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# The Grove

## GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### THE GROVE HOA COVENANT REMINDER

Our homes are huge investments and are generally considered our most valuable material possession. It is important that we as Grove residents be mindful of the HOA covenants that we have established for our community. These covenants were written to help maintain the value of our homes, to keep a peaceful and safe environment and to preserve the beauty of our community.

The covenants can be found at <http://grovenighbors.com/General-Information.html>



Want to stay informed on the latest news for our growing community? Sign up for updates today at [www.grovehoa.com](http://www.grovehoa.com).

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone in The Grove is having a great summer. With school just around the corner, I wanted to remind everybody of the pool hours for August through Labor Day. August 1st-19th will be the normal operating schedule (including Mondays CLOSED). Starting August 20th, the pool will be closed Monday through Friday because our lifeguards will also be heading back to school. It will remain open regular weekend hours through Labor Day weekend. On Labor day — Monday, Sept. 3rd, the pool will be open from noon-8 p.m., and will be CLOSED for the season on September 4th.



The construction on Phases IV and V are on schedule. We are anticipating Phase V (largest product to date in The Grove) to be complete by the beginning of November and Phase IV (similar to the product in Phase II) should be finished by the first of the year.

We are also really excited to begin the installation of a very nice walking trail in the greenbelt between Phase III and Phase IV. We anticipate that this will be completed by the end of the year. In conjunction with the walking trail, we will be putting in a soccer field and gazebo, which should be finished shortly thereafter. I believe these amenities will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

If you should need anything please contact myself or Kimberly Swan at the email addresses below. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Jarod Tarver



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NEIGHBORHOOD

**Clubhouse Address**  
**3300 Orchard Avenue**



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 8th • 4-7 p.m. • Clubhouse

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME! Be sure to join us for our 2nd Annual Block Party! Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

## THE GROVE BOOKSTORE

Sunday, Aug. 19th • 2-4 p.m. • Clubhouse

As a way to raise money for our community events and to continue printing our newsletter, we are having a neighborhood fundraising store! Do you have DVDs, books, video games and electronics gathering dust? Please contact Beth Sperling at donbeth42@cox.net by Friday, Aug. 18th to drop off your donations. These items will be for sale starting at \$1 for books, \$3 for DVDs, etc. Shop till you drop with 100% of the proceeds going to our neighborhood events and newsletters!

## FALL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, Oct. 6th • 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Don't forget your required city permit! If you purchased a permit for the Spring Garage Sale, you will not need another one. Permits are \$7 and can be used for two garage sales per year. Visit [okc.gov/services/garage\\_sale](http://okc.gov/services/garage_sale) for more information on obtaining a permit.



## CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, Oct. 20th • 3-7 p.m. • Clubhouse

Bring your best pot of chili and make your taste buds dance! You may win a prize!



## TRUNK OR TREAT!

Wednesday, Oct. 31st  
6-8 p.m. • Phase 5  
(Tentative)

Dress up in your scariest, funniest or most original costume for our first ever costume contest! Prizes will be awarded for Best

Girl, Best Boy, Best Group and Best Decorated Car. Sign-up sheet for car slots will be available in the Fall.



## BOOK CLUB

The community Book Club meets the first Monday of every month.

Contact Jessica Hough  
at 480-286-8676 or  
[jessicarebekah@gmail.com](mailto:jessicarebekah@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## WELCOME GROVIES



**BRADEN MICHAEL FRANCKA**

June 20th

7 pounds, 10 ounces • 20 inches

Proud parents Ryan & Tanzeena Francka



**ALEXANDER BOONE SIMPSON**

June 29th

6 pounds, 8 ounces • 20.5 inches

Proud parents Matt & Lindsay Simpson



**RORY EDWARD DYKEMA**

July 5th

8 pounds, 3 ounces • 21 inches

Proud parents Tyler & Jennifer Dykema



## OPENED EYES: THE MORRIS FAMILY'S ADOPTION JOURNEY

BY: LINDSEY WORTHAM

The Morris family — Brian, Lindsay and their two little boys Bennett and Caleb first made the decision to adopt in December 2010 after meeting a family at church who had adopted internationally. At first, international adoption seemed completely unknown and frightening to them. However, the more they researched it, prayed about it and met with other families going through the process, the more certain they became that it was absolutely something they would pursue as a family. Brian and Lindsay initially chose to adopt from Ethiopia, but switched to the Democratic Republic of Congo in May of 2011. However, that is when the process became more difficult than ever for them.

