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2010 Election Results

Election: At the Annual HOA meeting held November 11, 2010, Grove homeowners cast over 200 proxy ballots to re-elect the entire Board. While Gerry Mancuso, Steve Judd, and Maria Collins retain their respective roles as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, Gary Powers now serves as Secretary, and Gary Zyla as Director. It was a close race, with Mancuso leading at 117 votes, Judd 114, Collins 106, Powers 98, and Zyla 96. Former Director Bryan Foutch also ran but did not win, although he captured a respectable 85 votes.

Board roles are effective immediately. To contact them either separately or as a group, see page 2, or go to <http://thegrovehoa.com/contact-us/grove-hoa-board-of-directors-and-committees>.

Bylaw Amendment: Proxy ballots submitted to change the current Board term limitations from one to two years are still being counted.

GET INVOLVED!

Grove Homeowners Meetings

are held on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm
at the Clubhouse unless otherwise posted.

Meetings scheduled during this issue are
December 9th & January 13th

STAY IN TOUCH!

With the latest neighborhood news and alerts on

THE GROVE'S WEBSITE,

& EMAIL LISTSERVE

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on The Grove Resident's Group

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HOA Connection

Holiday Lights

'Tis the season for the annual holiday lights reminder! Please remove your decorations and lights within 20 days following the holiday, in accordance with covenants.

Architectural Review

Stay on Santa's "Nice" List! Planting and removing trees, as well as landscaping, irrigation, decks, additions, new driveways and sidewalks, changing paint colors, sheds, play equipment, swing sets, etc., requires ARC approval.

For further ARC guidelines, and applications, visit
<http://thegrovehoa.com/covenants-by-laws>.

DISCLOSURE BOOKS

If you are selling a home 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 assistance, please contact Community Group, Owner Services 270-1800.

Sellers of properties in Krim Point, Ridgemoor, and Scotter Hill 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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Ads and submissions for the
Feb. - Mar. issue are due Jan. 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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From Your HOA President

Hello Neighbors!

2010 has been a very productive year for the GHOA. New landscaping was installed in some of the common areas. We have replaced the swing sets and benches and mulched the playgrounds. The gazebos were repainted as well as the exterior of the clubhouse and outbuildings. The Coalfield privacy fence has been repaired and repainted. The YMCA side of this fence is presently undergoing repairs and will be repainted as well once work has been completed on the creek bed. The GHOA thanks the YMCA for contributing monetarily to this project.

I would like to thank the following residents who volunteered their time to committees or events this past year:

Architectural Review Committee: Matt Bartholomew, Aziz Bulling, Robert Gannett, Frank Gilmore, Steve Kellner

Clubhouse: Terry Cullen

Grounds Committee: Susan Kiger, Earl Nunnally

Kindergarten Social: Pam, Connelly, Anne Counoupas, Shelly Neofotistos, Kris Perko, Mary Self, Melissa Swartzwelder, Sarah Zyla

National Night Out: Pam Connelly, Shelly Neofotistos, Rachel Rysedorph, Rebecca Shepherd.

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Social Committee: Michelle Quiram, Julie Smith

Webmaster: Mike Soden

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

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) or Pool Pass Validation Committee. 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.

Happy Holidays to all of you and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Gerry Mancuso
GHOA President

Annual Assessments

It's that time of year to pay your Grove HOA dues. All homeowners on record should get an annual assessment letter in the mail soon from Community Group. The dues will remain at \$385 for 2011 and must be paid by Jan. 1st. Late fees will be applied on Jan 31st. These fees are in addition to the dues that those in Krim Point, Scotter Hills, and Ridgemoor must pay. Any questions, call Carolyn Grimes, our property manager at Community Group or e-mail cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

Payments made by mail must be sent to Klik-n-Pay, Community Group, Inc., P. O. Box 27898, Newark, NJ 07101-7898. A return window envelope will be provided with the statement to mail it back. **Homeowners can also pay online by going to www.communitygroup.com and clicking "Pay Assessments."**

You will be receiving a copy of 2011 Treasurer's Budget and a directory update form in the mail in early December. Please DO NOT send the directory form to the New Jersey P. O. Box. These should be returned to Diana Garbera, Directory Coordinator (see below) or Carolyn Grimes.

Submitted by Gerry Mancuso and Carolyn Grimes



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The Grove neighborhood directory is currently being updated. Please check your listing in the 2010 directory and email any additions, changes or corrections to Diana Garbera at garbera2@comcast.net. There will also be a directory update form included with your 2011 Treasurer's Budget in December. The deadline for directory updates is February 1st, 2011. Thanks.

