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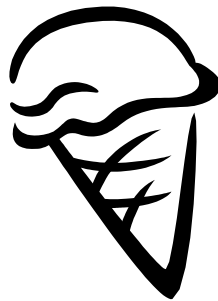


## National Night Out 2009

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**  
7 pm - 8:30 pm  
**The Grove Clubhouse**

Please join your neighbors at the clubhouse for a free ice cream treat and show your support by turning on your porch lights from 7 pm - 10 pm.

National Night Out is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August and is celebrated in every city, town and village in the U.S. In addition to increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, National Night Out also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!



## The Grove will have a Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

for rising kindergarteners on  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
at 6:30 pm at the Grove Clubhouse.  
*(note: this is a date change from last issue)*  
JB Watkins Back-To-School Night is Sept. 3

We would like to make this a special event for the new kindergarteners, so no siblings, please.

To attend, please email your child's name to Angela Castillo at [angelamcastillo@verizon.net](mailto:angelamcastillo@verizon.net) by August 31.

## Annual Labor Day Picnic

Come celebrate the end of summer with your Grove Neighbors. The social committee will organize the picnic on the clubhouse lawn.

**Monday, Sept. 7**  
**4-6 pm**

Barbeque sandwiches will be provided.

**Bring your own favorite beverages and also bring a side or dessert to share!**

You may need to bring a lawn chair or blanket, too.

**RSVP** your family count by Sept. 2 to:  
[socials@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:socials@thegrovehoa.com) or 379.2325

## GROVE RESIDENTS FREE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

- **Needed: Cobalt blue wine bottles** (empty!) for art project. Would be glad to pick up. Call Susan Austin, 378.8004.
- If you have a baby or young toddler, please **join us for a playgroup** on Friday mornings at 10 am in Kingham. Please call Cordia Hennaman for more information: 464.1372.

Want to place a free neighbor-to-neighbor classified ad?  
Email it to [newsletter@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:newsletter@thegrovehoa.com)  
Another option for classifieds: Post them on the website under  
"discuss a topic" at [www.TheGroveHOA.com](http://www.TheGroveHOA.com)



**Smoke Alarms:** Did you know that the Chesterfield Fire & Life Safety Department will replace a battery or even install a stick-on battery-powered smoke detector at no charge (based on funding).

If you are unable to replace on your own or do not have access (ex. cathedral ceiling unit), call for a free appointment. at 748.1426.

If you do not have an alarm in your attic, it is a good idea to install one! For under \$100, Family Electric, 357.1984 (Grove resident) will hard wire one for you so it ties into your existing smoke alarm system.

### The Grove Community Yard Sale

**Oct. 3** (rain date Oct. 10)  
8am - Noon



The Grove HOA will advertise and post signs at the entrances. You can put up signs to your home, but please remove them promptly afterwards.

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#### **Ads and submissions for the Oct. - Nov. issue are due Sept. 15**

Submit all ads and articles to:  
Mike Burnette, Editor  
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Make Checks to: **Grove HOA** and mail to:  
13600 Grove Pond Dr., Midlothian, VA 23114  
(note this address is for newsletter only)



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# News from The Grove HOA

## The Grove HOA Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Grove Clubhouse unless otherwise posted at the entrances and/or website.

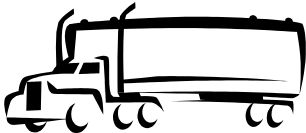
## Need to book the clubhouse ?



Go to: [www.thegrovehoa.com](http://www.thegrovehoa.com)  
and sign up for a  
username & password

When the website changed last fall so did your password. Please sign up for your new one today. The password you receive via email is your permanent one and you should not attempt to change it online.

This password also allows you to post on the "discuss a topic" and to receive email news and alerts.



**Truck Parking:** There has been an issue with tractor-trailers and other vehicles parking beside Ridgemoor near the power lines. Commercial vehicles of

this size are not allowed in The Grove. However, this particular area is owned by the YMCA. When you see vehicles parked there, please call the YMCA for enforcement since it is on their land.

If commercial vehicles such as box trucks, trailers, or semis are parked in The Grove, please contact a board member.

**The Grove HOA Elections** will be here before we know it! Please begin to think about running for a board position, or volunteering for a position on one of the committees. Contact any board member or ACS West if you are interested!

## Barking Dogs

As we approach fall, our windows will be open. Please remember your neighbors when your dogs are left out to bark. Your neighbors and friends do get angry at the sound so please do not let it escalate to the Police and/or Animal Control being called. While you run errands or attend activities, please think about the noise of your dog.

