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## Decision 2012: Grove HOA Board Up for Election

The Grove HOA Annual meeting and election of Board members will be held on November 8, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Around October 15th please watch your mail for an envelope from Associa/Community Group containing important information about the meeting, election, and a proxy/ballot. To meet the quorum, please sign and return your proxy and ballot prior to the meeting on November 8th!

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, there are 2 seats up for re-election this year for two year terms. Please contact any board member or Carolyn Grimes at Community Group for more information.

By Carolyn Grimes

### *Steve Judd Resigns*

In case you have not heard, Steve Judd has resigned from The Grove HOA Board to pursue other opportunities. We are very grateful for his many years of dedication and service to our neighborhood. Earl Nunnally has agreed to serve out the remainder of Steve's term. Thanks, Steve and Earl!

By Gerry Mancuso

### Fence Painting Alert!

In mid-October, the Association will paint the white picket fences along Grove Hill Road. We are asking all homeowners who own homes adjacent to the fences to please prune shrubbery and trees, and pull vines, weeds and greenery away from the fences. Please note that the contractor will be painting both sides of the fences and any assistance you can provide on your property will be appreciated. Should you have questions please contact Carolyn Grimes at Community Group, 270-1800 or email [cgrimes@communitygroup.com](mailto:cgrimes@communitygroup.com).

By Carolyn Grimes

### *Free Up Closet Space at the Community Yard Sale!*

Saturday, October 6th

(Rain Date October 13th)

8 a. m to 12 p.m.

The HOA will advertise the event in the newspaper, and place signs at entrances the day of the sale. Please remove any personal ad signs immediately following the sale.



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# HOA Connection



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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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## K Social Passes With Flying Colors!

The Kindergarten Social was a huge success thanks to the following volunteers: Josie Kurz, Leann Owings, Melissa and Greg Davis, Laurie Melis, Grace Headinger, Emily Smith and Molly Graves. The kids had so much fun meeting their teachers, playing games, and making new friends for the upcoming school year!

Kim McComb, K Social Coordinator



### *Social Committee Update*

By: Marielle Pool, Social Committee

Sign up on the *Grove Residents* listserv and Facebook page for spooky happenings around Halloween! We're planning a pizza party and parade for the kiddos around that time. Once we finalize the details we'll get the word out!

To serve on the Social Committee or help out at events contact us at [socials@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:socials@thegrovehoa.com).



Stay in the loop! Join the Facebook group **through [thegrovehoa.com](http://thegrovehoa.com) by selecting the “join here” link at the middle of the webpage.** This takes you to Facebook. Request permission to join from the administrator (Mike Burnette). The neighborhood listserv can also be accessed on [thegrovehoa.com](http://thegrovehoa.com). Click the “join here” link and complete the form. The password is the same as needed to rent the Clubhouse and “Discuss a Topic.”



## Summer Ends With a BOOM!

A sudden torrential downpour failed to dampen the spirits of Grovers attending the Labor Day picnic. Despite thunder and lightning, the Clubhouse was filled with good company, conversation, and cheery music. A special shout out goes to organizer Marielle Pool, and her helpers who braved the elements: Annette and Jon Gregori, and Caryn Persinger.



## Leash Law Alert

Chesterfield County law requires that all pets be leashed away from their homes. Also, as a courtesy pet waste should be removed from common areas.

## Creek Beds Damaged

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## National Night OUT 2012

By Gerry Mancuso

Overcast skies caused a low turnout all through the County at this year's National Night Out. Those that attended our event were treated to ice cream and lots of goodies. McGruff and the police were on hand to meet and greet the neighbors.

