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### Next HOA Meetings

**February 8th**  
**April 11th**

6:30pm@ The Clubhouse

(2nd Thurs bi-monthly)

### "Put a Little Love in Your Heart": A Chat with Jeanne Hicks-Jordan

I spoke with Gravity Hill resident Jeanne Hicks-Jordan, right after her recent trip to California. This chat is shared with her permission.

*C: "So, tell me about yourself, about your family."*

*J: "I have 3 kids, Maya 13, Reed 11, and Elise 7. My husband, Chris Jordan, volunteers for the Architectural Review Committee. We've lived in The Grove since 2011."*

*C: "Do you have any hobbies?" She laughs, we smile and nod. With 3 kids, right?!"*

*J: "I'm trying to remember what hobbies I had when I had time. I now work part time as a Vocational Counselor with The Choice Group. I help people with disabilities find and maintain employment. When I have time I take fitness classes, do yoga, and recently I've gotten back into taking some adult dance classes at my daughters' dance studio, Marianne Kelley's School of Dance. I also like to read and travel."*

*C: "So tell me about the American Red Cross Blood Drive."*

*J: "We organized The Grove's first Blood Drive on November 19, 2023 at The Clubhouse. We got 35 donations and actually had to turn away donors because there were no more spots available. We plan to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive in either May or June 2024."*

*C: "How did you get involved with this?"*

*J: "My oldest daughter, Maya, was hospitalized last April and was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune bleeding disorder that causes low platelets. She needed 3 blood transfusions while she was inpatient at Children's Hospital of Richmond. So my daughter and I talked about how to make something good out of something bad. When you have lemons, make lemonade. We thought we'd replace all the blood that was given to Maya by having a blood drive in our neighborhood, and reached out to the American Red Cross to volunteer to organize one in The Grove. Maya was at the event, she ran the sign in desk, and gave all the donors candy 'Thank you for being a lifesaver!'"*

*C: "You must have been terrified! I can't imagine going through that, with your child."*

*J: "They had to run all the tests, including a bone marrow biopsy to rule out cancer, before she was diagnosed with the autoimmune disorder. They finally got her stabilized, but they are still searching for medicine to hopefully put her in remission. She's got a great doctor, though, she is in good hands!"*



Maya, Elise, and Chris Jordan

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# HOA Connection

**Holiday Lights & Architectural Review Rules:** Please remove all holiday exterior décor and illumination within 20 days after the holiday, per HOA Design Standards. 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.

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## 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 \$70.66** is required. The rush timeframe takes 3-5 business days. **The emailed disclosure package costs \$317.95, or a hardcover package costs \$347.29. These books do include an inspection report to the exterior of the home to ensure that architectural guidelines set in place by the association are in compliance.** In addition, there is a **post-closing fee of \$70.66** 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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May - July issue are due April 15th

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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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### 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](http://www.homedepot.com). If your mailbox numbers need replacement visit Pleasant Hardware/Midlothian. Product is Hy-Ko 3 1/2" Black Hammered numbers. 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. Mailbox flags should be **Krylon Colormaxx gloss BANNER RED**. 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 4).



### Grove Clubhouse INFO

The Clubhouse is OPEN and taking reservations! Book it online at [thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse/](http://thegrovehoa.com/clubhouse/) Book the Clubhouse. For any questions, email our Clubhouse Coordinator, Ashley Kundu at [clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:clubhouse@thegrovehoa.com).

### Krim Point Exterior Colors/Board Member Contact

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](https://thegrovehoa.com/krim-point-neighborhood-association-documents/?et_fb=1&PageSpeed=off). Or, you can access it through [thegrovehoa.com](http://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.

Carolyn Grimes, [cgrimes1349@gmail.com](mailto:cgrimes1349@gmail.com), is the Krim Point HOA President.



### News from Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor

By Kathy Morris

Homeowners please send your email address to Lesley Reed at Stellar Management so you can continue to receive emails from the HOA association. Please

keep your dog on a leash when walking in our neighborhood.

Prior to snowstorms our roads will be pretreated and snow removal will be performed when there is an accumulation of three inches or more of snow. Parking continues to be a problem unfortunately. Please do not park where the yellow lines are painted on our streets. Park in driveways or the other designated areas in our neighborhood. We will continue to monitor our streets and have vehicles towed that are parked illegally. Please do not drive across Scotter Hills Drive to enter Lawford Lane. We are supposed to continue around the circle on Scotter Hills Drive to turn right into Lawford Lane for safety reasons.

Please continue to place your garbage containers out of sight following garbage pickup and the same for your recyclable bins after they are emptied. For those who are using basketball goals in their driveways remember to place them in your garages when not in use.

Thank you to all the homeowners who are turning on an outside light at night. If you are renting in our neighborhood please request a copy of our HOA rules and regulations from your landlord. A pdf file can be obtained from Stellar Management.

The Scotter Hills/Ridgemoor HOA board wishes everyone a safe and healthy next few months.

#### 2024 HOA Board

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To report any emergencies such as burst pipes to Community Group during normal business hours 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, call 804-270-1800. Do not report via Facebook, TownSq, or any other social media, as this is not consistently monitored by HOA Board Members.





