

# The Grove's Community News

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HOA Board of Directors  
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Vice President: Dave Mikkelson

Secretary: Ann Marlin

Treasurer: Jon Short

Member-at-Large: Vacant

Cardinal Management Group

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The newsletter is compiled by volunteers serving on the Communications Committee - email [communications@gathm.com](mailto:communications@gathm.com) to be on this committee.

Donna Jarvis-Miller  
Communications Chair

## Community Clean up! ~ Gary Kosciusko , Community Clean-up Chair

On November 5, 2011, nine residents came out to help with the Fall Community Clean-up.

In an hour and a half, we collected 5 bags of trash and one giant bag of recyclables. Thanks to all who participated.

Our community has stayed relatively clean since then, but the strong winter winds are coming. That's why it's impor-

tant for each household to bag, tie, or otherwise

our service arrives late in the day on trash pick-up day, it's not necessary to put the trash out the night before.

Our next clean-up event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24**, when we'll meet at the pool house at 9am. Won't you join us?



Participants in the November Community Clean-up (standing, from left): Gary Kosciusko, Gene Stewman, Dave Mikkelson, Erica Fseisi, Kathy Mikkelson, Paul Kennery; (seated, from left) Sabrina & Elena Fseisi. Not pictured: Ameen Valletta.

contain your trash and recyclables (even if they are already in a bin or receptacle). Because



**Community Clean-up**  
**Saturday, March 24**  
**9 - 11:30 AM | Pool House**

## Where are You on the 3rd Tuesday?

What is on your schedule the third Tuesday of each month?

Our Board of Directors meets to discuss the business of the association.

During the meeting there is a residents' forum where you can raise issues that are of concern to you and other

residents.

A thriving association is the direct result of member engagement. This engagement can take on many forms - attending monthly meetings, volunteering for a short-term project, chairing a committee or notifying Cardinal Manage-

ment when you see something broken.

**Mark your calendar**

**3rd Tuesdays | 7 PM**

**2511 Parkers Lane**

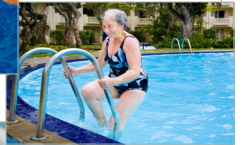
# Time for Pool Season!

~ Donna Jarvis-Miller, Communications Chair

Swimsuit season is just around the corner and that means it is time to request your pool passes.

The pool will open on Saturday, May 26 at 10 AM!

Several residents suggested that pool hours be adjusted for enjoyment in the evenings. The Board of Directors heard the request and has approved new hours.



## 2012 POOL HOURS

**Mon. - Fri.** 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

**Saturday** 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

**Sun. & Holidays** 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

**Pool Pass Application is available at GATHM.com.**  
**Email to Kristin Briner – K.Briner@cardinalmanagementgroup.com**

# Meet Ann Marlin - HOA Secretary

At the Annual Meeting held in December, Ann Marlin was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Following the meeting, members of the board elected officer positions. Ann will serve as the Secretary on the Board of Directors. Meet Ann...

Ann Marlin has been a resident of the Grove at Huntley Meadows for six and a

half years. She has been a military wife for over twenty years. During that time, she has served on many boards in various positions. Ann said, "It is important to me that we maintain the high standards, character, and safety of The Grove and preserve (or

hopefully increase) the property value of our homes."

She further noted that it is a privilege to serve on the Board and looks forward to doing what she can to continue making the Grove a great neighborhood.

"It is a privilege to serve the community as a board member."

# March Winds. April Showers. May Flowers.

Managing those March winds can be challenging – especially on trash day. It is amazing how trash days are windier than other days. Some residents have raised concerns about having to pick up light trash that has been blown out of the recycling bins. We contacted American Disposal for tips on how to keep trash in the bins.



Make sure your trash and recycling doesn't blow down the street

They provided the following suggestions:

- 1) Residents can place all the cans, bottles and glass at the bottom of the bin and placing newspaper or cardboard on top with a brick or rock on top to weigh it down. [They ask that bungee cords not be used as it slows down the team picking up the trash.]
- 2) Residents can use paper bags or clear plastic bags to secure the recycling inside the recycling bin.

Only clear plastic bags can be used – do not use dark plastic bags.

- 3) Residents may order the 64 gallon recycle carts with lids which also helps keep items from blowing loose in the community.

To order the recycle cart, there is a \$75 one-time fee for the cart.

Call ADS at (703) 368-0500 or visit [www.americandisposal.com](http://www.americandisposal.com) for details.

# Message from HOA President, Jim Preston

Welcome to 2012!

I would like to thank Dave Mikkelson for his service as Board President for 2011. Dave's attention to detail was amazing! His vigilance with the budget and the "little things" that always pop up saved the Association thousands of dollars. Fortunately, he's agreed to continue his service on the Board as Vice President.

