

VAIL'S VOICE



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

Winter is upon us and I can't wait for the lake to freeze over for some winter fun.

ICE SKATING

By: Paulette Calasibetta

It seemed like yesterday, the pond rippled in delight, until the Cold wintry air, set out to spread its plight, Enchanting Mother Nature, cast a spell with frost abound, Silently the waters stilled, forming solid ground, Knitted scarves and mittens, caps pulled over ears, Axels, loops and flying camels, performed without fears, Traversing around each other, squealing shouts of glee, Invoking friendship, offering a bond of camaraderie, Night falls, the wind howls, whisking them away, Good night, it has been, a wonderful winter's day!

We ask that everyone be cautious when driving through the Grove this time of year as icy patches form, from snow melt and re-freezing temperatures. Thank you to recreation for a great year with the culminating, popular Christmas Party. Well done, again!

On a more serious note, the Board of Directors has approved an increase in the quarterly fees by \$50.00 per quarter. The Board of Directors had much discussion and sessions with an eye on minimizing expenditures and maximizing revenue streams. There has not been an increase in 10 years. This increase will allow the Grove to accumulate the necessary capital reserve funds for the cooperative to maintain our investment in the best possible way. Our infrastructure is a main concern. Buildings and Grounds is doing a great job of maintaining and repairing our roads. We need to continue to maintain our infrastructure. **This year's tax deduction is \$2.88/share.**

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate blood this past December. We should be having another Blood Drive in about 6 months. I thank the Board of Directors, all volunteers and our employees for another great year here at this special place we call "home". On behalf on my family and myself, Happy and Healthy New Year!

From Cindy's Desk

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to all who were so gracious to me this holiday season. Sadly, Vails Grove lost a large number of residents this past year so let's hope for much health and happiness in 2019 for all. We've also welcomed many new babies and it is so great to see all the little children



running around the Grove. Thank you to the Board for serving and to all who volunteer their time on Committees. This is what makes Vails Grove such a special place.

Enclosed with this mailing is the new 2019 Directory. This year, for your convenience, we have included the updated Rules and Regulations as well as the By-laws. One rule did not make it into the Directory...."A stockholder, stockholder family, guest or agent shall not interfere with, harass or be physically/verbally abusive to any VG employee". Please remember to thank vendors who have supported this Directory. The advertisers have paid in full for the printing and mailing of this Directory. The Directory is not to be used for commercial purposes.

Included in this mailing is your first quarter billing. Please, before you write your check, look at the amount, as there has been a raise in quarterly maintenance fees. Bills go out January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. Payment is due the last day

of the billing month. If not paid, finance charges will be assessed.

Some reminders to make life easier:

Anyone other than immediate family member residing in your home for longer than three months, MUST be vetted.

Before you do any alterations on your home, contact the office to be sure if you do or do not need approval.

Drive slowly – I know I have said this many times, but I watch people fly through the stop sign at the bottom of Locust and also watch folks FLY by my office. This is so very dangerous. Our roads are narrow. We do not want anyone to get hurt due to this speed driving.

That's it for now – and again, most importantly, I wish you all a very HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.



Thanks to Tim Butler from Butler Excavating and Hardscrabble Supply for donating the 35 yards of backfill for the monument area.

FROM CHRISTIAN DUFFY –

I don't know if you have seen the new Veterans Monument yet. If not, go take a look as it is really beautiful. Thank you to Jack Waltzer and his committee for undertaking this project and to all who donated to make it possible.

In order to have the entire area around the monument look beautiful, for my Eagle Scout project, my goal is to improve/beautify the "park" area around the monument. This can only be accomplished by receiving donations, which would be greatly appreciated by not only the Boy Scouts, but by Vail's Grove as well. All donations should be made payable to "Vails Grove Cooperative" with

"Christian Duffy Eagle Project" in the memo section.

The total budget for this work is approximately \$3,500.

