



June 2012

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

There are lots of new beginnings to report on this spring. The restoration of the North End of the Lake has started, with much of the punch list to be completed. When it is finished, we hope to have new smooth roads, a clearing of all construction debris, and newly seeded areas of grass, an area to be used for storage of leaf and tree debris as well as mulch. Because of current DOH guidelines, the area that we anticipated using will not be available because of its proximity to our wells. The new leaf storage area will be cordoned off (probably with a shrubbery or tree screen), on a small portion of the ball field near the road leading to the Boat Storage area. A designated wetland area prevents us from using the rear of the ball field.

The Pump House Committee continues to actively research our options on the selection and placement of new water storage tanks. We will bring this information to the Board as soon as it is ready. Once there is sufficient information available on the cost the Finance Committee will plan the financing of this integral part of our infrastructure.

As some of you may already know, Michael Davies has resigned as the Chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. He initiated and completed many projects that have improved the Grove including the dock configuration at the Pavilion, the refinishing of the Pavilion floors by Jay Moore, cleaning out our garages, and other projects too numerous to itemize. We thank him as a community member for his service.

The Aesthetics Committee is off to a slow start due partly to our rainy weather and also to my being away in Alaska with my daughter and grandsons. When I return, I hope to be able to rely on former helpers to assist with plantings around Vail's Grove.

Finally the season is upon us when we will be looking for new members to serve on the Vail's Grove Board. I hope that you will consider running for one of these important positions on the Board. It is an opportunity to give back something to your community.

Ronnie Waltzer, Chairperson

The residents of Vail's Grove Co-Operative were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Steve Keene who passed away last Saturday morning, the 26th of May, 2012 at the age of 59 years. Mr. Keene was a Plumbing Contractor who was often seen in the Grove when there was repair necessary to our water system. As late as last Wednesday, he was here again, to assist in the repair of a water leak in front of 89 Vail's Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Keene would never fail to respond to the Grove's call for help, particularly when there was an emergency repair necessary on a weekend or holiday. Last Sunday, when we had a major 'blowout' in our main line opposite the pavilion, Mr. Keene's son, Nick, arrived to assist, in the middle of his making funeral arrangements for his Dad. Nick stated that 'he knew his father would have wanted someone at the Grove to help during the emergency'. That was the way Steve operated; his expertise, thoroughness and good humor will be missed by those Grove people who had the opportunity to deal with him in his capacity as our go-to-plumber.

We pray that he may rest in peace

Cindy's Corner...

Please remember that dogs need to be leashed at all times unless on your own property.

Also, if your quarterly fee is late, there is a late fee, which gets applied the first day of each month that it is late. Remember, billing months are January, April, July and October. Your fee is due the last day of that month. The 2010/2011 Audited Financials of Vail's Grove are on the website.

We have had a lot of rain lately and therefore, the lawns have grown!! Please remember that Stockholders need to cut grass and shrubbery so as to conform to the community standards. Private contractors hired by Stockholders must be responsible for the removal of all clippings and tree and lawn debris immediately.

The office would like to give BIG thanks to Taylor Duffy and Peggy Romanello for organizing our library in the Pavilion. Come on down and take some books. We have lots of great titles.

Also BIG thank you to Daisy Troop #2526 for spending time cleaning our beach to get ready for Beach season!

THE AWQR – Annual Water Quality Report will be on the website on May 31st.

The office would like to know: Would you be willing to pay a fee to be able to pay your quarterly fees using a credit card? This is something we are considering, but the fees would be need to be passed on to the Stockholder. Let me know what you think....

From the Legal Committee

The Board of Directors voted at the April 2012 meeting to extend the expiration date of all Proprietary Leases to October 31, 2060. If you are in possession of your ORIGINAL Proprietary Lease and would like to get it updated or are in the process of a refinance and need it to be updated, please contact Cindy at the office.

WWTP

Grinder pump contracts were awarded May 24th. The D-day for the start of grinder pump installation is June 15th. There will be two different contractors handling our community. Landscape Unlimited will be doing the work in the 53 homes in North Salem and Joken Development Corp. will be doing the work for the 120 homes in Southeast. Contractors will be contacting residents directly for the scheduling of this installation. Homeowners MUST be present when access to their homes is needed. Once the Grinder Pump is installed, your septic system will be pumped out by the District septic contractor and then decommissioned that same day and you will be hooked into the sewer collection system immediately. All electrical systems must be brought up to the required standards as of the day the installation will be done. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an electrical contractor.

Any delays to this process will result in a "Delay Claim Cost" from the contractor to the District. Homeowners are responsible to not only schedule their appointments when the contractor calls, but to keep this appointment or it will delay the contractors schedule for that day. This will, in turn force the District to pay a Delay Claim to the contractor, and will be passed on to the resident directly. This is necessary for this process to be able to move in a timely manner. Again, while the site of your grinder pump will be restored to "reasonable condition", the week that it is installed, seeding may not happen until the end of the project.

Many people have expressed how excited they are that this decade long process is coming to the reality of being complete. The current Board of Directors and past Boards have worked very hard on the Groves behalf to bring this project to its fruition. Our entire community at large should give themselves a pat on the back for all the help and support you have given in this endeavor.

