

VAIL'S VOICE



Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community located on Peach Lake
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Chairperson's Report – Frank Cassidy

Spring has begun and so too is Spring Cleaning. Please refer to the rules and regulations for yard debris and how to put it curbside for pick up. Bulk garbage pick up for Southeast is every Friday. Keep this in mind so that you put your trash out in a timely manner. Buildings and Grounds is preparing the Grove for the Summer season. We are looking to form, expand our new Tax Ad Hoc committee. We have an odd tax situation, being a land coop and how our homes and land should be taxed. Anyone with expertise or wants to be a part of the committee to research our situation, please contact the office manager, Cindy. I hope everyone has a wonderful Spring. It is time to enjoy the new buds and blooms.



From Cindy's Desk

Pavilion

The rental fee for non-residents has been raised to \$1200.00. The rental fee for the small room for residents has been changed to \$150. The Pavilion application states that insurance in the amount of \$1 million liability, including Liquor Law Liability, naming Vails Grove Cooperative as additional insured. This is non-negotiable. This is for your caterer as well. This is in place for the protection of the entire Grove. If your insurance broker will not submit the certificate of Insurance with these requirements included, you can go on-line to eventhelper.com and get Special Event Insurance for the day of the event for \$104.00. Also, we want to remind you that if you are having more than 75 people, you are required to have a parking attendant to show folks where to park. The fee for this, as per the application is \$100. Thank you for your cooperation.

The audited 2016/2017 Financials are on the website for your review. Would someone like to Chair a "Tag Sale" event? Let the office know. Many people are asking if one will be held.

The Board has raised the rental fees of the 6-car garage to \$250 per month per garage. This is a nice raise in income for the Grove.



Vail's Grove Veterans Monument Info

There is not time to promulgate the picture of the stone at this time. However there is a picture at the Office for a last look at spelling issues. **The last date to advise the office of any spelling changes is April 6.** Unfortunately, any name additions at this time, and probably as well in the future, room permitting, will result in a charge of \$100 or perhaps more to accomplish. These additions will be filed with the office and added on an annual basis so as to preclude extra visits by the engravers to the stone site.

Vail's Grove ATV Rules:



- 1) All ATV's must be registered with the DMV if operated anywhere in NYS, therefore the ATV owner/operator MUST register it with the office. This will help in identifying any ATV that is being used in the Grove.
- 2) Along with the office registration, NYS requires that there be liability insurance coverage for anyone who operates any ATV anywhere in New York State. Therefore the office will also need from the ATV operator/owner proof of insurance.
- 3) A drivers license is NOT required to operate an ATV. HOWEVER, there are certain criteria for operators under the age of 16. Vail's Grove will require that ANY ATV operated by an individual under the age of 15, MUST have adult supervision.

An ATV is defined by the NYS DMV as: An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is any self-propelled vehicle with two or more wheels that is manufactured for sale to be used primarily off-highway or in off-road competitions, and that is no wider than 70 inches and weighs no more than 1,000 pounds. This does not include vehicles manufactured for off-highway use and designed exclusively for travel on snow or ice, and supported by one or more skis, belts or cleats that utilize an endless belt tread. Those vehicles, which include snowmobiles, are subject to other laws and regulations.

A violation of any of the above may result in an improper use fee of \$100.00 for the first violation and \$250.00 for any subsequent violation.



The Town of Southeast has mandated that all recyclables must be loose, unbagged and placed in labeled containers. Absolutely no plastic bags will be picked up which contain recyclables.

NOTE FROM CINDY

Once again, I am walking in Relay for Life (American Cancer Society). So many of you were generous last year and I am reaching out to ask for donations in any amount. You can drop cash or a check to the office made payable to American Cancer Society-Relay for Life – Thank you.

I also want to thank each and every person who called, stopped by, sent a card, gave me a hug, brought me a plant, etc. etc. when my father passed away in February. Almost 92 years old! He had a great life and was ready and at peace. It's never easy to lose a parent – no matter how old we are. Thank you so very much for your kindness.



Beach Report from the Cassidys:

We are all anticipating the Summer of 2018 to be something great this year. The beach will be ready for guests starting Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting and weekends thereafter until the last week in June. The beach will be open full time starting on Monday, June 25, 2018. The official

beach hours and guidelines are being revised and will be posted shortly. The lifeguard application and handbook are being updated and will be posted on the Vail's Grove website shortly. We will have our lake rentals of kayaks, paddle boards and the paddle boat. The plastic Adirondack chairs are there for everyone to enjoy. Please refrain from tossing or banging the chairs as the plastic weakens and the chairs become damaged and useless. Smoking on the beach is discouraged and we ask you and your guests to use the grassy area above the beach for smoking. Pets are prohibited on the beach. We should not put any beach guest in an uncomfortable situation by others not following the beach rules. Let's make this an enjoyable Summer.

