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Next HOA Meeting

May 9, 2013

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

HOA Dues WAY PAST Due!

As of this date The Grove has over \$10,000 in outstanding 2013 dues. Homeowners who have not paid their HOA dues will be sent to collections and incur late fees until paid in full. If you have questions about your assessment, please call Community Group immediately at 804-270-1800 and pay your HOA assessment and fines **ASAP!**

The Grove Assessment Payment Plan For 2014 and Beyond

By Carolyn Grimes

Community Group offers a FREE* monthly **Grove** assessment payment plan online for homeowners *in good* standing to pay upcoming years in advance, providing their current HOA account is up to date, and assessments due in future years are paid in full by January 30th each year. Paying dues monthly versus an annual lump sum is easier to budget.

When setting up a monthly payment deduction through KLIK or via your bank you must compute the balance owed per month so that dues are paid in full by January 30th of the following year. For example: a monthly option started April 2013 would be \$38.50 per month, requiring a final payment no later than January 30. If you begin in January then monthly payments would be \$32.08 per month. *Bear in mind*, examples are based on current annual HOA assessment rate of \$385.00. The Board of Directors will do the best they can to maintain the current level of assessments. Should assessments increase, you can cover the difference by increasing the amount of monthly payment, which is still better than a lump sum.

Homeowners in Krim Point, Ridgemoor, and Scotter Hills must remit assessments on time to their individual HOA as well as dues to The Grove, so please budget accordingly.

*Although Community Group does not charge a fee for the monthly assessment payment option, please verify if any banking transaction fees apply through your bank.

Yard Sale Date Has Moved!

The Annual Grove Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, April 20, 2013
(Rain Date April 27th)
8 am to 12 pm

The HOA places an ad in the newspaper and posts signs at entrances. Please remove any personal signs promptly afterwards.



The Grove 2013 Board of Directors

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Neighborhood Safety
TBA

HOA Connection

Architectural Review Rules Change

The Board recently approved a change to the ARC rules governing home improvement projects. For any major additions, such as decks, porches, and patios, the Architectural Review Committee must conduct a site visit. Any home additions, patios, decks, porches, sheds, etc. need to have their perimeter staked before the site visit. Staking gives the ARC a reference for how the addition would affect neighboring properties.

Any changes or additions to your home or landscaping need prior ARC approval. 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.

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

Disclosure Package Necessary For Grove Home Sales

ALL Grove home SELLERS must provide a CURRENT 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 June - July issue are due May 15th

Submit all ads and articles to:
Cathy Allen, Editor
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or call 804-379-1862

Make checks to: Grove HOA and mail to:
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2013 Pool Pass Validation Dates Location: The Clubhouse

It's almost Sum-Sum-Summertime! Validate your pool pass on these dates. **Please note if you can not attend one of the scheduled dates you may have your passes validated by a neighbor as long as your HOA dues are current.** 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 do not attend any of the scheduled nights during the month of May; new residents will continue to be accommodated after their closing. New residents need to contact Doris Dunham at 804-794-6126 to arrange an appointment.

May 11th	10 am-12 pm
May 13th	7-9 pm
May 15th	7-9 pm
May 21st	7-9 pm
May 23rd	7-9 pm
June 1st	10 am-12 pm

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

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

NEW HOMEOWNERS BRING:

- Registration form
- Waiver form
- Copy of Closing Statement
- Photo ID

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

Volunteers are needed to distribute pool passes, as well as join the pool committee. For details please contact our *Pool Committee Chair Doris Dunham*. She can be reached at 804-794-6126.



(Photos Courtesy of Arthur Allen)

2013 Pool Hours* Opening Day May 25th Cookout Memorial Day, May 27! (see page 4)

Memorial Day Weekend

- Saturday 10 am to 9 pm
- Sunday 10 am to 8 pm
- Monday 10 am to 7 pm

School Days May 28 through June 14

- Monday-Thursday 2 pm to 7 pm
- Friday 2 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday 10 am to 9 pm
- Sunday 10 am to 7 pm

Summer Hours June 15-August 10

- Sun-Thurs 10 am to 8 pm
- Friday & Saturday 10 am to 9 pm

August 11-September 1

- Daily 10 am to 8 pm

Holidays

- Memorial Day - 10 am to 7 pm
- July 4th - 10 am to 9 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.

Memorial Day/Pool Opening Celebration/Cookout

By Marielle Pool

The social committee is hosting a Memorial Day/Pool Opening Celebration/Cookout. It will be Monday, May 27th starting at 11am. The social committee will provide hot dogs, chips, soda/water, and a dessert. We hope to see everyone and celebrate the start of summer and the pool season! Please RSVP to the social committee at socials@thegrovehoa.com. Please be sure to include the number of people so we can have enough food.



