



April 2012

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR . . . .

Last month, I invited interested shareholders to join the committee to participate in discussions about that critical piece of our infrastructure, the pump house. I am pleased to state that we have had two meetings to date and that Putnam Engineering, the firm that was contracted to redesign the pump house, is also participating. We are working towards preserving our present building and adding the necessary upgrades. If we can do this and meet State Department of Health standards, we will save our shareholders hundreds of thousands of dollars by not having to build a new pump house and decommission the present one. This is a work-in-progress and we will keep you posted.

Ronnie Waltzer, Chairperson

A big THANK YOU TO Joan Ford and her New Year Eve Party Committee. \$450 was made through a raffle on New Years Eve and was donated back to the Grove. Joan had a great idea to put the money toward doing some upkeep on the Pavilion floor. We purchased a new buffer and after many, many hours, Jay Moore has brought the Pavilion floor back to life. Stop down to take a look and again, THANK YOU TO JOAN FORD!!

### Vail's Grove Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 6  
1PM SHARP  
At the Playground

Get your baskets ready!



If you would like to read the minutes of the Vail's Grove Board meeting, you can access them on the Vail's Grove website, or if it is more convenient, call the office and Cindy could send a copy to you.

## GARDEN WORKSHOP!

Saturday, April 14, 9:30am-noon.

Want landscape success? Plant the right plant in the right place. Up your garden game by learning about what makes plants happy. Spend a morning with

Cornell Cooperative Extension's (CCE) Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteers and a professional CCE educator at a Gardening Work Shop at the Vail's Grove Pavilion. There will be time for general gardening questions and fact sheets will be available, including: Plants for Difficult Sites, Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners in New York State, Deer Resistance, soil amendment, and Rain Garden. Complimentary pH soil testing (go to <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam/Soil%20Test%20Form%20for%20Home%20Gardeners.pdf> for information on getting a soil sample from you garden) will also be available.

This event is being hosted by the Vail's Grove Aesthetic Committee and offered free of charge to Vail's Grove and Peach Lake community residents. Please RSVP to Cathy Morris (845-669-5734) if you plan on attending (this will allow us to set up the room with appropriate seating)

## Bikes Available

Bicycles in assorted sizes are available in our garage. If you have an outgrown bicycle to donate to the collection, or if your child needs a larger size bike, come down to our garage and pick one out. Most are in good condition.

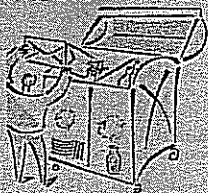
### VILLAGE OF BREWSTER – TOWN OF SOUTHEAST ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP AND LITTER REMOVAL 2012

The Village of Brewster and Town of Southeast are sponsoring a beautification campaign and WE NEED YOU! To clean up roadside litter and leave bags on the shoulder of the road and the Highway Department will collect the filled bags. Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – RAIN OR SHINE

Register 7:30 am to 12:30 pm at 67 Main Street – in front of Southeast Museum. Choose any Town of Southeast or Village of Brewster road for cleanup. On April 21 or 22, pick up free large ORANGE bags, gloves and safety vests when you register OR pre-register and pick up your bags and vests at the Town of Southeast Highway Department, 10 Palmer Road (just south of Route 6 and Route 22) Please call 845-279-2141 for more information.

## ATTENTION TOWN OF SOUTHEAST RESIDENTS

Bulk Pick-Up Wednesday,  
April 18



### Around Town...

Egg Hunts— Saturday, March 31 Markel Park, Brewster 11am-1pm

PQ Elementary School Noon

Thursday, April 5th 4PM in Stew Leonard's Danbury

Saturday, April 7th Harvest Moon in North Salem 12-1PM

Home Depot Kids Workshop—Saturday April 7th 9am-12pm. Create a Planter.

Lowes Build & Grow 10am-12pm —April 14—Game Show Chip Game and April 28— Terrariums



## Cindy's Corner...

If you are planning to sell or rent your home, please, for your benefit, bring an information sheet to the office. People call or stop in constantly asking about this.

**TO ALL DOG OWNERS:** If your dog is seen without being on a leash, you will be fined immediately. There will be no other warning other than this. Too many folks are afraid of dogs, and they are leaving droppings everywhere. Please respect the rules and your neighbors.

Please remember, there is **NO** parking of any vehicles on the Grove streets – this makes for a dangerous situation.

### Sunshine Committee

A BIG congratulations to Michael and Melissa Sowa on the birth of their daughter, Madison Michael born March 25.

Continued well wishes are being sent to Jim Sheridan. Our thoughts are with you!

### Beach Committee

Thank you to those who applied to be Lifeguards for the 2012 season. You will be contacted by the 1st of May.

With the upcoming beach season quickly approaching, we ask that you complete the questionnaire included in this mailing. Please drop off forms to the office by April 13. You can also e-mail your responses to [meghanacassidy@comcast.net](mailto:meghanacassidy@comcast.net)

We would also like to remind you that rules for the beach can be found on page 22 in the Vail's Grove Cooperative Inc. By-Laws—Rules and Regulations.

## Sewer District Update

Grinder Pump contracts are out to bid. If they are awarded in May, as planned, contractors will begin work installing them soon afterwards. Contractors will be contacting residents about scheduling the installation. You must be present when access to your home is needed. Delay claim costs from Contractors with regard to residents who don't respond or miss appointments will be passed on to the resident directly.

Initially, there may be odors in the system until everyone is tied in. These will stop once the system is fully functional. The engineering firm asks for residents to "please be patient during that time". Once the grinder pump is installed, your septic tank will be decommissioned the same day and you will be hooked into the sewer collection system.

While the site of your grinder pump will be restored to "reasonable condition" the week that it is installed, seeding and replacement of landscaping may not happen until the end of the project (a few months).

Our District is managing the installation of all the grinder pumps to save the residents this cost. In most communities, residents must bear the cost of their own installation.