

VAIL'S VOICE



Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community located on Peach Lake
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Chairperson's Report – Dennis Ryan

This has been another very productive year for the Cooperative with a great deal of credit going to our board members. Our board members are all volunteers who devote many hours to improving life at Vails Grove. I am proud to say that the board runs very efficiently and "get things done" in a very cohesive manner. A great deal of credit also goes to our Office Manager Cindy Battreall and our Maintenance staff headed by Jay Moore.

The Board of Directors is a dynamic entity with new and old members coming and going. We also have shareholders while they don't serve on the board, serve on one of our many committees. The board meets every third Thursday of the month and the meeting usually lasts less than two hours. All shareholders are welcome to attend one of our meetings and maybe have a cup of coffee and a pastry or two.

The financial position of the cooperative is excellent. As we enter 2016, we have worked successfully to keep our expenditures under control and therefore again there will be no increase in the quarterly charges for 2016. Our budgets are constantly reviewed by our finance committee and our accountant does a full scale audit once a year. Board members are continually asked to justify expenditures in order to keep costs in line with the budgeted line items.

The Membership Committee has been busy screening new shareholders and requests for refinancing. Every new shareholder is interviewed

in person by our Membership Committee. In the past few years, the board has voted to screen those persons who reside in Vails Grove for more than three months and are not immediate family members of current residents. The intent is to insure the security of all our residents.

The Buildings and Grounds committee remains the most active of our committees. The maintenance of our cooperative property is on the top of their list. The board has received many complements regarding the appearance of the cooperative property. The board has contracted with a new snow removal company to improve the snow removal and treating of our roads during the winter time. Several variables in our securing salt and sand for our roads have changed in recent years and the Building and Grounds committee has resolved this by using a different contractor for snow removal.

Security in our community has been excellent. We would ask all residents to instruct your children not to congregate in the public areas of our community after dark and to respect the property of all our shareholders. We would please ask all residents to be aware of the speed limits on our roads. We constantly get phone calls and letters from concerned shareholders regarding cars speeding thru our community.

The cooperative office continues to run with an extraordinary level of efficiency, thanks to our Office Manager Cindy Battreall. Cindy deals with a myriad of questions and issues in any given day and does it in an extremely professional manner. Cindy deals with shareholders and provides the board of directors with the information to get their jobs done.

Our community beach continually improves; we see that in the number of residents that use our beach. The numbers of shareholders who use the beach are at an all-time high. Our social events are always well attended and give our residents an opportunity to exchange stories and a few laughs.

I have asked several of our military veterans to form a committee to look into constructing a veterans memorial remembering those in our community who have served our country. There will be more to come as the year progresses.

In closing, the past year has gone extremely well and much improvement has been made. We ask that those interested in helping us, consider joining a committee or attend a monthly meeting.



From Cindy's Desk

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! Enclosed with this Vails Voice is the bill for the first quarter of 2016 and includes the quarterly water tank assessment fee. This payment is due by the last day of January and covers January, February and March 2016. We will not be printing a new Directory this year. Included in this mailing is an addendum to add to your directory with any additions or changes. The Rules and Regulations are being updated and you will receive a copy in the mail as soon as they are completed. Please remember that I am a Notary Public and if you need my services, please call the office prior to coming down. There is no charge for this. The Board meetings are the third Thursday of the month, except in March it will be on the 16th, which is a Wednesday.

2016 Board meeting dates at 8:00 PM
January 21, February 18, March 16, April 21,
May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18 - 2016
Annual Meeting Saturday September 10th, 2016



Vail's Grove Cooperative, Inc. is in the process of preparing its Federal Income Tax Return for the year ending December 31, 2015, as required under Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Services Code. Accordingly, shareholders are entitled to deduct a portion of their quarterly charges, which represents real estate taxes paid by the Cooperative. You may determine your pro-rated share of the real estate taxes by multiplying the number of shares you own by \$2.88.

Note: These deductions are available on your personal income tax return. If you owned your shares for less than the period shown above, you must prorate your deductions.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF THIS AMOUNT, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR. WE CANNOT PROVIDE TAX ADVICE TO INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS.

If you received a "Star" refund in calendar year 2015, this amount must be offset against your above referenced "Real Estate Tax" deduction. Please consult your tax advisor.

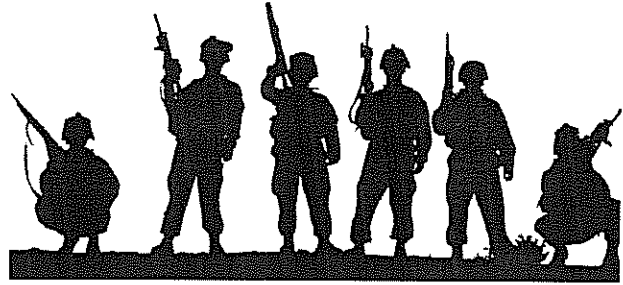
Please retain this information for future reference and keep it with your tax files.

