



March/April 2009

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR . . . .

As Spring comes around again, I have been admiring the evidence of renewal that is all around us. More importantly, or poignantly perhaps, I have thought of how fortunate we are to be in this place, this community, our Peach Lake. The sense of community that we have here, the willingness of neighbors to extend a hand to one another in both good and difficult times, the camaraderie, all make this a very special place to live.

People here are encouraged to work together, to participate in community activities, to take a proactive role in the future development of this large neighborhood of ours. For we do have an extended neighborhood—all one hundred and seventy-three homes of us. We are so much more than a single block of congenial neighbors—an occasional block party in another venue.

The folks who volunteer their time to manage our cooperative, your Board of Directors, extend themselves, their time and effort, to make this a better place to live for everyone. At a recent Board meeting, someone leveled the criticism that shareholders only join the Board for some personal gain. How untrue and unfair. Of course this shareholder had never before attended a Board meeting, and probably won't be seen again. This is an equal opportunity cooperative. Everyone has a chance to speak their mind and help to make positive changes. No one is expected to agree on every issue.

### Vail's Committee Launches Boating Season

The next Boat Ramp & Storage Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion. Please RSVP to Victoria Desidero, Committee Chair, at 845-669-5090 or by e-mailing [vdesidero@yahoo.com](mailto:vdesidero@yahoo.com).

If you have any items you would like to see mentioned in the next edition of Vail's Voice, please email me at my new email address:

[peachypeg999@yahoo.com](mailto:peachypeg999@yahoo.com)

## VAIL'S GROVE SETS DATE FOR SPRING CLEANING OF COMMON AREAS ALL AGES ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!

**APRIL 18, 2009 – MEET AT THE PAVILION FOR COFFEE  
STARTING AT 9 A.M.**

The Vail's Grove Aesthetics, Beach, Social and Recreation Committees, together with PLEC, will host a day of Spring Cleaning activities around the Grove to help make our community a more beautiful place to live and play!

On Saturday, April 18, shareholders will meet at the Pavilion at 9 a.m. to share a cup of coffee, bagels and donuts before joining a team to help clean up one of several areas of the Grove including the beach, Peach Lake, the playground area, Koestler's Garden, the North End as well as the wooded areas along Rte. 121. Children are welcome and will be given age-appropriate assignments. There is a lot to do and the more the merrier and the lighter the load, so please try to join us and do your part. It should be fun and rewarding. If you have a rake, please bring it along!

In the meantime, shareholders are encouraged to pick up deadfall in their own yards and surrounding areas and put them by the curb for Jay Moore to gather and haul away. If you cannot be there at 9 a.m. you may still join the fun by checking in at the Pavilion for an assignment up until 11:30 a.m. Please help us plan ahead for this collaborative event and call the office by Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, to let us know you are coming!

**Questions or Suggestions?** Please contact the appropriate Committee Chairperson:  
**Aesthetics: Victoria Desidero** at 845-669-5090 or **Ronnie Waltzer** at 845-669-8085  
**Beach: Rob Norcross** at 845-669-4005

**Social & Recreation: Fred Witte** at 845-669-4010 or **Mary Rubini** at 845-669-3021  
**PLEC: Dave Bruen** at 845-669-8339

### **The Peach Lake Coalition continues to "spring" forward in 2009!**

Our Peach Lake Coalition Chairperson, Tom Duffy and Coalition member, Charlie Voelkl from NWCC attended a meeting on March 7. At that meeting, they met the new Supervisor of North Salem, Warren Lucas and Southeast Supervisor Michael Rights. The group discussed and updated project schedules and the bidding process and strategies of the Sewer Project designed to preserve Peach Lake and our homes. This hours long meeting, which took place in the Southeast Town Hall, helped to keep the momentum moving forward and we remain on schedule to break ground this fall. The bid packages for the construction of the waste water treatment plant and the collection system will go out in late April. Since there is some evidence that we may qualify to apply for NYS stimulus funds the Peach Lake Coalition is working with the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to try to design innovative conservation projects in an effort to secure additional monies to possibly lower the cost of the overall project. We have sent letters to the Governor and his special Stimulus Fund Cabinet as well as all of our elected officials on a local, state and national level. Even though we have already received over 12.5 million( from Westchester and Putnam) in funds and zero interest short term financing for this project, we remain hopeful to secure more funds to keep this initiative affordable. The Peach Lake Coalition will host a meeting here at Vails Pavilion welcoming our new North Salem Town Supervisor to the table in early April. Southeast Town Supervisor Michael Rights and EFC liaison Fred Testa will be in attendance as well. The Coalition continues to have that spring in its step, thanks to the dedicated leadership on our Vail's Grove Board and the entire Peach Lake Coalition. The efforts of the Peach Lake Coalition are reported on at each Vail's Grove Board meeting should there be any further questions. All are encouraged to attend.

