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Save the Date...Literally!

Our **Annual Labor Day Picnic** will be cancelled without YOUR help. Recent Social Committee vacancies have created a challenge planning the fest. This yearly tradition is fairly well-attended, since it's a low-key way to meet new and established Grove residents, and relax before school starts.

Helping with the 2011 picnic involves purchasing the entrée and paper goods, as well as setting and cleaning up the day of the event. Purchases are reimbursed. Neighbors bring side dishes and desserts. You don't have to be alone. A few friends can lighten the load. To **Save the Date** please contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com!

National Night Out 2011

"Take a Bite Out of Crime" with ICE CREAM and SPRINKLES!

Tuesday, August 2nd

7 to 8 PM

The Clubhouse

(Please sign the Neighborhood Watch Petition while you're there!)

GOT A WORD?

Get Heard!

at the next

GHOA Meeting

September 8, 2011

6:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse

Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

HATS OFF to the Class of 2024! Rising kindergarteners are invited to meet classmates at the Annual Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 31st, 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 24th to Anne Counoupas at counoupas@gmail.com or 804-423-**6596**. **It's a special day for the kindergarteners**, so please do not bring siblings.

If you would like to help, please contact Anne Counoupas (counoupas@gmail.com) or Melissa Davis (mdavis831@verizon.net).

Anne Counoupas and Melissa Davis
Kindergarten Ice Cream Social Chairs

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HOA Connection

Architectural Review Approvals

Upgrading? Please consult the Architectural Review Committee before adding or changing current home structures. Any modifications require prior approval from ARC. For guidelines see <http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws> or email cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

The ARC committee needs more members. ALL work is done online. To volunteer, contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Your ARC in ACTION — Projects Approved April 1st to June 30th:

Storm Door (3); Screened-In Porch (1); Screen Porch/Expanded Deck (1); Fences (2); Sheds (3); Landscape (6); Patio/Landscape (1); Shutters/Front Door (1); Playscape (1); Steps/Railing (1).

Please use the pet waste receptacles and baggies to clean up after your pooch.

The disposal stations are located at strategic places around the neighborhood.



DISCLOSURE BOOK: Don't Have to Read it to Need It!

Sellers MUST purchase a NEW disclosure package for the buyer during the contract period. New homeowners have the right to cancel a contract without a current package. Order disclosure packages at www.communitygroup.com, by clicking the "Selling & Refinancing" tab, then the "Place Order Here" tab. If you have any questions or need help, please call 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.

Details on disclosure "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
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Sunday -Thursday: 10 am—8 pm
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Labor Day: 10 am—8pm

All HOA dues, fines, and late fees must be paid in full to enjoy the pool.

New or current residents who missed validation dates must arrange an appointment with Gerry Mancuso president@thegrovehoa.com. Download registration and waiver forms at <http://thegrovehoa.com/pool>.

Make a splash in the neighborhood by joining the Pool Committee. Contact Gerry Mancuso for details.

Scotter Hills Playground Proposed

As part of Grove improvements, the Board is considering installing a playground in Scotter Hills. A swing set and climbing structure as well as plantings would enhance the big oval median in the Scotter Hills neighborhood. If approved, the playground will be built this Fall. If there are any questions or concerns please attend the September 8th HOA meeting.



Grove Family Campout 2011

Clubhouse Bookings

Celebrate your special occasions and milestones **at The Clubhouse! It's easy to reserve online.** Just sign up for the user name and password at the Listserv news and alerts on the Grove website. This takes 24 to 48 hours. Then go to "Book Clubhouse Online," change the calendar icon to "31" to check availability. Sign in with the user name and password. Choose "online booking." Select "Clubhouse" then "Add." Complete the form and hit SAVE. You should get an email confirmation in 24 hours.

Rates and rules can be viewed on the Clubhouse tab.

The Grove is still looking for a Clubhouse Coordinator. To volunteer, contact Terry Cullen at rossieeven@verizon.net.

20 Pound Catfish Caught

at the Grove Pond!

Biggest ever caught in 9 years fishing
at the pond.

Contributed by Nick Porter,
Coalbrook fisherman.

Summer Dances at the Grove

Come and dance/hang out with your friends for a night of fun!

