

# VAIL'S VOICE



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

The busy season for the Grove is here. We have an increased number of visitors to the Grove. Please remind your visitors of the Rules and Regulations of the Grove so that we all can enjoy our community together. Driving in the Grove should be slow and cautious as our children and adults are out walking and playing. We all need to be mindful of our surroundings and the people driving through the Grove.

## Fireflies in the Garden

BY ROBERT FROST

Here come real stars to fill the upper skies,  
 And here on earth come emulating flies,  
 (That though they never equal stars in size,  
 And they were never really stars at heart)  
 Achieve at times a very star-like start.  
 Only, of course, they can't sustain the part.

## Real Estate Committee

It has come to our attention that many residents have installed outdoor showers, which are considered structures – without Board approval. Please remember, you will not, when it comes time to sell your home, have a Certificate of Occupancy and the Towns will insist on you getting one. This will hold up your process. In addition, as a shower is a structure, the Real Estate Chairman needs to receive an application in the office, including your survey showing exact location and size; showing all

front, side and rear setbacks from property lines, and a check for the application fee. This must be in the office 21 days prior to a Board meeting. ANY structure built outside your house MUST be approved by the Board. (sheds, showers, kayak racks, fences, etc.) If you would like to be proactive, so you can receive a Certificate of Occupancy, submit an application for anything you might have erected without an application. From here forward, structures installed without approval will incur improper use fees on your account, until such time that the application process is followed. Thank you for your cooperation. **Submitted by Tom Duffy**



## From Cindy's Desk

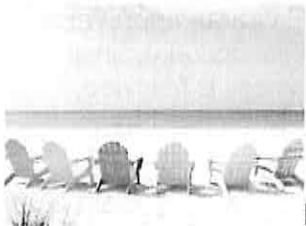
The Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 11 am in Pavilion. There will be seats available on the Board – look for mailing regarding petitions to run for a seat. **THE AWQR – Annual Water Quality Report** – is on the website. If you would like a copy, let me know and I will send to you. The new **Directory** will be printed in September. Watch for the update/addition form in the July mailing – Deadline will be August 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, if you would like to advertise in the Directory, a business card size ad will be \$30. Contact me for other size ad prices. If you need a key to get into Boat Ramp and/or NE storage, please contact key holders in advance.

Our volunteers are not always home and advance notice is always better.

PLEASE – the **Beach** is open now – no parking during beach hours except for beach visiting. Anyone interested in Chairing or Co-Chairing a **TAG SALE**???? Let me know –

And as always, please slow down on the driving, no parking on the roads, and follow boat courtesy when on the lake with motorized vehicles.

There is a great deal of speeding in Vail's Grove, which is very dangerous, especially at this time of year. The Board is asking everyone to please slow down. If you are seen speeding, you will be notified. If after notification you are seen speeding again, your name will be added to a list which will be placed by mailboxes, put on website and next issue of Vails Voice. The speed limit in the Grove is 10 mph. Improper use fees for each violation will be \$100 and you will be billed.



**Beach Report from the**

**Cassidys:**

The beach is open and ready for swimmers and bathers. We have a total of 6 lifeguards this year. We continue to rent out the paddle boards, paddle boats, and kayaks. The lifeguards can assist you with the rental of this equipment. If you are anticipating extra guests, for any particular day at the beach, please let the office know so that we can ensure proper lifeguard coverage.

The Beach Gatherings are:

Sunday, July 1 Sunday Brunch at the Beach, please bring a baked good to share

Friday, July 20 Cocktails at the Beach, please bring an appetizer to share

Friday, August 17 Dinner at the Beach, \$5.00 for this great event.

Friday, August 31 Final Cocktails at the Beach, end of season.

All events are BYOB.



**Sue Enos**

**Sunshine News from**

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Michelle Gunnison and Mary Schumann.

Congratulations to Ken & Joan Ford on the arrival of a new baby grandson, Kenneth the 3<sup>rd</sup> born to Ken Jr. and wife and to Crickey and Janet Murphy on the arrival of their new grandson Joseph, born to Katie and Chris Bohren.

Our very best wishes to John Brandofino & Meghan Tracy as they tied the knot on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

And some very sad news, long-time residents Mildred Mullaney, Ed McCarthy and Mary "Jane" Schroeder have all passed. Our sincerest condolences are sent to the families.



**Buildings and Grounds from Hugh Andrews**

Thankfully summer is here. Buildings and Grounds has been working on the plantings and garden areas throughout the Grove. Please note if you have shrubs or trees growing into the street, please have them trimmed as our roads are somewhat narrow and this could create visibility problems especially on corners. Buildings and Grounds are always looking into ways to spruce up the Grove and do repairs on our limited budget. Enjoy the summer at the Grove!

