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A Tribute to Byron Foutch

Longtime Grove resident and leader Byron Foutch passed away on May 31, 2012. John Romano, former HOA President, had this to say: "Byron served for 7 years on the Board in various positions: Operations, Vice President, and President. Even when our term limits ended, we would attend the homeowners meetings together, up until the last few months of his life. He was extremely dedicated to community development and fiscal policy, and always volunteered to take on special projects for the neighborhood."



(Picture Courtesy of Mike Burnette)

"He also served for 5 years on Krim Point's Board. He was responsible for organizing the Krim Point Ladies to decorate the Clubhouse at Christmastime, as well as other initiatives."

Byron, thank you for your positive contributions to The Grove, and for being such a good neighbor and friend. We miss you!

To My Wonderful Friends in Krim Point and The Grove:

The family of Byron Foutch extends their most heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for all the kindnesses, food, cards, and floral arrangements given to us after my husband's death. You've all been so caring and a great source of support. We know Byron is looking down and smiling as he watches his special St. John's Wort shrubs growing in the beautiful Krim Point garden.

God bless
Violet Foutch

Keep Informed!

Next HOA Meeting

September 13, 2012

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse



Take Back the Night!
National Night Out 2012

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Tuesday, August 7th

7 to 8 PM

The Clubhouse

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vendor management, etc.

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Architectural Review Tips

Please check ARC guidelines before starting those fall fixer upper projects! Changes or additions to your home or landscaping require prior ARC approval. For details see <http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws/architectural-landscape-review>.

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.), call Community Group at 804-270-1800 and follow prompts for the 24 Hour On Call Manager. Items needing immediate attention are: Irrigation zones running for long extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc. Any questions or concerns please contact Carolyn Grimes at 804-270-1800 or cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

Disclosure Packages Required to Sell Home

ALL SELLERS in the GROVE must provide a CURRENT disclosure package to ALL Buyers during the contract period. New homeowners have the right to cancel a contract without an updated package. Order it TODAY 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 270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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Submit all ads and articles to:
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Make checks to: Grove HOA and mail to:
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NEW CONTACT: Please email Gary Powers at secretary@thegrovehoa.com, or call Doris Dunham at 804-794-6126, to receive instructions about having pool passes validated or for new residents to receive passes. New residents will be accommodated as quickly as possible. Current residents who have missed scheduled validation dates will have their passes validated when the committee can accommodate them; No one will be given access to the pool without a 2012 validation punch. Lifeguards cannot validate your cards.

Please report any concerns regarding the pool directly to our property manager, Carolyn Grimes at Community Group at 804-270-1800, so that she can address them.

ONCE YOUR APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED:

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

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

NEW HOMEOWNERS MUST BRING:

Registration form
Waiver form
Copy of Closing Statement
Photo ID

NEW RENTERS MUST 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 cost \$2 per pass. Please make checks payable to The Grove HOA. No cash payments are accepted.

2012 Pool Hours

Summer Hours Now-August 11

Sunday-Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 9 pm

After August 11

Daily 10 am to 8 pm

Holidays

July 4th - 10 am to 8 pm
Labor Day - 10 am to 8 pm

Volunteers are needed to join the pool committee. For details please contact Pool Committee Chair Doris Dunham at **794-6126**.

Memorial Day Picnic 2012

A huge thanks go to Jason and Marielle Pool, Jon and Annette Gregori, Caryn Persinger, and Laina Schutz for coordinating and hosting our Memorial Day Celebration! Turnout was fantastic, and a good time was had by all!



Labor Day Weekend Picnic

Stay tuned to the *Grove Residents* listserv and neighborhood Facebook group for announcements on the Labor Day Weekend Picnic. Once the date and time is set we will post the details, but to get messages you must belong to the neighborhood listserv or Facebook.

To serve on the Social Committee or help out at events contact us at socials@thegrovehoa.com.

By: Marielle Pool, Social Committee, socials@thegrovehoa.com

Join the Facebook group **through thegrovehoa.com by selecting the “join here” link at the middle of the webpage.** This takes you to Facebook. Request permission to join from the administrator (Mike Burnette).

The neighborhood listserv **can also be accessed on thegrovehoa.com.** Click the “join here” link and **complete the form. The password is the same as needed to rent the Clubhouse and “Discuss a Topic.”**



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Glass is not allowed at The Grove Pool so please do not bring any type of glass containers into or near the pool. Tossing glass into refuse bins does not guarantee its proper disposal. If you notice anyone with glass, inform the lifeguard manager on duty or tell the offender to place the glass into a plastic container and remove it from the pool area.

Should you have any questions please contact Carolyn Grimes at cgrimes@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800.



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We hope that your rising kindergartner can attend...
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We would like to make this a special event for rising kindergartners, so no siblings, please.
If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Kim McComb
kimberly.mccomb@gmail.com.

Please RSVP to Kim McComb
kimberly.mccomb@gmail.com no later than
Wednesday, 8/22/2012.

Anne Counoupas
K Social Committee Chair, 2011



Can't Walk Into Your Walk-in Closet?

The Grove Community Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, October 6th

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Rain date Saturday, October 13th

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First day of school Tuesday, September 4th

School lists for Elementary and Middle School are found here:

<http://mychesterfieldschools.com/schools/supply-lists/>

Open House Dates:

Grade 6: August 28th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Grades 7 & 8: August 30th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to pay fees online.