When: August 20 and Sept 1

Time: 8 pm - 11 pm

Cost: \$5.00 in advance/\$10 at the door

Place: Grove Clubhouse

You can buy tickets in advance or at the door. Please contact Pam Simon at 441.0550 or pamelaas@gene.com.

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When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
August 5-7, 2011.

What to Buy: School supplies at \$20 or less
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or less per item. Not all merchandise qualifies.
For complete guidelines, go to
[http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=SchoolSuppliesandClothingHoliday)
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Local Farmers Markets


Brandermill Green Market, www.brandermill.com.

Chesterfield Farmers Market,
www.chesterfieldfarmersmarket.blogspot.com.

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Phone Directory Update

The 2011-2012 Grove Directories have been delivered. Unfortunately, there have been some with printing problems, double printing on some pages and/or pages out of order. Please check yours and if you need it to be replaced, let me know and I will switch it out with a new one. Sorry for the inconvenience. Also, new residents can contact me with additions for next year. Thanks.

Diana Garbera

garbera2@comcast.net

Babysitter Directory

If you are a Grove resident offering babysitting services, then publish your contact information in the upcoming neighborhood Babysitter Directory. Plans are underway to have it completed by the Fall of 2011. The directory will not appear on the website due to privacy issues. Instead it will be published as a newsletter article or insert, or a separate publication.

To have your information included in the newsletter, send the following information to Pam Connelly at 425 Coalbrook Drive or e-mail to pamelaconnelly@verizon.net by 9/15/11. A PDF version of the form will be available on the website.

Name:

Neighborhood Within The Grove:

Age as of 10/1/11:

Preferred Child Ages to Babysit: (check all that apply)

☐ *Infant (0-12 months)*

☐ *Toddler (1-4 years)*

☐ *Older (5+ years)*

School attending fall 2011: _____

Have you completed any babysitting courses/certifications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can you provide references upon request? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Back to School

First day of school Tuesday, September 6th

J B Watkins Elementary

378-2530

Open House for Grades K - 5: September 2nd

For parents & children to bring supplies, meet teacher, see classroom.

Grade K: 10 am – 12 pm

Grades 1 – 5 : 10:30 am – 12 pm

Parents Back to School Nights:

Grades K – 2: September 15: 6 – 8 pm

Grades 3 – 5: September 22: 6 – 8 pm

Midlothian Middle School

378-2460

Open House Dates:

Grades 7 & 8: August 31st 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Grade 6: September 1st 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to pay fees online.

Midlothian High School

378-2440

Fee Nights & PTSA School Supply Sale Dates:

Seniors: August 29th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Juniors: August 30th

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sophomores: August 31st

A—L: 4 – 5 pm

M—Z: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Freshmen Orientation: September 1st 1:30 – 4 pm

Makeup Date (All Grades): September 2nd 9 – 11 am

Senior Parent Night (Herff Jones): September 22nd 4 – 7 pm

Back to School Night (All Grades): September 26th 7:00 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.

Summer Babysitter - Soon to be 15 year old high school sophomore is looking for summer work. Regularly helps out in church nursery, and belongs to a Christian Youth Group. Great with kids of all ages. Kingham resident. Email Laura at softballmaniac9@yahoo.com.

Lawn Care Services

Lawn Care - Reliable young man in Coalbrook available for lawn care in The Grove. Prices based on service desired and size of yard. For regular service or occasional cuts during vacation, please contact Ryan Stuck (804.931.9937).

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.

Cake Making Services

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Richard & Debra Bosko, 534 Lawford Lane

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Roger & Mary Collier, 906 Krim Point Loop

Michael & Trasina Dunleavey, 901 Kingham Drive

Clifford & Rachel Kincaid, 13407 Mitford Drive

Frank & Kristy Petroski, 1237 Hawkins Wood Circle
(spelling correction)

Eric & Catherine Stenborg, 1403 Gravity Hill Road

Brian & Heidi Tucker, 849 Coalbrook Drive

David & La Donna Wheatley, 13814 Biggin Pond Court

New to the Neighborhood? The Welcome Committee has a smile and a gift bag just for you!
Contact us at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com
or call Judi Ryan-Phillips at 594-2655.

Neighborhood Watch

Gerry Mancuso is circulating a petition collecting residents signatures to approve a neighborhood watch. To sign it, or volunteer for the committee, contact Gerry at president@thegrovehoa.com.

Mailboxes: Fix 'Em or Get Fined!



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