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[www.groveparklife.com](http://www.groveparklife.com)

Join the community discussion  
and get up to date information  
on Grove Park events. Join our  
private Facebook group.

Grove Park Life - HOA



# Annual HOA Meeting Highlights

## HOA Board

Recognition was given to John Newsome and Eric Teal, for their exceptional work and dedication to the community. Congratulations to our newest board members, Genise Godfrey and Ronnie Masterson.

## Outreach

The Outreach Program encourages individuals to volunteer their time and resources to help others in need such as providing meals, emotional support, companionship and assistance to neighbors. The fostering of selfless giving is designed to promote lasting friendships.

## Pool Repairs

The need for sufficient funds to address ongoing pool maintenance, unexpected repairs, and build reserves for future expenses- is top priority. The initial focus on independent, fixed-cost repairs for the pool, such as lights and skimmers, lead to discovery and the need for contract bids and extensive additional repairs involving the pool's functionality. These complicated repairs present financial challenges. The community discussed gradually raising dues to help cover ongoing costs and build a reserve for future maintenance, while holding off on certain aesthetic repairs that can wait until the end of pool season.

## Rental Property & Modifications

By regulating property modifications and rental properties, the community aims to maintain a cohesive and desirable living environment for residents. Discussion emphasized the importance of covenants in shaping the community's aesthetics, maintaining property values and overall appeal. Our community takes a proactive approach to managing property modifications and rental properties through updated guidelines and legal guidance. The goal is preserving our neighborhood's unique character, maintaining property values and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

## Trash Services

The community recently discussed and finalized negotiations with waste management company, Red Oak. A competitive trash service rate was agreed upon. Led by Charli Xavier, the negotiations resulted in significant cost savings and operational efficiencies.

Email the board with questions, concerns and comments.  
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Left to right: Randy Sharp, Ronnie Masterson, Genise Godfrey, Clay Ragsdale, Tim White, Charli Xavier

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# SANDERS ROAD

In 2023, a coalition of Grove Park residents met at the pavilion with County Commissioner, Alfred John, to ask questions involving the future of Sanders Road and speeding concerns. The following information is a follow-up by the county.

Sanders has current average traffic of 3000 vehicles per day. According to county data, traffic speeds have reduced from 2020 through 2022, after the sidewalk project was completed. Traffic engineer, Tim Allen notes, the county will collect current data on Sanders Road and will request additional speed enforcement from the sheriff's department if necessary.

The intersection of Sanders and Grove Park Lane does not currently warrant a signal or traffic stop. Only two accidents were reported in 2023 at the Grove Park entrance - one single car accident related to a medical emergency and another due to failure to yield to on-coming traffic.

The Georgia Department of Transportation made minor adjustments at the light at SR20 and Sanders, to improve the intersection's operation.

Barry Lucas, Assistant County Manager, responsible for Roads, Bridges and Engineering, was contacted to ask about future plans regarding widening of Sanders Road that could affect our entrance area. On-going development and easements are a concern. Lucas responded, the GDOT was looking into that for the county and would respond with any information.

Grove Park citizens will continue corresponding with Commissioner John. Any future development on Buford Dam and off of Sanders will certainly increase traffic flow, with our end of Sanders connecting Buford Dam to SR 20. Another concern is easement for the purposes of possible future widening considerations and how this could affect the neighborhood.

As part of the **Keep Forsyth County Beautiful** initiative, the Grove Park Community Association adopted our end of Sanders Road. Kim Bacastow organizes and chairs our neighborhood clean-up volunteers. If you or your family would like a worthwhile community service project – contact Kim. It's a manageable commitment and a wonderful way to give back to the community.



For more information, email:  
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# NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

**Vidhi Patel** is a Board-Certified Master's prepared Nurse who started her career in the Emergency Department saving lives over a decade ago. Now, this Grove Park neighbor has started her own weight loss clinic, helping patients stay healthy. She and her husband, Neel Patel, a Neurologist at Northside Hospital, have been part of Grove Park Neighborhood since 2022 along with their two toddlers and... a baby on the way!

Vidhi started Georgia Medical Weight Loss in hopes to help the community fight off obesity, lose weight, reduce cardiovascular disease, and teach about preventative health. "It's not just about losing weight to *look* good but losing weight to *feel* good. It's about improving one's overall health and increasing the longevity of life to be around for children's milestones or run around with their grandchildren."

