



The Grove Homeowners Association
www.TheGroveHOA.com

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National Night Out 2014 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Tuesday, August 5th
7 to 8 PM
The Clubhouse**

Meet McGruff and Local Fire, Police,
and EMS Staff!

Ice Cream Scoopers Needed! To help
out, email Gerry at
president@thegrovehoa.com.

Chesterfield County, VA again placed
6th in the nation as a TOP 2013 NNO
Award Winner, thanks to participation by



neighborhoods like ours! (Source: <http://www.natw.org/awards/>). Way to go! The best part of The Grove is its people!

Labor Day Picnic in Jeopardy!

Our wonderful Social Committee Chair, Marielle Pool, has decided to step down. The Grove HOA Board thanks Marielle for her service and dedication. But this vacancy means that there is no one to coordinate the

Annual Labor Day picnic. Please consider volunteering either as a Social Committee Chair or Co-Chair, or to coordinate our Annual Labor Day Picnic for 2014. For more details contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Next HOA Meetings

GENERAL: September 11th

ANNUAL: November 6th

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

**Meetings are held on the
second Thursday bi-monthly.**



Community Yard Sale

Harvest Some Cash at

The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale!

Saturday, October 18, 2014

(rain date October 25)

8 am to 12 pm

The HOA will purchase an ad in the newspaper and post signs at entrances. Please remove your signage promptly following the sale.

The Grove 2014 Board of Directors

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The Grove's Full Service Community Manager

(Covering Biggin Pond, Hawkins Woods,
Kingham, Krim Point, Mitford)

Lisa Wagner at Community Group
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Henrico, VA 23233

804-270-1800

NEW!: lwagner@communitygroup.com
www.communitygroup.com

For neighborhood violations, repairs,
assessments, architectural modifications,
vendor management, etc.

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Full Service Community Manager

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Board of Directors: See Page 4

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HOA Connection

Architectural Review Rules

Any changes or additions to your home or landscaping need prior ARC approval. Major additions must be staked for visual reference to assess impact to adjoining properties. A homeowner must be in good standing to submit projects to ARC. All applicable HOA assessments be current and any

late fees or fines are satisfied. Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor residents need to be current with both their townhouse and Grove HOA assessments and fees. Townhouse residents must apply to their board for approval PRIOR to submitting an ARC to The Grove. No applications will be considered without the town house board consent. For complete details see www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab.

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.), **please contact Community Group, 804-270-1800 and follow the prompts for the 24 hour On Call Manager.** Please DO NOT call Board members or leave messages on the regular Community Group inbox – those calls are not returned until the following business day. **The On Call Manager can handle any urgent request immediately.** Items needing immediate attention are: Irrigation zones running for extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc. Please direct questions or concerns to Lisa Wagner at 804-270-1800 or lwagner@communitygroup.com.

Disclosure Packages Required for Grove Home Sales

ALL Grove home SELLERS must provide a current Grove HOA disclosure package to Buyers during the contract period. New homeowners can cancel a contract without an updated package. Purchase online 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 804-270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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Ads and submissions for the
Nov – Jan issue are due October 15

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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of Midlothian, VA, Inc.

RATES FOR 2014

The Grove Miner has evolved
into a quarterly publication.

Please consult website for
current ad opportunities:

thegrovehoa.com



2014 Pool Pass Validation and Pool Hours

If you are NEW to the Grove, and need pool passes for the remainder of 2014, please contact president@thegrovehoa.com to schedule an appointment. HOA dues must be current. **ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS MUST GO THROUGH** president@thegrovehoa.com. There is a \$5 charge per family for pool passes that are requested to be validated **AFTER** the completion of pool pass validation dates. This applies only to current residents who did not attend any of the scheduled nights during the month of May; new residents will continue to be accommodated after their closing. If you are a current resident who missed the validation dates or a new resident who needs a pool pass, please contact Janet Kelly by phone or text at 804-928-5097 or schedule an appointment. No phone calls please. **DO NOT DISCARD YOUR POOL PASSES AT THE END OF THE SEASON! THE HOA WILL BE USING STICKERS TO UPDATE THE PASSES FOR 2015 AND BEYOND!**

Pool Passes. Lost pass replacements are \$2 per pass. Please make checks payable to The Grove HOA. No cash payments are accepted.

