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# POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTHER SELFS

## Put Your Best House Forward By Gerry Mancuso

Spring is typically the time of year when most homes go on the market. If a prospective buyer were to drive past your house what would be their impression? Start with your mailbox. Is the green box faded and the post leaning or rotting? See the newsletter on page 4 for details on mailbox refurbishment. Does your driveway need sealing or repair? How about that lawn? Is it full of weeds or need mowing? Are your foundation beds untidy? The Grove Standards require every homeowner to maintain their property to the standards of the neighborhood. Each home is required to have a front yard irrigation system to help

National Night Out! Tuesday, August 2nd Location: Clubhouse

Family Friendly Fun!

More details to follow

on The Grove Facebook Residents Page.

meet that goal. Stand back and view your

house. Are your pedestrian and garage doors

faded and requiring a fresh coat of paint?

What about your shutters? Most shutters are

under a lifetime warranty, so check the

#### Fireworks Illegal Per County

Please do not set off fireworks in The Grove this July 4th! There is no official fireworks display in the neighborhood 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

warranty information on the back, which should include shipping requirements for repair/replacement. Contact the company to verify instructions. Is the vinyl siding moldy or just in need of a good power washing? Prospective buyers, while they may like a particular home for sale, might think twice about a house in a tired, worn-down looking neighborhood. Put your best house forward and it will benefit ALL of us. Make your home in The Grove as welcoming as the people who live here.

website, the county fire prevention code

#### **Next HOA Meetings**

May 12th July 14th

6:30 p.m. @ The Clubhouse

(Second Thursday bi-monthly)

website, the county fire prevention code "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.

#### The Grove 2016 Board of Directors boardofdirectors@lists.thegrovehoa.com

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#### 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.

#### 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** 

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#### **Pool**

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#### Social

**NEW**, Kendall Rountree kendallrountree@gmail.com

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

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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.

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.

#### 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 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: the grovehoa.com



# 2016 Pool Pass Validation Dates Location: The Clubhouse

Bring your pool passes to get them validated on one of the following dates. The HOA will continue to use stickers to update the passes for 2016 and beyond. Please note if you cannot 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 Kathy Burnette at 804-897-0377 to schedule an appointment. Kathy Burnette is helping out with pool passes over the summer. Volunteers are needed to validate pool passes, as well as join the pool committee. To help out email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Weds. May 11th 7-9 pm
Fri. May 13th 7-9 pm
Mon. May 16th 7-9 pm
Sat. May 21st 10 am-12 pm

Tues. May 24th 7-9 pm Thurs. May 26th 7-9 pm

Sat. June 4th 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.

# 2016 Pool Hours\* Opening Day Saturday, May 28th

#### **Memorial Day Weekend**

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

#### May 31st through June 16th

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 17th

Last Day of School 2 pm to 9 pm

#### 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.

#### **Get This Party Started!**

The Grove HOA is excited to welcome **Kendall Rountree** as our **new Social Committee Chair!** Kendall is looking for volunteers for the committee, and to help out with events. To join the team, contact Kendall at kendallrountree@gmail.com.

#### **Mailbox Improvement!**

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 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.

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 letters need replacement contact Ray Hite at 434-480-9986.



#### Birthday? Anniversary? Bridal Shower? Book It at The Clubhouse!

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

#### New Lacrosse Goals

In addition to the existing soccer goals, there are now lacrosse goals at the dry pond!!!

#### **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.



**SPEED LIMIT IN THE GROVE: 25 MPH!** 



# Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor News

By Kathy Morris

Spring is here! Thank you to all homeowners who have completed their irrigation start up. Our lawns will be monitored this spring and summer and hopefully no one will be fined for not irrigating their yards. Please remember to contact Stellar Community Management at 804-273-1333 if your home needs exterior repairs. Also our trash cans need to be stored out of sight during the week. The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor rules and regulations will be sent to all homeowners and renters in the next few weeks by mail to remind us of our responsibilities our to

and townhomes neighborhood. Please always encourage your children to be careful not to run into the street while playing. A number homeowners have expressed concern about close calls while driving on Lawford Lane and Scotter Hills Lane in the past few months. The next board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016 at 6:45 pm in the Grove clubhouse. Have a great spring and summer!

#### 2016 Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor Board

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



(Photo Courtesy of Gerry Mancuso)

#### Little Library at The Grove Clubhouse

"Take a book, leave a book" at this Little Library in The Grove! The library is a book exchange where residents can take or leave a book free of charge. Its function is to promote reading making it accessible to all residents. The library is meant for all ages, and can contain any type of book, picture, novel, reference, etc.

