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Neighborhood Safety Information Meeting

In response to crimes in and surrounding our subdivision, The Grove Board has organized a safety information meeting, on Thursday, April 14th, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Corporal Scott Gordon, with the Chesterfield County Police Department, will discuss and distribute materials on crime prevention. All Grove residents are invited to attend. For further details email Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Child Safety Alert

In light of recent attempted child abductions, please teach your children about "Stranger Danger." McGruff's website lists strategies to recognize and escape threats at http://www.mcgruff.org/Advice/stranger_danger.php.

If you see any suspicious behavior, please call the Chesterfield County non-emergency number 748-1251 or 9-1-1 for life-threatening situations.

GHOA Meeting

May 12, 2011

6:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 2nd

(Rain date April 9th)

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Turn your clutter into cash at The Grove's semi-annual yard sale! The HOA will advertise in the paper and place signs at entrances. Feel free to post signs directing shoppers to your home, but please remove them promptly afterwards.

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HOA Connection

Architectural Review Reminder

ANY exterior modifications to properties in The Grove need prior architectural committee review and approval. ADDITIONS such as new porches, decks, sun rooms, trees, shrubbery, plants, etc., as well as CHANGES to existing features like paint colors, siding, and fixtures, etc., must be approved before work begins. Outdoor fixtures should be replaced with existing makes/models. Without ARC consent you are risking the time and expense to remove unauthorized home improvements. For a complete set of ARC guidelines, please see <http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws> or contact cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

Homeowner Assessments PAST DUE

PLEASE contact Community Group at 270-1800 to pay any outstanding GHOA assessments. Unpaid dues for 2011 or prior will accrue late fees and fines until satisfied.

DISCLOSURE BOOKS: A *Must Have* in Every Grove Home

If you are selling your property in The Grove, you must purchase a NEW disclosure package for the buyer during the contract period. New homeowners have the right to cancel a contract if they do not receive a current package. To order a disclosure package, go to www.communitygroup.com and click on the "Selling & Refinancing" tab and "Place Order Here" tab. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Community Group, Owner Services 270-1800.

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 more details see Grove HOA web site under the "Contact Us" tab.

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June - July issue are due May 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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See website for details.

2011 Pool Pass Validation Dates Location: The Clubhouse

Summertime is calling! Attend one of these sessions to validate your pool pass for 2011:

May 16th	7-9 pm
May 18th	7-9 pm
May 21st	10 am-12 pm
May 24th	7-9 pm
May 26th	7-9 pm
June 4th	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
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fees paid in full.

NEW HOMEOWNERS BRING:

- Registration form
- Waiver form
- Copy of Closing Statement
- Photo I D

NEW RENTERS BRING/VERIFY:

- Registration form
- Waiver form
- Copy of lease
- Photo I D
- Check with landlord to verify HOA dues are paid

RETURNING GROVE RESIDENTS BRING:
Pool Passes. Lost pass replacements cost \$2 per
pass. Please make checks payable to The Grove
HOA. No cash payments are accepted.



Starting Memorial Day, May 30th!

Daily: 10 am to 8 pm

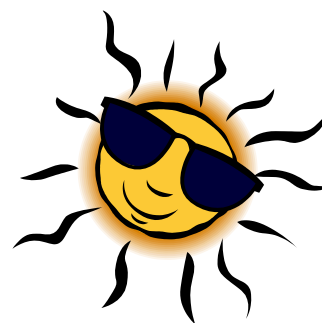
School Days (Memorial Day to school last day):

2 pm to 7pm

Holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor
Day):

10 am to 8 pm

"ROUND, ROUND, GET AROUND": Get to know
your neighbors by volunteering for one of the pool
pass distribution shifts. The pool committee also
needs new members. To join please contact Gerry
Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.



Pet DOOS and DON'TS

DO walk your dog! Exercise is good for both you and your pet. Healthy dogs are happy dogs!

DO use a leash. Chesterfield County law requires leashing pets outside your property, even those within voice command.

