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Next HOA Meeting

September 12, 2013

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

NEW SCHOOL Proposed in Our School District

The 2004 school bond referendum provided a facelift and some much-needed classroom space to Watkins Elementary. However, the school is still far above its functional capacity.

A new elementary school to relieve overcrowding at Watkins and Weaver elementary schools is the only new school construction project in a \$353 million bond referendum. Chesterfield County residents will be asked to vote on this issue as well as other vital resources in November 2013. Find out from school and county leaders about the 11 school projects, necessary replacement of a nearly obsolete emergency communications 911 system, how the county hopes to pay for the work, and the bond referendum as a whole on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

By Tim Bullis,
Director, Community Relations
Chesterfield County Public Schools
804.748.1433/mychesterfieldschools.com



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 6th
7 to 8 PM
The Clubhouse

Meet McGruff and Local Fire, Police,
and EMS Staff

Desperately Seeking Ice Cream Scoopers! To help, email Gerry at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Chesterfield County, VA placed **6th in the nation** as TOP 2012 NNO Award Winner, thanks to participation by neighborhoods like ours! (Source: <http://www.natw.org/awards/>)

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For neighborhood violations, repairs,
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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.

Please see p. 8 for rain barrels, p. 10 for mailboxes and shutters.

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 a MUST 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
Oct - Nov issue are due Sept 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:
13436 Mitford Dr., Midlothian, VA 23114
(Note: This address is for newsletter only.)



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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.

GET INVOLVED!

Consider volunteering for the Pool Committee either this season or for 2014. To sign up, contact Chair Doris Dunham at 804-794-6126.



2013 Pool Hours*

Summer Hours Now-August 10

Sun-Thurs 10 am to 8 pm

Friday & Saturday 10 am to 9 pm

August 11-September 1

Daily 10 am to 8 pm

Holidays

Memorial Day - 10 am to 7 pm

July 4th - 10 am to 9 pm

Labor Day - 10 am to 7 pm

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



Join Your Neighbors for the Annual Labor Day Picnic!

When: Monday, September 2, 2013

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: The Grove Clubhouse

The social committee will provide fried chicken and paper products. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Also, please bring beverage of choice and chairs.

Please RSVP to socials@thegrovehoa.com by August 26th and include number of people that will be eating chicken so we are sure to have enough.

Hope to see you there!

Marielle Pool
Social Committee

Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

By Marielle Pool

Rising kindergarteners are invited to meet classmates at the Annual Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 28th, 6:30 p.m. at the Grove Clubhouse. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 21st** to Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net. It's a special day for the kindergarteners, so please do not bring siblings. If you have any questions, please contact Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net.



Community Yard Sale

Fall into some cash at The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale!

Saturday, October 12, 2013

(rain date October 26)

8 am to 12 pm

The HOA will purchase an ad in the newspaper and post signs at entrances. Please remove your signage promptly following the sale.

The First Annual Grove Business Expo

Have you ever wanted to know more about the businesses owned and operated by your neighbors within The Grove? In a few weeks, we are holding our first annual Grove Business Expo. If you want to shop local, support the merchants within our own community, or just learn more about what your neighbors are up to, join us at the clubhouse on Sunday, September 8th from 2 to 5 p.m.

Interested in representing your business? Contact us for more details at RVAGrove@gmail.com.

By DeJuan Brown

Biggin Pond Resident



News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor

By Kathy Morris

Corporal Scott Gordon attended the board meeting on July 16, 2013 and discussed safety issues within our community. He is with the Crime Prevention Unit and shared a great deal of information with us.

Removal of yellow paint on the curbs has begun. Absolute Asphalt is sandblasting the yellow paint from our curbs in preparation for the application of new asphalt sealant and fire lane markings. Please do not park adjacent to the curbs and be sure to pull as far up in your driveway as possible in order to

avoid overspray or dust debris from the removal process. Vehicles adjacent to the curbing are subject to towing at the owner's expense. All other areas in our community will be open for parking during the time this work is being conducted and towing in those areas will not occur.

