

# VAIL'S VOICE

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community  
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## July 2021



## Office News

From Cindy

Welcome to Summer and life somewhat back to normal. I hope you all fared well during this 1 ½ years. The beautiful beach is open, recreation events are starting to come back, the playground is going to be new and fabulous. Quarterly invoices are included in this mailing. Payment due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 19. More info will be following about the process. The September Board meeting will then be on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. No more Zoom meetings. We meet in person.

You will be seeing more speed bumps being installed for safety reasons. Vehicles drive quite fast and if these bumps can slow things down, it will be safer for all. Also, remember that the Rules state that No Motorized/power vehicles may be operated/used on Common Coop property unless it is: Registered with and/or licensed by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles of the State of NY or another state and is operated by a licensed driver and insured. At the Boards discretion, an improper use fee of \$100 will be assessed for violation of his rule.

PETS and POOP: Please be sure your dogs are on leashes at all times. Please pick the poop up with a bag – we do have them around the Grove. Please dispose of in a garbage can – either a Grove can or your own trash can. NOT IN YOUR NEIGHBORS CANS!!!! Did you know the odor from poop hanging around can make people ill???

As of now, the office will be closed July 2, July 5, July 16, July 29, 30, August 2, and August 27 until September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> – be safe!!!! And a wonderful summer here at your little piece of heaven.



The NY Blood Center is very grateful to Vails Grove for allowing them to use this wonderful Pavilion monthly. **THERE PRESENTLY IS AN EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE.** The following are the dates for the 2021 Blood Drives. Please donate; if you never have, this is a great time to start. It is the gift of life and effortless. Once you start, you will not stop. **July 6, August 2, September 9, October 4, November 1 and December 6.**

### NOTE FROM JACK WALTZER

*At the most recent PLEC meeting, the subject of Wakeboard Boats creating large wakes close inshore was brought up. It seems the heavy wakes these craft make are causing damage to shoreline walls, docks and possibly, to community beaches. If you operate a Wakeboard boat, please use these out in the middle of the lake so wakes are diminished when they reach the shoreline. Thank you for this consideration towards your neighbors*



## Sunshine News

From Sue Enos

Get well wishes are sent to Joan McCarthy, Letizia Diamond, Joan Ford and Mary Lou Martelli.

Congratulations to Ross & Grace Myers Hill on the birth of their new baby girl, Eily Myers Hill and to grandparents Joan and John Myers

On a sad note, we are reporting the passing of Chris Dress' mother, Teresa Dress, Lisa Weitzmann's mother, Fiorella Weitzmann, and Maree Hartley's brother Michael Bock

Congratulations to Anthony Valente and Yvonne Mazzerelli who were married on May 8

Best wishes to our high school graduates: Isabelle Feliciano, Stella DiDomenico. Amelia Bueti, Brian Tolan, Marcus Sarno - and Taylor Duffy from Fordham University

Welcome to new residents Kristina and Zach Kameron and Ken Ford Jr. and Barbara Bigler

Congratulations to Jonah Weinstock and his band "Gremlin Day Care" at the Band Jam contest in Ridgefield



Lend A Hand

## Vail's Grove Lend A Hand Committee

*"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees"*

-Amelia Earhart

Lend a Hand Committee (LAH) Volunteers have been busy. They have provided rides to doctors offices, prepared and delivered meals to several people as they were recuperating from surgery and during the height of the pandemic, picked up food from the town and delivered it to VG residents unable to pick it up themselves. Members also assisted in the very successful food drive, organized by Sharon Madden, to supply food to the Brewster Food Pantry. We are VG Strong!

LAH committee is currently seeking new members who will be interested and able to "Lend a Hand". Call, text or email Helen Vail: 845-661-4082, [helenevail7@gmail.com](mailto:helenevail7@gmail.com).

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## VAIL'S FOOD DRIVE SPONSORS MONTHLY COMMITMENT TO BREWSTER

Thanks to everyone who supported the January food collection for Brewster Food Pantry!

