

The view from here

This column is a recap of the University Grove Homeowners Association (UGHA) 2006 activities and a look at this year's plans.

Thanks to Vice President **Helen Foster**, Secretary/Treasurer **Rose Cherlin**, University Grove Information Officer **Karen Kloser**, (UGIO) and the block captains for all their hard work which made my job so much easier.

The new directory is done and every household should have one. Thanks to **Gary Wright** for taking all the pictures and to Karen, Gary, and Rose for their work writing and assembling the directory. Thanks also to **Jim Litsheim** for researching and completing the architectural database of each house.

Thanks also to **Nevin Young** for his persistence in getting the crosswalk on the corner of Hoyt and Cleveland avenues painted.

The UGHA voted last year to hire Karen Kloser to be the University Grove Information Officer (UGIO) and to increase the annual dues to \$15. Karen did a great job last year. Rose sent statements to all households with outstanding dues for 2006 and 2007.

The steering committee met twice during the year. We decided not to incorporate because most of us have liability protection if we carry an umbrella policy on our homeowner's insurance which usually covers individuals volunteering on incorporated or unincorporated nonprofit boards. (The

Things you should know about your new directory

Every household should have one

If you do not, please contact your block captain (and thank them for volunteering). If you don't know who your block captain is, please keep reading.

New directory page inserts

Attached to this newsletter is the 2007 Block Captain list and UGHA board, and their contact information page. Please keep your directory up-to-date. So, don't set this page aside - it's 3-hole punched - just put it after the ORANGE YELLOW TAB #2 in your directory.

It's a keeper

The directory cost \$956 in binder supplies, copying and paid UGIO hours. This does not include the countless

UGIO carries a personal policy while working for the UGHA.)

The steering committee recommended moving the Campus Circulator bus stop to the north side of Folwell where there is a sidewalk for waiting passengers. Moving the bus stop was approved in a Grove ballot. **Stephan** and **Karen Cooley-Kistler** generously offered space for a bench at the former bus stop located in her yard before it was moved.

This year, I appointed three committees to explore neighborhood issues. The first committee negotiated a new trash hauling contract before it expires in May. **Kevin Silverstein** chaired it; other members were **Rebecca Montgomery**, **Lou Hirsch**, and myself.

In response to a request by the University, I appointed a second committee to look at our lease Appendix A regarding exterior remodeling and major landscaping changes. I chaired it with **Mark Brunberg**, **Barbara Lukermann**, and **Terri Cermak**.

The third committee is looking into whether the UGHA's bylaws need updating. A copy is in your new directory. Let me know if you have suggestions. I chair it with **Rose Cherlin**, **Markus Keel**, **Phil Shively**, and **Carol Weisberg**.

— Russell Hobbie, president

Please return your garbage contract by April 1st.

volunteer hours from Gary Wright who took all the photos, created the page format, entered household information, and collated 100+ directories in time for the annual meeting. Thanks to the households who supplied their home history. Corrections and additions are encouraged, please send to the UGIO for future updates.

Donations help offset cost

Thanks to the 66 households who paid their dues. Rose Cherlin, secretary-treasurer, sent notices in November to households in arrears. A special thanks to those who contributed \$230 in additional funds to help pay for the new directory. Contributions toward the directory cost are welcome.

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Todd Rhoades

2123 Hoyt

Living Close to Campus workshop

Karen Kloser, UGIO, was part of a lunch hour panel hosted by the Office of Human Resources on Dec. 14 on "Living Close to Campus." Karen was one of four U employees who spoke about the benefits of living close to campus in their representative neighborhoods of Marcy-Holmes, Prospect Park/East River Road, St. Anthony Park and the Grove.

New neighbor

Congratulations to **Markus** and **Janet Keel** on the birth of **Bridget**, born on July 6, 2006.

Condolences

Longtime former Grove resident, **Elsie Turner**, died on Dec. 23, 2006. Her husband, **John Turner** preceded her in death. The Turners were active residents in neighborhood matters.

Bird lovers

The bluebird houses in the tennis court green space need someone to occasionally clean out the nests made by uninvited birds.

Free for the hauling

Two 1950s-era four-drawer grey metal file cabinets, contact Russell Hobbie, 644-1041.

Homes for sale

2203 Hoyt

Contact: Peggy, Gary or Peter Sparr
651.639.6383

2297 Folwell

Contact: Irv Fang, 651.645.3304 or
fangx001@umn.edu
Go to www.umn.edu/ugrove for listing information.

