

### Upcoming Local Events

Are your kids bored? If you are looking for summertime fun activities to help keep the kids preoccupied until school starts, here are a few:

**FREE MOVIE:** Regal Cinemas at Virginia Center Commons is offering G and PG-rated movies starting at 10 AM through their Free Family Film Festival. "Charlottes Web" (G) and "Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep" (G) is being offered August 5-7. "Wallace and Grommit" (G) and "Surf's Up" (G) will be offered August 12-14. Call 261-4994 for details.

**DON'T FORGET THE DOG:** On August 14th, pack up the kids and the dog (on a leash please), and head out to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens from 5-9 PM. Stroll through the

gardens or relax on the summer grounds, visit the kid's play area (plan to get wet), enjoy music and shopping. Call 262-9887 for details.

**CHESTERFIELD FAIRE:** Take the family on a short trip to Chesterfield County Fairgrounds where you can enjoy rides, racing pigs, grandstand shows, and more! Runs August 22-30. Call 768-0148 for details.

**ROLLER DERBY:** A carnival themed benefit to increase awareness and raise money for the prevention of child abuse will feature the River City Roller Girls in a 30-minute derby, dunk-a-local-celebrity contest, carnival games, mechanical bull ride and other side show oddities. To be held Saturday, September 6th from 4:30-7:30 PM at Roller Dome on Williamsburg Road in Richmond. Call 726-2841.

### Driving for a Better Tomorrow

This is the last in the series of monthly highlights on becoming more environmentally conscious and it focuses on learning how to drive less and drive smart. In the United States, about half the air pollution comes from cars and trucks. Adopting smarter driving habits reduces your car's emissions which contributes to air pollution. Driving less does not mean that you have to stay home. Try combining driving with alternative modes of transportation such as using a carpool, walking, riding a bicycle, shopping by phone or mail, riding public transit where available and telecommuting (or working from home). While driving, try to keep these tips in mind to reduce your emissions:

- Accelerate gradually.
- Use cruise control on the highway.
- Obey posted speed limits.
- Combine your errands into one trip.
- Don't top off at the gas pumps.
- Keep your car tuned and your tires properly inflated.
- Replace your car's air filter.



If you want more information on "Going Green," check out your public library or the various websites online for articles that can give you even more tips and information.

## KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND

### Management Memo



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Are you planning to celebrate National Night Out August 5th? This nationwide event, held each August, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support/participation in local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Over the last several years, our management staff has worked diligently to improve our mobile home community and keep our residents safe. We have implemented stricter application criteria and continued to monitor and work towards removing individuals from the park who engage in drug and/or other criminal activity. To date, according to the local sheriff's deputies, our efforts have paid off in that the crime rate in our park has significantly decreased, requiring less police intervention. This would not be possible, however, if it weren't for the assistance of our residents. With the help of those who keep a watchful eye out and report incidents that need our attention, we have made our community a better place to live.

There is still much work to be done. We need to break through the barriers of people who "just don't want to get involved" or are fearful of retaliation. Criminals thrive in communities where people turn a blind eye towards the activity going on right under their noses. Whether you realize it or not, if you choose to look the other way when you see illegal activity in your neighborhood, you are contributing to the problem. You are sending a message to the criminals that it is "okay" to conduct their affairs in your community. In life, there are consequences for every action and, oftentimes, those consequences affect not only you but those around you. We all want to live in a quiet, safe and peaceful neighborhood. That won't be possible if we aren't all willing to do our part. Perhaps you fear retaliation for reporting illegal activity. Please keep in mind that you can always write a letter or complete a complaint form available at our office (and online) anonymously and drop it in our overnight box. We DO NOT reveal anonymous sources when addressing the complaints. *We also will not permit retaliation.* There are specific sections in the Manufactured Home Lot Lease signed by our residents that prohibit harassment. Violation of these provisions may result in eviction.

While the National Night Out program is a wonderful idea, we want our residents to keep its principles not just one night out of a year but all year long. Perhaps by next August, you will be ready to show your support for this program. Whether you simply turn on your porch lights that evening or choose to organize (or participate in) a block party, it is our hope that you will take an active role in helping to keep your community (and ours) a safe place to call home. For more information about the National Night Out program, please visit [www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org).

Thought For The Month: "Chance favors the prepared mind"

~ Louis Pasteur

Do you have any money savings tips to offer? We'd love to hear about it. Submit your ideas to share in your community newsletter!