NOW HIRING

HELP WANTED- Pehquenakonck Country Club
101 Bloomerside Rd, North Salem
Contact Linda Kavanaugh at 914-486-0826 for more information

Part Time Seasonal Job Opening, \$10.00 per hour plus tips.

Alternate weekends, 7am start with a minimum of 8 hours on both Saturday and Sunday , but could be as many as 10 or 12 per day, and the opportunity for more hours as other employees take vacations.

The staff at the golf shop has a wide variety of responsibilities, most of which center around assisting golfers before their rounds begin. The staffers are responsible for registering golfers before their round, selling merchandise and more. Customer service is a key component of working in a golf shop, as are strong communication skills. This position also requires light cooking as well. Must be 18 years of age; able to work independently with little or no supervision after training period; must be able to lift and carry up to 40 lbs; should have basic level of cooking skills and experience as a cashier, customer service or food handling/cooking beneficial but not required.



Sunshine News from Sue Enos

Get well wishes are sent out to Denise Andrews for a speedy recovery.

Condolences are sent to the families of Richard Schumann, Maryann O'Brien Loehmann, Catherine Dwyer, Steven Roberts and Ginna Ashenfelter. Also, to the Murphy family on the passing of Cricky's mother, to the VanScoy family on the passing of Peter's mother Joan and to our very own Office Manager, Cindy Battreal, on the passing of her father.



To the Board Members and Vail's Grove Community:

We would like to thank the Board Members and the VG Community for their outpouring of support and generosity for the Fundraiser held for our mother, Margaret Olimpieri in January. We are forever grateful for the preparation and coordination by the entire DiMauro Family, as well as the incredible turnout at the event. Also, a very big thanks to Cindy and Jay for their assistance with the pavilion space, from start to finish!

To all of the attendees; we are so appreciative of all the donations, well-wishes, and positive thoughts for our Mother. We cannot say thank you enough to the community here at Vail's as it shows the true meaning of neighbor. With thanks and gratitude
Jill and Jimi Olimpieri



Buildings and Grounds from Hugh Andrews

As the winter comes to an end and we move into spring, I would like to give a recap on issues that evolved throughout the winter.

Frozen pipes in homesif you plan to be away for a period of time please arrange to have someone check your house to make sure your heat is running and your water is flowing. Also, you can either turn your water off before you leave for extended amounts of time or arrange to have Jay turn off the curb valve if necessary.

Power outages/Grinders.....when the power is out we still have water but we have no power to our grinder pumps and no power to activate the alarm. Thus you can only run approximately 35-50 gal of water down the drains (including flushing) before you need to be pumped out. Remember the alarm will not sound.

Trash cans.....please remember to bring in your trash cans as it makes it hard for the snow plows and delivery trucks to maneuver around them; as well as not being pleasing to look at.

Buildings and Grounds had formed a small committee to clean up throughout the grove and north end areas; we hope with the spring coming all shareholders will be mindful and pick up after their pets and please take the poop bags home with you so all can enjoy a safe, clean environment.

We would like to welcome Laurel Landscaping as our new lawn and snow contractor.

As we move into the warmer weather, people will be walking and children playing throughout the grove, please obey the speed limits.



Recreation from Julie Salerno and Melissa Sowa, Co-chairs

During the next few months the recreation team will be hosting several events. There will be more Trivia and Bingo Nights, Movie nights outside will return with the warmer weather as will open pavilion and snack sales for all to enjoy on those longer summer nights.

The dates and times for all of these events will be posted at the mailboxes and also on your robo calls.

We are looking into a new type of paint night so stay tuned for information on that.

The largest turnout of last year was the Fourth of July Parade, which will be held this year on Wednesday July 4 at 11am. The parade as usual will begin at the North End and conclude at the pavilion with our ceremony honoring our country and all of our Vail's Veterans. The traditional hot dogs and soda and chips will be served. Please decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, dogs etc. for the parade. (Remember all dogs must be leashed at all times)

We hope that those of you who have not checked out some of the recreation programs this past year, we would love for you to come on down and join us. We know you will be pleasantly surprised at what you find.



