



GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome to 2018 and let's hope that really cold weather is gone for good. I want to wish all Grovewood residents a prosperous 2018. Our Christmas Hayride was very well attended and a big thanks to Ken Holloway for towing the kids and adults around the neighborhood. Also our new social event, the Reindeer Run was a great success. Thanks to Debbie Vricos for spearheading this new event. We saw some new residents this time and everyone attending had a great time. We will do this one again in 2018!!!

Keep a look out in the newsletter for the upcoming calendar of events for 2018. Also, if you have not already joined, check out our Facebook page. This is a private page for Grovewood residents only. Over 40 residents have joined and many of them use the page to communicate about events, ask questions or report issues in the community.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any board member with any questions or ideas that you might have.

Regards,

Clint Snedeker, GHA President



We would like to say **“Thank you so much for all of your help!!”** to the outgoing Grovewood Board Members. Those leaving the board this year are **Dirk Curls, Brooks McRee, Franziska Haesler and Alana Holloway**. We really appreciate all of the time and dedication that they devoted to our neighborhood during their time on the board.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2018 EVENTS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) - 7 p.m.	March 13
Groewood Spring Garage Sales – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day	March 2, 3, 4

APRIL

Groewood Spring Picnic & Neighborhood Day – 4:30 - 7 p.m.	April 14
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MAY

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m.	May 8
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JULY

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m.	July 10
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SEPTEMBER

Groewood Board Meeting (open to all members) – 7 p.m.	September 11
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NOVEMBER

Groewood Fall Garage Sales – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day	November 2, 3, 4
Groewood Annual Meeting (Quality Inn Central) – 7 p.m.	November 13

DECEMBER

Groewood Board Meeting (Transition to new board members)	December 4
Reindeer Fun Run – 9 a.m.	December 15
Holiday Hayride Social – 6:30 p.m.	December 20

GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
groewood@gmail.com

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>TERM THRU</u>
Clint Snedeker, President	643-4827	2018
Josh Metzger, Vice President	430-0136	2018
Ken Holloway, Secretary	796-8920	2019
Bob Blizzard, Treasurer	799-3857	2018
Jason Haynor, Director	421-9099	2020
Mike Moench, Director	796-8723	2020
Tara Larkins, Director	512-2916	2019
Jim Vricos, Director	703-248-8752	2020
Sallie Vandervort, Director	524-1446	2019

GROVEWOOD STANDING COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee –Sallie Vandervort & Tara Larkins
Membership Committee – Bob Blizzard & Ken Holloway
Beautification Committee – Ken Holloway & Josh Metzger
Deed Restriction –Clint Snedeker, Tara Larkins & Jim Vricos
Newsletter – Clint Snedeker, Sallie Vandervort & Ken Holloway
Social Committee – Jim Vricos
Crime Watch – Jim Vricos, Jason Haynor, Mike Moench
Internet/Website –Bob Blizzard, Clint Snedeker & Ken Holloway

GROVEWOOD STREET DIRECTORS

Groveswood Road – West	Ken Holloway
Groveswood Road – East	Jason Haynor
Groveswood Court	Clint Snedeker
Mandarin Drive	Josh Metzger
Minneola Road – West	Sallie Vandervort
Minneola Road – East	Clint Snedeker
Bascom Way	Mike Moench
Jaffa Place	Ken Holloway
Barber Drive	Jim Vricos

2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Groveswood Homeowners Association Dues are due and payable in January of each year.

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 that it is for **GHA CY 2018 Dues**.

The Dues will be considered past due on March 1, 2018. A LATE FEE of \$3.00 will be due with any payment made after March 1, 2018.

WELCOME

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

Lewis Jacobwitz who lives at 900 Mandarin



GHA REINDEER FUN RUN A SUCCESS

Grovewood Homeowner's Association sponsored their first Annual Neighborhood **Reindeer Run** on the morning of December 16, 2017. The fun run consisted of two races. The first race was a 3 mile run for the more serious Grovewood runners. The second race was a family friendly one-mile run/walk event that brought together multi generational family members and even some family pets. Both races were run entirely in our neighborhood. Following the races, the runners got together to enjoy some holiday treats, water and hot chocolate.

