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Next HOA Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2014

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

Meetings are held on the second Thursday bi-monthly.

Grove HOA Board Election 2013

On Thursday, November 14, The Grove HOA held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Up for consideration were three seats on the Board with four candidates vying to take them: Gerry Mancuso, Earl Nunnally, Kathy Morris, and Michael D. Rogers.

Having reached a quorum with 206 proxies, the election was conducted. 26 residents were in attendance.

Results: Gerry Mancuso, Kathy Morris, and Earl Nunnally were elected to the Board to serve two year terms. Continuing to serve are John Romano and Gary Powers.

HOA Assessments Due!

Annual Grove HOA assessments for 2014 will remain at \$385.00. Please watch your incoming mail for a statement from Associa in early December. If you have not received your statement by December 15, 2013 Don't let the sound of the CVWMA contact the community Carolyn Grimes at:

cgrimes@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800. Assessments must be http://customer.cvwma.sitevision.com/ paid by January 31, 2014. To avoid penalties please remit promptly. Note:

Homeowners in Krim Point, Ridgemoor, and **Scotter Hills** must pay assessments to their individual HOA as well as dues to The Grove.

Remember to Recycle

manager trucks remind you to set out your bins! Sign up for recycling email reminders at:



Improvements Planned for Mid-Lothian Mines Park

Mid-Lothian Mines construction will begin next spring on a project to add trails, stabilize historic mining operation ruins and add interpretive signage and be finished by next fall.

(from chesterfield.gov)

The Grove 2013 Board of Directors

boardofdirectors@lists.thegrovehoa.com

Gerry Mancuso, 804-897-0853 president@thegrovehoa.com

Earl Nunnally, 804-379-4493 vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com

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John Romano, 804-379-1238 treasurer@thegrovehoa.com

Kathy Morris, 804-543-4249 director@thegrovehoa.com

The Grove's Full Service **Community Manager**

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

Community Group 3901 Westerre Pkwy, Ste 100 Henrico, VA 23233

804-270-1800

email: cgrimes@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 3

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Neighborhood Watch

TBA

HOA Connection

Holiday Lights & Architectural Review Rules

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly!" Please remember to remove wreaths, reindeer, lights and all other décor no later than the 20th of January.

"Follow me in merry measure!" 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. For complete details see the grovehoa.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 long extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc. Please direct questions or concerns to Carolyn Grimes at 804-270-1800 or cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

Disclosure Packages A Must Have for Grove Home Sales

Stay on Santa's "Nice List' by keeping a current Grove HOA disclosure package on hand. ALL Grove home SELLERS must provide this 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 270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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Ads and submissions for the Feb-Mar issue are due Jan 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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RATES FOR 2014

Bus. Card size - \$35 Quarter page - \$70 Half page - \$99 Full page - \$175 Back cover - \$180 (sold out)

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See website for details.

Grove Clubhouse Reminder

By Shelley Neofotistos, Clubhouse Coordinator

The online Clubhouse Reservation System is still "under construction" so if you would like to check availability and/or reserve the clubhouse, please contact Shelley Neofotistos at 897-8279 or email paris972@msn.com. The rental fee is \$100 for a 6 hour block and only \$5 for any additional hour(s).

Renting is available to Grove Residents only and is a GREAT place to host your special event!





Stay OFF the ICE!

Please discuss with your children the dangers associated with the pond in The Grove during the winter. Explain to them the possibility of falling through the surface of the pond on ice that appears to be frozen. Our pond is quite deep in some areas, and although it may look frozen on the edges, in all likelihood it is not.

By Carolyn Grimes Community Manager

SCOTTER HILLS/RIDGEMOOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Hudgins, President Sylvia Warner, Vice President Jim Collins, Treasurer Kathy Morris, Director Matthew Gookin, Director

Yard Waste in Common Areas

Reminder: If your property adjoins a common area you cannot dispose of leaves and grass clippings, etc. in these areas. This also applies to landscapers working on your yard.

Halloween Recap

The Halloween Social was a smashing success! Over 100 "ghosts and goblins" attended the event, enjoying pizza and good company before trick or treating.



Scams Linked to Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli warned on Oct. 16, 2013, that in the wake of the Oct. 1 rollout of the health insurance exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA, also known as Obamacare), con artists are already scamming consumers with fake web sites and phone calls. Consumers seeking insurance coverage through the online exchanges (also referred to as health insurance marketplaces) provide personal information to determine which plans are available to them and to sign up for coverage.

