

# The Vail's Voice

January/February 2008



A very Happy and Healthy New Year to all our friends and neighbors!

We have a lot of information to share, even though it's only the first month of 2008. Here we go!

Just a reminder, if you have a computer, log on to **WWW.VAILSGROVE.US** and sign up to get the latest news in a timely fashion. The information on our website is updated all the time, so log in every day or so to see what's happening.

The latest minutes from the monthly Board of Directors meeting will no longer be e-mailed, as they will appear on the website.

(Another reason to sign up and check it out!)

It's still a work in progress, and you can share your suggestions and ideas with us.

All suggestions are welcome!

# A Message From Maintenance - Jack Waltzer

## VAILS GROVE REFUSE PICK-UP INFORMATION

### **If You are in the Town of North Salem:**

You are on the Bria Carting Corp. (914-232-1043) pickup schedule for "Zone 3" – Thursday pickup. Pickup is limited to EITHER a 1.5 cubic yd. container or 4 pails not more than 60 lbs. each.

Additional pickups are available at additional charge. Pails must be within 4 feet of the curb by 6:00 AM.

Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags, not larger than 30 gallon size, placed by the curb by 6:00 AM for pick-up by Bria on May 7, June 4, July 9, and August 6, 2008.

There is a limit of 20 bags per month. (See also Vails Grove at end of article).

Newspapers and magazines must be tied in bundles or put securely in paper bags; commingled recyclables in blue or clear recycling plastic bags. Paint cans will only be picked up if empty or do not contain liquid paint.

Bulk drop-off is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 AM – 12 Noon at the Town Highway Department. Limit is 2 cubic yards per household. Call Bria Carting for information on regulations and restrictions.

### **If you are in the Town of Southeast:**

You are on the Southeast AWS (800-921-5568) "Zone 2" - Tuesday and Friday pickup. Pickup is limited to four 32 gallon containers per pickup; 8 containers per week. Garbage must be tied in bags, and in containers with secured lids, placed within 4 feet of the road. If Monday or Tuesday is a holiday, pickups will be Wednesday and Friday. If Wednesday or Thursday is a holiday, pickups will be Tuesday and Friday. If Friday is a holiday, pickups will be Tuesday and Thursday.

DEP Legislation prevents acceptance of grass clippings, leaves and brush. There is a leaf program scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; \$2/bag, register with the Town Clerk for rules and regulations. X-Mas tree pickup is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Recyclables will be picked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekly pickup. Newspapers and magazines tied with cord, in bundles not higher than 10 inches nor wider than 36 inches; commingled glass and metals in blue or clear recycling plastic bags. Hazardous waste cleanup will be one Saturday in Spring and one in Fall; pre-register at 845-278-6130 x2150.

There will be 2 Bulk pickups; the first will be April 16<sup>th</sup>, the second is a flex pickup scheduled with AWS. Each is limited to 3 cubic yards (9' x 3' x 3'). Excess will be left at the curb. NOT accepted: paint, masonry, batteries, chemicals, lumber, stone, liquids, logs, tires, stumps, brick, propane tanks, trees, oil, construction or remodeling debris. Rugs must be cut to 4', rolled and tied. Appliances with Freon must be de-charged and tagged by an authorized specialist.

### **Vails Grove Buildings and Grounds, North Salem & Southeast:**

The Vails Grove Buildings and Groundsman will pick up grass clippings and leaves, lakeweed, and deadfall, at regular intervals. (Contractors are responsible for removal of these items themselves).

Leaves and grass clippings must be in biodegradable paper bags, light enough to be lifted into our truck, and accessible within 10 feet of the roadway. Lakeweed must be dried, need not be bagged, and at the roadway. Deadfall must be cut to less than 5 feet in length, at the roadway, each piece light enough to be lifted into our truck. Items not in accordance with these standards will not be removed.

## **WWTP Update - Peggy Boyle**

The Peach Lake Coalition had their first 2008 Roundtable meeting with all the important parties involved on January 11th at the Vail's Grove Pavilion regarding the Peach Lake sewer district formation and the need for funding to make the initiative affordable.