Over the course of their adoption journey, they had several referrals (matches) that fell through and even a child who passed away in an orphanage after being matched to her for 6 months. After the Morris' last heartbreak, they often wondered if they would ever see the light at the end of the tunnel and get to the point of actually bringing their adopted child home. Then just recently this past May, Brian and Lindsay were made aware of an adoption program in St. Vincent — a small island in the Caribbean. Despite the fact that they were already committed to Congo, they decided to also pursue an adoption in St. Vincent, still hoping their African adoption would pick up at some point down the road. Through St. Vincent, they were quickly matched with a beautiful baby girl in June who is 4 months old and currently in foster care. They hope to travel there to pick her up sometime this November!

Amazingly, around the same time the Morris' were matched in St. Vincent, they were also matched with a 1 year old baby girl in Congo! They never lost hope that their Congolese adoption would eventually progress, but had no idea it would be so quickly. The Morris' were told that they may be able to pick up their Congolese daughter in as little as 7 months. Through the process, they have learned that adoption is never certain until the child is home safely in your arms, however they also realize that their future children are worth the fight. You can follow their adoption journey at <http://proverbs2412.blogspot.com>. Feel free to contact either of them if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the adoption process!



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## BUS STOP ETIQUETTE

BY: KIRSTIN FLOGSTAD

As Grove residents, we take pride in providing a safe, clean and reliable neighborhood for our children. In order to best maintain our standard, we also depend on the cooperation and commitment of all residents, parents and students for school bus safety and transportation. Here are some general guidelines regarding bus stop "etiquette."

Please review and enforce this etiquette with your children:

- Although we expect students to be waiting for the bus when it arrives, **students should not arrive any earlier than 5-10 minutes before their scheduled pick up time.** In these cases, having students unsupervised for that length of time can be dangerous.
- **While waiting for the bus, students should remain on the sidewalk or in public areas.** Students and those waiting with students should not congregate on lawns, driveways or other private property.
- **Please do not litter while waiting.** Be considerate of the homeowner's property.
- **Keep noise to a minimum.** Speaking in conversational tones should not disturb residents around the stop, however, yelling, practicing cheers, etc., can be bothersome.
- **Do not use the homeowner's driveway to turn your vehicle around.** Also, for safety reasons please do not block driveways or park in such a way as to impede the bus as it continues on the route.
- **Ensure your children treat bus drivers and monitors with respect.** Our caring and skilled bus drivers and monitors deserve the utmost respect from our students.

Thank you very much  
for your cooperation.



## IMPORTANT DATES:



- » **Tuesday, Aug. 14th**  
**First day of school!**
- » **Monday, Sept. 3rd**  
**Labor Day - No School!**
- » **Thursday-Friday, Oct. 11-12th**  
**Fall Break - No School!**

For Deer Creek School District information, visit: <http://deercreekschools.org>. For individual school information and athletic schedules, visit the sites listed below. \*NOTE: Dates below were posted during the printing of this newsletter. Be sure to check with the school for current information.

### GROVE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

**405-348-4830 • [www.deercreekms.org](http://www.deercreekms.org)**

Tuesday, Aug. 21st: Middle School Back to School Night

Thursday, Aug. 30th: Antler Pride Night

Wednesday, Sept. 12th: Fall School Pictures

Wednesday, Oct. 17th: Fall Picture Retakes

Friday, Oct. 19th: Fall Pep Assembly

### DEER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

**405-348-5720 • [www.deercreek.k12.ok.us/HS](http://www.deercreek.k12.ok.us/HS)**

Monday, Aug. 6th: Junior & Senior Schedule Pickup

Tuesday, Aug. 7th: Freshman & Sophomore  
Schedule Pickup

Thursday, Oct. 4th: Homecoming Parade

Parking permits are \$30 and will be available for purchase during the grade level schedule pick up days. Parking will be available for all students this year. Please remember to bring your proof of insurance, drivers license and car tag number.





