Weatherize Your Home For Less

Some Grove residents are using the cooperative model of bulk purchasing to get home weatherization projects done that include insulation, air sealing, labor and materials. This Falcon Heights program has a Twin Cities cooperative called CEF (Cooperative Energy Futures) helping facilitate the negotiations among homeowners, advisors, inspectors, and bid out the work to a single contractor, reducing costs by 5-10% less than if each homeowner did it independently.

If interested, contact Beth Mercer-Taylor, as soon as possible.

Night To Unite

Last year the executive board combined our annual fall potluck picnic with our annual Night to Unite event (formerly National Night Out). Last summer's entertainment included: visits by Falcon Heights emergency vehicles, water balloon games and breaking a pinata. The Eastside Food Coop and neighbors donated snacks. Thanks to event coordinators: Sara and Matt Caflisch, Cari Lee, and Caprice Niccoli Waller, and everyone who stopped by.

Pictured right: Julia Loupe and Sawyer. Pictured below left: Cari Lee gives Cooper a new hairdo; and center, Chris Reedy manages crowd control at the pinata game.
Saturday, July 20 or 27 (TBD)
2013 Grove Home Tour
9 am - 4 pm
Sponsored by the MN Historical Society and in partnership with the University Grove Homeowners Association
Contact Terri Cermak

Tuesday, August 6
Grove National Night to Unite
6 pm - 7:30 pm
2217 Folwell
Snacks and refreshments
Emergency vehicle visit

Tuesday, October 15 (TBD)
University Grove Homeowners Association Annual Meeting
7 pm - 9 pm (TBD)
Falcon Heights City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

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Kudos
Louella Hirsch, 2111 Hoyt, is the winner of the first ever Sidewalk Poetry Contest in Falcon Heights. She competed against 22 other entrants. Her neighbor, Susan Thurston Hamerski, 2117 Hoyt, was one of the poetry panel judges. Louella's haiku titled, "Embedded Walk" appears on Kellogg Avenue. The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club paid for the stamp.

Last fall, the U's Forest Ecology class taught by Rebecca Montgomery, 2222 Folwell, removed 3000 kg (6,200 lbs) of buckthorn in the trolley path between Coffman Street and the trolley stairway to Folwell Avenue during their annual buckthorn bust lab and community service event. They also removed buckthorn from 15 Grove properties.

Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, 2098 Folwell, College of Science and Engineering, was appointed to the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board by President Obama. She is one of only eight individuals nationwide serving on the board.

For many years, John Ward and Anke Reinders, (pictured below left) 1571 Burton, College of Biological Sciences, have brought senior undergraduate and graduate students to serve as mentors for plant-themed science fair projects at Murray Junior High in St. Anthony Park.

Of seven UMN faculty named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), two are from the Grove:

Robin Wright, 2129 Hoyt, College of Biological Sciences, is an associate dean recognized for significant academic administration contributions and for her research in yeast molecular biology.

Rick Wagner, 1595 Northrop, College of Pharmacy, for his contributions in the field of drug design for new and more effective chemotherapeutic strategies.
Science magazine named a gene-modification technique developed by researcher Daniel Voytas, *(pictured below right with Tony Payne)*, 2197 Folwell, and colleagues as one of 2012’s top scientific breakthroughs.

**Announcements**

**Trolley Track Clean Up Community Service Project**
A small group of fourth graders from the St. Anthony Park Elementary School decided to clean up part of the trolley track Commons area as their Destination Imagination service project. Their clean-up plans include picking up trash, and removing graffiti and brush. Tentative on-site work is planned for the first Saturday in April (the 6th). Anyone who’d like to help with the clean up is invited. Other participants will include representatives from the UMN, student organizations, and parents of the fourth graders. The Real Estate Office will notify all Grove homeowners adjacent to that part of the trolley track of the upcoming activity. Falcon Heights city officials support this community service project.

**Grove Home Tour July 2013**
The MN Historical Society (MNHS) will conduct another Grove Home Tour for their members and us on July 20 or 27 (TBD). Last summer's tour had a wait list of 70 MNHS members. This year's tour will include a private tour event just for Grove residents. Terri Cermak, 1580 Fulham, continues to coordinate this event on behalf of the homeowners association. She is looking for six homes to be on tour, and a volunteer to help with the neighborhood private tour activity.

**Looking For A New Read?**
Check out our Free Lending Library House in front of 1595 Northrop. It's now packed with books for kids and adults.

