



The Grove Homeowners Association, Midlothian, VA

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THE GROVE MINER

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SOLICITORS BEWARE !

THE GROVE SAYS "NO" TO DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

In the past couple months, we have had several problems with solicitors in our neighborhood. We have seen security system salespersons asking if your home has an active system. We have seen kids claiming to be raising money for non-profits. These and others have ignored our NO SOLICITATION signs that are clearly posted at the entrances. So, we attempted to work it out with Chesterfield Police and the County Attorney's office with little success as they said the sign had to be on each resident's property. So, we are asking all Grove Residents to help us out and do two things. One, don't buy or talk to door-to-door salespeople. Secondly, post the enclosed sticker on your front entrance. This will send a clear message that this community is indeed not for solicitors.



If someone comes to your door and your "no solicitation" sticker is posted, call the non-emergency number of Chesterfield police at 748.1251 and ask for them to please respond (as you have a sign posted on your house) and press charges.

Under Sec. 15-164. It is unlawful in Chesterfield County to:

(3) Enter upon any residential premises for soliciting, when the owner or occupant has displayed a "No Soliciting" sign or similar sign on such premises.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

Thanks for your help!

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Note to Grove Kids: We encourage you to continue to do your school and charity fundraising. This is not intended to discourage the work you do to help your school and community! We ask all neighbors to continue to support them. We are only trying to stop those from outside our community.



PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE COMMUNITY REPORT

2006 is in full swing, spring is upon us and I am very pleased to be able to present the first of several President's messages. On behalf of the entire board, I would like to begin by thanking all residents for their confidence, and also recognizing the previous board for all their hard work and efforts and for facilitating a very smooth transition.

Due to the timing of the elections and the transition, the first major task was the mailing and collection of 2006 assessments. I would like to applaud all of the responsive residents for their prompt attention to this matter. We also have some residents who due to unfortunate circumstances requested payment terms and have made efforts to pay their dues, again, an applause to all of you. As of the writing of this message however we unfortunately have approximately 80 owners who have yet to pay their dues. Some are absentee owners, others just ignore the notices. In fairness to all homeowners I want to update you as to what is being done. Late fees and penalties have been added to the total due and final notices have been sent out via certified mail. A list of non-paying residents has been compiled and they will not be allowed to participate in any community events, including the use of the clubhouse and pool. Continued failure to pay will result in liens being placed on their properties. We have a wonderful community and keeping it that way requires participation by all.

As many of you have noticed, the painting of the fences has been completed. Kudos to the Krim Point volunteers who completed their section prior to the rest being painted by a contractor. We have finally received a bid and commitment from a contractor who will be repairing the bridges and also sealing them, along with completing walking path repairs. By the publishing of this newsletter, the long awaited replacement of damaged or missing benches should have occurred and I extend my appreciation for your patience.

Committees are in place and in case you haven't noticed, our Social Committee has been very active. We also have a Garden Club who will be doing plantings throughout the neighborhood.

Our Neighborhood Watch has been revitalized. A hot topic, surrounded by much confusion, has been solicitation in our neighborhood. Since we have now received clarification from the authorities as to how to proceed, we can now arrest these violators. We just need to post on each residence the "no solicitation" stickers we have had made up for each home. Please consider using the stickers enclosed and call the non-emergency number (on page 1).

Additionally, see the insert for the Grove Golf Outing which is always a fun family event for golfers and non golfers.

There are a lot of positive things happening and I am looking forward to the momentum carrying us into a great summer.

Don McHale



Thanks

to all the members of the Board and the Committees
for all your time on behalf of the community!
You spend so much time each week ensuring
the Grove is an A+ community.