BY: JEREMY CRITES

Summertime can be a challenge for your lawn and garden: 100°+ temperatures, dry spells, and more foot traffic. Follow these strategies to help strengthen your grass, save valuable resources and cut your costs.

**When to Water?** Schedule your sprinklers to water the lawn early in the morning. Besides higher water pressure at this time of day, winds are generally not as strong in the mornings, so more of the water reaches your lawn. Watering before the heat of the day also reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation and prevents your lawn from burning in the intense afternoon sun.

**How Much to Water?** Water less often, but for longer intervals to promote deeper root growth and overall lawn health. Water 1-1½" once or twice a week to maintain a green lawn. Typical pop-up sprinklers put out around ½" in 15 minutes, while manual sprinklers may be half that amount.

**Beat the Heat with Height!** Let your grass grow taller in the summer. Taller grass provides more green coverage, making your lawn appear fuller. Scalping your lawn leaves less green coverage, making your lawn look thin and letting the roots dry out. Set your mower to the highest setting — a height of 3" is ideal for summertime lawns.

**Don't Bag It!** Leave grass clippings on your lawn and reap the benefits. Made up of 90% water, clippings decompose quickly to release nitrogen into the soil. What's more, these clippings form a mulch barrier that improves soil quality, prevents scorching, and helps reduce evaporation for better water use.

**Feed Your Lawn!** Because many lots in The Grove have no topsoil before the sod is placed, be sure to give your grass the nutrients it needs to grow and thrive. You can also save tons of money by feeding your lawn yourself. Apply a fertilizer and weed control, such as Scott's Turf Builder, every two months for a green and weed-free yard.

**Mulch it!** Do yourself and your garden a favor and put down 3-6" layer of mulch. This helps choke out weeds and provides a moisture barrier to keep more water for your plants' root systems. When possible, use untreated mulch. Some dyed versions use arsenic and other toxic substances that hinder a healthy soil ecosystem. You can often get free or very inexpensive mulch in large quantities from the City as well as utility companies.





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BY: BETH SPERLING

Those who enjoy walking and running have a number of excellent choices for recreational areas in Oklahoma City. Here are some of the best places for walking and running in the Oklahoma City metro area:

**Chisholm Trail Park (Yukon):** 500 W. Vandament, north of I-40 in Yukon, off Garth Brooks Blvd — A paved walking path in the shape of a boot outlines the flowerbed for about a quarter mile. There are also other trails and the Copeland Nature Trail in the 100-acre park.

**Dolese Youth Park:** 5105 NW 50th, off Meridian Ave near Warr Acres — Though unpaved, the Dolese Youth Park nature trail is a scenic, winding trail around the park for just over two miles.

**Earlywine Park:** SW 119th and May Ave, east of I-44 between Portland and May — A very large OKC park with a golf course, Earlywine stretches over 400 acres and features a paved walking area of about a mile and a half.

**Eldon Lyon Park (Bethany):** — 7401 NW 36th, south of NW Expressway between Council and Rockwell, east of Lake Overholser — Eldon Lyon is another excellent option for those in NW OKC/Bethany area. The park has a paved trail of 1.5 miles.

**J.L. Mitch Park (Edmond):** 1501 W. Covell, northwest Edmond just off Kelly Ave — J.L. Mitch has one of the longer walking/running trails in the metro. It is paved and outlines the entire park, with a length of about 5.5 miles.

**Joe B. Barnes Park (Midwest City):** 8700 E. Reno Ave, between Midwest Blvd. and Douglas Blvd. — Joe B. Barnes Regional Park in Midwest City has a paved trail of just over a mile, as well as a 5-mile scenic nature area with quarter-mile markers.