News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor



The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Townhouse Association Board of Directors will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Grove's Clubhouse. Homeowners are invited to attend. Should you have any items you wish included in the agenda, please contact Stellar Community Management at 804-273-1333. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that there is a Board of Director position that will come available in April. If you are interested in serving, please be sure to attend the Board Meeting or contact Stellar at the number listed above prior to the April 23rd Board Meeting.

Did you miss door painting last year? If so, please contact Stellar so that you can be added to a cycle this spring!

By Tracey Talbert, PCAM, AMS, CMCA; Phone (804) 273-1333
Stellar Community Management, LLC

Towing Enforcement Policy

By The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Board of Directors

Lately there has been much conversation (on FaceBook, email, phone, etc.) about the vehicle towing policy in the Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor section of The Grove. We thought an article in *THE MINER* explaining our policy would be helpful. First, the county Fire Marshall inspected our section of The Grove very early in its existence, 2005. He advised that we should restrict parking so emergency vehicles could have unrestricted access when responding to an emergency. We were instructed that street parking could only be allowed on one side of each street. To accomplish this we painted the curbs in the restricted areas yellow, a universal indication that parking is prohibited. We also painted the curbs yellow in front of each bank of mailboxes. The USPS will not deposit mail in any mailbox where the postal worker has to exit their vehicle to access the mailbox. They also require a clear vehicle path to the mailbox.

Unfortunately, since 2005 the yellow curbs have not deterred parking in restricted areas. Just prior to our most recent board meeting many residents received warning notices in their mailboxes from the USPS that we were in violation of their mailbox access requirements. At that meeting, with the USPS notice as an impetus, we decided to institute a towing policy.

Please understand, we did not come to this decision easily. We (the board) have a responsibility to make sure that our association is fiscally and physically safe. Given the litigious nature of our society, one can only imagine the result if there were an occurrence (fire, medical emergency, etc.) that came to a bad result because the emergency responders were either delayed or just could not get their equipment into the proper position because of an improperly parked vehicle. What if a resident did not receive an important piece of mail for the same reason? The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor HOA might be held liable for damages. Again, we see it as our duty to protect against these possibilities.

To that end we have contracted with ABT Towing to patrol Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor and authorized them to remove vehicles that violate the yellow curb. They patrol randomly and are authorized to only tow vehicles that violate the yellow curb. They take pictures of the vehicle (front and rear) before they tow it to prove that the vehicle was in violation of the yellow curb and to demonstrate that the yellow curb was plainly visible (these pictures are available for every towing instance). Further they are instructed to notify our association manager **Tracey Talbert** (804-273-1333) after towing a vehicle. Please do not call anyone on the Grove Board if your auto is towed as the policy is not enforced by The Grove.

Parking is an issue that we have struggled with since the inception of the Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor section of The Grove. Unfortunately, the developer did not provide adequate parking in their master plan and we are left to deal with that as best we can. We commit to you that we will closely monitor the towing situation and consider changes that clearly benefit our neighborhood.



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Dumping Debris in Common Areas

Please do not dump debris in common areas. Unsightly refuse detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood.



DOO Remove Pet Waste!

Pet doo continues to be a nuisance along Grove walking paths. Please use the pet waste receptacles located through the neighborhood. Bring your own baggies or use the plastic bags that are continuously replenished at the stations.

Smoke Bomb Incident Caught By Phone Cam

Any vandalism such as smoke bombs endangering people and property may be caught via phone cams and reported to the police. Retaliation against informants can be reported too.

Tree Planted in Byron Foutch’s Honor



The Board approved the planting of a tree in memory of The Grove’s long-time resident and community leader Byron Foutch. This magnolia graces the planting bed at the clubhouse, near the corner of Grove Hill and Biggin Pond Drive (between the sidewalk and parking lot).

Our Neighborhood Watch needs a Chair or Co-Chairs, and Team Members to grow the program. To learn more, or join, contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

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Phone Directory

I have a limited supply of the 2011-2012 Grove Community Directory that I'm offering out to new residents who didn't get one or to anyone who wants an extra. This is not a new directory. It is the one delivered the summer of 2011. Call me if you are interested 804-379-4297.

By Diana Garbera

May is Home Exterior Repair Month!

By Gerry Mancuso

May is Mailbox and Shutter Repair Month. Check the appearance of both the mail post and box. If the post is still in good condition, apply a fresh coat of paint, but if deteriorated, replace it. Approved hunter green boxes can be ordered online (not in stores) at www.homedepot.com, item # E1600G00. Two Grove residents provide mailbox repairs, replacements, and vinyl posts: Dale Murphy (405-1023) and John Romano (379-1238). Many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services.

Shutters will also be inspected. Before repainting, check if shutters are warranted. Are your doors or garage doors fading? If so, either refresh the existing color or submit an application to the Architectural Review Committee to change the paint color.

Letters of violation will be sent to those who have not taken care of these items.

Clubhouse Calendar Filling Up!

