

VAIL'S VOICE

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community
located on Peach Lake

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CHAIRPERSON

Juliann Salerno

Welcome to the Spring of 2022! We have all been through a lot these past 2 years of Covid and I can only hope that we never have to go back. The members of this community came together during those 2 years, and many of you helped your neighbors get through the worst of times.

It is NOW time to look forward and get back to the things that brought you to Vail's Grove. Maybe you grew up here, and you wanted your family to be a part of this wonderful community. Maybe you heard from a friend what a great place it is to live, so you came to start your life. No matter what the reason, VG is one of the best places to live. We need to continue that theme. We need to be good neighbors to those who live here. We need to make sure that all the children who live here know that they have 173 pairs of eyes watching them, making sure they are safe, and happy and that they are expected to be responsible young people who also care about the community that they call home. Being a good neighbor means picking up after your dogs and properly disposing of it, being a good neighbor means following the posted 10 MPH speed limit, being a good neighbor means not leaving trash in common areas or on your neighbors' property. Being a good neighbor means respecting all the rules that exist in the Grove. If we just take a moment and understand that our actions have consequences, then perhaps we would all be better neighbors and the place that we call home will continue to improve and be the BEST place to live.

Enjoy this Spring and the new growth and birth that it brings. Be safe and stay Vail's Grove Strong!!!



BLOOD DRIVES: Our Blood Drive on April 22, 2022 will be in memory of Henry "Hank" Myers, a man with a golden heart. Details and date to follow. See Flyer Attached. Raffle for Yankee/Mets game courtesy of the Myers Family.



Office News

From Cindy

WELCOME SPRING!!!!

Enclosed with this Vail's Voice is your 2nd Quarterly bill. Please pay the amount on the bill, including any amount I have added. Many people paid less than the bill last quarter. Even though the \$50 assessment is gone, the budget was raised by 2% and a lot of residents missed that.

If you have not done so already, please submit North End Storage payment by April 15. We will start checking at that time and if need be, boats/trailers not paid for will be removed and you will be charged. In a few weeks, the Dock Slip applications will be ready. I will put it on the website www.vailsgrove.us. There will be a date that you will need to return it by along with dock payment. If you have something in the North End that the office doesn't know about, please let me know so I can add to the list.

Speeders will start being fined. If you are seen speeding through the Grove, you will get a warning letter and will then start getting fined. It is so dangerous on these narrow roads – especially now that the weather is nice.

Many people here at the Grove have cameras on their homes. Please PICK UP after your dogs – fines will start if you are not. People look at these cameras and inform the office of folks not picking up.

Remember that the office needs to get a copy of your renewal for Oil Tank Insurance. This is required. The office is updating our robo-call system. If you want to receive Robo-calls, you MUST, whether you are already on it or not, call me, e-mail me, send a note, whatever by April 29th with the phone number you would like to receive a phone call on. This system will go out to everyone at the same time. (Too many people have moved or changed numbers, etc. – and I want to start from scratch). This is going to be great!!!

Office will be closed April 14 and 15.

If anyone is interested in becoming a certified Water Operator for Vails Grove, details on how to do so are available in the office.

Anyone who paid their 2022 NE Storage fees, will have their sticker included in the April mailing. Please check your envelope. Please put the sticker on your trailer – if no trailer, put it on your boat.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST –

If you are interested in honoring, memorializing someone, or just to do it from your family, there is an opportunity to pay for a bench, picnic table, tree, bush etc.anything you can think of. Contact Cindy in the office. A plaque will be put on the item with the wording you would like. Call 914 669 5100.

Buildings and Grounds – Hugh Andrews

The Board of Directors would like the community to know that as of March 4 our maintenance man, Jay, chose to terminate his employment with Vails Grove. The Board of Directors wishes Jay good luck in his future and thank him for his years of service. The Board of Directors assures you that all of the services that you currently enjoy will not change during this transition to a new maintenance person. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the office, or Hugh Andrews, Buildings and Grounds Chairperson. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Put leaf bags and/or brush on the side of the road and pickup will be every Friday. Our new landscaper/snow removal contractor is Salem Landscaping and grounds cleanup has begun.