Welcome New Neighbors

Scotter Hills:

Victor and Annette Bashensky
James Booker Jr.
Chris Campbell
Doris Dunham
Austin and Rosella Humbles
Jacqueline Johnson
John and Karol Sharp
Liz Sheppard
Denzil and Keesha Vaughn
Bill Watson
Ann Prather
Farooqul Siddique
James Booker, Jr.
John & Karol Sharp

Kingham

Michael & Cheryl Comwell
Mikie & Laura Melis
Jeffrey & Racheal Labrecque

Coalbrook

Ashley Ashbridge

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.

(see page 11 for how to join this committee)

The Grove Homeowners Meeting:

Meeting Dates for April and May are TBD.

Check our website or signs at entrances for dates & times.

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Ridgemoor & Scotter Hills HOA Update

The Townhouse Board has met twice with the Management company. We've been focusing on the following issues: Centex transition, parking, & basic organization.

The Board is looking into ways to improve parking in the townhouse areas. It is a bit crowded at times and the parking policy is a bit unclear, so we're working with the management company to try and clarify the policy and explore ways to create some more parking.

At this point, we're still developing and learning how to work effectively with our Management company and the Grove Board. If you're interested in volunteering or just want to know more about what's going on then email me directly at jimcollins1130@comcast.net.

The next newsletter will come out June 1st.
Deadline for submission is May 15.

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

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neighborhood-wide
trash collection service?***

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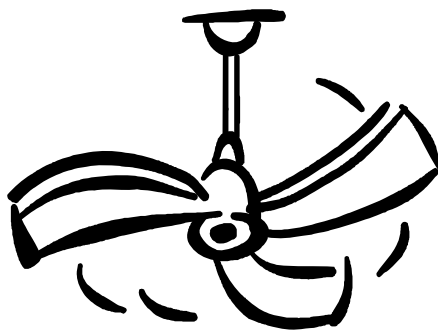
**(click on 'discuss a topic', you must
then sign in, then scroll down to
surveys & polls)**

House Tips: Using the Ceiling Fan Year Round

- In the winter, operate the ceiling fan at low speed in the clockwise direction. This produces a gentle updraft, which forces warm air near the ceiling down into the occupied space.
- In the summer, reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan in the counter-clockwise direction. The airflow produced by the ceiling fan creates a wind-chill effect, making you "feel" cooler.

While ceiling fans improve occupant comfort by creating a wind chill effect on the skin the furniture and the thermostat are already at the same temperature as the room air and can't "feel" the wind chill. Therefore, it is best to switch the fan off when you leave the room to save energy and money.

For more information on installing ceiling fan in your home, contact Steve Kopecko at Family Electric, 804.357.1984



Gardeners in the Grove

Diggin's Days in The Grove

Join the Gardeners in The Grove

Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29

Help Plant Flowers and Beautify Your Neighborhood

All Are Welcome!



The Gardeners in The Grove have set Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 as "Diggin' Days" and **we need your help!** We will be planting annual flowers in the neighborhood's common areas at the Coalfield Road and Woolridge Road entrances to The Grove, as well as around the clubhouse area.

Our work will save our Homeowners' Association a few thousand dollars! The Gardeners in The Grove are in discussions with the Homeowner's Association Board of Directors to determine how this savings can best benefit the residents of The Grove...

We Need YOU! Come for a day, or come for an hour!

Exact times and meeting places to be announced

Contact Amy (amy@era.com) or Brent (brent@era.com) at 897-8520 for more information



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them swim lessons; \$100 sends 2 teens to a Teen Leaders Rally where they learn leadership skills; \$250 provides a child with 3 weeks of after-school care; \$500 sends a child to camp for 1 month.

For more information on how you can help please call Angela Adkins at 379-5668.

Giant Flea Market

Saturday April 22, 2006 8am - 1pm, Rain or Shine

Midlothian Middle School 13501 Midlothian Turnpike

For more information or to reserve a space contact Mary Beth Rawls

897-2330 or mbrawls1@comcast.net

Sponsored by the MMS PTA



The Grove Community-Wide Yard Sale

This is your chance to clean out the clutter.

