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HANG ON TO THOSE POOL PASSES!

As stated last year, please do not discard your pool passes from 2014. The HOA will be

National Night Out 2015 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 4th
7 to 8 PM
The Clubhouse

Meet McGruff and Local Fire, Police,
and EMS Staff!

Ice Cream Scoopers Needed!
To help out, email Gerry at
president@thegrovehoa.com.

Chesterfield County, VA is on a roll!
Participation in the county placed

Fireworks Illegal in County

We do not, nor have ever had an official fireworks display in The Grove due to County restrictions. Discharging fireworks in the subdivision without a permit is against Chesterfield County law and therefore illegal. According to Chesterfield's government website, the county fire prevention code

Freshen It Up!

Let's make The Grove sparkle like new again during Mailbox Improvement month in May. If the post and wooden paper box is still in presentable condition, apply a fresh coat of

using stickers to update the passes for 2015 and beyond. **You must bring your pool passes with you to get them validated at one of the Pool Pass Validation Days (see page 3).**



Chesterfield in the top ten nationwide, in the 300,000 plus population category, thanks to neighborhoods like ours. Awesome job, fellow "Grover"!

(Source: <http://www.natw.org/awards/>)

"prohibits the sale, possession, and use of fireworks by anyone other than a licensed and permitted fireworks professional." You must apply for this permit 60 days in advance of the display, and include proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance, and a pyrotechnician certification, in addition to other requirements. Any unauthorized fireworks use is punishable by law.

paint, but replace if deteriorated. 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. (cont. on page 4)

Next HOA Meetings

May 14th
July 9th
6:30 p.m.
@ The Clubhouse

**Meetings normally held on the
second Thursday bi-monthly.**

The Grove 2015 Board of Directors

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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

STOP! Don't paint that door or plant that hedge without talking to ARC! 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.

Grove Homeowners must be in good standing to submit projects to ARC. All applicable HOA assessments be current and any late fees or fines are satisfied.

Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor residents need to be current with both their townhouse 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.

Get all the facts on the web at www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab.

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.

Disclosure Packages Required for Grove Home Sales

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.

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Ads and submissions for the Aug-Oct issue are due July 15

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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2015 Pool Pass Validation Dates

Location: The Clubhouse

Bring your pool passes to get them validated on one of the following dates. Please note if you can not attend one of the scheduled dates you may have your passes validated by a neighbor as long as your HOA dues are current. 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 do not attend any of the scheduled nights during the month of May; new residents will continue to be accommodated after their closing. 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. **Volunteers are needed to validate pool passes, as well as join the pool committee.** To help out email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com

Mon. May 11th 7-9 pm
Wed. May 13th 7-9 pm
Sat. May 16th 10 am-12 pm
Tues. May 19th 7-9 pm
Thurs. May 21st 7-9 pm
Sat. May 30th 10 am-12 pm

ALL NEW RESIDENTS MUST TURN IN UPDATED REGISTRATION AND WAIVER FORMS. Download and print ahead of time at <http://thegrovehoa.com/pool>.

YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT IN GOOD STANDING, with all HOA dues, fines, and late fees paid in full.

NEW HOMEOWNERS BRING:

Registration form
Waiver form
Copy of Closing Statement
Photo ID

NEW RENTERS BRING/VERIFY:

Registration form
Waiver form
Copy of lease
Photo ID
Check with landlord to verify HOA dues are paid

RETURNING GROVE RESIDENTS BRING:

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

2015 Pool Hours*

Opening Day Saturday, May 23rd

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday 10 am to 9 pm
Sunday 10 am to 8 pm
Monday 10 am to 7 pm

May 26th through June 11th

Monday-Thursday 2 pm to 7 pm
Friday 2 pm to 9 pm
Saturday 10 am to 9 pm
Sunday 10 am to 8 pm
School Days 2 pm to 7 pm

June 12th

Last Day of School 2 pm to 9 pm

June 13th through August 8th

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

August 9th through September 7th

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 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2015
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

More information to come in the next newsletter and The Grove Facebook page.
Hosted by Rita Bond
For questions or if you want to volunteer with this event: Email Rita at ritabond2002@gmail.com.

(Submitted by Rita Bond)

About the Clubhouse

Hosting a large summer party or family reunion? The Grove Clubhouse can easily accommodate up to 150 of your closest relatives and friends! To reserve, click on the Clubhouse tab at thegrovehoa.com, select the "Clubhouse Pricing and Reservations" link, then choose "Reserve Now". Only a Grove resident in good standing (current with HOA assessments and fees) can book the Clubhouse. Complete the required information and submit the form. Our Clubhouse Coordinator, Shelley Neofotistos, will respond within 48 hours.

