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Next HOA Meeting

July 12, 2012

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

The Grove Featured in Richmond Magazine!

They like us, they really like us! The Grove is showcased as one of 12 hot neighborhoods in Richmond Magazine's June issue. The article presents an overview of our subdivision and area.

Architectural Review Clarification for Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor

Residents of Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor must submit exterior modification requests to Stellar Community Management first, then once approved, sent to the Grove for review. Once the Grove approves the request then the homeowner can begin the project. Any applications for Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor should have an approval from Stellar attached prior to Grove review. Residents can submit to Stellar and the Grove simultaneously but without Stellar's approval, the application cannot be processed.

Planting and removing trees, as well as landscaping, irrigation, decks, additions, new driveways and sidewalks, changing paint colors, sheds, play equipment, swing sets, etc., require ARC approval.

ARC guidelines, and applications can be accessed at http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws, and click on the Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Architectural Review Form.

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

National Night Out 2012

Enjoy ICE CREAM with SPRINKLES!

Tuesday, August 7th

7 to 8 PM

The Clubhouse

(Please sign the Neighborhood Watch Petition while you're there!)

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HOA Connection



Architectural Review Tips

DO NOT dive into any home improvement projects this summer without checking ARC guidelines. Changes or additions to your home or landscaping require prior ARC approval. For details see http:// thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws/ architectural-landscape-review.

HOA ASSESSMENTS Collections Warning!

Attention! If you have not paid your HOA dues and fines, any outstanding balances are being turned over to a collection attorney. Please remit payment NOW to protect your credit! Call Community Group at 804-270-1800.

Disclosure Packages Needed 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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Ads and submissions for the Aug - Sept issue are due July15th

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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See website for details

2012 Pool Card Validation News

Please email Gary Powers at secretary@thegrovehoa.com, or call Doris Dunham at 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. Lifequards cannot validate your cards.

Please report any concerns regarding the pool directly to our property manager, Carolyn Grimes at Community Group at 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

Now through June 15

Monday-Thursday 2 pm to 7 pm

Friday 2 pm to 8 pm

Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 8 pm

Summer Hours June 16-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

"Get This Party Started!"

Stay in the Pink! Join the *Grove Residents* list serve and neighborhood Facebook group for the latest on Grove happenings! On the horizon we have the Kindergarten Social in August, Labor Day Picnic, and more....

The committee can always use a few more hands. To volunteer please email socials@thegrovehoa.com.

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

Facebook Page & Listserv



Keep in the know by signing up for the neighborhood our Facebook page "The Grove Residents." and Grove Listserv. Swap news, pics, post items for sale, in a safe, closed group.

Only members can view posts.

To join the Facebook group, go to the grovehoa.com, then click the "join here" link at the middle of the webpage. This takes you to Facebook. Next, request permission to join from the administrator (Mike Burnette).

You can also sign up for the email listserv on the grovehoa.com. Click the "join here" link and complete the form. This password is the same as needed to rent the Clubhouse and "Discuss a Topic."

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Community Group After Hours Coverage

To report urgent issues with landscaping, etc., after hours (after 5 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m.), call Community Group at 804-270-1800 and follow the prompts for the 24 Hour On Call Manager. Examples of items needed immediate attention are: Irrigation zones running for long extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas.

Any questions or concerns please contact Carolyn Grimes at 804-270-1800 or cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

August Annual Sales Tax Holiday: School Clothing and Supplies

When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,

August 3-5, 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

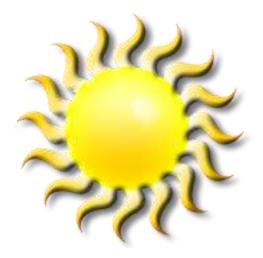
http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=SchoolSuppliesAndClothingHoliday.



Check Your HVAC Unit Regularly

Make a habit to check your HVAC on a periodic basis to prevent water damage to your home. Bugs and other debris can clog the lines. Also, check the air handler float device to make sure it is functioning correctly. This device is supposed to shut off the HVAC if the condensation drip pan overflows, but can fail, creating a soggy mess in the room directly below it.





Summer Reading Program and NextReads Offered Through Chesterfield County Library

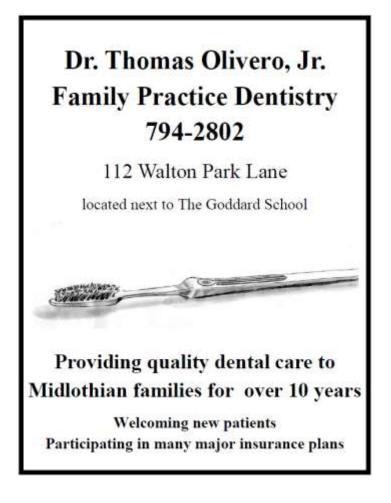
Chesterfield County Public Library announces its Summer Reading program in the inaugural issue of *Loud & Clear* June 1st. Be on the lookout for deets on good summer reads at http://library.chesterfield.gov/screens/programs_Site.html.

