



January/February 2011

NOTES FROM YOUR VICE CHAIRPERSON

Sometimes I think I am the luckiest woman in the world. You see, I have the unique privilege of having grown up in Vail's Grove and am now raising my family here. For those of you who don't know me, my maiden name is Vail, yes, as in Grove... My Grandfather, Earle Vail, was born in the house on the corner of Vail's Blvd (Ramp 1) and 121.

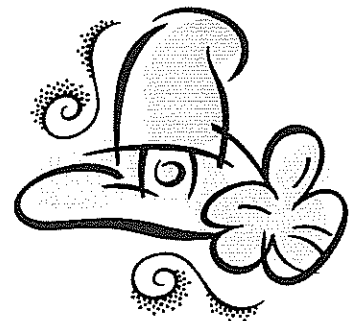
Vail's Grove was a magical place to grow up in and I am thrilled to be raising my three children here. I hope that they too feel the magic of growing up here, from lazy days spent at the beach, and fireworks on the Fourth of July, to the amazing summer sunsets and the beautiful fall foliage reflecting off the lake, from ice-boating and ice skating in the winter and anxiously awaiting the return of the beautiful blooms and blossoms of spring, to watching the ice on the lake melt and finally seeing that first boat on the lake again, it is enough to make my heart sing.

Aside from the obvious natural beauty of our community, what makes it truly magical is the community itself. Rarely in today's world does one find a true neighborhood like we have. There are wonderful social activities here for adults and kids such as the ever popular New Year's Eve party and the family Christmas Party, not to mention the Fourth of July Parade and the wonderful beach parties. Also, did you know there is an official "Lend a Hand Committee?" It is yet another example of the neighborhood spirit that is alive and well in Vail's Grove. So, if you haven't experienced the magic yet, I encourage you to attend one of the upcoming events, such as the Valentine's Day Craft party on Saturday, February 5th at 1:00pm at the Pavilion – you just might find yourself saying aren't we just the luckiest people in the world to be living here!

Mary Vail Rubini
Vice Chairperson

The Emerald Association of Putnam County will hold its Annual Dinner Dance, March 19, 2011, at the Vail's Grove Pavilion at 7 pm.

Music by New York Show Band, Dance Performance by The O'Sullivan School of Irish Dance. Full Buffet Dinner, including soda, mixers, coffee, tea and desserts. "Emerald of the Year Award" will be presented. Dinner 7 - 8 pm. Dancing 8 -12. BYOB. The price is \$50 a person. Reservations are a must by March 12th. No sales at Door. Call Nuala Donnelly, Co-Chairperson at 845-278-8960 or Edward & Christine McDowell, Co-Chairpersons 845-279-3380. All are welcome!!



NOTES FROM Cindy :

Happy New Year to All!

By now you should have all received your mailing with the first quarter billing, as well as other papers included. Please be sure to save the letter that tells how much you can deduct per share on your Tax Returns, as you will need that number when preparing. In addition, payment for first quarter fees are due by January 31, in the office. Please mail accordingly.

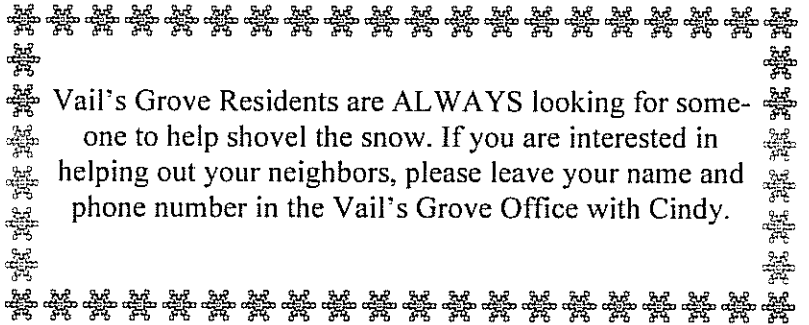
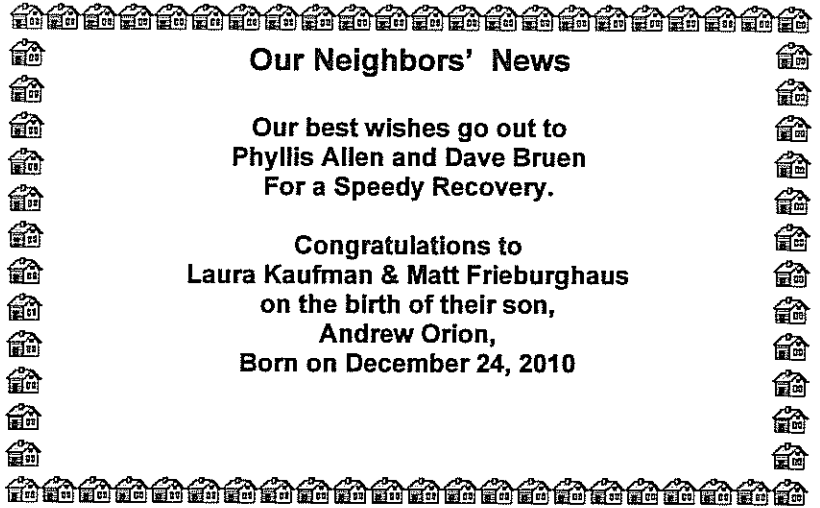
Federal Postal Laws do not allow anything other than stamped mail to be placed into mailboxes. Please do not put any flyers, etc. in residents mailboxes. There is a slot on the side of each mailbox where you can insert flyers.

Thank you!

Our Neighbors' News

**Our best wishes go out to
Phyllis Allen and Dave Bruen
For a Speedy Recovery.**

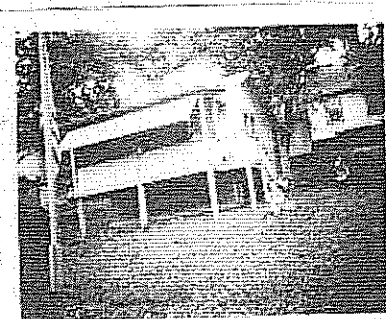
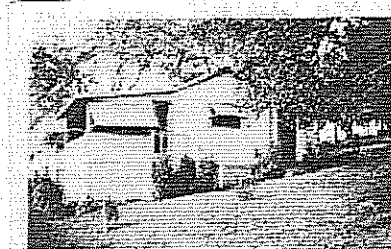
**Congratulations to
Laura Kaufman & Matt Frieburghaus
on the birth of their son,
Andrew Orion,
Born on December 24, 2010**



Vail's Grove Residents are ALWAYS looking for someone to help shovel the snow. If you are interested in helping out your neighbors, please leave your name and phone number in the Vail's Grove Office with Cindy.

Interestingly enough, I was contacted by the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mardon whose grandparents had a "camp" at Vail's Grove in the early 1920's. He is very anxious to relocate the property that his father brought his mother to when they were "courting". He has very little information as to the exact location other than that it was lakefront and near the beach but he does have pictures of the former house (see at right) and was hoping that someone might recognize the property or his grandparent's name. He is simply looking to take a walk along memory lane and revisit some happy memories. If anyone recognizes his name or the property, please e-mail me the info @ peachypeaq999@yahoo.com. Thanks for all your cooperation!

Peggy Quinn



The Beach Committee will be accepting life-guard applications for the 2011 Beach Season. Applications and Handbook are available on-line at the Vail's Grove Web Site www.vailsgrove.us

The Vail's Grove Valentine's Day Party will take place Saturday, February 5th @ 1 PM in the Pavillion. Come on down, socialize with your neighbors, have a snack and make a Valentine for that someone special!