Boat Ramp/NE Winter Storage Committee

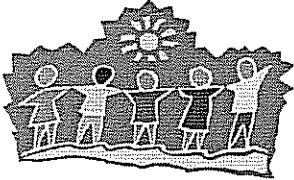
As another boating season comes to a close, we'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation in the removal of boats and jetskis from the lake to placement in the North End Storage area. Special thanks to Jay Moore for his assistance in helping to locate all vehicles so that there was enough room for all. Prior to the lake and boat ramp reopening, please make sure that all information is up to date with the Vails Grove office as far as registration of any and all vehicles for the year 2016. Once again,

many thanks to all and we'll see you in the Spring!!
In the meantime, bring on the skates!!!

Submitted by Pat McGuinness



Sunshine News from Sue



Good wishes go out to Eileen Brooking, Patti Goor, Kathy Ryan, Mary Schumann, Abby Cassidy, Adeline Natiello and Katherine Dwyer...our very best wishes for speedy recoveries.

Congratulations to Henry & Tanja Myers as they welcome their new son, Henry Myers, born on Thanksgiving Day...congrats also to grandparents John & Joan Myers.

Condolences are sent to the following families...please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

Paul Wicha and family on the passing of his mother, Jackie Wicha; Ryan and Cristina Bierce on the passing of their mother Claire Bierce; Karen Bruen and family on the passing of her mother, Claire Brizzolari; Dave Braunwart and family on the passing of his wife Roseanne; and to Bud Mullins and family on the passing of his wife Joan.

Vails Grove is planning to memorialize those residents who have served their country in the Armed Forces, (or Merchant Marine in time of war), of the United States. **So far** the following names have been obtained together with the Force in which the individual served. ***If there are any errors in the list with regard to spelling or service, or any additions or deletions necessary,*** please inform Jack Waltzer at <jwaltzer91@comcast.net> or 845-669-8085 **as this is the final run thru for corrections and additions.** Jack would like to thank all who helped so far in this regard, and especially Don Navin who provided the World War II listing.

U.S. Army: Fred Dress; Donald Burrows; George Henke; John Farrell; John O'Loughlin; Don Navin; Carla Kieman; Stanley Kucmierowski; John Kucmierowski; John Romanello; Francis Cammisa; Joseph DeVita; Joseph DeVita Jr.; Donald DeVita; Thomas Mahoney; John Leahy; Paul Badum; Robert Moore; William Sullivan; Robert Becker; William Scully; Peter VanScoy; Fred Witte; Joseph McCarthy; Joe Visbal, James Sheridan; Leon Klementowicz; Francis Karney Jr.; Timothy Dinan; Clem DeFelice;

U.S. Navy: Jim Devitt; Thomas McArdle; John Norton; Anne Rehm; Jack Waltzer; Robert Porach; Vincent Grosso; Blaise Goodman; Jim Kieman; Robert Witkowski; Joseph Martin; Jack Collins

U.S.M.C.: Samuel Mullins; Ed McCarthy; Richard McGuire; Charles Piccoli; Joe Visbal; Thomas Mauro; Jack Collis; Matthew Hunter

U.S. Coast Guard: Christina Ronnau.

U.S. Air Force: John Brennan; Sara Bluestone Anderson.

Recreation and Upcoming Events

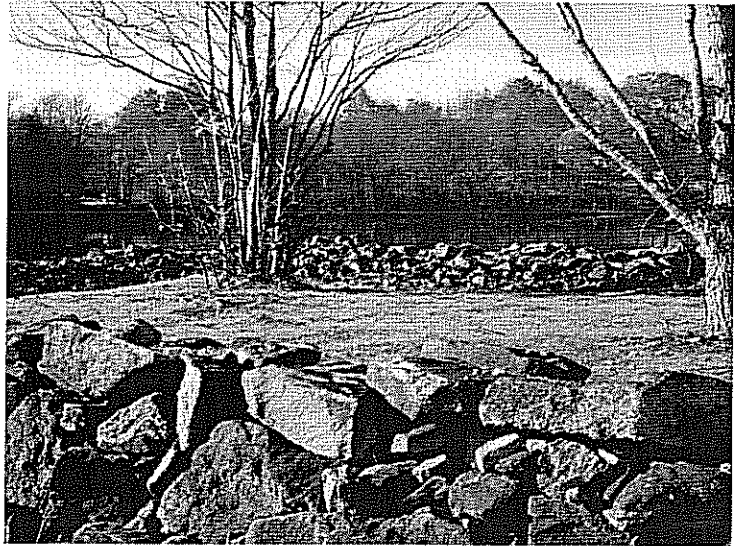
St. Patrick's Day party is going to be Saturday, February 27. More information will follow.



We need a Recreation Committee Chair. If you are interested in planning the parties for the Grove, now is your time to step up. This is a fun committee to Chair! Please let Cindy know in the office if you are interested.



Thank you thank you to Megan Cassidy who has organized great functions for the past few years.



In the last newsletter, we reported all the work being done to restore the Island in Peach Lake. The rocks were restored around the perimeter and the land filled in with topsoil. The picture above shows the results of all the hard work and YES, THERE IS GRASS GROWING.

THE GROVE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 19

