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## **Board Re-Elected!**

Without the required proxies to constitute a quorum at the Grove HOA annual meeting and Board election November 10, 2011, results hung in continuum. On December 8, the required number of proxies were cast, and the Board was successfully re-elected, retaining their current positions. In accordance with newly established bylaws governing term limits, Gerry Mancuso and Steve Judd have been re-elected to two year terms. Gary Powers, Jr., Maria Collins, and Kathy Morris will each serve for one year. A heartfelt thank you goes to all residents who returned their proxies. Congratulations to all our Board members, who contribute their time and energy supporting the community!

## **Project Lifesaver Rescues Special Needs Individuals**

By Melba Brodie, Krim Point Resident

In October 2011, autistic, eight year old child Robert Wood, Jr., disappeared in the Hanover County woods. Remarkably he was found alive, surviving the elements without food and water, and IN SPITE of eluding intensive search efforts by a wide network of professionals and volunteers. His disappearance and attempts to evade rescuers, raises the need to spread the news about Project Lifesaver.

Project Lifesaver provides prompt response to help special needs children and adults in dangerous situations. Individuals who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia and related disorders benefit from participating in the Project Lifesaver program. Statistics show a 100% success rate tracking those wearing a lifesaver bracelet. The average rescue time is 22 minutes, without serious injuries or death.

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For more information visit <http://www.chesterfield.gov/police.aspx?id=2508> or [projectlifesaver.org](http://projectlifesaver.org).

Keep IN THE KNOW!

Next HOA Meeting

March 8, 2012

6:30 p.m.

@ The Clubhouse

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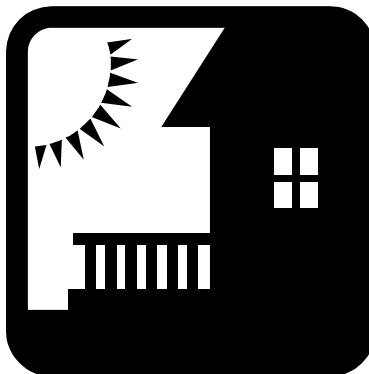
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# HOA Connection



## Architectural Review

Before you SPRING into that Spring Project, please consult the ARC guidelines regarding exterior home modifications and landscaping. For details see <http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws/architectural-landscape-review>.

## HOA ASSESSMENTS Past Due!

The deadline to pay annual HOA dues without penalty was this past January 31, 2012. If you have not remitted payment, late fees will continue to accrue until all debt is satisfied. Please contact Community Group at 804-270-1800 immediately to arrange payment!

### Disclosure Package: Don't Be Caught Without It!

Attention ALL GROVE HOME SELLERS! All BUYERS in The Grove MUST receive a NEW disclosure package during the contract period. New homeowners have the right to cancel a contract without a current package. Order disclosure packages at [www.communitygroup.com](http://www.communitygroup.com), by clicking the "Selling & Refinancing" tab, then the "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 contact Community Group, Owner Services 270-1800 or visit the "Contact Us" tab.

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## *A Valentine to Volunteers!*

By Gerry Mancuso  
Grove HOA President



I would like to thank the following residents who volunteered their time to committees or events in 2011. If I've omitted your name it was unintentional and I appreciate your gift of time.

**Architectural Review Committee:** Matt Bartholomew, Aziz Bulling, Robert Gannett, Frank Gilmore, Nelson Richards

**Clubhouse:** Terry Cullen

**Grounds Committee:** Susan Kiger, Earl Nunnally

**Kindergarten Social:** Anne and Jim Counoupas, Greg and Melissa Davis, Kathy Burnette, Melissa Calkins, Mark Connelly, Tracye Malkie, Alison McMahon, Kris Perko, Caryn Persinger, Camille Royster, Julie Solomon, Melissa Swartzwelder, Claire and Emma Cullen, Elli Perkins, Jordan (sorry no last name given) and Maria Scarpa. Plus many others who stepped up to help during the event

**National Night Out:** Kathy Burnette, Emily Garbera, Bill, Emma and Claire Cullen, Dana Gates, Kristen and Alexis Crosby, Steve Judd, Kathy Morris

**Newsletter Distribution:** Amy Vincent, John Savos, Susan Kiger, Earl Nunnally, Laura Martin, Pam Connelly, Som Patasomcit, Michelle Quiram, Jim Collins, Gratia Hamilton, Bob Dolbere, Alissa Zeidler, Anne Counoupas, Brian Legere family, Susan and Brian Austin.

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**Litter Patrol:** Bob Dolbeare

**Phone Directory:** Diana Garbera

**Webmaster:** Mike Soden

**Welcome Committee:** Angela Castillo, Lisa Harp, Karen Reams, Judi Ryan-Phillips

Thank you. Without your help this community would not be able to provide these services or host events for everyone's enjoyment. Several of these committees are looking for new members. We hope you might consider serving on the *Architectural Review Committee* (all work done online), *Pool Pass Validation Committee*, or *Welcome Committee*. We also need a new *Clubhouse Coordinator*. In addition, our *Neighborhood Watch* has not gotten off the ground; if you are willing to help with getting this established please let me know.