The Vail's Grove Food Drive Committee (FDC) is sponsoring another collection on an ongoing basis. Starting July 30, The Vail's FDC signed up to restock the Little Free Pantry on the porch of the Brewster Food Pantry on the last Friday of every month. Here's how you can help:

**Drop off nonperishable food items in the donation bin located inside the Pavilion:** an extra box of pasta or cereal, canned goods, etc. (the only prohibited items are glass containers and opened packages).

**Join the FDC and assist in the delivery and restocking of the Little Food Pantry.** To sign up, Call Sharon Madden (914-391-5893). Little Free Pantry Brewster, located at 10 Park Street in Brewster, NY, is a structure full of nonperishable food items that are free for anyone who needs them, open 24/7 and completely anonymous.



1. Adeline Natiello, Sharon Madden, Marianne Collins Little Free Pantry Brewster



## Boat Ramp/North End Storage

From Patrick McGuinness



\*Boat Ramp/North End Storage

Greetings all! I'm sure that by now, those of you who use the boat ramp have seen the beautiful new gate that has been installed. Thanks to the company GATE SOLUTIONS for



the fabrication and installation and to Jay, Hugh and Cindy for their assistance in facilitating this long-awaited project. It looks fantastic!

A reminder to all using gates at Boat Ramp and North End, please, please, please be sure and lock gates immediately after using them, whether you are finished for the day or not.

There have been trailers parked outside of the gate down at the North End near the tennis courts. This is fine if it is only for a couple of hours or even 1 day because a key was unavailable or for whatever reason. If, however, your trailer is going to be there for more than one day, please be sure and notify the office, Jay or myself – Patrick McGuinness – why you have to leave your trailer (if more than a day or two), your name and trailer tag number and the time frame in which it will be moved. As I'm sure you know, this can sometimes look like we're letting people park their trailers wherever on Grove property, which I'm sure is not the case. Thanks very much for your cooperation.

### Pump House

All is well at the pump house. Apart from the brown out and a couple of broken pipes that affected water flow here and there, there have been no outstanding incidents affecting the Grove's water supply. Of course, continued thanks to Jay and Tyler Post (with VRI) for their continued assistance in keeping the water system up to the safest standards possible.



**THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE** was formed to better our amazing community with a focus on updates to our playground. The Committee, a made up of moms whose kids frequently play at the playground, sought to renovate the existing playground space to provide a fun new space that is more inclusive for children of all ages. The upgrade will include separate play structures that are safer, more age appropriate for younger and older children, and other features for all the community to enjoy for years to come.

We are very excited to announce that we have purchased a couple of the main pieces using the budget from the Cooperative and from the generous donations made by 27 of our community members. Many thanks to those who donated – we greatly appreciate your contribution.

However, there is plenty of work left to do to meet our goal, and to do this we need **MORE DONATIONS!** Please consider donating to help make our playground space amazing for all the Vail's family kids, grandkids and future generations. In making donations, make checks payable to **Vail's Grove** with "playground fund" in the note section.

Finally, we created a display board to show the new equipment. It will be on display for the community to view at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, taking place at 11am at the North End. Please do stop by and check it out. We are also having a 50/50 raffle, purchase tickets for \$5.00 each or five (5) tickets for \$20. The drawing will be after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. You can pick up tickets at the Office or through the Committee Members (Sarah Broderick, Caitlin Lee, Jaime Laurino, and Theresa Steffen). Hope to see you soon and thank you for the support!

Sarah Broderick

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## DONATION OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

Many Vails residents have made inquiries regarding the possibility of making a specific monetary donation toward remembering or memorializing someone/something or contributing money towards something specific-like a fund for perhaps a bigger project.

Some examples might be dedicating a newly purchased bench for someone...

Planting a specimen tree in honor of....

The tennis court fund....

Establishing a ..... fund in order to .....

If you have something specific in mind, please feel free to reach out to me with your idea; or if you want to contribute to a bigger project, let me know that too.

Any questions? Feel free to email me at [joanm6634@aol.com](mailto:joanm6634@aol.com).

Best,  
Joan Gabel-Myers