



**GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2010**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Greetings to all of my neighbors in Grovewood. Recently, I have received several requests to do something about cars speeding into the neighborhood. This is a serious issue that we all need to consider. We have published a request in prior newsletters which seem to have little effect on the problem. Some people have suggested speed tables or four way stop signs as a solution. Morningside has added both of these features to their streets. I hope that we can avoid this "fix". Speed bumps and additional stop signs would, in my opinion, add "clutter" to our beautiful subdivision. I believe our situation is different because of our single entrance and exit. We do not have the pass through traffic that most neighborhoods deal with each day. The speeders that we have are, unfortunately, residents that are in a hurry to get to their destination. I am going to ask the Board to approve the purchase of reminder signs that will be periodically placed at the entrance and exit of Grovewood. I would like these signs to read **"Watch Your Speed!"** or **"Please Slow Down, Children at Play"** or **"Speeding only saves you 10 seconds in Grovewood"**. I would like to make these signs available to residents to place them in their yard if they have speeders on their street. You can call a board member and request that a sign be placed for a few days at a time. I hope this will help the situation without aggravating anyone.

Regards to everyone.

Mike Moench

The posted speed limit in Grovewood is 25 mph.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

We want to send out a warm welcome to our new Grovewood neighbors:

Karen Bravo
Scott & Florence Baker
Stephen Keats and Michele Larschan

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES

We want to send out our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of two of our Grovewood neighbors that passed away this year.

- Porter Elliott passed away March 2, 2010.
- Britt Iverson passed away January 29, 2010.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Grovewood Board Meetings (open to all members) at 7 p.m.:
September 9, December 9

Grovewood Annual Meeting (Quality Inn Central): November 9 at 7 p.m.

Grovewood Fall Clean Up: October 16 at 4 p.m.

Grovewood Fall Picnic and BBQ: October 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Garage Sale: Friday, Saturday and Sunday – November 5, 6, and 7

Christmas Hayride and Caroling: December 18

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:

A nominating committee has been formed to look for new Directors to serve on the board for next year. The new Directors will be presented to the General Membership for election at the Annual Meeting to be held on November 9.

There are three Directors that will be leaving the board at the end of this year. These positions will be for a 3 year term.

There is also a vacant position on the board, which needs to be filled. The person accepting this position will serve out the rest of this year and the next 2 years of the term.

If you are interested in any of the available Board positions, please contact President, Mike Moench, any board member, or the nominating committee. You can email the board at Grovewood@gmail.com.

The nominating committee members are Neil Harbig, Chris Cowden and Ken Holloway.

GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>TERM THRU</u>
Mike Moench, President	796-8723	2011
Neil Harbig, Vice President	463-7621	2011
Rick Heise, Secretary	418-2826	2010
Ken Holloway, Treasurer	796-8920	2010
Chris Cowden	796-1988	2010
Brooks McRee	712-9233	2012
Pat Johnson	707-2407	2011
David Schlafley	724-3333	2012
Vacancy		2012

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Did you ever wonder how the perimeter of our wall along Belcher and Druid Road stays so clean of litter?

At least once a week, **Bob Blizzard** voluntarily walks this area with a garbage bag and picks up all of the trash that has been thrown or blown up along our walls.

We want to say **THANK YOU** to Bob for his constant effort in helping make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live.

NEW LANDSCAPING

We want to **thank Chris Cowden, Rick Heise, Neil Harbig and Ken Holloway** for volunteering their time to clean up and plant new shrubs and plants at the entrance to our subdivision. The City of Clearwater has repaired the sprinkler system in the median, so this area will be watered early on Sunday mornings. The sprinklers will cover the entire island.

The severe winter damaged many of our plants so they have been replaced with liriopé at the entrance and Indian Hawthorne in the median. The new plants are small now, but will eventually grow to make the entrance look beautiful again.

VISIT FROM THE CLEARWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The May 24th meeting of the Grovewood Homeowners Association board was opened with appearance of Officer Scott O'Hare. Officer O'Hare is one of several officers from the Clearwater Police Department that is visiting neighborhood associations. Scott informed the board of the new police chief's changes in community police work and how it would affect Grovewood. The Board received answers to a variety of questions and received crime statistics pertaining to Grovewood. The Board asked Officer O'Hare to make an appearance at our General Meeting November 9th to answer questions from residents of Grovewood. Please plan to attend what will be an informative General Meeting.

CLEARWATER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Clearwater operates a curbside/curbsort recycling program in which they provide an 18-gallon yellow recycling container to each household to use to collect all of their recyclable items. Collection of these items in Grovewood is every Friday. Materials collected are mixed paper, newspaper, aluminum cans, steel cans and #1 and #2 plastic bottles. On rainy days, either hold your recyclables for the next week's collection, or place all paper in plastic bags, which our drivers will leave with your empty bin.

Convenient recycling bins with wheel kits attached can be purchased from the city. Call (727) 562-4930 with your order or questions.