Absolute Asphalt has begun resurfacing the streets. Homeowners have received a newsletter outlining with a colored map the areas and which days this will occur. The affected areas will be closed from 7:00 am through 8:00 pm while work is in progress and the surfaces are drying.

Beginning the week of July 29, 2013 all gutters on the townhomes will be inspected and cleaned. On the week of August 2, 2013 Hanover Handy Services will be power-washing the townhomes. Please remove all items from your porches and patios to ensure they are not damaged during this process.

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Memorial Day “Mash-Up”

By Marielle Pool and David Allen




Our annual M-Day Picnic was very well attended.

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HOA Board Ruling Regarding Rain Barrels

Recently, The Grove HOA Board proposed and approved a modification to the Architectural Standards governing the appearance and placement of rain barrels in residents yards.

Rain barrels must be muted in color, either brown, green, or black, and may not be placed in front or side yards. Rain barrels can be placed in the back yard only, as long as they cannot be seen from the street. If they are visible from the street, rain barrels are permitted only if they have additional screening, at the discretion of the Architectural Review Committee.

Speeding Hotline

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.

The hotline hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. If you call after regular business hours and on weekends you may leave a message but please leave your name, telephone number, and a brief description of the concern. In emergency situations, dial 911.

Mt. Pisgah Preschool

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Mt. Pisgah is a faith-based educational program of Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church that offers a Christian atmosphere for nurturing growth and development for children ages 2 ½ to Pre-Kindergarten.



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Home Exterior Pointers

Your home is your castle. Keep it in good shape with these simple tips.

Mailbox post and the box itself must be in good appearance. If the post is still in presentable condition, apply a fresh coat of paint, but if deteriorated, replace it. 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). If your mailbox letters need replacement contact Ray Hite at 434-480-9986. Also, many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services. Make sure any individual or company adheres to bylaw standards.

Most shutters are under a lifetime warranty, so do not repaint or replace! Warranty information should be on the back of the shutters, including shipping requirements for repair/replacement. Contact the company to verify instructions.

Are your doors or garage doors fading? If so, either refresh the existing color or submit an application to the Architectural Review Committee to change the paint color.

Annual letters of violation will be sent to those who have not taken care of these items, so take a proactive stance now!

Back to School

First day of school Tuesday, September 3rd

School lists for Elementary and Middle School will be posted here when available: <http://mychesterfieldschools.com/schools/supply-lists/>

Open House Dates:

Grade 6: August 27th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Grades 7 & 8: August 29th 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to pay fees online.

J B Watkins Elementary

378-2530

Orientation Dates:

Grade K: August 29th 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Grades 1 – 5: August 30th 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Parents Back to School Nights:

Grades K – 2: September 19th: 6 – 8 pm*

Grades 3 – 5: September 26th: 6 – 8 pm*

* Back to school times are subject to change, but are usually held 6-7 with a repeat session 7-8 in each classroom to accommodate parents with more than one child.

Midlothian Middle School

378-2460

Note: "Effective July 1, 2006, the Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-46, requires a booster shot of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) is required for all children entering the 6th grade, if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Written proof (month-day-year) of vaccination with Tdap or a tetanus-containing vaccine (TT, Td, DTaP, DT) must be provided to your child's middle school. **6th grade students who do not provide adequate documentation will not be permitted to start school on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.** To prevent your child from being excluded from school, please provide documentation of the exact date (month-day-year) that your child received the Tdap vaccine or Tetanus-containing vaccine before September 3, 2013."

Midlothian High School

378-2440

Fee Nights & PTSA School Supply Sale Dates:

Seniors: August 26th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Juniors: August 27th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sophomores: August 28th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Freshman/New Student Orientation: Aug. 29th 1:30 – 4 pm

Makeup Date (All Grades): August 30th 9 – 11 am

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 23rd 7:00 pm

(Source: J. B. Watkins-Rita K. Layne; Midlothian Middle-Amy B. Mathews; Midlothian HS-Cheryl Reynolds)

August Annual VA Sales Tax Holiday:
School Clothing and Supplies

It's that "most wonderful time of the year!"