**Lake Hefner:** NW OKC, just west of the Lake Hefner Pkwy. — One of the more popular spots in OKC for outdoor recreation, Lake Hefner is perfect for walkers and runners. The path is over 9 miles in length and traces the scenic sailing lake.

**Lake Overholser:** NW 10th and County Line Road. Get a detailed map with driving directions — Another excellent metro area lake, Overholser features a 2.3 mile paved trail on the east side as well as a park on the west side with even more walking trails.

**Martin Nature Park:** 5000 W. Memorial Road, just south of the Kilpatrick Turnpike in NW OKC — Martin Park Nature Center is one of the metro's top little-known attractions, a wonderful and inexpensive place for kids and grown-ups alike. For the walkers and runners, there is a two and a half mile nature trail near the wildlife sanctuary.

**Oklahoma City University:** 2501 N. Blackwelder, north of NW 23rd and east of Pennsylvania Ave — Walkers and runners in midtown love to hit the Oklahoma City University campus thanks to the path that winds among the beautiful grounds and buildings.

**Oklahoma River:** South of Bricktown, west of I-35 — Development of the Oklahoma River area was a little-spotlighted part of the original MAPS initiatives, but it has turned out to be one of the more impressive. Now a top spot for outdoor recreation, the river area features extensive scenic trails along both the north and south sides.

**South Grand Trail:** SW 36th, east of May Ave — With a length of over 10 miles, the paved trails along the street median at South Grand are a favorite for metro walkers and runners.

**Will Rogers Park:** 3400 NW 36th, between Portland and I-44 — There are three gravel trails at Will Rogers Park, one traveling along a stream and another running along the Charles E. Spark Rose Garden. The third is just as scenic, with a waterfall nearby.

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Register to play by September, 1st 2012 at [www.goff-hopewell.org](http://www.goff-hopewell.org)

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**PLATINUM** - \$3,000 entitles you to hole signage, logo on banner at historic building site, logo on golf tourney banner, logo weblink to your homepage from our website, a 4-person tournament team, and prominent logo listing on event signage (4").

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**Alfredo's Mexican Cafe:** Kids eat free on Mon nights

**Applebee's:** One child (12 and under) eats free on Mon with the purchase of an adult meal. Additional children can dine for \$1 from the kid's menu

**Buffalo Wild Wings:** Kids (12 and under) can select items from the kids menu for \$.99 on Mon from 5-9 p.m.

**Chick-Fil-A:** Kids eat free on Tues

**Denny's:** Kids eat free meal deals every Tues & Sat from 4-10 p.m.

**El Chico:** \$.99 Kids meal all day on Thurs

**Fazoli's:** \$.99 Kids meal option from 5-8 p.m. on Tues

**Golden Corral:** Kids (3 and under) eat free daily

**IHOP:** Kids (12 and under) eat free every Tues & Thurs from 4-10 p.m.

**Lotsa Noodles:** Kids eat free from 3-9 p.m.

**Marie Callender's:** Kids (12 and under) eat free meals daily with adult entrée purchase

**Moe's Southwest Grill:** Kids eat free every Tues from 5-9 p.m.

**Nino's Mexican Restaurant:** Kids eat free on Tues from 4-9 p.m.

**Pioneer Pies:** Kids (12 and under) eat free Mon & Tues from 4:30 p.m.-close

**Poblano Grill:** Kids eat free every Mon after 5 p.m.

**Swadley's:** Kids (10 and under) eat free on Mon from 5 p.m.-close with adult entrée purchase

**Qdoba:** Kids eat free on Tues

**Red Robin:** Kids (10 and under) eat free on Mon

**Taco Cabana:** Kids eat free on Weds

**Texas Roadhouse:** Kids (12 and under) eat free with adult entrée purchase all day on Tues

**TGI Friday's:** children (3 and under) eat free with a paid adult on Mon

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## OKC THUNDER YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP (Aug. 13-17th)

You don't have to be a pro basketball player to play Thunder Basketball! Visit [www.nbabasketball.com/programs/thunder](http://www.nbabasketball.com/programs/thunder) for the opportunity to learn the skills and principles that make a successful team player.