Coalition residents were aware that as of the new year, we had two new supervisors and one new legislator who are critical to this process to form the Peach Lake Sewer District. We were also cognizant that the residents of the area were the continuity between the previous dedicated administration (Supervisor Globerman, Supervisor Dunford and Legislator Ursula LaMotte) and this new administration.

Peach Lake Coalition members felt that it was important to bring everyone to the table to discuss the initiative and plan for the next steps to ensure that the incredible positive momentum of 2007 continue.

Both new Supervisors, Paul Greenwood and Michael Rights, were eager to come, as was our new legislator in Westchester, Peter Harckham. Legislator Harckham's aide Wendy Wild was also present. Tony Hay, our legislator in Putnam and Assemblyman Greg Ball came as well. Assemblyman Ball's staff person, Matt Neuringer was also in attendance.

Jim Hahn and George Pommer from Hahn Engineering and Ed Barnett from the Putnam County Watershed Council were present as well. Chris Crane, aide to Legislator Thomas Albinanti from the Westchester Board of Legislators was also in attendance.

We had 14 representatives of the Peach Lake Coalition from the three cooperatives and the residents of Northern Westchester Country Club. The Peach Lake Coalition members handled each item on the agenda for the meeting. (Tom Duffy, Dave Groff, James O'Brien, Bob Becker, Margaret Flannery, Ronnie Waltzer, Jack Waltzer, Fran Ott, Bob Gregory, Rick Gebhardt, Dave Bruen, Charles Voelkl, Sharon Scott and Peggy Boyle.)

The agenda reflected each part of this rather complex endeavor and the residents handled the items knowledgeably and effectively.

Supervisor Greenwood and Legislator Harckham reported the the Westchester County Executive's office and the Westchester Legislature are well on their way to commit the 10 million dollars to the project from the East of Hudson Funds.

NYCDEP and NYSDEC have a few items that need to be ironed out which will happen at a meeting on January 29, thereby clearing the way for the funds to be committed.

The Peach Lake Coalition will be represented at the meeting by Tom Duffy and Peggy Boyle.

## WWTP Update cont.

Also at the January 11th Roundtable meeting, Legislator Tony Hay promised to present a resolution at his next committee meeting of the Putnam County Board of Legislature to ask for the release of additional monies for this project to remain affordable.

Legislator Hay's committee has since the meeting passed the resolution for an additional 2 million dollars earmarked for the project. In early February, the full Legislative board will vote to approve earmarking funds. Supervisor Greenwood expressed an interest in starting the bidding process in order to further ascertain the actual costs of the project.

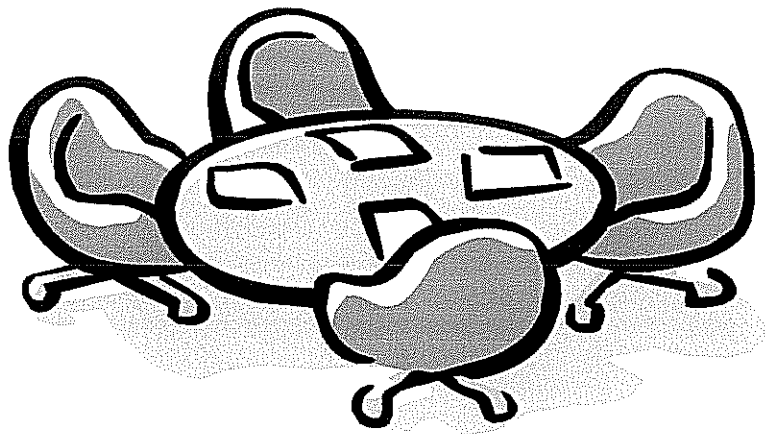
Since the meeting, Stearns and Wheler have been hired as the engineers assigned to this project and have given the towns and the community their proposed time line to see the project through. Fred Testa from Environmental Facilities Corporation was also present and reminded us of the need to meet the March deadline in order to remain eligible for loan interest loans for which we are eligible.

At the meeting we also reported on the petition process which is now complete. The petitions are in the hands of the town assessors offices to be certified.

