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Welcome to the Grove N2N Classified Ads

Next HOA Meetings

General: December 10th & February 11th

6:30pm@ The Clubhouse

(may be held virtually)

(2nd Thurs bi-monthly)

HOA Assessments Due!

You should be getting an envelope from Associa containing your HOA assessment bill. If you do not receive your statement by December 15, 2020 please contact Community Group at ownerservices@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800.

Assessments must be **received and posted to your account by** Associa/Community Group by January 30, 2020, to avoid penalties. **Please remit promptly, and allow enough time for your payment to be** <u>mailed, processed and posted to individual accounts</u>. Payments received after January 30th are subject to a late fee. Note: Homeowners in **Krim Point**, **Ridgemoor**, and **Scotter Hills** must pay assessments to their individual HOA as well as assessments to The Grove.

You can use the **FREE** KliknPay service available on communitygroup.com. Have your bank checking routing number and account number on hand to sign up. Click on the one time payments button to pay for the current assessment. You can also schedule monthly payments for 2022 assessments ahead of time. Your HOA assessments must be up to date to take advantage of this budget friendly option.

Also check out TownSq for payment options, but there is a fee for usage.

Stay Connected! Enroll in TownSq

Don't miss out on important updates! The Grove HOA is migrating toward using TownSq as the official means of communicating messages from the Board and Community Group regarding issues in our subdivision. TownSq is a website developed by Associa for use in the neighborhoods they manage, including The Grove. TownSq does not replace our current website www.thegrovehoa.com, but will be useful for participating in chat forums, messaging our Board of Directors and Community Group management, and paying HOA assessments (fee applies for payment through TownSq). Currently you can access HOA documents and forms such as By Laws & Covenants and ARC applications using our website www.thegrovehoa.com. Future information about Pool and Clubhouse access will be determined in 2021 (see page 3).

Our Grove Residents Facebook page, which can be quite useful, is NOT the official means of communication from The Grove HOA Board nor Community Group management.

Ready to join TownSq? Your account is already set up and ready to use. Go to www.townsq.io (or download the FREE mobile app by searching for "TownSq").

Register using your assessment account number (which is on the welcome letter for new neighbors, or your assessment notice) and The Grove's zip code (23114). If you need your assessment account number, email Jo Mendoza at jmendoza@communitygroup.com.

Need Help? You can call 1-844-281-1728 or email support@townsq.io.

The Grove 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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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

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Newsletter Cathy Allen, Editor newsletter@thegrovehoa.com

Pool
OPEN, president@thegrovehoa.com

Grounds OPEN

Social NEW, Anne Biedrycki, Grove Social Club Facebook Page, socials@thegrovehoa.com

Neighborhood Watch OPEN, president@thegrovehoa.com

HOA Connection

Holiday Lights & Architectural Review Rules: Please remove all holiday exterior décor and illumination by January 20, 2021, as per HOA covenants. *Year-Round: Any modifications 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 ONLY to The Grove ARC. *The HOA has 30 days to review submissions to ARC.* For details see www.thegrovehoa.com Covenants & Bylaws tab. *Homeowners whose property backs up to the walking paths should check their shrubbery and trees for overhanging branches inhibiting people's progress on the paths. Trim bushes or trees that obstruct visibility of stop or street signs.*

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 <u>follow the prompts for the 24 hour On Call Manager</u>. 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. COMMUNITY GROUP NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS COVERAGE: CONTACT OWNER SERVICES AT email@communitygroup.com or 804-270-1800 EXT. 1.

Home Sales in The Grove Require Disclosure Packages

Residents selling their home must purchase an updated disclosure book from the HOA to give to their buyer (for the Grove book contact Community Group 804-270-1800, Krim Point and Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor request those additional books from your HOA). Your buyer has 3 days to review the documents once in hand. The Virginia Statutes allows up to 14 calendar days for processing the disclosure book request. If a book is needed sooner, an additional rush fee of \$58.65 is required. The fees for purchasing a disclosure book consist of \$146.70 for the actual disclosure book and \$117.30 for the resale inspection of the home's exterior to ensure that architectural guidelines set in place by the association are in compliance. In addition, there is a post closing fee of \$58.65 that is charged at every sale to the buyer. It is an administrative fee to remove the previous owner from the address account and set up the new buyer account. Any major additions to the exterior of your home or landscaping should have been approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Failure to do so may hold up closing if the buyer balks at violations/non-compliance issues. Call Community Group to make sure any additions, such as a fence, shed, patio, swing set, satellite dish, etc. made by the previous owner of your home was approved by ARC.

