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**January 2011 Grove E-News**

*Introducing the neighborhood newsletter now in your inbox with live links...and a work in progress*

**Announcements**

**Quorum Ballot: Allied Waste: 59; GarbageMan: 11**

Thanks to the households who voted. Allied Waste will pick up our trash for the next two years. Allied will be billing \$65 for the 2011 yard waste pickup in February and March for those who have that service.

**2010 Annual Meeting Minutes And Links**

The University Grove Homeowners Association (UGHA) [Annual Meeting minutes](#) and presentations are available online: [president report](#), [secretary/treasurer report](#), [communications officer report](#) and [traffic triangle planting mock-up](#) (not actual). The 2011 UGHA executive board members are: President Ann Bechtell, 1587 Burton, Vice-president Kevin Silverstein and Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Hallaway, 2137 Folwell.

**Winter Outdoor Clothing Donations Needed**

Martha Mason, 2143 Folwell, teaches Karen refugees from Burma at Fairview Alternative High School in the Fairview Community Center. Her teenage students badly need boots and outerwear for this weather and would gratefully accept gently-used items. There are donation boxes for outerwear at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 County Road B. Alternatively, neighbors can contact: [martha.mason@gmail.com](mailto:martha.mason@gmail.com)

**Photographers Wanted**

Calling all Grove photographers - hobbyists or professionals - the [home page](#) is being updated. The webmaster needs new seasonal exterior shots of a variety of homes in the Grove. They need to be in digital format and framed horizontally. For more information, contact: [ugrove@umn.edu](mailto:ugrove@umn.edu)

**By-Laws Revision Committee Forming**

The 2011 UGHA officers put updating the homeowners association by-laws on their agenda this year. Vice-president [Kevin Silverstein](#) will lead the group, please contact him if interested in helping revise this fundamental document to the association's operations.

**New X-C Nordic Ski Center Opens In Our Backyard**

The U's [Center for Outdoor Adventure](#) (COA) realized one of its visions this year - a x-c nordic ski center at the Les Bolstad Golf Course on Larpenteur - no doubt aided by the season's whopping snowfalls. The COA plans to partner with the recently relocated headquarters of Finn Sisu (Eustis @ Larpenteur) to create a rental shop and charge for trail use. It is groomed and tracked for both skate and classic skiing. Park in the lot between the clubhouse and driving range.

**Almost 100% Dues Collected For 2011**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2011 dues campaign. Secretary/treasurer Michelle Hallaway collected from 99 out of 103 households, just over 96% at publication time. Michelle took advantage of the December Saturday blizzard and bravely door-knocked on a captive

audience - woo-hoo to Michelle!

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## New Neighbors

**2279 Folwell:** Julia Loupe with Damon Anderson and daughter, Adelaide, 8, moved into her mother's former home - the late Stefanie Dojka (d. July 2009).

**2267 Folwell:** Mike and Susan Bougie (pictured right) bought the home of Toni Middleton and Dan Detzner. They formerly lived in the North Como Lake neighborhood. Their children attend St. Anthony Park Elementary: Remi, 11; Josephine, 9; Roen, 6; and preschooler Brahm, 5.



**2105 Folwell:** Ioannis "Yianni", born March 26, 2010 to Joanna Giforos and Stergio Roumeliotis. Congratulations!

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## Grove Online Message Board Debuts: The Forum

On the homeowners [web page](#), you'll find a drop down link to the new message board for Grove residents who want to communicate with neighbors online to:

- share a resource
- organize a group
- find someone or something
- give away an item
- post lost or found items
- recommend a service

In 3 easy steps you're able to post a message. 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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## Grove Home Tour Planned for Summer 2011

The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) approached the Grove homeowners association about doing an interior tour of selected styles of Grove homes for next summer. The interior tour idea evolved from the sold-out interest of MNHS members who went on (or wanted to attend) MNHS's fall 2010 Twin Cities' mid-century modernism architecture trolley tour that featured Grove home exteriors. Last fall's tours sold out very quickly. Grove resident and architect, [Terri Cermak](#), will be the neighborhood coordinator and contact for our event.

Here are the tentative details:

- Proposed date: Saturday, June 18 or June 25, 2011
- MNHS will bring two trolley-guided groups each through the Grove at 9 a.m-noon and another at 1-4 p.m. Each trolley seats 20-30 people with potentially 120 tickets available in total.
- The MNHS guide will provide general information about the Grove, architecture history tidbits, and the architects featured in the neighborhood.
- 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 - the fall mid-century modernism architecture tour sold out to MNHS members.
- At each stop, the guide will introduce the home and in some cases turn the interior tour over to the homeowner, but in other cases, continue the tour into the home, depending on the homeowner's level of comfort with public speaking. In all cases, one to two MNHS volunteers will be along to bring up the rear on each tour and provide security.
- Homeowners whose homes are on tour will be given free admission to attend the rest of the tour.
- MNHS and Terri Cermak are hoping for five to six homeowners to participate, each tour would spend approximately 20 minutes in each home. Homeowners would have to commit to opening their homes, and a preliminary interview with tour coordinators to collect historic information on each participating home. This will be mostly to see what homeowners have for research materials, and to get a few quotes and tidbits about their experience buying and living in the home.
- MNHS will donate \$250 to the UGHA to compensate for Karen Kloser and Terri Cermak's time in coordinating the tour.
- MNHS will buy booties for people to wear and/or specify that they should wear slip on shoes.
- MNHS will market this tour event through their member quarterly brochure (which mails to approximately 20,000 members statewide) and a press release, which may or may not get picked up by some local papers.
- We hope to receive interest from a variety of owners/house styles in response to this announcement. Otherwise, Terri will contact and invite homeowners to consider their homes for tour. If you are interested in having your home on tour, please contact Terri: [rhoad001@umn.edu](mailto:rhoad001@umn.edu)
- Read the Grove e-news for future updates about the tour.

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## Crime Alerts

Marie Minervirni, 2135 Hoyt, reported her a '98 Honda Civic stolen from her driveway between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Oct 4-5, 2010. The vehicle was locked and near a lighted lamppost.

Marcus and Janet Keel, 2273 Folwell, had both their unlocked vehicles in their driveway

trespassed between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on October 12-13, 2010.

## **Condolences**

Patricia Pickrel wrote her mother, Natasha Kadick Pickrel, 88, died on January 10 encircled by her beloved children. She lived at 2129 Hoyt in the Grove for nearly 50 years, and missed it every day when she moved about seven years ago. She grew up in The Plains, Virginia and graduated from Mary Washington College in Fredricksburg. She earned a Master's Degree, embarked on a Ph.D. and taught Russian in the Slavic Languages Department at the U, all while raising four children. She later taught courses at the Minnesota Business College and, after she retired, she read books to be recorded for the blind and assisted Russian immigrants. She was known as a sharp wit, a dedicated friend, an expert grammarian and a lover of literature and travel. Her husband, Luther Pickrel, was a veteran of World War II and associate dean of the Graduate School of the U. She is survived by her four loving children: Patricia Pickrel of Princeton, NJ; James Pickrel, of Berkeley, Calif; Natasha Poppe of St. Paul, and Steven Pickrel of Minneapolis, and her four adored grandchildren: Andrew and Daniel Gentile and Elizabeth and Marina Pickrel. A celebration of her life by those whom she touched will take place on February 19 at 11 a.m. at the University Club of St. Paul. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity dear to her, [www.GreaterDonnelly.com](http://www.GreaterDonnelly.com), Doctors Without Borders, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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