## Hanover News

### "Stretch Your Dollar" Community Meeting

If you are struggling to hang on to your pay check and are looking for hints, ideas and proven techniques for money management, plan on attending this 2-hour workshop hosted by the Hanover County Department of Social Services. Workshop to be held on Tuesday, August 12th (2-4 PM) and Wednesday, August 27th (6-8 PM) in the DSS Conference Room at 12304 Washington Hwy in Ashland. Don't forget to bring your family and friends. This workshop is FREE and light refreshments will be available. Call 365-4100 for more information.

### "Got You Covered" Clothing Event

On Saturday, August 23rd (11 AM—7 PM), Hanover County's low income residents will be able to pick up clothing items for themselves and their family members. Please bring a picture ID (and proof of income if you are not already receiving services through Hanover Department of Social Services). The event will be held at the Doswell Ruritan Club Building located between Doswell Road and Vernon Road on Route 1 in the Kings Dominion Area (16433 Washington Hwy). For more information, please call Andrea Uzzell at 365-6643 or Monica Chenault at 365-4109.

### Hanover's Promise

Hanover's Promise is a part of the America's Promise movement, where the idea is to encourage communities to come together in support of children and youth and ensure that they have every opportunity to succeed in life. Please visit their website at [www.hanoverspromise.org](http://www.hanoverspromise.org) for more information about the programs they offer to residents in the county and how you can get involved and help as a mentor, tutor or coach; providing support, care and guidance. There are many opportunities to give back through community service to enhance self-esteem, boost confidence and heighten your sense of responsibility.

### Early Bird Contest

The winner for August's Early Bird Contest drawing is **10449 Arapaho Lane**. The winner receives \$30 off their lot rent. Remember, each time you pay your rent early, your name is automatically entered into the drawing. The more often you pay your rent early, the more chances you have to win! Drawings are held several times each year with the next scheduled to run in November. GOOD LUCK!



### REMINDERS:

**Burn Ban:** The open burn ban remains in effect through September 30, 2008. Charcoal or propane grills and fire pits are permitted for cooking purposes **ONLY** using the proper fuels.

**Dumpsters:** Residents are reminded that dumpsters are provided for household trash **ONLY**. Do not bring your trash home from work. Do not fill the dumpsters with construction debris. *All items placed in the dumpster must be bagged.*

## Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** BRAND NEW Maynardville 14x56, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$45,995. Financing available for qualified buyers. **Ask about our leasing incentives.** Call 798-6689 for details.

**FOR SALE:** 1973 Sheffield, newly renovated. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. All flooring replaced and brand new linoleum and carpeting installed. New base cabinets in kitchen. Fresh coat of interior paint. No appliances. \$15,000. Financing available for qualified buyers. Call 798-6689 for details.

**FOR SALE:** 2002 Clayton 32x72 double wide. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace. Call Bob Lucas at 798-3206.

**FOR SALE:** 2006 Maynardville Blueridge. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. All appliances convey. Shingle roof, vinyl siding, Thermopane windows, front and back porch. \$40,000. Financing available to qualified buyers. Call Clayton Homes at 798-3206.

**FOR SALE:** 12x72 Crescent Home. Completely renovated. 2 bedroom, 1 full bath, walk-in closet/laundry area. Stove, refrigerator, 3 window unit air conditioners and 3 electric space heaters convey. Call 798-1355 on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-9 PM to schedule a visit. Asking \$10,000. Has large screened-in porch and shed—both updated as part of the renovations.

**SERVICES:** Pet grooming services (including brush, wash, dry, anal gland expression, nail clipping/filing, breath freshening, and eye/ear cleaning) available by local park resident. One-on-one training (with dog & owner), doggie day-care and pet sitting services also available. Call Lorin Mayhew at 752-4572.

**SERVICES:** Lawn services provided to mobile home park residents. Call Ron Smith at 402-3562 for more information.

**SERVICES:** Handyman/plumbing services with local neighborhood references available. Free, honest estimates. Call Ken Parady at 798-7223 or 400-3221.

**SERVICES:** Painting services offered. Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046.

**SERVICES:** Notary services by appointment. Call Sonja after 5 PM weekdays and anytime weekends. 798-4046.

*Want to see your ad here?*

*Submit your Community Classifieds ad by the 15th of each month. FREE TO PARK RESIDENTS.*

**!!! ATTENTION !!!**

*We'll Give You \$100 For Your Mother-In-Law*



That's right! If you recommend her, or anyone else, as an applicant and they sign a lease for either of the two homes Kosmo has for sale, or for a new home on an existing empty lot, we'll credit you with \$100 off your lot rent.

*Stop by the office for more details!*