



GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to my friends and neighbors,

Spring has arrived and there are a lot of things happening. The Neighborhood Cleanup and the Spring Picnic are coming up soon. Check out the calendar and remember to sign up.

Now that spring is here it is time to trim our trees and shrubs and get ready for summer. If you hire a professional to do your trimming they are responsible for removing the trimmings. If you are a do it yourself type like me, it is best to stash your trimmings out of the way until Friday. The next thing on my clean up list is the side walk. It has become coated with a mildew growth which is very slippery. If you are out walking, please be very careful especially when the sidewalk is wet. Pressure washing is the fix that makes the sidewalk look like new. Each time I clean my sidewalk and driveway it gives the whole property a facelift.

Good luck with your springtime projects. Thank you for making Grovewood one of the best looking neighborhoods in the city.

Regards to all,
Mike Moench, GHA President

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Grovewood Homeowners Association Dues are due and payable in January each year. To date, **84% of the Homeowners have paid Calendar Year (CY) 2011 Dues** (104 of 124). Thank you!!

If you have not already done so, please send your check for \$50 to Grovewood Homeowner's Association, Inc., P.O. Box 4976, Clearwater, FL 33758-4976. Please put CY2011 Dues in the memo of your check.

A **USPS 1st Class Reminder Letter was mailed on March 18, 2011** to those Homeowners for which the CY2011 dues payment has not been received.

Bob Blizzard, GHA 2011 Treasurer

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL OF THESE 2011 EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH

Groveswood Spring Garage Sale – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day	March 25, 26, 27
Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) at 7 p.m.	March 24

APRIL

Groveswood Spring Clean Up – 9 a.m.	April 9
Groveswood Spring Picnic - 5 p.m.	April 16
Groveswood Spring Picnic RAIN DATE	April 30

MAY

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) at 7 p.m.	May 12
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JULY

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) at 7 p.m.	July 14
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SEPTEMBER

Groveswood Board Meeting (open to all members) at 7 p.m.	September 8
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OCTOBER

Groveswood Fall Clean Up – 9 a.m.	October 15
Groveswood Fall Picnic - 5 p.m.	October 22
Groveswood Fall Picnic RAIN DATE	October 29

NOVEMBER

Groveswood Fall Garage Sale – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day	November 4, 5, 6
Groveswood Annual Meeting (Location to be announced) – 7 p.m.	November 10

DECEMBER

Groveswood Board Meeting (Transition to new board members) – 7 p.m.	December 8
Christmas Caroling and Hayride	December 20
Christmas Caroling and Hayride RAIN DATE	December 21

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

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

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Rokitowski and family

DEED RESTRICTIONS

Since Groveswood is a Deed Restricted community, please refer to your copy of the Deed Restrictions before you begin any modifications to your home. If you have any questions about your compliance or need a copy of the Deed Restrictions, please contact your Board of Directors at groveswood@gmail.com .

GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME	TELEPHONE	TERM THRU
Mike Moench, President	796-8723	2011
David Molhem, Vice President	507-0934 cell – 601-5125	2013
Yvonne Silcox, Secretary	403-3169	2013
Bob Blizzard, Treasurer	799-3857	2013
Neil Harbig	463-7621	2011
Pat Johnson	797-2407	2011
David Schlafley	724-3333	2012
Brooks McRee	712-9233	2012
Alana Holloway	796-8920	2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

GROVEWOOD SPRING YARD SALES – MARCH 25 - 27

Groveswood will host their annual **Spring Garage/Yard Sales on March 25, 26, and 27**. The Association will place online advertising on Craig's List and The Flyer and will place an ad in the St. Petersburg Times. The banner will be posted 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 past years, these sales have been very successful. The sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN-UP – APRIL 9

The semi-annual clean-up will be held, April 9 and will begin at 9 a.m. Since we have removed the plants along Belcher Road, most of the plants that will need to be trimmed are along Druid Road. We will need to trim plants and replace mulch at our entrance as well as put down new mulch along the Belcher Road wall. Please come and enjoy an hour or two of neighborhood participation in helping beautify the Belcher and Druid perimeter areas of our neighborhood.

GROVEWOOD SPRING PICNIC – APRIL 16

Groveswood will host their annual **Spring Picnic on April 16**, assembling at 4:30 p.m. and food will be ready to serve at 5 p.m. The picnic will be held on Barber Drive between Groveswood Road and Minneola. The Association will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments and beverages for the picnic and the neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. **Please RSVP by April 9 to the notice in this newsletter** so that we know how much meat to purchase for the picnic. This will be a very special event since we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our neighborhood and recognizing our 40 year residents at this picnic. In case of rain, the picnic will be held on April 30.

WHO'S WHO IN BUSINESS IN GROVEWOOD

In our January Newsletter, we asked all residents to list their businesses and services in the newsletter so that their neighbors can use the list as a referral for products and services that they need. Please let us know if you would like to list yours in the next newsletter.