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#### **Architectural Review Committee Needs Help!**

ARC is in need of more members to join its committee, which helps keep our neighborhood beautiful. To lend a hand, please contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

#### "A Tisket, A Tasket!"

Here are some clips from this year's Easter Egg Hunt at The Grove Clubhouse! The event was very well attended, and the Easter Bunny made sure everyone found some treats to put in their baskets!

(Photos courtesy of Eileen Statts)





# Mt. Pisgah Preschool

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- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use -- TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F.
- Take short showers instead of baths and use low-flow showerheads for additional energy savings.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Air dry clothes.
- Check to see that windows and doors are closed when heating or cooling your home.
- Drive sensibly; aggressive driving such as speeding, and rapid acceleration and braking, wastes fuel.

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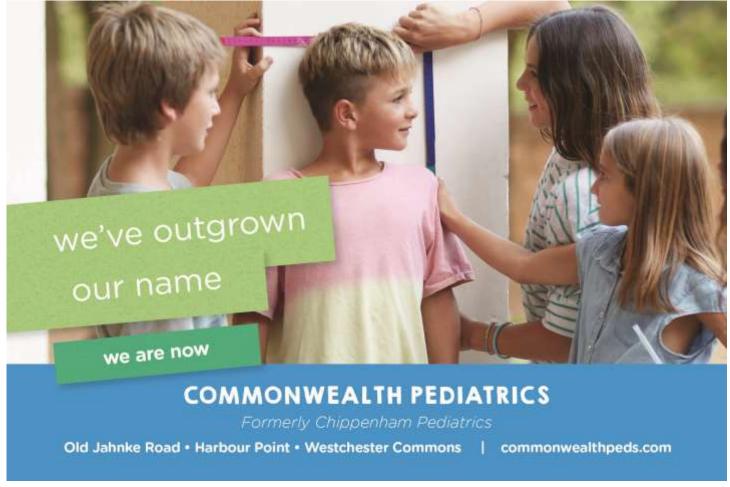
(From energy.gov)



#### Strides to a Healthy Weight

#### Should I take any precautions before becoming more active?

People with chronic diseases, such as a heart condition, arthritis, diabetes, or high blood pressure, should talk to their doctor about what types and amounts of physical activity are appropriate. (continued on page 9)





#### Getting Started (cont. from pg. 8)

If you've not been physically active in a while, you may be wondering how to get started again. Lace up those sneakers and find some motivating ideas here.

Here are some tips to help get you started:

Look for opportunities to reduce sedentary time and to increase active time. For example, instead of watching TV, try taking a walk after dinner.

Set aside specific times for physical activity in your schedule to make it part of your daily or weekly routine.

Start with activities, locations, and times you enjoy. For example, some people might like walking in their neighborhood in the mornings; others might prefer an exercise class at a health club after work.

Try activities with friends or family members to help with motivation and mutual encouragement.

Start slowly and work your way up to more physically challenging activities. For many people, walking is a particularly good place to begin.

When necessary, break up your daily activity goal into smaller amounts of time. For example, you could break the 30-minute a day recommendation into three 10-minute sessions or two 15-minute sessions. Just make sure the shorter sessions are at least 10 minutes long.

For many people, walking offers a great way to become more active, so put your best foot forward!

(from Center for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/physical\_activity/getting\_started.html)



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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.

Articles Wanted: The Grove Miner is always looking for human interest stories or articles that can benefit our community. If you have a story to share, please email Cathy Allen at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.

Congratulations to Kay & John Romano on their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 30th!!!

# WELCOME TO THE GROVE!



Daniel & Elizabeth Barry 13706 Biggin Pond Lane

Ryan and Alexandra Cunningham 931 Roll Drive

> Thomas Ladd 13707 Biggin Pond Lane

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



(Photos by Arthur Allen)

#### The Difference is YOU!

Want to preserve The Grove's reputation as one of the best neighborhoods this side of the Rivah? Then join an HOA committee! Our subdivision has many opportunities for residents wanting to improve the community, and it's a good way to meet fellow "Grovers"!

You can make a BIG difference with a small time commitment. Pool pass validation occurs annually; newsletter delivery happens once a quarter, etc. The Welcome Committee can always use extra hands. For more details, contact Gerry Mancuso president @thegrovehoa.com.

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