



THE GROVE MINER



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Grove Board Election

On November 10, 2016, the Grove HOA will hold its Annual Meeting and Board Election. If you are interested in running for the Board please contact Gerry Mancuso as soon as possible at president@thegrovehoa.com for more information and guidelines for candidacy.

Increase Needed for Grove HOA Assessments

The Grove is a beautifully maintained subdivision with many amenities, including a pool and clubhouse, walking trails, and a stocked lake. The Grove management team has fought hard to keep our assessments at \$400.00 for several years, making strategic decisions to get the most bang for our budgeted buck. However, due to increases in maintenance and repair costs, The Grove's annual assessments will increase from \$400.00 to \$440.00 January 2017.

Here's a glimpse into major projects accomplished in the last year from 2015-2016. This does not include other grounds, repair, or utilities expenses:

- New entrance lighting & wiring - \$12,434
- Asphalt Paving Repairs - \$102,471
- 3 HP Replacement Motor (Pool) - \$1,047
- Fence Pressure Washing - \$3,475
- Clubhouse HVAC Replacement - \$7,606

Changes to ARC Guidelines, July, 2016

At the last Grove HOA meeting July 14, 2016, the Board voted to change The Grove Covenants and By-Laws regarding accessory buildings, specifically detached garages.

Under 2.3.2 Accessory Buildings – Siting Requirements (p.4)

d) No detached garages will be permitted on any lot.

Under 3.4 Accessory Buildings (Sheds) p. 13

h) No detached garages will be permitted on any lot.

Next HOA Meetings

General: Sept. 8th

Annual Mtg. & Election:

Nov. 10th

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

(Second Thursday bi-monthly)



The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Turn Your Clutter into Cash!

Saturday, October 22, 2016

(rain date October 29)

8 am to 12 pm

The HOA will advertise the sale in the newspaper and post signs at entrances. Please remove your signage immediately after the sale.

The Grove 2016 Board of Directors

boardofdirectors@lists.thegrovehoa.com

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HOA Connection

Architectural Review Rules

Any changes or additions to your home or landscaping need prior ARC approval. Major additions must be staked for visual reference to assess impact to adjoining properties. A homeowner must be in good standing to submit projects to ARC. All applicable HOA assessments be current and any late fees or fines are satisfied. Krim Point, Scotter Hills, and Ridgemoor residents need to be current with both their neighborhood HOA and Grove HOA assessments and fees. Townhouse residents must apply to their board for approval PRIOR to submitting an ARC to The Grove. No applications will be considered without the town house board consent. For complete details see www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab.

The Grove's Full Service Community Manager is COMMUNITY GROUP
(Covering Biggin Pond, Coalbrook, Gravity Hill, Hawkins Woods, Kingham, Krim Point, Mitford)

Lisa Wagner or Owner Services, COMMUNITY GROUP, 3901 Westerre Pkwy, # 100
Henrico, VA 23233

804-270-1800 or 804-270-1800 ext.1

lwagner@communitygroup.com
www.communitygroup.com

For neighborhood violations, repairs, assessments, architectural modifications, vendor management, etc.

COMMUNITY GROUP NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS COVERAGE: IF LISA WAGNER IS NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONTACT OWNER SERVICES AT 804-270-1800 EXT. 1.

COMMUNITY GROUP AFTER HOURS COVERAGE

To report urgent or life threatening issues after normal business hours (after 5 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m.), **please contact Community Group, 804-270-1800 and follow the prompts for the 24 hour On Call Manager.** Please DO NOT call Board members or leave messages on the regular Community Group inbox – those calls are not returned until the following business day. **The On Call Manager can handle any urgent request immediately.** Items needing immediate attention are: Irrigation zones running for extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc. Please direct questions or concerns to Lisa Wagner at 804-270-1800 or lwagner@communitygroup.com.

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Full Service Community Manager

Tracey Talbert, 804-273-1333
Stellar Community Management, LLC.
stellartalbert@comcast.net

Board of Directors: See Page 4

Selling Your Home? Get That Disclosure Package!

ALL Grove home SELLERS must provide a current Grove HOA disclosure package to Buyers during the contract period. New homeowners can cancel a contract without an updated package. Purchase online at www.communitygroup.com by clicking "Selling & Refinancing" tab, then "Place Order Here" tab.