A big thank you goes to the volunteers for NNO:

Ariana and Tia Stewart

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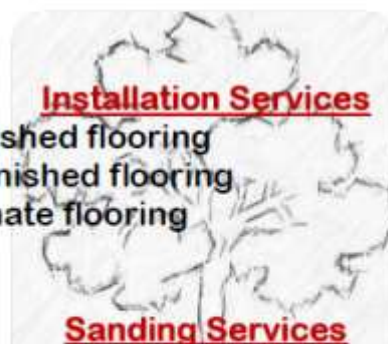
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## RoBo Broz Gear Up For Competition

By Melanie Suddreth, Team Coach



Alex Neofotistos, Paul Miller, Tristan Smith, Reed Shelor, Trevor Larsen, and Matthew Suddreth


The First Lego League (FLL) Team, RoBo Broz 2.0, visited Chesterfield Heights in August to interview seniors as part of their research for this year's FLL competition theme, "Senior Solutions". FLL has challenged teams across the country to help find solutions to obstacles that seniors may encounter in

everyday living. Competition date is November 3rd and the boys are currently working very hard getting ready for this big day. The RoBo Broz 2.0 participants attend J.B. Watkins and Midlothian Middle and all live in The Grove. Good luck boys!





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The Midlothian Foundation sponsors the activities which include a parade, craft fair, games, inflatable's, food, entertainment, community booths, and a raffle.

Proceeds benefit MJWC's community projects such as Cinderella Dreams. Other local charities supported by the event are Richmond Friends of the Homeless, ASK, Freedom House, Feedmore and many more. For more information, email the Festival Chair at [chair@midlothianfestival.net](mailto:chair@midlothianfestival.net) or



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## Growing Young

By Brian and Susan Austin

Some describe retirement as “the beginning of the end of one’s life...” but we prefer to view this wonderful stage of living as the start of new possibilities and opportunities to share our passions and talents. Although we are both from Illinois, we fell in love with Virginia and the Southeast as a **result of Brian’s career moves to several universities as a professor of psychology and administrator and Susan’s work as a school counselor in many states.**

We moved to The Grove in late 2001 and Susan immediately involved herself in first volunteering as the Grove Welcome Committee and then the Newsletter which **she continues to this day. Since Brian’s full retirement in 2009, every day is Saturday and we can more fully enjoy our interests in traveling, both here and abroad, as well as museums, gardening and history. Susan has parlayed these loves into arranging day trips for her Chesterfield Women’s League and supporting beautification projects with the Midlothian Garden Club.**

**One of Brian’s interests for most of his adult life is motorcycling.** As he neared retirement about six years ago, he thought how good it would feel to give back to the motorcycle community by becoming a certified motorcycle **safety instructor for the DMV. Well, it’s hard to put into words what an interesting experience that turned out to be! One time involved attempting to teach elderly grandma and grandpa, their adult children and teenage grandchildren who thought it would be a great family reunion activity to learn to ride motorcycles (not so much!). Other times it was gratifying to see new riders of all ages and walks of life learn the fundamental skills of safe riding. It was also an unexpected opportunity to use**

his experience as a clinical psychologist to address the anxieties many new riders experience as they master the controls of a roaring motorcycle for the first time.

**Another of Brian’s most enduring passions over the past decade was to explore drawing and painting in watercolors.** The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) in Chesterfield County offers a broad spectrum of classes for seniors. Besides our Spanish and Ballroom Dancing classes, Brian has really enjoyed his watercolor classes and developed his artistic talents. One also makes many friends there. Another interest was drawing with colored pencils as **an artistic medium and since they weren’t offering it at LLI,** Brian volunteered to teach a class in it this fall. Fun again to use his teaching skills and help others enjoy new artistic interests.

Our little 1995 Miata convertible is getting more mileage now and new adventures for us as we joined the Central Virginia Miata Club. We go on monthly rallies with our golden age buddies with our gray hair and no hair blowing in the wind.

Each stage of life brings with it new challenges and potential adventures. If you are open to opportunities you may find extraordinary satisfaction not only for yourself, but sharing your talents and passions to enrich the lives of others. If this is your case or you want it to be so, then **you too will remain youthful in heart and spirit. Don’t grow old; grow young!**



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### ***Welcome Committee Chair(s) Sought***

If you enjoy meeting new people, please consider becoming a Welcome Committee Chair or Co-Chair. Responsibilities are shared with volunteers already in place. To learn more, email Gerry Mancuso at [president@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:president@thegrovehoa.com) or Mike Burnette at [burnette@uronline.net](mailto:burnette@uronline.net).

### ***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH***

Now that the Watch is up and running, we need a few folks to keep it going. If you are interested in becoming a Chair, Co-Chair, or member, please contact Gerry Mancuso at [president@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:president@thegrovehoa.com).

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