### Stay Connected On TownSq & Grove FB Page

TownSq is the official means of communicating messages from the Board and Community Group about issues in our subdivision. It is a great way to get news about Social Events, HOA meetings, and other special announcements. TownSq is 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](http://www.thegrovehoa.com). To join TownSq: Go to [www.townsq.io](http://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](mailto:jmendoza@communitygroup.com). Need Help? You can call 1-844-281-1728 or email [support@townsq.io](mailto:support@townsq.io).

To 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.

### ARC Submission Tips

When you submit a request for exterior modifications to the ARC, please include pictures. This prevents unnecessary delays in processing your application for any projects. For tree removals and replacement, the ARC needs a photo of the tree to be removed. If you are submitting a landscaping plan, please include a rendering of the plan, as well as pictures or a list of the new plant material that you want to install. The rendering can be done either by you, or by the landscaping company you are using.



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### Social Events This Quarter/Babysitter Directory

By Ashley Kundu, [thegrovesocials@gmail.com](mailto:thegrovesocials@gmail.com)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**For more details go to the Events tab on Facebook & TownSq.**

#### FEBRUARY:

- 2/9 **Game Night**
- 2/22 **Resources for Seniors**
- 2/24 **Charcuterie Workshop**

#### MARCH:

- 3/8 **Game Night**
- 3/13 **Social Committee Meeting & Easter Egg Stuffing**
- 3/23 **Easter Egg Hunt**

#### APRIL:

- 4/12 **Game Night**
- 4/14 **Business Expo**
- 4/27 **Grove Neighborhood Yard Sale**

The Social Committee always needs volunteers to help organize or staff our great social events. To join please email Ashley Kundu at [thegrovesocials@gmail.com](mailto:thegrovesocials@gmail.com).

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

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NEW NEIGHBORS CAN REACH OUT TO  
The Grove Welcome Committee Chair  
Carolyn Morrison at [grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com](mailto:grovewelcome@thegrovehoa.com)

### **Street Light & Road Repair UPDATED:**

Street names signage goes to Chesterfield County, the department of Environmental Engineering. Stop signs that are not mounted on a street name sign would be VDOT. To report a downed or damaged street name sign, please call 804-751-4627, or email [napiert@chesterfield.gov](mailto:napiert@chesterfield.gov). If at all possible please report: the names of both streets at the intersection affected by the damaged or downed street sign, and the regulatory or warning sign on the same pole (if applicable). To report a downed or damaged regulatory, warning or guide signs contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) by calling 800-367-7623. Report street light outages to Dominion Energy on the web [dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency/streetlight-outages](http://dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency/streetlight-outages) or call 866-366-4357. Note the pole number and the nearest street address.

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### Holiday Lights

At the last HOA Board meeting held February 8, 2024, it was decided to change The Grove Handbook of Design Standards to the following regarding Holiday Decorations:

#### 4.2 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

4.2.1 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS: All holiday decorations must be taken down within 20 days after the holiday.



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### The Grove Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, April 27th

(Rain date May 4th)

8 am to 12 pm

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## **“Put a Little Love in Your Heart”: A Chat with Jeanne Hicks-Jordan (continued from page 1)**

*C: “So, what drew you to the Richmond Mom Prom?”*

J: “I got my masters in Social Work from VCU when I was 8 months pregnant with my second child, with a 2 ½ year old at home. I knew I was going to be a stay at home mom instead of using my degree initially. I met the founder of Richmond Mom Prom, Amanda Moore, because her child and mine went to the same preschool. She talked me into going to my first Richmond Mom Prom. I had a blast there, talking, laughing and dancing! I volunteered for the Richmond Mom Prom because I wanted to work, to contribute, to use my degree whether I got paid or not. I’ve been involved with the Richmond Mom Prom committee since 2019. 100% of proceeds from the Richmond Mom Prom go to a local pediatric charity. Each year there is a different theme benefitting a different pediatric charity. Last year, we raised \$45,000 for the Children’s Hospital Hematology and Oncology Department. So the Richmond Mom Prom happened in March and in April my daughter Maya was at Children’s Hospital in the Hematology and Oncology Department!”



Amanda and Jeanne

*C: “Talk about paying it forward!”*

J: “Right! This year’s Richmond Mom Prom benefits Worthdays, a charity headed up by Caroline Neal in Walton Park. Worthdays is a 501(c)(3) organization in Virginia whose mission is to mobilize the community to ensure that those impacted by the foster care system know that they are important, worthy, and celebrated. The 12th annual Richmond Mom Prom will be held Saturday, March 9th at the Richmond Downtown Marriott, and tickets are available for women ages 21 and up. This year’s theme is “Enchantment” and includes dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. All of the money raised will be donated to Worthdays. Amanda Moore founded the Richmond Mom Prom through her nonprofit Humans for Good, which encourages families and children to get involved in helping others. Many of our children come to help set up for Richmond Mom Prom the night before the event. The kids have an opportunity to become aware that there are kids not as fortunate as they are, to appreciate what they have, and to learn about giving back to their community.

A lot of folks in The Grove support the Richmond Mom Prom by attending, and if they have a business, they donate items for the Silent Auction or donate to the event. We are grateful we have so many caring neighbors in The Grove!”



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