I'd also like to thank Shelle Mancl for her many years serving the Grove, both as a Board member and as a member of the Landscape Committee. While she has moved from the Grove, she will be remembered for her hard work on our behalf. We wish her and her husband, David, the best.

Jon Short continues his term as Treasurer, and we're grateful for his wise counsel and continued efforts on behalf of the membership.

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Jim Finkle, our Member-at-Large. Jim was a calming voice within our discussions. His experience with city government provided invaluable insights into matters of governance, and his thoughtful advice will be missed.



Jim Preston, President, Grove's HOA Board of Directors

Finally, I'd like to welcome Ann Marlin to the Board of Directors as our new Secretary. She brings a fresh perspective to the Board, and we're happy to have her on the team.

If you've kept track above, you'll note that we're one person short on the Board. Because Jim's resignation took place after the election at the Annual Meeting, the Board has the authority to appoint a person to the vacant position. If you'd like to be a part of the leadership of our

Homeowners Association, or if you have any questions about the duties of board members, please send an email to [board@gathm.com](mailto:board@gathm.com).

"The Member-at-Large position is open on the HOA Board of Directors as a result of Jim Finkle's resignation."

With the expected uptick in the economy, we should see an increase in housing prices, but we all need to do our part to keep the Grove at Huntley Meadows an

attractive, vibrant place to live. **Let's make 2012 a great year!**

**Third Tuesdays!**  
**HOA Board of Directors Meetings**  
 Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane  
 (unless noted otherwise)  
 7:00 PM

**MARCH**  
**DATE change** - Monday, March 19

**APRIL**  
 Tuesday, April 17

**MAY**  
 Tuesday, May 15

**JUNE**  
 Tuesday, June 19

**JULY**  
 Tuesday, July 17

**AUGUST**  
 Tuesday, August 21

**SEPTEMBER**  
 Tuesday, September 18

**OCTOBER**  
 Tuesday, October 16

**NOVEMBER**  
 Tuesday, November 20

**DECEMBER - ANNUAL MEETING**  
 TBD

## Dog Owners: Take Note! ~ your neighbor

**Dog owners, it's your responsibility to pick up after your pet.**

not excuses for not picking up after your dog.

We have DOGIPOT® receptacles strategically placed around our community for your convenience, but if your dog defecates far away from one of these, you still need to pick it up. Longer and colder nights, distance from the DOGIPOTS® or not having a bag with you are



No one likes surprises when out walking their dog!

So, PLAN ahead when you walk Fido. Take along a flashlight and something to pick up with after Fido.

For those who discover a mess left in your grass, please be courteous and do not toss

onto the sidewalk. This does not solve the problem and will only make the situation worse for another neighbor.

We're sure you wouldn't want someone to step in something that can be tracked into their house, as in the photo!

Be responsible pet owners!

**You can and will be fined if you don't pick up your pet's waste.**



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Are you getting the community emails and announcements? Visit [GATHM.com](http://GATHM.com) to register and/or make sure your email address is current.

# 2012 Calendar of Events inside! Mark the dates now and plan to participate in the Grove's events...it is your community!

## Board of Directors Update ~ submitted by Ann Marlin, HOA Secretary

On Tuesday, December 6, the Annual Association Meeting was called to order by President Dave Mikkelson. It was noted that there was a quorum. The Community Manager, Victoria Garner, presented the Annual Meeting Proof of Notice confirming the requirement called for in the by-laws.

The Board, Management, and the Committee members were introduced. The 2010 annual meeting minutes were approved as edited.

An update on Lee District was given by Mr. Mikkelson in Supervisor McKay's absence. The updates included the Route 1 revitalization plan, Wegmans and other road improvements.

It was announced there were two seats available for the Board of Directors and nominations were requested from the floor. A total of three nominations were received and the nominations were closed.

Ballots were then completed, collected, and counted.

Mr. Mikkelson provided an overview of the accomplishments of the year. He announced that the 2012 budget has been approved and there will be no increase in assessments. The Board is continuing to review the ARC guidelines and hopes to publish a revised document by the summer. A number of community forum issues were raised by the members present and discussed.

The board recognized and thanked volunteers for their service to the community.

Election results were announced with Dave Mikkelson being re-elected and Ann Marlin was elected to serve a three-year term.

The annual meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed light refreshments.

The **January HOA Meeting** was called to order by the President, Jim Preston, after verification of a quorum. No issues were raised during the Member's Open Forum. The Secretary, Ann Marlin, provided several hardcopy email motions for inclusion into the record. There were no other Board of Director reports. The Community Manager, Victoria Garner, provided the Management Report and the Board had a brief discussion of financials and additional pool umbrellas. The Board then entered into Executive Session where there was also a Covenants Hearing. The meeting was adjourned at the close of the Executive Session.



Minutes of the Board of Director meetings can be found on our website

[GATHM.com](http://GATHM.com)