Sarah Broderick says THANKS



It is with great appreciation that we recognize how our community has come together to help transform our playground for the next generation of the Vails community. After many months of waiting (no thank you, again, covid supply chain issues), the final playground piece was delivered in late February. While expecting a long wait for the ground to melt and a backlogged installation schedule, by no small miracle, the installers arrived in early March. They endured the ups-and-downs of spring weather – rain, snow, rain, cold, warm, windy days – but completed the job on March 20, 2022, or as we like to describe it, in perfect time to enjoy it with the warming weather as we crawl out of winter hibernation. Some final touches still to-do – we hope filling mulch and installing new benches is done by the time this letter goes out – but soon the new playground space will be done and fully ready for enjoyment by all.

To reiterate, we cannot thank everyone enough for the continued generosity, sense of community, and overwhelming support to make the playground a reality. This is truly a special place, and our reward is a great playground we can all use and enjoy for many years to come. Thank you!



Sunshine News

From Sue Enos

Congratulations to Joanne and Jamie DiMauro on the birth of their son, Remy. Remy is the grandson of Joe and Joni DiMauro.

Get Well Wishes go out to Anthony Valente, Millie Martin and Maria Bock.

Emergency Response Committee by Jill Olimpieri

The Emergency Response Committee is here to assist the Vail's Grove community when storms take out our power in the grove. The pavilion will be made available for all residents and those with individual medical needs. Operating hours for the pavilion during an extended power outage will be **7am-10pm** for outages that are forecasted to last greater than 12 hours. The building will open and remain open for the designated hours of operation to charge electrical devices, watch tv, use freezer/refrigerator, and to keep warm in winter and cool in summer.

- If a power outage occurs at 3am and is forecasted to be restored in 24 hours, the pavilion will be opened at 7am that morning and close at 10pm. The pavilion would reopen the next morning if power was not restored.

-If the power outage occurs between 7am-10am and is forecasted to be longer than 12 hours, the pavilion will be opened immediately and run-on operating hours.

-If a power outage occurs which is forecasted to only last 9 hours, the pavilion will not be opened.

If you have questions or would need additional support from the committee, please contact Jill Olimpieri: 845-803-9400 or olimpieri.jill@gmail.com

Membership Committee by Jill Olimpieri

Greetings everyone - thank you to those who have followed up from the last Vail's Voice notification of the vetting rules. The Board of Directors has updated the previous rules for those who are staying with a Vail's Grove resident for more than 30 days (continuous or on an accrued basis). Cindy has included the new rules in the 2022 directory (page 18), and you can call her at the office if you have questions or need to process a form for vetting. Please make sure to review these rules so we can continue to keep our community safe. Thank you for your cooperation!

We wish to welcome Sandra and Benjamin Yablonski at 8 White Oak Lane to our community.

Boat Ramp/North End Storage by Patrick McGuinness

Greetings all and welcome to another boating season here on Peach Lake! As the thaw continues, many of us will be getting ready to put our vessels back in the water so, as always, here are reminders to help with the transition from land to sea.

- There are several of us in the Grove who have keys to access the North End as well as the boat ramp. Current list of key holders is available through the office. PLEASE be considerate when contacting those who have keys. On their behalf, please DO NOT call before 10am or after 9pm unless a particular individual gives you permission to do so. Please try to do your best to arrange for a key the day before you need it.
- It is requested that all key holders have a sign in/return sheet to keep track of those who take keys. This will be essential as we have many new members of the community who will be utilizing them and there are only a limited number of keys available. Additionally, this assures us that the areas are only being used by Vails residents. If any key gets lost or is not returned, it increases the potential of unauthorized access (which can obviously lead to other things...) to both the North End and the Boat Ramp. So please, follow your keys.
- After accessing North End and/or Boat Ramp, please be sure and lock gates immediately when you are through and return key(s) when finished same day.
- When removing and returning any trailers, please return your trailer to the SAME location it was originally placed at the North End. While there are not necessarily designated areas per say, this will minimize any confusion and still maintain order to the area. Thanks in advance for assisting with this.
- ALL vehicles in North End will be checked for VAILS GROVE TAGS. Only those paying storage fees are allowed to park in the North End. If boats that are no longer usable are still in there and not paid for, they will be removed and you will be charged.
- PLEASE refrain from parking any trailers OUTSIDE of the North End Gate.
- Prior to launching your vessel into the lake, please clean your hull to help avoid any contaminants entering into the water.