Georgia Medical Weight Loss specializes in a self-administered weekly regime which helps suppress appetite, cravings and keeps the food you eat in your stomach longer, keeping you fuller longer. Vidhi says her patients have lost anywhere from 5-10 pounds in just the first month!

Located in Alpharetta, Vidhi's clinic also provides virtual visits and serves patients all over Georgia. After a free phone consultation, an appointment is scheduled with a Georgia Board Certified Physician who will review your health history. "We have contracts with pharmacies and can have medication delivered right to your door making the process very easy and convenient," Vidhi adds. "Whatever your personal struggle or motivation for weight loss may be, there is always a free consultation to go over details of how Georgia Medical Weight Loss can help."



## Georgia Medical Weight Loss

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# Coming Together For FUN and COMMUNITY

Grove Park is a self-managed neighborhood, with our HOA Board and committee volunteers working hard to make our community the best it can be. Part of what makes our neighborhood special are events that bring us together.

From fun in the sun with our **annual JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Cookout and Fireworks** – to over 20 years of Brad Carlton’s **Chili Cook Off and Costume Contest** in the fall, our commons area is a hub of social fun, with **VEGAS NIGHT** being another annual favorite.

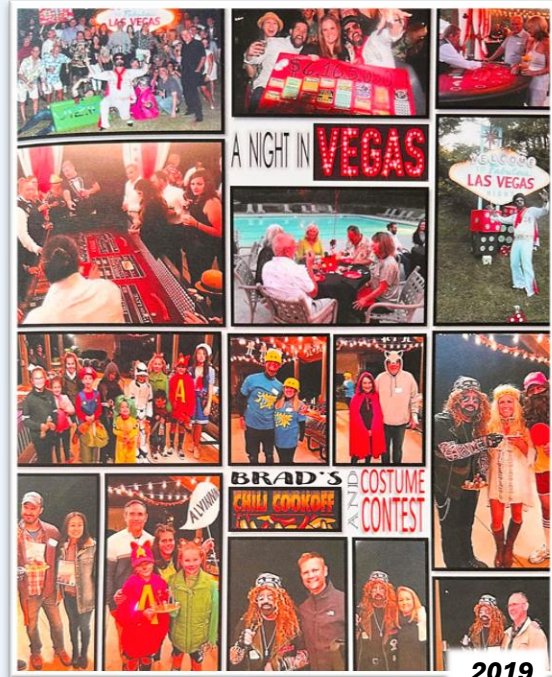
This year, Grove Park will bring back the **5K RUN** for a charitable cause. The early morning run in the neighborhood will benefit **TEAM TIG BITTIES, and Breast Cancer Awareness**. This will be the third-year breast cancer survivor and Grove Park neighbor Sandy Boyd’s team has raised money for the Georgia 30-mile walk! In the past, the neighborhood has raised a donation with 5K run/walks for the Children’s Miracle Network, Humane Society of Forsyth County, Feral Cat Association and our local elementary school’s special needs program.

A new event is added this year at the pavilion and **COMING SOON!** The **CRAWFISH BOIL** is sure to be a hit. **Talent Night** returns for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year... so prepare for the spotlight in September! Returning after such a great turnout several years ago, the **FIGHT NIGHT Watch Party** at the pavilion in July...and YES... there WILL be a, **FALL 2- Day Neighborhood Yard Sale** in September!

Updates and more information will be posted prior to special events on our website and Facebook page. Look for fliers and signage! Questions? Join our private FACEBOOK group!

## Grove Park Life - HOA

From the archives . . .



2019

A HUGE thank you to the Grove Park Neighborhood! The Run Walk Crawl for Autism, raised \$4200.00 for our special needs department. This money will help fund resources, supplies and materials that will benefit and enhance the learning at our sweet school! Thank you Grove Park!!!



2015



2020



# 2024 Upcoming EVENTS



**MAY  
17**

## CRAWFISH BOIL

6pm - 11pm



**JULY  
4**

## COOKOUT & FIREWORKS

3pm - after fireworks



**JULY  
20**

## TYSON VS PAUL FIGHT NIGHT WATCH PARTY

TIME- To Be Announced

**AUG  
10**

## TIG BITTIES Neighborhood 5K FUNDRAISER for BREAST CANCER

7am race start Details to come



**SEPT  
14-15**

## FALL YARD SALE

8am - 2pm



**SEPT  
14**

## TALENT NIGHT

6pm - 11pm

**OCT  
11**

## Vegas Night

6pm - 11pm



**OCT  
26**

## Chili Cookoff & COSTUME CONTEST

6pm - 11pm



# Community Notes

Never share the pool code and always accompany guests!