"Many citizens are mandated to buy insurance from this money. federal government-run exchange, and because they have Your insurance agent can accept premium payments, to enter such detailed personal information online, however. scammers are finding this a target-rich environment to • Beware of anyone who tries to sell you an Obamacare people think they're typing in detailed personal such as prescription cards. They may look real, but may information to apply for health insurance, they're actually only be medical discount cards. giving scammers all the information they need to commit • Communicate directly with the official exchange when identity theft."

fraud.

He offers the following tips:

- Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, credit card or debit card numbers, or your home address in • If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you do not need to response to unsolicited telephone calls.
- contact. No one from the government will call, email, or information.
- solicitations, emails, texts, or phone calls from people pretending to work for the government. No one should threaten you with legal action if you do not sign up for a plan.
- Ask for credentials from anyone who wants to assist you in enrolling. In addition to your own licensed insurance agent, there are only two types of assistants who can help you sign up: Certified Application Counselors and Navigators.

o Certified Application Counselors – these are people who work for organizations, such as hospitals, and who have been certified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid

Services.

o Navigators - these are individuals or organizations trained to assist consumers in understanding their insurance options. The law forbids navigators from recommending specific health plans or coverage.

Navigators are funded through state and federal grant programs, and must complete comprehensive training.

There is no charge for their services. You may locate a navigator in Virginia by visiting www.HealthCare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596.

 Beware of anyone asking for money to enroll you in a health insurance exchange. If the individual is a legitimate health insurance assistant (a navigator or a certified application counselor), they will NEVER ask you for

- confuse people and steal their information in the insurance card. It may be a trick to get your money but process," said Cuccinelli. "Scammers are sending out not enroll you in a health insurance plan. You must official-looking emails with links that don't go to the actually apply for and enroll in a plan; you can't just buy health insurance exchange, but to a bogus web site. While an insurance card. Similarly, watch out for "fake" products
- you are ready to purchase insurance. Unless you are using The attorney general is warning Virginians about some of a licensed insurance agent, navigator, or a certified the possible ways scammers are attempting to commit application counselor, the only way to sign up is to use official web sites found by going www.HealthCare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596. Avoid • Do not give personal information such as Medicare or look-a-like web sites and look for web sites that have .gov on the end of the web site address.
 - purchase insurance on the exchange.

• Only provide personal information if you initiate the If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection telephone text you to sell you an insurance plan or ask for personal counselors are available to assist you with your consumer questions. Please call the Consumer Protection Hotline at • Don't be swayed by high-pressure visits, mail 1-800-552-9963 if calling from Virginia, or 804-786-2042 if calling from the Richmond area. The Consumer Protection office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(from Chesterfield County Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)

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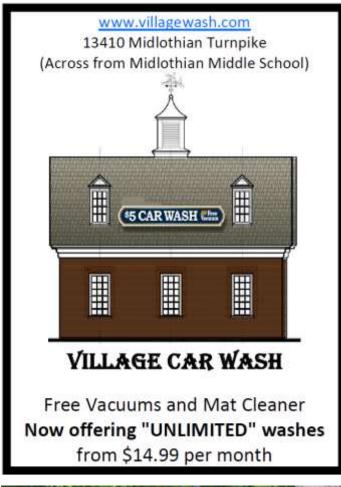
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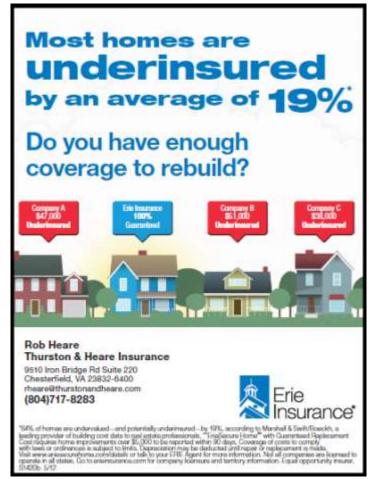
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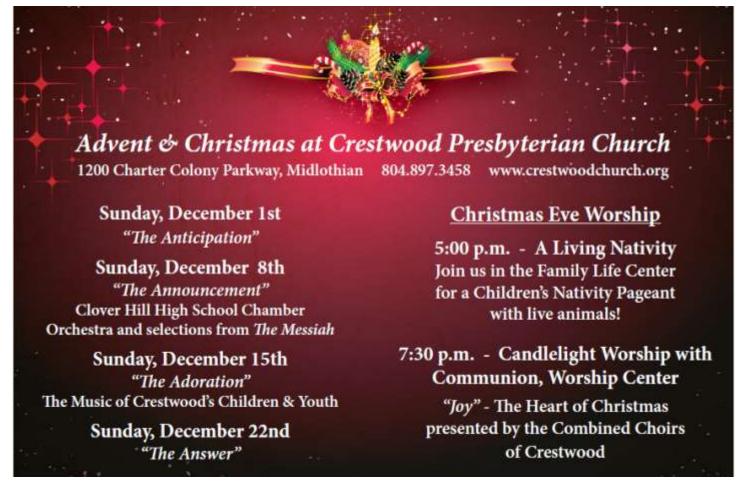


