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## THE GROVE MINER

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#### EDITORIAL:



## WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY !

If a visitor or new resident reads this issue, they might think they we live in a blighted, crime-ridden area.

We, however, know we have a great highly maintained, wonderfully managed, safe, and family-focused community.

Unfortunately, a few individuals over the last few months have made us embarrassed and ashamed of our normally healthy community.

The answer?....We need an effective Grove-Wide Neighborhood Watch Program! Hopefully this issue will inspire individuals to volunteer and organize a full Grove Neighborhood Watch Program. Krim Point and Gravity Hill have programs, but we need the full support and help of the entire neighborhood to help protect the most valuable material asset you will ever own. An email and phone tree system that alerts neighbors of suspicious activity is the way to get started. Consider organizing your neighborhood within the Grove, so that we can have one comprehensive system to get the word out.

> Watchful eyes by everyone 24/7 is greatly needed! It's time for YOU to make a difference!

Interested?.....Email: boardofdirectors@thegrovehoa.com Questions on what it takes to get started? Call Kristen Holland (Gravity Hill) **794-7256** 



#### PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE COMMUNITY REPORT

## WHO CARES ? And what about those who don't ?

As one of the first of seven resident's to live in The Grove, and the second in Gravity Hill, I have always been proud to be a part of this community and to watch the subdivision develop and grow. The neighborhood parties, Friday Night Cheers, parades, neighbors helping neighbors during times of need like hurricanes, it has been a great place to live and to this day I honestly feel that a large majority of residents really do care. I have never been one to pull any punches and I'm not about to start now so I want to address those who obviously do not care and let those of you who do know what we are doing about it.

There was a time when all the dues were paid by the end of the month due. We still have several outstanding homeowners owing.

#### FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT MADE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS: LIENS ARE BEING PLACED ON YOUR PROPERTIES ON AUGUST 15.

To the vandals (who, vandalized the pool and destroyed signs) and thieves, like the one who stole my wife's IPOD from her car when parked in my driveway, we are prosecuting to the fullest extent permissible by law. You should be ashamed of yourselves committing any crime, let alone against your neighbors.

To the car flashing its lights and making obscene gestures at an elderly person for obeying our 25mph speed limit: They make license plates with numbers on them for a reason.

To those who totally ignore the covenants and restrictions by storing debris and inoperable vehicles on their properties—the court injunctions and tow trucks are coming.

#### Just as are the fines for altering the terrain without approval.

The above are just a few of many instances where a small minority of residents seems to be intent on devaluing our homes and neighborhoods. This president along with this board is not going to allow that to happen. I am encouraging all residents to meet and get to know more of your neighbors the next opportunity you have.

Thank you.

Don McHale

president@thegrovehoa.com



## Welcome New Neighbors

**Hawkins Woods** Jay & Michelle Nelson Manohar & Radha Viswanathan

Krim Point Grace Johnson & Robert Lee

**Gravity Hill** Peter & Carol Pettit John & Kimberly McComb Austin & Cara Kasarda Liann Rider

**Mitford** Pan & Chen Zhao

#### Kingham

Richard & Jennifer Berry Gregory & Saralee Ness Daniel Quiram & Michelle Peatross Ian & Diana Garbera (from Coalbrook) Carrie & Dennis Murray Jeremy & Laura Aisenberg Morris Greenfield Bradley & Sally Rebel Coalbrook

Robert & Debra Moskovitz Andrew & Melissa Calkins Tina & Joseph McClain (from Hawkins Woods)

**Ridgemoor** Bill and Candy Nadekow Carla Witten

#### Scotter Hills Ralph & Diane Spencer Kathleen Crookshanks Felix Romero Luz Sheppard

**Biggin Pond** Jeffrey & Ritaben Bond We really want to 'welcome' new neighbors as they move into our neighborhood. We do hear about new homes being sold, but resale's are harder. If you know of a neighbor that has moved into a 'resale' home or if YOU have moved in and haven't been 'welcomed', please notify us at GroveWelcome@comcast.net.



### Thomas Olivero, D.D.S.

**112 Walton Park Lane** Between Walgreen's & the Goddard School

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#### GROVE PHONE BOOK ADDITIONS & ADDENDUMS

We apologize to those that were left out of the 2006 phone directory and we welcome and ask all new residents to please submit your information to the Board so we may include you in the next newsletter and on to our permanent files. Email: treasurer@thegrovehoa.com.

