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Next HOA Meeting

July 11, 2013

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

Common Areas Misuse

Common areas are meant to remain pristine and should not be encroached upon by personal vehicles, building materials, or any type of refuse. Recently there have been too many incidents of people parking their cars in the power line area between Krim Point and Biggin Pond. Common areas applies to all Grove property, whether natural or man-made, wetlands protected by federal law, or land not specifically protected by the federal government. No one should dump any type of landscaping debris on Grove property.

Homeowners who do not heed this covenant can face charges for continued non-compliance. The Grove sends out 3 letters to advise homeowner to correct the problem. If the homeowner does not correct the violation they may be called to a hearing before the Board of Directors, with possible charges of \$10.00 per day until the violation is corrected.

Tree Removal

By Gerry Mancuso

Trees endangering your property can be removed without permission regardless of location. Examples include dead or damaged trees endangering structures or personal property. Removing any other trees require prior Architectural Review Committee approval. Here is the environment covenant governing tree clearance. "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.**" (Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, page 16).

Welcome Committee Coordinator Needed!

By Mike Burnette

The Grove needs you to be a welcoming face to those that have moved into the Grove with a bag of goodies and information. Here are some things to do or coordinate other volunteers to do:

Work with the community manager to get names of new neighbors.
Call businesses for giveaways. There are limited funds for gifts in the Social Committee.
Gather information about the Grove and community helpful to new residents.
Recruit delivery volunteers or deliver bags yourself.

To learn more, contact Mike Burnette at burnette@uronline.net or 897-0377.

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Neighborhood Watch

TBA

HOA Connection

Architectural Review Rules

Major additions, such as decks, porches, and patios, require a site visit by the Architectural Review Committee. Residents must stake the perimeter of home additions, patios, decks, porches, sheds, etc. before the site visit. Staking gives the ARC a visual 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 Packages Required 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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Aug - Sept issue are due July 15

Submit all ads and articles to:
Cathy Allen, Editor
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2013 Pool Pass Validation Info

If you are a current resident that missed the pool pass validation dates you will need to contact Doris Dunham at 804-794-6126 to schedule an appointment. 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 fee does not apply to new residents; call Doris Dunham to arrange a pick-up time.

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.

Make a splash this summer as a pool committee member. To join, contact Chair Doris Dunham at 804-794-6126.



2013 Pool Hours*

School Days Now through June 14

Monday-Thursday 2 pm to 7pm

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Summer Hours June 15-August 10

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Holidays

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July 4th - 10 am to 9 pm

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

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National Night Out 2013 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Ice Cream Scoopers Needed. To Help, Email president@thegrovehoa.com

Kindergarten Social

By Marielle Pool

Every year the Grove holds an Ice Cream Social for rising kindergarteners to meet their teachers and classmates. Since **one of my children will attend kindergarten this Fall, I'll be** heading up the Social, but I will need plenty of help. The date is normally scheduled in late August. To lend a hand, please contact me at mariellepool@verizon.net. Thanks!



Facebook Page & Listserv



Connect with neighbors and all things "Grovisish" by signing up for our Facebook page "The Grove Residents" and Grove Listserv. Share stories, pics, and post items for sale, in a safe,

closed group.

Only members can view posts.

To join the Facebook group, go to thegrovehoa.com, then click the "join here" link at the middle of the webpage. This takes you to Facebook. Next, request permission to join from the administrator (Mike Burnette). Special request from Mike: if you post items to sell please remove them once bought.

Community news is also announced on the listserv. Sign up for the email listserv on thegrovehoa.com by clicking the "join here" link and complete the form. This password allows access both to rent the Clubhouse and "Discuss a Topic."

Pet Waste a Hazard



Please remove pet waste from Grove common areas including the walking paths. Pet fecal material is a biohazard that breeds disease and attracts vermin. Bag it and drop it off in one of the many pet waste receptacles along walkways. .

It's been almost a year since our Neighborhood Watch was established. We need solid leadership and committee members to grow the program. For more information contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Pond Safety

By Carolyn Grime

Fisherman, please clean up and remove all fishing line and hooks. Don't leave for ducks, geese or turtles or small children to get tangled on.

Chess Coaching

Instructional Chess by Championship Chess, American Family Fitness, Midlothian; grades 2-5, younger if they know how to play; July 15th – July 19th; 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm; \$139.00 including instructional materials. Contact Brian Garbera at chesscoaching@comcast.net or 921-2410 for registration form.

News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor

The following individuals represent the residents of Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor as Board Members:

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Kathy Morris, Director
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Summer Lawn Care

Lawns require tender loving care during the hot summer months. High temperatures and drought can make your blades wilt like a Southern belle at her first cotillion!

Here are some strategies to keep your lawn green.