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Ads and submissions for the Feb - Apr issue are due Jan 15th

Submit all ads and articles to: Cathy Allen, Editor newsletter@thegrovehoa.com 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 2021

Bus. Card size - \$45

Quarter page - \$82

Half page - \$112

Full page - \$202

Back cover - \$207 (sold out)

Advertiser provided insert \$105 (780 copies needed)

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

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2021 Pool Season Planning

By Matt Chafin

Greeting fellow Grovers! As leaves turn shades of yellow, brown, and red, Halloween and Christmas decorations flood store shelves, what better time than now to think about pool season!

Last year we were unable to open the pool. With additional lead time and better information, we want to make sure the pool is open for business in 2021, no matter what the new year brings. While we are optimistic for better conditions, we want to be prepared in the event we are still under restrictions.

If you are interested we could use your help. Please email boardofdirectors@thegrovehoa.com if you can volunteer. We will start planning for the upcoming season in January.



Grove Clubhouse INFO

The Clubhouse will remain closed for the rest of 2020. The Board will re-visit this decision in January. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Grove Community has a few key positions that really need to be filled in order to keep our neighborhood running smoothly.

In light of recent vandalisms and thefts in our area, Katherine Cordova is interested in starting a dialogue on how to get our **Neighborhood Watch** up and running. If you are interested, please PM her on The Grove Residents Facebook Page.

The **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** needs members. Most of the process is done online with the exception of site visits for decks, house additions, swimming pools and other things that may impact property lines. If interested, contact Jo Mendoza at Community Group, 270-1800.

The **Social Committee** is always looking for volunteers to help organize and coordinate social events in The Grove. To join contact the Social Committee Chair Anne Biedrycki on The Grove Residents Facebook page or socials@thegrovehoa.com.

To volunteer for the **Pool Committee**, please email boardofdirectors.com.



Around the Grove



Mailbox Improvement

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 in-store through Pleasants 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. They must be painted in dark hunter green gloss to match mailbox. The mailbox numbers as seen in the photo may be purchased only at Pleasants. **Mailbox can be repainted using Rustoleum Dark Hunter Green gloss protection enamel spray paint.** You can find this at Lowe's as well as other hardware supply stores. 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).

A HUGE THANKS go to Anne Biedrycki for the many food trucks and restaurants that she brought to us to enjoy during the past months.



Social Events

By Anne Biedricki

The Social Committee has planned a few Socially Distanced fun filled Halloween events for the kiddos this year! There is nothing yet planned for November, December, or January, but stay

tuned for announcements about upcoming Social Events on The Grove Residents Facebook page!

Looking to get involved? Join our Social Committee Facebook page to help with neighborhood events.



News from Scotter Hills/ Ridgemoor

By Kathy Morris

Thank you to all the Scotter Hills and Ridgemoor homeowners who have already

returned their amendments/bylaws ballots. It is important that these amendments to the Declarations and Bylaws are ratified to ensure that the Scotter Hills Ridgemoor Homeowners Association can operate efficiently and within the boundaries of current Virginia legislation.

We have contracted with a different towing service so please do not park your vehicle illegally in our neighborhood. Please do not drive across Scotter Hills Drive to enter Lawford Lane. We are supposed to continue around the circle on Scotter Hills Drive prior to driving into Lawford Lane for safety purposes.

We also need to turn on an outside light each night. This may be either your light located beside your front door or over the garage. Some of our neighbors have purchased LED light bulbs that include a sensor that automatically cuts the light on each night and turns off in the morning. They can be purchased at Lowe's, Target or on Amazon and the cost is one cent per day.

There have been complaints that people walking their dogs are allowing their dogs to defecate on homeowners lawns and not removing it. Please be neighborly and refrain from this practice.

The Scotter Hills Ridgemoor board wishes everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

2020 Board

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

Krim Point Exterior Colors

For Krim Point Residents needing to know the color names of their exterior paint, it has been posted on The Grove HOA's website under Krim Point's documents: https:// thegrovehoa.com/krim-point-neighborhood-association-documents/?et_fb=1&PageSpeed=off. Or, you can access it

through thegrovehoa.com, click on the Covenants & Bylaws link, then go to Krim Point Neighborhood Documents. There is a picture of the color information. The paint is available through the Sherwin-Williams Paint Store.

