

# NEWS of GROVE PARK

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings Grove Park Neighbors,

2011 is going to be an exciting time in our neighborhood! Spring brings changes everywhere and you will soon be noticing them in Grove Park.

Our first 2011 Grove Park Neighborhood Association meeting is **Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 at The Hickory Grove Recreation Center**. In keeping with the theme of spring change, we will be making fun changes to our meetings. There might even be a free item involved, but you'll have to show up to see!

On Sunday, April 17th the Garden Club will hold their Annual Spring Tour. Please see the Garden Club update in this newsletter for details.

The Grove Park Neighborhood Improvements Project is still ongoing. Waterlines will be upgraded along Tiverton Road and North Lakeside Drive, and various resurfacing and drainage improvements will be made.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Grove Park Neighborhood Association, I want to wish each of you a joyful spring!

SEE YOU ON THE 15th!

Kaye Walsh, 704.773.2325  
President, GPNA

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**THE GARDEN CLUB** proudly announces their 2011 SPRING GARDEN TOUR, on **Sunday, April 17, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please save the date!** The Garden Tour Committee's efforts ensure that this year's Garden Tour will be as memorable as the previous two years. Please share this unique opportunity to appreciate the beauty around us with your family, friends, and neighbors. The tour includes gardens in our two sister communities, Ravenwood and Grove Park, as well as the Triangle Gardens, (these connect both communities, and are carefully tended by members of the Garden Club for the benefit of all). Begin the tour at 6700 Linda Lake Drive, (hosts Mimi and Alan Davis). Brochures with directions to the other gardens on the tour will also be available at the Triangle. There is no

charge for the Garden Tour, although at each garden you will see a small pot, with the following notice, "Donations accepted for the Grove Park - Ravenwood Garden Club to help support its mission of bringing neighbors together who share a passion for gardening and keeping our neighborhood beautiful." Also please think of volunteering on the day of the tour. We can use a few more smiling greeters, as we want to have one or two at each garden.

**THE GROVE PARK-RAVENWOOD GARDEN CLUB** meets the **third Saturday of the month, 10:30 a.m.** and is open to all residents of Grove Park- Ravenwood (and beyond!) We are an inclusive group. Requirements for membership include: a desire to promote neighborliness, and a willingness to join with efforts to make our small corner of the world a better place to live. Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 19, featuring presentations by much admired local gardeners, and more.

The Garden Club Yard Sale in September is the Garden Club's primary fund raiser. In fact, so far we have been able to use the proceeds from the sale to promote projects that benefit our neighborhood, rather than charging dues. We need your help to continue this good work. Please save your discarded items for this sale. Questions or comments, call or write Mary-Ellen Jones, 704.975.0295. [jjimij@gmail.com](mailto:jjimij@gmail.com).

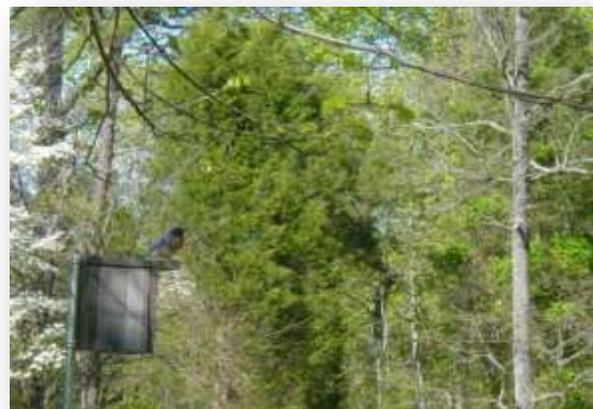


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**GROVE PARK HISTORY:** Several residents who have lived here for many years have expressed a willingness to share their memories. If interested, that is, if you or someone you know has a story to tell (even a small one), please make contact with Augie Beasley, AugieEB@aol.com 704.536.9188, or Mary-Ellen Jones, 704.975.0295. [jjimij@gmail.com](mailto:jjimij@gmail.com).

**RAVENWOOD'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE** warmly invites their Grove Park neighbors to attend two upcoming social events:

- A Family-Oriented Party, Saturday April 30, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meeting at a private home, everyone is asked to bring a dish suitable for outdoor dining. Hot dogs, buns, cups, plates, napkins, will be provided. Call 704.499.3918 for more information.
- An Over 21 Party, on Saturday, May 21, hosted by Augie and Mary Anne Beasley, 7009 Leesburg Road, 704.536.9188. Everyone is asked to bring wine and/or a heavy hors d'oeuvres. No children under 21! The Beasley's open their home in the hope of promoting friendship and good will amongst neighbors. Anyone of a musical bent is encouraged to bring their instrument.

#### **THE GROVE PARK/RAVENWOOD BOOK CLUB**

cordially invites you to come and explore interesting topics, together. This offer yet one more opportunity for getting to know your neighbors, or for becoming better acquainted. April's book selection will be The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Even if you do not have time to read (or to finish reading) the book, consider coming to the meeting and join in the discussion regarding guidelines for future book selections. For information, please call or write Natasha Sonin, 704.536.9700, [natalie.sonin@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.sonin@gmail.com), or Maryann Williams, 704.536.7590, [mwilliams40@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mwilliams40@carolina.rr.com).

**ASSOCIATION DUES:** Grove Park Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association (that is, no mandatory ordinances); voluntary dues are \$20 annually. To contribute: please make your checks payable to GPNA. Then, mail or hand deliver them to our treasurer, Judy Hall (7044 Lakeside Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215)

**EARTH HOUR:** (Saturday, March 26, 8:30-9:30 p.m.) Earth Hour is one of the biggest international events on the planet. Although now organized by the World Wildlife Federation, it was begun in Sydney, Australia in 2007. It has spread so quickly that in 2010, 4616 towns, cities, and municipalities world-wide participated. In 2010, 1551 landmarks went dark, including the Sphinx, the Pyramids of Giza, The Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Las Vegas strip, Buckingham Palace, Rio de Janeiro, and the Empire State Building. To participate: simply turn off all non-essential lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 26 to acknowledge your commitment to energy conservation and as a pledge of support towards helping to sustain the earth. To learn more, google "Earth Hour"

and go to their web site. Also, remember that Earth Day is April 22. It seems fitting that our neighborhood Garden Tour falls during the week of Earth Day.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS:** Who has recently moved to Grove Park, who is graduating, or who has an upcoming special event? Share appropriate neighborhood news with your block captain.

#### **JOSEPH W. GRIER ACADEMY REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY:**

Do you like to help children learn but don't know where to start? Well, Joseph W. Grier needs your help! There are many opportunities for volunteers at this school. There are currently 883 students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Many of the students would benefit from help with homework to help with reading and math. The teachers are working very hard for the students, but with so many students, the resources can be limited. The procedure for volunteering is very simple, log on to the CMS website, click on the "Volunteers and Partners" link, and then click on the "Register to Volunteer" link. You will be asked several questions. Once complete, click on submit. A response usually comes via email within 24 hours.

Catherine Keistler, academic facilitator at JW Grier Academy, will speak at our neighborhood meeting on March 15 on the different ways that we can volunteer and partner with JW Grier Academy to help make this school a shining star in Mecklenburg County. Please make plans to attend.

**WANT A JOKE?** Joe and his missus are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbor's dog barking. It had been barking for hours and hours. Suddenly Joe jumps out of bed and says "I've had enough of this," and goes downstairs. He finally comes back up to bed and his wife says, "The dog is still barking. What have you been doing?" Joe says, "I've put their dog in our yard – now we'll see how THEY like it!" --Mimi Davis

Block Captain \_\_\_\_\_

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