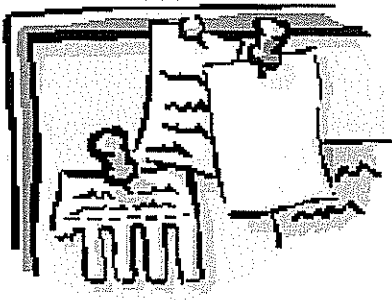
**The majority of the residents in each community submitted petitions in favor of forming the sewer district.**

Special thanks to Bob Becker, John and Jean Lee, Mary Rubini, Frank Cassidy, Kay Petroff and Jim Andes who served and graciously gave of their time as notaries to see this petition process through. All parties pledged a willingness and dedication to continue to work together as a team. As reported there has been much progress since the meeting. This meeting was a classic example of how elected officials and neighborhood residents can work together in a true spirit of care and concern for the lake and community which surrounds it.

For any further information, please come to your board meetings and if you would like to join the effort, call the office and let Cindy know, as you are always more than welcome.



## Office Updates - Cindy Battreall



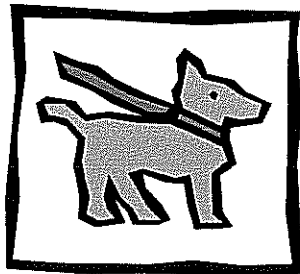
Please remember that when you are re-financing your home, you must submit an application to the office three weeks prior to the next board meeting. Your application must be approved by the Board.

An appraisal of the property is necessary, and you must be a member in good standing. In addition, there is a legal fee of \$150 for our attorney to review the new recognition agreement.

Quarterly charge invoices are sent out on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1st. The mailing of these invoices is a courtesy. If you do not receive your bill for whatever reason, you are still responsible for paying the charges by the last day of that billing month. Finance charges are assessed on the first of each month.

Please remember to renew your oil tank insurance, and remember to supply a copy of the insurance to the office for the files.

### **ATTENTION**



### **PET OWNERS**

Until I got a dog three years ago, I really did not like them very much. Now, I am one of those people who treat her dog, Cooper, like a prince. So I understand how much you all love your pets. Because of that, the office needs to remind you of Item #7 in the Rules and Regulations, entitled "PETS". The reason for this reminder is that recently there have been many complaints about dogs being off their leashes and leaving little goodies on others' property. There are many adults and children who are AFRAID of dogs. It is not fair for them to feel frightened or even panicked when they see an unleashed dog running toward them. In addition, there are people who do not obey the speed limit, and drive way too fast through the Grove. We surely would not want any of our furry friends to get hit, and the way to avoid that would be to keep them on leashes. Due to the large number of complaints, this will serve as reminder/warning to please follow the rules.

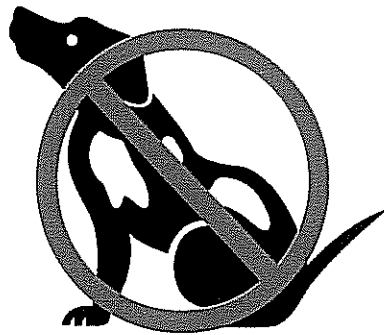
## **ATTENTION PET OWNERS cont.**

Improper use fees WILL be assessed if we receive complaints about your dog being off their leash. We know we all want the best for our safety and the safety of our children and pets, so please read the rule to refresh your understanding of it. Thanks so much!

### **RULE #7**

All dogs shall be leashed and tethered at all times and accompanied by a responsible person when on common property of the Cooperative, except that dogs may be permitted unleashed north of Norton Circle provided no activities are in progress. Stockholder shall not permit dogs to leave any deposits of any nature on common property of the Cooperative. The person harboring pets shall be prohibited from allowing the pets to enter upon the property of other tenants or lessees.

The first violation of this Rule will result in the assessment of an Improper Use Fee of \$50 and thereafter, \$50 for each such violation.

