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Want Change?
Run for Office!
GHOA Annual Meeting
and Board Election
November 10, 2011
6:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse

# Midlothian Ranks 6 on CNBC's Top Ten "Most Perfect Suburbs"!

On August 31, CNBC reported that Midlothian places 6th as one of the top ten best suburbs to live. Our outstanding public education system, low unemployment, and low crime rates contributed to the high ranking, according to Neighborhood Scout.

To learn more, see http://www.cnbc.com/id/44347217/10\_Perfect\_Suburbs? slide=6.

(Information found at CNBC. Headline courtesy of Grove resident Ila Howard)

#### **Grove Board Elections and Nominations**

The Grove is currently seeking nominations for Board members to be elected at the Annual Homeowner meeting November 10. If you would like to run for office or nominate a candidate for the Board, please immediately contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com or Carolyn Grimes at cgrimes@communitygroup.com to get your name on the ballot!

**Community Yard Sale** 

Saturday, October 8th

(Rain date October 22nd)

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

If "The Price Is Right," then "Let's Make A Deal!" Win Big Money at The Grove's semi-annual yard sale! HOA will put ads in the paper and signs at entrances. Signs directing shoppers to your home are allowed as long as they are removed promptly afterwards.

#### 2010-2011 Board of Directors

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### The Grove's Full Service **Community Manager**

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#### 270-1800

email: cgrimes@communitygroup.com www.communitygroup.com For neighborhood violations, repairs, assessments, architectural modifications, vendor management, etc.

#### **Grove Contacts**

#### **Architectural Modifications**

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#### Clubhouse

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#### **Social**

socials@thegrovehoa.com

#### **Neighborhood Safety**

Marina Leneave, 897-4627

# **HOA Connection**

#### Architectural Review

Is your curb appealing or appalling? Covenants require that all Grove properties be maintained in accordance to standards. Also, any structural additions or changes must be approved in advance by the Architectural Review Committee. For guidelines see http://thegrovehoa.com/ covenants-by-laws or email cgrimes@communitygroup.com.

The ARC committee is seeking new members. ALL work is done online and takes very little time. To volunteer, contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

### **Scotter Hills Playground Update**

Upon hearing resident opposition, and reviewing safety and parking concerns, the Grove Board is no longer considering the proposal to add a playground to Scotter Hills.

#### Disclosure Package Reminder

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.

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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Ads and submissions for the Dec - Jan issue are due Nov 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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#### Around the Grove



#### The Grove is Groovin' Again!

Thanks to Marielle Pool, Lisa Rossi, Donna Jarratt, Laina Schutz, and Caryn Persinger, our Social Committee is alive and groovin' in The Grove! A special shout out goes to the gang for coordinating the Labor Day picnic and for upcoming DO's!

Here's the scoop on neighborhood events, from Marielle Pool.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS!

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Dinner and Parade!
Pizza Party 5:30 - 6:00
Parade 6:00 - 6:30

Pizza and drinks will be served in the clubhouse followed by a parade around the pond. \$1 admission/person for food. Parade is free. Be sure to dress in costume! Please RSVP by October 24<sup>th</sup> to socials@thegrovehoa.com

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Adult Happy Hour at the Clubhouse 7:00 - 10:00 PM

80's cover band Sabrina & The Raves, featuring 2
members from The Grove, Brian Legere and Bob Walsh,
will be our entertainment!
Beer and wine available at the clubhouse for \$5/person.
Band cover is free. Please bring an appetizer to share.
Please RSVP by November 12<sup>th</sup> to
socials@thegrovehoa.com

#### DOG ATTACK IN GROVE

Recently an unleashed dog attacked a Grove resident. The victim sustained injuries that required medical attention. Leashing your pet is not a courtesy; it's Chesterfield County law. Please keep your pets under control for the safety of others.

Dog waste continues to be a hazard along common areas. Please dispose of feces in the pet waste receptacles located on the pathways.

#### **National Night Out 2011 MONTAGE**





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### Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

Over 35 rising kindergartners attended our annual Kindergarten Ice Cream Social! The kids enjoyed games, crafts, stories, and, most importantly, sugary sweets! Many thanks to those who made the Social successful, including Kathy Burnette, Melissa Calkins, Mark Connelly, Tracy Malkie, Alison McMahon, Kris Perko, Caryn Persinger, Camille Royster, Julie Solomon, Melissa Swartzwelder, Jim Counoupas, Greg Davis, and many others who stepped up to assist during the event. Thanks also go to our wonderful youth helpers -Claire Cullen, Emma Cullen, Elli Perkins, Jordan, and Maria Scarpa.

