



FROM THE BOARD

Community News:

If you haven't noticed there has been a transformation taking place at our very own SYAA Field or Glynlea Park, and it's not over yet. The park was established in 1956 and was a pivotal part of this community for many years; until it fell into disrepair, and neglect.

One youth that this park influenced during his formative years when he played there, where he met life-long friends, and where he attributes many of his fondest memories to the park is: Michael Jurney.

Michael was not content to see the park go to ruin, to see that no teams or leagues were utilizing the park and that the buildings were in shambles with a population inhabiting the area making it undesirable for family events. Michael was not content to stand on the sidelines, he took action! Meeting with City Councilmen, City Officials, and the Dir. of Parks and Recreation to see how to effect a change. Through his perseverance he has the city working on a Master Plan for the area that closely mirrors his vision, The city is in the process of awarding funds to effect more change, and in order to show the city his commitment to this endeavor Michael has established a non-profit organization: **Youth to Champions** which puts him in a position to be awarded the ability to run park operations possibly in the future. Until that has been finalized, he has been able to get it cleaned up, raising funds for the project; creating community clean up days logging almost 300 hours with the city, and has 5 teams playing at the park regularly.

The park is more than a Baseball Field to Michael it is a place for community events that foster togetherness and helps those in need. His non-profit assists with athletes in need providing sponsorships and equipment. He also works with Holiday Hill Elementary on various initiatives including their Go Green Day project, as well as Holiday Hill Church needs. He has raised money for upkeep of the field keeping the clay and outfield in order, the pitching mound, and now astro turf is on its way for the batting cages.

SAVE THE DATE:

Block Party

DATE: Saturday, October 7, 2023
TIME: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
PLACE: Holiday Hill Baptist Church
All meals \$5.00 per person (\$10 per family) members and guests

Community Movie Day

DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2023
TIME: Gates open: 6:00 PM
Movie Starts: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Holiday Hill Baptist Church

Veterans Day

DATE: Saturday, November 11, 2022
TIME: 4:00PM we gather
4:30 PM Ceremonies begin
PLACE: Passive Park/Flag Pole

Holiday Hayride

DATE: Saturday, December 16, 2023
TIME: 6:00 – 9:00 PM
PLACE: Molaki and Jamaica Road

Luminaries

DATE: Sunday, December 24, 2023
TIME: 5:00 – 6:00 PM Starts
PLACE: Homes in Grove Park



Hello neighbors,
I hope you are well. We are honored @ Holiday Hill Church to be part of this community & are made to feel so welcome. Our dream is that when our neighbors in Grove Park are looking for a church home, we are a place to which you look. We are here to minister to you & your family in any way that we might be able. To learn more about us, either visit us on a Sunday @ 11:00 a.m., visit our website – www.holidayhillbc.org, or contact me (albertbyrd@holidayhillbc.org, or: 721-0721). Please plan now to join us for these upcoming fall events: **Community Movie Night**, October 21st; **The Holiday Market**, December 2nd; **Christmas Eve Service**, December 24th.

Albert Byrd, Pastor
Holiday Hill Baptist Church

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His organization raised monies to assist community families with dire needs, and he will continue to reach as many as he can. Whether it's a house fire, or sick children he will back the cause.

The momentum Michael has built is infectious. He has a passion for making this dream a reality and so many have come on board to with him. Michael is appreciative of all who have helped him along the way, from City Council, to JSO who partner with him on various events, making them extra special with flyovers and a strong JSO presence in attendance. As a community we encourage all to assist and support his efforts by attending the events hosted at the Ball Park and promoting SYAA to any teams that may be looking for a home field.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/youthtochampions>



Pictured left to right:
Michael Journey, Benhamin Hale, Kevin Carrico.

Photo taken during GPHA March 2023 meeting where Kevin Carrico (District 4) awarded Michael with allocated funds for the park restoration, and awarded Benjamin with a certificate recognizing his efforts to keep the Grove Park Gates looking pristine.

The Editor

Flag in the Passive Park



Flown in memory of:
Delton Joseph Faul
United States Army

Donated by his daughter:
Jennifer Faul Jones

Garden Circle Corner



Summer is winding down (and hopefully the heat too) and The Grove Park Garden Circle will be resuming their monthly meetings and activities. We are active and involved in our beautiful neighborhood. The gates on Grove Park show the handiwork of our women. Another responsibility of our circle is to name a Yard of the Month. Because I failed to include the yards in this column in the spring I want to list all of them since the first of the year.

Jan	The Osterhoudt Family -1133 Catalina Rd. E
Feb	The Whitworth Family -7124 Tonga Dr.
Mar	The Williams Family -1123 Molokai Rd.
Apr	The McClary Family - 1214 Jamaica Court
May	The Shonka Family - 7134 Tonya Dr.
Jun	The Mark Willi Family -1022 Montego Rd. E.
Jul	The Allen Family - 1041 Bimini Rd.
Aug	The Farrah Family - 1107 Martinique Rd.
Sep	The Braddy Family - 1311 Grove Park Blvd.

The Grove Park Garden Circle meets in the daytime. We meet once a month during the school year. If you are interested in being a part of our group please text me at 904.891.6731.

Happy Fall Y'all!

Bonnie Allen
President, Grove Park Garden Circle



We are actively seeking dedicated individuals to assist in weekly Entrance gate clean up. If you can help contact: **Antonia Hale 912.441.2781** or email Antonia.hale@comcast.net