



The Grove Miner



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It's your turn to serve on The Grove HOA!



Every year the board holds its annual HOA elections. If you would like to be nominated for the board, please contact ACS West or a current board member so that your name can be placed on the ballot.

Nominations need to be received by October 5 to be included on the ballot that will be sent out the with the annual meeting notice.

Nominations from the floor are also accepted at the meeting.

Is this the year you get involved with The Grove?? We hope so!



The Grove HOA Elections & Annual Meeting

November 12, 2009
6:30 PM
Grove Clubhouse

Please plan now to attend!

Later in October, you will receive a ballot and information for this meeting.

If you cannot attend, please return your proxy!

The Grove Yard Sales



October 3, 8am-Noon
(rain date October 10)

The Grove HOA will advertise and post signs at the entrances. You can put up signs to your home, but please remove them promptly the same day.

Halloween Parade



Bring your little guys and gals in their costumes and join us for our neighborhood Halloween Parade around the pond!

When: Saturday October 24
Time: 11am
Where: The Grove Clubhouse
No RSVP needed.



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A Salute to some of the Veterans of The Grove (page 8)



GROVE RESIDENTS FREE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

Selling your Krim Point home? We have retiring parents who are interested in relocating to our area to be close to their grandson. If there is anyone in the Krim Point subdivision willing to discuss the area, features of the community or knows of any sales opportunities, please feel free to contact me at tracey@iggyandabby.com. Thanks so much, Tracey Malkie

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Wanted Pokémon Cards: 6-year-old is looking to buy "cheap" Pokémon Cards...if you have some that your kids can part with, email his parents (Mike and Kathy Burnette) at burnette@uronline.net.

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Things you need to know in The Grove

The Grove
Tacky Light Tour
December 12



See December Newsletter or website for details.



The clubhouse calendar is filling up for the holidays!

Need to book the clubhouse ?

Go to: www.thegrovehoa.com
and sign up for a username and password
if you do not already have one.

When the website changed last fall, so did your password. Please sign up for your new one today. The password you receive via email is your permanent one, and you should not attempt to change it online.



The President's Message – Ben Owings

Fall is upon us and, if you haven't done so, now is the time to do some lawn maintenance to make sure our lawns look as good as they can through the winter, and come out great next spring.

It is also the time of year for change on the board. Our annual election is coming up, and we need nominations for the board and volunteers for other committees. Without volunteers this neighborhood ceases to function as it does. We will have one or more open spots on the board, and I encourage everyone to consider stepping forward.

We have had several incidents of vandalism. It seems that some people think that the railings in the gazebo need carving or burning. If you see vandalism taking place, please report it to the board or to the police. We have a nice neighborhood with nice amenities. We would like to keep it that way. The board intends to prosecute anyone caught vandalizing HOA property.

Have a happy fall. I appreciate the opportunity to have served the association over the last few years and look forward to supporting the next board.

Signs in Grove -not allowed-



No signs are allowed in your yard except for one "For Sale" sign in your front yard. Directional "For Sale" (open house) signs are only allowed on weekends.

**Political signs, contractor signs, etc.
are prohibited.**



Any questions,
call ACS West.

What is that mess around the pond?



The board is well aware of the ever-increasing problem of the Goose population around our lake and the "remnants" they leave behind. We are continuing to research proper and humane ways to deal with this issue. Thanks for your patience!

On another note: You may have noticed that the fountain in the pond has been off. Major repairs were being done and hopefully will have been made by the time you read this!

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Someone's *life* depends on *you*.

Top ten reasons to donate blood

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2. You get to enjoy awesome refreshments.

And the number 1 reason is:

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 for you or someone you love...

The Grove Blood Drive at the Clubhouse
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The Grove Pool

Thanks for a great pool season!



For the 2010 season, there are currently no pool committee volunteers.

You are desperately needed to be the eyes and ears of the pool to the Board. Volunteers are also needed for pool pass distribution. If you can help next season, please email vicepresident@thegrovehoa.com

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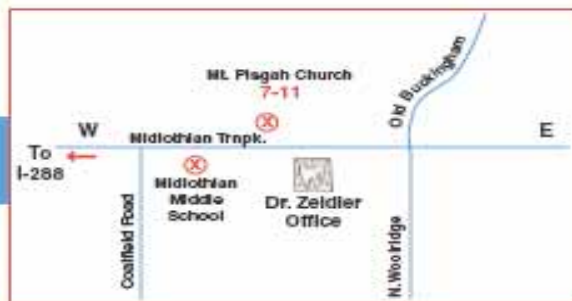
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Just a Short Walk Away

by Dave Anderson



The Grove, with the help of Vicki Miller and Chesterfield County Schools, has been pursuing a Safe Routes to Schools grant since the spring of this year to create better walking opportunities for the children of The Grove who attend J.B. Watkins Elementary School. Vicki Miller, a retired physical education teacher (Crestwood) and an adjunct professor at VCU, is now trying to help schools like Watkins secure funding from some of the million

dollars currently available in the SRTS program. Watkins was chosen in large part because it has a large number of its children within a small radius of the school. The idea behind SRTS is that, if safer routes are available, more parents and children will have the opportunity to walk instead of drive to school, either by car or by bus.

