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Next HOA Meetings

Thursday, March 13 and Thursday, May 8 6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

Meetings are held on the second Thursday bi-monthly.

Smoke Alarm & Battery Safety: How Old Are Your Smoke Alarms?

Smoke alarms save lives. Almost two-thirds photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more of home fire deaths occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads combination alarm (photoelectric quickly. Smoke alarms help you get out fast.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the

HOA Assessments

PAST Due!

The annual Grove HOA assessments for 2014 were due no later than January 31st. Any unpaid amounts are subject to late penalties, which will continue to accrue until all fees are paid in full. Homeowners in Krim Point,

Ridgemoor, and Scotter Hills must remit assessments to their individual HOA as well

basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms

throughout the home. When one sounds,

more responsive to flaming fires, and a

responsive to smoldering fires. For the best

protection, both types of alarms or a

ionization) should be installed in homes.

An ionization smoke alarm is generally

they all sound.

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as dues to The Grove.

If you missed the January 31 assessment deadline, please call Community Group without delay at 804-270-1800 to make payment arrangements.

Notice: In accordance with trends among other community newsletters, The Grove Miner has evolved into a guarterly publication as of this issue.



The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, April 5, 2014 (Rain Date April 26) 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 2013 Board of Directors

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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**

Tracey Talbert, 804-273-1333 Stellar Community Management, LLC. stellartalbert@comcast.net

Board of Directors: See Page 3

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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. For complete details see 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 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 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 270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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Ads and submissions for the May – July issue are due April 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

The Grove Miner has evolved into a quarterly publication.

Please consult website for current ad opportunities:

thegrovehoa.com

Winter Weather Safety and

Erosion Warnings

By Carolyn Grimes

During the last snow storm kids were observed sledding on the dam near the pond. Please ask your kids NOT to sled in this area. Damage to new landscaping and plantings by sledders is an expense that places additional burden on the Association.

Warning: Local iced-over ponds, like the Grove Pond, can become unsafe because they do not freeze solid or stay cold enough for sufficient safe ice to form. In addition the Grove Pond is a storm water retention pond susceptible to heavy flows. Any ice forming on the pond can be significantly WEAKENED by SMALL amounts of rain, sleet, or snow. Runoff can contain salts and sand from road treatment that will also weaken the ice. Keep your kids safe and warn them of the dangers of attempting to walk on ice on the pond.



SCOTTER HILLS/RIDGEMOOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Get Social!

Stay tuned to the Grove Facebook and ListServ announcements regarding upcoming social events in our neighborhood. To join go to the grovehoa.com. For Listserv enrollment follow the link on the left hand side of the page. The Facebook link is located in the middle.

Got ideas? Suggestions and helping hands are always welcome! Contact Marielle Pool at socials@thegrovehoa.com.

Pool Pass Volunteers Needed

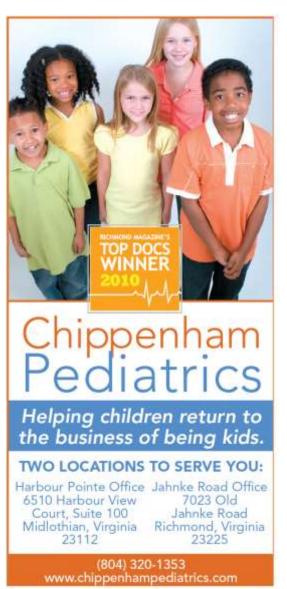
Sure, our temperatures are in the 20s now, but Spring will be here before we know it. Pool pass validation starts in May and runs though the first part of June. To volunteer for a session or more, please contact our *Pool Committee Chair Doris Dunham* at 804-794-6126.



Clubhouse Updates

The clubhouse reservation system is up and working! Folks can now check availability and submit reservation request through the grove website. Should you have any questions please contact me at paris972@msn.com or 804-897-8279.

By Shelley Neofotistos, Clubhouse Coordinator





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On Sunday, February 9th Richmond Road Runners Club will be hosting the Sweetheart 8K. The race will start and finish at The Millworks At The Green and the course will run through The Grove. The race typically has several hundred runners so please be careful and allow a few extra minutes if you will be driving through the neighborhood between 8:15 am and 11:00 am on February 9th. Unlike previous years, the Grove Clubhouse will not be the start/ finish line so parking at the clubhouse will not be an issue.

Additional race details can be found at www.rrrc.org.

By Laura Doherty Grove Resident

Since 2011, 67 tornadoes have struck Virginia, affecting nearly every part of the state. In April 2011, 10 people died and more than 200 were injured as a result of tornadoes that destroyed at least 210 homes and damaged 1,050 more.

Tornadoes are common in Virginia, so it is crucial that everyone knows what to do during a warning. All Virginians can practice taking cover during the Statewide Tornado Drill, 3/11.

When a tornado warning is issued for your area:

Go immediately to a safe place - usually the lowest level of your home, office or school – and stay there until the warning expires.

• If there is no basement, go to a windowless interior room such as a closet, bathroom or interior hallway.

Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down and covering your head with your hands.

(Article courtesy of Laura Southard, www.ReadyVirginia.gov)



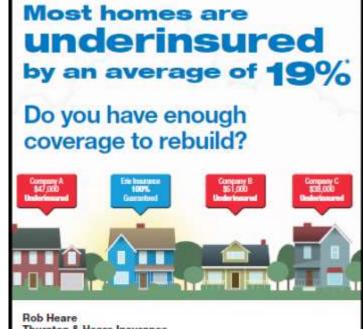
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About Town



Kindergarten Registration April 10th 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. J. B. Watkins Elementary

Kindergarten registration forms are now available online through the Chesterfield County Schools website. You still must register your child in person at the school but you can fill out the paperwork ahead of time. Per Virginia State Law, children have to be 5 years old as of September 30, 2014 to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. To view eligibility and registration forms as well as required forms of ID and medical records, go to http://mychesterfieldschools.com/about/ publications-and-forms/.



