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The Grove Elects New Board



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Branches of the HOA

Outgoing President's Message



It has been a pleasure serving as President of the HOA for 2007. I believe that the board continued the progress made in prior years. We end this year on solid financial footing and have several large projects in the works. New signs for the entrances are on their way. New landscaping at the Woolridge entrance and around the pond is also set to begin soon, if not already started. There are several other landscaping projects in the works in other areas of the neighborhood as well.

We have been blessed over the last year with a great group of volunteers that help to make our neighborhood run. Our pool committee did a great job this last year getting everyone pool passes and our clubhouse committee has done a great job running the clubhouse for us. The architectural committee has continued to do a fantastic job of making sure that home improvement projects in the neighborhood meet or exceed the neighborhood standards. The publicity committee does a wonderful job of keeping us all informed of what is going on in the Grove. On behalf of the 2007 board I thank all of our volunteers for a job well done.

I hope that many of you who have not volunteered in the past will step forward this coming year and donate a few hours of your time to help out on any of our committees. I am sure that under the guidance of Byron Foutch we will continue the progress made over the last year into 2008.

Ben Owings

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Robert Small, ACS West, 282.7451

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Manager

Tracey Talbert, 273.1333
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2008 GHOA Committee Chairs

Architectural Modifications

Steve Kellner, 594.2340
mskellner@comcast.net

Clubhouse

Anne Counoupas, 423.6596
Pam Connelly, 897.5469
clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com
New chairs needed soon!
(Please contact Board if interested)

Publicity

Mike Burnette, 897.0377
publicity@thegrovehoa.com

Pool

OPEN (Please contact Board if interested)

Social

OPEN (Please contact Board if interested)

IN DUE TIME, DUES ARE DUE !!

You should soon receive your annual assessment notice for the Grove HOA. Payment is due Jan 1.

(Note: these are required dues and are in addition to any dues you pay to Scotter Hills, Ridgemoor, or Krim Point)

**Ads and submissions for the
Feb. - Mar. 08 issue are due Jan. 15**

Submit all ads & articles to:

Mike Burnette, Editor
newsletter@thegrovehoa.com
or 897.0377

Make Checks to: **Grove HOA** and mail to:
13600 Grove Pond Dr., Midlothian, VA 23114

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Ad design: \$35 if needed.



Grove Homeowners Meetings:

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

Thank you

Board Members and Committee Volunteers
for your time and talent in 2007!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Scotter Hills

Kellie Barton
Steve & Brandi Lewis
Crystal Strickland
Michael & Claudia Galto
Anita Craddock
William Cotreau

Ridgemoor

Chris and Gabrielle Mizell

Coalbrook

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Message from ACS WEST Inc.

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Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. We also offer a 24 hour emergency paging system if you need us after hours. Please do not hesitate to call our office with any questions and comments.

As one of our first objectives, the board has asked us to inspect all of the homes in the community for violations. Over the next couple of weeks we will be visiting the community. Here is a list of some of the violations we will be monitoring.

1. Mailboxes must have a fresh coat of gloss green paint on them. The posts must have white gloss paint. They must also be in good working order and properly installed. (color exemption for Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor this year)

2. We will be looking for debris left in yards. Piles of yard waste must not be left in yards or common ground.

3. Boats, trailers, campers and commercial vehicles over 600 lbs. are not allowed on your lot except when stored inside your garage.

4. Homes are to be kept in like new condition including paint, vinyl siding and other improvements.

Please take the time to inspect your property and cure any violations you might have.

If you have a question about violations, please call my office at 282-7451.

Thank you,

Robert Small

Do you work or volunteer for a non-profit???

We want to do a feature on non-profits and those Grove residents connected with them in an upcoming issue. Please contact Mike Burnette at 897.0377 or newsletter@thegrovehoa.com

Think About Volunteering Close To Home...

*If you would like to donate time to YOUR Grove,
please consider one of these opportunities in 2008:*

Clubhouse Chairperson(s): Coordinates clubhouse rentals through reservations, key distribution and close-out inspections. The Grove is seeking clubhouse coordinator(s) to begin this spring! Please contact the Board or current chairs pamelaconnelly@verizon.net or annealair@comcast.net for more information.

Pool Committee: Helps be the eyes and ears at the pool next summer to assist the Board with pool issues and pool management communication. Also, coordinates pool pass distribution. Please contact Gerry Mancuso at secretary@thegrovehoa.com or 897.0853 if you can help.

Social Committee Chairperson and Members: Helps design and implement Grove-Wide social events. This committee has be dormant for some time and the Grove would love to have community events again!

Sandwich Board Coordinator – We need a volunteer to act as the point person for the sandwich boards. This includes posting announcements for Homeowners Association events and Board meetings at the entrances as well as making them available to those who want to post non-related HOA events. Contact Mike Burnette at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com if you can help.

Website Coordinators – Helps keep the website updated. Contact publicity@thegrovehoa.com.

Newsletter Delivery – Helps deliver *The Grove Miner* to a section of the Grove in 2008. Takes approx 45 minutes to 1 hour each delivery. Contact Susan at 378.8004.

Welcome Baskets – Delivers welcome baskets to new neighbors in The Grove. Contact Beverley at grovewelcome@comcast.net or 378.9384.

We need your help, please!



In case you plan on leaving us...

Not that we want to see you go, but in case you are planning on moving, you need to be familiar with the mandatory disclosure book process. For every sales transaction within the Grove, it is required that you (as the seller) purchase a new disclosure book for the new owners. The Grove disclosure books are now available from our management company, ACS West. The book costs \$145. If you live in Krim Point, an additional section is needed to the Grove book and it currently costs \$50. If you are selling in Scotter Hills or Ridgemoor, an additional separate disclosure book is required for \$100. They can be obtained from Steller Community Management.