Raise the blade on your lawnmower to a minimum of 3 inches. This height promotes long, healthy roots, and chokes out weeds. Mowing too low damages the crown which stunts growth, whereas mowing too high can stress blades. Turf type also determines mower height. If in doubt, consult a lawn care professional.

Water your lawn for a half an hour to 45 minutes once a week. The goal is to get an inch of water on the lawn. Place a can on the lawn to measure water depth. Best practices indicate it is more effective to water thoroughly once a week than 15 minutes 3 to 4 times per week. Additionally it is recommended that you water in the early morning versus mid-day or evening to prevent steam-cooking your turf or causing fungal infestations.


Purchase a rain barrel to capture water for supplemental use at times of drought and water restriction. The best way to



deter mosquitos is to cover the rain barrel top completely with a screen. Or, add a gold fish to eat the mosquitos. Other methods range from creating an oil slick with olive or vegetable oil, or adding mosquito dunks.

(Information from VA Cooperative Extension Chesterfield Co.)

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Personal Safety



Now that summer finds us more on the road visiting people and places, stay street savvy. Offenders are opportunists who prey on vulnerability and inattentiveness. Being proactive and alert when traveling, shopping or exercising increases your chances to keep safe. With that in mind, adhere to the following tips to reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

- Educate yourself on situations and locations where crime is more likely to occur to avoid becoming a target.
- **Trust your intuition. It's better to be safe and risk a little embarrassment than stay in** an uncomfortable situation that may be unsafe.
- Always let someone know where you are going and what time you will return.
- There is safety in numbers. Walk, exercise or travel with a friend or group of friends.
- Avoid putting yourself in a vulnerable position. Stay attentive to people and activities around you.
- Stay in well-traveled, well-lit areas and avoid taking short cuts through isolated areas that conceal you from public observation.
- Be confident and purposeful in your walk to project a more commanding presence.
- Look people in the eye as they approach to project confidence and to be able to describe them should it be necessary.
- Walk near the curb. Avoid passing close to tall shrubbery, recessed doorways, blind corners, and other places of concealment.
- When walking or running, always face on-coming traffic so you can see approaching vehicles.
Don't wear headphones because they distract you and take away your awareness of your surroundings.
- Always carry a fully-charged cell phone with you.
- Have your keys ready when you approach your vehicle or residence.
- Avoid wearing excessive or expensive jewelry.
- If you think you're being followed, change direction, cross the street, or go to a high traffic area such as a store, restaurant, or gas station.

(Courtesy of Chesterfield County Police Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)

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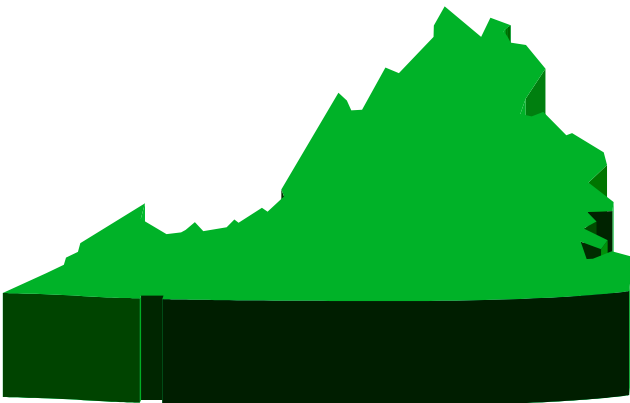
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Merchants impacted by this change need to be prepared to start collecting the new tax starting July 1. Any concerns should be addressed with your tax advisor.

For more information, visit the Virginia Department of Taxation website under "Changes and Updates."

August Annual VA Sales Tax Holiday: School Clothing and Supplies

When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 2-4, 2013

What to Buy: School supplies at \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear at \$100 or less per item. Not all merchandise qualifies. For complete guidelines, go to:

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CHESTERFIELD EARNS CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

On Wednesday, May 22, Chesterfield County was recognized for earning the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services' Certified Crime Prevention Community certification.

Teresa P. Gooch, director of Law Enforcement and Security Services for DCJS, presented a plaque and certificate recognizing the county's achievement at the Board of Supervisors Meeting.

To obtain certification, a locality must meet 12 core community safety elements/strategies, augmented by a minimum of seven approved optional elements. In March 2013, the county met the standards to obtain the certification.

This certification highlights the county's exemplary status and proactive stance for community safety for its current and future community members and businesses. Chesterfield County is now one of 13 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth to achieve this certification.

(Source: Press Release Authorized by: Major Dan Kelly, Operational Support Bureau. For more information, please call Public Information Coordinator Elizabeth Caroon at 796-7032.)



Be Ready for Severe Weather

Last year in the U.S., more than 450 people died and nearly 2,600 were injured as a result of severe weather. Hurricane Sandy contributed to more than 280 of those deaths and has become the second costliest hurricane in our country's history. In May 2013, an EF5 tornado devastated a suburb of Oklahoma City.