Submitted by: Anne Counoupas & Melissa Davis

#### Volunteers Needed

When we put our heads and hands together, we can accomplish anything! This Grove spirit revitalized the Social Committee, and assisted with NNO and the K Social.

Neighborhood Watch and the Clubhouse are two committees in need of help. To join please contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com





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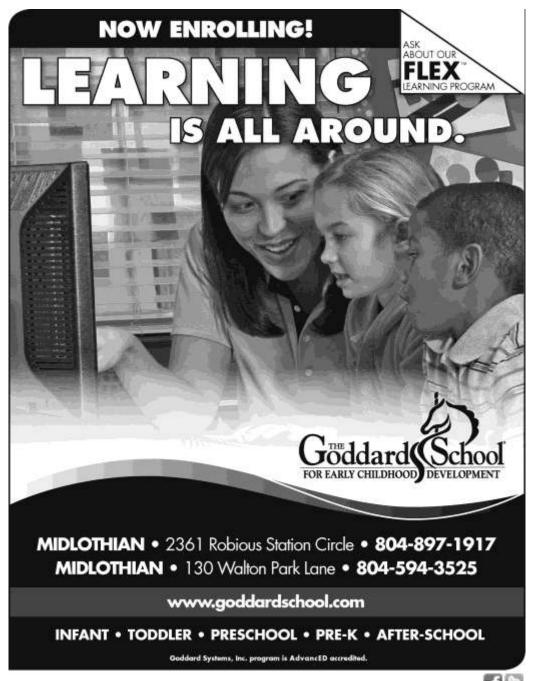


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## Scouting For Food

Each year, local Scouts participate in the National Scouting Food Drive, to collect food for our needy families. On Saturday, October 29, Cub Scouts will distribute bags throughout the community. Please fill the bag with nonperishable goods, and set out the bags on Saturday, November 5 for the Boy Scouts to pick up.

#### Midlothian Village Day Festival

The 30th Annual Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair takes place Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Midlothian Middle School from 10 AM - 3 PM. It's a fun filled day for the entire family. The festival is the largest community project each year for the Midlothian Junior Women's Club (MJWC).

Highlights of the festival are a parade sponsored by the Midlothian Foundation, craft fair, games, inflatables, food, entertainment, community booths, raffle and silent auction.

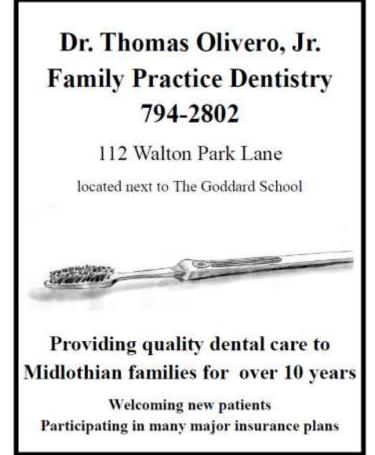
All of the proceeds from the festival benefit MJWC's community projects such as Cinderella Dreams and local charities such as Richmond Friends of the Homeless, ASK, Freedom House, Feedmore and many more. For more information, email the Festival Chair at chair@midlothianfestival.net or log onto www.midlothianfestival.net/.

By Naomi Hill, PR Chair

We, Ourselves, and Irene: Surviving the Storm Through Facebook







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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.

#### 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.

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#### **CERT Training**

Hurricane Irene prompts the need for an emergency response team in The Grove. Chesterfield County offers CERT training (Community Emergency Response Team) to its citizens. If we get enough participation the county will hold training at the Clubhouse. To sign up contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com.

## WELCOME TO THE GROVE!

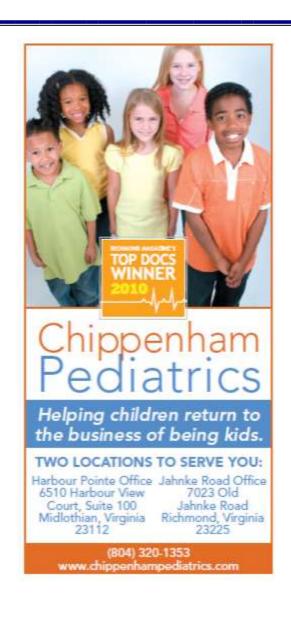
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