# FUN & GAMES

## Recreation

from Julie Salerno and Melissa Sowa, Co-chairs

During the next few months the recreation team will be hosting several events. There will be more Trivia and Bingo Nights, Movie nights outside will return with the warmer weather as will open pavilion and snack sales for all to enjoy on those longer summer nights.

Dates for all these events will be posted on the website, shared via Facebook and posted at the mailboxes. Stay tuned.....

### Bingo Night

Come join us for a family fun night, \$2.00 per bingo card, snacks to enjoy, please BYOB and a dessert to share.

### Trivia Night.

This will be another family fun night, bring the kids as we explore the Trivia of elementary school. Lets see how much we all remember from those days. Form a team of 3-5. No team, no problem. Someone will need your help.

BYOB and an appetizer to share with others. Invite your friends and family as well.

New for this year: **Tye Dye in the park.** Join us to create a wonderful Tye dye item. You bring the item, we provide the rest.

**Outside Movie Night:** another fun family event. Popcorn and snacks for sale during movie night.

The recreation committee hopes that you will find the time to join us for some of these fun events this summer.

Just a reminder, the Speed Limit on **ALL GROVE ROADS is 10MPH.**

There are many people out and about during the summer months, kids are chasing the ice cream truck or excited to run or bike to the beach.

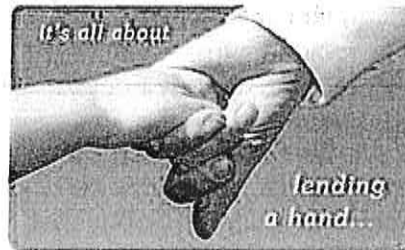
**PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!!** Look at your speedometer as you drive, I bet many of you don't realize how slow 10 really is. For the SAFETY of all,  
**SLOW DOWN!!!!!!**



Boats etc. from Pat McGuinness

Greetings and happy summer to one and all. As always, first off a hearty thanks to all of you who helped make the transition from land to "sea" with all the boats, jet skis, etc. seamless one. Thanks of course first and foremost to Jay for always being around to help insure that everything goes as smoothly as it does. We of course remind everyone to adhere to all the common sense rules in regards to using your vehicles on Peach Lake. Safety is of the utmost importance to all of us in the grove as well as our fellow neighbors in the outlying areas who also enjoy the beauty of Peach Lake. We stress again this year the hosing off and cleaning of any guest vessel hulls to minimize the possibility of foreign bacteria getting into the lake water. Not much more to report here thanks, once again, to all of you!!

On a side note, I'd like to personally congratulate my daughter and all of the high school graduates of North Salem High School, especially those that live here in Vails Grove. All of them are college bound and we couldn't be prouder of them!!  
Safe boating everyone!! See you in the fall!!



### Chairperson Helen Vail

The Vail's Grove Lend a Hand Committee met on

Wednesday, June 20. We are now 15 volunteers strong, here to help neighbors when they need it. That may be a ride to a medical appointment, a meal for someone just home from hospital, a person to walk your dog or take in your garbage cans if you are sick. It's neighbors helping neighbors. We are also exploring services available through local agencies so we can serve as a resource.

If you or someone you know needs a hand, contact Helen Vail at phone # 845-205-8004; email: helenevail@aol.com or text 845-661-4082 or reach out to one of the committee members directly.

**Lend a Hand Committee:**

Tracey Ashenfelter; Marianne Collins; Dawn Di Domenico; Sue Enos; Marie Fagan; Teddy Farrell; Penny Feder; Rita Freaney; Jill McManus; Pat McShea; Cathy Morris; Peggy Romanello; Helen Vail; John Visbal; and Ronnie Waltzer

# Membership

The Membership Committee is happy to welcome all new shareholders and tenants. One note, please adhere to the 10 mile an hour speed limit especially during the summer months when children and adults are out walking and playing, we have a very active community in the summer! If you have not heard of or planned to attend one of the many summer events at the Grove, please do. They are always fun and a great way to meet your neighbors. Thank you and welcome!

**Treasurer's report by Tim O'Toole**

The purpose of this notice is to advise residents that an increase to the Quarterly Fees is anticipated in the

upcoming 2019 budget. It has been over ten years since there has been an increase. There will be time allocated at the Annual meeting on September 16 for discussion and questions. This increase is inevitable, despite every effort by the Board to reduce certain budget expenditures. The need is driven primarily by the ever aging infrastructure and overall environment (e.g. trees) with the Coop and the lack of budget increase in so many years to keep pace with the on-going and anticipated expenditures. Included in the anticipated spending are: aging trees removal, water line repairs/replacement, HVAC system replacement in



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Check out the Vails Grove Facebook page as Cathy Morris posted a video of a turtle laying her eggs.

She also posted a great article explaining the role turtles play at keeping our lake clean. I think we should make them honorary PLEC members! Check this article out!

<https://www.thelandbetween.ca/snapping-turtles-and-your-lake/>