## Coalbrook Crawl

A HUGE thank you to the *Gates* and *Macedos* for hosting the 2011 Coalbrook Crawl! Event pics are available on The Grove Residents Facebook page. Thanks to all that attended--We had a great time. For those of you who missed it, we hope to see you next time.

It was proposed that we should start Spring and Summer Coalbrook Crawls as well!!

By Kimberly Morgan  
of Coalbrook



## Grove Social Committee Forecast

As we head into spring, stay tuned to the *Grove Residents* list serve and Facebook page for the latest SCOOP on neighborhood get-togethers!

By: Marielle Pool, Social Committee, [socials@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:socials@thegrovehoa.com)

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LAST CALL for any changes/additions to the Grove Directory. Please check your listing and return the yellow form with your changes to Diana Garbera ASAP. If there are no changes to your information already published, you do not have to respond or turn anything in. Any questions please contact garbera2@comcast.net. Thanks.

Diana Garbera  
Phone Directory Chair

## Wanted: Clubhouse Coordinator!

Looking for a way to meet neighbors? Sign up to be our new Clubhouse Coordinator! For more info contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

### *The Green at The Village of Midlothian Update*

To track progress on the upcoming development across from the Grove and how it impacts you, go to thegreenatmidlothian.com or themillworksva.com.

## NEED UNIFORMS? ASK for Help!

I hope you are having a wonderful 2012 with family and friends. Serving your community is important to us. Did you know that Associa Supports Kids will help children in your community who participate on youth sport and fitness teams?

Associa Supports Kids educates parents and children about safety in and around the home *and* sponsors youth sports and fitness programs to help kids lead a more active lifestyle.

The ASK Sports program is our opportunity to give back to the communities we serve by sponsoring local, grassroots youth sports and fitness activities. Supporting our local youth fitness activities is a great way to help kids in our community maintain a well-rounded and healthy lifestyle.

Last year, we donated to youth teams in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, dance, hockey, soccer and swim. The requests range from financial assistance for uniforms and end-of-year awards to building new baseball fields and supplementing coaching salaries ... ASK even helped with the purchase of starting blocks and new lane lines.

We'd like to help by partnering in your community. Are there kids in your community who participate on a youth sport or fitness team? Do they need help affording uniforms, registration fees or travel expenses? ASK sponsors up to \$250 annually per team. Sponsorships are available to teams with at least one member of the team living in our community. All you need to do is visit the Associa Supports Kids website to complete and submit the sponsorship form. Associa will supply the ASK logo and other necessary information for sponsorships and printing opportunities on uniforms, flyers, posters, playbills, websites, etc.

Don't forget that you can also reserve the ASK mascot, Scout, for your next community event. At neighborhood events, Scout hands out Safety Tip coloring books, plush Scout toys, rub-on tattoos, and Scout's own books, like *Scout Goes to the Beach*, *Scout Goes to a Sleepover* and *Scout Stays Active and Strong* to each child in attendance. Parents receive an ASK safety brochure and a ChildPrint identification kit. We can help ensure you have Scout and ASK materials at your next event.

With basketball season in full swing and spring sports just around the corner, now is a great time to get the word out. Please encourage your community to look to ASK for financial sponsorships. We look forward to helping!

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**Scott E. Meardon**, CMCA, PCAM  
President and CEO  
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## GROVERS FORE GOLF!

We would like to form a Grove Residents Golf League for this Spring and beyond. There is nothing formal set up yet, and would appreciate any input and assistance in organizing it. We are shooting for a May start up. To sign up please contact me at [jackbootedthugs@yahoo.com](mailto:jackbootedthugs@yahoo.com).

By Dan Allen of Hawkins Wood

## All Shook UP: The Pros and Cons of Earthquake Insurance

*Devastation from the 2011 earthquake has prompted many Central Virginians to consider buying earthquake insurance. Here's what the SCC says about coverage:*

"Earthquakes are probably not something most Virginians think about when purchasing homeowners insurance. However, an earthquake on August 23, 2011 in Central Virginia served as a reminder that they can, and do, happen here.

The State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Bureau of Insurance reminds Virginians that damage from earthquakes is excluded under homeowners' policies unless coverage for earthquake-related damage has been purchased as an addition to their homeowners' insurance policy. Not every insurance company offers earthquake coverage, but many of them do. Consumers should review their policies to determine if they want to purchase this added protection.

Virginia Insurance Commissioner Jacqueline K. Cunningham encourages Virginia homeowners to review their policies carefully to fully understand any coverage limitations or exclusions, and to contact their insurance agents or companies for information relating to earthquake coverage and the rates for specific policies. Earthquake insurance rates are determined differently by each insurance company and vary depending upon the home's building construction.

