

Grove Hill Gazette

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A Letter From the President

This issue of our printed newsletter includes an announcement regarding our new web site www.grovehillhoa.com. The web site will provide a timely and inexpensive means of keeping you, a homeowner in Grove Hill, better informed about our neighborhood. Even more important, we hope that it will increase your involvement in our neighborhood. We need every neighbor's participation to realize our full potential as the most desirable development in Auburn.

One possible area of involvement is serving on the GHHA Board. The terms of three current members will be expiring at the end of the year. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve on the Board, please let us know. Nominations or individuals that you would like to be considered can be given to any board member via our new web site or sent directly to me at waregl65@bellsouth.net. Elections will be held at our annual homeowners meeting on the second Tuesday in January. We look forward to seeing you there.

Charlie Perry, President, Grove Hill Homeowners Association



Maintain Your Property Value

The President of the Homeowners Board, Charlie Perry, in a recent letter to the Grove Hill residents expressed his concern for a strong board and neighborhood association. It is very important to maintain and adhere to the covenants that have been established to maintain our property values and our outstanding neighborhood. The Board has expressed a need for every residence to examine their property to make sure you are not in violation. The covenants will be enforced, so take this opportunity to look around and correct any problems. If you do not have a copy

of the Grove Hill Subdivision Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions please contact the Property Manager at 826-5884 or visit the web at www.grovehillhoa.com.

The following are ten common covenants violations:

1. 6.14 (b) All automobiles owned or used by the Owner or Occupant of any Dwelling and their respective family members shall be parked in garages to the extent garage space is available. Garages shall not be used for storage or for any other purposes or uses, which would result in the garage being unavailable for the parking of vehicles therein.

2. 6.09 (e) No bird baths, fountains, reflectors, flagpoles, statues, lawn sculptures, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, rock walls, bird houses, or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or

installed within the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling.

3. 6.09 (f) No vegetable, herb, or similar gardens or plants shall be planted or maintained in the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling or in the rear (back) yard of any Lot or Dwelling if the same would be visible from any street. So yes, those residents that face the main road (Grove Hill road) are held to a stricter accountability because your violations are visible from the street.

4. 6.09 (h) No Owner shall allow the grass on his Lot or Dwelling to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches, measured from the surface of the ground.

5. 6.09 (i) Seasonal or holiday decoration (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be promptly

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removed from each Lot or Dwelling as soon as such holiday passes.

6. 6.21 (a) No furniture shall be placed, kept, installed, maintained, or located in or on the front or side yards or areas of a Lot or Dwelling. Any furniture placed, kept, installed, maintained, or located at the rear of or behind a Dwelling shall, to the greatest extent practicable, be located so that the same shall not be visible from any street.

Covenant Highlight

Seasonal or holiday decoration (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be promptly removed from each Lot or Dwelling as soon as such holiday passes.

7. 6.21 (c & d) Children's toys, swing sets, jungle gyms, trampolines, and other outdoor and recreational equipment and appurtenances shall be allowed only at the side or rear of a Dwelling and shall, to the extent practicable, be located so that the same are not visible from any street. Free-standing playhouses and tree houses shall be permitted, but only after ARC approval of the same.

8. 6.23 (b) Trash, garbage, and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot or Dwelling except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Trash cans and containers shall at all times be kept at the rear of or inside a Dwelling and shall be screened from view from streets and adjacent Lots and Dwellings by appropriate landscaping or fencing approved by the ARC; provided, however, that trash cans and containers can be moved to the front or side yard of any Dwelling on trash collection days for such Lot or Dwelling.

9. 6.21 (g) Barbecue grills or other types of outdoor cooking equipment and apparatus shall be located only at the rear of a Dwelling and to the extent practicable, shall not be visible from the street.

10. 6.23 (a) Trash, including grass clipping, leaves etc. shall be placed on the street for collection on Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning only.

Please note that these listed above are not inclusive covenants violations, but a representative of the growing number of violations that are occurring in our neighborhood. We as a neighborhood and a Board must get a handle on these violations to ensure that our neighborhood maintains its attractive appearance and value. Let us all work together to get our neighborhood back to the quality it was originally designed and developed to encompass.

GHHA Points of Interest:



The Halloween holiday is fast approaching and the Grove Hill Homeowners Association would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents to watch for children and the many "trick-or-treaters" that will be on our streets and in our neighborhood on Saturday October 30th from 6:00-8:00pm. Please also remember to remove your Halloween holiday décor after October 31st.

