

# VAIL'S VOICE

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community  
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OFFICE

## Office News

From Cindy



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Enclosed with this Vail's Voice is your first quarter bill of 2022. There is a raise in quarterly fees so please, if your bank sends payment for you, contact them about the change in payment. Also, they will need to pay the difference with the raise. I ask that you pay your bill exactly for how much is on invoice. In April, I will be applying any credits that you have for overpaying and will be informing you how much extra you owe for paying the incorrect amount. Please write check correctly.

You will be seeing work being done on our catch basins. That is work coordinated by East of Hudson Watershed Corporation and includes installation and maintenance of proposed stormwater retrofit project. This is not costing Vail's Grove anything. The Corporation will provide an annual cleaning and filter replacement to ensure the project continues to function as intended. This will provide increased water quality for Peach Lake and the NYCDEP watershed.

Invoices will be sent out in January for 2022 North End Storage. Payment is due at the end of January. At the end of January, if there are any watercraft in the North End not paid for, not being claimed, or not belonging to a Vail's Grove resident, the Grove will plan to remove them.

**Very important:** If anyone other than you is staying in your home for more than 30 days, either continuous or on an accrued basis, they must be vetted. The first day they are in your home is the first of 365 days in which they can be here more than 30 days. You were vetted prior to moving into Vails and everyone must be vetted. This is for the safety of all. The office has a form to be completed and you need to submit a check for \$120. This is a new rule in the rules and Regulations.



## BLOOD DRIVES

Our Blood Drive in April 2022 will be in memory of Henry "Hank" Myers, a man with a golden heart. Details and date to follow.



# Sunshine News

From Sue Enos



Congratulations to Chris and Janet Murphy who are new grandparents again. Their son Chris and his wife Lia welcomed identical twin girls. Also, congrats to first time grandparents John Hartley and Maree Bock-Hartley, whose granddaughter Kathryn Marianna arrived in November. Matt and Sarah Huntington welcomed baby boy Everett. Congrats to them and to Grandma Cathy Smith and great Grandma Helen Costello.



Justin Werner and Romy Janssen were married recently. Best of luck to Tom Stevens Jr and Marianne Stetzelberg on their marriage. Wonderful news!!

## Condolences

Sympathies are sent to John O'Loughlin and family on the passing of his mother; Massimo Rubini and family on the passing of his father; and John Hartley and family on the passing of his dad.



# Buildings and Grounds

From Hugh Andrews

Hi Everyone. This Newsletter comes with the hope of a less stressful winter season. Let us continue to do all we can to follow the CDC guidelines for a safe community environment.

As we enter into the winter season, again I would like to remind everyone to bring your garbage pails back to your homes and not leave them curbside. We must have our roads free and ready for snow plowing. We have also noticed recycle bins out days before pick up; with the winds that often blow during these winter months, recyclable items, especially cardboard boxes, have been blowing around in the middle of our narrow streets causing havoc, and some actually land in our lake. We would like to definitely avoid this.

It is a Vail's Grove By-law that there is no parking on the streets at any time. This rule is especially relevant during the winter months.



As mentioned many times before, the speed limit is 10 mph throughout the Grove. If you have workers or visitors coming to your home, it is your responsibility to make sure they adhere to our Grove speed limit of 10 mph. We need to work together to keep our residents safe.

Lastly, as the weather gets colder, it has been reported that more pet waste has been found in common areas and in our roads. Please pick up after your pets, and remember your dogs must be walked on a leash. If you want to have your dogs run free, you can do so at the northend field near the tennis courts. However, you are still responsible to pick up their waste and responsible for their actions towards other dogs and people. There are multiple "doggie waste bag stations" along Lake Shore for your convenience. Part of owning a dog is the responsibility of picking up after them. Your neighbors should not have to step in, drive through, smell or have their pets subject to your dog's waste. Please be considerate.



We are all looking forward to our new playground area. B&G HAD THE PROPERTY LEVELED AND READY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMING THIS Spring. Thanks to the playground committee and all the donors that made this happen.

**Thank you and Happy, Healthy 2022!!!**

# Recreation



December was certainly a busy month in Vails Grove for adults and kids alike. Thanks to the Recreation Committee, especially Sarah Broderick and Julie Salerno, for planning a festive and fun holiday party on Saturday, December 11 in the pavilion. Great music, food and decorations and a dress-up photo booth made for a celebration to remember. James Collins embodied the man in the red suit himself and handed out presents and took pictures with young and old--the age range of attendees was a few months to 96 years! A big shoutout out to everyone who helped set up-- including Mike Broderick, Ryan Brodeur, Linda VanScoy, Peter VanScoy, and Peter Vincent--and to those volunteers who helped serve dinner: Denise Andrews, Rachel Brodeur, Mrs. Iarossi, Cathy Morris, Joan Myers, and Peter Vincent. Many hands helped with cleanup.



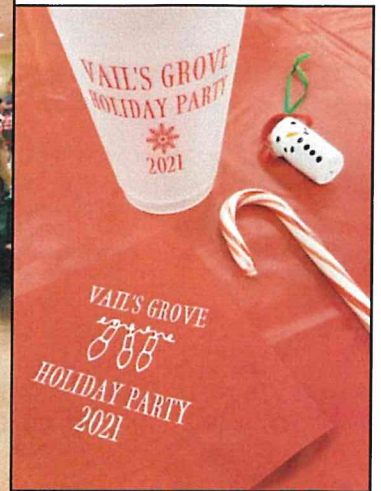
Millie Martin and Santa



Caitlin Lee and Sarah Broderick



Julie Salerno and Santa



On Sunday, December 19 the Croton Falls Fire Department joined forces with Santa for the annual Candy Cane Run, stopping at our own Vails Grove Community.



## Vail's Grove 2nd Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest

### **Best of the Best**

**Matt Lucarelli - 11 Hilltop Lane (see pic)**

### **Santa's Workshop**

**Bri Kane -10 Locust Road**

### **Winter Wonderland**

**John and Maria Goff - 24 Locust Road**

### **Light up the Town**

**Carol Terilli - 22 Orchard Road**

### **Gingerbread Award**

**Mike and Sarah Broderick - 44 VLSD\***

### **Magical Masterpiece**

**Maureen McGuire – 61 VLSD\***

### **Classical Christmas**

**Tim and Eileen O'Toole – 57 VLSD\***

### **National Lampoon Christmas Vacation Inspired**

**Pat and Claudia McGuinness - 115  
VLSD\***

### **People's Choice Award**

**John and Joan Myers - 59 VLSD\***

\*Vail's Lake Shore Drive



**to the judges!!!**

**Rod Cummings, Stella  
DiDomenico, Penny Feder,  
Jill Paxton, and Judi Smith**