For those of you new to this process, it normally goes very smoothly with communication, coordination, patience and consideration of your fellow neighbors embarking on the same land to lake journey! Most importantly, BE SAFE!! HAPPY SAILING ALL and SEE YOU ON THE HIGH SEAS!!

Beach Report submitted by Meghan Cassidy/Julie Salerno

We will be accepting applications by May 20th for lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. The application can be found on the Vail's Grove Website. You must fully complete the application and you must be certified by the Red Cross in CPR, basic first aid and Water Safety including the Waterfront Lifeguard certification. Applicants must be 15 years old and most importantly, you must be available weekends starting June 11th and then weekdays beginning when school is over. ALL guards are expected to work on July 4th for at least 4 hours during that day. No exceptions...

The Beach committee is excited to once again host some of your favorite events this year, including Taco's and Tequila, Brunch on the Beach and Cocktails at Sunset.

Stay tuned for all the information regarding these events and more.

Recreation Report by Julie Salerno:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Hosted by Julie and Dan Collins - **Sunday, May 15 at 10 AM**
RSVP MANDATORY by May 9 - Bring \$ for 50/50 raffle
Celebrate Spring and seeing neighbors after 2 long years!

FAMOUS VAIL'S EASTER EGG HUNT

It will take place on **Sunday April 10 at 1pm** at the new playground. Please have your child bring a bag or basket to collect the eggs. The Easter Bunny will also be making an appearance. Once again we will be breaking down the hunt into different age groups and locations to make sure that all ages can enjoy the search for that special egg. **This will be a rain or shine event.**

With things opening up in the state and the country, recreation will be hosting more events in the future. Stay tuned for dates and times.

In Memoriam

BLOOD DRIVE

**APRIL • 22 •
2022**

12pm – 6pm

Vails Grove Co-op

5 Vail Boulevard, Brewster NY

Pavilion Community Room

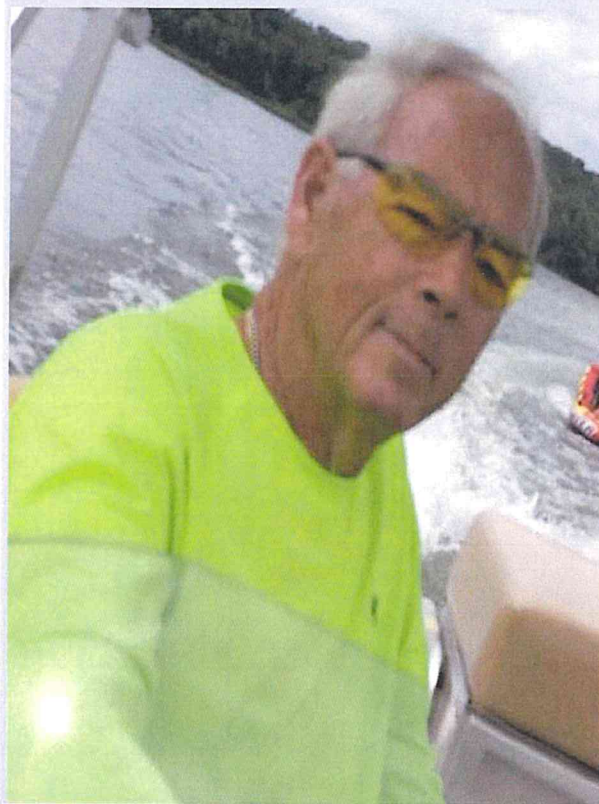
Sign up: nybc.org, call 1-800-933-2566, or scan qr code

Stop by for goodies, and be entered into
a sweepstakes to win tickets to a
Met vs Yankees game!



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donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
Masks that cover mouth and nose are required for ALL donors
regardless of vaccination status. For full list of COVID-19
safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.

*In celebration of the life of
Hank Myers*



Hank was a beautiful soul who routinely practiced random acts of kindness. He loved his family, friends, and community and would often surprise them with special treats-their favorite pastry, flowers, a cup of fresh coffee. Strangers were also on the receiving end of his kindness-it knew no limits! And then there were his beloved dogs... Please honor his memory and pay it forward just like he did!