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Next HOA Meetings

September 13th Annual HOA Meeting & Election November 8th

6:30pm@ The Clubhouse (Second Thursday bi-monthly)



Support Our Subdivision by running for an HOA

Grove Board Election

Board position! On November 8, 2018, the Grove HOA will hold its Annual Meeting and Board Election. Two positions are up for election. For more information and guidelines for candidacy contact Gerry Mancuso at president@thegrovehoa.com. If you are interested in running for the Board please contact Gerry Mancuso by October 1st.

National Night Out! Tuesday, August 7th 6—8 pm Location: Clubhouse

Great family fun! Meet McGruff & his pals from Chesterfield County Fire and Police Departments! Neighbors can listen to our DJ spinning family friendly tunes, and buy cool

treats from Aloha Shaved Ice! Grove cups will be available for purchase too! If you would like to help out with the event please contact Gerry at president@thegrovehoa.com.

5th Nation Wide! Last year Chesterfield County ranked 5th in the nation for number of NNO participants, in the 300,000 plus tier. Way to go, us!



The Grove's Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, September 29, 2018 (rain date October 6) 8 am to 12 pm

The HOA will advertise the sale in the newspaper and post signs at entrances. Please remove your signage immediately after the sale.

The Grove 2018 Board of Directors

boardofdirectors@thegrovehoa.com

Gerry Mancuso, 804-897-0853 president@thegrovehoa.com

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John Romano, 804-379-1238 treasurer@thegrovehoa.com

Kathy Morris, 804-543-4249 director@thegrovehoa.com

The Grove's Full Service Community Manager is COMMUNITY GROUP (Covering Biggin Pond, Coalbrook, Gravity Hill, Hawkins Woods, Kingham, Krim Point, Mitford)

Jo Mendoza, COMMUNITY GROUP, 3901 Westerre Pkwy, # 100, Henrico, VA 23233 804-270-1800 email@communitygroup.com www.communitygroup.com For neighborhood violations, repairs, assessments, architectural modifications, vendor management, etc.

Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor **Full Service Community Manager**

Tracey Talbert, 804-273-1333 Stellar Community Management, LLC. stellartalbert@comcast.net **Board of Directors: See Page 4**

Grove Contacts

Architectural Modifications Jo Mendoza, 804-270-1800 ownerservices@communitygroup.com

Clubhouse (see page 5)

Anne Biedrycki (Even numbered mos.)& Leslie Elliott (Odd numbered mos.) Contact clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com

Newsletter

Cathy Allen, Editor newsletter@thegrovehoa.com Pool

OPEN

Grounds Susan Kiger, 804-794-3954 kiger2obx@verizon.net Social OPEN, socials@thegrovehoa.com Grove Social Club Facebook Page

Neighborhood Watch OPEN, president@thegrovehoa.com

HOA Connection

Architectural Review Rules

Before installing those outdoor patios or extending your deck, any changes or additions to your home or landscaping need prior ARC approval.

Major additions must be staked for visual reference to assess impact to adjoining properties. Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor residents must apply to their board for approval PRIOR to submitting to The Grove ARC. No applications will be considered without the Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor board consent. The HOA has 30 days to review submissions to ARC. For complete details see www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab.

Homeowners whose property backs up to the walking paths should periodically check their shrubbery and trees for overhanging branches inhibiting people's progress on the paths.

COMMUNITY GROUP NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS COVERAGE: CONTACT OWNER SERVICES AT 804-270-1800 EXT. 1 or ownerservices@communitygroup.com.

COMMUNITY GROUP AFTER HOURS COVERAGE

To report urgent or life threatening issues after normal business hours (after 5 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m.), please contact Community Group, 804-270-1800 and follow the prompts for the 24 hour On Call Manager. Please DO NOT call Board members or leave messages on the regular Community Group inbox - those calls are not returned until the following business day. The On Call Manager can handle any urgent request immediately. Items needing immediate attention are: Irrigation zones running for extended periods of time, broken irrigation heads, fire or damage to the Clubhouse or common areas, etc.

