

VAIL'S VOICE



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

Peach Lake
Sand dancing around the people
Water dripping down your body
Boats flying by
Paddle Boards diving into the water
Rocks tickling my feet in the water
Now that's a day at Peach Lake!

My daughter Sarah's personification poem is the inspiration for this Vail's Voice. The change of seasons is always an exciting time here, but I think we can all agree that Summer is very special.

A gentle reminder about safety. Summer brings visitors coming to the lake and our community. When using the beach, visitors must be accompanied by a Stockholder. Please be cautious of children and your speed when driving around the Grove.

We would like to send a special "thank you" to Rob Norcross for his years of service to the Board of Directors. Rob had an important role as the Buildings and Grounds Chairman. Hugh Andrews will be the new Buildings and Grounds Chairman.

Have a great summer!

EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE


Its that time again!

Blood Drive
Vails Grove Pavillion
July 25th - 3 to 7:30
Hosted By Kelly O'Toole

DID YOU KNOW?
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Blood cannot be manufactured - it only comes from generous donors like you!

Help save patients like Heather by donating blood on July 25th!

Prevented a pregnancy at age 5 that ultimately led to the removal of several organs. The 1000+ people that donated blood to save her surprised.



SAVE THE DATE - SPREAD THE WORD - SAVE THE DATE - SPREAD THE WORD - SAVE THE DATE - SPREAD THE WORD

*** RSVP to Teksotoole@yahoo.com ***



From Cindy's Desk

The AWQR (Annual Water Quality Report) for 2015 has been completed. It is on the Vail's Grove website www.vailsgrove.us.

In this same envelope is a Directory form. We did not update the directory last year but will be doing right after the Annual Meeting, which is on September 10th. If you have changes, additions, deletions, corrections, if you have not been in Directory and would like to be, please complete the form and have it back to office by August 15th. There will be no reminders. On the form will be a spot for you to give your phone number if you have not been on the Robo-call list and would like to now be. Please do not duplicate if you are already on the Robo-call list. If anyone would like to advertise in the Directory, which is how we cover the costs of

printing, the fee is \$30 and I need a business card. Larger ads are available. Call me for pricing.

The office has worked with M&T Bank on Route 22 in Brewster and GOOD NEWS, Vails has been approved for them to offer mortgages and other financing. It's always good to have choices.

REMEMBER, I am a Notary. Please call before you come down if you need anything notarized.

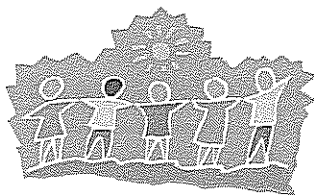
Pay attention to mailing in July. There will be seats available on the Board if you are interested in running. July 31st has been set as the date that you must be in good standing, which means all quarterlies must be paid in full, in order to run for a seat or vote at the Annual Meeting. In addition, all taxes must be paid. More info to follow in July.

The next Board meeting will be on July 21 and the August Board meeting will be on August 16.

As always, please keep your dogs on leashes and pick up after them and please do not use others trash cans for the doggie bags. Please drive slowly and please watch out for children and adults. PLEASE PLEASE, no parking on the roads. It's dangerous. The days are longer and more people are out in the evenings as well as during the day and we want safety for all.

Have a great, wonderful summer! Enjoy the lake and this beautiful community you live in.

Sunshine News from Sue



Good wishes are sent to the following: Susan Maynard, Janet O'Loughlin, Tom Duffy, John Collins, Patti Tompkins, Jack Waltzer, Maria Goff and Adam Enos...we wish you all speedy recoveries!

Happy to report that Karen & Dave Bruen have two new grandchildren...Roman Kameron was born to Kristina & Zach Kameron and Mila Charlotte was born to Maura & Mike Kneeland.

Congratulations to Rob and Amanda and Audrey Norcross on the arrival of William Robert on June 27. We wish them well as they are moving across the lake.

We are saddened to report the recent passing of Fred Witte, long-time resident and past Board Member, the passing of Julie Salerno's mother, Alice Ann, the passing of John Larkin's mother, Jeannie Lee's brother, Anthony Petrillo and the passing of Chip Howe's parents.

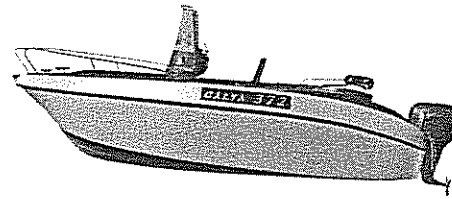
Wanted to share some comments that were received regarding Fred Witte from some of our stockholders...