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:

<http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=SchoolSuppliesAndClothingHoliday>.





Hurricane Season – What You Should Do Now

Much of Virginia has seen flooding already this year, and hurricane season is just beginning. What should you do now to protect your family and property?

Talk to an insurance agent about flood insurance. Just one inch of water in a home or office can mean \$8,000 in cleanup and repairs, and most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flooding. Remember:

There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.

Renters also can buy flood insurance, to cover personal belongings or business inventory.

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Flashlights and extra batteries.

First aid kit and extra supply of medications.

Special items for babies, older family members and pets.

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Prepared by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, July 2013

(804) 897-6510

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Tragic Holiday Gun Fire Fatality

A local tragedy that cost the life of a 7-year-old boy occurred on July 4. An unknown person fired a shot into the air and on its return it struck the boy on the top of his head. Please remember that the use of firearms in this manner is not only illegal, but very dangerous. Please go to <http://www.chesterfield.gov/holidaytragedy/> for more information.

If you were firing a gun or you know someone who was firing a gun within a 5,000-foot radius of Swift Creek Reservoir around the time of the incident, it is critical that you contact the Chesterfield County Police Department at 804-748-1251 or Crime Solvers at 804-748-0660 or www.crimesolvers.net.

Medication Take Back

Saturday, September 14, 2013

10 am to 2 pm

John Tyler Community College, 13101 Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester

In partnership with SAFE, please properly dispose of unused or expired medications.

Police Foundation Asks You to Save the Date for Those Who Have Served

The Foundation maintains a special fund to support law enforcement personnel and their families to meet emergency needs. Recipients' needs include a death in the family, incapacitating injury or uncontrollable event. This fund is expressly designed to meet the immediate, short-term needs that arise before other resources are available.

The Chesterfield County Police Foundation, Inc. was organized in 2000 to provide support and benevolent assistance to the Chesterfield law enforcement community. The Foundation is composed of public-minded citizens who appreciate the unique demands and challenges made upon the men and women who ensure our safety. The objective of the Foundation is to provide support for these men and women when our local government cannot.

The Foundation provides continuous support in a variety of areas including: short term financial educational opportunities for officers, recognition programs, various initiatives to provide items or services to officers to enhance the performance of their duties, public outreach and education programs.

The Chesterfield County Police Foundation will hold its annual golf tournament fundraiser on Thursday, October 10. The event will be held at 1 p.m. at the Birkdale Golf Course, 8511 Royal Birkdale Dr, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Local businesses can sponsor the event and Chesterfield residents can participate by contacting Tammy Wyrick at 751-4632 or wyrickt@chesterfield.gov.

(Source: all articles courtesy of Chesterfield County Police Department.)

Pink Power Triathlon Traffic Alert

The Pink Power Triathlon will be taking place again this year on Sunday August 18th from 7-11am.

The community should be prepared for slight delays as athletes run past the neighborhood entrance between 8 and 11 am on Sunday morning. We will have volunteers and police officers stationed at the entrance starting at 7am to guide traffic. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this race is in progress.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Laurie Mehler, the Richmond Multisports Race Director at (804) 303-4833 or myself at molly@richmondmultisports.com. Thank you so much!

Molly Schulz

Manager of Accounting and Event Administration, Richmond Multisports

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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. 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.

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 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 THE GROVE!