Street Light & Road Repair

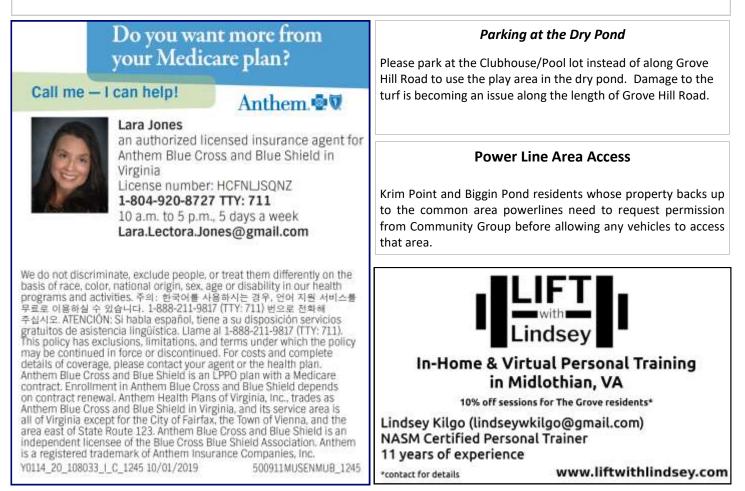
The Grove does not maintain its own streets or street lights. If a bulb is out or a light is not functioning properly (blinking, etc.), please call Chesterfield County 804-751-4178. (Please have the number from the light and address or cross streets) If Chesterfield says it is in the system, you can then call Dominion at 888-667-3000 to report it and all subsequent issues. If it is a street sign issue, email BelcherJ@Chesterfield.gov. If it is a road issue, go to: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov. Use this link to report road repairs directly to VDOT. If you create an account, they will email you with updates on the progress of your request.

A BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO GROVE RESIDENT CHRIS GONZALEZ, WHO DID AN AMAZING JOB REPAIRING BOTH OF THE RECENTLY VANDALIZED SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GROVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

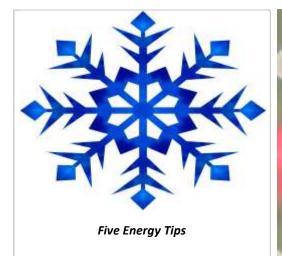


Grounds Improvements

Landscaping improvements at the two main entrances will be done this Fall. Next year landscaping improvements at the individual neighborhood entrances will take place. In addition, a sample of the new goose deterrent will be placed by the fishing pier.



Home and Garden



- 1. Install a programmable thermostat.
- 2. Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- 3. Replace existing appliances and electronics with "Energy Star" products.
- equipment 4. Plug electronic into electronic power strips.
- Reduce your water heater to 120 5. degrees.

(from energy.gov)

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Winter Preparedness

As the leaves begin to fall and the temperatures begin to drop, it is time to prepare your home for the upcoming changes that are upon us. It is an opportunity to not only change the clocks, but also change batteries. If you have not done this already, cleaning and replacing the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are keys to keeping such equipment functional. However, instead of throwing out the batteries, which may still hold some charge, use the old batteries for children's toys or electronic devices to get their full use before you drop them off to be recycled.

Check your light bulbs. There is less natural lighting available during the winter months, so making sure all your bulbs are operating at an optimal level is important to the safety of your family and your home.

Prepare for the cold and flu season that is on the horizon. With cold weather comes the potential for illness, so take a minute to make sure your medicine cabinets contain items that will help get you through a typical winter illness.

Also make sure you have some soup, caffeine-free drinks and tissues ready to help ease the rampage of germs you may encounter this season. Learn to make home made soups, stews, and stock, and keep your freezer full in case of inclement weather.

Make or review your family emergency plan so you and your family will be prepared in the event of inclement weather or sudden storms that may arise and disrupt your daily routine. Update emergency phone numbers or contact information, and make sure your children know what they are supposed to do in case of early school closings or other events that may occur.

Another important thing to remember with the time change is that children may be getting on or getting off of the bus in the dark. Watch for children walking to and from bus stops. Also, remind children which side of the road they should walk on to be seen by oncoming traffic. If feasible, have your child carry some sort of light they can use to be seen by oncoming vehicles.

(from the Chesterfield Co. Police Dept. Crime Prevention Newsletter)

Thank you for supporting the Soles4Souls Shoe Drive.