J B Watkins Elementary

378-2530

Open House for Grades K - 5: August 31st

Orientation begins in cafeteria with brief welcome statement from Principal.

Parents & children can bring supplies, meet teacher, see classroom during these times:

Grade K: 10 am – 12 pm

Grades 1 – 5 : 10:30 am – 12 pm

Parents Back to School Nights:

Grades K – 2: September 13: 6 – 8 pm

Grades 3 – 5: September 20: 6 – 8 pm

Midlothian Middle School

378-2460

Note: "Effective July 1, 2006, the Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-46, requires a booster shot of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) is required for all children entering the 6th grade, if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Written proof (month-day-year) of vaccination with Tdap or a tetanus-containing vaccine (TT, Td, DTaP, DT) must be provided to your child's middle school. **6th grade students who do not provide adequate documentation will not be permitted to start school on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.** To prevent your child from being excluded from school, please provide documentation of the exact date (month-day-year) that your child received the Tdap vaccine or Tetanus-containing vaccine before September 4, 2012."

Midlothian High School

378-2440

Fee Nights & PTSA School Supply Sale Dates:

Seniors: August 27th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Juniors: August 28th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sophomores: August 29st

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Freshman/New Student Orientation: Aug. 30th 1:30 – 4 pm

Makeup Date (All Grades): August 31st 9 – 11 am

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 24th 7:00 pm

Annual Sales Tax Holiday: School Clothing and Supplies


First Weekend of August

August 3, 4, and 5, 2012

What to Buy: School supplies at \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear at \$100 or less per item. Not all merchandise qualifies. For complete guidelines, go to:

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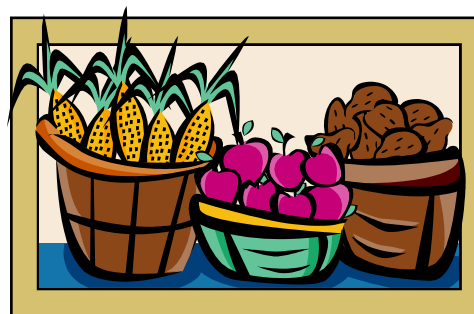
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- Three days' of water, one gallon per person per day
- A hand crank and/or battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- A written family emergency plan

Once you gather these basics, put them in waterproof containers that you can carry or roll in case you need to leave your home quickly. Old suitcases or backpacks also can hold supplies.

Other items are useful in an emergency supply kit, such as flashlights with extra batteries (not candles), a first aid kit, a list of prescriptions and doctors and a supply of medications, food and water for your pets, and special items for babies, disabled or older family members.

Think that's too much to do? At least get started with the essential items, and then add to your kit. For a fill-in or downloadable family emergency plan worksheet, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov and click on "Make a Plan."

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Draw your drapes. Keep your blinds, shades and curtains closed on south and west-facing windows during the day to block the heat of direct sunlight.

Stop cool air from escaping. Cool air can go right out the window. Add weatherstripping on doors and windows and caulk the cracks to prevent leakage.

Properly insulate your attic. Install modern insulation to lower heating and cooling costs. On warm days, attic temperatures can get up to 140°F. In high cooling climates, a radiant barrier installed under the roof deck and/or a continuous ridge and soffit vent can effectively lower attic temperatures.

Plant trees or shrubs for shade. A good landscaping plan reduces costs. Properly placed trees around the house can save between \$100 and \$250 annually.

Install ceiling fans. A ceiling fan can make a room feel 6 or 7 degrees cooler while using less energy than a 100-watt light bulb. Run fans only when people are in the room.

Go oven-less at meal time. To prepare small meals, use the microwave, toaster or a counter-top grill, all of which use less energy than a full-sized oven.

Unplug electronics and appliances when not in use. Use multiple-outlet strips so you can turn everything off with one flip of a switch. Leaving a computer on all day can cost about 21 cents per day, or about \$75 per year.

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Lawn Care Services

Lawn Care - Reliable young man in Coalbrook available for lawn care in The Grove. Prices based on service desired and size of yard. For regular service or occasional cuts during vacation, please contact Ryan Stuck (804.931.9937).

Pet Care Services

Pet Sitting - Retired Krim Point resident is available to do pet sitting. Call Linda at 897-0764.

Pet Care - 7th 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 gracehou4@yahoo.com.

Cake Making Services

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

Grove Miner News Items

Neighbor to Neighbor Articles - The Grove Miner is always looking for Neighbor to Neighbor and special interest articles at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.

WELCOME TO THE GROVE!

Nicholas and Robyn Ayers 13701 Goswick Way

Earl and Jennifer Holloway 925 Railey Hill Court

Nick and Emily Serfass 13701 Biggin Pond Lane

Mark and Kimberly Young 13606 Goswick Lane

Just moved in? Let the Welcome Committee
make you feel right at home!
Contact us at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com



Photos courtesy of Arthur Allen

Wanted: Welcome Committee Chair

The Grove is in need of a new committee chair or co-chairs. After years of dedicated service, Judi Ryan-Phillips must step down. Responsibilities are shared with volunteers already in place. To learn more, email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com or Mike Burnette at burnette@uronline.net.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OFFICIAL!

Persistence pays off! The Grove is now the proud owner of a Neighborhood Watch program! Many thanks to everyone who signed the petition to make this a reality.

The newly established Watch needs a Chair or Co-Chairs, as well as committee members, to get it off the ground. Interested residents can contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

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