2014 Pool Hours*

Now through August 9th

Sunday-Thursday 10 am to 8 pm

Friday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm

Memorial Day - 10 am to 7 pm

School Days 2 pm to 7 pm

Last Day of School 2 pm to 9 pm

July 4th - 10 am to 9 pm

August 10th through September 1st

Sunday-Saturday 10 am to 8 pm

Labor Day - 10 am to 7 pm

* Days and Hours Confirmed with Douglas Aquatics. Any Changes to Schedule Will Be Posted at the Pool Entrance.



Kindergarten Ice Cream Social 2014

By Anne Counoupas

The Grove will hold the annual ice cream social for rising kindergartners on **Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse**. This is a great chance for the rising kindergartners in the neighborhood to meet and greet and have some familiar faces when they head to their first day of elementary school!

This is a special event for new kindergartners, so no siblings, please.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, 8/18 to counoupas@gmail.com with the full name of your kindergartener.

If you would like to help with the event, please contact Anne Counoupas at counoupas@gmail.com.

Planting and Removal of Trees Requires ARC Approval!

ARTICLE VII - ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS: In order to protect the natural beauty of the vegetation, topography or other natural features within the Subdivision, the following environmental controls are hereby established.

7.01. Trees. To the extent reasonably practical, the clearing of mature trees on Lots shall be limited to those areas required to accommodate the residence to be constructed thereon and its normal and customary accessories, open front yard areas and those areas required to permit utility services and driveways. No trees measuring six (6) inches in diameter at a point two (2) feet above ground level which are located more than twenty (20) feet away from the residence or structure constructed on the Lot, shall be removed without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

(Source: <http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws>)

Clubhouse Rental

By Shelley Neofotistos,
Clubhouse Coordinator


The Clubhouse is a great place to have your next event. It is \$100 for a 6 hour rental and only

\$5 for any additional hour (s). Tables and Chairs are available and there is a full functioning kitchen. For clubhouse availability and online reservations, please check out the Grove Website or email Shelley at paris972@msn.com for details and questions.

Stay Connected!

To get neighborhood news and alerts sign up for the Grove ListServ. Our subdivision's Facebook page is also a great way to meet fellow residents and post items for sale. Note: the

Facebook page is not the official site for The Grove HOA or dissemination of Grove official information. To join go to the grovehoa.com and click on the listserv and Facebook links located halfway down the home page.



Chess Class at the Grove Clubhouse!

9-17-14 – 10-22-14; Deadline 9-12
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm; 2nd – 6th grade;
\$69.00
Register:
www.ChampionshipChessRVA.net

Grove Pond Is "Catch and Release"

Please remember that The Grove pond is a "Catch and Release"

body of water. Also, please clean up and remove all fishing line and hooks, for the safety of our small children, ducks, geese, and turtles.

Speeding Hotline

The speed limit is 25 mph throughout The Grove. Passing on the right or other moving violations should not be tolerated. Report speeding and traffic concerns via the Chesterfield County Police Department's traffic hotline at 318-8084 OR by email to speeding@chesterfield.gov

Please select one method to avoid confusion. The hotline hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. If you call after regular business hours and on weekends you may leave a message but please leave your name, telephone number, and a brief description of the concern. In emergency situations, dial 911.

Pet Waste

Please clean up after your pet in the common areas. The pet waste disposal stations are conveniently located along the walking paths.