#### Please add these to your 2006 Grove Community Directory

Christopher & Samantha Haslego 1442 Goswick Ridge Road 379-0243

Joanne Spaw 1442 Goswick Ridge Road 379-0243

#### We Want YOU to submit articles or ideas!

The next newsletter will come out October 1st. Deadline for submission is September 15.

Questions, Comments, or Submissions: send to Mike Burnette at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com or 897.0377

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Juliane and Dave Steenkamer 13400 Tipple Point Road 423-7812

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## **SOMETHING IS FISHY HERE !!**



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#### THE BOARD IS AGGRESSIVELY REPAIRING VANDALIZED, ABUSED, AND WORN ITEMS IN THE GROVE!

About a month ago, the life guards discovered 16 dead fish in the pool. They were 6 to 8 inches long. They were not thrown over the fence. At the steps at the corner of the pool closest to the wading pool there was dirt and debris on the steps which indicates that someone climbed over the fence to dump the fish in the pool. There was a considerable amount of work required by the life guards to remove the fish, clean the pool and bring the pool chemistry back to acceptable levels. All of this caused the pool to open later than normal.

The gazebos are currently being completely overhauled. The gazebo at the pond requires the most extensive repair. The top railings are being replaced because the old railings had been carved and defaced extensively. One of the benches had to have extensive repair work done. There were only two benches remaining at the time the work started, therefore we are having three new benches built and installed. The lattice work at the base of the gazebo is being repaired or replaced. No one should climb over the railing and walk in the water or attempt to remove the lattice. Both gazebos have been power washed, sanded and scraped, primed, painted and the weather vane at the top of each removed, refinished and solidly installed.

The door handle and lock on the men's restroom at the club house has been replaced. The tables at the club house which had legs which looked like they were about to fall off the tables have now been repaired by gluing them to the table and additional screws installed.

Quotes have been received to remove all dead trees in the common areas. This work will start shortly and will take approximately a week to complete.

There are some dead shrubs at both entrances. Current plans are to remove them this fall and install new plants.

The board plans to plant some additional trees in the common area this fall.

One of the signs which cautions drivers to slow down as they approach the club house and the cross walk have been vandalized twice within the past month. The first time the sign was on the ground at the base of the post. This is a strongly built sign. It appears to have been struck with considerable force which broke off the top inch of the sign which left the screw and the top inch still on the post. The sign was repaired and reinstalled to the post. The second time someone unscrewed the sign and took the sign. Currently, contact is being made to a sign company to have this replaced.



Gary Powers, Jr. founded the Cold War Museum in 1996 to honor Cold War veterans and preserve Cold War history.

Since 2005, Gary and his wife and son have lived in Kingham.

Over the past nine years, the Cold War Museum has made great strides in honoring Cold War Veterans and preserving Cold War history.

The Cold War Museum is an affiliate with the Smithsonian Institution. As a result, it has pledges of support for artifact loans from Smithsonian Air and Space, American History, National Portrait, and US Postal Museums. The Museum is working with the Spy Museum in Washington, DC to temporarily display artifacts. But, the work has just begun and they need to continue fundraising efforts in order to build The Cold War Museum and Memorial.

The mobile exhibit on the U-2 Incident, the "Spies of Washington Tour," and book signing lectures continue to generate interest and support. The mobile exhibit is currently on display at the Southwest Virginia Museum in Big Stone Gap, Virginia through October 10, 2006. The educational "Spies of Washington Tour" (www.spytour.com) now includes an optional stop at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. The Cold War Museum is also in negotiations with the National Archives to produce a Cold War lecture series in the near future.



October 13-15, they are planning a groundbreaking ceremony in conjunction with a conference on the 1956 Hungarian and Polish Crises.

Sergei Khrushchev, the son of Nikita Khrushchev, Mr. Laszlo Rajk, the son of an executed Communist leader of Hungary, and a representative from the Polish Embassy will be participating. In addition, there will be a book signing and a panel comprised of Nike Missile veterans that will discuss the history of the Nike missile program with specific insight into Lorton site history.