My heart is broken. Fred was a wonderful friend and neighbor - he was like a grandfather to my kids. I can still hear his booming voice - and picture him out on his deck grilling dinner - he was a really good cook - Fred used to say that he wanted to get a chicken for a pet and keep it in the backyard - Lucille would laugh and laugh and she would call him "farmer Fred". Yesterday I was thinking of Fred and as I walked into my house, I noticed that down in the garden of my new neighbors property, the garden/pond that Fred made for Lucille and that she tended and looked for frogs in, there was a decorative ceramic chicken, and I thought to myself.....farmer Fred finally got his chicken. We will miss him terribly! **Mary Vail**

Among the many memories I have of Fred, is the day he and my father tugged on the tape and haggled over property measurements before we applied to the Board to tear down the old cottage and build anew. That same night, at the meeting, they completely disagreed about their previously mutual findings, with noisy claims that neither could read a measuring tape accurately...it took a lot of diplomatic stroking from board members to settle the two old gents down and continue with proceedings. Millie Martin just kept shaking her head and laughing...How lucky we are to have "grown up" among the movers and shakers in the original Grove. **Pat McShea**

We went to Fred's wake yesterday and his daughter shared many stories about how they loved Peach Lake, and their history here. Lucille was so happy to have some of the Vails Grovers show up! Her face lit up when she saw us, and she

told us it meant the world to her to have us show up. She said a few others had just left. What a great neighborhood we live in! **Janet and Chris Murphy**



**Boat Ramp and North End Storage
From Patrick McGuiness**

Well another season of summer fun at Peach Lake has begun!! Boats, jetski's and kayaks aplenty! It's wonderful to see everyone enjoying our lake and beach. Much appreciation to Buildings and Grounds, the lifeguards and for all those residents of Vails Grove who continue to make this transition from cold to warm weather virtually incident free. As always, please be mindful of your neighbors around the lake when using your vessels and adhere to the normal safety precautions in regards to life jackets, speed on the lake, etc.

A couple of reminders in regards to the use of the Boat Ramp and the North End Storage area.

There have been several incidents where the gate has been left open after people have either launched or removed their vessels from the lake. Please remember to lock the gates after use and return the keys in a timely fashion to whomever you get it from. This is not only for your protection but for all the communities that surround Peach Lake. This also prevents non-residents from launching vessels into the lake that may pose potential safety issues as well as bringing algae or bacteria which could affect the integrity of the lake.

Additionally, in regards to the use of the North End Storage area, there were one or two incidents of trailers and boats belonging to non-residents of Vail's Grove being parked in the storage area. Use of the North End in this manner is prohibited by the Vail's Grove Cooperative and Board of Directors. Our rules state that any trailers and/or vessels that belong to guests of a resident(s) of Vail's Grove must be parked either on the property of the Coop resident or in a COMMON area that can be used to park a vehicle. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following with this policy.

Memorial Update

While Mr. Ryan was Chairman of the Board, he requested that I form a committee to plan, and ultimately execute, a fitting memorial to honor those Vails Grove residents, whether present or past, who had honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces, or in time of conflict in the U.S. Merchant Marine. Many of you



responded to me with the names of your loved ones who had met the test. **I have a bagfull of names.**

The Committee, consisting of Mary Rubini, Julie Salerno, Marie Duffy, Don Navin, Bud Mullins and myself, as well as additional input from people with ideas, decided on an outdoor engraved stone monument, placed at memorial circle.

We ESTIMATE the cost will be at least \$7,500 and possibly as high as \$10,000, to do proper honor to the names of those you submitted. This is not an inconsiderable expense AND one the Board would like to have subsidized by contributions of the shareholders. There were ideas concerning fund events, 50 – 50's, etc. etc., *but individual contributions might be the easiest way to raise a significant amount toward the goal.*

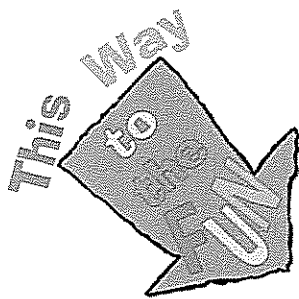
Your comments would be welcome at the next regular meeting of the Board, so come on down and voice your solution to raising the money necessary to put this memorial in place.

HOPEFULLY,
Jack Waltzer

Failure to comply with the previous two requests will most likely result in having to change all locks and keys which we hope we will not have to do.

Once again, we appreciate everyone's cooperation, following of common sense safety practices with regards to the use of the lake and consideration of your fellow lake neighbors, not only in Vail's Grove but in the surrounding communities as well. Let's work together to make this another fun filled and safe summer on Peach Lake!!

