



February 2012

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

At the January 2012 Board Meeting, The Long Range Planning Committee presented their plans and specs for a new pump house and water tanks for Vail's Grove. This critical part of our infrastructure is overdue, based on the submarine camera findings of our water tanks done back in 2004. Victoria Desidero, Sharon Scott, and Ellen Mytych were instrumental in bringing these plans forward.

It is now time for the development phase of this project. To that end, I would like to invite interested shareholders or those with some knowledge of pumps and water maintenance, to participate in a "pump house committee". Participation on this committee will not be intimidating. It will just offer those individuals who would like to be involved and/or acquire more experience with a major Vail's Grove project an opportunity to do so.

Certainly, the engineering firm supplying the specs will have recommendations to offer regarding the necessary equipment. However, they are open to suggestions from knowledgeable shareholders.

Pump house architectural design, location, and funding for this major project are all open to discussion. If you would like to participate please notify the Office and you will be contacted before the initial meeting.

Ronnie Waltzer, Chairperson


Vail's Grove Valentine's Day Tea Party
Sunday, February 12, 2012
2 - 4PM
in the Pavilion
Join us for crafts and sweets!

Sunshine Committee

Ms. Mildred Mulaney (75 VLSD) is currently recovering at Bethel Rehab. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 13 Parklawn Dr., Bethel, CT 06801, Room 314.

We have some engagement news...

Ken Ford, Jr. is engaged to Barbara Bigler, Katie Murphy is engaged to Chris Bohren and Kara Rossi is also engaged. Our very best wishes to these three couples on their up-coming nuptials!

Good health thoughts continue to be with Angela Terilli, Sr.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathleen Heuschkel and her Land A Hand Committee for all the delicious meals provided after my surgery...what a wonderful gift from my neighbors!
Sue Enos

Beach Committee

Lifeguard applications and Hand Book are posted on the Vail's Grove web site www.vailsgrove.us

If you are interested in becoming a Vail's Grove Lifeguard, all completed applications and forms are due to the office NO LATER than April 1, 2012.

Any questions, please contact Frank & Meghan Cassidy
845-669-4004

Aesthetics

Attention all gardeners!!! One of our Master Gardeners, Kathy Morris, has arranged a Gardening Workshop for Vail's Grove to be held at the pavilion on **Saturday morning, April 14, from 9am to noon**. Several of Kathy's Master Gardener acquaintances will be on hand to discuss topics of your choice and offer advice. It's a great opportunity to get some timely advice for your spring planting. We are hoping for a good turnout.

We will be announcing our spring planting day in a future issue of the Voice. We could not have accomplished all we did without the help of our shareholder gardeners last year. The Grove looked lovely.

In the Fall of this past year, we purchased some plant "grow" lights in order to propagate cuttings taken from some of our prettier plants, and perhaps save some money on new purchases this spring. The plants are thriving happily in Jay's office.

Also, don't forget that Aesthetics is always in the market for your castoff and discarded shrubs, plants, etc. Jay is terrific at finding new homes around the Grove. We're in the market for everything—black eyed Susan's, Rose of Sharon, ferns, hostas, etc. We'll help to dig out if you need it. As the time for planting draws nearer, call the office if you have plant donations for the committee.