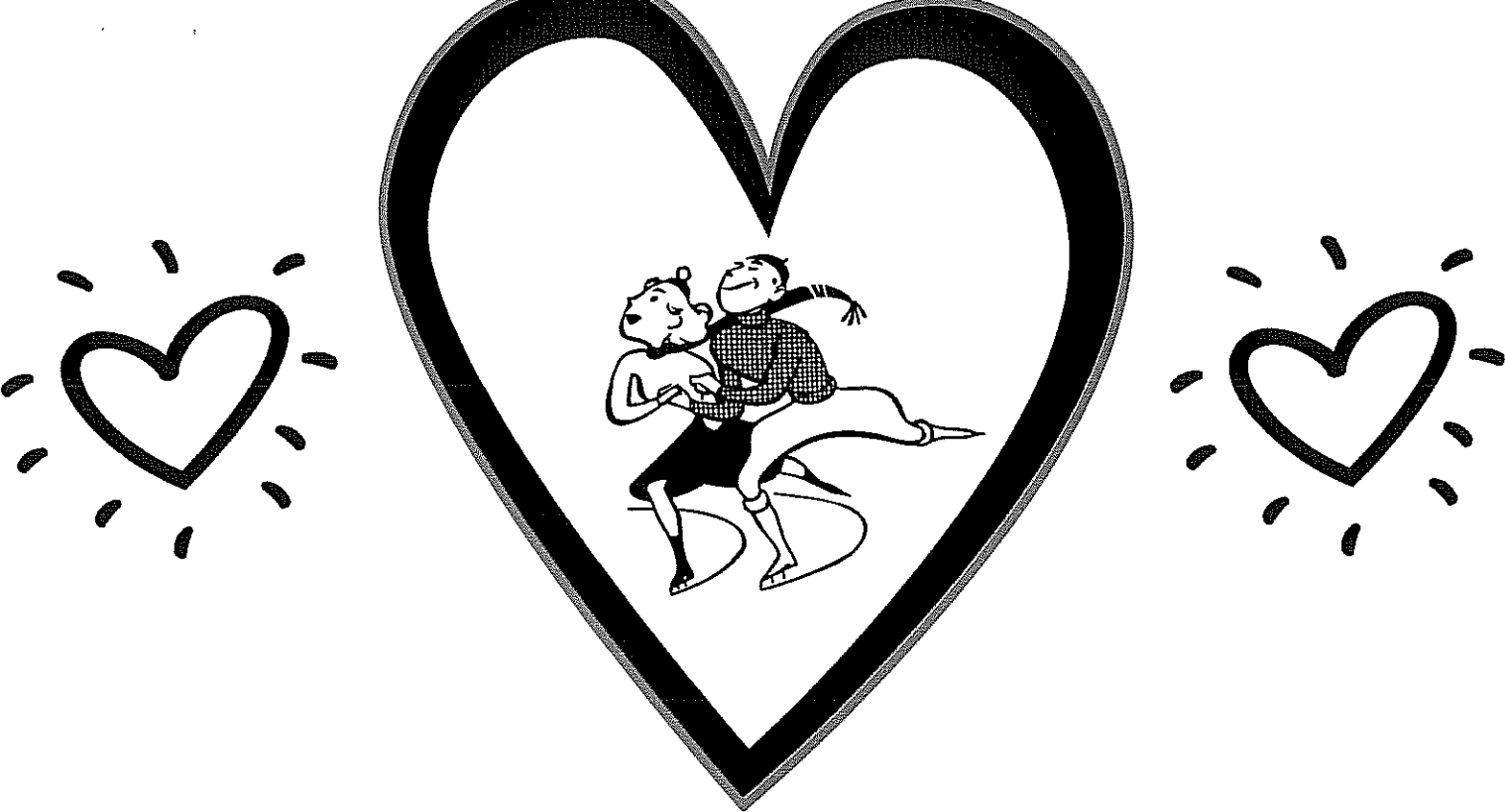


Do you know about “PIN” Number Reversal?

If, heaven forbid, you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN (Personal Identification Number) number backwards!

For example, if your PIN number is 1234, you would enter the number 4321. (That is, if you haven't fainted yet.)

The ATM recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unbeknownst to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to help you.



## A Valentine / Ice Skating Party!!

Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 2 to 4 pm.

