

MEET SOME OF THE RESIDENTS AT HILL FARM CONDOMINIUMS

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JOHN & MARY GRANT

After living for 29 years on Spring Marsh Lane, Mary and John were not planning to move for a few more years; they loved their home and the direct view of the lake. They saw the opportunity to have a new home, on one level with a beautiful view of “the meadow,” as Mary calls it, and the opportunity to customize their condo.

Mary and John met at the Walker Art Center and married in 1990. Their two grown sons both live out of state. They love coming to visit their parents at Hill Farm, “it feels like a resort,” they say.

John is a retired 3M executive and now works as an independent consultant focused on corporate development and life sciences startups. Mary and her brother own and run Buerkle Honda-Hyundai and Acura, a family business started by their father in 1959.

During the winter months, they enjoy traveling to their home in Palm Springs where they play golf, go hiking and the food scene is amazing. Back in Minnesota, Mary and John have a pontoon on White Bear Lake, are members of the North Oaks



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Golf club and love to eat out local; Meritage is also a favorite when they sneak a weekend in at their condo in downtown St Paul.

Hill Farm has provided so many convenient features— from not having to leave the building to get the mail and dispose of trash, to having a private garage— a unique feature for a condo property. “It is also great to be able

to travel, knowing our home is safe, and knowing there are other people immediately around us and a property manager available,” says Mary.

The wildlife has exceeded their expectations. From many songbirds, the bald eagles, deer and the muskrat to now having a regular dance of sandhill cranes on the property and they frequently tap on the patio windows!

Mary and John recently hosted their extended family for a July 4th holiday party, and it was the “easiest party ever hosted. Cosetta’s catered and the party room is set up for hosting outside catering, and the best part, apart from using all the amenities, was no mess to clean up in our condo!”

