



GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to my friends and neighbors.

Just a few days ago one of our residents asked me if I could provide a referral of a good roofing contractor. He had seen a previous President's Corner in which I had mentioned having my roof repaired. Unfortunately I could not give a good review of my contractor because of the poor job that was performed. Eventually the contractor made the job right after some persuasion. Finding a good reliable contractor is sometimes tough.

I believe referrals are one of the best ways to find a good service provider. There used to be a referral list of businesses by Grovewood homeowners that was circulated to all residents. This was one of the topics at our last board meeting. We considered the idea of allowing advertising in our newsletter. The board decided that this might look like the association was endorsing the various services being offered. It was decided instead of advertising that we would add a referral page to our newsletter. If you would like to have a referral put in the newsletter, email the referral along with your name and address to Grovewood@gmail.com. The referral will read something like "*Mike and Karen Moench of XXX Barber Drive have had good service from Joe Smith's lawn service 727 XXX-XXXX*". If you have a poor experience with one of the listed contractors, please let the association know by email and we will remove them from the list. If you are a resident and would like to list your own business or service, you can list yourself as well.

I hope everyone has a happy and prosperous 2011.

Regards,
Mike Moench

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

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 Chris Cowden, who served on the Deed Restrictions committee and the Welcome Committee; Rick Heise, who served on the Beautification Committee and was the Secretary; and Ken Holloway, who served on the Deed Restriction Committee, the Beautification Committee and also served as our Treasurer.

We really appreciate all of the time they devoted to our neighborhood during their terms.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

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

Leann Dixon

Robert and Susan Busch

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL OF THESE 2011 EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH

Grovewood Board Meeting (open to all members) at 7 p.m.	March 10
Grovewood Spring Garage Sale – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day	March 25, 26, 27

APRIL

Grovewood Spring Clean Up – 9 a.m.	April 9
Grovewood Spring Picnic & Clearwater Neighborhood Day - 5 p.m.	April 16
Grovewood Spring Picnic RAIN DATE	April 30

MAY

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Grovewood 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

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



CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND HAYRIDE WAS A SUCCESS

Over 60 people gathered to enjoy an evening of music, fellowship, refreshments and a hayride on December 21. Bernie Blankenship and his family provided the beautiful Christmas music for the event. The evening weather was perfect as everyone enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate or cider and the delicious treats provided by those that came as they sang and visited with all of their neighbors. We plan to make this an annual event. Our next Caroling-Hayride party will be held on December 20, 2011.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Grovewood Homeowner's Association Dues are due and payable in January each year. A Dues Notice Letter with a self-addressed envelope enclosed for returning your dues payment was hand delivered to each home on January 2, 2011. To date, 71% of the Homeowners have paid their CY 2011 Dues (88 of 124). Thank you!!

If you have not already done so, please send your check for \$50.00 to Grovewood Homeowners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 4976, Clearwater, FL 33758-4976. Show on your check that it is for CY 2011 Dues.

TRIBUTE TO OUR 40 YEAR RESIDENTS

Groveswood Subdivision celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. We are fortunate to have some of the original owners still living in our wonderful neighborhood including:

Vince & Vanessa Alampi, Nick & Phyllis Berlage, Bob & Sara Blizzard, Sarah Davis, Alda Fuetterer, Jerry & Judy Griebler, Joe & Kit Harra, Emory & Millie Hickert, Grace Hillman, Gordon & Eva Jane Methvin, Linda Parker, Pete & Dorothy Taylor, Mary Turner, Molly Womble and Henry & Joan Zega.

Congratulations to all of our 40 year residents. We plan to celebrate the anniversary of our neighborhood and these residents at our Spring Picnic in April. Throughout the year, we plan to talk to these residents to bring the history of the development of Groveswood to you and will share some of their stories about the development of this subdivision in future newsletters.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 2011



The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. It was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician originally from Michigan.

He proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the importance of trees. In 1885 Nebraska made it an annual legal holiday, using April 22nd to coincide with Morton's birthday.

Today all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day. In 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day.

Trees are such an important part of our neighborhood. We have the uniqueness of having hundreds of live oak trees lining the streets of Groveswood.

The **City of Clearwater** will be having an **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway** on **Saturday, April 30, 2011**. The tree giveaway will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Complex, 1650 N. Arcturus Avenue. Approximately 2,000 trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents of Clearwater can receive two free trees per household and can choose from various tree species. Proof of residency is required (i.e. a copy of your water bill). Visit ***myclearwater.com*** or call 562-4950 for more information.

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: Groveswood@gmail.com

Your Association Thanks You!!