April 22nd, 8am-12 Noon

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And click on Kindergarten Registration Day

CURBSIDE RECYCLING 101

Courtesy of CVWMA.com (For more information, visit their website)

Please **DO NOT** Include These Items in your Curbside Bins:

X Foam Products

Including cups and takeout boxes. We can't accept them because we don't have a market for them in this area.



X Plastic Bags of ANY kind

Do not recycle plastic bags in our bins or use them to hold extra materials. Plastic bags can cause equipment damage at the processing facility when they get wrapped around moving parts.



X Food-contaminated items

Such as pizza boxes or aluminum foil. Any food left on your containers may attract pests to your recycling bin. Food residue also contaminates the materials and make them unrecyclable.



X Juice Boxes or Milk Cartons

Including cups and takeout boxes. These are made of plastic-coated paper or cardboard, but can't be recycled with regular paper or cardboard. If you thought these were included in the past, you're right, however our market for them has declined and we can no longer accept them.



X Plastics Other than Bottles marked with a 1 or 2

Including sour cream containers, yogurt cups, etc. Reuse them at home to hold small things or throw them away.



X Lids or Caps

Remove and throw away plastic or metal caps/lids from accepted bottles or jars before putting them in the bin. The plastic lids are made from a different material than the plastic bottles we do accept and become a contamination when mixed with them. The metal lids often contain several additional layers, including plastics.



Please Recycle **Only** These Items:

Newspapers

Include glossy inserts/slick advertisements

Mixed Paper

Catalogs, magazines, "junk" mail, computer paper, phone books, corrugated cardboard boxes and cereal/dry food boxes
No gift wrapping paper or foil, No napkins or tissues, No plastic coated paper, No hardcover books



Cans and Foil

Aluminum cans, steel food & beverage cans, aluminum foil, & foil products

No aerosol cans, No aluminum siding or other scrap metal, No pesticide or herbicide containers

Plastic Bottles with a **or**

Only narrow-neck bottles with a PETE (or PET)  or HDPE  on the bottom such as soda, shampoo & detergent bottles and milk jugs

No plastic bags, No "wide-mouth" plastic containers (tubs or cups), No motor oil bottles, No plastic with numbers other than  or 

Glass Bottles and Jars

Clear, brown & green food & beverage containers

Also visit chesterfield.gov for more info on what you can drop off (such as appliances, chemicals, tires, batteries, yard debris, etc.) at the Northern Area Convenience Center, 3200 Warbro Rd, Midlothian

Neighbor to Neighbor FREE Classifieds

Any keyboardists or singers (male or female) out there in the Grove?

You may have heard some music being played around the Gravity Hill section of the Grove. We have formed a neighborhood jam band over on Goswick Ridge Road. We have 3 guitar players, a bass player and a drummer. We are still looking for any individuals (male or female) in our Grove neighborhood that can either play keyboards or sing? We're looking to either put together a full cover band to possibly play at some Grove events in the near future or just have some fun jamming to music we love. If anyone has any interest, please don't be shy. There is no pressure here. Contact me either at my work phone (804) 398-5542 during the day, home phone (804) 379-3154 in the evenings or E-mail me at work **Brian.Legere@wachoviassec.com** We look forward to hearing from you!

NASCAR NEXTEL TICKETS: We have 4 great lifetime seats to both spring and fall races at Richmond & Charlotte. You can buy just two tix and join us or take all 4 and take your family or friends. We just can't go to all 4 races each year. Richmond (turn 4 - row 30-non-alcoholic section) tix are around \$90 each and Charlotte's (start/finish-under roof) \$125 each. If interested, contact Mike and Kathy Burnette 897.0377 or burnette@uronline.net.

Have a classified ad (no businesses) for our June 1 issue?

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Neighborhood Welcome

A big thank you to our Neighborhood Welcome Team. It's so nice to have a contact within each neighborhood to help greet new-comers.