Meet us at the Pavilion to craft some Valentines, then don your skates and take a spin with your sweetie around a bonfire on the lake!

We'll have some hot chocolate to warm you up afterwards as well.

### **Recreation - Mary Rubini**

Mary came up with a great idea to utilize our Pavilion during the cold winter months. It started with a discussion regarding the purchase of a Ping-Pong table, and the concept of having a Ping-Pong club. More discussion followed, and that idea was expanded to include a general "recreation time".

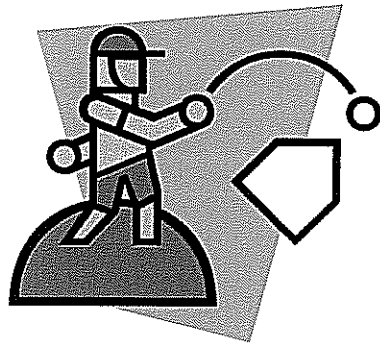
So (drumroll, please), the Pavilion will now be open to everyone on scheduled Saturdays from 4 to 6 pm. A new Ping-Pong table will be purchased, we already have a foosball table, and you are encouraged to bring your own board games - for example - if you LOVE Monopoly, call your friends, or

## RECREATION cont.

just mosey on down to see if you can find someone to play with. It's another option for you, instead of sitting huddled in front of your TV set. (What with the writer's strike, there's nothing good on anyway!) Winter days stuck indoors can be boring - here's a way to find out the latest news, and maybe make some new friends as well. Plus, the Pavilion is a great place for kids with cabin fever - they can run around and get some exercise without getting frostbitten!

For right now, the schedule is February 9th (right after the Valentine Party), February 23rd, March 1st and March 15th. The hours would be from 4 to 6 pm.

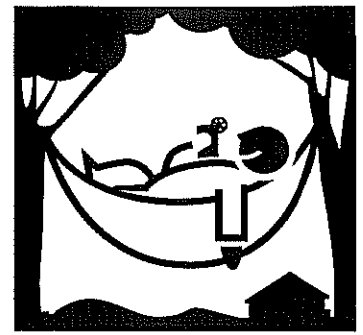
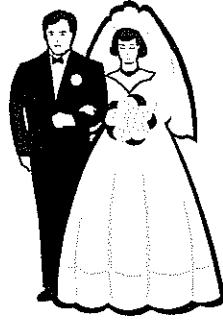
This schedule will be posted on the website ([WWW.VAILSGROVE.US](http://WWW.VAILSGROVE.US)), **but is subject to change** - in case of a rental, we would need to take a back seat to the renters. Be sure to check the website to avoid any disappointed kids!



Spring will be here soon (I'm serious!) - anybody interested in getting together for some softball games? Our North End is just begging to be used, and now that our responsible and considerate dog owners will be cleaning up after their pets, there won't be any danger of trodding in any piles of s----. (Look again - there are FIVE letters in that word, not four!)

If you are interested, let Mary know - and if you have any other suggestions for some team sports, share those thoughts as well.





## Consider The Pavilion For Your Next Big Event

Are you planning a special event for someone in your life? Do you know someone who will be celebrating a graduation, wedding, birthday, retirement or some other day you want to make extra special?

Consider renting the Pavilion! With its three spacious rooms, kitchen, cable television, ample parking and stage, the Vail's Grove Pavilion is the perfect place for that special event. As a tenant of Vail's Grove, you qualify for our special \$350.00 rental deal. We also ask that you provide \$500,000 liability insurance for the night.

Renting the Pavilion for an evening is easy. Just call the Vail's Grove office and ask Cindy for an application, or log onto the Vail's Grove website at [www.vailsgrove.us](http://www.vailsgrove.us) to download a form. The monthly cooperative meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month, so be sure to have your application in before then. Once approved, Cindy will provide you with a key to the Pavilion and show you where the closing checklist is posted.

We hope you will consider the pavilion for your next big occasion. Many tenants of Vail's Grove have already used it to host very special and memorable gatherings.