Regal Lawn Service, LLC – Ben Wendell 727-812-6930 wenbendell@gmail.com Ben lives at 2241 Minneola Rd.

Charles Rutenberg Realty – Diana Schlafley, Realtor - 727-410-0771

Bay Area Auto Window Tinting – Auto-Commercial-Residential – Dave Schlafley – 727-724-3333
Dave and Diana Schlafley live at 2258 Minneola Road.

GROVEWOOD HISTORY by Emory Hickert

In late 1970, the Honeywell Aero Division in Minneapolis, MN decided to move a group of employees from MN to their facility in Pinellas County, FL. I was one of that group. Those people all had a trip to this area to find housing. At the time, Grovewood, was going through the process of changing from a Temple orange grove to a 125 home subdivision development. Millie and I had a visit to Grovewood with one of the builders during our “looking” schedule. The “looks” weren’t very great—mostly dirt street, about 1/5 of the lots had houses, no street lights, no shade trees, a group of very tall evergreen trees at the east end, and a lot of Temple orange trees. The few residents here were mostly in the 30-50 year old age group which fit us so well. We liked the prospect for a good future and decided to talk to the builder about having a house built. The more we looked and talked, the better Grovewood sounded as a future home site. We contracted to have a home built and went back to Minneapolis to get ready for the move. We moved in late August 1971, but lived in a rental house until our home was completed in October. There were a few other Honeywellers who had purchased homes in Grovewood so we weren’t total strangers. We really thought that we had made a good choice for our home location.

Some effort had started toward creating a neighborhood organization. Bill Zinzow was one of the most active in that effort and was elected as the first president. Several activities were set up to help people become acquainted throughout the neighborhood. Some of these events were a couple of street picnics per year (these still continue), rotating dinner parties of 4 or 5 couples per “dinner” home every couple of months, and some activities for the neighborhood children. Sarah Blizzard organized and started a girl’s 4H club. It soon became apparent the kids could quickly make the change from snowballs to oranges for something to throw. The kids also found out that throwing oranges caused more parental uproar than throwing snowballs! Overall, having a lot of kids around helped to make the neighborhood enjoyable. To me, it seems like a loss to have so few in the neighborhood now, although sometime I’m content with not having 10-20 kids playing basketball on my driveway in the evening. At one time, we had 3 Clearwater high basketball squad members living in Grovewood. They and their followers met many evenings on our driveway.

We had many “volunteer get togethers” during the early years to clean, plant, and maintain the west and north perimeters of Grovewood and our entryway. We cleared the west side area along Belcher and planted shrubs the entire length. The plantings took place on one Saturday. It was a big job, but with lots of help, it got done. The shrubbery required a lot of trimming—almost all by residents. Eventually many of the shrubs became almost impossible to maintain and were removed. The shrubs that were originally in the west half of the entryway became a “great” place to discard cans, bottles, and small boxes and other trash. It required at least a weekly cleaning to look decent. The center island shrubs were finally removed by the residents and grass was installed to make a decent entryway possible.

That covers some of my memories of the “olden days” of Grovewood. I miss having a lot of kids around the area and all the chit-chat and help that I got from them.

GROVEWOOD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Welcome Committee – Neil Harbig & Yvonne Silcox
Membership Committee – Bob Blizzard
Beautification Committee – Rick Heise & Ken Holloway
Deed Restriction – Dave Molhem & Chris Cowden
Newsletter – Yvonne Silcox & Alana Holloway
Social Committee – Brooks McRee & Alana Holloway
Crime Watch – Mike Moench



GROVEWOOD SPRING PICNIC and 40 YEAR CELEBRATION

APRIL 16, 2011

(Rain date - April 30, 2011)

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Spring Picnic will be held April 16th beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Homeowners' Association will be providing grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, condiments and beverages. We ask that every family that attends bring either a side dish (salad, baked beans, fruit, vegetable, etc.) or a dessert. There will be games and crafts for the children and music to enjoy. The picnic will be set up on Barber Drive between Grovewood Road and Minneola. Please bring your own lawn chairs, folding chairs and card tables.

We plan to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our neighborhood and will be recognizing all of our 40 year residents at this picnic.

Please **RSVP** with the following information to Alana Holloway **by April 9** so that we can make sure that we have enough food ordered for the picnic.

FAMILY NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ Adults _____ Children

I have a table to use to serve food: _____

I have a cooler to use for the beverages: _____

Tables and coolers will be picked up at 2 p.m. on April 16th by a board member and will be returned to you after the picnic. Send **RSVP** to Alana at aholloway2004@hotmail.com or call her at 796-8920.

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

If you are **NOT** receiving this Newsletter via email, please contact your Association and sign up for email delivery. With email you will get all announcements, even those that can't be hand delivered.

Please send your name and email address to: Grovewood@gmail.com

Your Association Thanks You!!