DON'T leave DOO on walkways, common areas, and other people's lawns. Please be considerate and carry a plastic bag or use the disposal bags at the pet waste stations.



Krim Point Fence and Playground Updates

Soggy grounds continue to put a damper on both reparations to the Krim Point Fence bordering the YMCA property, and playground renovations. Erosion correction and fence restoration cannot begin until the ground thoroughly dries, most likely in June. Rainy weather has delayed playground upgrades, but it's anticipated they will be completed in Spring.



DO carry water for both you and your pet, especially on the "dog days of summer". Collapsible cups make great "water bowls" for your pooch.

DO rest on long walks. Dogs do not sweat, and can become overheated easily. If Rover is older, you may have to slow down a little.

DON'T let your dog bark excessively. It's against the Chesterfield County noise ordinance to allow sustained, loud barking.



Kindergarten Registration

April 7th

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

J. B. Watkins Elementary

Got kids 4 or 5 years of age? To see kindergarten eligibility and registration requirements, go to http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/Schools/Watkins_ES/home.html under "April Happenings" day 7.

New Landscaping Firm Hired

The Grove has a new company, The Brickman Group, for all landscaping enhancements and maintenance. Plans are underway to significantly upgrade existing plantings around The Grove. Mulching has already begun. The Brickman Group will further beautify the neighborhood with many perennials and shrubs.

During our transition to the new landscaper, please keep your eyes open for unattended common areas or pet waste stations. Report any service gaps to Carolyn Grimes, at cgrimes@communitygroup.com and she will relay them to Brickman.



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NEEDED: CLUBHOUSE COORDINATOR

The GHOA needs a volunteer to coordinate the renting and management of the clubhouse. Responsibilities include updating clubhouse calendar on the website, contract distribution, key distribution, post rental inspections and maintenance of clubhouse supplies. Our current coordinator, Terry Cullen, needs to pass the torch. Please notify her at rossieeven@verizon.net if you are interested in supporting the GHOA with this volunteer position.



Board Approves Term Limit Change

The Grove Board of Directors officially approved amending Board term limits in the bylaws at March's HOA meeting. Having achieved a quorum of proxy ballots, and majority vote from homeowner in favor, staggered terms are now a reality as of the November 2011 election. The two directors with the most votes will serve two year terms, and the other three directors serve for one year. The bylaw change occurred to create stability in long term HOA strategic planning.

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Social Committee Chairs Step Down

It is with regret that I announce our current Social Committee Chairs, Michelle Quiram and Julie Smith, have decided to step down. They will continue to help out with social events but feel it is time for new leadership in the committee. The Board thanks them for their service.

By Gerry Mancuso
GHOA President

Help Wanted: Time for “Social Change”

The Social Committee is in need of new leaders. The Committee Chair or Co-Chairs primary responsibility is organizing the Labor Day picnic, although coordinating other events will be considered. To volunteer either as chair or member please contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Family Fun Caught on Tape: Meet the Delaneys

By Cathy Allen

Most families experience the magic of everyday moments. If we're lucky, we record those first few steps or words, that game-winning home run, or outstanding dance performance, but few of us get the chance to see them on local television. Coalbrook residents Joi, Brian, Grayson, and Addison Delaney share their family's passion for baking cookies together in the latest Martin's commercial.

Although Joi has always been interested in the advertising industry, she got into the business quite by happenstance. When Grayson was born, Joi left her career teaching high school French to care for him. A friend encouraged her to apply at a downtown modeling agency, Modelogic Wilhelmina, to earn extra money. Joi gained experience working on sets and enough exposure to audition for Martin's new advertising campaign. "They were looking for real families, with stories that made them unique, and how it tied into Martin's. I told the story of how I grew up learning how to bake by sitting on the counter at my Grandmother's house, and how now my children, Grayson, who is 4, and



Addison, who is 2, sit on the counter at our house and help me bake. They loved that our kids enjoy



shopping and cooking, and selected us for the commercial."

