Shop to support these local businesses and win prizes! Collect stickers at the 7 of the 13 local businesses pictured above. Get a card at City Hall and return it with your stickers and a chance to win. Drawings are held quarterly and prizes are from participating businesses.

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The Forum: Grove Online Message Board - Faculty Seeks Sabbatical House

• Have something to sell or give away?
• Need a handyman referral?
• Want to organize a gathering?
• Post lost or found items?
• Looking for a golf partner?

Go to the online message board to read the postings. However to post, you must register a username and password to log-in.

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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