

VAIL'S VOICE

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community
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Greetings from the Chair **Juliann Salerno**



The Board of Directors would like to send out some reminders to all of our residents. In order for the workings of the Grove to continue in the way that we are all accustomed to, we ask that you adhere to the rules and regulations that you agreed to when you purchased in Vail's Grove. As I have driven around the Grove, there have been many instances where I have seen brush and shrubbery that are encroaching on our roads that are on private property. As a stockholder, you are responsible to maintain your property in a manner that does not cause others to

be inconvenienced or put in a dangerous situation. We ask that you please look at your property for any situation that needs attention. ONCE again, there have been vehicles traveling through our roads at speeds that far exceed the 10 MPH posted limit. While at times it appears to be outsiders to our community, like Uber or Door Dash Drivers, Amazon delivery etc., there have been many times when our own stockholders travel at an excess of the speed limit. I once again must ask you to please slow down; and if you see one of these other types of drivers speeding, we ask that you please tell them to slow down as well. This is for the well-being of all our residents, animals and children who are out and about especially now that the weather has gotten nice.

With the impending construction that will be happening on 121, the board has been discussing ways in which to keep vehicles from coming through our Grove when they get lost or stuck in the traffic jams that are sure to happen. If it gets bad with vehicles traveling through the Grove, we are prepared to barricade all the ramps except Entrance #1. While we realize this may be a hassle for our residents, it may be necessary to keep vehicles from cutting through our roads at speeds that are sure to be above our 10 MPH limit. Hopefully, it will not come to this.

As many of you know, Cindy, our office manager suffered a severe leg injury that required emergency surgery. While she was out of the office for a couple of weeks, the workings of the Grove never stopped and neither did Cindy. With the help of some Board members, Cindy was able to continue the day-to-day operations of the Grove. It is this dedication to the stockholders and members of the community that make Cindy a valuable person to have around. While she continues her rehab to get back to full strength, I, along with the entire VG Board want to say thank you to Cindy for her commitment to Vail's Grove and wish her a speedy recovery. I also want to thank all of the Board members and community volunteers that stepped in to help with various projects throughout the Grove during this time of Cindy's absence.

So in closing I would like to wish you all a **WONDERFUL SUMMER** and hope to see you around the Grove.

Office News **From Cindy**



THANK YOU! *thank you!*

to the Board of Directors for being so supportive and caring and understanding since my accident on May 14th. For those who do not know, I fell in NYC on May 14 and broke my patella and had surgery. I was in hospital for five days. I am healing, go to physical therapy three times a week and am coming into the office--not full time, partially working from home.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR WELL WISHES, TEXTS, CARDS, CALLS, RIDES TO AND FROM WORK, RIDES TO AND FROM PHYSICAL THERAPY, STOPPING IN TO SAY HELLO, BRINGING THE CHILDREN IN, BAGELS, COFFEE, MEALS, BROWNIES, FLOWERS, ETC. YOUR THOUGHTS ARE SO APPRECIATED.

It warms my soul and that is what is so special about working here.

Also, thanks to those of you who have pitched in with maintenance issues, especially Buildings and Grounds Chairman, Hugh Andrews for going above and beyond. There are many others, both Board members and residents who have helped in one way or another. It also is terrific to see so many help.

The 2021 AWQR – Annual Water Quality Report is on www.vailsgrove.us for your review.

July billing is included with this Voice. Please, look at your invoice when paying, and please pay the correct amount. Billing goes out January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. That is for each quarter. Payment is due in office by the last day of those billing months.

Please, **NO PARKING** at the Beach unless you are going to be there. That area is not for guest parking or overflow parking from your homes.

As with every summer, complaints and concerns are coming into the office about boats driving too fast, too close to the shore and/or in the wrong direction. The office suggests that if you see this happening, wave the people down and ask them to please care about the safety of all. If you are one of the people driving that way, **PLEASE** follow lake etiquette and rules. There are multiple communities around the lake, and there is no way the office could know who is not following the etiquette.

The new robo call system is great. Calls can be made from my cell phone wherever I might be. Juliann Salerno also can do that. The messages are reached by all signed up within a few minutes, rather than hours. If you are not presently on the list and want to be, let the office know.

Thanks much to Karen and John Breidenbach for the offer of sand on Facebook. Within no time, Mike Early picked up the sand with his truck and the help of David and Amy Janecek. The sand was spread on the beach by them along with Mike Broderick. Great folks!!! Thank you to Jonah Weinstock for watering the plants around the Pavilion and for donated two beautiful plants by the Pavilion front door.

We have had so many wonderful items donated to either the beach or playground by way of “naming opportunities.” Benches, playground equipment, picnic tables. We have a beautiful picnic table that needs a “Donor.” The price is \$800, and a plaque will be placed on the table with donor information. Please let me know in office if you are interested. This is a great way to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, a new baby, or just because you love the Grove. A few people can donate together, and all the names will be on the plaque. All plaques for items already donated will be placed on the items shortly.

The Department of Taxation and Financing has recently begun mailing about three million checks for the 2022 homeowner rebate credit to eligible New Yorkers. The amount of credit will depend in your home's location, your income and whether you receive Basic or Enhanced STAR (School Tax Relief). To be eligible, you must have: qualified for a 2022 STAR credit or exemption, had income that was less than or equal to \$250,000 for the 2020 income tax year and a school tax liability for the 2022-2023 school year that is more than your 2022 STAR benefit.

INFORMATION ABOUT ROUTE 121 CLOSURES IS AVAILABLE ON PEACHLAKEny@GROUPS.IO. The info is also on the Vails Grove Facebook page. You can also go to the North Salem website for info.