At 6 a.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, the Pope Brothers Production Company started filming. 35 crew members, along with sound, lighting, and camera equipment, crammed into the Delaney home. Roll Drive was packed with crew vehicles, including a huge Winnebago just for hair and makeup. The 30 second ad took 20 hours over two days to shoot, with the second day spent at Martin's in Short Pump. "It was fun to have the entire family involved in the commercial, but it was a lot of work to keep the kids focused when they needed to be, and entertained during downtime." Joi and her husband Brian kept them busy by watching videos, making paper airplanes, and taking walks, anything to banish boredom. They are extremely grateful to the crew who supplied food all day, and stopped to play with the kids. "They were great, very sensitive to our kids' schedules and so kind and considerate to our



family.” Joi also expressed “a big thank to our neighbors for putting up with all the inconveniences, and the wonderful crew who worked so hard on Super Bowl Sunday!”

Joi thoroughly enjoyed every minute creating the commercial with her family, but one part was especially memorable. “My favorite moment from the shoot was on the first day, when we were shooting a scene of them on the kitchen counter

baking cookies with me. They wanted it to be natural and to let the kids get messy, but I’m not sure they were ready for my 2 year old to empty an entire 5 pound bag of flour on the counter and play in it. It was so funny!” Not only did the crew capture the moment, but cleaned the kitchen afterwards.

Off camera, the Delaneys don’t seek the spotlight. They prefer to spend time as a family, and hang out with friends. Their favorite activities include playing outdoors, going to the pool, and exploring the Children’s Museum.



(Photos and information provided by Joi Delaney)



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How Facebook Saved Muffin

By Mike Burnette



Cat Rescue Team: (Left to Right) Deanne Watson, Mike Burnette, Laura Martin, Ben Van Tassell, and Rachel Rysedorph (Not pictured).

Wendy Figg noticed a cat in her neighbor Deanne Watson's tree in Coalbrook on January 24. They tried everything to get the cat down but it was scared and over 30 feet in the air. Two very cold nights had gone by and they knew they had to do something more. Deanne sent a **Facebook** message at 6:30am on January 26 to me asking for help to get the word out. At 7am, I took pictures and sent it out on the Grove email listserve. That day went by and no one responded. I (a cat-owner myself) was at work watching a huge band of freezing rain coming on the

radar and just couldn't let her spend another cold wet night in the tree. I left work early and rallied a few neighbors to help including Laura Martin, Ben Van Tassell, Deanne Watson, and Rachel Rysedorph. Using every inch of a 32 foot ladder, we got the cat down. Laura Martin nursed the cat back to health that night. I put pictures on The Grove Residents **Facebook** page and then sent a **Facebook** message to all residents on the group page. Within 25 minutes, Jesse Patasomcit responded claiming his family's cat, Muffin.



The Patasomcits with Muffin

And that my friends is how **Facebook** saved Muffin.

Are you a member of the Grove email listserve and Grove Facebook page?

If not, you are missing timely Grove news such as this story. Go to the Grove website at www.thegrovehoa.com to sign up.

The Grove Miner is always looking for Neighbor to Neighbor articles. Please send your stories to Cathy Allen at newsletter@thegrove.com to get your name in print!



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Mailbox Repair

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 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.

Entertainment

See the "**Band From The Grove**" at Diamond Billiards Saturday April 16th @ 8:30PM playing tunes from the 60's to the 90's, a little bit of country, blues and current songs. Bring family, friends, and kids (age 8 or older, with parent supervision). Atmosphere is family-friendly, smoke free, with good food & low cost pool.

Chris Veach - Vocals (Coalbrook)

Bob Walsh - Guitars/Vocals (Gravity Hill)

Bill Coleman - Guitars (Gravity Hill)

Tom Arnold - Bass (Gravity Hill)

Brian Legere - Drums (Gravity Hill)

Pet Care Services

Pet Sitting - Retired Krim Point resident is available to do pet sitting. Call Linda at 897-0764.