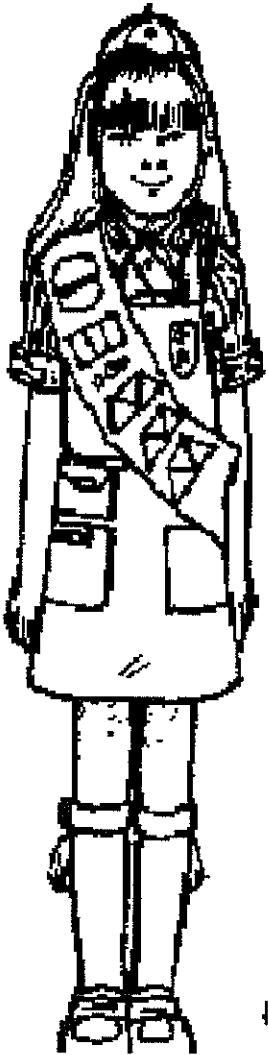


## BABYSITTER WANTED!

Babysitter wanted for friendly, active 3 year old boy.

Occasional afternoons or evenings.

Call Skip or Elisa at (845) 669-9417.



## It's Girl Scout Cookie Time Again!

Girl Scout Cookie orders will be taken from February 1, 2008 until February 13, 2008.

The cookies are \$3.50 per box -

There are your old favorites, some new ones, and even some sugar-free selections.

Trefoils, Thin Mints, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Tagalongs, Lemon Chalet Cremes (New) and more...

Cookies will be delivered 3/10/08 through 4/1/08.

To place an order, call Claudia at (845) 669-5548.



**Environmentally Friendly Cleaning and Laundry Products Available to Vail's Grove Residents with FREE delivery.**

Now that we all know that we can seriously damage our environment, such as our own Peach Lake, maybe it is time to look at alternatives that help us maintain a healthier balance for the environment.

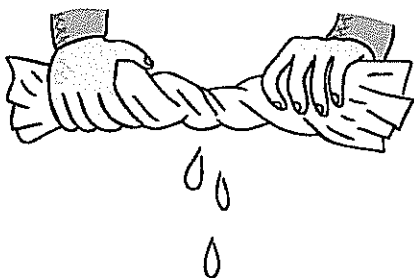
As avid walkers in the Grove, we see a lot of plastic containers for laundry detergent, disinfectant cleaners, all-purpose cleaners and dishwashing liquid. Most of these products make no claims about being safe for the environment – because they are not! We have a better solution: All natural cleaning products that are healthier for use by you and your family, easier on the environment, packaged in smaller containers because they are concentrated and, yes, **LESS EXPENSIVE!**

\*Examples\*

SNAP Laundry Detergent <b>\$10.50 / 80 loads</b>	vs.	Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent <b>\$8.39 / 40 loads</b>
SNAP Fabric Softener <b>\$9.25 / 1000 loads</b>	vs.	Bounce <b>\$5.19 / 80 sheets</b>
SNAP Disinfectant Cleaner <b>\$9.95</b>	vs.	Lysol Disinfectant <b>approx. \$80.00 worth of product</b>
SNAP All Purpose Cleaner <b>\$9.25</b>	vs.	Fantastic <b>approx. \$43.00 worth of product</b>
SNAP Dishwasher Crystals <b>\$6.25</b>	vs.	Cascade <b>approx. \$15.00 worth of product</b>

\*above prices do not include NY State Sales Tax

For more information about these and other environmentally friendly household products, please call 845.669.5090. All products delivered to your doorstep at no additional charge.





## *Art For Sale by Sue Enos*

Sue calls them greeting cards, but they are actually mini works of art. Stop by the office to see the selection - you will be absolutely delighted! The cards are only \$3 each, and there is a wide variety to choose from. Valentines Day , birthdays, anniversaries - they'll all be here sooner than you think. Avoid the crowds in the store, and the same old cookie cutter cards - give a card that is really a gift in and of itself. (Don't tell her, but that's my secret plan - to buy a whole bunch, frame them, and then give them as gifts - they are that beautiful.) But don't take my word for it - stop by and see them for yourself - just don't get there before me, and buy them all first!!!



Don't forget to register on our website - it's free, and you get the very latest, the very soonest!

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