



GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

NEW WEBSITE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

www.grovewoodhomeowners.org

Grovewood has a new website that was beautifully designed by our new neighbor, Leann Dixon. This website is a great resource for all of the information regarding our neighborhood. The website includes a Calendar of Events for our neighborhood, a copy of our Deed Restrictions, a list of the Board Members and their phone numbers, copies of prior newsletters, Community Information and much more. This website will give you all of the information that you need in one place and will be updated to keep all information current. You can view the website at the following address: <http://www.grovewoodhomeowners.org/>. If you have any questions or comments regarding the website or if you need help in navigating through the site, please send an email to grovewood@gmail.com or call one of the Board Members.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual Grovewood Homeowners Association Dues are due and payable in January each year. To date, **93% of the Homeowners have paid Calendar Year (CY) 2011 Dues** (115 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 Registered Letter with Receipt Signature Required will be mailed in June 2011 to those Homeowners for which CY 2011 and past year(s) Dues Payments have not been received.

Bob Blizzard, GHA 2011 Treasurer

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL OF THESE 2011 EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JULY

Groveswood Board Meeting CANCELLED

SEPTEMBER

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

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

GROVESWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>TERM THRU</u>
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, Director	463-7621	2011
Pat Johnson, Director	797-2407	2011
David Schlafley, Director	724-3333	2012
Brooks McRee, Director	712-9233	2012
Alana Holloway, Director	796-8920	2012

GROVESWOOD 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 WAS A SUCCESS

Groveswood hosted their annual **Spring Picnic on April 16**, with over 100 residents attending. The highlight of the event was the celebration of the 40th anniversary of our neighborhood and the recognition of all of the 40 year residents who “settled” this wonderful subdivision. Joe Harra shared a poem about the first luminaries that were displayed and President, Mike Moench, welcomed everyone and recognized all of the 40 year residents as flowers were presented to those who were in attendance. This was a very special picnic. Mark your calendars for the Fall Picnic, which will be held on October 22.



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT PICNIC!!

What a wonderful 40 year celebration it was!! The Grillsmiths did the burgers and hot dogs to perfection. Our compliments to all of the chefs for endless tables of casseroles, salads and desserts. Thank you, Joe Harra, for your beautiful poem. It certainly brought back memories of that first hot, snowless Christmas Eve, but we stayed never to roam. Let's not forget the “40” year celebration cake that only Publix can make, and the special touch of the beautiful flowers. It was a pleasure to visit with everyone.

Thank you all for a great picnic,

Hank and Joan Zega
2242 Jaffa Place

GROVEWOOD HISTORY

Memories of Grovewood by Peggy Young

On a cool December day in 1970, we moved into Grovewood Subdivision. The rows of orange trees stood in their exact lines, and it looked like an active grove except for the few houses under construction and those currently completed. There were about six or eight of these homes scattered amongst the oranges. We happily settled on Bascom Way and moved in to find we actually had neighbors across the street. We all felt like pioneers, but we were not alone!

One by one, the homes became completed and families started to move in. The grammar school children were bused to school and the entrance to Grovewood was their bus stop. On rainy mornings, I would drive my two daughters up to the entrance and ALL of the Grovewood grammar school children would cram into my car to keep dry while waiting for the bus. My girls were so glad when new children moved into the neighborhood.....even though our car eventually ran out of room for most of them.

By the early 80's, the orange trees started dying away, but we were very excited when the oak trees were planted and started to grow. They helped make this a lovely and unique neighborhood with their majestic beauty. We went from an orange grove to an oak grove, but it is really all of the residents that make this neighborhood so special and that is why so many people are proud to call Grovewood their home. I am one of them!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

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

Jeff and Tammy Jensen who live at 2226 Jaffa Place

CITY OF CLEARWATER YARD WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Excerpts taken from "Clearwater Sunshine Lines")

Summer is almost here (although it feels like it is here already) and everything will soon be in full bloom and growing profusely. Grass clipping can be left on the lawn when you cut your grass. This helps put the nutrients back into the soil. These clippings can also be mixed with leaves and used as mulch around your landscaping.

All clippings, leaves and loose yard waste that is not recycled around your home, should be put in bags or containers, other than the black barrel, and set out by the curb by 7 a.m. each Friday. Larger articles, such as branches and limbs, should be cut or broken into pieces 4 feet in length and stacked by the curb.

If you use a professional lawn service, the City of Clearwater Ordinance states that they are required to remove all debris resulting from their work.

Items for collection should be placed out at the curb the day prior to collection. The City provides special pickup of larger articles by calling them at (727) 562-4920.

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 your business or services in the next newsletter. Send your information to GroveWood@gmail.com.

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.

DEED RESTRICTIONS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

GroveWood takes pride in being a well maintained neighborhood, which means that our property owners keep their yards groomed, their sidewalks cleaned and their homes maintained.

We have Deed Restrictions which protect our neighborhood and properties from common violations, and the City of Clearwater has their City Codes that are enforced to ensure that the communities, buildings and properties within Clearwater are maintained which keeps families safe and the environment protected.

Common city code violations include the street number not being displayed on the property; uncut grass; inoperable vehicles parked on the property; trash and debris not properly disposed of; fences that are not maintained in a structurally sound and attractive manner; and graffiti.

This is a great time to take a look at your home and its curb appeal and make sure that you are in compliance with our Deed Restrictions and the City Codes.

If you need a copy of the Deed Restrictions, you can find a copy on our new website: <http://www.groveWoodhomeowners.org>.

REQUEST FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

All future newsletters will be posted on the new website. We will be sending out a notice to all resident's email addresses advising them when the newsletter has been posted and will include a link to our website. Attached to that email will be the current phone list and map of GroveWood since these will not be posted on the website with the newsletter.

We will also use the resident email addresses to advise our neighbors of any Crime Watch details when they occur, since these will not be posted on the website.

In order to receive these updates, please send your name and email address to:

GroveWood@gmail.com