For Chesterfield County information, visit:  
<http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/Services/answerline.pdf>



## Thank you for volunteering!

Many different volunteers each month help to make The Grove a better place.

This month a special shout-out goes to the members of the publicity team.

Thanks to Sarah Albro who posts the changeable letter signs at the entrances when information needs to be conveyed to residents.

Thanks to Mike Soden for his behind-the-scenes efforts on the many technical aspects of maintaining the website and email list-serve.

Thanks to Gail Gilmore, who proofs the newsletter each issue.

Thanks to Susan Austin for managing the newsletter delivery and the army of volunteers who help deliver the newsletter each issue.

Thanks to Judy Ryan-Phillips and Lisa Harp for welcoming our new neighbors on the welcome team.

And thanks to our newest volunteer, Betty Jo Fulghum, who responded to last issue's request for a volunteer to post the HOA meeting signs once a month.

Without all of these publicity team members, the messaging that you need to know would not be seen or heard.

Thanks to each of these volunteers and to all our volunteers.

Your efforts are appreciated and noticed!

- Mike Burnette, Publicity Chair

*Where can you help? Email the board at [boardofdirectors@lists.thegrovehoa.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@lists.thegrovehoa.com) and find your place of service!*





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## The Grove Pool



### Hours:

#### **Now to August 15**

Sunday through Thursday 10am to 8pm  
Friday and Saturday 10am to 9pm

#### **August 16 to September 7**

Every day (including Labor Day) 10am to 8pm

#### **Just moved in and need pool passes?**

Please email [vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com) to arrange an appointment to get your pass.

**Remember to keep your passes for next year's validation period!**

**Pool Committee Volunteers** are desperately needed. If you use the pool and can help be the eyes and ears of the pool to the Board and to Douglas Aquatics, please email [vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com)



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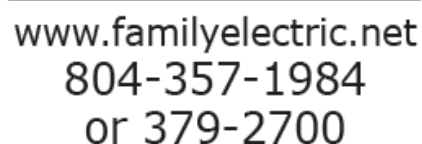
(Right off of Walton Park Lane)

**Railey Hill Office Park  
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*B ella Med Spa* will be offering a variety of services and products to provide cosmetic, nonsurgical, and physician-administered treatments such as **Botox®**, **Restylane®**, and **Juvederm®**. As well as topical skin care treatment products like **Clinique Medical Skin Care**, and **Latisse™**, a prescription treatment used to grow eyelashes (available *only* through a doctor).



A modern home theater room with blue and black walls, a large white screen, and comfortable seating. The room features a large white screen at the front, surrounded by blue acoustic panels. The walls are decorated with blue and black panels, and the ceiling has recessed lighting. The seating consists of large, comfortable chairs arranged in rows, facing the screen. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet.



As of 5/2/09, these signs can now be found in the Mid-Lothian Mines Park next door. Walk the trails and learn history!

# Mid-Lothian Mines and Rail Roads

## EARLY HISTORY OF THE GROVE SHAFT

1836-61

The Grove Shaft plunged 625 feet and took workmen three years to dig. The Wooldridges employed 150 men and boys. Twenty-five mules stabled underground pulled coal carts on an underground railroad. Workmen, - white, free black, slave and boys as young as eight labored together using picks and shovels to dig and load the coal. They worked in two 12-hour shifts, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., six days a week. A company hospital, manned daily by three local physicians, attended to the miners' health needs.

Steam engines raised the coal in corves (coal buckets), that were dumped into cars of the Chesterfield Railroad. This gravity/horse-drawn railroad, Virginia's first, carried approximately 200 tons daily down to the James River wharves in Manchester in south Richmond. The coal was shipped to ports such as Washington, Baltimore and New York. It was used in blacksmiths' forges in the production of gas and coke, and in the manufacture of iron, glass, copper and chemicals, as well as being a source of energy.

## LATER HISTORY OF THE GROVE SHAFT

1861-82

The Civil War increased the demand for local coal. From 1861-65, the Richmond and Danville Railroad

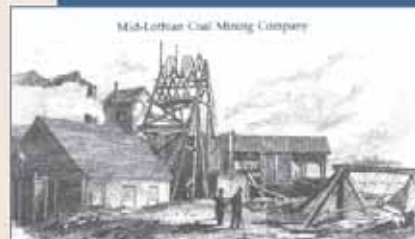
hauled Mid-Lothian Company coal to the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond to burn in casting cannons for the Confederacy.

Mining slowed after the end of the Civil War in 1865. Confederate veteran William B. Wooldridge failed in his postwar effort to issue stock to reorganize the Mid-Lothian Coal Mining Company. R.S. Buttrick, his creditor from New York, took over to rework and reopen the mines. Tragedy struck in February 1882, when an explosion at the Grove Shaft entombed 32 workmen.