For The Grove, this represents a real opportunity to bridge an important gap that has hampered more walkers to Watkins – Woolridge Road. The major road that cuts between the school and our homes currently creates a significant safety problem, most notably high speeds, of the many cars heading to and from Midlothian. The SRTS grant would include funding for several improvements across Woolridge Road, including a physical crosswalk and blinking caution lights in each direction to alert motorists of the potential for crossers. The crossing as currently envisioned would cross at the proposed future second entrance to the YMCA. This is where the current crossover in the median exists halfway between Coalfield and Grove Hill Roads. The blinking caution lights would flash during the hour before and the hour after school as a daily reminder to motorists that they are sharing the road in this area.

We have had many supporters including the Midlothian Family YMCA, Tom Garner and Chesterfield Schools. The YMCA is looking to assist The Grove and SRTS in providing connections to and through the YMCA property to provide a more direct route to the safe crossing. After-school programs of the YMCA will benefit by a SRTS crossing that will allow area residents to walk, instead of bus, their children back to the Y campus. In its role as a community connector, the YMCA also wants the linkages to provide more opportunities to pull the communities of Midlothian together, including the YMCA, library, schools, various churches, and the hundreds of homes in the area.



Tom Garner, a local developer and former owner of the land on which The Grove was built, has graciously encouraged a linkage through his business property to the north of Woolridge Road adjacent to the Library. His plans to develop an office park with public gathering plazas and walkable streetscapes blend wonderfully with the SRTS trail concept. Tom has been philanthropic to the Midlothian area for decades, donating the YMCA property, Midlothian Mines Park and hopefully the lake and future amphitheater at the Green at Midlothian Village. His generosity continues with his full support of our creating a safe route to school through his property.

Crossing guards to assist both parents and children crossing Woolridge Road are also in the program's plans. This will further ensure that crossings will be safe for those who choose this option of getting to school.

The grant process is underway, and Vicki Miller has submitted paperwork to the required agencies. We will keep you posted on the progress as we learn more. The successful walking bus that was started last year, with over a hundred participating children, made a difference. We look forward to having safer routes to school in the future to provide for a healthier and happier Grove community.

If you have any questions or suggestions on routes and trails to school, please contact Catharine Anderson at greencatharine@gmail.com.

VETS TELL WWII STORIES

BY GAIL GILMORE

Lou Caraker and Bill Teefey live only a block apart in Krim Point. They haven't formally met, although they've probably crossed paths at some event at the Grove Clubhouse. But more than 65 years ago, both were U.S. Marines fighting on Guadalcanal.

Caraker was a Marine Raider. Teefey served in the First Marine Division.

Caraker, who lives on Krim Point Trail, joined the Marines in 1941 from his hometown of Jacksonville, FL. Teefey, a native Richmonder, enlisted in 1942. He lives on Krim Point Loop.

Caraker met his wife, Aileen, a World War II Navy nurse, when he was recovering in 1945 at Jacksonville Naval Hospital. A black-and-white photograph of Teefey and his sister, Mary, shows him in his Marine uniform and her in a WAC uniform.

Caraker was under the command of Col. Jimmy Roosevelt, FDR's son. Teefey's division was commanded by Col. "Chesty" Puller.

Tom Brokaw called people like the Carakers and Teefeys "The Greatest Generation." They grew up during the Depression, helped win World War II and then went on to build the modern U.S.A.



Teefey & sister Mary



Grandson Chip & Caraker

For Lou Caraker, recent events have enlivened his memories of the war. His grandson, Capt. T. F. Hancock (known as Chip to his grandfather), graduated this spring in the first graduating class of the Marine Special Operations School. Caraker and many others consider the newly formed Marine Special Operations Command a rebirth of the Marine Raiders, which disbanded at the end of World War II. The Raiders' symbol includes a stiletto, a short dagger with a tapering blade. He said the largest weapon his unit had was a bazooka.

When Caraker attended his grandson's graduation, he was formally recognized as a Raider during the ceremony by Maj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Marine Special Operations Command. The general also gave Caraker a medallion of the new service.

Members of the Raiders and the new Special Operations Command are known as "silent warriors" because they fight behind enemy lines.

Caraker traveled with other Raiders on the Liberty ship President Polk to the Pacific.