## MAGICAL EVENING AT THE MELTING POT (Aug. 14th)

Prepare to be delighted and entertained at Magical Family Summer Evening at The Melting Pot in Bricktown. Treat the family to a special family menu from 6-9 p.m. while a roaming magician mystifies. Call 235-1000 for reservations.

## MUSEUM TRAINS (Aug. 4th & 18th)

Bring the whole family to the Oklahoma Railway Museum for a 35-min excursion and a bit of railway history. Rides are offered from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 405-424-8222 for info on departure times.

## 4TH ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA (Aug. 25th)

This event starts at 9 a.m. and you must register by Friday, Aug. 17th. For more information and to register, visit [www.edmondok.com/parks/rec](http://www.edmondok.com/parks/rec).

## SUGARLAND LIVE AT THE ZOO AMPHITHEATRE (Aug. 25th)

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and also features special guests Dave Stewart and Canaan Smith. Visit [www.zooamp.com](http://www.zooamp.com) for more info.

## CHOCTAW OKTOBERFEST (Aug. 31st - Sept. 8th)

Enjoy seven days of live music, dancing, delicious German food and beverages! For more info on the festivities, visit [www.choctawfestival.org/oktoberfest.html](http://www.choctawfestival.org/oktoberfest.html).

## OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR (Sept. 13th-23rd)

It's that time of the year again! For info on admission rates, operating hours and a calendar of daily events, visit <http://okstatefair.com/state-fair>.

## WORLD NEIGHBORS: JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD (Sept. 21st)

Shop, Dine and be Inspired at the Journey Around the World benefiting World Neighbors at the OKC Farmers Market. Exclusive Shopping at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Reserve seats today! [www.wn.org/gala](http://www.wn.org/gala) or call 405-418-0407.

## DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™, MYSTERY ON THE RAILS TOUR 2012 (Sept. 28-30th & Oct. 5-7th)

Children young and old will love a "Day Out With Thomas™, Mystery On The Rails Tour 2012" chugging into the Oklahoma Railway Museum from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. For departure times, daily events and ticket info, visit [www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org](http://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org).

## PLAZA DISTRICT FESTIVAL (Sept. 29th)

Celebrate local creativity with live music, artist booths, kids' art activities, and a variety of local concessions! For more info, visit <http://plazadistrictfestival.com>.

## WWE PRESENTS RAW (Oct. 1st)

Over 40 of your favorite WWE RAW and SmackDown Superstars will be in OKC! Visit [www.chesapeakearena.com](http://www.chesapeakearena.com) for times and ticket info.

## BATMAN LIVE (Oct. 10-14th)

Visually stunning production features Batman and other iconic characters from DC Comics — live on stage for the first time! Visit [www.chesapeakearena.com](http://www.chesapeakearena.com) for ticket info.

## AFFAIR OF THE HEART (Oct. 19th-21st)

A favorite event for craft lovers! For more info, visit [www.aaoth.com](http://www.aaoth.com).

## HAUNT THE ZOO FOR HALLOWEEN (Oct. 26th-31st)

The biggest Halloween event in town runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly — rain or shine and is a safe and fun atmosphere for trick-or-treaters. Visit [www.okczoo.com](http://www.okczoo.com) for more info.







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## HEY NEIGHBORS!