The team currently consists of
Hawkins Wood-Becky McCarthy, Krim Point -Susan Kiger, Gravity Hill-Beverley Walters & Susan Austin,
Kingham-Jeanine Larson, Coalbrook-Lydia Turkaly, Ridgemoor-Kim Ball, and Scotter Hills-Betty Perry.

We are looking for someone that might want to volunteer for Biggin Pond. Send us an e-mail.

These 'helpers' do a good job, as do all of you, in notifying us of new residents moving in. As The Grove is almost 100% built there will be very few new home sales. We rely on you letting us know if someone moves in to your neighborhood. Just send us an e-mail with the address when you know there's someone new moving in to a resale home. Email us at: Grovelwelcome@comcast.net

Thanks, Beverley Walters & Susan Austin

Neighborhood Watch:

Kristen Holland and Susan Austin have resurrected the neighborhood watch for Gravity Hill. Now, Krim Point & Gravity Hill both have active watches. We need volunteers for the other sections to truly make this a neighbor wide watch.

Email Kristen to get involved. hollandkma@yahoo.com

Easter Egg Hunt:

A few able bodies are needed to plan and run an Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove on Easter weekend. If you are up to the task, please contact Leah DiPofi. The Social Committee will be more than glad to pay for it. Leah can be reached at 897-3916 or dipofi@verizon.net. Thanks!!!!



Website help needed. We are looking for someone to update the online calendar. No experience necessary. If you know how to surf the net, do email, and want to give something back to our great community, you have all the skills required to handle this important function. Training can be provided. Please email Carol Gottschalk at gottschalk@comcast.net if you can help!

2006 GHOA Committees

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Publicity

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Women's Club

Donna Jarratt, 379.2828
Denice McHale, 379.5079

Pool

Jim Collins, 513.7728
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Social

Leah DiPofi, 897.3916
dipofi@verizon.net
John Romano, 379.1238
wildcats63@comcast.net

Gardeners in the Grove

Amy Zolad or Brent Sinnett
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amy@era.com or brent@era.com

SOCIAL AND POOL NEWS



Wine Tasting

Social Committee is hosting a wine tasting at the Clubhouse on

May 13 at 7:00

Chris Mitchell, wine buyer from Total Wine, is conducting the tasting. We will be tasting Italian wines that evening. Appetizers and glasses will be provided. The cost is \$10 per person.

Please respond to Leah by May 1 if you are planning to attend.
dipofi@verizon.net or 897-3916

Memorial Day Cookout



Social Committee is hosting a Memorial Day cookout at the pool on

May 29 from 12:00 - 3:00

Hotdogs, chips, cupcakes and soft drinks will be provided.
(bring alternative beverages if you choose)

Plan to kick off the summer with your neighbors of the Grove.

POOL TIME !!!!!!!!!!!

With snow on the ground just a few weeks ago, it's hard to believe it's almost Pool Time again.

Pool Schedule:

May 27th to June 30th and August 19th to Sept. 4th the hours are 10:00 to 8:00 except on public school days when the hours are 2:00 to 7:00, because of limited staff. From July 1st to August 18th the pool will be opened until 9:00 on Fridays and Saturdays. The pool will closed at 7:00 on holidays.

CPR:

Anyone interested in taking a CPR class prior to the pool season? It will be taught at the clubhouse if there is enough interest. The course would cost somewhere between \$80-\$100/person and would require the majority of a weekend to complete. Anyone interested email jimcollins1130@comcast.net

Pool committee volunteers are needed: Email jimcollins1130@comcast.net if you can help make our pool fun, safe, and looking good!



Greetings from The Grove!



Hello and Happy New Year!

Some of you may already know me but if you don't, my name is June. I live in this wonderful neighborhood and share the same interests and concerns you do. If you are thinking about selling your home, I can offer you a free Market Analysis to establish its current market value. I will work hard to get you the best price possible. Please give me a call if you have any questions.



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