Vail's Grove  **Committee** from Helen Vail

First, I must say that Vails Grove is a community of such caring neighbors that they are almost putting the Lend-A-Hand Committee out of business!!! I feel truly blessed to live here. That said, our committee members have recently been busy providing rides to doctor's offices, walking dogs and making meals for residents post-surgery as well as some who have been ill. If you would like to add your name to the list of committee members, email me at: helenvail@comcast.net or call/text me at: 845-661-4082. In addition, I will be hosting a meeting on Friday July 8th at 7:30 p.m. at my house 87 Vails LSD to welcome any new members and discuss ways we can improve our committee. Light refreshments will be served .RSVP appreciated but not required.



Committee from Jill Olimpieri

We wish to welcome Steven and Jonathan Flink at 15 Orchard Road to our community.



Pump House From Patrick McGuinness

The Pump House is in fine working order providing safe water for the entire community. Many thanks to Hugh Andrews of Buildings and Grounds and VRI for their continued support to be ready almost at a moment's notice to assist in resolving any issues that may arise minimizing and disruption of service to all. Your assistance is much appreciated.

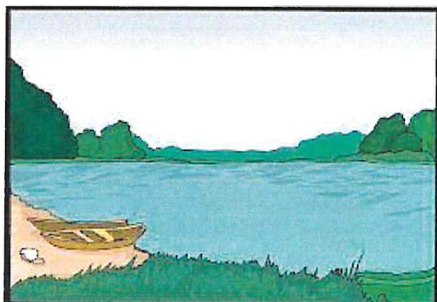
We are still in need of one or two additional Water Operators (basically backups for checking chlorine levels), if anyone is interested. If so, please contact the office, and you will be provided with all information and requirements to do so. There are classes that need to be taken and an exam or two that have to be passed in order to obtain a Water Operator license. I believe the classes are one night a week for six weeks, or they may be available online at this point in time. All expenses for the classes and materials needed are paid for by Vail's Grove.

North End Boat Storage As usual, thanks to all of you nautical neighbors here in Vail's Grove, the transfer from land to sea of vessels large and small from North End Storage to the lake went relatively smoothly. Your continued cooperation and communication with each other makes all the difference.

A couple of things to be mindful of moving forward. As we no longer have a full-time maintenance man to manage the staging of all trailers, boats and jet skis, we request that you are mindful where you place your particular vehicle. There were a couple of occasions where folks left their vehicles blocking others preventing them from being able to get their boats in the water. In one instance, a neighbor hired a service, as many of you do, to transport their boat to the lake. Unfortunately, because the boat they came to move was blocked by someone else's trailer, the company could not do what they were hired to do on that day; and unfortunately, they were not able to come back for another week. Fortunately, in one or two instances, neighbors with trucks assisted when needed to move a trailer for us. It is imperative that any and all information you have--especially contact information--is on record with the office so that any of us can be contacted in case the situation arises again. This is also prudent to insure that your vehicle is not damaged in any way because someone else had to move it. Thanks in advance for all of your assistance in addressing this.

There are many, what seem to be abandoned vehicles in the North End. We are asking that any of you that have something in the North End that is no longer seaworthy or usable to please have it removed as soon as possible. Obviously, we could use the real estate, and it will contribute greatly to the prevention of the aforementioned blocking situation.

Please be safe on the water and enjoy the summer!



Beach Report

from Meghan Cassidy/Julie Salerno

Summer is finally here. With that, the Frank Cassidy Memorial Beach is officially open for business. Just a few reminders. The lifeguards are in charge of ALL points of the beach, not just the sand and the water. We ask that you treat our guards with respect and understand that they are only enforcing the rules as they exist; they didn't make the rules, BUT they will enforce them. So please listen to them and do not put them in a situation

that is both uncomfortable to them or to yourself. I remind you all that if you have guests who will be at the beach, they MUST be there with a shareholder. PLEASE do not send your guests to the beach alone. The lifeguards will ask them to leave and this puts everyone in an awkward position.

We also ask that you respect the NO GLASS policy. This is absolutely a no wiggle room policy. Glass at the beach, in any area becomes a danger to everyone.

We wish for everyone to enjoy our beach, and we have tried to make it a place where everyone wants to be in the summer. We have purchased some new sand chairs for your use, and we hope to add a few more. Please also remember that our lifeguards have a huge responsibility and that their focus needs to be on the water. Please keep your children off the guards' chairs. Many of our guards are happy to play with your kids when they are off duty but need to be fully committed to the job they have. We want everyone to enjoy the beach, but ask that you please keep it clean. There are garbage and RECYCLING cans at the beach. The Town of North Salem has a recycling rule, and they have asked us to be sure that our garbage and recycle items are separate. So please only put cans and plastic items in the **BLUE BIN** at the beach. All other items are garbage. We also will ask one more thing. Please, if you have a big group at the beach for a party or barbecue, ask the guards for some garbage bags to place your trash in, instead of taking up all the room in the beach garbage.

Thank you and ENJOY your summer.

Recreation Report from Julie Salerno



The recreation team has been busy lately planning for summer events.

Most important is our annual 4th of July parade and celebration. As in past years, the parade will start at the North End at 11 a.m. and end at the pavilion for a ceremony and our Grove Famous Hot Dog celebration. Please remember to decorate your



motorized and pedal-powered vehicles. Also, remember that if you have a dog marching with you, that they need to be leashed at all times; and if your pup has to "GO", that you stop and pick it up before continuing in the parade. We can't wait to see you all again as we kick off the official summer of Vail's Grove.

Recreation is looking for some adult volunteers to host the concession stand at the pavilion, one day during the week. This gives our kids a chance to purchase some items like candy and ice cream, while also having a place to cool off on those hot summer days. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah or myself. The time is 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and the day of the week can be flexible.