



# Vail's Voice

June/July 2007

**June Is Bustin' Out All Over!**

**Summer is already here, but there is still time for "Spring Cleaning" in the Grove. You may remember receiving a notice about our spring clean-up. To help spruce up our community, we've had three very successful "Dumpster Days". Renting a dumpster on your own can be pretty pricey, so it was nice to have the opportunity to take advantage of the three dumpsters made available to our stockholders. In that vein, we have...**

## **A Message from our Chairman, Sharon Scott**

**We have made much progress to improve and beautify our residences for the enjoyment of our family, friends, neighbors and visitors to our beautiful lake community. As we continue our efforts we ask that Stockholders contribute by removing anything unsightly or inappropriate from front and back yards.**

**As a reminder, our Rules and Regulations speak to Refuse and Exterior Maintenance. Stockholders are required to maintain the exterior of their home in a neat and orderly manner. Where the exterior of a Stockholders home suffers from deterioration, neglect of grounds, such as lawn maintenance, debris accumulated or an overall unsightly appearance, the Stockholder will be notified by the office to correct any deficiency. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for the correction, but failure to act on the deficiency by a Stockholder of their home exterior will result in a violation of this rule and an improper use fee will be issued. Vail's Grove Cooperative would like to thank you in advance for your continued participation in our beautification efforts.**



## **A Message from our Aesthetics Committee -**

**Our Aesthetics Committee has had a busy Spring, and the results of their efforts can be seen all over Vail's Grove. For those of you who haven't had a chance to see the full array of new planters and plantings, check out the areas all around the Pavilion, the Entrances at 1, 2, 4 and 5, by the beach and at the monument.**

**And there is more to come!**

**Entrance 3 will soon be receiving its share of plantings, and if you haven't already seen Koestler's Garden, be sure to stop by - it has just received a complete transformation, and is sure to become a popular place to sit, relax and enjoy the view.**

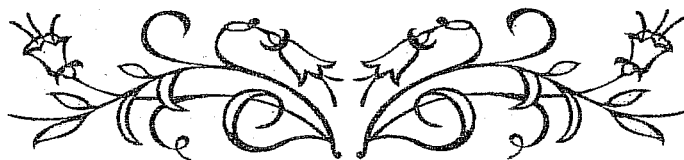
**Many thanks to the hard working members of the Aesthetics Committee - Ronnie Waltzer, Victoria Desidero, as well as Jay Moore and his assistants, Fran Tolan and Chris Murphy.**



**A very warm welcome to our new neighbors at  
4 Locust Road, Melissa and Michael Sowa.**



**Garbage - Some folks still seem to be having trouble with their trash. I gotta say - aren't we supposed to be smarter than raccoons? If you are consistently having your trashed tipped over by uninvited guests, try using a bungee cord on your trash can. At the very least, pick up your trash the next morning, whether it be coffee grounds, dirty diapers or last night's chicken bones. Please do NOT leave it for your neighbors to step over.**



## **NEIGHBOR NEWS**

**Our condolences to Genevieve Bauer, whose sister passed away on April 25th, 2007.**

**Janet and Bill Scully have always admired the caring spirit of the Vail's Grove community. Over 20 years ago, Betty Navin arranged a Mass for their critically ill daughter, Jennifer. They are proud and delighted to let anyone who remembers her know that she is doing well and has recently earned her Ph.D. in Education from New York University.**

**A big "Thank You" to Julie Stevenson for re-framing some of our archival photographs of the Grove. They are now on display in the Pavilion.**



**All Shareholders should check to see if they need to update their Oil Tank Insurance Policies. Many have expired or are about to expire. The office needs to have a copy of your policy in their files.**

**Septic Inspections - Septic Inspections are good for 2 years. If you are planning on selling your home, and your septic tank has been inspected within the 2 years prior to the new closing, another inspection will not be required as long as the office receives the proper inspection report.**

**All boats that are moored at Cooperative docks need to be registered with the office. If you haven't already done so, stop by and give Cindy your name and address, the location of the dock, and a description of your boat. Boats can drift away, and this will help get them back to the proper owner in a timely manner. If you have more than one boat, you can always moor them away from the docks, in order to allow room for all who may want dock space. Your boats should be registered by now, so please stop by to see Cindy.**

**We are happy to announce that Vail's Grove will soon be up and running with our very own Web Site!**

**It is one more way to communicate information to our shareholders - however, if you don't have a computer, don't worry - we will still communicate via phone messages and/or "snail mail". We will always strive to share information with you in a timely manner.**