Contact information for both companies can be found on page 2.

Meet Your Neighbor!

We want to highlight families of the Grove in each issue.

If your family would like to be featured, please contact us!

Or, if you know of stories that need shared of your neighbors, please let us know!

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Joe Lovasz (right) and Mark Smith (bottom left) coached YMCA Soccer this fall. Grove kids on the team included Carter Lovasz, Ethan Smith, William Rose, and Carter Burnette.



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Letter to the Editor

I happen to live on one of the many walking trails that we are blessed with in The Grove. I have a frustration (as do many others who use the trails) with the fact that only about 20% of dog owners are cleaning up their animals waste. The Grove goes out of its way to provide baggies for this dog waste issue throughout the community. Animal waste baggies are also available at pet stores or a plastic grocery bag will do. I've had the unpleasant occurrences of stepping in dog waste 30 feet inside my property line. Please be considerate of all of the people who use the trails for walking, running, biking and just enjoying the neighborhood and clean up after your pets. Children play all along the trails as well. Also, to a non dog owner the bark of a dog can become a nuisance especially early in the morning, the evening or when the barking becomes incessant. We live in a tight neighborhood and dogs can be heard for blocks. For those dog owners who have been considerate of the noise and cleaning up after their dogs a big THANK YOU goes to you. We realize others outside of the Grove also use our trails..so if you see anyone not picking up after their pets, please let them know.

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The following items were voted on and approved at the Grove HOA Annual Meeting in November.

1.2.1 PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE: Each property owner within The Grove is responsible for his or her property's compliance with these Standards. Any proposed improvements to be made to that property may affect that compliance, and the covenants require that the Owner obtain approvals from the Association prior to making the improvements, in order to maintain compliance. This is true regardless of whether or not the work is being performed by the Owner directly or by a Contractor. Each Owner shall maintain their property at the same level of maintenance as the Homeowners Association maintains the common areas.

2.5.1 MAILBOXES (See Illustration 2.5.1 in Appendix A): Mailboxes must be installed utilizing the standard The Grove post, and the approved size box. Boxes shall be metal with a gloss dark hunter green finish. Specified wood posts shall be painted with gloss white paint. Numbers shall be raised and painted gloss dark hunter green to match box. Vinyl posts that match the wood design are also acceptable.

(Note: Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor are exempt for color at this time until next painting by management company)

Thanks Jonathan!



After 2 years of service to the Grove as Board Treasurer, Jonathan is taking a break. Thank you!

Chloe Martin
enjoys some
playtime
at My Gym



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Chesterfield County Launches New Radio System Through AM Radio.



Chesterfield County recently inaugurated a new radio system at 1630 on the AM dial. The public information and education radio system consists of a control unit located in the county's Emergency Operations Center and seven transmitters located around the county. The system is designed primarily for motorists, but some county residents living in close proximity to the transmitters will be able to receive the signal in their homes as well.



Most of the time, the 1630 AM station will have information about routine matters such as county hours of operation, useful telephone numbers, event information and other facts. When county information is not being broadcast, the system automatically switches to weather reports from the National Weather Service office, based in Wakefield, thereby providing minute-by-minute weather status.

When the county's Emergency Operations Center is activated to deal with a crisis situation, the county will have the capability to make live or recorded announcements about road conditions, shelters, the availability of drinking water, expert advice on a wide range of public-safety and health matters, and much more.



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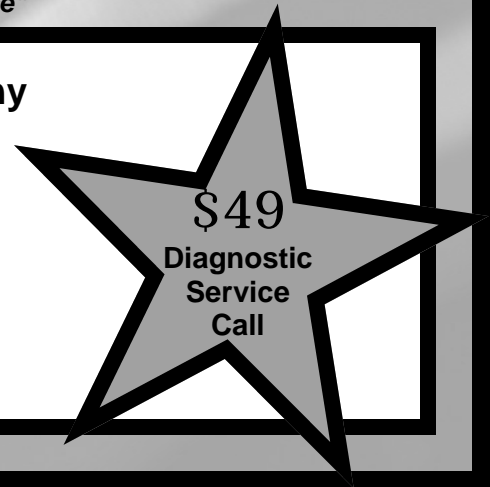
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Scotter Hills / Ridgemoor Board of Directors



The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Association recently elected its board. Arthur Pemberton, Sylvia Warner and Joe Hudgins were re-elected for another term. All positions will serve for a two (2) year term which will expire on December 31, 2009. Please offer the above individuals your congratulations and support as they work to make Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor a wonderful community. Should you have questions or needs, please feel free to contact Stellar Community Management at 804-273-1333.

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Board of Directors:

Arthur Pemberton – President, Sylvia Warner – Vice President,

Joe Hudgins – Treasurer, Jim Collins – Board Member, Laurie James – Board Member

Tracey Talbert, Stellar Community Management, LLC
273.1333 stellartalbert@comcast.net



Coalbrook
Halloween
Parade





Are you ready for some football?

Flag football that is! On Saturday, January 19, we will hold our 2nd Annual Grove/Charter Colony Flag Football Challenge. Come on out and join your fellow Grove residents as we attempt to continue our winning ways. Last year, The Grove crushed Charter Colony's rebellion, sending them home with only 1 touchdown scored to our 7. It was quite a rout!

Here are the details: Game time is 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 19. The game is being held on the field behind JB Watkins Elementary School. If you plan on playing, please contact Troy Rysedorph at 897-8769 or troyandrachel@rysedorph.com. Spread the word!!

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Two More HOST HOMES are needed! Volunteer to be a host house by opening your home and providing beverages and hors d'ouerves for 40 minutes to your Coalbrook neighbors or HELP a host house out by providing beverages or food!

For more information or to RSVP, contact
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