### NOTES FROM Cindy :

Quarterly bills are enclosed. Payment is due by April 30th (without incurring a finance charge)- Thank you

Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, September 13th** -Mark your calendars

When dogs are not on their leashes, and they are walking around by themselves, they POOP on other peoples lawns - and then, who will clean it up? Please leash your dog.

Blood Drive "IN HONOR OF RYAN BIERCE" April 20th 2:00 to 7:30 at Pavilion. Come show your support !

YOGA with Dr. Anne Brandon on Tuesday nights in Pavilion. \$10 a session. Dr. Brandon will also do a Thursday night class if there is enough interest.

When thinking of hosting a small gathering, don't forget, you can rent the small room in Pavilion for only \$75.

Temple Beth Elohim, at 31 Mt. Ebo Road North, is happy to announce BINGO is here. Beginning April 1st, each Wednesday. Doors open at 5:15 for bingo packet sales and light dinner. Bingo games start promptly at 6:30. You must be 18 years or older to play. There will be early Bird Games, Regular Bingo, Jackpot Games, a Progressive Jackpot. Light dining (sandwiches, cakes, rolls, fruit, drinks) will be available for purchase.

As the "Sunshine Lady," one Friday night I set off to purchase a number of gift certificates that would be donated by the Cooperative for Ryan Bierce's up-coming fundraiser on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

My first stop was Rraci's Restaurant on Route 6, as I had eaten there earlier in the week and had thoroughly enjoyed my dinner, the ambiance and the attentive wait staff.

Upon entering the establishment, I was met by a gentleman and I proceeded to explain that I needed to purchase a gift certificate for Ryan's fundraiser and told him a little bit about Ryan and his circumstances. As he was filling out the gift certificate, I took out my credit card to pay and he handed me the envelope and said that there would be "no charge." I thanked him profusely for his generosity.

If you have an opportunity to go out to dinner and have not eaten at Rraci's, please give it a try. It's so nice to know that our local restaurant is so generous and caring and they deserve our support. P.S. Tell him you're from Vail's Grove and thank him for his donation for Ryan! - Sue Enos

### From the Lend-a-Hand Committee

On March 15, a dinner was held for the benefit of Ryan Bierce who is recuperating from his automobile accident injuries at Helen Hayes Hospital. It was a very well attended celebratory event. Claire sent the following message, thanking everyone who has been so supportive of Ryan:

"Words cannot describe the gratitude that I feel for everyone who was able to attend, made donations, donated items to be raffled, helped with the setup, cleanup, cooking, serving, at the door, sold raffle tickets etc. *It truly does take a village.*

The biggest thank you of the night goes to Sue, Ray and Heather who made the day happen.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Ryan has come this far because of all the prayers and support you have given over the last few months. He will continue to make progress everyday because of you!

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

~ Cicero "

Everyone at Vail's Grove will continue to cheer for Ryan as he makes remarkable strides in his recovery.

Margaret Flannery  
Lend-a-Hand Committee

### IMPORTANT DATE:

April 13: Notice of Public Hearing before the Southeast Planning Board @ 7:30 p.m. at the Southeast Town Office, 1360 Route 22, Brewster

### From Grounds & Maintenance - Jack Waltzer:

Roads in the Grove will be swept when we can reasonably expect no further snow. Any damage to curbs will be discussed with the snow removal contractor and repairs will begin when blacktop is available. The contractor will be responsible wherever the roads were properly marked (e.g. at the curb). Paving of severe potholes will be accomplished at this time as well, others will be filled and cold patched.

### Our Neighbors' News

Get well wishes to **Pat McGuinness** and **Ralph Matachierri** who both had knee surgery and to **Victoria Vanderbank**, fiancée of Jay Moore, our maintenance man. Vail's Grove residents extend sympathy to Mildred Mullaney on the passing of her son, **Michael Mullaney** and to the family of **Robert Mathieson**, who turned 100 on Jan. 21st. Mr. Mathieson was the father of Pat Colavito. **Anna Marie Kalotschke**, mother of stockholder, Donald Costello, Jr., passed away on March 2nd. **Mr. Sanchez**, who lived here in the Grove, passed away on December 27th. His wife is now going to be living in Mass. with her son. Her new address is:

85 White Fox Rd.  
Feeding Hills, Mass 01030

### Aesthetics Committee Seeks Garden Enthusiasts

The first Aesthetics Committee meeting of the year will be scheduled shortly. Anyone interested in joining this fun and energetic Committee is encouraged to call the office to have your name put on our list of interested participants. This year the group will need as much help as possible as our gardens and planters have truly grown -- in more ways than one! We need help with planting, watering, weeding and general upkeep throughout the spring and summer. Those who join the Aesthetics Committee will be invited to participate in several gardening outings throughout the season and will have access to a great learning experience that can benefit your home gardens as well!