Sellers of properties in Krim Point, Ridgemoor, and Scotter Hills must purchase a disclosure package from their neighborhood HOA in addition to The Grove disclosure package. For questions or help call Community Group, Owner Services 804-270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

Grove Contacts

Architectural Modifications

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Ads and submissions for the Nov-Jan issue are due Oct 15th

Submit all ads and articles to:
Cathy Allen, Editor
newsletter@thegrovehoa.com
or call 804-379-1862

Make checks to: Grove HOA and mail to:
13436 Mitford Dr., Midlothian, VA 23114
(Note: This address is for newsletter only.)



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RATES FOR 2016

Bus. Card size - \$40

Quarter page - \$75

Half page - \$105

Full page - \$195

Back cover - \$200 (sold out)

Advertiser provided insert \$99 (800 copies needed)

Ad design: \$40/hr. See website for details: thegrovehoa.com



2016 Pool Pass Validation

If you are a current resident who missed the validation dates or a new resident who needs a pool pass, please contact Gerry Mancuso by email only president@thegrovehoa.com to schedule an appointment. No phone calls please. There is a \$5 charge per family for pool passes that are requested to be validated **AFTER** the completion of pool pass validation dates. This applies only to current residents who did not attend any of the scheduled nights during the month of May; new residents will continue to be accommodated after their closing. **PLEASE HANG ON TO YOUR POOL PASSES!** The HOA will continue using stickers to update the passes for 2016 and beyond. Lost pass replacements are \$2 per pass. Please make checks payable to The Grove HOA. No cash payments are accepted.

ALL NEW RESIDENTS MUST TURN IN UPDATED REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORMS. Download and print ahead of time at <http://thegrovehoa.com/pool>. Bring your photo ID and a copy of your closing statement. YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT IN GOOD STANDING, with all HOA dues, fines, and late fees paid in full.

Volunteers are needed to join the pool committee. To help out email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

2016 Pool Hours*

June 18th through August 6th

Sunday-Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm
July 4th - 10 am to 9 pm

August 7th through September 5th

Sunday-Saturday 10 am to 8 pm
Labor Day - 10 am to 7 pm

* Days and Hours Confirmed with Douglas Aquatics. Any Changes to Schedule Will Be Posted at the Pool Entrance.



Kindergarten Social

Rising kindergarteners are invited to meet classmates at the Annual Ice Cream Social, Thursday, September 1st, 6:00pm -8:00pm at the Grove

Clubhouse. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 25th to Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net.** It's a special day for the kindergarteners, so please do not bring siblings. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please contact Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net.

From the Social Committee

By Kendall Rountree

*Please sign up for our Facebook Group to be in the know for future social events - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegroveresidents/>.

*If you live in Kingham (Kingham in the Grove) or Gravity Hill (Gravity Hill at the Grove) there are Facebook pages set up so you can follow news/events in your neighborhood.

*August 2nd (Tuesday) is National Night Out at 6pm, we'll have food trucks and live music! Bring your own beverage and chair! Check Facebook more info.

*Sept 12th (Monday) 7pm, Redskins Season Opening Game & Craft Beer Night at the Clubhouse, come see the Skins play the Steelers and bring a craft beer and snacks to share with your neighbors. Check Facebook for more info.

* November 5 (Saturday) Time TBA: Chili Cook Off: Bring on the heat! We're having a major chili throw-down in The Grove! best darn chili you can make! Watch Facebook for details.

*Keep a look out on our Facebook page for future events!!

*Anyone looking to join our social team please join our Facebook group: "Grove Social Club" or socials@thegrovehoa.com. We're always looking for volunteers for the committee, and to help out with events.



Photo from Friday Cheers July 15 by Eileen Statts



Approved dark hunter green boxes (item #E1600G00) can be purchased in-store at Pleasants Hardware/Midlothian Station Shopping Center, or ordered online (not in stores) at www.homedepot.com.

Mailbox Improvement!

Good curb appeal begins with a freshly renovated mailbox! If the post and wooden paper box is still in presentable condition, apply a fresh coat of paint, but replace if deteriorated.

Many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services, but make sure they adhere to bylaw standards. Two Grove residents provide repairs and replacements to mailboxes and posts (see pg. 11): Dale Murphy and John Romano. If your mailbox numbers need replacement visit Pleasant Hardware/Midlothian.



Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor News

By Kathy Morris

The townhomes and patios will be powerwashed in the next month. Please remove your plants and furniture that could be harmed by the powerwashing when you receive your notification. Thank you to the residents who place their garbage cans out of sight following our garbage pick-up on Mondays. Basketball goals should be kept inside garages when not being used. Parents, please encourage your children not to play in the street. Many homeowners have contacted board members recently, concerned about the safety of

the children living in our area.