The project will include:

35 yards of backfill to bring up the grade of the area (already donated by Hardscrabble Supply/Tim Butler)

15 yards of final grade topsoil

1200 feet of sod rolled out grass

40-50 pieces of 2x2 stone(will be donated by Larry Feder)

20 foot nautical flag pole with Gaffs (accommodates 5 service flags and an American Flag)

30 lineal feet of cobblestone to use as boarder around the site

12-14 gallon shrubs at \$75 each

Approximately 15-20 1 gallon perennial plants for garden

2 park benches

Any monies remaining will be used to have a tree service remove the large tree adjacent to the site.

I thank you all in advance for helping me achieve this project. Happy New Year.



Sunshine News from Sue Enos

Congratulations to both couples who tied the knot – Liz Getter & David Groff and Emily Mackenzie & Daniel Paesano...wishing you all the best!

Welcome to new babies...a baby boy, Luca Joseph Marks, born to parents Jessie & Zach Marks and to grandparents Joan & Joe DiMauro, a new daughter born to Zach & Gabrielle O'Loughlin and to grandparents Janet & John O'Loughlin and a baby girl, Quinn, born to Brandon & Kellianne Hvisch.

Congratulations to John & Joan Myers on the engagement of their daughter Gracie.

Get well wishes are sent to Ronnie Waltzer, Sue Enos and Letizia Diamond.

And, on a sad note, to report the passing of previous Grove residents Bob Peyton, Thomas Mahoney and William Stalder.

A Note from Jay Moore

For all shareholders who are having grinder pump emergencies (alarm sounding and red light on your panel box) VRI emergency phone number to be contacted is 1 800-880-6165, also the direct number to the sewer plant 845-669-5216 ..

Buildings and Grounds

Winter has arrived! Going forward this season, a reminder that if you are leaving your home for an extended period of time it is suggested to turn your water off. You can contact the office and request this and Jay will be happy to come to your home to turn your curb valve off. We had a few freeze ups last year which became a costly situation for the homeowner.

Also remember to be mindful to take in your trash cans from roadside so that snow removal can take place. And, as you know, there is no overnight parking on the streets especially during the winter season. The plows need to do their job. Building and Grounds has been very busy with water and tree issues. If you have a concern please go through the office with your issue, in writing.

A safe winter to you all and wishing you Happy New Year. **Thank you. Hugh Andrews**

Recreation and Upcoming Events

Julie Salerno/Melissa Sowa – Recreation Chairs



Our Christmas/Holiday Party was held Saturday December 15th from 5pm-10:00pm. The ornament

decorating started at 5 and continued till Santa arrived.

The turnout was tremendous, over 195 people, young and old attended and had a great time. This is an increase of 20 people from last year. The weather cooperated with just the rain adding to the evening. The DJ was keeping the dance floor packed, the photo booth was once again a fun time and the visit from Santa had the kids, young and old delighted. We would like to thank Sinappi's in Bedford Hills for the great food, and we would like to also thank our 2 fantastic helpers, Jessica and Taryn for doing a great job. Finally, much thanks goes to Cindy for spending time collecting money, making robo calls, making seating chart, and helping with the overall success of the party and to Jay for all the work to get the pavilion looking so festive.

In the coming months the recreation committee is planning on making your winter go by quickly with some events and open pavilion nights. Our first event will be in January. Winter Bingo with great prizes and good fun. Stay tuned.

We are also planning to once again have the NFL Championship Sunday games party at the pavilion. We are so excited to finally use our new flat screen TV so you can catch all the action of the games. Details will be posted as the time draws nearer.

Don't forget our Valentines Day tea in February. Details to follow.

We want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope that you enjoyed the events of this past year and look forward to an even better 2019.



- Neato XV-11 Robot Vacuum \$125.00
- Large double kayak, very roomy with great seats, includes paddles \$135
- Hotpoint Gas Range \$175.00
- Ladies Alpine Cross Country Ski set, poles, boots, great condition, size 7-7 1/2, \$100.00
- Firewood rack, black tubular steel 4' x 4'
- Call 914 669 5536

Editor – we thank Jack Waltzer who sent in this wonderful “holiday” message – which applies to 365 days of the year also.

GEORGE CARLIN (His wife died early in 2008...and George followed her, dying in July 2008)

Isn't it amazing that George Carlin - comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent...and so very appropriate.

A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

George Carlin

