

VAIL'S VOICE



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

Meet our Newest Director

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce our shareholders to the newest member of our Board of Directors. His name is David Janecek. David has been on the board since our annual meeting in September. It didn't take David long to get his "feet wet" on the board. David is working on a committee to update the Rules and Regulations. David has provided this brief bio of himself:

For those of you that do not know me, I am the third generation of my family to call 95 Vails Lakeshore Dr. home. My Grandparents started vacationing in Vails Grove in the 1920's. My great uncle Stephen Porach was a founding/charter member of the Vails Grove Golf Course in 1929. In the 1950's my parents were among the 1st year round Vails residents. My father was a member of the first few boards and helped shape our co-op. My mother was a resident of the Grove for over 80 years. During my teen years, I worked as Vails Lifeguard, with the maintenance department and volunteered with numerous others to clear and level the property that is now the ball field and tennis courts. Having recently completed the renovations to my family home, I wish now to help serve the community that I grew up in. Listed below you will find a bit about my professional background.

I am a database marketing professional with over 20 years of experience in the design and implementation of marketing databases. Have launched successful direct and database marketing solutions for consumer package goods, insurance, pharmaceutical, retail, technology, non-profit,

media and financial organizations. I have designed and implemented databases for companies such as American Express, Cartier, Diageo, Petro Oil, Pitney Bowes, Schieffelin and Somerset, Star Gas, Kodak, Nine West Holding, Seagram's and Glaxosmithkline.

I have been employed for the past 6 years by Nine West Holding. I am currently the Sr. Director of Loyalty and Database Marketing. I have P/L responsibility for a multi-million dollar budget, maintain numerous vendor relationships and manage a team of marketing and I/T professionals. My team provides data driven solution to support over 500 retail, outlet and web stores.

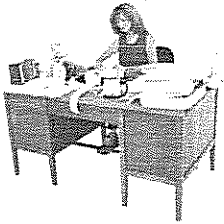
I am hoping to use my professional background and community knowledge to help the co-op remain on a path of fiscal responsibility. I would appreciate your support.

"In Need of a Contractor?-Testimonial" Submitted by Tim O'Toole

I just wanted to share a great experience I recently had with a local contractor that was willing to tackle a simple, to more complex, project list that we've been trying to get accomplished for a long time. I had great difficulty finding a contractor that was "willing and able" to take it on. Jamie Pinto with Pinto Contracting (914-364-3480-pintocontracting@yahoo.com) was referred to us by another reputable contractor who was simply too busy with other, bigger, projects. Jamie has a portfolio of the larger-sized renovations he has completed but is also willing to do smaller projects as well. In our case, the list ranged from a small-scale deck renovation, to a roof leak repair, to some home structural support work, etc.,. I was almost hesitant to put this note out to folks in case we wouldn't be able to get him next time! Nonetheless, it seemed like the right thing to do. I

have NO self-interest in passing along his contact information other than to share a refreshing contractor experience (i.e., responsive, fair cost, great work, friendly/professional).

From Cindy's Desk



Happy New Year to all!

I hope you enjoyed your holiday season. Enclosed with this mailing you will find your new 2015 Directory. Please be sure to acknowledge the advertisers when you see them as their ads pay for the printing of this directory. Please refer to the Directory when you are looking for a specific phone number, as it is full of great info including important Town contacts. Your January 1st quarter invoice is also included. Please look at it prior to paying your bill as there is now a \$50 Water Tank Assessment included. The Tax deduction letter is enclosed as well and I ask that you please put it with your 2014 Tax Info so when you are preparing your tax returns, you will not need to call the office for the amount per share that you can deduct. Your proprietary lease includes the number of shares you own. We are in the process of updating the Vail's Grove Rules and Regulations. When you receive them, please take time to read as there are probably some rules that you are not aware of but are important to follow. Did you know that it is a Town Ordinance, as well as a Vails rule that dogs MUST be on a leash when they are off the property of their owner and that all persons walking a dog shall be responsible to clean up, on an immediate basis, any fecal matter, defilement or other nuisance waste from the dog. This is just one of many things that makes it important for you to review the rules.

I wish you a Happy 2015 and look forward to another great year working with your very dedicated and hardworking Board and with all of you. My office is always open!!

**Pump House Update
From Ronnie Waltzer**

Vail's Grove wants to thank and acknowledge Ken Sullivan's generosity for replacing our very leaky pump house roof. He supplied the crew, their time, and all the materials for the job at no cost to Vail's Grove. Thank you, Ken!

The DOH made the final inspection at the Pump House, and although we passed, there are a few items left to complete. The contractor must apply the insulation to the inside walls; some grading of the property must be completed; and an inservice to update shareholders who have volunteered to check the Pump House's new equipment is to be scheduled. We will make our final payment when all is complete.

**Peach Lake Environmental Coalition (PLEC)
Update for December 2014
Prepared by Pat Ryan**

Many of the residents around the lake have commented on how clean the water is now that the Sewer Treatment Plant is fully functional and the aging septic systems are no longer in use.



Phosphorus buildup contributes to algae blooms and an increase in weed growth, but this past summer season there appeared to be a reduction in these which contributed to

the enjoyment of the lake.

