



## **GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER**

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

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

On behalf of the Grovewood Homeowners Association, it is our hope that you all had a wonderful new year, and we are looking forward to 2016.

Just as in 2015, there are many reasons to be happy to live in Grovewood. Among those reasons are the many new young families that have joined us and the many children we now see playing in our neighborhood. It is always important to keep safety in mind for all of our residents, but with so many little ones running and playing here in Grovewood, please be especially mindful of traffic safety. Please watch for children, walkers/runners and bicyclists. And most of all, please observe our speed limits and comply with our stop signs.

Likewise, please report any suspicious activity to the police and then to our crime watch committee to ensure that we are doing all that we can to keep Grovewood safe for all of our residents. Please remember that the primary reason that our community remains such a wonderful place to live is that our residents volunteer to help out and try to maintain the beauty of our neighborhood every day.

It's always great to get together during the holidays, and this year we again had a great Holiday Hayride. The kids had a lot of fun as did their parents. Also, we are all looking forward to our Spring Picnic on April 2. As always, there will be food and fun for all.

On behalf of all Grovewood residents, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our outgoing board members President Karen Main, Treasurer Ken Holloway, Secretary Michelle Bell, Director Rick Heise, and Director Ben Wendell for all of their hard work and friendship. By the same token, please join me in welcoming our newest board members: Clint Snedeker, Bob Blizzard, Josh Metzger, Franziska Haesler, Sallie Vandervort and Alana Holloway.

If you have any comments or suggestions for our Homeowners Association or would like to volunteer your time for a Grovewood event, please send your emails to [grovewood@gmail.com](mailto:grovewood@gmail.com).

Finally, if you have not yet paid your dues, please send your annual dues in right away. Take a walk in our wonderful community, and you'll see what a small price it is to pay.

With best wishes for 2016,  
Jim Vricos, GHA President

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2016 EVENTS**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**JANUARY**

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) January 13

**MARCH**

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) - 7 p.m. March 9  
Groveswood Spring Garage Sales – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day March 11, 12, 13

**APRIL**

Groveswood Spring Picnic – 4:30 p.m. April 2

**MAY**

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m. May 11

**JULY**

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m. July 13

**SEPTEMBER**

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m. September 14

**NOVEMBER**

Groveswood Fall Garage Sales – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day November 4, 5, 6  
Groveswood Annual Meeting (Quality Inn Central) – 7 p.m. November 10

**DECEMBER**

Groveswood Board Meeting (Transition to new board members) December 7  
Holiday Hayride Social – 6:30 p.m. December 13

**GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

**2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

| <b><u>NAME</u></b>             | <b><u>TELEPHONE</u></b> | <b><u>TERM THRU</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jim Vricos, President          | 703-248-8752            | 2016                    |
| Clint Snedeker, Vice President | 643-4827                | 2018                    |
| Alana Holloway, Secretary      | 796-8920                | 2017                    |
| Bob Blizzard, Treasurer        | 799-3857                | 2018                    |
| Dirk Curls, Director           | 641-9458                | 2017                    |
| Brooks McRee, Director         | 712-9233                | 2017                    |
| Josh Metzger, Director         | 430-0136                | 2018                    |
| Franziska Haesler, Director    | 421-7037                | 2016                    |
| Sallie Vandervort, Director    | 524-1446                | 2016                    |

### GROVEWOOD STANDING COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee – Jim Vricos & Sallie Vandervort  
Membership Committee – Bob Blizzard & Jim Vricos  
Beautification Committee – Ken Holloway & Josh Metzger  
Deed Restriction – Jim Vricos & Clint Snedeker  
Newsletter – Jim Vricos, Clint Snedeker, Sallie Vandervort & Alana Holloway  
Social Committee – Jim Vricos, Brooks McRee & Alana Holloway  
Crime Watch – Brooks McRee, Franziska Haesler & Dirk Curls  
Internet/Website – Alana Holloway

### GROVEWOOD STREET DIRECTORS

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Groveswood Road – West | Alana Holloway    |
| Groveswood Road – East | Brooks McRee      |
| Groveswood Court       | Bob Blizzard      |
| Mandarin Drive         | Josh Metzger      |
| Minneola Road – West   | Sallie Vandervort |
| Minneola Road – East   | Clint Snedeker    |
| Bascom Way             | Franziska Haesler |
| Jaffa Place            | Dirk Curls        |
| Barber Drive           | Jim Vricos        |

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Groveswood Homeowners Association Dues are due and payable in January each year. To date, 74% of the Homeowners have paid Calendar Year 2016 Dues (91 of 124). Thank you!!

If you have not already done so, please send your check for \$60.00 to Groveswood Homeowners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 4976, Clearwater, FL 33758-4976. Show on the memo line of your check it is for **GHA CY 2016 Dues**.

The Dues will be considered past due on March 1, 2016. A LATE FEE of \$3.00 will be due with any payment made after March 1, 2016.

A USPS 1st Class Reminder Registered Signature Required Letter will be mailed on 1 April 2016 to those Homeowners for which CY 2016 Dues Payment has not been received. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the unpaid Homeowners are 2 months delinquent on payment of CY2016 GHA Dues.

*Bob Blizzard, GHA CY 2016 Treasurer*

## CLEARWATER TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY – APRIL 30

Clearwater residents can join the City of Clearwater in celebrating Arbor Day with a ceremony and tree giveaway. The annual Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Public Works Complex, 1650 N. Arcturus Avenue. Residents can receive two free trees per household on a first-come, first-serve basis until the quantity (approximately 2,000 trees) runs out.