Diana Garbera
Directory Coordinator
13406 Mitford Dr.



Clubhouse Rental Is Just a Few Clicks Away

Stop growing at your computer! Here's how to reserve the Clubhouse online:

Go to <http://thegrovehoa.com/>. If you do not already have a user name and password, click on the "Subscribe" link in the News and Alerts section of the webpage. This brings up a form requesting your residence information. Once you submit the form, you'll get a confirmation page. Within 48 hours you should receive an email with the user name and password.

Access the Clubhouse online reservation system directly at <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse/clubhouse-rentals>. Scroll down the page midway to the calendar section and click on the 31 day icon at the right. The calendar appears at the bottom. You can move forward or back through bookings by using the arrows "Next month", "Next 3 months", "Previous month", and "Previous 3 months". Note: the Clubhouse is booked only once per day.

To reserve a date, click "add new booking," then log in with the user name and password. Click on the + sign to the right of the date you want. This brings you to the "Add a booking page," which defaults to "Clubhouse." Click on the "Add" button to get to the "Add Booking" form. Complete the following fields (those having asterisks are required):

Title of Event
Your Full Name*
Phone Number*
Email Address*
Start date and time*
End date and time*
Comment

Press the save button.

You will get a confirmation email within 48 hours. The date will appear orange until confirmed then it changes to green.

Clubhouse rules, fees, and booking can be found at the links on the Clubhouse tab <http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse>.



Keep The Grove beautiful by promptly reporting any debris or decay around the neighborhood to Community Group. If you spot any dead trees or shrubs, broken spindles on the walking path bridges, burnt out landscape lights, pet waste station without bags, etc., please contact Carolyn Grimes at 270-1800 or cgrimes@communitygroup.com to address these needs.

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Winter Energy Savings Tips

This winter, save money and stay warm. Keep your energy bill and your pollution output low this winter by taking a whole-house approach to heating.

- During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable when home. By resetting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day (for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10 percent.
- Weatherize your home: caulk and weatherstrip any doors and windows that leak air.
- Properly maintain and clean heating equipment.
- Replace furnace filters regularly.
- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your area.

(Article from The U. S. Department of Energy)



Holiday Shopping Safety

Holiday season is fast approaching and with that said it is time to remember that criminals don't take a vacation. Here are some tips to help make your shopping experience safer:

- If possible, shop during daylight hours
- Shop with a friend or a group of friends
- Avoid wearing excessive or expensive jewelry
- Choose parking spaces in high traffic, well-lit areas, as close to entrances as possible
- Do not leave valuables visible inside your car
- Always lock your car and make sure windows, including the sunroof, are completely closed
- Stay alert and be aware of those around you
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted, offenders may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings
- Keep your purse closed, carry it close to your body and keep a firm grip on it
- Never leave your purse or wallet unattended in a shopping cart
- Avoid carrying multiple credit cards and large amounts of cash
- Conceal your credit card numbers and personal identification numbers (PIN)
- Do not overburden yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps
- Walk facing traffic so you can see approaching cars
- Have keys in your hand as you approach your vehicle
- Check the back seat of your car before entering
- Once you are in your vehicle, lock your doors immediately
- Never place packages or your purse on top of your vehicle
- Immediately report suspicious persons and activities to police

(From Chesterfield Co. Neighborhood Watch Newsletter)



Get Ready Now For Winter!

Winter Preparedness Week is Dec. 5-11, 2010

Who can forget the winter of 2009-2010! Multiple record-breaking snowstorms and cold temperatures affected every part of Virginia.

Millions of us suffered through power outages. Snowplow drivers worked around the clock to get roads open. School systems shut down for days. Sadly, 14 Virginians lost their lives due to last winter's storms.

Many communities set records for the number of days with at least one inch of snow on the ground. And it could happen again this year.

Winter Preparedness Week – set for Dec. 5-11 – is the time to get ready for possible bad weather. All it takes is one heavy snow that sticks around for several days or an ice storm that knocks out power to remind us that being prepared ahead of time just makes sense.

Make a plan. Decide on a meeting place outside of your neighborhood if your family is separated and cannot return home because of closed roads. Choose an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family's point of contact for emergency communications. With your family, write down your emergency plan – get a free worksheet at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

Get a kit. Here are basic supplies for winter weather: three days' food; three days' water (a gallon per person per day); a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries; and your written family emergency plan. After you have these essential supplies, add a first aid kit, medications if needed, blankets and warm clothing, supplies for special member of your household, and pet items.