Clubhouse rates have been changed. A 3 hour block is now available for \$75.00 with no additional time permitted. A 6

hour block costs \$125.00, with \$10 per each additional hour. A \$75 refundable deposit is required at time of booking.

Included in the rental rate:

8 7' Folding Tables
3 Folding Bar Height Tables
50 Folding Chairs
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TV with VCR/DVD (no channels)
Full service kitchen complete with stove, oven, microwave and refrigerator
Walkout patio and picnic tables
NO POOL USAGE!

For more information, contact Shelley at paris972@msn.com, clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com, or 804-897-8279, <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse>.



Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor News

By Sandy Sneade and Kathy Morris

A reminder to residents that maintenance and landscape concerns are to be directed to Stellar Community Management at 804-273-1333. Should there be issues you are urged to report them promptly so they can be addressed before they become an even bigger problem that requires more extensive attention which means greater cost to remedy.

Should there be an emergency situation that occurs after office hours, Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor residents are to contact Stellar Management at the emergency number of 804-929-3355. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

2015 Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Board

President: Kathy Morris

Vice President: Bertina Lee

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Treasurer: Sylvia Warner

Member at Large: Debra Bosko

Freshen It Up (cont.)

Two Grove residents provide repairs and replacements to mailboxes and posts (see pg. 11): Dale Murphy and John Romano. If your mailbox letters need replacement contact Ray Hite at 434-480-9986. Also, many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services but make sure they adhere to bylaw standards.

information should be on the back of the shutters, including shipping requirements for repair/replacement. Contact the company to verify instructions.

Are your doors or garage doors fading? If so, either refresh the existing color or submit an application to the Architectural Review Committee to change paint color.

Most shutters are under a lifetime warranty, so do not repaint or replace! Warranty

Annual letters of violation will be sent to those who have not taken care of these items, so take a proactive stance now!

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Neighbor to Neighbor: Reaching Across the World

By Eileen Nyholm

I am a seven year resident of Krim Point and a retired Occupational Therapist who has started doing worldwide mission trips bringing humanitarian aid in the form of wheelchairs and mobility devices - two a year - since 2011. This work opened up to me after the death of my husband 5 years ago. Since then I have been to Crimea, Dominican Republic, Peru, Northern Ukraine, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Jordan...and in Jan. 2015, to Israel. I am interested in getting any used mobility devices people would like to donate and clear out of their homes or attics for collection and refurbishment and eventual use around the world. Items greatly needed are wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, and adaptive equipment including splints and braces for arms or legs. We distribute these through Wheels for the World (www.joniandfriends.org).

Here's a glimpse into our last trip to Israel. The day before we left, there was a violent attack on a bus in TelAviv where we had been recently, and where part of our team had remained to provide an eyeglass clinic for Holocaust survivors. Yet, did anyone feel unsafe working in the West Bank/Palestinian Authority cities of Jericho or going to church in Bethlehem? Did anyone feel unsafe during or after the distribution, for five days of touring Israel from the streets of Jerusalem, Nazareth, Cana to the heights of the Arbel, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, entering tunnels under King Herod's old city, burial caves of Bet She'arim, or riding a boat on the Sea of Galilee? NO! Every day each of us live our lives by faith. What assurance do we have of our own safety driving a mile to the grocery store or the mall? No more than needed to fly 12 1/2 hours across the sea and encounter a different world. I firmly believe that being where God wants me to be, I am part of His schedule for my days on this earth - "my times are in His hands" and His words to us in each and every situation are "fear not". Life's experiences of living through the caregiving and death of my husband Jim and living alone has taught me most definitely that when I cast my fears on the Lord, I can always say He replaces fear with peace and joy.



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Summer Lawn TLC

Lawns require tender loving care during the hot summer months. Beat the heat and drought with these proven strategies.

Raise the blade on your lawnmower to a minimum of 3 inches. This height promotes long, healthy roots, and chokes out weeds. Mowing too low damages the crown which stunts growth, whereas mowing too high can stress blades. Turf type also determines mower

height. If in doubt, consult a lawn care professional.

Water your lawn for a half an hour to 45 minutes once a week. The goal is to get an inch of water on the lawn. Place a can on the lawn to measure water depth. Best practices indicate it is more effective to water thoroughly once a week than 15 minutes 3 to 4 times per week. Additionally it is recommended that you water in the early morning versus mid-day or evening to prevent steam-cooking your turf or causing fungal infestations.