Hurricane/flooding season starts June 1 – are you ready? Stay safe before, during and after severe weather:

- Listen to local radio and TV stations for updated emergency information.
- Get the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio or battery-powered/hand crank radio with a NOAA Weather Band to get weather warnings directly from the NWS.
- Make sure you have a safe place to go when severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings are forecast. Safe areas include basements and interior rooms such as bathrooms or closets on the lowest level of a sturdy building. Stay away from windows.
- Do not drive or walk through floodwater. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Turn around and find another route if a road is flooded – it is almost always more dangerous than it appears.
- Have a family emergency plan. Everyone should know what to do in case family members are not together when severe weather happens. Get a free emergency plan worksheet at www.ReadyVirginia.gov or from the Ready Virginia app.
- Evacuate immediately if advised to do so.
- Keep emergency supplies on hand, including at least three days' non-perishable food and water, flashlights and batteries, first aid kit, medicines.
- Follow the instructions of local and state officials.

For more on family preparedness for hurricane season, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov or www.ListoVirginia.gov and download the Ready Virginia app from the App Store or Google Play.

(Article Courtesy of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, (804) 897-6510, pio@vdem.gov)

The Reveal: Recycling Facts

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours!

Aluminum cans can be recycled indefinitely and back on the shelf as a new can in 60 days!

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.

It takes 19 - 20 ounce PET plastic bottles to yield enough fiber for an x-large tee shirt, or enough fiber to make one square of carpet.

About 63% of steel cans are recycled, making them the most recycled packaging product in America.

(Courtesy of Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Waste Reduction News)

Simple Tips to Save Energy and Keep Cool This Summer

- **Raise your thermostat to 78°.** If you are away from home for more than eight hours, raise the thermostat setting and you can expect to see up to a 3% savings on cooling costs for each degree of setback. This is the number one way to conserve energy. This will reduce the amount of energy used to cool your home while you're away. You can learn more about your thermostat online by visiting the U.S. Department of Energy website.
- **Keep shades closed when the air conditioner is on.** Sunny windows account for 40 percent of unwanted heat and can make your air conditioner work two to three times harder.
- **Check and clean filters.** Cleaning and replacing air conditioning filters monthly allows the system to run more efficiently.
- **Clear attic vents.** If the home has an attic fan, make sure it is functioning properly.
- **Install ceiling fans and make sure they are blowing down.** Moving air over the body provides a cooling effect. Ceiling fans can save around 25% on cooling costs and can make the temperature seem 10 degrees cooler. Most fans have a switch to change the fan direction. Make sure ceiling fans are blowing downward (in a counter-clockwise direction) to send air past your body.
- **Postpone activities that require hot water and large energy use – such as washing dishes or clothes – to early morning or late evening.** This will keep from adding more heat and humidity to the home. Use the dishwasher and clothes washer late in the evening. Usage during the day, these appliances produce additional heat, causing your air conditioner to work harder.
- **Use cold water to wash dishes and clothes.** This will save on water heating costs.
- **Avoid using the stove if possible.** Consider grilling outside instead.
- **Unplug equipment not in use.** Electric chargers, televisions and audio/video equipment use electricity and produce heat even when they are not in use. Running an older refrigerator can use up to three times the energy of a modern one. Unplug any appliance when it's not in use.
- **Turn off lights.** Turn lights off when exiting a room. They add to the heat in the home. Consider replacing incandescent bulbs with energy efficient compact florescent lights (CFLs). And remember to recycle CFLs whenever possible.

(Article Courtesy of dom.com)

Community Association Night



The Diamond
Wednesday,
June 5th, 2013
Tickets \$5.00 each

Community Night is almost here! Sign up now to see the Richmond Flying Squirrels. Grove Residents can enjoy a night of family fun for just \$5/ticket. For more details see the flyer/order form posted on thegrovehoa.com.

To attend, complete the order form and either mail, fax, or drop it off at The Diamond.



Branch outside The Grove with a field trip to the Annual Arts and Culture Xpo in downtown Richmond. This year's family friendly celebration of the arts, science, and history is held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center from 10 am to 5 pm.

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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.

**WELCOME TO
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(Photos Courtesy of Arthur Allen)

Fireworks Safety

Don't be a silly goose! Discharging fireworks in the subdivision without a permit is against Chesterfield County law. According to Chesterfield's government website, the county fire prevention code "prohibits the sale, possession, and use of fireworks by anyone other than a licensed and permitted fireworks professional." You must apply for this permit 60 days in advance of the display, and include proof of insurance. Any unauthorized fireworks are subject to seizure.

(Source: chesterfield.gov under Fire and EMS; Fire and Life Safety)

Cake Making Services

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