Tom Duffy, WWTP Chairperson

Sunshine Committee

Welcome to new neighbors:

Peter Vincent at 11 Locust Road

William and Lucille Katsch at 86 Vails Lake Shore Drive

Daniel and Karen Mullane at 18 Vails Lake Shore Drive

John Mathison at 25 Vails Lake Shore Drive

David Janecek and Amy Kelberg at 95 Vails Lake Shore Drive

Steven and Deborah Roberts at 37 Vails Lake Shore Drive

Rob and Amanda Norcross at 33 Orchard Road

Our condolences go out to all of the following families: Nancy Carney's brother, David Gorelick, Janet O'Loughlin's mother, Majorie Leonard, Moria Tolan's father, John McConnell and Victoria Desidaro's aunt, Alice Corbey, have all recently passed away.

Mary Becker, Linda Kieban and Mildred Mullaney have recently undergone procedures and we hope they are well on their way to complete recoveries.

On a happy note, we welcome Jack & Anne Marie Keiley's brand new grandson, Jack Thomas.

Boat Ramp and North End Storage

As we quickly approach the summer season, the boats at the North End storage are slowly being removed and put in the lake. If you have a watercraft that has not been in the water in the past few years and is not likely to see the water again, please consider disposing of the watercraft. This would be a courtesy to your fellow resident who is looking for a spot at the end of the boating season. Every year we have boats blocking other boats since we run out of spots in the North End. If you look online or in the yellow pages, I am sure you can find a carting or salvage company that would remove your watercraft.

As work on the Waste Water Treatment Plant comes to an end, we will assess the needs for a new fence for both the North End storage and the boat ramp. We are also looking at new security locks for the fences.

If you are in need of a key for either the North End or the boat ramp, please check our website (www.vailgrove.us) or in the glass case outside Cindy's office at the pavilion for an updated list of those residents who have keys to the North End and the boat ramp. If you are going to ask for a key, please be advised that the resident should be present when the key is given out. It is likely that a friend or associate will not be given the key without the resident being present.

Beach Committee

The beach is open for business. We would like to thank Jay Moore for all his hard work to get the beach ready for the Memorial Day Weekend Opening.

We would like to welcome back our previous lifeguards: Jessica Battreall, James DeFelice and Moira Tolan. We would like to introduce you to our new lifeguards: Helen Tolan and Aidan McHale.

In order to make this a fun and safe summer, we ask that you adhere to the rules found in the Vail's Grove Rules and Regulations. But most importantly, no dogs are allowed on the beach—leashed or unleashed. We ask that you do not smoke on the sand as there are children playing there. And the lifeguards are not babysitters. Children under the age of 10 are not to be left unattended. If your child is over 10, you should discuss with a lifeguard if your child is a strong enough swimmer to be left unattended. Parents are responsible for their children and guests. The lifeguards are assigned to promote water safety. If at anytime, the lifeguard enforces a rule we ask that you respect his or her decision. We would never want anything to happen while swimming at the lake. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Cassidy's at 845-669-4004.

The lake will be open weekends from 10am-7pm and daily starting June 13. If you are interested in private swimming lessons, please schedule with individual lifeguards. There will be an additional fee.

Beach Events

Organized water activities will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1pm

- June 29-Cocktails at Sunset
- July 13-Tacos and Tequila
- July 28-Kids Day
- August 10-BBQ at the Lake
- August 19-Brunch
- September 2-Good Bye to Summer

Aesthetics Committee

This month's Curb Appeal Awards go to
**Ellen and Jeff Ward at 6 White Oak Lane and
Claire and Jeff Woodward at 66 Vail's Lakeshore Drive**

Half a dozen Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteers were on hand at the Vail's Grove Pavilion for the April 14 Garden Workshop, themed "Right Plant, Right Place." Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, Jen Stengle, presented and complimentary soil testing was also available to the more than 30 Grove Gardeners who attended. A Fall workshop on pruning is under consideration! Stay tuned.



Interested in starting a garden group in the Grove?

Leave a message for Aesthetics Committee Co-chair, Cathy Morris at 845-669-5734.

If there's enough interest, a June meeting will be scheduled and a notice posted at the mailboxes.

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

Birds of Prey Day at Green Chimneys – June 3rd – 11-4, Brewster, NY – a day of education, entertainment, activities for kids, & live wildlife presentations – 845.279.2995 or www.greenchimneys.org

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival, Danbury, CT 203.748.2992 – June 8-10th – good food, entertainment & fun for the whole family

Putnam County Secret Garden Tour – Saturday, June 9th, 10-4 – gardens in Garrison, Brewster, Patterson & Carmel – a benefit for PARC – children & adults with developmental disabilities – 845.278.7272

Stormville Airport Antique Show & Flea Market, Stormville, NY – 845.221.6561 – June 30th & July 1st; September 1st & 2nd; October 6th & 7th

167th Dutchess County Fair, Rhinebeck, NY, August 21 – 26th. Fun for the whole family and only an hour away. Check the website: [www:dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com) for a schedule of all the events