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National Night Out!
Tuesday, August 1st
6—8 pm
Location: Clubhouse

Fun for the whole family! Meet McGruff & his friends from Chesterfield County Fire and Police Departments! Enjoy dinner & dessert from one of the food trucks: Slideways, Smokey Joe's BBQ, and Kona Ice. A guitarist will play music. Check page 3 for a list of upcoming Social Events!



Preserve The Grove's Beauty!

Let's all pitch in to keep our Grove "purty"! Although our subdivision has a landscape contract, the contract does not include trash pick up in the common areas. So when you are out walking, please help maintain the beauty in our neighborhood by picking up rubbish. There are plenty of trash receptacles along the walking paths. Thanks!

Next HOA Meetings

September 14th

**Annual HOA Election &
Meeting November 9th**

6:30pm@ The Clubhouse



The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, September 30, 2017

(rain date October 7)

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

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(Covering Biggin Pond, Coalbrook, Gravity Hill, Hawkins Woods, Kingham, Krim Point, Mitford)

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ownerservices@communitygroup.com
www.communitygroup.com

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

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Board of Directors: See Page 4

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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 to The Grove ARC. No applications will be considered without the town house board consent. *The HOA has 30 days to review submissions to ARC.* For complete details see www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab.

COMMUNITY GROUP NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS COVERAGE: IF TARA KEEVEN 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 Tara Keeven at 804-270-1800 or tkeeven@communitygroup.com.

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 contact Community Group, Owner Services 804-270-1800 or ownerservices@communitygroup.com.

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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 2017

Bus. Card size - \$40

Quarter page - \$75

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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



2017 Pool Information

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 2017 and beyond. Lost pass replacements are \$2 per pass. Please make checks payable to The Grove HOA. No cash payments are accepted.

The Grove is reforming our pool committee! Who would like to take part? Please help be the eyes and ears of our pool community. Minimal time required!

Send responses to Pool Committee Chair Anne Biedrycki at afbiedrycki@gmail.com.

POOL RULES Highlights

No floats are permitted except noodles, small floats, and water wings for infants and toddlers.

The Grove has specific rules governing pool usage, and the lifeguards are in charge of enforcing those rules. These rules are in place for the safety of all, so please follow those rules and be respectful of the lifeguards enforcing them. They may be young but they are highly qualified, with appropriate certifications, and should be treated accordingly. Please see the following excerpt from The Grove Pool Rules.

CONDUCT & HEALTH

16. The head lifeguard/manager is given full authority to enforce all swimming pool regulations as needed to maintain the safety of members and their guests. Appropriate behavior and cooperation is expected by all members and their guests.

For the complete set of pool rules go to <http://thegrovehoa.com/pool/pool-rules>.

2017 Pool Hours*

Now through August 5th

Sunday-Thursday 10 am to 8 pm

Friday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm

July 4th - 10 am to 8 pm

August 6th through September 4th

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.



Social Committee Update

Article and Photograph By Anne Biedrycki

The Social Committee has been busy planning and holding events for our neighborhood! We had a Summer Kick-Off Bash with a band and food trucks at The Clubhouse June 9th, and a Pool Party with a DJ and Pizza on July 15th. The fun continues in August with National Night Out Aug 1st and the Kindy Social August 31st. For details on future events stay tuned to The Grove Residents Facebook Page and the Events Page on thegrovehoa.com.

We would like to take donations for the following items: 4th of July decorations, paper products, plastic eggs, bubbles, hoola hoops, chalk, anything for the pool area including patio furniture and umbrellas.

The Social Committee also needs a Chair or Co-Chairs to act as a liaison between the committee and the HOA Board, newsletter, and website. We have a great team of neighbors working on events, but need one to two folks to be a point of contact for the committee. To volunteer join the Grove Socials Group page or contact socials@thegrovehoa.com. Let's keep this party going!



Mailbox Improvement

Freshen up your home's exterior starting with your mailbox! If the post and wooden paper box is in good condition, apply a new coat of paint, but if deteriorated, replace it. 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. If your mailbox numbers need replacement visit Pleasant Hardware/Midlothian. The mailbox numbers as seen in the photo may be purchased only at Pleasants. Mailbox can be repainted using dark hunter green matte spray paint.

Many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services, but make sure they adhere to bylaw standards. Grove resident John Romano provides repairs and replacements to mailboxes and posts (see page 11).

Street Light & Road Repair

The Grove does not maintain its own streets or street lights. If a bulb is out or a light is not functioning properly (blinking, etc.), please call Chesterfield County 804-751-4178. (Please have the number from the light and address or cross streets) If Chesterfield says it is in the

system, you can then call Dominion at 888-667-3000 to report it and all subsequent issues.