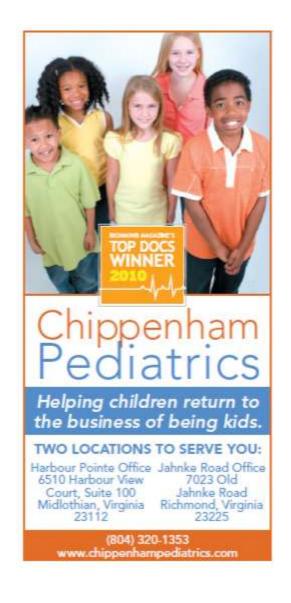
Need a few good books for the beach or poolside? Sign up for NextReads. This free service is available to all patrons of Chesterfield County Public Library. Get book lists and suggestions in your favorite genres and topics, along with access to their availability at the library. From the main webpage, click on the NextReads logo, preview newsletters in your preferred interests, and complete the form.

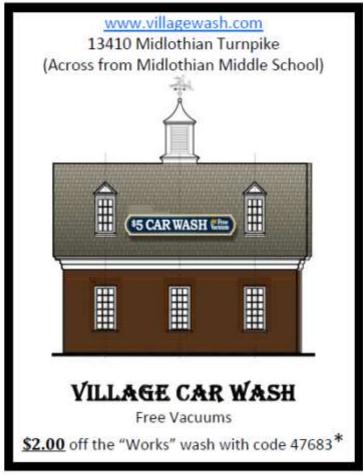


SPEEDERS BEWARE!

Now that summer is here and children are playing outdoors more frequently, let's keep our neighborhood safe. Report traffic violations, such as rolling stops and exceeding the speed limit, to Chesterfield County Police via the traffic hotline 804-318-8084 or at speeding@chesterfield.gov.









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Be Prepared for Severe Weather

Hurricane/flooding season starts June 1

Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes, flash flooding and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2011, there were more than 1,000 weather-related fatalities and more than 8,000 injuries nationwide.

Are you ready for severe weather? With hurricane/flooding season starting June 1, now is the time to take steps to stay safe before, during and after severe weather. Here are important tips:

Follow the instructions of local and state officials.

Listen to local radio and TV stations for updated emergency information.

Get the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio or battery-powered/hand crank radio with a NOAA Weather Band.

Make sure you have a safe place to go when severe thunderstorms or tornado warnings are forecast. Safe areas are the lowest level of a sturdy building away from windows, a basement or a crawl space.

Do not drive or walk through floodwater. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Turn around and find another route if a road is flooded – it is almost always more dangerous than it appears.

Have a family emergency plan. Everyone should know what to do in case family members are not together when severe weather happens. Get a free emergency plan worksheet at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

Evacuate immediately if advised to do so.

Keep emergency supplies on hand, including three days' non-perishable food and water, flashlights and batteries, first aid kit, medicines.

For more on family preparedness for severe weather, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov or www.ListoVirginia.gov. Additional resources are available at www.Ready.gov/severeweather.

Prepared by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, May 2012 pio@vdem.virginia.gov or 804-897-6510

Vacation Safety Tips

Before You Leave: Preventing crime during family travel starts with making sure your home is protected while you are away. The key is to make your home look as if you never left.

PASSPORT

- Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or ask a trusted neighbor/friend to pick them up daily.
- Put timers on several household lights so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- Arrange to have grass mowed while you are gone.
- Make sure all your door and window locks are in proper working order and use them. Activate your home alarm if you have one.
- Do things that suggest someone is home. Ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway. Leave a loud radio on (tuned to talk radio) to increase the illusion of occupancy.
- Contact the Police Department (748-1258) to request a vacation keep-check on your home.

At Your Destination: While you and your family are traveling, it is important to remember that tourists are tempting targets for thieves. Travelers who appear to be lost or distracted, weighed down with bags or carrying cameras, plane tickets, money, and other valuables, are enticing targets for offenders. The best advice for you and your family is to do all you can to blend in with the crowd.

- Check maps before you go out so you can tour confidently.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled streets at all times. Do not take shortcuts.
- Don't display expensive jewelry, cameras, bags and other items that might draw attention.
- Always lock your car when it is unoccupied, even if the stop is brief. Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. Don't advertise that you are a tourist by leaving maps and guidebooks on the seat or dashboard.
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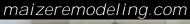
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Hawkins Wood resident **John Romano** offers vinyl mail box replacement to Grove home owners. Wood is nice but vinyl is final. Call John at 379-1238.

Child Care Services

Babysitter - Thirteen year-old eighth grader provides babysitting services. Coalbrook resident with lots of experience with children ages two through nine. Call Sami at 897-9375.

Babysitter - Thirteen year-old Gravity Hill resident provides childcare services for ages toddler and over. Contact Dana Legere at 972-0694 or thelegeres@comcast.net.

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.

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Mark & Lee-Ann Falvo 567 Coalbrook Drive
Kent Sinkiewicz & Karen Gale 1307 Goswick Ridge Road
Sailata Katragadda 519 Lawford Lane
Duncan & Karen Stewart 13318 Railey Hill Drive
Ana J. Turcios 501 Ridgemoor Place

New to the Neighborhood? The Welcome Committee has a smile and gift bag just for you! Contact us at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com

Welcome Committee Chair Needed

Want to meet new people? Join the Welcome Committee! The Grove is in need of a new committee chair or co-chairs. 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 UPDATE

The Neighborhood Watch cannot start without your help. We are into the final push; less than 100 signatures away! To sign the petition or volunteer for the Committee please email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.



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