## THE GROVE SHAFT EXPLOSION

On February 3, 1882, a violent methane explosion trapped 32 men in the Grove Shaft. Miners from nearby Etna pits, the Deep Run pits in Henrico County and the Clover Hill pits, plodded through the snow to assist mine superintendent George Dodds in several futile rescue attempts.

Dr. Philip S. Hancock, a local mine physician, organized a relief committee to appeal to the public for donations. With the help of members of Jerusalem Baptist Church, known now as Winfree Memorial and the Midlothian Masonic Lodge, the group raised funds to assist the miners' families for many years with donations of food, rent money, fuel, clothing, school supplies and other necessities.



Exhausted miners almost overcome by back dump on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1882.

# Mid-Lothian Mines and Rail Roads

## LOCAL COAL MINING IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES

Outcroppings of coal along the south bank of the James River in what is now Powhatan County were discovered circa 1700. A hunter from the nearby Huguenot settlement, Manakintown, dislodged lumps of coal as he slid down the riverbank to retrieve his quarry. Soon, nearby landowners began searching the area for coal outcroppings and deposits.

The earliest record of coal mined in the United States was that of a coal pit operated on the headwaters of Falling Creek near present Midlothian in 1737. Among local collieries working in the coal basin in the 18th and 19th centuries were Black Heath, Mills', Trabue's, Cunliffe's, Ralphy's, Brummell's Blunt's, Aetna, Gowrie, Stonehenge and Mid-Lothian.

## THE MID-LOTHIAN COAL MINING COMPANY

The Mid-Lothian Coal Mining Company was chartered in 1835 on a 404 acre tract by the heirs of William Wooldridge. The coal seam here was approximately 36 feet thick and 700 feet deep. Wooldridge issued stock to raise funds for machinery, construction and the sinking of shafts. There were four shafts, 11 by 11 feet square producing about 1 million bushels of coal yearly. The Mid-Lothian shaft (later known as the Pump Shaft), one of the most productive, was flooded following a disastrous explosion in 1855 that killed 55 miners. After several unsuccessful attempts to pump out and rework this once preeminent shaft, it was abandoned.



Iron ladle and corve that were used in the coal mining process. Images courtesy of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.



Mid-Lothian Coal Mining Company Stock 1866. Courtesy of Virginia Historical Society.





# Mid-Lothian Mines and Rail Roads

## WELCOME TO THE MID-LOTHIAN MINES PARK

The Mid-Lothian Mines Park is in the heart of Midlothian's coal mining past and is encompassed by the Richmond Coal Basin. Mining in the Midlothian area of the Basin represents the first attempt at commercial coal mining in North America. The Mid-Lothian Mines probably gave the village of Midlothian its name.

The Richmond Coal Basin runs north and south and is approximately 33 miles long and 5 to 10 miles wide. It encompasses about 150 square miles in the counties of Henrico, Goochland, Hanover, Chesterfield, Powhatan and Amelia. The Richmond Coal Basin crosses the James River west of Richmond and the Appomattox River at its southern tip. Its bituminous coal seam, 5 to 50 feet thick, rests on an oblong granite basin.

## FORMATION OF COAL AS A FOSSIL FUEL

Coal in the Richmond Basin is an upper Triassic formation, compacted more than 160 million years ago. At that time, the Richmond area was a dense warm lowland forest/swamp of huge green trees and plants growing beside rivers, lakes and marshes bordered by granite hills. In this tropical forest grew giant pine-like trees with tall rushes underneath. Living in the warm swampland and waters were small lizard-like dinosaurs and ancient fish. As the animals, trees and plants died, they fell into the swamp and decayed. New animals, trees and plants grew on top of the old. Over millions of years, sediment, silt, sand and other mineral matter brought down by rain, rivers and streams covered layers of decaying matter. As mineral matter increased, some of it developed into sandstone and shale. These accumulating layers slowly compressed to form the coal bed.

Paleontologists have found evidence in the shale and coal deposits that dinosaurs and crocodile-like creatures lived near Midlothian. Remains of early mammal-like reptiles and fish are among the most recent fossil discoveries. Petrified trees and giant rushes have been found in the Basin's sandstone beds.



Map of Midlothian Coal Co.'s land. Surveyed by J.E. LaPrade in September 1880. Courtesy of Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.