**There will be more info available re the website as we get closer to a launching date. Stay tuned!**

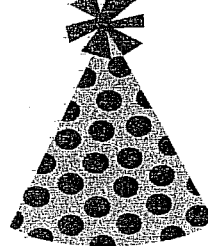
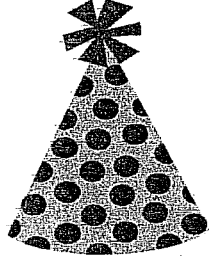
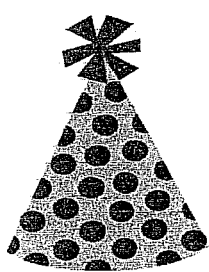
**If you would like your telephone number added to or deleted from the automated telephone system, please contact Cindy. There was a hiccup in the system, and the numbers need to be re-entered, so now would be a good time to update your information with the office. Thank you for your understanding.**

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS -**

**Security - (845) 661-9548 and/or (845) 661-9598**

**Maintenance - (914) 669-9606**

**Office - (914) 669-5100**



## PARTY NEWS

On Saturday, June 9th, a Spring Fling Covered Dish Supper was held at the Pavilion. Many thanks to Fred and Lucille Witte, Ronnie Waltzer, Margaret Flannery and all of their helpers for making this such an enjoyable evening. Children had fun running around and playing, great raffle prizes were won, and the assortment of food was varied and delicious.

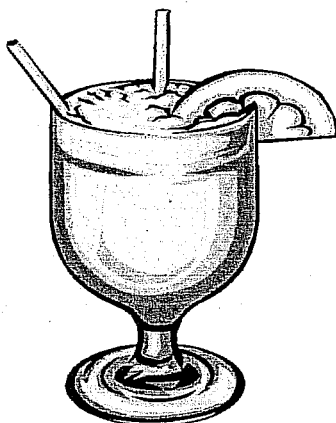
Although the weather on July 4 wasn't the best, we still had a wonderful turnout for the annual parade. Kids and adults alike were decked out in red, white and blue, patriotic music filled the air, and a grand time was had by all.

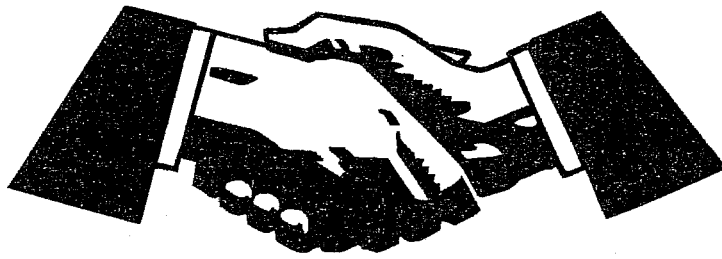
On Saturday, July 14, 2007, the Vail's Grove 2nd Annual Family Picnic will be held. Starting at 12 noon, and taking place at the playground, we will have hot dogs, burgers, soda, chips, etc., all at a nominal charge.

The Recreation Committee will also be organizing fun games and contests for all ages. Don't miss this one!

Watch the bulletin boards and be on the lookout for notices regarding the next "Sunset Cocktails on the Beach", and "Sunday Brunch on the Beach" events. They're coming, I promise!

**CORRECTION** - In the last edition of the Vail's Voice, it was stated that parties of 75 or more people required "valet parking". Valet parking is NOT a requirement, but a Parking Attendant will be needed. Contact Cindy for details.





## **The Towns of North Salem and Southeast Formally Agree To Work Together To Preserve Peach Lake - Peggy Boyle**

**On May 22, the Town of North Salem signed the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) to work with the Town of Southeast in forming a Sewer District to preserve Peach Lake. This monumental move forward occurred four days after Supervisor Globerman met with the Peach Lake Coalition, the WWTP Subcommittee and members of PLEC at the Vail's Grove Pavilion.**

**Also present at the local meeting which took place on May 18th was Councilman Paul Johnson of the Southeast Town Board. He felt that at his next meeting in early June, his Town Board would have no problem with the newest version of the IMA, which incorporated the ideas of homeowners around Peach Lake. On June 7th, the Town of Southeast unanimously agreed to approve the IMA.**

**This is a major victory in our efforts to preserve Peach Lake.**

**This IMA was long in coming and many shareholders were dismayed that the April 10th Public Meeting at our Pavilion did not see its finalization after many years of working on this initiative. However, since that public meeting, both towns and their representatives worked diligently with the Peach Lake Coalition representatives, all of whom were determined to have this piece of the process completed well before the summer.**

**Fran Ott of Pietches Gardens Cooperative expressed her joy in her e-mail announcement to many local residents, as she and members of the Coalition witnessed the IMA being approved in North Salem.**

## **WWTP update cont.**

**Margaret Flannery of our Vail's Grove was equally enthused to send out notice to all Peach Lake Coalition members, reporting that the Town of Southeast also approved the IMA, as promised at our meeting only two weeks before. Many Vail's Grove residents were present at this special meeting in Southeast to see the IMA finalization.**