Home Sales in The Grove Require Disclosure Packages

ALL Grove home SELLERS must provide a current Grove HOA disclosure package to Buyers during the contract period. New homeowners can cancel a contract without an updated package. Purchase online at www.communitygroup.com by clicking "Selling & Refinancing" tab, then "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 Owner Services 804-270-1800 or ownerservices@communitygroup.com.

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Ads and submissions for the Nov - Jan issue are due Oct 15th

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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RATES FOR 2018 Bus. Card size - \$40

Quarter page - \$75

Half page - \$105

Full page - \$200

Back cover - \$200 (sold out)

Advertiser provided insert \$100 (800 copies needed)

Ad design: \$40/hr. See website for details: thegrovehoa.com

2018 Pool Information

Each resident (owners or renters) will be issued a pool pass for every member of the family and 4 additional guest passes that can be used all summer long and year to year. Pool passes are issued and/or re-validated annually during pool registration days.

After May 31, 2018, new residents can text Erika Beauchamp 804-873-2283.

There is a \$5 charge per family for pool passes that are requested to be validated AFTER the completion of pool pass validation dates. This applies only to current residents who do not attend any of the scheduled times during the month of May; new residents will continue to be accommodated after their closing.

Existing residents must bring all of their pool passes to registration (along with a photo ID) to be re-validated for the upcoming season. All Grove HOA dues and fines must be paid* to reissue passes. If you have lost your passes you will need to pay \$2.00 per pass to replace them. (checks payable to GHOA, no cash).

New Homeowners will need to fill out a Registration Form and Pool Waiver and show a copy of your closing statement and PHOTO ID.

New Renters will need to fill out the Registration Form and Pool Waiver and bring a copy of your lease and PHOTO ID. Please check with your landlord to make sure they have paid* all their HOA dues and fines.

*Overdue assessments and late fees must be paid prior to pool pass validation. Payments may be made in person at Community Group's office, by mail or online.

Please contact Community Group at 804-270-1800 or ownerservices@communitygroup.com, to make payment arrangements.

Please refer to the grovehoa.com under the Pool tab for Pool information on passes, hours, rules, waiver and registration forms.

2018 Pool Hours* Now through September 3rd

Sunday-Thursday 10 am to 8 pm Friday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm Labor Day - 10 am to 7 pm

* Days and Hours Confirmed with Swim Club Management Group. Any Schedule Changes Will Be Posted at the Pool Entrance.

GET SOCIAL!

family fun in the works for this planners and volunteers to year! Our Social Committee has assist at these events. To help really worked hard to keep our out and join our gang like the Grove in the groove with Grove Residents Page, then Movie Nights, NNO, the Kindy join the Grove Social Group on Social, and Grovetoberfest. But that page. we need help to continue to



bring these great events to our neighborhood. The Social There's still a lot of Grove Committee can always use

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE POOL!

Saturday August 18 Free Movie: Start time TBA Aloha Shaved Ice & Grove cups on sale For more details watch Facebook, email list & sandwich boards

Kindergarten Ice Cream Social!



Rising kindergarteners are invited to meet classmates at the Annual Ice Cream Social. Thursday, August 30th,

6:00pm -7:30pm at the Grove Clubhouse. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 22nd to Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net. It's a special day for the kindergarteners, so please do not bring siblings. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please contact Marielle Pool at mariellepool@verizon.net.



Hey Fellow Grovers! Our Annual Grovetoberfest will be here before you know it! We want to have lots of family fun activities like a bounce house, cornhole, face painting, and then some, so we really need all hands on deck to pull this off! To help, either the day of the event, or for planning, flyer distribution, etc. join the Grove Social Committee. Prost!

