

## Information you might find helpful

Welcome to the neighborhood, and congratulations on the purchase of your home!

On behalf of the Grove Park Association Board of Directors, we welcome you to your new home and our community. We look forward to meeting you over the coming months, whether walking down the street, relaxing at the pool, or enjoying a community activity.

#### **Association Membership**

You become a member of the association when you purchase a home. Once we have your email address, we'll send you the Homeowners **password**, or <u>contact us</u> at https://www.groveparklife.com/contact.html

# <u>Homeowner's Association Board Information (https://www.groveparklife.com/hoa-documents.html)</u>

Using the above link, you can also find the names and contact information of the Association's board and its committees. You can also access and download:

- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Download forms for Architectural Improvement and Capital Improvement requests
- Review or download documents containing information about association by-laws and policies, covenants and restrictions, acceptable use policies, maps of the subdivision, and more.

#### **Grove Park Directory Information**

Please login to our website and update your Grove Park contact information. groveparklife.com/directory-information-form

#### **Association Newsletter**

You will receive an informative newsletter several times a year. You can access previous issues of the newsletter on the website.

#### Trash Pickup

Trash Services is provided by **Red Oak Sanitation**. Service is provided through your HOA dues. Additional services can be added through Red Oak directly. **Trash day** is on Thursdays, and that includes recycling pickup. Trash containers can be put out after 4pm the preceding day and must be brought in immediately after collection. For more information, go to G<u>roveParkLife.com/homeowners</u>



#### Events

We encourage and support an active Association that sponsors several neighborhood-wide activities each year, many designed for families with young children. You can find all of the information you need on our <u>events page</u> at www.GroveParkLife.com. Popular social activities include Vegas Night, Concert for a Cause, School's Out Party, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Yard Sale, and more.

#### **Grove Park Social Media**

The Association has created several social media platforms for neighbors to communicate and coordinate with others; members can connect with each other and discuss neighborhood/local news.

- Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/groveparklife
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/GroveParkLifeGA
- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/groveparklife/

#### **Our Grove Park Community**

Our subdivisions were built in three phases and have a well-earned reputation for aesthetics and upkeep. When we purchase a property in Grove Park, we agree to abide by The Covenants that help to preserve the values and amenities of our neighborhood. Here are a few things to remember as you settle into the community:

- Any new building addition, retaining wall, basketball backboard, swimming pool, deck modifications or other structure must be approved by the Architectural committee.
- No permanent outside storage of motor homes, trailers, or other recreational vehicle or trailer is allowed. Similarly, the outdoor storage of boats, utility trailers, camping trailers, or any other kind of trailer is prohibited. (Storage is considered anything over 48 hours in any one week.)

We encourage you and your family to be involved and participate in the events we have throughout the year. Our Association will remain a great place to live if we all commit to build healthy relationships with our Association members!

Sincerely, Grove Park Association Board Members



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The annual association meeting is held each May. At the annual meeting, directors are elected to fill the positions of those with expiring terms. The meeting notice, the minutes, and copies of the yearly audited financial statement can be found on the homeowner's page at www.GroveParkLife.com/homeowners

Officers & Directors

#### Ronnie Masterson PRESIDENT

#### Randy Sharp vice president

Clay Ragsdale | Charli Xavier | Tim White | Genise Godfrey

- Finance Committee Deb Magoteaux
- Landscaping Committee Ron Magoteaux
- Tennis Committee -Open
- Welcome Committee John Newson
- Social Committee Keri Sharp, Angie Darnell and Sara Newsome
- Communication Committee (Graduation Banner, Newsletter, Social Media, Website and Surveys ) Angie Darnell, Sara Newsome, and Allan Changar
- Architectural Committee Open
- Pool Jeff Clements
- Block Captain Chair Elaine Carlton
- Zoning Sharon Housley

For more information, please visit **www.groveparklife.com/board-members** 



## Information about our Amenities

Please visit, www.GroveParkLife.com/amenities

### Tennis at Grove Park

Grove Park has a very active tennis community. You can find residents playing for fun, playing league matches, and even taking tennis lessons.

We use SuperSaaA for tennis court reservations. If you are a resident of Grove Park, visit\_groveparklife.com/reservations.html and make Grove Park your home courts. Reservations can me made 24hrs.

More info, please visit https://www.groveparklife.com/tennis-info

## **Pool Information**

Pool Hours - 8:00 am - 9:00 pm No Lifeguard

More info, please visit https://www.groveparklife.com/pool-info

## **Pavilion Information**

Grove Park offers a shady escape while enjoying the pool and tennis matches.

The pavilion may be reserved by using SuperSaaA for Pavilion reservations. If you are a resident of Grove Park, visit groveparklife.com/reservations.html and reserve today. Reservations can me made 24hrs ahead.

More info, please visit https://www.groveparklife.com/pavilion-info

## **Basketball at Grove Park**

The Basketball Court is available on a first come first serve basis. Please be respectful of the area and dispose of your trash properly. The nearest trash can is located on the sidewalk by the playground.

More info, please visit https://www.groveparklife.com/basketball-info



Q: What is expected of me as a homeowner?