Mixed Paper Includes:

- Cereal and other food boxes
- Computer paper
- File folders
- Junk mail
- Magazines & catalogs
- Newspaper
- Office paper
- Paper grocery bags
- Shredded paper (please bag in a brown grocery bag or other paper bag)
- Soft cover books
- Telephone books
- Window envelopes
- Wrapping paper
- Any other paper item that tears (**but not corrugated cardboard**)

Not Acceptable:

- corrugated cardboard
- Wood
- Metal (although paper clips & staples are okay)
- Food waste
- Glass
- Construction debris
- Plastics
- Any non-paper items

NEW FERTILIZER RESTRICTIONS:

Beginning **June 1 and running through September 30**, you will not be allowed to apply fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorous to your lawn or landscape plants. Also, grass clippings and other yard waste may not be swept or blown into stormwater drains, ditches, drainage conveyances, roads or surface water. If you use a lawn service, please communicate these new restrictions to them so that we all stay in compliance with this new requirement.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING PICNIC

Over 70 residents of Grovewood gathered on April 24 to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and festivities at our Annual Spring Picnic. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and the picnic was a huge success!!

Our next picnic will be held on October 23, so mark your calendars now. You will not want to miss this fun time to meet and greet all of your neighbors!!









HOME ADDRESS NUMBERING:

In order for an emergency vehicle to find your home or your neighbor's home, it is vital that they get all of the help they can in the form of clearly visible and contrastable house numbers on every house. They need your house number whether they are looking for you or for your neighbor. A number of Grovewood homes have numbers that have fallen in disrepair, are covered by vegetation or were taken down completely when painting the house and never put back up. The larger and easier to read the numbers are, the easier it is for an address to be found. Please inspect your house numbers to make sure they are working for you and your neighbors.

Code enforcement says: "For public safety reasons, all developed properties must have their address numbers clearly visible from the streets they face, and the numbers must be Arabic numerals. (Script and/or numbers painted on the curb do not meet Code requirement.) Residential properties must have numbers at least 3 inches in height."

DEED RESTRICTIONS:

Do you know what our deed restrictions are? Do you know where they are? Do you know where your copy is? Do you have a copy?

If your answer to any of those questions is "No", please contact a member of the Board of Directors to receive a copy. Please send your request to Grovewood@gmail.com.

SOLICITING IN GROVEWOOD:

Free “No Soliciting” Signs

The Board has placed a small sign in the median near the entrance to Grovewood stating “NO SOLICITING”. We hope this will stop most of the soliciting in the neighborhood before they get to your door.

The city Ordinances prohibit soliciting on properties that are individually marked with a No Soliciting sign. The sign at the entrance has no legal force but solicitors don't know that.

No soliciting signs are available to Grovewood residents. Contact any board member or send an email to Grovewood@gmail.com for a free sign. They are to be placed on the front of your home or garage so that it can be seen readily from the street. For homes displaying this sign, unwanted soliciting is completely prohibited. The more homes we have displaying the signs, the less likely solicitors will come to Grovewood in the first place.

Any one soliciting in the City of Clearwater should have a permit that has been issued by the City allowing them to go door to door. If they do not have this permit, the police should be called. Please contact the Board of Directors if any of your children are involved in a legitimate fund raiser through school or any other organization, before they start going door to door. This will allow the Board to send out a memo to all of the residents telling them about the approved project. An example of this would be the Luminaries that are sold by the Boy Scouts each year.

Enforcement

The Clearwater Police Department is responsible for enforcement of the city's solicitation laws and therefore, must be notified when violations occur. Unwanted solicitation can be virtually stopped in Grovewood, if each homeowner would call the Clearwater Police Department (562-4242), or notify a board member when a violation is seen.

BULK TRASH REMINDER:

All bulk trash, including tree and yard trash, is picked up each Friday in Grovewood. The Board is asking all residents to keep all of your yard and bulk trash out of site until Thursday afternoon, to help our neighborhood look neat and clean throughout the week.

CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION (CNC):

Our Grovewood Homeowners Association is a member of an organization that represents a number of Clearwater homeowner associations, speaking on behalf of hundreds of homeowners at the city government level. This gives Grovewood a stronger voice in supporting not only our association but also that of others as well. The CNC meets monthly at 7 pm. on the first Monday of each month at the Salvation Army (Joy Center) 1521 Druid Road (corner of Highland & Druid) Druid entrance, 2nd building on the right. Our association is in need of someone to represent Grovewood on a regular basis. If you are interested and would like to serve, please email the Board at Grovewood@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The annual Homeowner Association dues are due and payable in January of each year. Several homeowners still owe their dues for 2010. If you have not already paid your dues, please send your check for \$50 (earmarked as 2010 Dues) to Grovewood Homeowners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 4976, Clearwater, FL 33758-4976.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND GENERAL MEETING

The Grovewood annual general meeting and elections will be held Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Quality Inn Central, 20162 US 19 North, Clearwater FL, 33764. The Meeting Room is located on the second floor. There is an elevator for easy access. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Clearwater Police Officer Scott O'Hare will be at the meeting to answer questions from residents. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important annual meeting.

DOG OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

There have been reports of residents walking their dogs, and not cleaning up the dog waste on other people's property. It is the dog owner's responsibility to make sure that they stop and clean up all waste left by their dogs when they are walking them around our subdivision.

Please make sure that you carry a bag with you and clean up after your dogs whenever you walk them. We appreciate your help in keeping our neighborhood clean!

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

If you are one of the handful of Grovewood residences *not* receiving this Newsletter via email, please do your association a big favor and sign up for email delivery. Preparing hard copies is costly and quite time consuming. With email you will get all announcements, even those that can't be hand delivered.

Send your name and address to:
Grovewood@gmail.com

Your Association Thanks You!!