When the ship arrived at Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides islands, he was told, "Your father wants to talk to you" on the fantail of the ship. When he went to investigate, Caraker said he found his father, a Seabees warrant officer, visiting the ship. He later ran into another relative – the hard way.

Caraker said he and several friends "borrowed" a Jeep one night on Guadalcanal and rode out to explore. They wound up in an air raid and jumped into nearby foxholes for protection. Caraker said he ended up in a foxhole already occupied by his uncle.

Besides Guadalcanal, Caraker saw action in the Russell and New Georgia islands, also in the Solomon Islands.

When he returned to the U.S., Caraker was sent to Jacksonville Naval Hospital for treatment of malaria, dengue fever and a leg ulcer. He continued to serve there after recovering. He soon met a lovely Navy nurse named Aileen. Now Mrs. Caraker for 64 years, she reports, "This bold fellow came through the ward every day." It was love at first sight.

Aileen Caraker is a charter member of the Women's War Memorial in Washington, DC.

After the war, the newlyweds moved to Binghamton, NY (her hometown), and he attended SUNY-



Binghamton majoring in business. He then had a 34-year career with Proctor & Gamble, which brought them to the Richmond area.

In April, Caraker was named volunteer of the year at Johnston-Willis Hospital.

Bill Teefey, the Richmonder, was the eldest of 12 children, four of whom served in the military in World War II. After graduating from John Marshall High School, he enlisted in the Marines and was assigned to the First Marine Division, often called "The Old Breed." After shipping out from Camp Pendleton, CA, they sailed for New Zealand. His division fought to gain Guadalcanal in fall 1942. They later went to Melbourne, Australia, to rest and refit. It was there the Marines heard the song "Waltzing Matilda," which became – and still is – the song played when the First Marine Division ships out.

Besides Guadalcanal, Teefey, a platoon sergeant, saw combat with the First Marines in the Russell Islands and at Cape Gloucester in present-day Papua New Guinea. At Pavuvu in the Russell Islands, Teefey said, there were so many palm trees that "more guys were injured by falling coconuts" than by combat. Rifles were their starting weapons. He said they were the first to use handheld flamethrowers, which they shot into foxholes to rout the enemy.

"Surviving was the ultimate objective of every Marine," Teefey noted. However, one of his best memories was when the First Marines were on Pavuvu. Someone heard that comedian Bob Hope had entertained Army troops on a nearby island. A Marine officer flew over and asked Hope to adjust his schedule and add a performance on Pavuvu. Hope complied, bringing his entire show to the First Marines.

Returning to the U.S., Teefey began Officers' Candidate School at Camp Lejeune, NC, then was sent to college at the University of North Carolina. When the war ended, he transferred to the University of Richmond, majoring in business.

Teefey rejoined the Marines during the Korean conflict and served at Camp Lejeune. He and his wife, Jane, operated a Richmond real estate firm for many years. He retired from French & Co. real estate.

John Davis, who lives two doors from Bill Teefey on Krim Point Loop, joined the Navy fresh out of high school in 1944. He retired after three wars and 21 years of service as a master chief petty officer – the highest enlisted rank (E-9), which is held by just one percent of the enlisted force.

Davis, who hails from Asheville, NC, went to Camp Peary, VA, for boot camp. He was then assigned to the engine room of the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga in the Mediterranean. He left the Navy after the end of World War II but rejoined for the Korean war, where he served on the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered carrier and still the longest ship in the world. Davis continued in the Navy well into the Vietnam war, retiring in 1969 as master CPO in charge of a section of the engine room of the huge carrier.

A collage in a hallway in Davis' home features a small photo of him in his dress uniform, along with his medals, patches and dog tag.

Byron Foutch, often called "the mayor of Krim Point," qualifies as a World War II veteran but quickly tells a visitor that he enlisted after the fighting was over. At 17, he "came off the farm" – a dirt farm in rural Tennessee – and joined the Navy. After being assigned to the battleship Wisconsin, Foutch and his fellow sailors relieved 2,000 men who came back from fighting in the Pacific. His first assignment was swabbing decks. He immediately applied to be a radioman.

"Being young and stupid, I was in communications after a month," Foutch said with a chuckle. It took him one week to learn to type 30 words per minute.

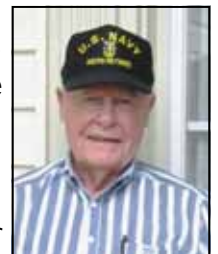
Between 1946 and 1948, Foutch traveled with the Wisconsin to South America. They went ashore at Lima, Peru; Santiago and Valparaíso, Chile; and other ports,



Teefey at Cape Gloucester as seen in the book *The Old Breed: First Marine Division in WWII*



Davis on the Enterprise as seen in a 1963 National Geographic



Davis

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where they tried to make friends for the U.S. in an area that, during the war, had ties to the Axis powers. During his service, the Wisconsin also anchored at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Portsmouth, England.