A:

- Be engaged. Start with the basics. Make sure your board always has current contact information for you and your tenants if you're renting out your unit. Attend as many meetings as you can. Don't wait to be asked to participate in your community. Ask what you can do to help. And when you're asked—whether it's to vote, to respond to a request for information from your board, or to volunteer for a committee or the board—do it willingly. When homeowners aren't engaged, the burden of running your association falls on the shoulders of the few—and your association fails to benefit from the wisdom of diverse voices and opinions.
- 2) Read your governing documents. Boring as it may seem, you must read your CC&Rs, bylaws, rules, meeting minutes, and any other correspondence you receive from your board or association manager. Those documents form the framework that everyone in the association must live by and follow.
- 3) Always comply with your governing documents. First concentrate on your own property to make sure it's attractive and well maintained. Then, even when you disagree with them, follow the rules. They're there so that everyone can enjoy the community. Following the rules also helps you build a case when you're frustrated with a neighbor's rule breaking and you ask the board to get your neighbor to comply. How can you expect the board to enforce rules against your neighbors if you're not following the rules yourself? If you're not sure whether something you'd like to do is permissible, ask a board member before you act.
- 4) Pay your assessments and pay them on time. When investing in an association, you become a member of a not-for-profit business that has fiscal obligations. Delinquent revenue to the association directly affects the community's monthly operations and may limit the board in its attempt to maintain and enhance the community. If you and other homeowners don't pay assessments, service suffers, and everybody loses.
- 5) Don't try to benefit personally from your association. Here's an example: Your board plans to vote on a roofing contract. Your brother owns a roofing company. Make sure the board knows your bother's is one of the companies that will bid, and don't attempt to improperly influence the vote. And never accept something of value in exchange for recommending a vendor to your board.
- 6) Support your board of directors. This may sometimes be hard, and in some communities, an us versus them mentality can develop. But for a community to be successful, everyone needs a "we" mentality. Remember that board may make decisions that inconvenience a few homeowners, but they're made based on the long-term good of the entire community. If you disagree on an issue, more often than not, a friendly and polite face-to-face conversation with a board member will give both of you the opportunity to explain your



side, which you may not have been able to do before because of the time constraints of a board meeting or because you weren't able to attend prior meetings.

- 7) Always be professional. Follow whatever communication protocols are set up. If you're supposed to contact your association Review Committee when your neighbor is in violation, don't call board members at work instead. Or if you're having a run-of-the-mill dispute with a neighbor, don't ask the board to take sides. Treat your neighbors, and the board with respect and decency. Many problems don't happen when there's open dialogue within a community. Never make personal attacks on your board or fellow homeowners. Don't harass board members or other residents, and refrain from defaming anyone in the community, including your board. Even when you disagree, there's no need to be disagreeable.
- 8) Extend common courtesy toward your neighbors. Little things can make everyone's life easier. Be considerate about things like noise levels and breaking down cardboard boxes for recycling. And don't do things that will impose a burden or expense on your community or other owners.
- 9) Get to know everybody. Be on a first-name basis with your board members and your neighbors so that you feel comfortable calling to report problems, ask questions, and offer to help. Knowing what's going on with your neighbor is the first step toward knowing what's going on in your community. The more that people within the association respect each other, the better the experience will be for everyone.
- 10) Keep things in perspective. Your association is only as successful as you make it.



## Helpful Contact Information For more info, please visit groveparklife.com/helpful-contact-information

#### Local Assistance

Emergency- 911 Fire Department - non-emergency Forsyth Co. Sheriff - non-emergency 770-781-2222 Forsyth Co. EMS - 770-889-3900 Northside Forsyth Hospital - 770-844-3200

#### **County Stuff**

County departments: www.forsythco.com Drivers License - 678-413-8400

#### Street Light Outage

Sawnee EMC | www.sawnee.com/reportstreetlight - 770-887-2363

#### **Repair Service**

#### Mailbox Replacement / Repairs -770-436-6198

Order Online (The Charleston Mailbox ) Please visit "groveparklife.com/helpfulcontact-information" for more info.

#### **Trash and Recycle Service**

You can expect prompt and consistent trash pickup as part of our community's provided services. Additional services can be added through Red Oak directly.

#### Red Oak Sanitation - 678-455-7819

#### Water and Sewer Service

Water service is provided to our landscaping and outdoor common areas to keep them thriving and to our pool to keep them fully operational.

#### www.forsythco.com/Departments-Offices/Water-Sewer/Customer-Service/Apply-for-Service

#### Gas and Electric

We provide electricity for amenities such as our pools and pavilion so that they're always ready for our homeowners to enjoy.

 Atlanta Gas 770-994-1946

 Sawnee Electric 770-887-2363

 www.sawnee.com
 770-887-2363

To sign up, report power outage or to report street lights out



#### **National Help Lines**

Domestic Violence 24 hr. Hotline - 800-799-7233 Poison Center - 800-222-1222 Sexual Assault Hotline - 800-656-4673 Substance & Mental Abuse Helpline -800-662-4357 Suicide Prevention & Veterans Crisis Line -800-SUICIDE (784-2433) National Youth Runaway Switchboard -800-786-2929 Assists in: Youth-in-crisis, safe shelters, parent/youth interventions

#### **Cable and Internet**

Several providers in our area offer a variety of options for reliable, high-speed internet, telephone and cable services. We encourage you to evaluate each of these options to find the service that's right for you.

Comcast-	404-COMCAST (266-2278)
AT&T -	770-888-8108

#### Schools

Mashburn Elementary School Lakeside Middle School Otwell Middle School Forsyth Central High School



# NEWSLETTER and DIRECTORY

Advertising Rates 2022

Looking to advertise: please submit your information using the <u>ONLINE FORM</u> www.groveparklife.com/advertising-rates or send an email to <u>groveparkcomm@gmail.com</u>

# Publication Seasons are **Spring** and **Fall**

**156 FULL COLOR**, 12-page newsletters to Grove Park Homeowners. Limited additional copies available for houses on market, as sales tools.

NO charge for design and layout, if needed.

Cost per issue:

- Interior ad: \$40
- Inside Back cover: \$80
- ½ page back cover: \$120



JPEG ads are preferred, but we can work with Word, Publisher, PPT, Adobe, PDF, and some other formats. We can also scan existing ads or business cards if needed. For more information please send an email to <u>groveparkcomm@gmail.com</u>