Around the Grove



Mailbox Improvement

Freshen up your home's exterior starting with your mailbox! If the post and wooden paper box is in good condition, apply a new coat of paint, but if deteriorated, replace it. Approved dark hunter green boxes (item #E1600G00) can be purchased

Pleasants in-store at Hardware/Midlothian Station Shopping Center, or ordered online (not in stores) at www.homedepot.com. If your mailbox numbers need replacement visit Pleasant Hardware/Midlothian. The mailbox numbers as seen in the photo may be purchased only at Pleasants. Mailbox can be repainted using dark hunter green matte spray paint.

Many home repair companies offer mailbox refurbishing services, but make sure they adhere to bylaw standards. Grove resident John Romano provides repairs and replacements to mailboxes and posts (see page 11).



Grove Clubhouse Information

Planning a Holiday Party or Special Celebration? The Clubhouse books up quickly, so reserve your spot now! Rates are only \$75 for 3 hours, or \$125 for 6 hours and only \$10 for any additional hour(s). A \$75 refundable deposit is required inquiries, events or booking at time of booking.

Rental of the includes the following inventory requests in odd numbered but does NOT include pool months. usage:

Bar Height Tables, 50 Folding time is 48 hours. Chairs, TV with access to 15 local channels via a digital converter box, A Full service kitchen complete with stove, oven, microwave and

refrigerator, and Walkout patio use and picnic tables.

Go to the Clubhouse tab on thegrovehoa.com, click on the "Clubhouse Pricing and Reservations" link, then select the "Reserve Now" link.

Complete the required information and submit the form, which will go to our Clubhouse Coordinators, Anne Biedrycki & Leslie Elliott.

The Clubhouse Coordinator position is shared as follows: Anne Biedrycki handles any requests in even months and Leslie Elliott handles anv Clubhouse inquiries, events or booking

Clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com is 8 7' Folding Tables, 3 Folding their email. Typical response



News from Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor

By Kathy Morris

Thank you to all the residents of Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor The ARC applications may be who are irrigating their lawns. found on the Grove website. For those who are using Hope everyone is having a basketball goals in driveways this summer please remember to place the basketball goals in vour garages when not in use. Also a reminder for homeowners requesting ARC who are

Street Light & Road Repair

The Grove does not maintain its own streets or street lights.

functioning properly (blinking, https://my.vdot.virginia.gov. streets) If Chesterfield says it progress of your request. is in the system, you can then call Dominion at 888-667-3000 to report it and all subsequent issues.

changes to their properties you must send a Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor ARC application first to Stellar Management for review by the Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor board and then when you receive approval from the Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor board you need to send a Grove ARC application to:

Jo Mendoza, Community Group, jmendoza@communitygroup.com

their wonderful summer!

2018 Board

President: Kathy Morris Vice President: Bertina Lee Secretary: Sandy Sneade Treasurer: Sylvia Warner

If it is a street sign issue, contact: BelcherJ@Chesterfield.gov.

If a bulb is out or a light is not If it is a road issue, go to: etc.), please call Chesterfield Use this link to report road County 804-751-4178. (Please repairs directly to VDOT. If you have the number from the create an account, they will light and address or cross email you with updates on the

GROVE'S NEW WEBSITE: Check out our new website http:// thegrovehoa.com/! It's easier to navigate, and information and forms are but a few clicks away.



Little Library at The Clubhouse

"Take a book, leave a book" at this book exchange in The Grove!

Connect with your neighbors through the printed word and add variety to what you read!

(Photo By Gerry Mancuso)



Sales Tax Holiday August 3-5th!

Stretch your dollars this year with the upcoming annual Virginia Sales Tax Holiday! During this time, consumers purchasing *qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products* do not have to pay tax on these items, as long as they meet the Virginia Sales Tax Holiday exemption guidelines. Exemption begins the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. This year's holiday is August 3rd through 5th.

The Virginia Sales Tax Exemption applies to qualifying items purchased online, by mail or over the phone.