Now that Summer is just a few sips of sweet tea away, it's time to book your events at the Clubhouse! Only Grove residents can book this perfect venue to host special occasions and group functions. To reserve go to the Clubhouse tab on <http://thegrovehoa.com/>. New users need to click on the "Subscribe" link in the News and Alerts section of the webpage. Complete and submit your residence information. You should get a confirmation page, and within 48 hours you will receive an email with the user name and password. Access the Clubhouse online reservation system at <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse/clubhouse-rentals>. Scroll down the page midway to the calendar section and click on the 31 day icon at the right. The calendar appears at the bottom. Moving the arrows forward or back through bookings by using the "month" arrows. Note: the Clubhouse is booked only once per day. To reserve a date, click "add new booking," then log in with the user name and password. Click on the + sign to the right of the date you want. This brings you to the "Add a booking page," which defaults to "Clubhouse." Click on the "Add" button to get to the "Add Booking" form. Complete the form and press the save button. You will typically get a confirmation email within 48 hours. The date appears orange until confirmed, then it changes to green. Clubhouse rules, fees, and booking can be found at the links on the Clubhouse tab <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse>.

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Kindergarten Registration



April 11th

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Fool For Art 2013

Fool for Art is a free, fun, hands-on, educational event, open to the community. Visitors can participate in more than 100 free educational sessions and hands-on 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 and free classes 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 13th, 10 am to 5 pm, at John Tyler Community College, Midlothian Campus, 800 Charter Colony Parkway.

By Lisa Kendrick, JTCC Events Specialist

Douglas Aquatics, Inc. Swim Lessons 2013



Douglas Aquatics, Inc. is offering swim instruction at **The Grove** in 2013. Swim lessons are a great way for children to develop necessary skills and gain confidence in the water. Swim lessons also build a foundation for competitive skills and increase interest in the swim team.

Swim Instruction will be offered on multiple levels including:

- **Group swim lessons**
 - Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels
 - Participants must be at least 3 years of age
- **Private swim lessons**
- **Water Aerobics** (Scheduled based on demand)

Group lessons will consist of a minimum of **three** and no more than **six** students. A session consists of eight, 30 minute classes at a rate of **\$65.00** per session. **Private** lessons will be offered for 30 minutes at a rate of **\$30.00** per class.

The session dates and times are as follows:

Session:	Start Date:	End Date:	Last Day to Register:
1	June 24	July 5	June 17
2	July 8	July 19	July 1
3	July 22	August 2	July 15

**Make-up days will be on Fridays if needed.

Level:	Start Time:	Ending Time:
Beginner	8:00am	8:30am
Intermediate	8:40am	9:10am
Advanced	9:20am	9:50am

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Before hiring a backflow inspector, confirm they are a certified "Backflow Prevention Device Worker."

For more details, go to www.chesterfield.gov. On the left side of the Utilities page, click on "Cross Connection Control and Backflow-Prevention Program."

Save the James: Become a Hometown Hero

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By Christopher O'Brion
Community Services Librarian, CCPL



Meet You at the Movies!

Chesterfield County Public Libraries is starting a new movie series at the Midlothian Library called **“Meet You at the Movies.”** After watching a hot new film, moviegoers are invited to walk next door, to the new Urban Farmhouse location at the Millworks and discuss the movie over coffee.

The series debuts Tuesday, April 2nd with Moonrise Kingdom. Show starts at 6:30 pm and runs for 94 minutes, followed by discussion.

Argo is the feature presentation on Tuesday, May 7th, beginning 6:30 pm.

Future programs will be announced once scheduled.

From Christopher O’Brion, Community Services Librarian, CCPL

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- A customizable family emergency plan that can be easily shared, and emergency supply checklist
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- Contact information for local emergency managers
- Links to register for local emergency alerts

Download the Ready Virginia App on the App StoreSM and on Google Play[™]. Virginia Department of Emergency Management developed the app in response to the rapid increase in use of mobile phones and tablets by residents seeking information during last year’s severe derecho wind storm and Hurricane Sandy.

In addition to the app, VDEM launched a mobile version of its website at m.vaemergency.gov. The mobile site contains all the information available on VDEM’s regular website with an easier navigation for smart phones and tablets.

For those who don’t use mobile devices, information about preparing for emergencies is available in multiple languages at www.ReadyVirginia.gov; by sending an email to pio@vdem.virginia.gov; by calling toll free (866) 782-3470; and by writing to VDEM Public Affairs, 10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236.

Prepared by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Community Association Night



The Diamond
Wednesday,
June 5th, 2013
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Sign up now to attend the Community Association Night with the Richmond Flying Squirrels. Grove Residents can enjoy a night of family fun for just \$5/ticket. More details about the event are available on the flyer/order form posted on thegrovehoa.com.

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On Saying Goodbye



This past January, at age 16, our intrepid Co-Editor, Logan was called to Heaven.

Physically I can no longer see him, prowling for the latest leads. But I know he lives on, cradled in God's arms, "surveying his Serengeti."

I can still hear him purring, as if to say: "Mommy, please write me a story."

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