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Chesterfield Alert Program

Chesterfield County has launched a new mass notification service that allows you to be alerted in the event of emergencies, weather events or other significant adverse removing your contact information from your profile. conditions. You can opt-in by entering your contact information and subscribing to notifications applicable to you based on your location. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

How It Works

When a notification regarding a safety hazard or concern is issued, you will receive a message on the voice or text communication method you registered. If requested for the notification, you can confirm you have received the message and you will not be contacted by any other methods regarding that specific notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you via the contact paths you registered.

Signup for Notifications

Create an account at www.chesterfieldalert.com and add your contact and location information into the mass notification system. Your information is kept strictly confidential.

Stop Receiving Notifications

You can stop receiving notifications at any time by

Texting While Driving

Texting while driving is a very serious safety problem throughout the United States. Many serious, and some fatal, accidents have occurred as the result of someone being distracted because of texting. Texting while driving became a primary offense on July 1 in the Commonwealth of Virginia (VA State Code 46.2-1078.1). This means a driver can be stopped by a law enforcement officer and receive a summons for typing, sending or reading a text message while driving. If your vehicle is lawfully stopped at a stop sign or red light, texting is not illegal. The first offense carries a fine of \$125 and second or subsequent offenses are \$250.

(From Chesterfield County Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)





Have Plans for the New Year Yet?

Why not try one of my fun and affordable fitness classes? Offered in a welcoming, comfortable, less "big gym setting".

Come try Zumba, Body Sculpt, Cardio Kick Butt, or Barre. Personal training is offered as well.

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Contact Audrey at 804-897-8662 or email me at Audrey@gobonafe.com.

Visit my Zumba website at http://abonafe.zumba.com/.

Five Energy Tips

- 1. Install a programmable thermostat.
- 2. Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- 3. Replace existing appliances and electronics with "Energy Star" products.
- 4. Plug electronic equipment into electronic power strips.
- 5. Reduce your water heater to 120 degrees.

(from energy.gov)



Holiday Shopping Safety

Again this year, many shoppers will be out early searching for bargains at holiday sales. Unfortunately, criminals will be out as well. Here are 10 tips to help you shop safely while getting those great holiday bargains throughout the shopping season.

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by shopping with a family member or friend.
- Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it. Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
- Save your receipts. Print and save all confirmations from online purchases. Use a folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Consider alternate options to pay for your online merchandise, such as one-time or multi-use disposable credit cards or money orders.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
- Deter pickpockets by carrying your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your vehicle. Lock items in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home before making other stops.
- Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package.
- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure children know they can ask mall personnel, store security and store employees if they need help.

(from Chesterfield County Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)

Auto Larceny

With cold weather approaching, many people like to warm up their cars in the morning before leaving for work or school. Unfortunately, many individuals are leaving their vehicles unlocked, which makes them easy to steal. There have been several incidents like this already this year. If you want to warm up your car, please lock the door and have a second key with you. Another option is to install a remote starter. Don't invite unsavory characters into your home - remember to keep garage doors closed and locked at all times. Keep your vehicles locked and don't store holiday packages or other valuables in the car.

(from Chesterfield County Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)







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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 - 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.

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

Specific Sports Conditioning and Running training/coaching for all ages. AFFA Certified Trainer with over 23 years of collegiate coaching experience. Discount to Grove residents and small groups. Contact Rick Wagenaar at (804) 739-9207.

WELCOME TO THE GROVE!



Tanya M. Behrend 913 Biggin Pond Rd.

Michelle M. Moosavi 13555 Ridgemoor Drive

Fay L. Crum 13531 Ridgemoor Drive

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



Newsletter Delivery Help Needed!

Time commitment is only once every two months.

Please email Susan Austin susanh1225@hotmail.com.

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

Piano/Voice/Audition Coaching

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