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WEAR RED AND SAVE A LIFE! AHA Holds Its 11th Annual Go Red for Women Campaign

Heart disease kills more women than any other causes of death combined, including breast cancer, according to the American Heart Association's website.

To promote heart disease awareness among women, the AHA holds a "Wear Red" Day annually on the first Friday in February, in addition to other events throughout the year. To participate, get your RED on February 7th. Next year's date is February 6, 2015.

"Wear Red" and its campaign has saved women's lives. Learn more about heart disease facts, symptoms, and risk factors by visiting http://www.goredforwomen.org/.

Cinderella Dreams Project

This year the Midlothian Junior Women's Club, Puritan Cleaners, Westchester Commons, and Summit Media will team up for the Ninth Annual Cinderella Dreams Fundraiser. The project provides a dress and accessories to any girl who, just like Cinderella, needs help getting a gown for the ball for their enchanted evening.

Cinderella Dreams is currently collecting new or gently used prom dresses and accessories (shoes, jewelry, handbags, wraps, new make-up, and hair accessories) at Greater-Richmond YMCAs, Puritan Cleaners, and several local businesses.

The Dress Shop will open its doors on Friday, March 14th from 5-9 PM, Sunday, March 16th from 1-4 PM, and Tuesday, March 18th from 7-9 PM. Our storefront will be located at Westchester Commons. Shopping is first-come, first-serve and the line will cut off an hour before shop closing.

For more information about the project or to locate a dress drop off location, visit our Facebook page at Facebook.com/ cinderelladreams.net.

Contact: Yvonne Patnaude at ypatnaude@gmail.com or 214-906-1361.





Smoke Alarm & Battery Safety (continued)

Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

Smoke rises: Install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.

Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. NOTE: PREVENT HOME FIRES with proper storage and disposal of loose batteries. Make sure the battery leads (tops of batteries) do not touch the tops of other batteries, and spark a fire. Use electrical tape to cover the tops of loose batteries, both for storage and recycling/disposal. Batteries stored in their original packaging are not as (Article from The National Fire Protection likely to touch, causing a fire.

• Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hardwired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.

Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

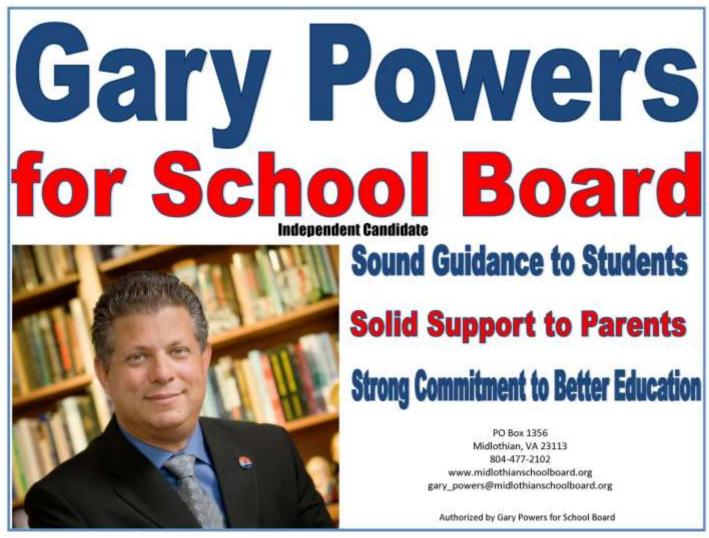
Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.

Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

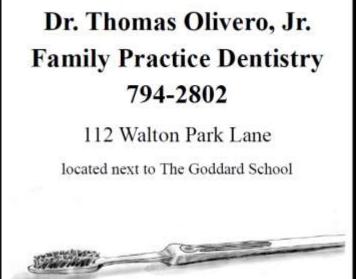
Available to people who are deaf and hard of hearing are smoke alarms with strobe lights and vibration warning features.

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: Have an amazing experience this summer! Host student (ages 13-17) from Spain or France in your home for 3-4 weeks in July or part of August. Compass USA, a non-profit organization, has a variety of programs to suit your family's schedule and pays stipends to help defray expenses. Contact Debbie Hardy 909-3190 or debbiehardy2003@yahoo.com., compass-usa.net.







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Fool For Art 2014

Fool for Art is a free, fun, hands-on, educational festival, open to the community. Visitors can participate in more than 100 free educational activities, shop the wares of top original art and craft vendors, and get their hands dirty to celebrate Earth Day.

From the Art of Learning Tent, to the Celebrate the Earth Tent, and fabulous selection of arts and crafts, there is plenty of fun for all ages.

Fool for Art takes place April 26th, 10 am to 4 pm, at John Tyler Community College, Midlothian Campus, 800 Charter Colony Parkway.

By Lisa Kendrick, JTCC Events Specialist



Free Neighbor-to-Neighbor Classified Ads

(For Grove Residents Only)

Mailbox Repair/Home Services

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!



James & Jennifer Clark 1201 Hawkins Wood Circle

Brad & Jennifer Gillespie, 913 Kingham Drive

Sean & Mary Purcell, 914 Biggin Pond Place

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



Show Your Grove Pride!

There are many ways you can help maintain our status as one of Richmond Magazine's hottest neighborhoods in the metro area. Consider joining a committee or pitching in with events. We can always use assistance with important functions, such as our Memorial and Labor Day Picnics, Kindergarten and National Night Out Ice Cream Socials, Pool Pass Validation Days, Newsletter Delivery, etc. To get involved email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com, or see page 2 for specific committee contact information.

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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