With the success of this first fun run, we have established a new annual holiday tradition that promises to bring together our neighborhood again next year for an even bigger and better holiday Reindeer Run. Mark your calendars for December 15 for the next Reindeer Run – you won't want to miss it!!

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

We want to send out our sympathy to Phyllis Berlage and her family on the loss of her husband, Nick. Nick and Phyllis moved into Grovewood in 1971.

GHA BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

We are happy to report the wall on Belcher Road has a fresh coat of paint. We want to thank Anthony Bell, John Vandervort and Ken Holloway for their help on this project. The new paint should last for another 5-6 years. We will put out new mulch along the wall in the spring.

All of the storm drains in the subdivision have been painted yellow. We hope this will help prevent people from hitting them as they park along the roads and turn the corners. The sign posts at the ends of Barber and Mandarin have also been painted yellow. The hedges at the end of Barber and Mandarin have been trimmed and we plan to trim the crape myrtle trees in the spring.

We want to thank the homeowners that live on the north side of Jaffa Place for trimming their trees and replacing old fences along Druid Road. This side of the subdivision is starting to look a lot neater.

We are looking into repainting the fire hydrants in the neighborhood. We have to get the Fire Department's permission before this project can be completed.

If you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming beautification projects, please contact the GHA Board at grovewood@gmail.com.

DECEMBER SOCIAL & HAYRIDE PARTY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

We had record attendance at the Holiday Hayride in December with over 120 people gathering to enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, refreshments and the hayride on December 12. The evening weather was cool enough this year so everyone enjoyed having a cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows or hot cider and shared in the delicious treats provided by those who came to go on the hayride. It was also a fun time to visit with your neighbors.

A special thanks to all of the residents who decorated their homes last year. Looking at all of the beautiful decorations is part of the fun of the hayride. We would also like to thank Ken Holloway for providing the transportation for the hayride and to everyone who came to participate in this fun filled evening. The young and the old enjoyed this special holiday event.

Our next Holiday Social/Hayride party will be held on December 20, 2018. Mark your calendar since you won't want to miss out on this fun event this year.

CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION CONFERENCE

Building Stronger Neighborhoods

The CNC (Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition) will be hosting a mini-conference on Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m. at the Downtown Clearwater Library. The purpose of this event is to bring residents from different neighborhoods together to brainstorm on ideas that will help turn their neighborhoods potential into reality. They will discuss how to build a stronger neighborhood, how to energize your neighborhood association and they will share some services that are available to Clearwater's neighborhoods. There will also be an awards ceremony which will highlight submissions from neighborhoods for the Spirit Award. The Spirit Award will be presented to neighborhoods who have sponsored an event that has brought their community together. We have submitted our Reindeer Fun Run and hope that they will also see that this event was a winner!! Several of our neighbors are planning to attend this conference.

UPCOMING 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

GROVEWOOD SPRING GARAGE SALES - March 2 -4

Groveswood will host their annual **Spring Garage/Yard Sales on March 2, 3, and 4**. 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. You can not only sell your things but you can also do some shopping at your neighbor's sales!!! The sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

GROVEWOOD SPRING PICNIC & NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

April 14

Again this year, we will hold our Spring Picnic on the City of Clearwater's Neighborhood Day which will be April 14. You will want to be sure to mark the date on your calendar. The Mayor, City Councilmembers, the City Manager and other City representatives take the time to visit the neighborhood picnics, as well as police and fireman in their trucks. It is a great time of networking with the city officials and our neighbors.

Last year we rented a Video Game Truck for the kids and "kids at heart" to play games during the picnic.

As in previous years, the GHA will provide the meat, condiments and beverages 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. Mark your calendar so that you don't miss this fun social event this year.