



Greetings from the Chair

From Juliann Salerno



Here comes another Summer !!!

To begin with, I want to thank all the community for coming together the day of the storm Sunday, June 23rd and the days that followed. So many of you assisted in the cleanup of the Grove and more importantly, to support our neighbor Joan Visbal, who sadly lost her house when a very large tree uprooted and destroyed her beautiful home. The good news is that Joan was not seriously hurt and with all our support, will continue to heal from this tragedy. Joan will have some expenses in the future that insurance likely will not cover. The Beach/Recreation committee would like to begin a neighbor helping neighbor collection for Joan to help with some of these expenses. Joan is a very humble person and was a little reluctant to the idea of people donating to her, BUT I know that if it was someone else, she would be one of the first to donate. So, we will begin a collection, donations in cash only please can be dropped off at the office or to anyone on the Beach/Recreation Committee. Anything you can give will be appreciated and I thank you in advance for any help you can afford.

Just a few reminders again as we begin the summer:

- SLOW DOWN, Speed limit is and remains at 10MPH
- NO PARKING ON VAIL'S GROVE ROADS, this will only get worse over the summer if we do not address it now. No part of your or a guest's vehicle can be on the road. Parking is available in the common area lots, some fire roads, at the pavilion or down at the North End. Please do not block anyone's driveway, or park in areas where No Parking signs are.
- Fines can be assessed for any violations if we receive a complaint in writing
- No open flames are allowed at the playground or the beach, so no firepits please.
- All dogs, regardless of size need to be on a leash and under the full control of the person walking the dog. Keep in mind that not everyone is a dog lover and some people and children may be frightened by your dog.
- You, the homeowner are responsible to maintain the land that your home is on; please keep your grass cut and your property looking nice. No one wants to live next to a junk pile.
- Please try and resolve issues between neighbors ourselves; respect and a conversation might just resolve the issue, BEFORE you need to contact the office for assistance.

Thank you again and please have a SAFE and HAPPY Summer.

Office News From Cindy



Have a wonderful and safe summer.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22 at 10 AM. More info to follow.

We have a lot of rentals in the Pavilion coming up. Please do not go into the Pavilion for ice if anyone is setting up for their party and please do not go into Pavilion during any party. Not for ice. Not to look to see how the room looks. People are paying for these rentals and do not need to see people in Pavilion or peering in the windows.

As a reminder, our website is www.vailsgrove.us. I am presently working on updating the site. As a reminder, to get news or information to residents we utilize signs by mailboxes, Facebook, website and Robo calls. Robo calls by far are the best way to get information from the office. Please, if you are not presently on Robo call list, contact office with your preferred phone number. I know some of the messages do not pertain to all, but most of them are good information communication.

As always, I remind you to please drive slow in the Grove. It's summer – people taking walks, children on bikes, children running. These roads are narrow and your eyes need to be very fixed on the surroundings to avoid anything bad happening.

If you are using the playground:
No pets – off or on leashes. Close umbrellas when you are leaving. Put the riding toys back in one area, put balls back in container and put the cover on container, pick up trash. It looks so nice when the playground is straightened up after being used.

If you see anything in Grove that you think is serious enough to have the police called, please by all means call them. There is no need to call the office to tell me the police need to be called. A few weeks ago, there were solicitors going around to people's doors and trying to sell them a lawn product. First of all, there is no soliciting in the Grove. So, if that happens, you should call either 911, Town of North Salem Police, State Troopers or Putnam County Sheriff.

Sunshine News



Congratulations to Theresa and Chris Steffen and to Moira Tolan on the birth of Sheila Theresa; to Andrew Kruzykoswki and his wife and grandparents Bill and Joan Kruzykowski on the birth of Conor Clark on April 18; and to Sarah and Matt Huntington on the birth of their baby girl, Lila.



Our sincerest condolences to Elaine Winward and family on the recent passing of Dan Winward.



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Amy Janecek who fell and had surgery on her ankle and also get well wishes to Denise Andrews who broke her wrist and to Bill and Joan Kruzykowski and Jeannie Lee.