SCOTTER HILLS/RIDGEMOOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandy Snead
Sylvia Warner
Kathy Morris
Matthew Gookin

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor News

By the Scotter Hills HOA Board

Lime was applied in June to the lawns in Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor. A second application will be placed in late August. Additional watering will be needed throughout the summer. It is the responsibility of the owner/occupant to ensure the irrigation is working properly and to water your lawns. The Board of Directors will be reviewing the community in late summer to determine if yards need to be re-established. If your lawn is one that requires that process due to lack of water the homeowner will be assessed for the cost of this repair. Please maintain the beauty and aesthetics of the community by properly watering and maintaining your yard. Curb appeal is a major factor in maintaining property values.

Children playing outside without adult supervision has become a common occurrence in the community. Not only can children not be seen running from behind cars or when riding on electric cars or scooters, they are playing in common areas and other yards. This can cause damage to other people's property or harm to a child who doesn't know the area. Parents please ensure your child is supervised by an adult when they are outside and that their play doesn't impact other homeowners in the community.

You may be ready for back to school, but is your child?

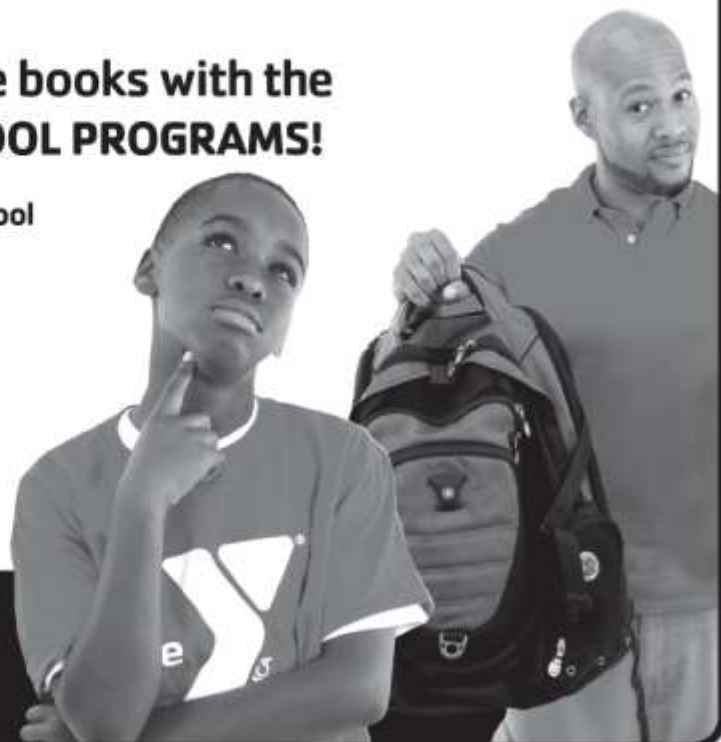
Get your kids excited to hit the books with the Y'S BEFORE- AND AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAMS!

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Space is limited, so visit ymcarichmond.org/childcare for more information.



**BE ACTIVE
BE PREPARED
BE ENGAGED**



Back to School

First day of school Tuesday, September 2nd

Supply lists for Elementary and Middle School will be posted here:
<http://mychesterfieldschools.com/schools/supply-lists/>.

J B Watkins Elementary 378-2530

Orientation Dates:

Grade K: August 28th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Grades 1 – 5: August 29th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Parents Back to School Nights:

Grades K – 2: September 23rd: 6 – 8 pm*

Grades 3 – 5: September 30th: 6 – 8 pm*

* Back to school times are subject to change, but are usually held 6-7 with a repeat session 7-8 in each classroom to accommodate parents with more than one child.

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 2, 2014. 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 2, 2014."

Open House/Back to School Dates:

Grade 6: August 27th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Grades 7 & 8: August 28th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to pay fees online.

Midlothian High School 378-2440

Fee Nights & PTSA School Supply Sale Dates: (not separated by alphabet this year):

Seniors: August 25th 4 – 5 pm and 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Juniors: August 26th 4 – 5 pm and 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sophomores: August 27th 4 – 5 pm and 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Freshman/New Student Orientation: Aug. 28th 1:30 – 4 pm

NO Makeup Date due to Online Payment Available August 11. A convenience fee applies, but you can bring your printed receipt to the school 8 am to 4 pm August 21 to pick up lists and buy supplies.