They are at a critical stage of development. Fairfax County Park Authority is reviewing the second phase proposal to locate at the former Nike Missile Base in Lorton, Virginia and negotiations are underway to occupy the site as early as this fall.





The museum continues its involvement with the Combined Federal Campaign, which allows Federal government and military employees to donate to the Museum directly through payroll deduction.

If you know of friends or family members that would be interested in their efforts, please encourage them to visit www.coldwar.org. Tax-deductible contributions and artifact donations to the Museum will ensure that future generations will remember Cold War events and personalities that forever altered our understanding of national security, international relations, and personal sacrifice for one's country. Please help spread the word about the Museum. Together we can help Gary make this vision a reality. If you should have any questions, want additional information, or would like to subscribe to *Cold War Times* email newsletter distribution list, please contact:

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### COLD WAR MUSEUM HOSTS SPY TOUR OF WASHINGTON , DC

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Your mission, if you choose to accept it, may be to locate various espionage sites in Arlington, Washington, and Georgetown; observe the former Café where a Soviet spy escaped from his CIA handlers; listen in on a briefing about Civil War espionage at Lafayette Park; tour the Berlin Wall at the Newseum; and/or visit drop points used by agents such as FBI spy Robert Hanssen.

Since its earliest days, Washington, D.C. has been the scene of international intrigue, espionage, and intelligence activity, as the U.S. government has tried to learn the plans of other countries while keeping its own plans secret. Key players in this non-ending drama include personalities as diverse as Rose Greenhow, Herbert Yardley, Major General "Wild Bill" Donovan, Aldrich Ames, and Robert Hanssen. This six-hour bus tour will introduce you to many of the locations in and around Washington that have been associated with intelligence and counter intelligence activities for the past two hundred years. Some walking is required. Optional stop at International Spy Museum is not included in price.

"We are excited about the growth and popularity of the Spies of Washington tour. All proceeds from the original Spies of Washington tour benefit the Cold War Museum (www.coldwar.org), which is dedicated to preserving Cold War history and honoring Cold War veterans.", said Gary Powers.



Gary is now offering a special spy tour from the Midlothian/Richmond area for groups of 30 or more starting at \$65 per person. Otherwise, it is \$45 from Pentagon City.

For more information, private bookings and additional information visit www.spytour.com or call the Cold War Museum at (703) 273-2381.

## **GROVE TRIVIA !**

#### Submitted by Dennis Walters, THANKS!!

The following cautionary statements are on product containers for these household items. Match the item product with the statement. Answers

١.	Arm & Hammer baking soda	
2.	Conair hair dryer	
3.	Efferdent denture cleanser	
4.	Finesse mousse	
5.	Gerber Pacifier	
6.	Huggies diapers	
7.	Jell-o gelatin	
8.	Krazy Glue glue	
9.	Liquid Paper correction fluid	
10.	Lysol toilet bowl cleaner	
11.	NoDoz alertness aid	
12.	Q-tip swabs	
13.	Ragu spaghetti sauce	
14.	Raid roach fogger	
15.	Wesson oil	

Select the appropriate answer and put the letter opposite the product that the warning appears on.

- A. Always keep your child away from source of flame.
- B. Avoid fire, flame, or smoking during use and until hair is thoroughly dry.
- C. Contains hydrochloric acid. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
- D. Do no leave unattended while heating.
- E. Do not put tablets in mouth.
- F. Do not use fresh or frozen pineapple, kiwi, gingerroot, papaya, figs or guava.
- G. Entering the ear canal could cause injury.
- H. Eye and skin irritant. Bonds skin instantly.
- I. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents can be harmful or fatal.
- J. It is very important not to take this product when overly full from food or drink.
- K. Never use while sleeping.
- L. Not intended to be used as a substitute for sleep.
- M. Reject if button is up.
- N. Remove pets and birds, cover and turn off fish aquarium before spraying.
- O. Replace if it becomes sticky, enlarged, cracked or shows other signs of excessive wear.

#### FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 12 (BACK COVER)

#### Want to support the future?

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#### **Chesterfield Traffic Concern Hotline**

To report a traffic concern in Chesterfield, call the traffic hotline at **318-8084** and leave a message with your name, phone number, and a brief description of your concern. The hotline operates 24 hours a day. Traffic concerns can also be emailed to ccpd@chesterfield.gov. This is not a replacement for emergency situations such as drunk drivers, etc. It is only to address ongoing issues or non-urgent concerns.

Program this number on your cell phone!

## **Neighbor to Neighbor FREE Classifieds**

We've got a small **Grove jam band** going over on Goswick Ridge Road with drums, 3 guitars, bass and a female singer already in place. We're still looking for a male singer to sing lead on the male vocal songs. We also need a keyboard player. Don't be shy. This is all for fun and there's absolutely no pressure. We are all busy with our normal routine (work, family), so we are all pretty flexible and as long as we all have fun, that's the main thing. We'd love to play some Grove functions if we were able to assemble a full band, but if not, it's just a way to play different styles of music for fun.

Give me a call or E-mail I can be reached at the following: work phone 804-398-5542 home phone 804-379-3154 (my wife's name is Sarah) work E-mail Brian.Legere@wachoviasec.com home e-mail TheLegeres@comcast.net



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#### **Grove Play Groups**

If anyone is interested in starting and getting new folks in a playgroup, please email me your name, phone number, your child's name and age. I will coordinate the information and let you know other folks interested within your child's age range. Email the information at michelle.lefeld@verizon.net or drop your information by 548 Coalbrook Drive. Michelle Lefeld

Have a classified ad (no businesses) for our **October 1st issue?** 

Email it to newsletter@thegrovehoa.com or call 897.0377 by September 15.



It is now time to start scheduling the Grove-wide fall yard sale for late September or early October. If you want to participate, email your choice for the best weekend for you to:

secretary@thegrovehoa.com

The weekend that gets the most votes wins for the date. Then, check the website for updates at www.thegrovehoa.com

#### **Chesterfield County's Seal**

Although English colonists began moving into the area within four years of Jamestown's founding in 1607, Chesterfield was not created as a political unit until 1749. Formed from the southern half of Henrico County, one of Virginia's several original shires, the new county took the name of the celebrated literateur and politician Philip Dormer Stanhope, Fourth Earl of Chesterfield.

In 1870, the first action of the first Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors was to direct a seal to be created, "to wit: a coal miner leaning on his pick under a pine tree with a flowing river at his feet." This was chosen as the



County's Seal because it was the first place in the nation where coal was mined commercially.

As a result of the industrious labors of miners, other "firsts" occurred in Chesterfield: Midlothian Turnpike, the first paved road in Virginia, was built in 1807 to carry carts of coal; and in 1831, the first railroad, the Midlothian to Manchester Railroad, was built to haul coal to Virginia's ports.

Chesterfield straddles two major topographic regions. Most of the county lies in the Piedmont, a region of gently rolling hills stretching between the Appalachian Mountains and the Atlantic coastal plain. The pine tree on the seal represents the timber associated with the rolling hills of the area.

Although Chesterfield is laced by streams, most are too narrow or shallow to use as waterways. The James and Appomattox Rivers, though, served as major commercial corridors from the first period of European settlement. Thus, the river depicted on the seal.

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Americans have observed Jamestown anniversaries every 50 years in a spectacular manner. The 1907 Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition drew 1.5 million visitors to Norfolk and featured speeches by President Theodore Roosevelt, Booker T. Washington and Mark Twain. In 1957 more than a million visitors came to Virginia as America's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary focused on historical preservation and education. Perhaps the most memorable moment, however, came when Queen Elizabeth II addressed thousands of people at Jamestown during her first official trip to the U.S. as monarch.

Jamestown 2007, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is working with local, state, and national groups to stage a memorable commemoration of America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Jamestown 2007 is developing an 18-month series of national and international Signature Events to commemorate various aspects of the Jamestown story.

The Premier Signature Event will be **America's Anni**versary Weekend, a three-day spectacular event centered at the Jamestown sites on May 11 – 13, 2007. The President and First Lady, Queen Elizabeth II and other members of the Royal Family will be invited to participate in this landmark event, which will feature pageantry, musical performances, cultural presentations and celebrity appearances.

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Wanna know what's happening?

The Grove Homeowners Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 6:30pm at the clubhouse.

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