Pump House From Pat McGuinness

Thanks to the continued monitoring by VRI of our water supply and equipment for such, our pump house remains problem free. All safety guidelines and tests are strictly followed, keeping our water safe for all. In addition to the efforts by VRI, we are also having our water tanks inspected and cleaned hopefully in late fall when water usage reduces. This is a service that is recommended to take place every ten years. We anticipate no problems to be reported, fingers crossed. In the grand scheme of things, our tanks are considered still relatively "new", but we are having this operation performed regardless. The company that has been selected by the Board of Directors has assured us that there will be minimal, if any, interruption to our water service during this operation.

On a side note, not exactly related to the Pump House but rather to our own individual water supply to each home here in the Grove, we have been tasked by the NYSDOH, as have ALL water systems in NY State, to provide the following information which is DUE to the state by OCTOBER 15th, 2024.

Please review this correspondence from VRI, which they received from the New York State Department of Health: *The NYSDOH Lead Service Line Inventory is due for all water systems on October 16th, 2024. This comprises of a list of every service connection within the water district, and the composition and size of each service line of both the public and privately owned sides (before and after curb box valve). The State is requiring some type of proof by way of building records, pictures from homeowners, excavation & individual inspections, etc.*

The easiest and most cost-effective way to complete this is by proving the water service connections were installed after the Lead Ban in June of 1986. If the service connections were installed before 1986, we can potentially use building records/maps which indicate the service line composition and this would be useful information as well. If these records are not accessible or do not exist, we will have to determine the best way to identify the service line material for each water service connection. If you do happen to have building records, maps, etc., please send over this information as soon as possible so I can get a head start on this.

So, to reiterate, we must supply NYS with proof of how our water is being supplied to each house. Lead has been banned here in NY so we must comply to prove we have no lead that was used after 1986. We realize that most of the homes here in the Grove were constructed prior to 1986, however, with the introduction of the Water Treatment Plant, we are quite sure that there will be no lead pipes supplying water to our homes. But, unfortunately, NYS will not just take our word for it. Several members of the board of directors, one volunteer neighbor and VRI met to discuss the best way to attain this information. Here is what we have come up with.

In an effort to get this information to VRI as quickly as possible, we are requiring all residents to do the following:

Please take a photo of where your main water line comes into your home.
(Please see photo examples below)



These photos were taken in the basement of a home here in Vails. You'll notice that the Water Meter for the home is very near the main water supply. The supply for this house is rubber. This is all we need. Once this photo (or photos) is taken, they will need to be sent to the office. In addition to these photos, we will need YOUR NAME AND HOME ADDRESS in the body of the email. These photos were taken with an Iphone, the images uploaded

to the email of the owner and then the owner forwarded the photos to the office along with name and address of where the photo was taken. This information will then be forwarded to VRI who will be compiling a list of everyone's information to meet the deadline set by the NYSDOH. We need to acquire this info AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. We are asking that everyone please take the photos now so that this list can be started and completed well prior to the NYS due date.

For those of you who do NOT have such easy access to your water main to take a photo as shown above, please send an EMAIL to those of us listed below. One or more of us will be in contact with you over the next couple of months to see how best to get your photo taken or find another way to confirm how your water is entering your home.

Once again, this is NOT a Vails Grove operation, this is a REQUIREMENT by NYS that we MUST adhere to. We are not certain as to what ramifications may lie before us if we do not supply this info in a timely manner. So, the sooner we get these photos the better so that any inconveniences and trouble spots can be identified, discussed and remedied PRIOR to the deadline.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this endeavor. We will do everything in our power to make sure this all goes as smoothly as possible, but YOUR COOPERATION IS CRITICAL. We are not looking to inconvenience anyone. We ALL MUST take part in this and see it to its completion so your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Below is the list of names and emails for those of us on the committee to assist in this endeavor, as well as the office email to send your email correspondence.

Please use the following in your subject line when you send your email including your photos and information and cc All below:

WATER MAIN LEAD PIPE PROJECT – PHOTOS COMPLETE

OR

WATER MAIN LEAD PIPE PROJECT – NEED ASSISTANCE

****please note assistance needed in body of your email****

To:

Vails office - cindy@vailsgrrove.com

Patrick McGuinness – boozch@aol.com

Tom Duffy - thomas.i.d@comcast.net

Mike Early – Michaelearly1@yahoo.com

Hugh Andrews – hughandrews53@yahoo.com

Dave Janecek - Davej1221@aol.com

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Boat Ramp/North End Storage From Pat McGuinness