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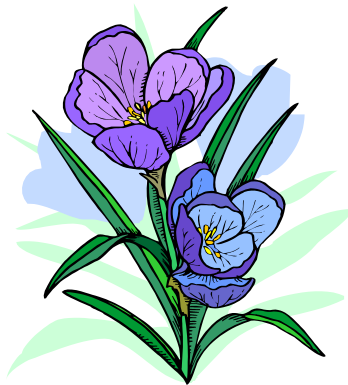
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Irrigation Backflow Prevention Tests Required

To ensure the public water supply remains potable, the State of Virginia and Chesterfield County have mandated annual inspections of all irrigation system backflow prevention units. The yearly inspection and test should be done within thirty days of irrigation system start-up. Make sure the inspector is a certified “Backflow Prevention Device Worker.” For more details, go to www.chesterfield.gov. On the Utilities page, click on “Cross Connection Control and Backflow-Prevention Program.”



“Learn Your Landscape” Through County Cooperative Extension Program

Do your crocuses keep “croaking?” If so, Chesterfield County Virginia Cooperative Extension offers custom lawn and garden evaluations through its 2011 “Learn Your Landscape” program. \$25 includes an initial and follow-up assessment from a master gardener and personalized landscaping binder.

Registration is limited, so SIGN UP NOW. A program application brochure and form is available at http://offices.ext.vt.edu/chesterfield/programs/anr/LearnYourLandscape/LYL_2011.html.

(Information from <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/chesterfield/index.html>)

Improve Your Mailboxes This May!

May is Mailbox Repair Month. To avoid HOA fines, apply a fresh coat of paint on your wooden posts. Make sure your mailbox is in good condition. 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).

DUMPING YARD DEBRIS IN THE COMMON AREAS

Please do not dump yard debris in The Grove’s common areas. If you have excess yard debris that will not be picked up by your trash contractor, please make arrangements to remove those materials to the dump. Help keep our community clean and free of yard waste!

By Carolyn Grimes



Be ready for spring flooding

Spring flooding has arrived in Virginia, and flood damage is costly! Just one inch of water in a home or office can mean \$8,000 in cleanup and repairs.

Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damages and loss caused by flooding. Talk to your agent now about flood insurance. Here are important facts to know:

- There is a usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.
- Renters can buy flood insurance, too, to cover personal belongings or business inventory.
- Basement coverage includes repair or replacement of items such as furnaces, water heaters, washers, dryers, air conditioners, freezers and pumps.
- Buying flood insurance is the best thing you can do to protect your home and business and your family's financial security from a flood.
- Flood insurance is relatively inexpensive.

Go to www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 for more information about flood insurance.

Prepare your home and family now for flash floods:

- **Make a family emergency plan.** Write down your plan. Decide ahead of time where you will go if you have to leave and where family members will meet up. Identify an out-of-town emergency contact. Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov for a plan worksheet.
- **Get supplies for your emergency kit.** Start with three days' water and three days' packaged and canned food. Add a battery-powered radio with a weather band and extra batteries. Store in waterproof containers with wheels or that you can lift easily so you can take them with you.
- **Stay informed about what could happen.** During storm season, listen to local media for up-to-date reports on weather watches and warnings. Get a battery-powered portable radio in case the power goes out. Choose one with a NOAA Weather Band.

Article courtesy of Laura Southard

Prepared by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

March 2011

Backflow Prevention Unit Theft Updates

The Board has approved measures to thwart thefts of The Grove's backflow prevention units, which will take place when the systems are winterized.

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By Carolyn Grimes



Block Parties Block Traffic

Recently there have been several incidences of neighbors frequently holding block parties on through streets. They are cordoning off part of the road with cones and allowing their children to play near traffic. When residents attempt to pass by the gathering, the adult partygoers shout at the drivers and motion at them to slow down, even drivers who are not speeding.

It is against county law to block streets. Please do not endanger the safety of your children. Hold block parties in backyards, and play dates at tot lots. Neighbors enduring this situation are advised to call the Chesterfield County Police non-emergency number 748-1251.

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