



## **GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER**

[www.grovewoodhomeowners.org](http://www.grovewoodhomeowners.org)

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 26!!!!**

I have exciting news for our Spring Picnic. We are partnering with the Clearwater "Neighborhoods Day" Event.

We received a grant from the City of Clearwater to rent a large bounce house for all ages.

The Ice-cream truck will visit free of charge.

Each family will receive a goodie bag filled with items from local businesses and organizations.

There will be a drawing to win a gas grill. There will be a drawing for 2 trees in honor of Arbor Day.

Also another drawing to win a City of Clearwater Parks & Recreation Beautification Consultation of your property with an expert from the City's Beautification and Landscaping Division. The consult may include offering ideas for yards, gardens, patios, etc.

Let's show our excitement and neighborhood support for this social event. It's always a lot of fun to get together and share our community spirit together.

If you have any suggestions for improvements or want to volunteer your time or talents for our social events, please send your comments to [Grovewood@gmail.com](mailto:Grovewood@gmail.com) .

Neighbors helping neighbors big or small is contagious just like a smile. Respecting others property is always appreciated. Reporting any suspicious activity to the police or crime watchers increases safety. Let's all help a little, smile more and keep the neighborhood looking nice and a safe place to live, we all benefit.

If you haven't already sent in your required annual dues, please submit by the end of April. The small price we all pay each year keeps our neighborhood beautiful and a place we're proud to call home.

Respectfully, *Karen Ann Main*, GHA President

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2014 EVENTS**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**APRIL**

Groewood Spring Picnic & Neighborhood Day – 4:30 p.m. April 26  
 Arbor Day – Free Trees for Residents (1650 N. Arcturas) April 26

**MAY**

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) May 13

**JULY**

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) July 8

**SEPTEMBER**

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) September 9

**NOVEMBER**

Groewood Fall Garage Sales – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day November 7, 8, 9  
 Groewood Annual Meeting (Quality Inn Central) – 7 p.m. November 11

**DECEMBER**

Groewood Board Meeting (Transition to new board members) December 9  
 Holiday Hayride Social – 6:30 p.m. December 18

**GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TELEPHONE</u></b>	<b><u>TERM THRU</u></b>
Karen Main, President	504-0207	2015
Jim Vricos, Vice-President	703-248-8752	2016
Michelle Bell, Secretary	420-2687	2015
Ken Holloway, Treasurer	796-8920	2015
Carol Matava, Director	724-9544	2016
Brooks McRee, Director	712-9233	2014
Open		2014
Jennifer Ruppel, Director	239-9993	2014
Ben Wendell, Director	812-6930	2016

## GROVEWOOD COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee –Carol Matava  
Membership Committee – Ken Holloway & Karen Main  
Beautification Committee – Ken Holloway, Ben Wendell & Rick Heise  
Deed Restriction – Karen Main, Jim Vricos & Ken Holloway  
Newsletter – Karen Main, Ken Holloway & Alana Holloway  
Social Committee – Michelle Bell, Jim Vricos & Dionna Long  
Crime Watch – Brooks McRee & Carol Matava

## GROVEWOOD STREET DIRECTORS

Groveswood Road – West	Brooks McRee
Groveswood Road – East	Karen Main
Groveswood Court	Jim Vricos
Mandarin Drive	Michelle Bell
Minneola Road – East	Jim Vricos
Minneola Road West	Ben Wendell
Bascom Way	Carol Matava
Jaffa Place	Ken Holloway
Barber Drive	Jennifer Ruppel

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

There are more bikers and walkers on the sidewalk on Belcher Road. Please be sure to approach the Exit onto Belcher with care, looking North first and then South for bikers and walkers. The construction on US 19 has created more traffic on Belcher. Make sure that all lanes going North are stopped before you exit. Sometimes cars will be driving north in the turn lane trying to get around the backed up traffic to the light at Belcher and Druid.