If it is a street sign issue, contact: BelcherJ@Chesterfield.gov.

If it is a road issue, go to: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov>.

Kindergarten Social!



Rising kindergartners are invited to meet classmates at the Annual Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 31st, 6:00pm -8:00pm at the Grove Clubhouse.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 24th to Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net.

It's a special day for the kindergartners , 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



Please be kind and pick up after your pooch! There are pet waste disposal stations strategically placed along the walking paths.



News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor

By Kathy Morris

The next Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor board meeting will be held on August 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Grove Clubhouse. If homeowners have concerns or suggestions please attend this meeting or e-mail them to Tracey Talbert at Stellar Management. The board will be making an extensive walk through the neighborhood in August to determine needs for the 2018 budget. Please e-mail Stellar Management if your property needs any repairs so they can be fixed in a timely manner. Thank you to all the homeowners who are diligent about irrigating their lawns. Natures Way will be applying lime to our lawns in

early fall. Chesterfield county's Parks and Recreation will be placing lights and cameras in the tunnel underneath Woolridge Road to hopefully deter and catch the people who are vandalizing this property. Those Scotter Hills residents who live near the Mines please do not hesitate to call the Chesterfield county police if you suspect vandalism in progress or drug related activity occurring. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and fall season!

2017 Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Board

President: Kathy Morris
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Secretary: Sandy Sneade
Treasurer: Sylvia Warner
Member at Large: Meredith Tyree

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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First day of school Tuesday, September 5th

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

J B Watkins Elementary 378-2530

Grade K: Orientation Sept. 1st 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Grades 1 – 5: Open House Sept. 1st 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Parents Back to School Nights:

Grades 4 – 5: September 12th: 6:00–8:00 pm

Grades 2 – 3: September 14th: 6:00–8:00 pm

Grades K – 1: September 19th: 6:00–8:00 pm

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 5, 2017.** 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 5, 2017."

Open House/Fees Dates:

Grade 6: August 30th 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Grades 7 & 8: August 31st 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Fee Information: Please check your mailbox for the Midlothian Middle School Newsletter, sent the first week of August 2017.

Midlothian High School 378-2440

Schedule Pick Up and Fee Timeframes:

Seniors & Juniors Only: August 29th 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Sophomores, & Srs & Jrs Makeup: Aug 30th 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Freshman/New Student Orientation: Aug 31st 1:30 – 4 pm

Makeup Day for all grades: Sept 1st 9:00–11:00 am

If you pay online you can bring your printed receipt to the school 8 am to 3 pm August 24 (except Aug 25) through September 1 to pick up schedules.

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 18th 6:30–8:30 pm

NO PTO School Supply Sale this year. School Supply Lists are posted on the website under Resources/School Supplies then Tabs for any classes requiring specific supplies.

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

Sales Tax Holiday August 4—6th!

Stretch your dollars 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's holiday is August 4th through 6th.

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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Fall Lawn Calendar From the VT Cooperative Extension

August

- To Prepare for Planting, Have Soil Tested.
- Contact Extension Office for New List of Recommended Seeds.
- Sow Grass Seed after August 15.
- Aerify, Overseed After August 15.
- Finish Grub Treatments.
- Mow as Needed.
- Consider Pre-emergence Herbicide for Winter Annual Broadleaf Weeds. Annual pesticide applications should not be needed! A thick, vigorous lawn is your best pest control.

September

- Sow Grass Seed.
- Aerify, Overseed.
- Water Lawns if Seed was Planted.
- Fertilizer: Established Lawns Will Benefit From One Pound of Actual Nitrogen Per 1,000 Sq. Ft. Slow Release Nitrogen Preferred.
- Mow as Needed.

October

- Finish sowing Grass Seed by October 15.
- Aerify, Overseed by October 15.
- Water Lawns if Seed was Planted.
- Fertilizer: Same as September.
- Mow as Needed.
- Consider Post-emergence Herbicide for Dandelion, Henbit and Other Broadleaves. Annual pesticide applications should not be needed! A thick, vigorous lawn is your best pest control.

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Make Your Shower Doors Sparkle!

Keeping shower doors clean and streak free is a challenge—unless you know the pros' secrets. Start by cleaning any mold, mildew or streaks off the glass with a glass cleaner. Use a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser to get into the cracks in textured glass. Scrape off tough buildup with a razor blade. Dry the doors with a cloth. Treat the doors with a product like Aquapel (autobodydepot.com) or Rain-X (available at auto parts stores

and home centers). These glass treatments form an invisible film on the glass to increase water repellency, causing water and soap to bead up and run off the glass. (Squeegee off the water after bathing to keep soap scum from building up again.) Spray or wipe on the glass treatment, then wipe it off with a microfiber cloth. Overspray won't harm surrounding surfaces. The products repel water for six months.