North End/Boat Ramp from Pat McGuinness

Is it possible? Can we start to exchange the word thaw for the word freeze? Hopefully sooner than later and with that thaw once again comes the anticipation of the fun yet to come at Peach Lake in the spring and summer months ahead. Boats, Jetskis, kayaks, etc. etc. etc. As in years past, we ask that everyone be patient and cooperate with your neighbors who, along with you, will be removing vessels from the north end. Keys to both the North End and the Boat ramp are available as always with several coop residents throughout the grove. When possible, please reach out at least a day in advance to whomever you'd like to get the key from in order to insure how that key holder will get the key to you. As a courtesy to the key holders, Please DO NOT call or show up unannounced in the mornings before 10am or after 9pm unless specifically pre-arranged with a key holder you have already contacted during the hours noted above. We ask that you keep in mind that just because we have keys does not mean we are on call for everyone in the grove who happens to own a vessel. Those of us who have keys will of course try (as we always have) to accommodate getting a key to everyone within the time frame that they would like to launch their vessel. There is no guarantee of key availability if you just decide at the spur of the moment you want to put in your vessel without prearrangement with a key holder. Additionally, returning of the keys on THE DAY THEY ARE BORROWED is mandatory unless, once again, PRE-ARRANGED with the key holder. All key holders should have a sign out sheet for the keys. Signing out the keys allows us as key holders to keep track of them much, much easier. This signing in and out of keys is not a trust issue, it is a communication issue. Some of us like to hold on to the key for as long as possible before returning it but needless to say that causes problems for everyone. So please don't take it personal if asked to sign out the key. Having said that, if there is a

consensus amongst those who need a key that they are UNAVAILABLE more times than not, that presents a different issue I am unaware of and should be addressed. Feel free to shoot an email to the office and it will be forwarded accordingly to see if it is an issue that can be dealt quickly or will require discussion with the board of directors. Once again, communication here is "KEY". With regards to the gates themselves, we ask that everyone please lock the gates after you are finished with whatever you need to do. Open gates, especially at the North End, puts property in jeopardy of vandalism, theft, etc. Please remember to lock any and all gates prior to returning keys. Of course, there will be flexibility for the early start of the warm weather but the gates CANNOT be left open overnight. Thank you all in advance for all the cooperation and patience you've shown in past years as it makes this process go that much easier. Looking forward to seeing you all out there on the lake soon!!!

Key Holders: BOAT RAMP

Dennis Ryan - 516-369-7905 (cell)
 Mike Walsh – 914-519-7905 (cell)
 Dave Bruen – 914-403-5826 (cell) / 845-669-8339 (home)
 Pat McGuinness – 845-489-5265 (cell) / 845-669-5548 (home)
 Jack Keiley – 914-669-5330

Key Holders: NORTH END

Dennis Ryan – 516-369-7505
 Pat McGuinness – 845-489-5265 (cell) / 845-669-5548 (home)
 Hugh Andrews – 914-906-0841



Women's alpine cross country skis, boots (size 7-8) and poles – all in excellent condition. \$125.00 – call 914 669 5536



The Lend a Hand Committee was formed to help our neighbors who could use a helping hand on occasion. We have a number of volunteers who are happy to make a meal for a new mother and her family or for someone recovering from a hospitalization or illness.

We have provided rides to doctors and other medical appointments. We can take you grocery shopping. You only need to contact us with your particular need. Helen Vail has graciously agreed to Chair this committee and can be reached by calling the Vail's Office. If you would like to participate on this committee as a volunteer, please contact us.



Membership

The Membership Committee reviews the applications for the purchase/sale, rental and refinance of homes in our lovely community. We also conduct interviews with prospective stockholders and renters in answering any questions about 'The Grove', and to give them pertinent information about living in our fine community. The interviews are done after the Cooperative receives a completed membership application. At these interviews we advise them to become familiar with the Rules & Regulations and we discuss the key points. An important item in discussion is the vetting process, as any person who is not an immediate family member (parent, spouse or child) and is living in a stockholders house for 90 days or more must be vetted. We discuss the speed limit and the dog-walking policy of picking up after pets with the bags supplied at the mailboxes. We stress having dogs leashed at all times while walking, except for letting them run free at the North End - and not walking dogs on other shareholders' or Co-op property. We want to keep our community safe and enjoyable for all. We welcome all our new neighbors and we want to have everyone well informed by our Vail's Voice and our website.