Stay informed. Before, during and after a winter storm, you should listen to local media for information and instructions from emergency officials. Be aware of winter storm watches and warnings and road conditions. You can get road condition information 24/7 by calling 511 or checking www.511Virginia.org.

Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov and print out an emergency supply checklist and a family emergency plan. It's time to get ready for winter weather now.

Article by:

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Grove Boys Win Division I Lego League

By Brian Garbera, Grove Resident



Three 5th grade Grove boys competed on a 5 person team at the **FIRST[®]LEGO[®] League** Richmond Tournament held at the Science Museum of VA on Saturday, November 6th. Their team, Tobor Fanatics, won first place for the Mission Competition and won first place overall Division I and will be competing in the State competitions held at James Madison University on December 4th and 5th. The Grove team members are pictured in the center and are Sam Garbera, Grady Bastaich, and Noah Smith.

FIRST[®]LEGO[®] League (FLL) introduces younger students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society.

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 2nd Wednesday of every month. For more information call Marv Hecker, President, at 804-748-2382 or Tony Michalek at 804-897-3384.

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.

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.

Child Care Services

Mother's helper - I'll help you at home with your children. Eleven year-old Grove resident available to be a mother's helper. Call Kate at 897-2421.

Entertainment

Need musical entertainment for any private parties or functions in the Grove? We have a 6 person neighborhood band (2 guitars, bass, drums and vocals) with full PA/equipment that can provide a few hours of music for your party/event here in The Grove. We play musical styles ranging from 60's-70's Classic rock/blues (Elvis, Van Morrison, Doobie Brothers, The Band), the Big 80's (John Mellencamp, Georgia Satellites), 90's/current pop/rock (John Mayer, Pink), some Country (Sugarland, Miranda Lambert) and a whole lot more. For inquiries, please e-mail Brian Legere at thelegeres@comcast.net.

Pet Care Services

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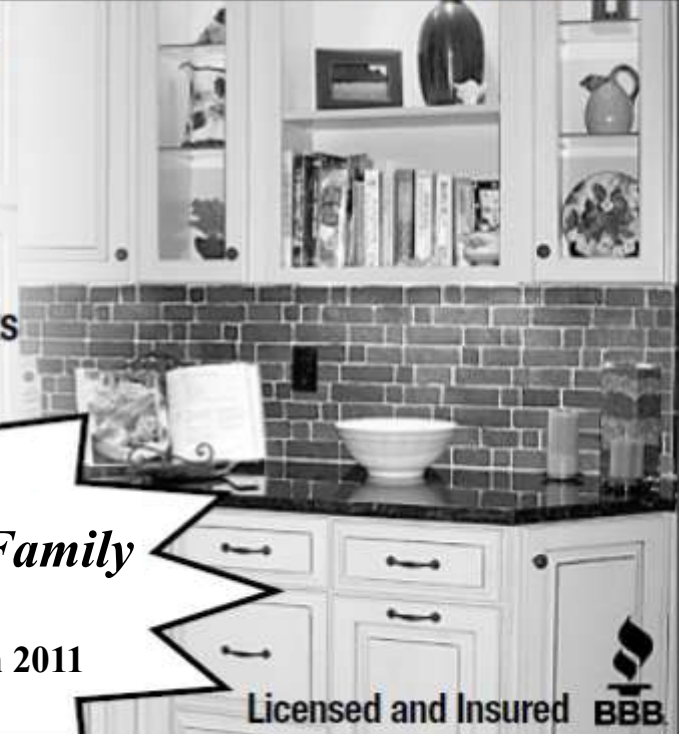
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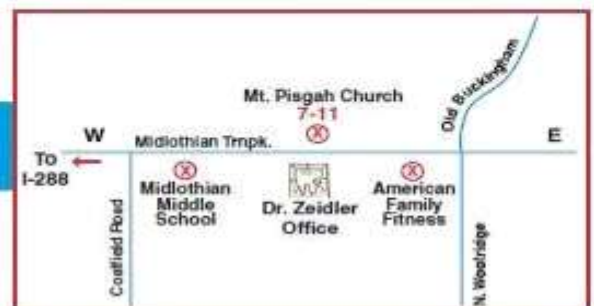
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