In addition to the specific items exempted, retailers may also opt to offer other items "tax-free" by paying the sales tax themselves during the holiday.

To view a list of items that qualify by Virginia for tax exemption during the tax free holiday, go to https://tax.virginia.gov/virginiasales-tax-holiday and click on the link corresponding to School Supplies, Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness, or Energy Star and WaterSense products.

(Source: Virginia Department of Taxation-Sales Tax Holiday Web Link)



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Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair

The 37th Annual Midlothian Village Day Festival and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Midlothian Middle School from 10 AM - 3 PM. It's a fun filled day for the entire family, and admission to the festival is FREE!

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

In years past we have normally seen live entertainment, including bands, musicians, and other performance artists.

All of the proceeds from the festival benefit MJWC's Cinderella Dreams and local charities such as the Richmond Friends of the Homeless, Caritas, the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity and many more. The festival is the largest community project each year for the Midlothian Junior Women's Club. For more information, go to http://www.midlothianfestival.net/.

Hope to see you there!



Traffic Alert: Pink Power Triathlon and 5K Saturday and Sunday August 11th and 12th 5K: August 11th Start 8 am Triathlon: August 12th Start 7 am

Please be aware our neighborhood will be having traffic issues due to participants in the Triathlon on both Saturday August 11 and Sunday August 12th. Part of the courses will take place through our subdivision, and along main thoroughfares around our neighborhood. Watch out for runners, bikers, swimmers going to the YMCA, and fans cheering the racers! Both races are estimated to take about 2 to 3 hours, so please be mindful of others before and after the races during a 4 to 5 hour timeframe.

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Child Care Tips

Make sure all your children have up to date physicals and immunizations. Many schools and sports leagues require proof before granting admission.

Children need plenty of vegetables (leafy greens), fruits, dairy, and protein to keep them healthy. If they won't eat them as part of a meal try to incorporate them into the main course, like shredded carrots in meatloaf, etc.

Make sure they keep active. It's important to get them involved at this time when they are most receptive to growth experiences.



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Ingredients

4 Servings

1 lb. 95% lean ground beef (or ground white meat chicken or turkey for a healthier option) 1 medium **onion** (chopped) 1 medium green bell pepper (chopped) 1 medium jalapeño (optional, only if you like spicy chili), chopped 4 clove minced, fresh garlic OR 2 tsp. jarred, minced garlic 1 Tbsp. chili powder 1 Tbsp. ground cumin 1/2 tsp. ground **coriander** 15.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added or low-sodium pinto or kidney beans, rinsed, drained 14.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added, or, low-sodium, diced tomatoes (undrained) 3/4 cup jarred salsa (lowest sodium available) For an extra kick add more cayenne pepper to your taste!

Directions

1 Spray large saucepan with cooking spray. Cook beef and onion over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes, stirring constantly to break up beef. Transfer to colander and rinse with water to drain excess fat. Return beef to pan.

2 Stir in bell pepper, garlic, chili powder, and cumin, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3 Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce to simmer, cover and cook for **20** minutes.

4 <u>Optional – serve topped with low-fat grated cheese, a dollop of fat-</u> <u>free sour cream, sliced avocado, snipped cilantro or chopped green</u> <u>onions.</u>

(From The American Heart Association's website)



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Fall Lawn Calendar From the VT Cooperative Extension

August

• To Prepare for Planting, Have Soil Tested. • Contact Extension Office for New List of Recommended Seeds. • Sow Grass Seed after August 15. • Aerify, Overseed After August 15. • Finish Grub Treatments. • Mow as Needed. • Consider Pre-emergence Herbicide for Winter Annual Broadleaf Weeds. Annual pesticide applications should not be needed! A thick, vigorous lawn is your best pest control.

September

• Sow Grass Seed. • Aerify, Overseed. • Water Lawns if Seed was Planted. • Fertilizer: Established Lawns Will Benefit From One Pound of Actual Nitrogen Per 1,000 Sq. Ft. Slow Release Nitrogen Preferred. • Mow as Needed.