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 22nd 6:45 pm

Please support the PTSA by purchasing goods at the School Supply Sale, their biggest fundraiser of the year.

(Source: Watkins-Rita K. Layne; Midlothian Middle-James Wilbur/Pam Fletcher; Midlothian HS-Cheryl Reynolds)

Pink Power Triathlon Traffic Alert

The Pink Power Triathlon will be taking place again this year on Sunday August 10th from 7-11am.

The community should be prepared for slight delays as athletes run through the neighborhood between 8 and 11 am on Sunday morning. We will have volunteers and police officers stationed at the

entrance starting at 7am to guide traffic. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this race is in progress.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at (804) 303-4833. Thank you so much!

Sheri Crowell
Richmond Multisports
Media Relations

“Click It or Ticket” Saves Lives

Summer is the time when highway travel greatly increases for families going on vacation. Please remember to make sure everyone is always buckled when going anywhere in a vehicle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most drivers and passengers killed in crashes are unrestrained. Of those killed in car crashes in 2009, 53% were not wearing restraints. People not wearing a seat belt are 30 times more likely to be ejected from a vehicle during a crash. More than 75% of people ejected during a crash die from their injuries.

(from Chesterfield Co. Police Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)

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rheare@thurstonandheare.com
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*54% of homes are underinsured --and potentially underinsured-- by 19%, according to Marshall & Swift/Flood, a leading provider of building cost data to real estate professionals. "ErieSecure Home" with Guaranteed Replacement Cost requires home improvements over \$5,000 to be reported within 90 days. Coverage of costs to comply with laws or ordinances is subject to limits. Depreciation may be deducted until repair or replacement is made. Visit www.erieinsurancetools.com/details or talk to your Erie Agent for more information. Not all companies are licensed to operate in all states. Go to erieinsurance.com for company licenses and territory information. Equal opportunity insurer. 55430e 5/12

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Richmond, VA 23224
804-320-2269
Worship: 10:30 a.m.



Your Grove Neighbor



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804.794.0794 | 804.379.2858 - Fax

Brandermill Office
6031 Harbour Park Dr. | Midlothian, VA 23112
804.608.3200 | 804.608.3201 - Fax

Fall into Great Lawn Care With Virginia Tech!

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Program (Chesterfield Branch) offers free seminars to the public throughout the year. This summer and fall, they are holding seminars at Chesterfield County Libraries. Here's a list of topics covered:

- Fall Lawn Care
- Weeds
- Selecting and Planting Shrubs Correctly
- Alternatives to Grass
- Trees: Selection and Pruning
- Pruning Basics
- Beekeeping for the Curious

To sign up go to <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/chesterfield/>, call 804-751-4401, or email vce@chesterfield.gov.

DO NOT FEED THE GEESE/WILDLIFE

4VAC15-40-286. Unauthorized feeding of wildlife.

It shall be unlawful for any person as defined in § 1-230 of the Code of Virginia to place, distribute, or allow the placement of food, minerals, carrion, trash, or similar substances when it attracts any species of wildlife in such numbers or circumstances to cause property damage, endanger any person or wildlife, or create a public health concern. Upon notification by department personnel, any such person shall be in violation of this section if the placing,

distribution, or presence of such food, minerals, carrion, trash, or similar substances continues. This section shall not be construed to restrict bona fide agronomic plantings (including wildlife food plots), bona fide distribution of food to livestock, or wildlife management activities conducted or authorized by the department or U.S. government agencies with wildlife management responsibilities.

(Source: from the Virginia Register of Regulations, Conservation of Natural Resources, <http://register.dls.virginia.gov/details.aspx?id=1128>. Submitted by Troy M. Pannell, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA APHIS.)

