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Election 2014

The Board of Directors Election will be held at the annual meeting on November 13, 2014. There are 2 positions up for election. You should have received an envelope from Associa/Community Group containing important information about the meeting,

election, and a proxy/ballot. To meet the quorum, please sign and return your proxy and ballot prior to the meeting November 13th. If you have not received your proxy please contact Lisa Wagner Associa/Community Group at 804-270-1800 or lwagner@communitygroup.com.

HOA Assessments Due!

To offset cost increases the annual **Grove HOA** assessments for 2015 have been raised to \$400.00. Please watch your incoming mail for a statement from Associa in early December. If you have not received your statement by December 15, 2014 contact the community manager Lisa Wagner :

lwagner@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800. Assessments must be paid by January 31, 2015. 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.

Residential Safety

Recent crimes against people and property around the immediate Midlothian area prompt an urgent need for elevated security measures in our community. In the past few months, both businesses and residences

have been targeted and items of value have either been taken or destroyed. What can we do to protect ourselves?

(Residential: continued pg. 6)

Next HOA Meetings

ANNUAL: November 13th

GENERAL: January 8th

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

Meetings normally held on the second Thursday bi-monthly.



The Little Library That Could!

Books can provide a wealth of knowledge and entertainment, but how do you responsibly discard them once read? Wouldn't it be nice to exchange books with your neighbors in a cost and hassle free way? To improve our neighborhood culture, Grove resident Cameron Galligher proposed installing a "Little Library" at The Grove Clubhouse. **(continued on page 10)**

The Grove 2014 Board of Directors

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For neighborhood violations, repairs,
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HOA Connection



Holiday Lights & Architectural Review Rules

The magic of the holidays stays in our hearts forever, so there's no need to keep up your lights! Please remove all exterior illumination and

décor no later than the 20th of January, 2015.

YEAR-ROUND: Any changes or additions to your home or landscaping need prior ARC approval. You must be a homeowner in good standing (HOA assessments up to date). 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 extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc. Please direct questions or concerns to Lisa Wagner at 804-270-1800 or lwagner@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 804-270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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Ads and submissions for the
Feb – April issue are due January 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:
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(Note: This address is for newsletter only.)



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RATES FOR 2015

The Grove Miner has evolved
into a quarterly publication.

2015 ad opportunities will be
posted once available
on the web:

thegrovehoa.com



Grove Clubhouse Gets "Extreme Makeover"

By Shelley Neofotistos
Clubhouse Coordinator

The HOA has purchased new furniture for the clubhouse and would like to thank our Grove neighbors, the Moehling family, owners of the local Ashley Furniture Stores for assisting with this purchase. Let's show our appreciation by taking care of the furniture when renting the Clubhouse. Please clean up immediately after your event-there is no cleaning service between rentals. And stay tuned for more pictures on the web and newsletter!

Thinking of throwing a holiday party, family get together, or birthday event? The Clubhouse is GREAT place to host your personal or corporate milestones! Only \$100.00 for 6 hours and only \$5 for any additional hour(s)!

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So secure your date NOW for 2014 and beyond! For information and reservations go to thegrovehoa.com and click on Clubhouse, or email Shelley at paris972@msn.com.

Speeding Hotline

The speed limit is 25 mph throughout The Grove. Passing on the right or other moving violations should not be tolerated. Report speeding and

traffic concerns via the Chesterfield County Police Department's traffic hotline at 318-8084 OR by email to speeding@chesterfield.gov. Please select one method to avoid confusion. In emergency situations, dial 911.



Kindergarten Ice Cream Social 2014

Story and Picture Courtesy of Anne Counoupas

The Grove held its annual ice cream social for rising kindergartners on Thursday, August 28th. I wanted to put in a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social possible - **Rita Bond, Kaylee Grizzard, Maizah Rashid, Drew Ellison, Chris Counoupas, Jennifer & Wade Hampton, Sara Sitkiewicz, Kim Young, Andrea Buys and all of the parents who pitched in as needed during the event.**



Stay OFF the ICE!

Please tell your children the dangers associated with the pond in The Grove during the winter. Our pond is quite deep in some areas, and although it may look frozen on the edges, in all likelihood it is not.

Runners Alert

Many runners traversing our neighborhood in the mornings/evenings are wearing dark clothes without any type of reflectors. With winter approaching and visibility decreasing please use caution driving. Runners, please wear bright colors and reflectors when out on our streets. WE CAN'T SEE YOU!

Stay Connected!

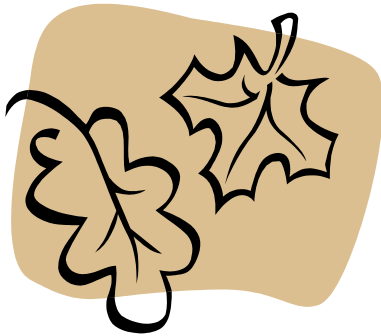
To get neighborhood news and alerts sign up for the Grove ListServ. Our subdivision's Facebook page is also a great way to meet fellow residents and post items for sale. Note: the Facebook page is not the official site for The Grove HOA or dissemination of Grove official

information. If you have a question for a board member or for the community manager please use the website or check the newsletter for contact information.

To join go to the grovehoa.com and click on the listserv and Facebook links located halfway down the home page.

Yard Waste in Common Areas

Keep The Grove beautiful! 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.



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SCOTTER HILLS/RIDGEMOOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandy Sneade
Sylvia Warner
Kathy Morris
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Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor News

By Sandy Sneade

Our Annual Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor Homeowners Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 5th.

