



The Grove Park Grapevine

December 2021

Holiday Issue

From the Board

We had a strong year working toward normalcy, moving forward with events and keeping on top of neighborhood issues.

The "borrow pit" being dug behind the first house on the west side of the gates, has been investigated by the River Keeper, acknowledged by Channel 4, and addressed by Kevin Carrico our City Council Rep. it has been determined that while unpleasant, not illegal. The Board continues to work to ensure that as the project wraps up as safely as possible.

The Grapevine publication continues to be published and distributed, and events planned.

The Veteran's Day in the Park is always a special day as we see those who have faithfully served, and those who are still in the service. Our guest speaker this year did an outstanding job, and it's just one small way we stand together as a community to honor those who have stood up to defend our freedom. Maybe even more significant this year in light of the 20th anniversary of 09/11.

As we all look forward to all that is special in the holiday season ahead let's take a moment to recognize a couple who has kept one of our treasured traditions alive for over 20 years. Roger & Sandra Willi have single handedly garnered an army of foot soldiers to deliver the bags, they have ordered and compiled the bags into designated stacks for their volunteers and made sure that everyone had the tools in hand to do the job. They've been responsible for getting the sand in place, and collecting the monies left at the sand pile to return to the board. Many thanks to them for all that they have done. We appreciate you!

Wishing you and yours the most joyous of seasons; full of family, friends, and laughter.

The GPHA Board President, Grove Park HOA

Be sure to check us out on Social Media



The Grove Park HOA members

Website: http://www.groveparkhoajax.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Holiday Hill Craft Fair

DATE: Saturday, November 20, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PLACE: Holiday Hill Baptist Church



Holiday Hayride

DATE: Saturday, December 18, 2021

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Molaki and Jamaica Road.

Holiday Luminaria

DATE: Friday, December 24, 2021

TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 PM Starts

PLACE: Homes in Grove Park

HOA Annual Meeting

DATE: Thursday, March 3, 2022

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Holiday Hill Baptist Church



Flag in Passive Park



Flown in memory of:

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Garden Circle Corner

Yard of the Month Awards

Since the last printing of the Grapevine the following households have been added to our Yard of the Month roster for 2021.

Sep - 7426 Tahiti Rd. Barton Family

Oct - 1236 Montego Rd. Rukab Family

Nov - 1131 Lido Rd. Acree Family

As we move into our fall / Winter and Holiday season the Garden Circle will be awarding 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place to the Holiday decoration winners. If you are interested in joining the Grove Park Garden Circle contact Gayle Moseley at: gsmoseley@comcast.net or by calling 904.704.4098.

Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in member's homes at 10:00 AM. We would love to have you come grow with us.

Gayle Moseley
President, Grove Park Garden Circle

Neighborhood Corner

Our Neighborhood Block party took up it's second year at the Holiday Hill Baptist Church location on Mandalay Rd. While we were still mindful of social distancing so many showed up to enjoy fellowship, good will, and great food. Justin our "balloon man" had a long line the entire time as children were clamoring for his creations. Bono's did a fabulous job with the food and a good time was had by all.



Antonia Hale
The Editor



Grove Park Crime Report:

Grove Park has no reported crimes to note.

Holiday Safety Tips

For Your Home:

- Make sure all doors & windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them!
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or that are activated by sensors.
- Secure large out door decorations with cables, chains and pad locks.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Avoid opening the door to strangers. Delivery people will be able to show photo identification.
- Investigate charities before donating by calling the charity's main office or checking online.
- Be sure to mail cards with money, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or a blue US Postal Service collection box.
- If traveling, use timers for lights and radios while you're away. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home. Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

Gary R. Dickinson
Grove Park Neighborhood Watch
904 616-2066



Grove Park Luminaria 2021
Our 34th Year

Once again Thanksgiving has come and gone with Christmas fast approaching and it is time to get ready for our luminaria event. Heading up this event has enabled us to meet and work with our many volunteers who make this a successful endeavor. Certainly, distributing 9,500 bags to 415 homes in a short period of time is a big job and we are thankful for our volunteers. Without their hard work and dedication our “luminaria” tradition would surely fail.

We were all blessed 34 years ago when Paula and Doug Kerley brought this beautiful tradition to our Grove Park community. Joan and Roger Painter continued this tradition for 7 of those years. *The tradition was carried on for the remaining 26 years by Roger and Sandy Willi, who continued faithfully and tirelessly to ensure that Grove Park was lit up every year on Christmas Eve.*



We owe the Willi's a debt of gratitude for all that they have done, and they graciously are holding our hand as we work to take this over in our 34th year.

The sand will be in the usual place, on the right-hand side of Catalina Road West toward the sewer transfer station near the corner of Holiday Road South.

- Sand delivery is scheduled on, or before December 15th. Also, we request when you are picking up your sand to please be respectful of the lawns of the houses on either side of the street.
- The bags will be given to the volunteers within the first week of December and will be delivered in the following weeks.
- It is your responsibility to provide the candles for your bags. Almost any type candle will do, but we have found that the “votive” candles in glass holders work well and last a long time. They are available in Walmart packaged 12 to a box. You will need anywhere from 18 to 36 candles depending upon the size of your lot. Should you need more bags, please give us a call at the number listed below.

As usual a donation box will be located at the sand pile for those of you wishing to make a contribution to help offset the cost of the bags and the sand.

Your Grove Park Home Owner's Association – (Antonia 912.441.2781)



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