An urban planning pioneer and Maggie Thatcher's contemporary

Barbara Lukermann has a few things in common with the former prime minister of Britain – except politics – she emphasized. Both were born during the same era in the U.K., educated at august British universities, had fathers who were grocery store owners, and both grew up to be influential leaders.

While Barbara has never led a country, she has – for a half century – influenced policy on the state and national levels to improve land use planning and environmental quality.

In the 1970s, Barbara was national chair of the American Institute of Certified Planners for two years. She was one of four citizen members on the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board under Governor Wendell Anderson, and Governor Rudy Perpich appointed her to the then Metro Waste Control Commission. As a commissioner, she tackled the Pig's Eye Island sewage treatment expansion, sludge disposal and air quality issues, earning her the family nickname "Sludge Queen."

Barbara was born in northern England's Yorkshire County, a dichotomous landscape of coal and textile industries and also the land of the Brontë sisters where black face sheep dot the rural village landscape. Her only sibling, a sister, lives in Cheshire.

Barbara was 15 when World War II ended. Churchill was out and the Labour Party was in. This new government focused on nationalizing health care and the railroads, and a massive educational reform expanding the university system and creating fully-funded state scholarships. Before this, only a privileged few could afford college. Both she and Maggie Thatcher benefited. Barbara went to Cambridge on state scholarship.

After a year hiatus following graduation, Barbara applied to Ph.D. programs in the United States and was accepted at the U in the geography department where she met her future husband, Professor Fred Lukermann, newly returned from his field work in Asia

Minor. Because of nepotism rules at the U then, an academic appointment was not in the cards for Barbara so she joined the architecture and planning firm of Cerny and Gardner in 1956. The firm had its office in the Metropolitan Building, one of the city's historic treasures, but it and some 200 other buildings were victims of the 1960s urban renewal of the Gateway Development District meant to reform Washington Avenue's skidrow reputation. Robert Cerny, a modernist devotee and architect of several homes in the Grove, was instrumental in promoting this renewal process. Barbara's work at the firm was preparing comprehensive land use plans for the Twin Cities first ring suburbs that did not have either planning staff or the ordinances in place to manage growth.

She and two other employees eventually bought out the

firm's planning contract and created Midwest Planning and Research. Their company grew to 65 employees when Barbara left to work solo. In 1982 she joined the Humphrey Institute as a senior fellow, teaching land use planning courses in the newly established master's planning degree. She also works part-time at the U's Center for Urban and Regional Planning (CURA), a university-wide center engaging faculty and students in applied research of relevance to the state.

When Barbara is not consulting and teaching, she volunteers in our community. She's been a board member of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, a Grove president (under her tenure the UGHA and U defined criteria for selling a home on a hardship basis), and is currently a Falcon Heights Planning Commissioner.

The Lukermann's moved in 1964 to the Grove, they bought the E. H. Rinke rambler overlooking the golf course. The Rinkes sold their home in the Grove when he left the U (a lease requirement at that time). Mrs. Rinke was a home economics teacher and the home, built in 1954 for their family with four boys, exudes efficiency. "With the open floor

plan and walk out basement, we use all the space all the time," said Barbara. While raising their three children (Carla, Kate and Bruno), Barbara was part of the neighborhood group instrumental in developing the Grove Park. The association negotiated with the U to lease the land for \$1 annually to Falcon Heights. The remains of the Quonset Hut village, built for returning WWII veterans in the east part of the Grove, was transformed into a baseball diamond and playground.

Barbara did not become a prime minister but her contributions to the Grove, the U, Twin Cities and Minnesota to create a legacy all its own.



Barbara Lukermann has always been a bridge between academia and practice.

Kudos

Robin Wright, associate dean in the College of Biological Sciences, has been named a National Academies Education Mentor in the Life Sciences for mentoring at the National Academies Summer Institute on Undergraduate Education in Biology in Madison, Wis.

Patricia Tomlinson was recently awarded an honorary doctorate of health sciences from the faculty of Meicne, Tampere University, Finland.

Michael Cherlin accepted the position of founding director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Collaborative Arts for the U. All the arts departments, including music participate in this new program. He continues to work in the music department, but is no longer its associate director.

Writers wanted

The Grove needs contributors of all ages to do research, conduct interviews and write articles or profiles. Students can earn school credit for their contributions.

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