Homeowners should review the coverage provisions and pay particular attention to the way the earthquake deductible applies. Earthquake deductibles are usually expressed as a percentage rather than a flat dollar amount, and many insurance companies use a two percent deductible. Earthquake deductibles apply separately to each coverage under the homeowners policy, so the Bureau urges consumers to make sure they understand how their deductible works.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Insurance Property and Casualty Division in Richmond at (804) 371-9185 or toll-free at 1-877-310-6560 or visit the Bureau's website at [www.scc.virginia.gov/boi](http://www.scc.virginia.gov/boi). Consumers who are deaf or who are hearing or speech impaired may call through the SCC's Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TDD) at (804) 371-9206.

The SCC is located in the Tyler Building at 1300 East Main Street in downtown Richmond. Normal business hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Correspondence may be mailed to the Bureau of Insurance at P.O. Box 1157, Richmond, VA 23218."

(Source: directly from [http://www.scc.virginia.gov/newsrel/i\\_quake\\_11.aspx](http://www.scc.virginia.gov/newsrel/i_quake_11.aspx))

## Street-Wise!

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Any HAZARDOUS or UNSAFE road problems should be called into 1-800-367-7623, available 24/7.

Non-emergency issues can be communicated via an online form on [virginia.gov](http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp) "Report a Road Problem" <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>. Please use a separate form per issue. All submissions are reviewed within 72 hours. Examples of non-urgent road challenges are:

- Traffic lights
- Road/Street signs
- Water drainage
- Guard rail repair/replacement
- Bridge work
- Animal, tree and debris removal from roadway

For the latest local road conditions dial 511 from any Virginia phone.


(Source: created from the VDOT website <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>)

### *National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Has Local Chapter*

By Melba Brodie of Krim Point

For Grove residents who are active, retired, or survivors of federal employees, the NARFE Midlothian Chapter 2265 meets at Brandermill Woods Retirement Clubhouse at 9:30am, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. For more information call Tony Michalek at 804-897-3384.

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## First Lego League Teams Consisting of Grove Residents wins in Regional Competitions

By: Melanie Suddreth  
FLL RoBo Broz Coach  
Kingham Resident

This year J.B. Watkins Elementary had two First Lego League Teams participate in regional competitions on November 5 and November 19, 2011. Both first year teams won a trophy. The RoBo Broz, including Grove residents Matthew Suddreth, Paul Miller, Tristan Smith, Reed Shelor, Trevor Larsen, and Mikie Headinger won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Robot Design.

The other team, Lego Warriors, consisting of Grove residents Courtney Galligher, Cole Simon and other Watkins students won the Judges Award.



The RoBo Broz Team: Paul Miller, Reed Shelor, Trevor Larsen, Matthew Suddreth, Tristan Smith, Mikie Headinger



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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.

**Babysitter** - Thirteen year-old Gravity Hill resident provides childcare services for ages toddler and over. Contact Dana Legere at 972-0694 or thelegeres@comcast.net.

**Babysitter Wanted** - Childcare needed for a 2 and 4 year old in Gravity Hill, Monday thru Friday, 2 pm to 7 pm. Need someone willing to commit through the summer and fall. Contact Christina Bays 804-396-9714.

**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** - 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Specialty Cakes** - Local cake makers create custom designed birthday cakes or cupcakes. Contact Emma & Claire Cullen at rossieleven@verizon.net or 379-4710.

**WELCOME TO THE GROVE!**

Charles & Kay Goode, 642 Krim Point Loop

New to the Neighborhood? The Welcome Committee has a smile and a gift bag just for you!  
Contact us at [grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com)

***Wanted: New Welcome Committee Chair***

After years of dedicated service, Judi Ryan-Phillips would like to step down as Welcome Committee Chair. Please consider taking on this vital role in our Community! To learn more or volunteer, contact Gerry Mancuso at [president@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:president@thegrovehoa.com) or Mike Burnette at [burnette@uronline.net](mailto:burnette@uronline.net).

Sandwich Board Volunteer

Also Needed

Another way to contribute to our neighborhood is by posting Grove events on the sandwich boards. To volunteer, please contact Gerry Mancuso at [president@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:president@thegrovehoa.com).

***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH***

A petition is currently circulating to start a Neighborhood Watch in the Grove. 60% of homeowners must approve its installation. To sign the petition or volunteer for the Committee please email Gerry Mancuso at [president@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:president@thegrovehoa.com).



Enroll for Fall - Preschool Through Kindergarten



# Join us for our **OPEN HOUSE**

Stop by your Primrose School for a special get-together. This is a great time to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy some refreshments. So, join us and let's get to know each other.

**What:** Open House

**When:** Thursday, March 22, 2012  
at 6 p.m.

**Where:** Primrose School of Midlothian Village  
13801 Village Place Dr.  
Midlothian, VA 23114

**RSVP:** 804.378.8773

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