Thanks to all of you who made the transition from land to sea with regards to boats, jetskis and such from the North End go smoothly and with minimal discomfort. Despite a few hiccups of blocked boats and trailers here and there, thanks to you, these were resolved quickly. Please note that your communication and willingness to resolve any issues makes ALL the difference. However, there are still a few things to address. To no ones fault, many of the 2024 stickers which had a number written on them with a marker faded and we were unable to identify who owned what. Next season, we will be issuing stickers with pre-printed numbers on them to prevent this from happening again. The board also discussed possibly adding a scannable QR code to the sticker supplying the name and number of the owner in case someone is blocking you. This would eliminate having to write your information any where but you can certainly still do that, in fact it's encouraged. The more accessible information we have the better. Hopefully, this can further assist in expediting a quick resolution to any problems as far as blockage and the like. A reminder that all dues must be paid prior to return storage for the following year. All equipment not properly tagged and filed with the office will be subject to a fine which we want to avoid at all costs. We also ask that anyone who still has property in the North End that is absolutely not usable anymore, please find a way to remove such property so that we can make room for more vessels if needed or to just make more room for those already utilizing the North End. Thank you all again for your continued cooperation, communication and patience. See you on the high seas!!

Buildings and Grounds from Michael Early

Summer is finally here. Which brings lots of outdoor activities. Gentle reminder to slow down and please observe the 10 MPH speed limit while traveling through Vails Grove.

The construction of a new basketball court at the playground is scheduled to start soon. Please do your best to not impede their efforts. A majority of the funds are coming from donations and fundraising efforts. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated. Any additional donations are greatly appreciated as well.

Upcoming events and parties attract many guests to the community. Consideration for neighbors is appreciated. Kindly ask visitors to use caution and avoid parking on the roads. Preferably park in the many community lots. Certain streets are narrow and almost one lane. Street parking can make passing difficult and block traffic.

The safety of our roads for all to utilize is one of the great facets of the Vails Grove community. Please keep an eye out and use caution for the many children, joggers, pets and bicyclists.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe summer season.

PLEC Report – Jason LaRocca:

Lorraine Janus of Hotel Property has been conducting water quality testing for PLEC every summer for over 20 years. This testing is critical to track the water quality of our lake.

After many years of sampling, Lorraine needs help with future testing and would like to train someone to help/take over this job in the future.

If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Charlie Voelkl of PLEC at charlievoelkl@yahoo.com.

PLEC Report – Helen Vail

For those who are unfamiliar, PLEC is the grass roots, totally volunteer organization, whose sole purpose is to help preserve our beautiful lake. They have been in existence and working hard towards this goal for more than 20 years. Because of their hard work and activism they were able to get grants to help with many projects including the development of a sewer district.

The VG board currently donates \$2 per household annually to PLEC in order to fund their many current testing and lake clean up projects. PLEC is currently in need of more funds. Are you willing to donate a few dollars for this cause? By doing so you will not only help fund current and future projects but you will show public interest which will help them when applying for future grants.

Please send checks made out to PLEC and send to Vails Coop, 5 Vail Blvd, Brewster NY, 10509.



Recreation Report

Beach/Recreation Report



We hope everyone had a great 4th of July! Thanks to everyone who came out to our parade! It's always the best kickoff for our summer season.

We have many fun events and movie nights planned for the summer. Please stay tuned for more info.

Save the date: The Annual Cardboard Regatta is Sunday, September 1st 2024. Start thinking about your boat ideas and stay tuned for more info later in the summer.

There are several new Life Guards this summer. All are excited to be working at VG and all are ready to make your days at the beach fun and relaxing.

The Guards are:

Sarah Cassidy	Amelia Vail	Taylor Fogle	Maggie Cassidy	Chloe Fogle
Johanna Vail	Greta Halton	Abby Cassidy	Maya Sierra	Sara Rieger
Ashley Cindrich	Lilli Valetta	Kylee Garcia		

Last year we enacted a Beach Bracelet system for the beach which worked very well. This year we are continuing with the guest bracelets. All guests must be signed in with the lifeguards by the resident and given a bracelet. Keep in mind that you, the resident, are responsible for your guest at all times. Also as a reminder all children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult while at the beach. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and enjoy!

We look forward to seeing everyone down at the beach. Please stay tuned for further info on our upcoming events.

