



GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of the Grovewood Homeowner's Association, I'd like to extend warmest wishes for the upcoming holiday season!

There are two important reminders that the Board of Directors would like to offer for the upcoming months. First, please be mindful of Grovewood's restriction on the use of signage. Grovewood Deed Restrictions limit the use of yard signs, so, during this election season, please keep these rules in mind.

Next, unfortunately, there have been two recent instances of criminal activity in Grovewood. One of our resident's car was broken into and another had a car stolen from her driveway. Both of these incidents have been reported to the Clearwater Police Department. Please let these unfortunate incidents serve as reminders to keep your cars locked and to bring valuables inside your homes, rather than leaving them in your vehicles. Also, please take the time to report any activities that you observe that you suspect may be criminal in nature.

On another topic, the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Mandarin and Grovewood and Barber and Grovewood has been completed. The feedback from residents has been, on balance, very positive. Please contact the Board with any comments or concerns that you have about these signs or any other traffic issues that you think need addressing.

Finally, if you have not yet paid your annual dues for 2016, please send them in ASAP. We all benefit from these funds and our community needs everyone to chip in, in order to maintain all of the things that make Grovewood such a special place to live.

If you have any comments or suggestions for our Homeowner's Association or would like to volunteer your time for a Grovewood event, please send your emails to the Board of Directors at grovewood@gmail.com .

Best wishes,
Jim Vricos, GHA President

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2016 EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>TERM THRU</u>
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

UPCOMING GROVEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

GROVEWOOD FALL GARAGE SALES – November 4 - 6

Groveswood will host their annual **Fall Garage/Yard Sales on November 4, 5, and 6**. The Association will place the advertising for this event and will post the banner at the entrance during the week of the sale. This is a great opportunity to do your Fall housecleaning and get some well-earned money for the items that you don't need any more. In years past, these sales have been very successful. The sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

GROVEWOOD ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS– November 10

The **Groveswood Annual Meeting and Elections** will be held on Thursday, **November 10** at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn Central, 20162 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater. The Meeting Room is located on the second floor and there is an elevator for easy access to this room.

We will be electing 3 new board members to fill the positions of those leaving the board. The 2017 Budget will be presented and will be approved by the residents in attendance.

If you need transportation to this meeting, please contact one of the Board Members and they will arrange for someone to bring you to this important meeting.

Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

GROVEWOOD CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES

In November, Boy Scout Troop 468 sells luminaries each year to the residents of Groveswood.

This annual event really makes Groveswood sparkle on Christmas Eve. It has been a long standing tradition that every year Groveswood families proudly help to decorate our neighborhood by setting up these luminaries around their property. Even if you plan to be away for the holidays, we ask that you purchase the luminaries and your neighbors will gladly display them for you. A flyer and/or notice giving you details of this event will be sent to you in early November.

GROVEWOOD HOLIDAY HAYRIDE SOCIAL – December 13

Plans are underway to once again host the **Holiday Hayride** in December. This event is planned for 6:30 p.m. on **December 13**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun family holiday event.

More details about the hayride will be sent to you in a future information flyer.



CITY OF CLEARWATER – UPCOMING EVENTS

The following upcoming events are sponsored by The City of Clearwater. A more comprehensive list can be viewed at www.myclearwater.com .

October 13 – 16 – Clearwater Jazz Holiday – Coachman Park - 301 Drew Street
<http://www.clearwaterjazz.com>

October 18 – A Taste of Clearwater – Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Clearwater Chamber 409 Old Coachman Road
An evening filled with food, drinks and entertainment from greater Clearwater.

October 31 – Boo Bash – Bright House Field – 601 N. Old Coachman Road - 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
This free event is a safe community Halloween celebration with plenty of candy.
<http://www.threshersbaseball.com>

November 13 – Christmas Under the Oaks – Coachman Park, 301 Drew Street
Annual Arts & Crafts Show at waterfront Coachman Park -. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

November 18-20 – Festival of Trees – The Long Center – 1501 N. Belcher Road
Annual holiday festival featuring over 125 exquisitely decorated trees, hundreds of wreaths and beautiful holiday decorations.

November 24 – Tampa Bay Times Turkey Trot – Clearwater High School Stadium
tampabay.com/turkeytrot 540 S. Hercules Avenue – 7 a.m.
There is a race for every skill level. Over 17,000 participants.

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

There is a non-emergency phone number that you can use to contact police if you see anything suspicious going on in our neighborhood. We are a **Neighborhood Watch** community and want to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious behavior or events that happen in our community.

Please call 727-562-4242 if you see anything suspicious. 911 should still be used for all **EMERGENCY CALLS**.

POLITICAL SIGNS IN GROVEWOOD

In this current political season, we wanted to remind all Grovewood Homeowners that our Deed Restrictions prohibit the display of any political signs in your yard. Please refer to your Deed Restrictions - F. General #8 - Sign Information and in the Amended Restrictions - F. General #6.

Our Deed Restrictions prohibit all signs on your property except those signs advertising your property for sale or rent.

If you don't have a copy of the Deed Restrictions, you can view them on our website at www.grovewoodhomeowners.org . If you have any questions, please email your Grovewood Board of Directors at grovewood@gmail.com .

Grovewood Board of Directors, Deed Restriction Committee

SPILL THE WATER AND STOP MOSQUITOES FROM BREEDING

Living in Florida, mosquitoes are seemingly part of our everyday life. However, not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and are more likely to bite at certain times of the day. Some mosquito species bite during the day, such as those mosquitoes that can spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika viruses. Other species of mosquitoes bite most often at dawn and dusk, including those that can transmit West Nile virus.

It is important to practice basic mosquito bite prevention: cover skin with long clothing and repellent and **spill!** sources of standing water. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as one teaspoon or a bottle cap of water. To help stop them from breeding, follow these simple steps:

Females breed by laying eggs in standing water, so at least once a week, empty, turn over or cover things that can hold water, such as toys, tires, buckets, birdbaths, car or boat covers, gutters, trash containers, etc.

Store outside items in a covered area if they can hold standing water.

Keep flower pots and saucers free of standing water and flush out water-retaining plants like bromeliads with a hose once a week.

Just remember to **Spill the Water!** around your home.

(This information was found at www.floridahealth.gov)