



## **GROVEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER**

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### **Residents!**

We hope everyone had a nice summer. School is back in session and everyone is patiently awaiting the first cold snap. It has been a HOT!!! summer. We look forward to the upcoming fall activities – the fall garage sale in November, Annual meeting, Holiday Hayride and back by popular demand, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Grovewood Reindeer Fun Run!!

I often walk the neighborhood with my kids and it is so nice to see residents out milling around. That community feel is what makes this neighborhood so special.

If you have not paid attention, there are a few community items of note. The Pinellas Trail Druid road extension is almost complete. It travels Druid Road, right along the north edge of Grovewood. I am sure you have seen all of the construction in that area. Also, the new Morningside Recreation Center is opening soon. The Grand Opening celebration will be on October 6 at 10 a.m.

This will be my last newsletter as my term on the board will expire in December. Thank you for letting me serve the association and I look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

Clint Snedeker, GHA President

#### **DOG COMPLAINTS**

We all love our furry friends and the joy they bring. However, there has been an uptick in complaints to the Grovewood Board of multiple dogs in the neighborhood whom are unleashed and even unattended wandering the property. This has caused uncomfortable situations for some who may be walking their dogs on a leash. We want to ensure Grovewood stays a safe place to live. We ask that owners ensure their dogs are on a leash when outside their home or safely within a fenced in yard. While there is no deed restriction to enforce behavior of dogs, there are city codes which control animals. We have instructed some owners if they have further concerns, to report it to the City. City code empowers police officers to handle all animal complaints, including barking dogs, animals running at large, etc. To report a violation involving animals, please call the Clearwater Police Department at 727-562-4242.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2018 EVENTS**

**GROVEWOOD CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**OCTOBER**

**Morningside Recreation Center Grand Opening** – 10 a.m. October 6

**NOVEMBER**

**Groewood Fall Garage Sales** – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day November 2, 3, 4

**Groewood Annual Meeting** – 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](mailto:groewood@gmail.com)

| <b><u>NAME</u></b>             | <b><u>TELEPHONE</u></b> | <b><u>TERM THRU</u></b> |
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| Clint Snedeker, President      | 643-4827                | 2018                    |
| Josh Metzger, Vice President   | 430-0136                | 2018                    |
| Ken Holloway, Secretary        | 796-8920                | 2019                    |
| Ken Holloway, Acting Treasurer | 796-8920                | 2019                    |
| 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 –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 – Clint Snedeker & Ken Holloway

## UPCOMING GROVEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### GROVEWOOD FALL GARAGE SALES – November 2 - 4

Groveswood will host their annual **Fall Garage/Yard Sales on November 2, 3 and 4**. 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 13

The **Groveswood Annual Meeting and Elections** will be held on Thursday, **November 13** at 7 p.m. The location of this meeting has not been decided at this time. A notice will be sent out once the location has been confirmed.

We will be electing 3 new board members to fill the positions of those leaving the board. The 2019 Budget will be presented and will be approved by the residents in attendance.

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

### 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 20

Plans are underway to once again host the **Holiday Hayride** in December. This event is planned for 6:30 p.m. on **December 20**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun family holiday event. We ask that you have your outside holiday decorations up by that date since seeing the beautiful decorations within Groveswood is a big part of the Hayride event.

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

### REINDEER FUN RUN – December 15

We will once again enjoy the **Reindeer Fun Run** on **December 15**. Please plan to join your neighbors on December 15 at the second Annual Reindeer Fun Run. Everyone who attended last year's run, asked that we add this to our annual holiday events. More details of this fun-filled event will be provided to you on Facebook and through flyers delivered to your door.

# WELCOME

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

**Kevin and Maggie Greenwood who live at 2201 Minneola**

**Chris and Casey Olmstead who live at 2273 Bascom Way**

**Terry and Judith Arnold who live at 2217 Bascom Way**

## GROVEWOOD STREET DIRECTORS

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Grovewood Road – West | Ken Holloway      |
| Grovewood Road – East | Jason Haynor      |
| Grovewood 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        |

## REPORT ALL CRACKED SIDEWALKS....AGAIN

It has been over 2 months since the City of Clearwater came out and marked the areas of our sidewalks and gutters that need to be repaired or replaced. We have seen very little action. If you still have sidewalks that need to be fixed, keep calling the City requesting this service. We have many areas that are safety hazards for people walking the sidewalks of our neighborhood. We also have some cracked curbs and gutters and areas on the roads where water collects when it rains. These areas become a breeding ground for mosquitoes so they should also be reported.

Let the City know if you have poor drainage problems on the road in front of your home and they will be able to address that problem at the same time that they repair the sidewalks. The City requires that individual homeowners contact them with their problems. We cannot request them to come out to our neighborhood to look for areas that need to be fixed. We need you to call them and report your specific address and problem.

Please call the City of Clearwater at 727-562-4950 to report the locations that should be inspected and considered for repair.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW GUIDELINES

Groveswood is a Deed Restricted Community. The Board of Directors have the responsibility of making sure the deed restrictions are followed. It is not the intent of the Board to prevent you from making improvements to your property. We hope you will continue to improve your property which increases your property value and the value of your neighbor's property as long as the improvements conform to the Deed Restrictions and add value. It is important to remember you must send your plans to the Board for review before you get your permits and start work. The Board of Directors adopted Architectural Review Guidelines on 9/18/2018. The Guidelines will be sent to you soon and a few copies will be available at the Annual Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. You can review the Deed Restrictions and Guidelines on our web site [www.groveswoodhomeowners.org](http://www.groveswoodhomeowners.org). Be sure to review the Deed Restrictions and Guidelines so you will be informed. When you submit your plans to the Board, we will review your request in a timely manner. You can send an email to the Board at [groveswood@gmail.com](mailto:groveswood@gmail.com) when you are ready and have your plans for review. This email address only goes to the Board of Directors, not to all of the neighborhood email addresses.

### NEW COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATOR

Clint Snedeker will be our new Communications Facilitator for our email system. He will take care of sending out the Newsletter and important information to the neighborhood. He will also update the Groveswood Map and Phone List. If you have not given the Board your email address and phone number, please send it to the Board at [groveswood@gmail.com](mailto:groveswood@gmail.com). You will then be added to the email system. This helps us get information to you faster and saves us copy expense and postage. Thanks to Clint for being willing to take on this important role for the neighborhood.

### CRIME WATCH UPDATE

We have had several "car door checkers" during the night in the neighborhood. Please keep your car doors locked and your garage doors closed. It makes it too easy for these bad folks to get in your car and take anything they can use later on such as credit cards or your IDs. Some of our neighbors still keep their garage doors open during the day when they are inside. Again, that makes it so easy for these people to take things from your home during the day when most home burglaries occur. The Clearwater Police Department's non-emergency number is 727-562-4242. Call them when you see anything that does not seem right or normal. They will come out to investigate.

### DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

We want to express our sympathy to Sara Blizzard and her family and friends on the passing of Bob Blizzard. Bob passed away on September 10 at the age of 80. He has been our neighbor since 1971, and served many terms on the Groveswood Board, most recently as our Treasurer. He was an integral part of the development of our Groveswood neighborhood and he will be missed by many.