Please continue to contact Stellar Management regarding repairs to your townhome at stellartalbert@comcast.net or 804-273-1333. The next board meeting of the Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Homeowners Association is scheduled for September 13, 2016 at 6:45 pm. The annual meeting will be held on November 1, 2016 at 6:45 pm in The Grove Clubhouse.

2016 Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Board

- President: Kathy Morris
- Vice President: Bertina Lee
- Secretary: Sandy Sneade
- Treasurer: Sylvia Warner
- Member at Large: Debra Bosko

Clubhouse Reservations

To reserve, contact Shelley at clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com, or 804-897-8279, <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse>.



Street Light Repair

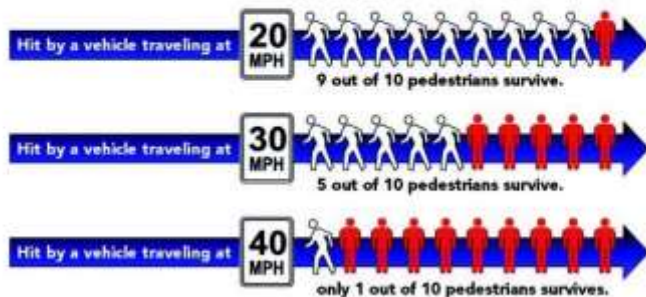
To report street light outages, please contact Richard Leonard of Chesterfield County at 804-751-4178. Tell him the

physical address of the light OR the intersection/cross street of light OR the pole number. Also let him know if the light is totally off, blinking, or on during the day.

NO POLITICAL SIGNS are allowed in The Grove, per HOA bylaws. Should you have further questions please email Gerry Mancuso president@thegrovehoa.com.

STOP NEIGHBORHOOD SPEEDING

A little extra speed makes a big impact.



SPEED LIMIT IN THE GROVE: 25 MPH!



Little Library at The Grove Clubhouse

Looking for the next great read? "Take a book, leave a book" at this Little Library in The Grove! The library is a book exchange for residents to take or leave a book free of charge. Its function is to promote literacy. The library is meant for all ages, and can contain any type of book, picture, novel, reference, etc.

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Back to School

First day of school Tuesday, September 6th

Elementary and Middle School lists should be posted on: <http://mychesterfieldschools.com/parents/preparing-for-school/supply-lists/>.

J B Watkins Elementary **378-2530**

Orientation Dates:

- Grade K: September 2nd 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- Grades 1 – 5: Open House Sept. 2nd 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Parents Back to School Nights:

- Grades K – 1: September 20th: 6:00–8:00pm
- Grades 2 – 3: September 22nd: 6:00–8:00pm
- Grades 4 – 5: September 27th: 6:00–8:00pm

Midlothian Middle School **378-2460**

Note: "Effective July 1, 2006, the Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-46, requires a booster shot of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) is required for all children entering the 6th grade, if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Written proof (month-day-year) of vaccination with Tdap or a tetanus-containing vaccine (TT, Td, DTaP, DT) must be provided to your child's middle school. **6th grade students who do not provide adequate documentation will not be**

permitted to start school on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. To prevent your child from being excluded from school, please provide documentation of the exact date (month-day-year) that your child received the Tdap vaccine or Tetanus-containing vaccine before September 6, 2016."

Open House/Back to School Dates:

- Grade 6: August 31st 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- Grades 7 & 8: September 1st 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Fee Information: Please check your mailbox for the Midlothian Middle School Newsletter, sent the first week of August 2016.

Midlothian High School **378-2440**

Fee Timeframes & PTSO School Supply Sale Dates:

- Seniors & Juniors: August 30th 3:30 – 6:30 pm
- Sophomores, Srs & Jrs(who missed): Aug 31st 3:30 – 6:30 pm
- Freshman/New Student Orientation: Sept 1st 1:30 – 4 pm
- Makeup Day: Sept 2nd 9:00–11:00 am

If you pay online you can bring your printed receipt to the school 8 am to 4 pm August 25 or September 2 to pick up lists and buy supplies.

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 19th 7:00 pm.

Please support the Midlo HS PTSO by purchasing goods at the School Supply Sale.

(Source: Watkins-Website; Midlothian Middle-Amy Mathews; Midlothian HS-Cheryl Reynolds)



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Sales Tax Holiday August 5—7th!

Save some moola this year with the upcoming annual Virginia Sales Tax Holiday! During this time, consumers purchasing **qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products** do not have to pay tax on these items, as long as they meet the Virginia Sales Tax Holiday exemption guidelines. Exemption begins the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. This year the holiday is the 5th through the 7th of August.

The Virginia Sales Tax Exemption applies to qualifying items purchased online, by mail or over the phone.