We have had several residents notify us concerning speeding in our neighborhood. Some of those exceeding the speed limit are non-Grove Hill residents cutting through our neighborhood. However, several teenage drivers have been spotted leaving

Abby at accelerated speeds and on Grove Hill road, as well. If everyone could remind all drivers in your family to adhere to speed limits and watch especially for the children at bus stops throughout the neighborhood.

Thank you for keeping our neighborhood safe. Please note that we have requested additional police patrol of our neighborhood to help with this problem.

Are You My Neighbor?

Do you know your neighbor? Can you call on them to get your mail when you are out of town? Can you call them by name? We would encourage everyone to get to know their neighbors. Not just the ones next door, but on your street in general. Many in our neighborhood have Bunco groups, which is a wonderful way for neighbors to keep in touch. One street in particular, Sweetwood Circle not only has a Bunco group but they have an annual progressive dinner each Christmas as well. Several of the ladies on this street organize this event each year and is a great example of neighbors getting to know each other. We have also heard about Taylor Court having a Ladies Luncheon to allow new

Grove Hill residents on that street to get to know their new neighbors as well. These are just a few examples of ways our residents are becoming more “neighborly”.

The Board needs more participation in neighborhood meetings as we make decisions that affect our neighborhood as a whole. A wonderful idea of “Street Captains” was mentioned at our last meeting. We know that everyone is very busy and its hard to make time for neighborhood association meetings. However, if each street in Grove Hill had a street captain, that person could attend the meeting and report back to everyone on their particular street. The captain could also bring to the meeting any issues that their street had problems



or questions about. Please note that we do not want to discourage anyone from attending our neighborhood meetings, we are trying to think of ways to increase attendance. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the Property Manager at 826-5884 or visit the web at www.grovehillhoa.com.

Moore's Mill
GOLF CLUB

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
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TOMMY SOLOMON AT 826-8989

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FITNESS CLUB

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BRITT BUCKINGHAM AT 332-1826

The fitness center at the Moore's Mill Club is now open. Memberships are available, either solo or through a membership at the Moore's Mill Club. Britt Buckingham is the director, and can be reached at 887-8787. Also, the Moore's Mill Club clubhouse is nearing completion. To have a tour or obtain membership information, contact Tommy Soloman at 524-8989.

Walking Trail Update

The Walking Trail is underway as of October 20th.

The Trail will run from Windway down Grove Hill Road to Moore's Mill Road and then east to Ogletree Village.

The Project should take about three months and will provide a long awaited and wonderful addition to our neighborhood. Please be patient during construction and watch for additional workers and the road crew on our already busy streets.

Grove Hill Online

In efforts to better serve our neighbors, the board is developing an association web site for Grove Hill Homeowners.

Current Events, Contact Information, Frequently Asked Questions, an online copy of the Covenants, and Forms will be a few of the items on the site.

**Please visit often at
www.grovehillhoa.com**

Watch for news of an upcoming End of the Year Holiday Social at the Club House, details will be posted on the GHHA sign board as well as the web site.

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Report of Suspicious Activity

Several Grove Hill residents have reported incoming and outgoing mail stolen from their mailboxes. We contacted the Auburn police department and the Auburn post office to find out what steps we as a neighborhood can take to help eliminate this problem.

Auburn Police Lieutenant Joe Stroud said that criminals prey on people with busy lives. As neighbors, we can watch and look for suspicious activity. If you see someone taking mail, make a good identification to include physical description of the person and/or vehicle including a tag number. Be a good witness by identifying the person's gender, race, physical description. Also important to identify is the person's vehicle description to include color, make and tag number. If you notice anyone tampering with the mail or mailbox, please contact the Auburn police department at 501-3100 or you can call 911 if you physically see someone in a criminal activity.



Postmaster Wayne Jackson with the Auburn post office said though it poses an inconvenience to Grove Hill residents, it would be prudent to take all mail containing checks to the post office drop box. Criminals looking to steal your mail look at the red flag on your mailbox as a grand opportunity. Mail out bills with checks directly at the post office. If possible, retrieve mail immediately after the mail is delivered. Keep your eyes open and watch for anything suspicious on your street and surrounding area.

So we as a neighborhood need to help watch for each other. If you see something suspicious notify the police or drop one of the board members an e-mail. For contact information please visit www.grovehillhoa.com.

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