Remember to **drive slowly in Groveswood**. We have many children and adults playing, walking, and biking in our neighborhood. Watch out for them as you enter and leave Groveswood.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Grovewood Homeowner's Association Dues are due and payable in January each year. A Dues Notice Letter with a self-addressed envelope enclosed for returning your dues payment was hand delivered to each home in January.

If you have not already done so, please send your check for \$60.00 to Grovewood Homeowners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 4976, Clearwater, FL 33758-4976. Show on the memo line of your check that it is for **GHA 2014 Dues**.

## SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES

We want to send out our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of our neighbor, **Emory Hickert**, who passed away on March 15, 2014. Emory and Millie were one of the first families to make Grovewood their home in 1971.



## 2014 E-WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Clearwater Solid Waste offers a monthly Electronics Collection Day. Clearwater residents, with proof of residency (a copy of your utility bill), may bring up to six unwanted electronics to the recycling drop-off center at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. for free disposal from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following 2014 Collection Days.

**April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27  
September 24, October 29, November 26, December 31**

Electronics accepted are: camcorders, cameras, cassette players, CD players, cell phones, computers and computer accessories, DVD players, fax machines, microwave ovens, photocopiers, radios, scanners, stereos, TVs and VCRs.

If you have questions, call Solid Waste/Recycling at (727) 562-4933.



# GROVEWOOD SPRING PICNIC and CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

**APRIL 26, 2014**

(Rain date - May 3, 2014)

4:30 - Gather

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Eat

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Games and Socialize

The Spring Picnic will be held April 26 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The Homeowners' Association will be providing  
grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments and beverages.

We ask that every family that attends bring either a side dish or a dessert.

**We will be celebrating Clearwater's Neighborhood Day!!!**

**There will be 2 Bounce Houses and Basketball for the children. The Ice Cream Truck will be available with free treats for everyone. Each family will receive a goodie bag filled with items from local businesses. Each attendee can sign up for a raffle of a Gas Grill, compliments of the City of Clearwater.**

**In honor of Arbor Day, the City of Clearwater will be giving away 2 trees.**

## **PICNIC LOCATION:**

**BARBER DRIVE BETWEEN GROVEWOOD ROAD AND MINNEOLA**

Please bring your own lawn chairs, folding chairs and card tables.

**Please RSVP** with the following information to Jim Vricos by April 19 so that we have enough food ordered for the picnic.

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADULTS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHILDREN**

Send RSVP to Jim at [jvricos@gmail.com](mailto:jvricos@gmail.com) or call him at 703-248-8752.



## APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognizes April as **Water Conservation Month**. This is a time that we are encouraged to learn about ways to save water and help protect one of Florida's most important resources. The City of Clearwater's Public Utilities department encourages residents to conserve water by implementing a few simple strategies:

- **Fix drippy faucets.** One drip per second can waste seven gallons of water per day.
- **Showering** uses less water than tub baths.
- **Check outdoor sprinkler systems** and adjust sprinklers to water only your lawn.
- **Comply with City watering restrictions.**
- **Use a hose with a shutoff nozzle** for hand washing your car.
- **Wash clothes in cold water** as often as you can.
- **Learn and implement the art of Florida Friendly Landscaping.**
- **Install low-flow water devices.** Clearwater Public Utilities gives away water-saving devices such as low-flow showerheads, sink aerators and toilet tumblers. Call (727) 562-4600 to obtain one.

Join in the effort to save water!! Call (727) 562-4960 for more information or visit [www.myclearwater.com](http://www.myclearwater.com) and select Public Utilities from the City Departments drop-down box, and click on WATER CONSERVATION.



**PLEASE RSVP by April 19 to let the Board know if you will be coming to the SPRING PICNIC so that they will have enough food ordered!!**

Send your RSVP to Jim Vricos at [jvricos@gmail.com](mailto:jvricos@gmail.com) or call Jim at 703-248-8752.