*Pictured right: Rick Wagner, 1595 Northrop, and Bill Swanson, 1583 Northrop, installed our first Free Lending Library House on Northrop.*

**Winter Outerwear Needed**
The Roseville School District accepts new or gently used adult and children's winter outdoor clothing at all district buildings during regular business hours. Or drop your donations off at 2143 Folwell Avenue anytime. Grove resident Martha Mason thanks all who've already donated.

**City Commission Openings: Parks And Recreation And Human Rights**
Residents, including high school students, are encouraged to serve on Falcon Heights commissions. For more info or contact City Administrator Bart Fischer, 651-792-7600.

**Energy Rebate Program From City Hall**
Get 50% of the building permit fee back for qualified home improvements. The Falcon Heights building inspector verifies the Energy Star rated improvements are installed.
Winter Friendly Reminders - See Grove Kid Helper List
Please remember to remove snow from your sidewalks within 24 hours of snow fall. If you are unable, enlist one of the Grove kids listed in the directory helper list. Or contact Northwest Youth and Family Services, Senior Chore Program, 651-379-3451.

Adopt A Fire Hydrant
Please help your neighborhood by clearing snow from around your nearest fire hydrant.

Going On Vacation?
The St. Anthony Police Department provides a great service to our community. If you are going on vacation the police will do a premise survey of your property while you are gone. Call the police department during business hours and put your address on their list, 612-782-3350. Please do not call the Falcon Heights City Hall.

City And Park Facilities For Rent
Looking for large venues for graduation, birthday, or family gatherings at reasonable prices? Falcon Heights Community Park Building and Shelters, Curtiss Field Building, City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall Kitchen and City Hall Conference Room are available for rent to residents and non-residents all year round. Fees for rental vary based on amenities and facilities being used. Click here for more information.

Lease Covenants
When planning your exterior improvements, please be mindful of our lease covenants regarding home additions, privacy fences, major landscaping, exterior buildings, and tree removal. These activities, as well as others outlined in the lease, all require approval from our lessor, the University of Minnesota Real Estate Office (REO). The intent of the lease covenants is to maintain the natural land contours, oak tree clusters and vistas the original landscape architects of the Grove emphasized in the site plan. In addition to maintaining the unique and open landscape of the neighborhood, the approval process also aids in maintaining good relations between neighbors.
If some residents go through the approval process and others don't, this typically does not go unnoticed and, ultimately the REO gets involved, as well as the volunteer University Grove Homeowners Association executive board.
The current lease is linked on the Grove FAQs web page, and the UMN's website under Standard Contracts Library. For questions about the lease or approval process, please email UMN Real Estate Director Sue Weinberg.

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New Neighbors
2202 Folwell
Ben and Carey Bollinger Danielson have two children: Cooper and Sawyer. They attend St. Paul Summit School & Academy where Ben teaches history.
1564 Vincent
John and Claire Steyaert. John is an UMN art history professor emeritus.

1603 Northrop
Brent and Heidi Dalzell (pictured right) have two children: Sage and Quin. Brent is a UMN soil scientist. Heidi is a physician at Aspen Medical.

Think Spring
When digging in the garden this spring, consider donating your sun-loving perennials to the Northrop traffic triangle project. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Contact Rebecca Montgomery about plant and money donations.

Annual Dues: Pay $40 for 2 years or $25 for 1 year
Treasurer Don Lee implemented a two year renewal rate for the annual homeowners association dues collection. Thanks to all who have paid 2013 dues. At publication, 98 households had paid their dues. The annual dues help pay for our neighborhood events such as Night to Unite, the annual spring park clean up/picnic, annual meeting costs, and the communications officer duties. Having an association pays off. The deal the association negotiates for garbage collection is about $7 dollars less than if we individually negotiated. That is enough to recoup dues in 3-4 months. If you haven't yet done so, please make a check payable to UGHA treasurer, 2173 Folwell Avenue.

Fire Department Report Published
The results are in and a consultant’s findings gave a big thumbs-up for Falcon Heights' volunteer fire department. The large house fire that destroyed a home in the Grove at 2303 Folwell in February 2011, prompted city officials to fund an analysis by Springsted, Inc. The fire department serves the 7,700 residents of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale from its station at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Ramsey County Parks Portal
Search and find information about Ramsey County parks, lakes, trails and recreation facilities at this award-winning mapping portal.

Find photos, maps, amenities, walk/bike distance calculators, and more at this mapping portal site created through many state and private partners.

The Forum: Grove Online Message Board
• Have something to sell or give away?
• Need a handyman referral?
• Want to organize a gathering?
• Post lost or found items?

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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