Sean Danowski Financial Advisor 240 Browns Way Road Midlothian, VA 23114-9501 804-794-3595

Edward Jones



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 1ST SO MAKE SURE YOU TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR!

Soles4Souls Drive

By Sean Danowski

Despite all that's happened this year, the neighborhood has continued to support those in need.

In early September, I solicited donations for Soles4Souls, a national charity with a growing Richmond presence, and the Grove answered. Due to this neighborhood's generosity, we were able to collect approximately 600 lbs of shoes and 400 lbs of clothing. After these items are processed, Soles4Souls will provide these items to micro-entrepreneurs in various countries across the world, who resell them to support their families. From your generosity, approximately 17 families will have the resources for a month's worth of food, shelter, and education.

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world – empowering people to break the cycle of poverty. Outside of donated used items, they also work with various corporate partners to distribute new shoes and clothing to those who need it across the United States and the world. Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed 51 million pairs of shoes to 127 countries and all 50 states, and they aim to have a global impact of \$1 billion by 2030.

I plan to organize a donation drive again in 2021, but will continue accepting donations throughout the year. To donate, or get involved email me at sean.danowski@gmail.com.



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Home and Garden



Low Carb Zucchini Bake

Do not be afraid to add extra cilantro, lime, and spices if you like an extra zing to your meals. This recipe is absolutely amazing!

3-4 medium zucchini diced
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
kosher salt and black pepper taste
4 oz. cotija cheese crumbled
juice of 1 lime
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro chopped

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, mix the diced zucchini, olive oil (2 *tablespoons*), chili powder (1/2 *teaspoon*), garlic powder (1/2 *teaspoon*), cayenne pepper (1/8 *teaspoon*), and salt/pepper until well coated.

Spread evenly on baking sheet and roast for 25 minutes, or until zucchini is browned. Serve sprinkled with lime juice, cotija cheese, and chopped fresh cilantro.

Nutrition

Calories: 164kcal | Carbohydrates: 6g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 14g | Saturatedt Fat: 5g | Cholesterol: 25mg | Sodium: 333mg | Potassium: 401mg | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 5g

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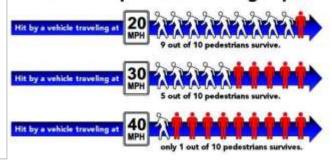
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How to Prevent Frozen Pipes

Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children. When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

How to Thaw Frozen Pipes

If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation. Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe. Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device. Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you can not thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber. Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too. (redcross.org)



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

Child and Pet Care Services - An 18 year old, high school senior is available for all pet and child care needs. Her experience includes: five years volunteering in her church's nursery and childrens' choir, three years of babysitting and pet sitting in the Grove, a very safe licensed driver, and a certified lifeguard. Please call, text, or email **Kate** at **804-510-4219** or katesteenkamer@gmail.com.

Child Care/Pet Care Services-Fifteen-year-old Gravity Hill resident available for child care services. Red Cross certified. Also available for pet setting. Call or text **Ryan** at (804) 517-0646.

Pet Care Services

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

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 email at aaronhou2598@gmail.com.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!



Sudeep Adiga & Prativa Sharma 906 Roll Drive Elizabeth Barry 555 Lawford Lane Kemper & Sarah Brinkley 1107 Goswick Ridge Road Winfrey S. Clarke 955 Roll Drive Phillip Greer 419 Coalbrook Drive Mason W. Laine 537 Ridgemoor Place Ann Moore 612 Scotter Hills Court Daniel & Samantha Peifer 13537 Ridgemoor Drive William Stanfield & Erin Byers 505 Scotter Hills Lane

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IF YOU ARE A TENANT, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE BYLAWS AND DESIGN STANDARDS.

For more information, go to thegrovehoa.com, Covenants & Bylaws Tab.

The Grove Residents Facebook Page

Want to connect with your neighbors? Join The Grove Residents Facebook page! You will need to get approved by the Facebook administrator Mike Burnette. Once he approves your request, you can post on either the Residents page or the Buy/Sell "Classified" type page. The Grove Residents page is not the official means of communication from the HOA Board or Management Company Community Group. You can sign up for email notifications from the HOA/Community Group through the list serve link on thegrovehoa.com: https:// thegrovehoa.com/about-the-grove/list-serve-sign-up/.



Little Library at The Clubhouse

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

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