Recreation and Upcoming Events



Stormville Flea Market on the following dates from 8-4 (rain or shine):

July 2-3

September 3-4

October 8-9

In addition, they also hold an ultimate Yard Sale on September 10

And Christmas in November on November 5-6

Check out the website:

www.Stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

Summer Greetings from your Recreation Committee: Julie and Melissa

We are so excited to tell you about all the NEW and wonderful events upcoming for your summer.

This year is a special year as we are hoping that you will find it in your hearts and wallets to donate to our future War Memorial honoring all those who have served, and continue to serve and who are

part of Vail's Grove. There will be a donation jar that will be happy to accept anything that you can give.

We will be bringing back the concession stand at the pavilion starting Wednesday July 6th and continuing on Wednesday's through the summer. We will be open from 6pm-8pm and will have some treats for purchase as well as some fun activities. We hope you will come down or send the kids for a little bit of the "old days" of Vail's Grove when it was just a summer community and hang out with neighbors you know and maybe meet some new ones.

We will be holding several Movie nights both inside the pavilion and out in the park.

If it should rain the night an outdoor movie is planned, we will move it inside the pavilion if it is available.

Movie Nights are as follows:

Sunday July 10th – Movie in the Pavilion at 5pm

Saturday July 30th- Movie in the Park at 9pm

Sunday August 14th-Movie in the Pavilion at 5pm

Saturday August 27th-Movie in the Park at 8:30pm

On Sunday July 10th, stick around after the movie or come on down at 7:30pm for our First Bingo Night of the season. BYOB. \$2.00 per Bingo Card with Cash Prizes awarded to the winners. Please let us know by July 8th by calling the office with your reservation.

We are also planning a Night of Poker, date and time to be announced and another Trivia Night as well.

The recreation committee also wants to remind all that we want our children to be able to play, ride their bikes and scooters and such around the Grove roads and to be able to be SAFE while doing it, so PLEASE SLOW DOWN in the Grove. It's our community and we want to keep it safe for all. Also don't forget to join your Beach Committee for all their wonderful events.



Beach Report:

The beach is open and fully operating. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 10am to 7pm.

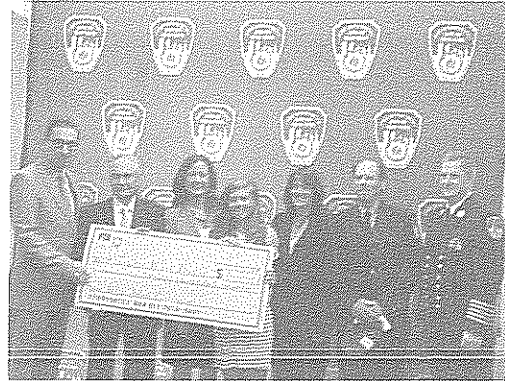
A big "thank you" to Jay Moore for all his hard work to get the beach looking as great as it does. When you are down at the beach, take a look at the beautiful lifeguard chairs Jay built. The lifeguards this year are Jacob Battreall, Helen Tolan, Margaret Tolan, Moira Tolan, Brendan Cavanagh and Colin Cavanagh.

Here are the schedule of the Beach Parties:
 July 1 – Cocktails at Sunset
 July 30 – Tacos and Tequila
 August 14 Brunch at the Beach
 September 2 – Cocktails at Sunset

There are paddle boards, kayaks and a paddle boat to rent. Please see the lifeguards for the rentals. Also, the grill is there for everyone to use. Embers go in the can when you are finished.



Brandon and Kelli Hvish at 49 Vails Lakeshore Drive
 Gina and James Falese at 113 Vails Lakeshore Drive
 Matthew Foley at 10 Hickory Lane
 Patrick McParland at 33 Orchard Road
 Fran and Kerry Tolan and baby Sean at One Monument Loop.



Congratulations to Taylor Duffy and Simon Rubini and their parents on their graduation

from North Salem High School, and also to Taylor for receiving the NYFD Silver Shield Foundation Scholarship. We are all proud of them!



Recommendations from PLEC regarding Boat/Lake Safety

Boat Traffic around the lake is in a counter-clockwise direction. This is a small lake and vessels traveling in one direction is safest for all. **Inspect your boat for both flora and fauna before launching. We want to avoid the increase of invasive weeds and zebra mussels that will destroy our lake.**

NYSGB-limited to 5 mph within 100 feet of shore, docks, pier, raft, float. Proper navigation lights are required between sunset and sunrise. Every vessel operated in NY must have on board 1 USCG approved wearable lifejacket for each person on board.

Those who must wear the life jackets are children under 12.

The island has large rocks in areas marked with red buoys.

Sailboats have right of way over motorized craft.

Paddled craft have right of way over sailboats and motorized craft.

The entire PLEC Recommendations are on the Vail's Grove website: www.vailsgrove.us