In addition to the specific items exempted, retailers may also opt to offer other items "tax-free" by paying the sales tax themselves during the holiday.

To view a list of items that qualify by Virginia for tax exemption during the tax free holiday, go to <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday> and click on the link corresponding to School Supplies, Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness, or Energy Star and WaterSense products.

(Source: Virginia Department of Taxation-Sales Tax Holiday Web Link)

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 804.794.0794 | 804.379.2858 - Fax

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 6031 Harbour Park Dr. | Midlothian, VA 23112
 804.608.3200 | 804.608.3201 - Fax

Kid-friendly Veggies and Fruits

Here are 10 tips for making healthy foods more fun for children. Encourage your children to eat vegetables and fruits by making it fun. Provide healthy ingredients and let kids help with preparation, based on their age and skills. Kids may try foods they avoided in the past if they helped make them.

Smoothie Creations: Blend fat-free or low-fat yogurt or milk with fruit pieces and crushed ice. Use fresh, frozen, canned, and even overripe fruits. Try bananas, berries, peaches, and/or pineapple. If you freeze the fruit first, you can even skip the ice! (CONT. pg.9)

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Wednesday Night @ Crestwood - begins September 14, with a home-cooked meal, fellowship, Bible study and fun for all ages!

Charter Colony Campus (West)
1200 Charter Colony Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114 804.897.3458

Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m., Traditional Worship; 11:00 a.m., Contemporary Worship

Richmond Campus (East)
6627 Jahnke Road, Richmond, VA 23225 804.320.2269
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Kid-friendly Veggies and Fruits (continued from page 8)

Delicious Dippers: Kids love to dip their foods. Whip up a quick dip for veggies with yogurt and seasonings such as herbs or garlic. Serve with raw vegetables like broccoli, carrots, or cauliflower. Fruit chunks go great with a yogurt and cinnamon or vanilla dip.

Caterpillar Kabobs: Assemble chunks of melon, apple, orange, and pear on skewers for a fruity kabob. For a raw veggie version, use vegetables like zucchini, cucumber, squash, sweet peppers, or tomatoes.

Personalized Pizzas: Set up a pizza-making station in the kitchen. Use whole-wheat English muffins, bagels, or pita bread as the crust. Have tomato sauce, low-fat cheese, and cut-up vegetables or fruits for toppings. Let kids choose their own favorites.

Then pop the pizzas into the oven to warm.

Fruity Peanut Butterfly: Start with carrot sticks or celery for the body. Attach wings made of thinly sliced apples with peanut butter and decorate with halved grapes or dried fruit.

Frosty Fruits: Frozen treats are bound to be popular in the warm months. Just put fresh fruits such as melon chunks in the freezer (rinse first). Make “popsicles” by inserting sticks into peeled bananas and freezing.

Bugs On A Log: Use celery, cucumber, or carrot sticks as the log and add peanut butter. Top with dried fruit such as raisins, cranberries, or cherries, depending on what bugs you want!

Homemade Trail Mix: Skip the pre-made trail mix and make your own. Use your favorite nuts and dried fruits, such as unsalted peanuts, cashews, walnuts, or sunflower seeds mixed with dried apples, pineapple, cherries, apricots, or raisins. Add whole-grain cereals to the mix, too.

Potato Person: Decorate half a baked potato. Use sliced cherry tomatoes, peas, and low-fat cheese on the potato to make a funny face.

Put kids in charge. Ask your child to name new veggie or fruit creations. Let them arrange raw veggies or fruits into a fun shape or design.



(Article from choosemyplate.gov)

Krim Point Block Party

Pictures and Story by Susan Kiger



In June, Krim Point had a FUN get together on the Trail. DJ Jimmy Steel played many tunes and there was dancing in the street. Lots of food, drink, and getting to know our neighbors. A \$300 donation was made to FEEDMORE. Way to go Krim Point!!!!