After a two-year enlistment, Foutch joined the inactive reserve and was recalled for Korea, serving mostly in Massachusetts. When he left the Navy, he used the G.I. Bill to attend night school while working fulltime. He retired from Reynolds Metals. He and his wife, Violet, live on Krim Point Road.



Foutch

(NOTE: We know other residents served during World War II and we hope to feature them in future issues. Email us at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com to be included.)

To these Veterans and all of those who live in The Grove, thank you!



*Remember Veterans Day on November 11
and fly your flag proudly!*



This Lawn!

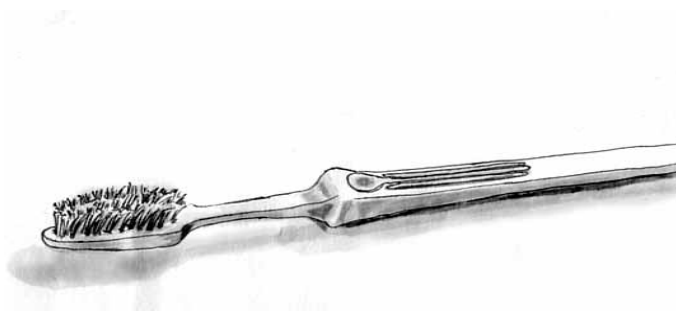
**Aerate, fertilize, weed control...
oh my!**

The best time to fertilize is in the fall. It is the time when grass produces its root growth. If you fertilize in the spring, you actually run the risk of root mass and your lawn will become much less drought resistant. It is always best to use a mulching mower and return the clippings back into the lawn whenever possible. This will not contribute to thatch. The best time to control winter weeds is in late October and early November for broadleaf weeds. In March, apply a crabgrass pre-emergent. (Do not apply with fertilizer mixed in.) In late April or early May, apply summer broadleaf control. In May, apply a second crabgrass pre-emergent. The best time to aerate is late August to mid-September.

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Neighborhood Night Out



Kindergarten Social



On September 2, 38 new Kindergarteners attended The Grove's Kindergarten Ice Cream Social. The kindergarteners got to listen to a story, make bracelets, color a picture, enjoy ice cream and make new friends.

Welcome
Kindergarteners



Angela Castillo and Anne Counoupas would like to thank the following Moms for their help at the social: Catharine Anderson, Liz Honrado, Maggi Lewis, Annette Bashensky, Judi Ryan-Phillips, Patty Baggett, Suzi Deas, Michelle Quiram and Melanie Suddreth.

Backflow Tests - Plan it for the Spring of 2010

Every irrigation system that is connected to the Chesterfield County water system is required to have a backflow prevention device installed before the first sprinkler head. There are two acceptable devices for this application. They are a reduced pressure zone device and a pressure vacuum breaker.



Most Chesterfield water customers may not be aware they are required to have their backflow device tested once a year and filed with the Utilities Department. This is not a new policy or ordinance; however, enforcement efforts are now a high priority because of the thousands of irrigation systems in the county. If you have any questions or want more information, please call the Chesterfield Utilities Department, Cross Connection Control Information line at 748.1280.

The test should be done in the SPRING, not the fall. A lot can happen to your system during the winter, so if the test is done now, it will be invalid once the system is turned off for the winter and will need to be redone in the spring to ensure the backflow preventer works properly during the 2010 watering season.

Look for information in your 2010 water bills. The Grove HOA board is working with some irrigation companies to offer package deals when multiple residents commit to getting them done together. If you can volunteer to coordinate this effort, please email us at: newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.

We will update you in future newsletters and through the email alerts.

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The 28th Annual Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair

The festival is the largest community project each year for the Midlothian Junior Woman's Club. Highlights of the festival include a parade sponsored by the Midlothian Foundation, craft fair, games, inflatables, food, entertainment, community booths and a silent auction. All festival proceeds will be donated to charities in the community. For information visit www.midlothianfestival.net or email the festival chair at chair@midlothianfestival.net.



Our annual Grove Labor Day picnic was a ton of fun!

Approximately 60 residents braved the rainy weather and joined their neighbors for great food and great conversation at the Clubhouse.

Thank you to Michelle Quiram, Julie Smith, Gary Powers, Jen Powers and Julia Trebour for all of their help.

For those of you that missed it, we hope to see you at the next social!

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Angela Dingus-Ireland and her grand-daughter Becky visited Greece, where Angela was born and raised.. They also travelled through Italy to see the roots of their faith. They were blessed by the Pope while they were visiting the Vatican.



Harrison and Ava Deas played with a sea turtle in Grand Cayman during their Carnival Cruise for their grandparents 50th wedding anniversary.

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