Yousef Basir & Sawsan Awwad
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Katherine R. Dierker 531 Coalbrook Drive
Mike, Linne, & Sophia Diiorio 507 Heth Court
Eric & Holly Drum 1319 Goswick Ridge Road
Evin & Jessica Grano 1425 Goswick Ridge Road
Frank & Carol Koza 13549 Ridgemoor Drive
Ryan & Stacy Nicodemus 13713 Biggin Pond Lane
Trevor, Annette, Lydia, Peter, Stephen, Silas, &
Andrew Roberts 1301 Goswick Ridge Road
Scott & Mary Wiese 13324 Tipple Point Road
Douglas & Janet Willett 1207 Hawkins Wood Circle

Just moved in? For a gift and a smile, contact grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com!



(Photos Courtesy of Arthur Allen)

Welcome Committee and Newsletter Help Needed!

Our Welcome Committee needs new volunteers to help deliver smiles to new neighbors! Contact Mike Burnette at burnette@uronline.net. Our Newsletter Delivery Coordinator is also seeking folks to deliver in the the Goswick Ridge Streets, Hawkins Wood and Kingham/Mitford areas. Please email Susan Austin at susanh1225@hotmail.com.

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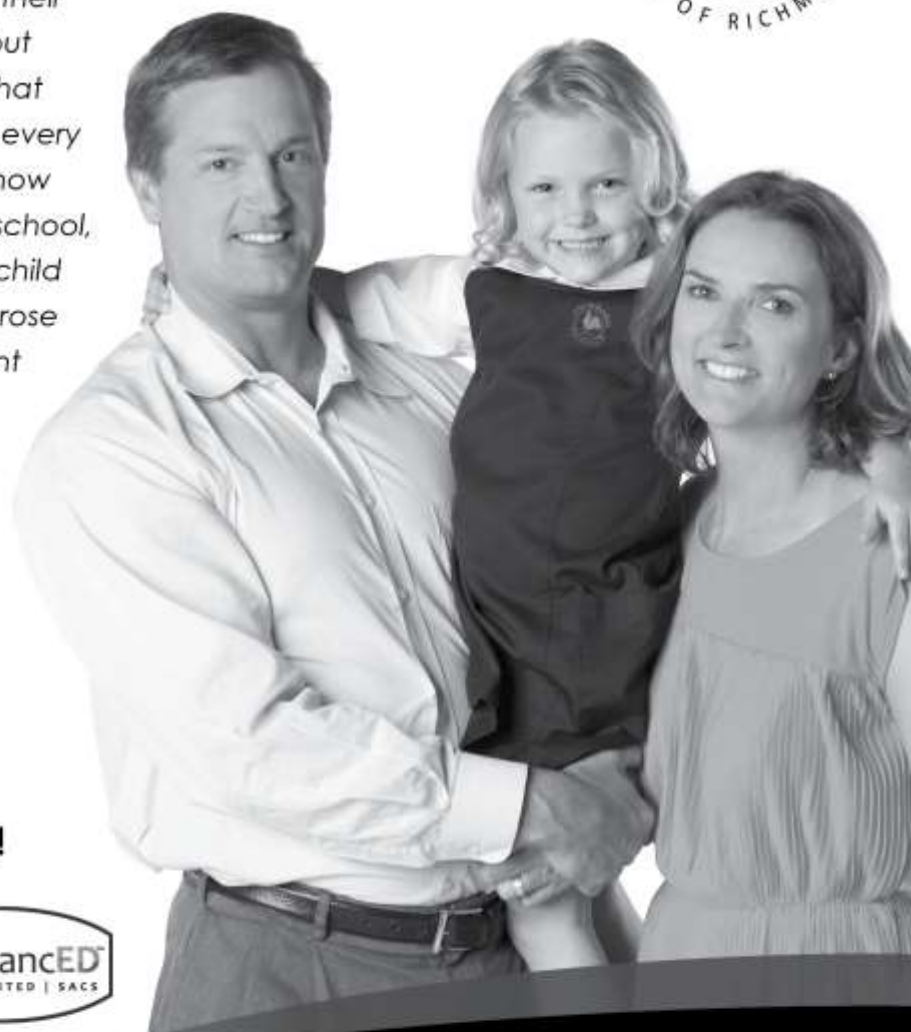
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