October

• Finish sowing Grass Seed by October 15. • Aerify, Overseed by October 15. • Water Lawns if Seed was Planted. • Fertilizer: Same as September. • Mow as Needed. • Consider Post-emergence Herbicide for Dandelion, Henbit and Other Broadleafs. Annual pesticide applications should not be needed! A thick, vigorous lawn is your best pest control.



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the cracks in textured glass. Scrape off tough buildup with a razor blade. Dry the doors with a cloth. Treat the doors with a product like Aquapel (autobodydepot.com) or Rain-X (available at auto parts stores and home centers). These glass treatments form an invisible film on the glass to repellency, increase water Make Your Shower Doors causing water and soap to bead up and run off the glass. (Squeegee off the water after bathing to keep soap scum from building up again.) Spray or wipe on the glass treatment, then wipe it off with a microfiber cloth. Overspray won't harm surrounding surfaces. The products repel water for six months.

(from The Family Handyman)



Free Neighbor-to-Neighbor Classified Ads For Grove Residents Only Content Responsibility of Advertiser

Mailbox Repair/Home Services

Hawkins Wood resident **John Romano** offers vinyl mailbox post replacement to Grove home owners. Wood is good but vinyl is final. John also installs wall safes. Call John at 379-1238.

Child Care Services

Babysitter - College junior available on weekends caring for children of all ages, including 0-2years and special needs. Years of experience in a church nursery, and within The Grove; in addition to a summer caretaking position to a young child with special needs. Please call/text/email **Laura** at 804-519-0350, lauragottschalk9@gmail.com.

Fifteen year-old Kingham resident available for **pet and child care services**. Can care for all animals and children of all ages including infants. Has many years of experience in her church nursery, volunteering at a children's camp, as well as child and pet sitting jobs in the Grove. Please call or text **Kate** at (804) 510-4219.

Child Care/Pet Care Services-14-year-old Red Cross certified babysitter available for child care services. Lives in Gravity Hill subdivision. Has experience working with children in Sunday school. Also available for pet sitting. Call or text Cassidy at (804) 393-8657.

Skin Care

Grove Resident Betsy Elwood offering free skin care consultation services as a Rodan + Fields representative to Grove neighbors. Contact Grove Resident Betsy Elwood at 804-337-7634 or http://belwood.myrandf.com.

Pet Care Services

Pet Sitting - Retired Krim Point resident is available to do pet sitting. **Call LoisLynn** at 804-301-9696.

Pet Sitting Retired resident in Krim Point provides pet care services. Call Linda Hartz at 804-928-7958.

Pet Care - 12th 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) 245-2781 or e-mail at <u>aaron</u>hou2598@gmail.com.

If you have a news idea that you would like to see in The Grove Miner, please contact Cathy Allen, Editor, at newsletter@thegrovehoa.com.





No new neighbors to welcome this quarter.

New residents to The Grove can contact The Grove Welcome Committee Chair Lynne Labott at grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com

GOLF CARTS: According to Chesterfield County police golf carts are not permitted on public roads unless you live in a golf course community. Per Grove covenants, they are not allowed on paths and common areas.



No Motorized Vehicles Allowed on Paths!

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the paths or common areas. This includes golf carts, mopeds, electric scooters , ATVs, motorcycles, etc.

Get Connected! Our Grove Committees can always use fresh ideas and new folks! To join contact the committee chairs listed on page 2. Another way to connect with neighbors is to become a member of The Grove's Resident Facebook page. Go to thegrovehoa.com and follow the prompts on the home page. Once our Facebook administrator (Mike Burnette) approves you, you are good to go! The Grove also has an email list. To sign up go to http://thegrovehoa.com/about-the-grove/list-serve-sign-up/ on thegrovehoa.com Contact us tab.



Attack Cat on Deck! (Photos by Arthur Allen)



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