Maintenance Reminders (Things We Tend to Forget!). Dryer vents need to be cleaned periodically to prevent fire danger. You are urged to have a metal exhaust pipe coming from your dryer to reduce fire danger. Your HVAC unit needs to be kept free of grass and weeds and should be hosed clean periodically for increased efficiency. Be sure to winterize your outside water bibbs by turning off the cutoff and draining the lines by opening the faucet. It is recommended to leave the faucet open slightly during the winter season.



Leash Your Dog - It's the Law!

It is a county ordinance that dogs MUST be leashed at all times. They may not be loose even when walking at your side. This is a safety issue for runners/walkers/children, etc. Even if your dog has a gentle temperament, those approaching an unleashed dog may have concerns that the dog will bite or attack them. Folks walking in the neighborhood have the right to protect themselves with deterrents such as pepper spray if threatened by a dog not under the owner's control. It's the law: LEASH YOUR DOG AT ALL TIMES, EVEN FOR SHORT WALKS.

Pet Waste

Please clean up after your pet in the common areas. Use the pet waste disposal stations conveniently located along the walking paths. Also, do not allow your pet to relieve themselves in the playground or any other high traffic area. Pet waste has been found around slides.



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Residential Safety (continued)

It has been reported in the media and on The Grove Residents Facebook, that vandalism has been mainly occurring at houses not currently occupied by owners (vacant homes, model homes, and homes under construction). At a house in Coalbrook, the crawl space had been broken into and the copper piping was stolen. Chesterfield County Police recommend the following to enhance exterior security:

“Keep garage/shed windows and doors closed and locked at all times — even when you are home.

Alarm your garage/shed. Whether added to an existing system or secured via a freestanding wireless system, a motion activated alarm is an excellent deterrence as well as detection. Be sure to post signs and/or decals to indicate that a security system is in place. If a security system is not affordable, post alarm decals and signs anyway to deter offenders.

Install solid panel, metal-clad, exterior pedestrian doors.

Secure the overhead garage door with C-clamps in the door tracks when away for an extended period.

Install motion-activated flood lights to detect nighttime activities and enhance the impression that a person’s presence has been detected. Place lights out of easy reach, if possible.

Prune shrubs and trees around detached buildings to provide visibility and prevent concealment.

Install lock on crawl space door.”

(Courtesy Chesterfield Co. Police Crime Prevention Newsletter)

Most homes are underinsured by an average of 19%

Do you have enough coverage to rebuild?

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*84% of homes are undervalued -- and potentially underinsured -- by 19%, according to Marshall & Swift/Floodch, a leading provider of building cost data to real estate professionals. "ErieSecure Home" with Guaranteed Replacement Cost requires home improvements over \$5,000 to be reported within 90 days. Coverage of costs to comply with laws or ordinances is subject to limits. Depreciation may be deducted until repair or replacement is made. Visit www.erieinsurancetools.com/details or talk to your Erie Agent for more information. Not all companies are licensed to operate in all states. Go to erieinsurance.com for company licenses and territory information. Equal opportunity insurer. 55430e 3/12

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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)

Your Grove Neighbor



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Remember to Recycle

Don't let the sound of the CVWMA trucks remind you to set out your bins! Sign up for recycling email reminders at:

<http://cvwma.com/> then Click on "Sign up for e-mail reminders".

CVWMA Recycling Wizard

Wondering what you can and can't recycle? Central Virginia Waste Management Authority now offers a Recycling Wizard to help you sort your recyclables from non-recyclables. To access go to the recycling wizard link, pick your location, material, and hit view.

<http://cvwma.com/recycling-wizard/>

(From CVWMA Newsletter)

The Little Library That Could! (continued)

The library acts as a book exchange where residents can take or leave a book free of charge. Its function is to promote reading while creating a book culture where the contents are decided by the community members. The library is meant for all ages, and can contain any type of book, picture, novel, reference, etc. It is weather resistant and should last a while.

Cameron has ordered a small plaque to go on the front of it that will state:

*"The Grove Little Library
Take a Book or Leave a Book"*


Cameron selected this improvement to benefit The Grove as his Eagle Scout project. To achieve the rank of Eagle, a Boy Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership to peers and adult leaders, and successfully execute a community service based Eagle project. It takes a lot of coordination from the parents, leaders, and Scouts in the troop to help achieve this goal.

Cameron is 17 years old, is an IB student at Midlothian HS, and is with Boy Scout Troop 876.

(Story and Pictures Courtesy of Cameron and Cheley Galligher)



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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 - Sixteen year-old high school senior with car 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 LoisLynn at 804-301-9696.

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.

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Wei Hou 13524 Ridgemoor Drive
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Joshua & Joy Tidwell 13519 Grove Pond Drive
Andron & Abigaile Wright 13420 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!



"Visions of Sugarplums?" (Photos by Arthur Allen)

Give the Gift of Sharing. Please give some of your time volunteering at one of The Grove Neighborhood Committees. A few hours here and there maintains our subdivision's reputation as a great place to live! Two notable vacancies are in the Social and Neighborhood Watch Committees. For more details contact Gerry Mancuso president @thegrovehoa.com or the specific Committee Chairs listed on page 2.

Branching Out! The Grove Miner is always looking for "twigs" of local news and pics to publish. Please send your ideas and stories to Cathy Allen newsletter@thegrovehoa.com. Thanks!

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