WELCOME  
New  
Neighbors!

Julianna Black Sullivan & Francis Sullivan

1225 Spring Oak Way

Albert Vinod Arokia & Grace Piradhiba Vincent

1355 Grove Park Lane

Mithil Patel & Kanvi Patel Court

1380 Zephyr Court

Drum Roll Please...

**POOL  
IS  
OPEN**

**MAY 1**

Visit [groveparklife.com](http://groveparklife.com) to reserve the pavilion and tennis courts. Remember: The pool cannot be reserved for private events.

**SLOW DOWN!  
DRIVE SAFELY**

## Gards of The Month - Winter 2023



**OCTOBER 2023**  
1040 Grove Park Lane



**NOVEMBER 2023**  
1325 Grove Park Lane



**DECEMBER 2023**  
1205 Grove Park Lane







# A LETTER FROM HOA PRESIDENT Ronnie Masterson

*Hello Everyone,*

*I would like to take a couple minutes to introduce myself and my family so you can get to know us a little better. My wife, Amy, and I are both originally from Tennessee and have spent the majority of our lives living there. Together, we have 6 children, 2 bonus kids, and 3 grand kids. Our children range in age from 30 to 9 years old, but we only have our two youngest boys (Nathan 11 and Evan 9) living with us now. Our youngest daughter is a Sophomore Biology student at UGA, and while I am a Vol-for-Life, I am happy to have our first Bulldog in the family.*

*As you might imagine, our big family creates a bit of wonderful chaos for the holidays, but we love it. If that isn't enough to keep us busy, we also have 2 dogs (Skipper and Marley), 2 cats (Yuki and Nala), and a couple of reptiles. We are members of First Redeemer Church and enjoy attending and serving there.*

*While on a work assignment in Switzerland, we were blessed to buy "The Clark's House" back in early 2021, and we were finally able to move back to the US in July of 2021. We had never visited the neighborhood or even seen the house in person when we bought it, but we were hopeful that it would be all that we wished for in a house and neighborhood. After living here for almost 3 years, it is easy to say that our expectations have been far exceeded and we absolutely love living in Grove Park.*

*One of the most special parts of living in Grove Park has been how friendly and welcoming everyone has been and how it seems that so many people volunteer to help make our neighborhood an even better place to live. Especially considering that many people have been part of Grove Park for more than 20 years, I think it incumbent on those of us who are newer to carry on the things that make our subdivision the greatest place to live. This is why I wanted to volunteer for the Board and am very happy to serve as your new President.*

*I am looking forward to meeting each of you and I am excited to make Grove Park an even better place to live.*

*All the Best,  
Ronnie Masterson*

**PS – GO BIG ORANGE**



# GROVE PARK SHOUT OUTS!



## Thank You Block Captains



Sheila Beasley  
Ron Magoteaux

Elaine Carlton-chair  
Allie Roberts

Jacqueline Graves  
Sara Newsome



M I L E S C H A N G A R



For keeping the  
Neighborhood informed-  
SHOUT OUT to...  
**THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!**

Sarah Allan Angie



John Newsome

*Thank you!*

Your years of volunteering  
on the Grove Park HOA Board  
are appreciated.



Eric Teal

### CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2024

#### COLLEGE

Dylan Mazzei  
Amanda Chechele  
Kanvi Patel  
Kaitlin Avra Horton

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Evie Q. Baglien  
Connor Roney  
Avery Herzberger  
Keely Graham  
Noah Padgett  
Parker Osborne

*Names received as of 4/12/24*

*Thank you!*

**Carrie Clement**

and

**Leslie Avra**

For your caring hearts...

and keeping

**OUTREACH**

a resource for

Grove Park neighbors.

**SHOUT OUT TO  
JEFF CLEMENT**

For your work on the pool!

*"Sending out sincere  
appreciation to this very  
special Grove Park family  
for faithfully showing up  
to keep Sanders Road and  
our community beautiful!"*

Kim Bacastow  
Adopt-a-Road Chair



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