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Welcome to the Grove

Grove Board Update

Congratulations to the following residents elected to the Grove HOA Board!

Gerry Mancuso, President
Earl Nunnally, Vice President
Gary Powers, Jr., Secretary
John Romano, Treasurer
Kathy Morris, Board Member

Email information is located on page 2 of the newsletter and
under "Contact Us" on the neighborhood website thegrovehoa.com.

HOA Dues PAST Due!

The annual Grove HOA assessments for 2013 were due 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 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.

Stay in Touch!

Next HOA Meeting

March 14, 2013

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

Is Your Garage Full of Cars or Clutter?

Clear It Out for

The Annual Grove Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, April 13, 2013
(Rain Date April 20th)



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vendor management, etc.

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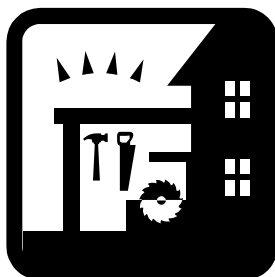
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Neighborhood Safety

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HOA Connection



Architectural Review Rules

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 Essential 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 April - May issue are due March 15th

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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Fee Charge Increase for LATE Pool Pass Validation

The HOA Board of Directors voted at the January 2013 meeting to charge \$5 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.

Ample opportunities are made for pool pass validation over the course of several weeks and the requests to accommodate residents who do not attend these dates are numerous and significantly inconvenient for the volunteers who process these requests.

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.

Please watch upcoming newsletters for pool ID validation information and schedules in addition to pool hours. A big thank you goes to our *Pool Committee Chair Doris Dunham*. She can be reached at 804-794-6126.

By Gerry Mancuso
Grove President



Fence Painting Almost Completed

Fence painting around The Grove will be completely finished as soon as weather permits.

The contractor shall address the few remaining issues once warmer temperatures return to Midlothian.

Fishing Hooks May Cause Wiring Shorts

When Community Group Maintenance replaced the lights on the fountain they found many fishing hooks embedded in the fountain wiring. They expressed concern that the hooks would damage the wiring and short out the fountain. Some of the hooks were very large – **2" in length**.

Before fishing in our catch and release pond, please make sure that your hooks are not oversized and that they are secured to your lines.

By Carolyn Grimes, Community Manager



For the latest on Socials and other Grove News join our groups! Sign up for the Facebook group **on thegrovehoa.com through the "join here" link at the middle of the webpage**. This takes you to Facebook. Request permission from the administrator (Mike Burnette). The neighborhood listserv **can also be accessed on thegrovehoa.com**. **Click the "join here" link and complete the form**. The password is the same as needed to rent the Clubhouse and **"Discuss a Topic."**

News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor

Happy New Year! With the new year has come a new landscaping company, Nature's Way. You may have seen the workers trimming and sprucing up our landscape. You may also have noticed that five rosebushes are mysteriously missing from the oval bed at the entrance to Scotter Hills. These bushes will be replaced by "The Grove" in the spring.

Please consider leaving your front and rear unit lights on from dusk to dawn. Lighting makes our community safer and also provides guidance for visitors to our area. It is difficult to see how to get to a parked car after dark on many of our streets.

February and March are good months to organize your possessions and clean out your garage! A yard sale for the entire Grove community will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Advertising is done by The Grove with no expense to you. The bonus to you could be the joy of a car that doesn't need scraping during the winter and isn't steamy hot in the summer. Garage parking is a luxury to be enjoyed, and it frees up more parking space.

Several ladies from Scotter Hills met in December to discuss how to organize activities for adults in Scotter Hills. Interest was shown in bridge, book clubs and potluck dinners. The first potluck dinner was held at the clubhouse on January 24, 2013. Discussion continued on organization of groups. Stay tuned for details!

We are very fortunate to have "doggie stations" equipped with plastic bags and waste disposal containers. Neighbors really appreciate it when pet owners use the "doggie stations" to clean up after their pets.

If you have information that you would like to have in the next issue of THE GROVE MINER, please contact The Stellar Community Management Office.

By Doris Dunham

Secretary, Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor THOA



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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.

Environmental Woes Impact The Grove

By Gerry Mancuso



Please be aware of where your children are playing. The costs associated with clean up of debris carried to the creeks and the associated dangers to children playing there unsupervised are significant. The area most impacted recently is between Coalbrook Dr. and Biggin Pond Ct. Children are building dams upstream behind Coalbrook.