(Information from VA Cooperative Extension Chesterfield Co.)

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- Keeping windows free of banners, displays and signage.
- Placing the cashier station close to the front entrance.
- Elevating the cashier station to enhance in-store visibility.
- Using mirrors and reflective surfaces to enhance internal visibility.
- Orienting gondolas and shelves to maximize visibility of store activities.
- Keeping gondolas and shelves below four-feet in height.
- Complimenting natural strategies by using electronic means to capture and record images.
- Ensuring adequate internal and external nighttime illumination.
- Retaining sightlines from surrounding roads and businesses through proper landscape placement and regular maintenance


Remember that good security is good business. Clean, well-lit properties with ample visibility are more appealing to customers, and therefore more profitable for owners.

Vacation Tips

With summertime approaching, it is important to remember that as you prepare for your trip, you must also prepare your home. People spend a lot of time planning their trip and practically no time planning what is going to happen at their house in their absence. Below are some crime prevention tips to keep your home safe while you are gone. The key is to make your home look as if you never left.

- Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or ask a trusted neighbor/friend to pick them up daily.
- Put timers on several household lights so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- Arrange to have grass mowed while you are gone.
- Make sure all your door and window locks are in proper working order—and use them. Activate your home alarm if you have one.
- Do things that suggest someone is home. Ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway. Leave a loud radio on (tuned to talk radio) to increase the illusion of occupancy.
- If you are traveling by car, plan and map your route. Have routine car and tire maintenance performed before you leave.
- Leave copies of your passport, driver's license, credit cards and travelers checks with a trusted family member for replacement.
- Contact the police department (748-1258) to request a vacation keep-check on your home.

(from Chesterfield Co. Police Department Crime Prevention Newsletter)



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Stop Summer Slide

Prevent a rocky transition back to school this fall with periodic “refreshers” in primary subjects. Although the last thing kids (and parents) want to do is schoolwork during the summer, reinforcing skills learned the previous grade sets a good foundation for the next grade. It is also a good opportunity to build up those areas in which your child is struggling. The trick is to personalize the learning experience, and make it interactive.

Chesterfield County Schools Library Services has a wealth of information for grades K to 12 http://libguides.ccpsnet.net/ccps_libraries. On this site you will find resources for math and reading activities to stimulate the mind and

imagination, primarily for elementary aged children. Summer Heat 4 Math lists 15 fun ways to keep those math skills sharp. Activities include playing cards, chess, watching sports, baking, and running a lemonade stand. There is also a section for secondary students to participate in the TenMarks program, which goes over the math curriculum at their own pace, with hints and video lessons.



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Child Care Services

Babysitter - Sixteen year-old high school senior with car provides babysitting services. Coalbrook resident with lots of experience with children ages 2 through 9. Call **Sami** at 897-9375.

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.

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.

Cake Making Services

Local cake makers create custom designed birthday cakes or cupcakes. Contact **Emma & Claire Cullen** at rossieleven@verizon.net or 379-4710.

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.

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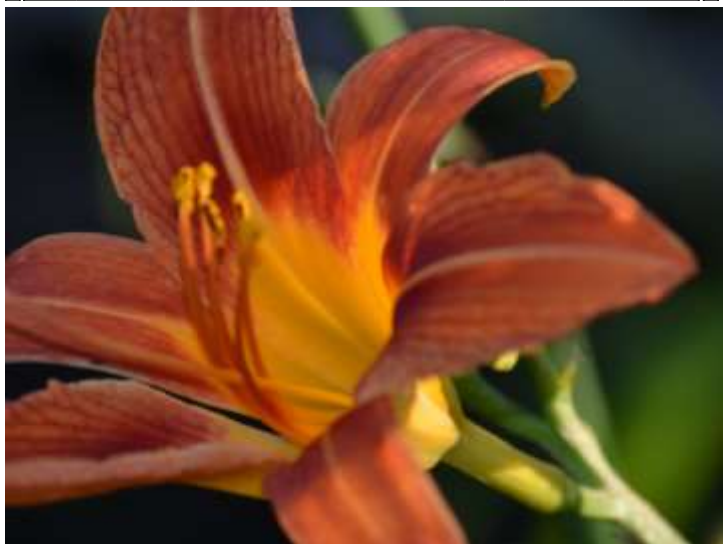


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"Summer Glory" (Photos by Arthur Allen)

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