Proof of residency will be required to receive the trees and this may include a voter's registration card, Florida driver's license, or a recent utility bill. Trees are purchased through the City of Clearwater's Tree Bank Fund which is supported by fines collected from violations of tree protection ordinances. Please remember you have to get a permit from the City to remove any of the trees in Grovewood. If you do have to remove a tree, this is a good way to get a free replacement. Available trees include live oak, red cedar, weeping willow, crape myrtle and more. Visit [www.myclearwater.com](http://www.myclearwater.com) for more information.



### CLEARWATER REWARDS RECYCLERS WITH INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City of Clearwater, along with the “once a week trash pickup” has started a “Rewards Program for Recyclers.” Beginning the week of January 11, recyclers will be rewarded for recycling with discounts and free items from local businesses as Recycling Perks comes to Clearwater.

In order to participate in this Rewards Program you must:

1. Activate your free account at [www.RecyclingPerks.com](http://www.RecyclingPerks.com) .
2. Every new member will receive 100 points.
3. Once you are enrolled, a cart will be assigned to your household. Each cart has an individual serial number.
4. Every time your Recycle cart gets picked up on Friday, your account will automatically receive 25 points.
5. You can access your account at [www.RecyclingPerks.com](http://www.RecyclingPerks.com) 24/7 from any computer, tablet or smartphone and you can trade in your earned points for discounts, etc. from local businesses.

If you sign up by April 22, you will automatically be entered for a chance to win an Ipad.

## NEW REC CENTER PLANNED FOR MORNINGSIDE

The City of Clearwater is proceeding with plans to build a new recreation facility in Morningside. On January 19, the first meeting of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was held at the Long Center to establish the Morningside Recreation Complex Community Engagement Plan.

The PAC was comprised of two representatives from Morningside-Meadows Homeowners Associate; one representative from Grovewood; one representative from Imperial Park; one representative from the City of Clearwater's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; one representative from the Clearwater Neighborhood Coalition; and City staff including representatives from Planning, Library, Engineering, Economic Development, and Public Communications.

The committee will meet throughout the construction project, which will continue through the first part of 2018, when the facility should be completed. The location of the new facility was discussed at the first meeting. The architect described three potential sites for the complex. After discussing the pros and cons of each potential site, the committee decided that the most favorable location would be to the east of the present pool location.

The new complex will be approximately 21,000 square feet in size. It will consist of a full size gymnasium with full length basketball court, fitness room, multi-purpose room (1 large room or split into three rooms), front desk and staff area, kitchen, restroom and locker areas, storage, and data rooms. With the site selection to the east of the pool, the present pool building will be eliminated and the new entrance and pool facilities will be incorporated into the new complex. The existing pool, tennis courts, racquetball courts, and playground will remain.

This meeting represented the beginning stage of the long planning and construction process. Grovewood will be represented at all future meetings and updates of these meetings will be provided to the Grovewood residents. Your Grovewood representatives on this committee will be Dirk Curls and Clint Snedeker.

## TRAFFIC CALMING IN GROVEWOOD

The Grovewood Board of Directors wants to thank everyone who has responded to the Stop Sign survey. We are all aware that we have a serious speeding problem in Grovewood and we are trying to resolve it to keep our residents safe.

The speed limit in our subdivision cannot be changed since the 25 mph limit is the standard set by the state, so our only option to slow down traffic is to install additional stop signs or speed bumps. Since speed bumps have been ruled out by most residents, we will continue to try to have additional stop signs installed. Please return your Stop Sign survey sheet to the Board of Directors so that your vote will be counted. If you have misplaced your survey, please email the board at [grovewood@gmail.com](mailto:grovewood@gmail.com) for an additional copy.

## DECEMBER SOCIAL & HAYRIDE PARTY IS A SUCCESS

Over 60 people gathered to enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, refreshments and a hayride on December 17. The evening weather was warmer than previous years but everyone still enjoyed having a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows or hot cider and the delicious treats provided by those who came to go on the hayride and to also visit with their neighbors.

A special thanks to Michelle Bell, Jim Vricos and Alana Holloway for setting up the food and beverage tables, to Ken Holloway for providing the transportation for the hayride and to everyone who came to participate in the fun filled evening. The young and the old enjoyed this special holiday event.

Our next Holiday Social/Hayride party will be held on December 13, 2016. Mark your calendar since you won't want to miss out on this fun event this year.

## **UPCOMING 2016 NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS**

### GROVEWOOD SPRING GARAGE SALES - March 11 - 13

Groveswood will host their annual **Spring Garage/Yard Sales on March 11, 12, and 13**. The Association will place the advertising for this event in the Tampa Bay Times and on social media and will post the banner at the entrance during the week of the sale. This is a great opportunity to do your spring housecleaning and get some well-earned spending money for the items that you don't need any more. In previous years, these sales have been very successful, so plan now to participate in it. The sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

### GROVEWOOD SPRING PICNIC & NEIGHBORHOOD DAY **April 2**

Again this year, we will hold our Spring Picnic on the City of Clearwater's Neighborhood Day which will be April 2. We had a wonderful turnout last year. You will want to be sure to mark the date on your calendar. The Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Manager and other City representatives take the time to visit the neighborhood picnics. It is a great time of networking with the city officials and our neighbors.

The City provides grant money to participating neighborhoods to help with the extra cost of all of the activities. This extra money allows us to provide special entertainment for the children.

As in previous years, the GHA will provide the meat for the picnic and we will ask that each family attending provide a side dish or dessert to share. The food is always delicious. We will be sending out a flyer with all of the details closer to the event. Don't miss this fun event this year.