**However, we cannot rest. The 10 million dollars earmarked for this project from Westchester County has not yet been released. Larry Schwartz, Assistant Westchester County Executive sent a detailed letter to the Town of North Salem, indicating that there are other groups interested in projects and that we need to provide more concrete information in order for Westchester County to prioritize the Peach Lake Sewer District. The Peach Lake Coalition and each Cooperative sent letters to Mr. Schwartz indicating our need for the funds and copied into the correspondence many local and state representatives. In the meantime, the Peach Lake Coalition and the Vail's Grove WWTP Subcommittee are anticipating that Hahn Engineering will finalize the Map, Plan and Report before summer's end. This Map, Plan and Report, which is well underway, is the next part of the process to form the sewer district and represents the nuts and bolts of the project . Our Board President, Tom Duffy, has met with Jim Hahn of Hahn Engineering to discuss the site specifications and stake out the boundaries of the proposed site. Several members of the Board toured the area to be considered for the site in late June, and another tour for all shareholders will be arranged in mid July. A survey will be conducted by the Vail's Board of all shareholders in July as well, regarding the formation of the sewer project. We must continue to move steadily in order to insure that the funds are released to this initiative.**

**Most importantly, the Town of North Salem and the Town of Southeast, as evidenced with this finalized IMA, are working together WITH local homeowners. The Vail's Grove community has to again be commended for taking the lead in gently but persistently insisting that we all want to be involved in every step of the way and that we are no strangers to work.**

## **WWTP update cont.**

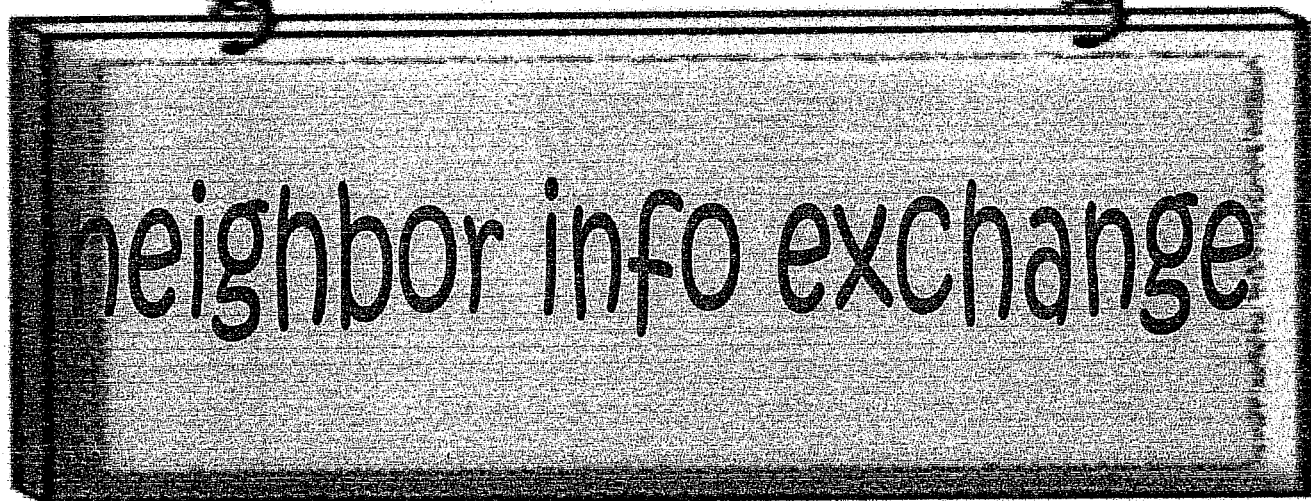
**There is a good spirit and sense of cooperation between the local shareholders and the two towns, which is essential in keeping the positive momentum going.**

**If anyone would like to join the Peach Lake Coalition, please let Cindy know at the office. The activities of the Coalition and the WWTP Subcommittee of our Vail's Board are reported on at each monthly board meeting at the Pavilion.**

**Please come to our meetings to hear more details and to see how you too can become involved.**





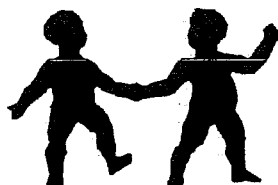


# neighbor info exchange

The Blackwell Family of 27 Vail's Lake Shore Drive, is looking for someone to help take care of their twins, Harry and Alexandra. The twins will be attending all-day Kindergarten in the fall, and the Blackwells will need someone to pick them up at the bus stop after school, and then watch them until 5:30pm.

They also need someone to watch them Monday through Friday when there are school vacations, and again during the summer.

If you are a stay at home mom looking for extra money, or a retired person with a lot of energy, please give the Blackwells a call at (914) 669-8326, or (845) 669-8418.



neighbor info exchange cont.



**FOR RENT - 9/1/2007 - 6/30/2008**

**2 Terrace Drive**

**3 Bedroom, furnished, washer/dryer, dishwasher, Lake View**

**\$1,700/mo plus utilities, security deposit**

**Non-smoking, no pets**

**Contact Ed McCarthy at (732) 942-6789 or (914) 669-5147**

**Please feel free to share info with us - we'll be happy to publish your news! Until then...**