# Mid-Lothian Mines and Rail Roads

## COAL MINING CHRONOLOGY IN CHESTERFIELD

- 1835 Mid-Lothian Coal Mining Company is chartered.
- 1836 The Company organizes with 3,000 shares valued at \$100 each with 1,000 shares being sold to raise \$100,000 capital. The Wooldridge family contributes 404.5 acres valued at \$300,000. Four shafts are sunk: Pump Shaft, Middle Shaft, Grove Shaft and Wood Shaft.
- 1837 These pits produce only 70,000 bushels of coal. About 2,660 tons are moved by the Chesterfield (Gravity) Railroad.
- 1838 In March, 42 African-Americans, mostly slaves, are killed at Black Heath mine in the new 700-foot shaft.
- 1839 A 36 foot thick coal seam is hit 722 feet deep in Pump Shaft. Work in other shafts is stopped to mine this seam.
- 1840 Three hundred thousand bushels are extracted (11,400 tons) from Pump Shaft from the labor of 150 men and boys and 25 mules.
- 1843 The Reverend J.B. Jeter preaches sermons underground in mine.
- 1846 Miners, free blacks and slaves establish Mid-Lothian African Church, now the First Baptist Church of Midlothian.
- 1850 The steam powered Richmond and Danville Railroad opens Coalfield Station at Midlothian. The old Chesterfield (Gravity) Railroad is replaced.
- 1855 An explosion at Pump Shaft kills 55 men. Heavy flooding enters mine.
- 1856 Attempts to end the flooding problem by tapping into old mines fail with 10 men drowning.
- 1861 Mines are pumped out, but then catch fire. Equipment and supplies are abandoned.
- 1863 Richmond and Danville Railroad Spur line hauls coal from Grove Shaft to Richmond.
- 1867 Post Civil War attempts to revive mines fail. R.S. Burrows of New York provides \$180,000 to fund construction of Sinking Shaft, over 1,300 feet deep, but no coal is found.
- 1868 R.S. Burrows purchases site and under the direction of mining engineer Oswald Heinrich, the beginning of operations is plagued with many problems.
- 1870 At the first meeting of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, a county seal is adopted showing: "a coal miner leaning on a pick under a pine tree with a flowing river at his feet."
- 1873 Operations begin at the re-opening of the Grove Shaft.
- 1876 An explosion of firedamp, a methane gas blast associated with coal mines, kills eight at Grove Shaft. Heinrich leaves the company.
- 1880 Approximately 13,122 tons of coal is produced from a seam measuring 4 2/3 feet thick.
- 1882 The Grove Shaft again explodes, killing 32 men.
- 1905 James River Coal Corporation builds a new incline track railroad only 900 ft. south of the Grove Shaft.
- 1906 Murphy Coal Corporation takes control, but because of lawsuits, ends coal mining in 1923.
- 1923 Coal mining operations gradually ceased.





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Biggin Pond fun over the Fourth of July 2009

(photos courtesy of Liza)

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***Summer pics, back to school pics, fall leaves, etc.....we wanna see the fun in The Grove!***

## Stonehenge Country Club Invites Grove Residents to Participate in The ClubCorp Charity Classic

For the third consecutive year, Stonehenge Country Club in conjunction with its parent company, ClubCorp, is proud to present the ClubCorp Charity Classic. Last year, the event raised \$1.7 million for the selected charities, and this year it continues on Oct. 17. In an effort to give back to their communities, an estimated 25,000 participants will converge at more than 120 country and business clubs across the country to make a difference while enjoying golf tournaments, auctions, unique culinary experiences, and more.

Net proceeds raised during the Charity Classic will be allocated evenly to the following organizations: MDA/Augie's Quest, ClubCorp's Employee Partners Care Foundation, and to each club's selected charity of choice, which for Stonehenge Country Club is The Cold War Museum. The Museum was founded in 1996 by Grove resident Francis Gary Powers, Jr., to honor Cold War veterans and preserve Cold War history. More info online at [www.coldwar.org](http://www.coldwar.org).

This year's event at Stonehenge will take place on Saturday Oct. 17 and will feature a 9 am 18-hole shotgun start, a barbeque lunch immediately following (approximately 2pm), prizes and awards. Sign up as a foursome or as an individual, and invite the whole family to enjoy the barbeque immediately following the event.

8 am - Registration, 9 am - Shotgun, 2 pm - Scoring and Barbeque

Price of \$75 per golfer or \$250 per foursome includes: golf cart, beverages, lunch, prizes, and tee gift. Lunch will include pulled pork barbeque, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert.

There are a maximum of 16 spaces reserved for Grove Residents. Contact Mike Cooke at [Michael.Cooke@ourclub.com](mailto:Michael.Cooke@ourclub.com) to RSVP, for additional information, or sponsorship opportunities.

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