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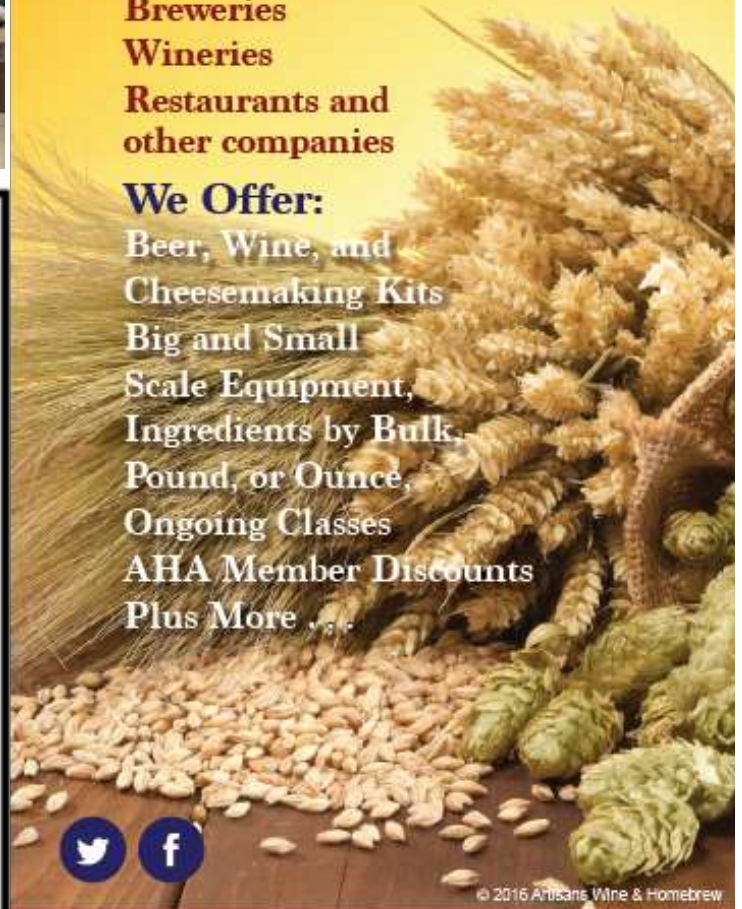
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**Mailbox Repair/
Home Services**

Mailbox 911 - Biggin Pond resident **Dale Murphy** offers mailbox repair or replacement services to Grove neighbors. Post repair available in wood or vinyl. Call Dale at 405-1023.

Hawkins Wood resident **John Romano** offers vinyl mail box replacement to Grove home owners. Wood is good but vinyl is final. John also installs wall safes. Call John at 379-1238.

Child Care Services

Babysitter - Upcoming college sophomore with a car looking for summer nanny/babysitting position. Familiar with all ages. Years of experience in a church nursery, and within The Grove. Please call/text/email **Laura** at 804-519-0350, lgottschalk@radford.edu.

Babysitter-College student seeking babysitting/nanny job. Lots of experience, CPR certified, and reliable transportation. Loves working with babies and children! If interested, please contact **Lexi Contner** at (804) 489-0628 or by email at alexiscontner@gmail.com.

Child Care - Are you a stay at home parent that needs to run errands or keep appointments from time to time without children? I can provide daytime child care in these instances. Please call **Marielle Pool** at 464-2836.

Pet Care Services

Pet Sitting - Retired Krim Point resident is available to do pet sitting. Call **LoisLynn** at 804-301-9696.

Pet Sitting Retired resident in Krim Point provides pet care services. Call **Linda Hartz** at 804-897-0764.

Pet Care - 9th grade Grove teen with past job experience as a dog walker & (cat & dog) pet sitter looking for a job in that field. For more details, please call (804) 379-3595, and ask for **Aaron** or e-mail at aaron.uva.soccer@gmail.com.

Pet Care - Dependable high school sophomore, with a passion for animals, would love to help with your pet care needs. Biggin Pond resident with lots of experience. Please contact **Emily** (804) 912-3089.

Share Your Stories: The Grove Miner is always looking for articles or ideas that can benefit our community. Please email Cathy Allen at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) needs volunteers. Most work is done online, except for projects that impact property lines. To join please contact Lisa Wagner at lwagner@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800.

WELCOME TO THE GROVE!



Justin Dalton & Kimberly Rainbow
13406 Tipple Point Road

Mark Falvo
1030 Mitford Place

Bing Lu
813 Biggin Pond Road

Tyler & Jillian Ossowski
13907 Hawkins Wood Court

Justin & Kimberlee Richardson
1219 Hawkins Wood Circle

Just moved in? For a gift and a smile, contact
Grove Welcome Committee Chair
Lynne Labott
at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com!



(Photos by Arthur Allen)

It Really Does Take A Village!

Just like your children, a great community must be nurtured. Let's ALL keep The Grove great by joining an HOA committee! You can make a BIG difference with a small time commitment. Architectural Review Committee work happens only when a home improvement project is submitted. Pool pass validation occurs annually; newsletter delivery is once a quarter, etc. The Welcome Committee can always use extra hands, as can the Social Committee. For more details, contact Gerry Mancuso president @thegrovehoa.com or email the Committee Chairs. Contact information can be found on page 2 of the newsletter or at thegrovehoa.com "Contact Us" tab.

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