The best PLEC news of the year came from Warren Lucas, our North Salem Town Supervisor, in late October. "I was just told by Assemblyman David Buchwald that Governor Cuomo just announced that Peach Lake received the grant for \$450K for Water Quality Improvement through the water quality improvement program run by NYWorks via the DEC." This grant, at the suggestion of PLEC, was based on the "Peach Lake Stormwater Pollution Study" conducted in 2008. The primary contributor to the buildup of phosphorus in Peach Lake was determined to be the aging septic systems. This was remediated by the new Sewer Treatment Plant. The study also

of holidays along with great health for the upcoming new year!!!

Best,
Joan Myers

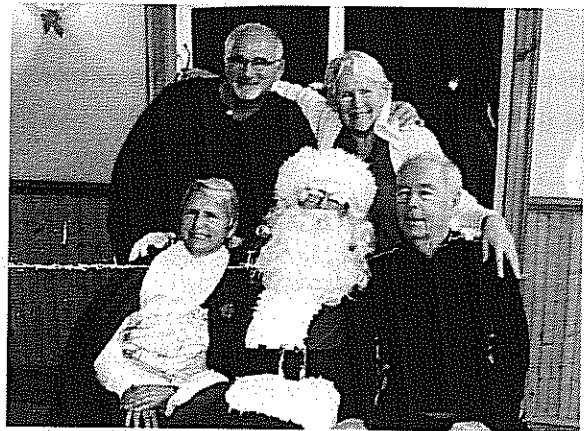
Recreation and Upcoming Events

Thank you to everyone who came to our November events:

The Thanksgiving Throwdown on November 8 was incredible! The dishes seem to get tastier each year. Our winners went home with some fabulous prizes! This is a "Not To Miss" event!



Santa came to Vail's Grove



It is hard to believe that November 21st was our 4th Annual Ladies Night Out. What a great night shopping with friends and neighbors! A special thank you to our own Cindy Battreall, who with her daughter Jessica, was a HUGE help in the nights events - especially the raffle.



SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, February 28
@7pm - Vail's Grove St.
Patrick's Day Party. Join us
as we welcome the
McLean Avenue Band.
Tickets are \$35 per person
or \$250 for a table of 8.
Corned Beef Dinner will be
served.

concluded that the water runoff from surrounding areas of the lake is contributing to phosphorus buildup. The study indicated that phosphorus reductions could be achieved by the use of proprietary treatment units within limited areas such as Right-of-Ways where runoff water could be captured and treated prior to drainage into the lake. Future updates related to this grant will be forthcoming in the new year once PLEC is able to meet with Warren Lucas and Tony Hay to better understand the process.

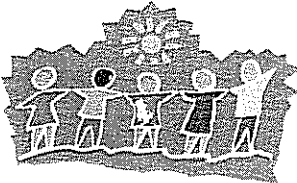
PLEC is researching how horse farms and golf courses are regulated to provide proper handling of horse manure and fertilizer. Poor handling will contribute to a buildup in phosphorus since the runoff from these farms and golf courses eventually drains into Peach Lake.

The new name for our PLEC organization which replaces the word "committee" with "coalition" was approved by New York State. The bylaws were also updated and approved by the PLEC voting members.

There is an ongoing assessment of the outlet at the north end as it can cause flooding of the lake if water cannot exit properly to the reservoirs. Periodic inspections are taking place to insure no large objects such as row boats or docks are obstructing the flow of water.

Please be mindful of leaving debris on the lake once it freezes. Everything left on the frozen lake will become part of the lake once it thaws. Please leave the lake as you found it so that all can enjoy this beautiful natural resource.

Sunshine News from Sue



Get well wishes are sent to Richard and Mary Schumann, Eileen Brooking, Eileen O'Toole, Sam Mullins, Ronnie Waltzer, Sandra Munroe and Kurt Guldán.

Congratulations to Rob & Amanda Norcross on the birth of their new daughter, Audrey, born on September 4th, to Joe Jr. & Julia DiMauro on the birth of their new daughter (new grandparents Joe Sr. & Joan), Isabella born on November 6th and to James & Nicole Murphy on the birth of their new daughter Madison.

New grandparents are Orley and Gina Ashenfelter – Evelyn was born on June 3rd to Gillan and Everett. Also, grandparents once again are Cricky & Janet Murphy – daughter Katie & husband have a new daughter Harper Joan born on November 19th.

Condolences are sent to Jay Moore on the passing of his mother, to Jay Couillard on the passing of his father, to Michael & Melisa Sowa on the passing of his father and to Trevor Cable on the passing of his father and to Sue Cable, former spouse.



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From the desk of the Ombudsman

This year I was able to resolve many issues that had been festering between neighbors for a long time. I applaud all of you who worked side by side with me to rectify each situation. It is not easy to compromise and it is certainly not easy to come to an agreement that may not have been totally what you had hoped for, especially if you and your neighbor have been butting heads for some time.

As a result of these situations, I have had the pleasure of getting to know some stockholders who I hadn't known before and that was a welcome, unexpected gift.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board as Ombudsman this year. I wish you all the happiest