When kids disturb vegetation in the common area wetlands, it's no longer "child's play."

Repercussions include damage to federally protected areas and levying environmental fines to the HOA.

Other threats to the environment: disturbing creek beds and rip rap. Digging huge holes alongside newly repaired walking paths undermine paths integrity, which create safety hazards for walkers and erosion issues.

All of these increase repair costs to the HOA and spoil the beauty of our neighborhood.

Medication Take-Back

In partnership with SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment), the Chesterfield County Police Department will host the first Medication Take-Back of the year. The event will be held at the Chesterfield County Police Clover Hill Support Facility, located at 2730 Hicks Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 9.

Please use this opportunity to turn in your unused or expired prescriptions, over-the-counter and veterinary medications for safe disposal (leave medications in their original containers.) Last year, a total of 845 residents turned in 2,943 pounds of unused or expired medication for safe disposal.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 9, 2013
8:30 a.m.

Chesterfield Empowering Neighborhoods Forum

Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center – Chesterfield Government Complex
6610 Public Safety Way
Chesterfield, Virginia 23832

Chesterfield County's Sustain Our Communities Committee (SOCC) will present their second "Empowering Neighborhoods Forum" on Saturday, March 9, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center.

Attend and gain a wealth of knowledge that will prove beneficial to your neighborhood. Obtain information about valuable tools, including property maintenance, code enforcement, and crime prevention that will help you kick off the revitalization of your community. Also, be present for the unveiling and presentation of Chesterfield's new **Home Modernization Guide**.

This event is free and open to the public.

Event registration will begin in early February at www.chesterfieldcommunities.com.
Contact — Latisha Jenkins at 804.748.1065 - JenkinsL@chesterfield.gov



(Articles Above Courtesy of Chesterfield County Police Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Through C.E.R.T.


CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Program training provides basic emergency skills needed immediately following a major disaster, when emergency services may not be available and when residents may have to rely on each other for life-saving and life-sustaining needs. CERT volunteers learn how to help family and neighbors in emergency situations – whether caused by terrorism, technological disasters or severe weather. Instruction centers on disaster preparedness and response, fire safety, first aid, search and rescue techniques, and terrorism preparedness. Courses are **FREE** and open to those age 18 and up. Additional training, such as CPR/AED, is offered upon completion of the Basic CERT Class, for a minimal fee.

CERT is taught year round. **The next class begins April 30 and ends May 22**, meeting two mornings for four weeks from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Class is held at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center, 6610 Public Safety Way, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Program registration, schedule, and details can be found online at www.chesterfield.gov/CERT/ or by calling (804) 751-CERT (2378).

By Sherri A. Laffoon
Emergency Management Planner & CERT Program Manager
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Sweetheart 8K Race Traffic Alert

On Sunday, February 10th 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 7:00 am and 10:00 am on February 10th. 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

The MillWorks at the Green Update

Midlothian's newest office park The MillWorks at the Green Phase I is up and running. The complex is beautifully laid out with a central courtyard. Current occupants include a



doctor's office, and a boutique restaurant , The Urban Farmhouse, which is a casual bistro serving local, organic fare. More businesses are on the horizon leasing space.

To keep tabs on future developments go to <http://themillworksva.com/>.

(Pictured: The Urban Farmhouse's Midlothian Location)

AHA Holds Its 10th Annual Go Red for Women



Heart disease kills more women than any other causes of death combined. According to the American Heart Association's website, the death rate is one in three women each year, or one woman per minute.

To bring visibility and 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.

Learn more about heart disease facts, symptoms, and risk factors by visiting their website at

<http://www.goredforwomen.org/>.

Need a tutor for your child?

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SAVE THE DATE

Community Association Night
at
The Diamond
Wednesday,
June 5th, 2013
Tickets \$5.00 each



Spring Forward!

Set your clocks
1 Hour Forward
Sunday, March 10th!

With baseball season just a few months away, here's a special offer from the Richmond Flying Squirrels. Grove Residents can enjoy a game at their special group rate of \$5/ ticket during **Community Association Night** on June 5th. More details about the event are available on the flyer/order form which will be posted on thegrovehoa.com.

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

Babysitter - High School Junior 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 lauragottsgum@gmail.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.

After School Tutoring/Homework Help - Certified Special Education Teacher looking for after school tutoring opportunities including homework help in The Grove! For more details, please contact Marielle Pool at 464-2836.

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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