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A Note from Our Feathered Friends!



Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair

The 36th Annual Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Midlothian Middle School from 10 AM - 3 PM. It's a fun filled day for the entire family, and admission to the festival is FREE!

Highlights of the festival are a parade sponsored by the Midlothian Foundation, craft fair, games, inflatables, food, entertainment, community booths, and a silent auction.

All of the proceeds from the festival benefit MJWC's Cinderella Dreams and local charities such as the Richmond Friends of the Homeless, Caritas, the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity and many more. The festival is the largest community project each year for the Midlothian Junior Women's club. For more information, log on to <http://www.midlothianfestival.net/>.

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Local Walking Group

(By Mike Curran)

The Grove and surrounding area in the Village of Midlothian is popular with exercise enthusiasts, families, and people just looking for a scenic place to enjoy the outdoors. Walk Midlo is a local walking group meeting every Saturday morning at 7:00 am in the parking lot behind Midlothian Urban Farmhouse. Group walks last approximately an hour. The group walks between three to four miles.

The group was founded at the completion of the YMCA

Monument Avenue 10K Training Team in 2013. A group of seven training team members wanted to continue walking after the team had finished for the season. Walk Midlo members, not only meet for weekly walks on Saturdays, but also participate in the Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10K, VCU Health 8K, Marine Corps League Patriots Run, Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, and many other events throughout the greater Richmond area.

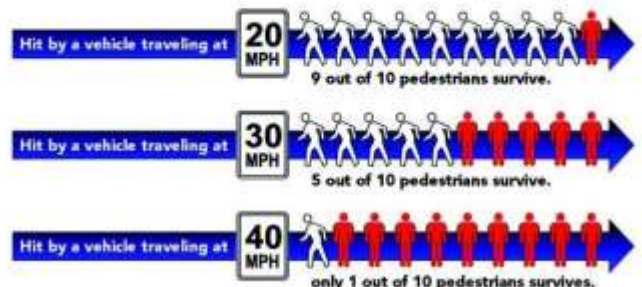
Walkers of all fitness and experience levels are welcome to join.

For more information about group walks, you can contact Sue Ann Curran at walkmidlo@gmail.com. You can follow Walk-Midlo on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/walkmidlo/> and on Instagram @walkmidlo.

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Child Care Services

Babysitter - College junior available on weekends caring for children of all ages, including 0-2years and special needs. Years of experience in a church nursery, and within The Grove; in addition to a summer caretaking position to a young child with special needs. Please call/text/email **Laura** at 804-519-0350, lauragottschalk9@gmail.com.

Fifteen year-old Kingham resident available for **pet and child care services**. Can care for all animals and children of all ages including infants. Has many years of experience in her church nursery, volunteering at a children's camp, as well as child and pet sitting jobs in the Grove. Please call or text **Kate** at (804) 510-4219.

Skin Care

Grove Resident Betsy Elwood offering free skin care consultation services as a Rodan + Fields representative to Grove neighbors. Contact Grove Resident Betsy Elwood at 804-337-7634 or <http://belwood.myrandf.com>.

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 804-928-7958.

Pet Care - 12th 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) 245-2781 or e-mail at aaronhou2598@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.

Have a story to tell? The Grove Miner is always looking for Neighbor to Neighbor articles. Contact Cathy Allen at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.

A big shout out goes to Grove residents Rick & Nita Markell who are now printing our newsletters!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!



Tom & Megan Becker 13701 Biggin Pond Lane

Braswell & Megan Brandt 1518 Goswick Ridge Road

Sahah Brickley 507 Krim Point Loop

Parker & Shannon Cramer 637 Scotter Hills Court

Richard & Donna Crane 13943 Krim Point Road

Edward Griggs III, 612 Scotter Hills Court

Mason W. Laine 837 Coalbrook Drive

Mark & Melissa Marinello 527 Lawford Lane

Douglas & Julie Norris 802 Biggin Pond Mews

Suad Shami & Rafeq Al Labod 600 Coalbrook Drive

Patrick & Jessica Simon 1461 Goswick Ridge Road

Richard & Kristine Wagenaar 625 Krim Point Loop

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

Wouldn't You Like to Be My Neighbor, Too?

The best part of The Grove is our people! Please consider joining our network of volunteers who help keep the neighborhood well maintained, benefitting all. The Social Committee can always use assistance planning and running events, Architectural Review needs folks to assess homeowner improvement applications, Neighborhood Watch needs a Chair/ Co-Chairs, etc. For more info please contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com or Committee Chairs (Page 2).



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