The Grove Gazette is looking for submissions on fitness tips, landscaping advice, photos, recipes, birth/graduation announcements and anything else you think can help make our community newsletter even better. **The next newsletter will be distributed November 1st and submissions are due by October 18th.** Please email submissions to: [thegrovegazette@live.com](mailto:thegrovegazette@live.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

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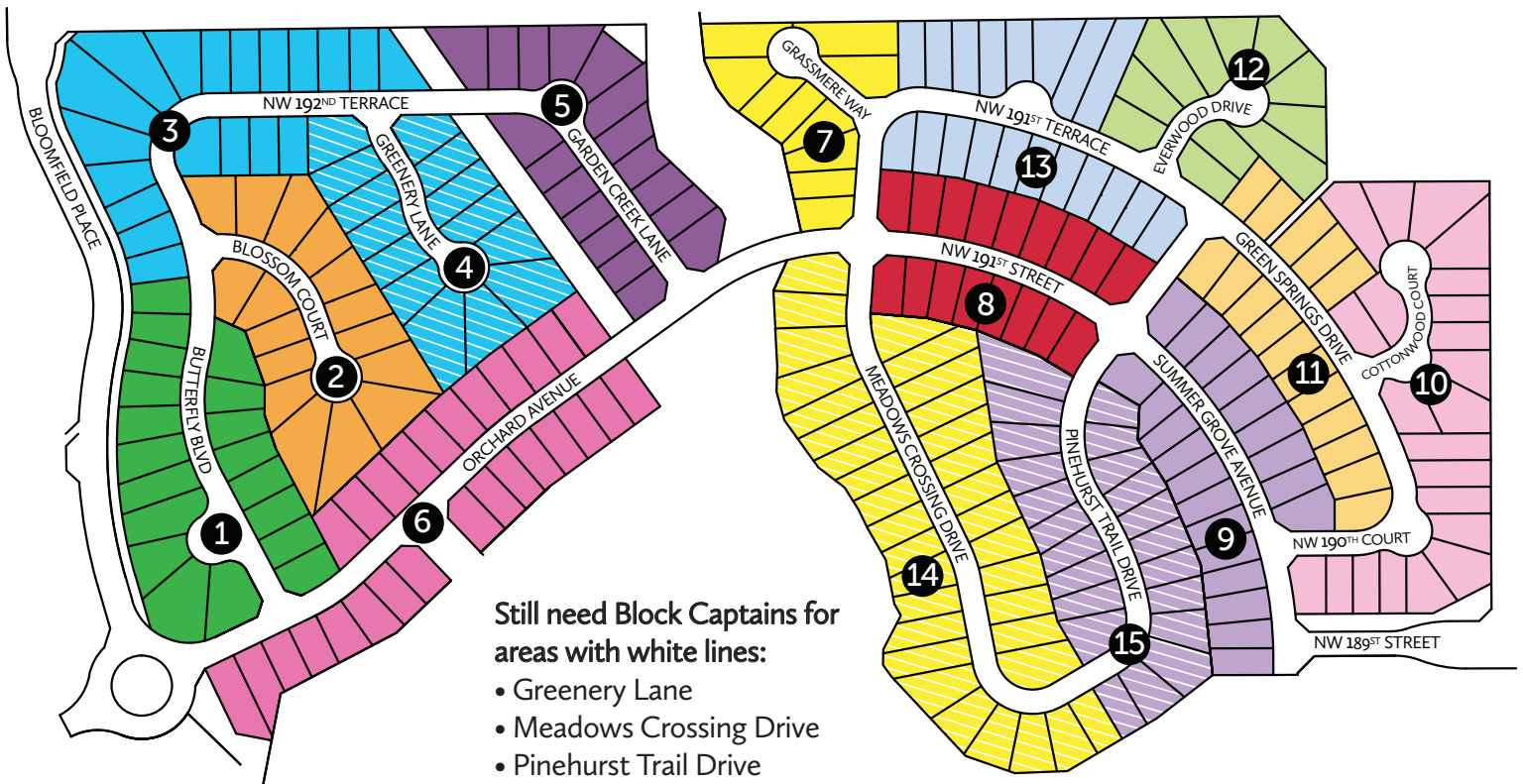
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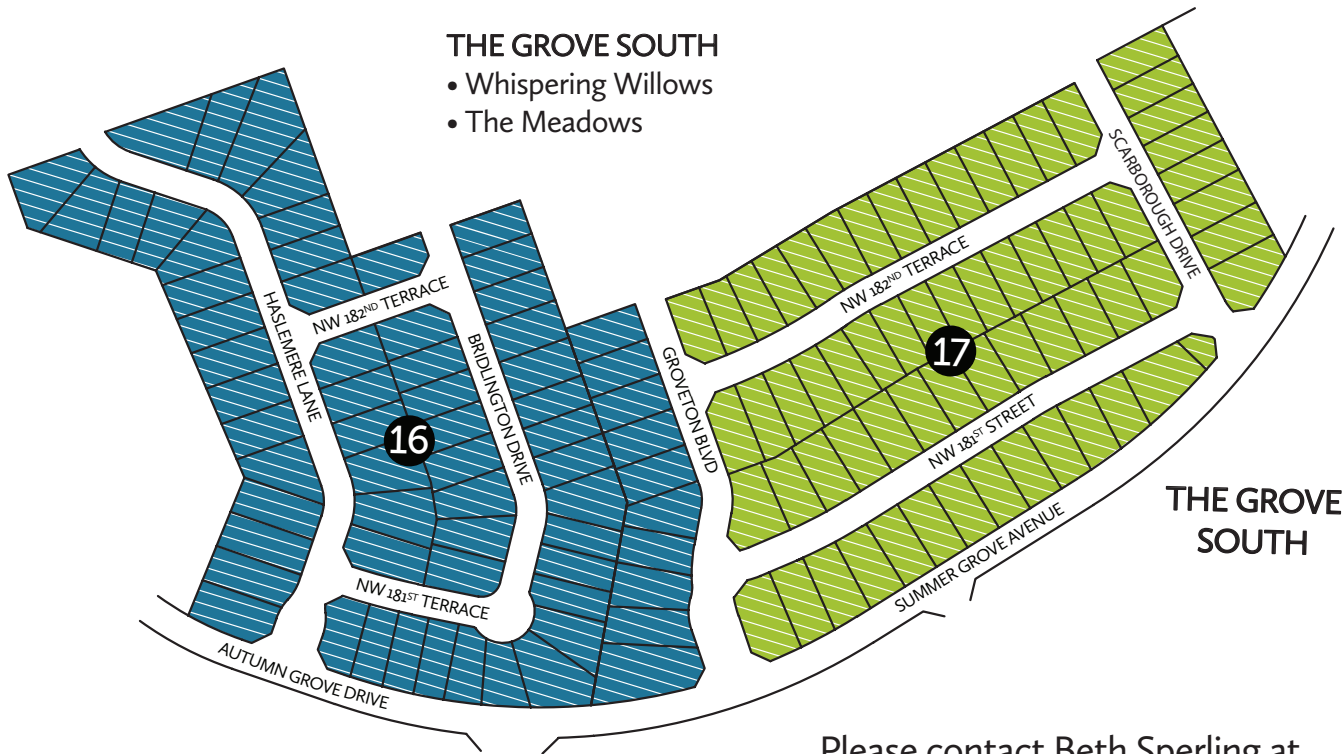


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- Greenery Lane
- Meadows Crossing Drive
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THE GROVE SOUTH

Please contact Beth Sperling at [donbeth42@cox.net](mailto:donbeth42@cox.net) if you would like to volunteer for one of these areas.

# BLOCK CAPTAINS

- 1 Beth Sperling
- 2 Courtney Hudson
- 3 Christina Catron
- 4 TBD (Christina Catron Temp)
- 5 Shanna Lee

- 6 Mary Pins
- 7 Brooke Hayes
- 8 Nicole Woodson
- 9 Raoulene Prothro
- 10 Sarah O'Neal

- 11 LeAnn Kanatzar
- 12 Mindy Cook
- 13 Cheri Velasco
- 14 TBD (Brooke Hayes Temp)
- 15 TBD (Nicole Woodson Temp)

- THE GROVE SOUTH
- 16 Whispering Willows - TBD (Mindy Cook Temp)
  - 17 The Meadows - TBD (Kim Hood Temp)