Take These Steps to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane Arthur, a Category 2 storm, dealt Virginia a glancing blow during the July 4 weekend. We've got a long way to go during this hurricane season – what steps should you take now to protect your family and property?


- **Talk to an insurance agent about flood insurance.** Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flooding. Just one inch of water in a mid-size home or office can mean as much as \$20,000 in cleanup and repairs! Remember: There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins. Renters also can buy flood insurance, to cover personal belongings or business inventory. Go to www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 for more information.
- **Download the free Ready Virginia app for iPhone® and Android™ devices.** Use the app to prepare for disasters and to stay informed during emergencies. Features include:
 - Push notifications of weather warnings for your location issued by the National Weather Service
 - A customizable emergency plan that can be easily shared with family and friends
 - A checklist for gathering emergency supplies
 - The latest disaster news on widespread emergencies from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- **Build an emergency kit.** Start with three days' water and three days' food that doesn't need electricity or refrigeration. Then add:
 - A battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with a weather band and extra batteries to hear information from local officials
 - Flashlights and extra batteries
 - First aid kit and extra supply of medications
 - Special items for babies, older family members and pets

People with disabilities or access and functional needs may need to take additional steps to be ready. Plan now how to handle power outages and/or being asked to evacuate. See www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/getakit/disabilities for more.

Additional information about preparing for hurricane season: www.ReadyVirginia.gov and www.ListoVirginia.gov.

Prepared by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, July 2014
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Mailbox 911 - Biggin Pond resident Dale Murphy offers mailbox repair or replacement services to Grove neighbors. Post repair available in wood or vinyl. Call Dale at 405-1023.

Hawkins Wood resident **John Romano** offers vinyl mail box replacement to Grove home owners. Wood is good but vinyl is final. John also installs wall safes. Call John at 379-1238.

Child Care Services

Babysitter - Thirteen year-old 8th grader provides babysitting services. Coalbrook resident with lots of experience with children ages 2 through 9. Call Sami at 897-9375.

Babysitter - High School Senior with drivers license enjoys watching children of all ages. Can do diapers. Kingham resident who regularly works at church nursery. Call, text or email Laura at 804-519-0350, or lauragottschalk@rocketmail.com.

Child Care - Are you a stay at home parent that needs to run errands or keep appointments from time to time without children? I can provide daytime child care in these instances. Please call Marielle Pool at 464-2836.

Cake Making Services

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

Pet Care Services

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

Pet Care - 9th 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 aaron.uva.soccer@gmail.com.

Pet Care - Dependable high school freshman, with a passion for animals, would love to help with your pet care needs. Biggin Pond resident with lots of experience. Please contact Emily (804) 874-6603 or (804) 399-1983.

Personal Training Services

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**WELCOME TO THE
GROVE!**



Karen & James Carps 1337 Hawkins Wood Circle

Shakil & Rabia Khan 525 Scotter Hills Lane

Desire Nana & Rachel Nana-Kouajio

1224 Hawkins Wood Circle

Eustache & Jeanine Ngendakuriyo

1443 Goswick Ridge Road

William & Virginia Smith 14012 Krim Point Court

Pearce & Eileen Statts 13224 Railey Hill Drive

Xuesong Zhang 1507 Hawkins Wood Circle

Just moved in? For a gift and a smile, contact
Grove Welcome Committee Co-Chairs
Lynne Labott and Rita Bond
at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com!



Photos By Arthur Allen

Help Wanted! "Many hands make light work". Please invest some time for one of The Grove Neighborhood Committees. Just a few hours here and there maintains our subdivision's reputation as a great place to live! For more details contact Gerry Mancuso president @thegrovehoa.com or the specific Committee Chairs listed on page 2.

Branching Out: The Grove Miner is always looking for local stories and pics to publish. Please send your ideas, articles, and photos to Cathy Allen newsletter@thegrovehoa.com. Thanks!

Piano/Voice/Audition Coaching

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