

March/April 2010

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR . . . April 2010

Spring is in the air and it couldn't have come soon enough -- for most of us! Spring cleaning will be made easier this year with the help of our Office Manager, Cindy Battreall, who is arranging to have a shredder come to the Grove so we can all rid our files of unnecessary tax documents, invoices and other sensitive papers without fear of identity theft! Details of this event are included in this newsletter.

Believe it or not, we are also going to tell you it is time to shred the Vail's Grove Cooperative By-Laws and Rules & Regulations that were given to you in years past! Enclosed with this issue of the Vail's Voice, you will find a copy of the new **By-Laws**, as ratified by our shareholders at the 2008 Annual Meeting, and the new **Rules & Regulations**, as approved by our current Board of Directors in January of this year. Thanks go out to the original task force of Ray Harting, John Lee and Jack Waltzer, who reviewed these documents in great detail and made recommendations to the Board of Directors for updating them. The Board then carefully reviewed both documents line by line over a period of months, under the leadership of Ronnie Waltzer, to finalize the documents you are receiving today.

Whether you are new to our community or you have lived here for a long time, please take the time now to read through these important documents. As a shareholder of Vail's Grove Cooperative, you are responsible for knowing these rules and abiding by them. Failure to do so can result in fines and the possible need to un-do something you have gone ahead and done that doesn't meet Cooperative requirements. If you have any questions, please call the office or one of your Board members for clarification. Remember, when in doubt, it is better to ask for permission than to ask for forgiveness!

This compact new booklet containing your **By-Laws** and **Rules & Regulations** is one you can keep handy and consult as needed, making it easier than ever to stay within the Cooperative's guidelines.

One more note on Spring Cleaning: We are planning another Community Clean-Up Day this year coordinated by the Aesthetics, Beach, Social and Recreation committees. Last year's event was a huge success and we all enjoyed the beautiful results throughout the nice weather so please come out and help if you can. See the notice in this Vail's Voice for details.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy Spring season!

Victoria Desidero

AREA EVENTS/ HAPPENINGS/and/or RECOMMENDATIONS

This column will provide you with information contributed by our very own residents who have recommendations regarding area events, restaurants, etc. If you have something that you'd like to see in this column, please contact Cindy in the office or myself: peachypeg999@yahoo.com.

Sue Enos comes to us with this restaurant recommendation: **The Pizza Place & Trattoria**, 35 Main St. (located downtown Brewster at the old "Boone Dog") has a real brick oven, makes delicious pizza, garlic knots, main dishes and so much more AND they deliver -- give them a call at 845-279-4114.

New Yorkers can now register with the state's NY-ALERT system to receive e-mail, text messages, fax or telephone notifications, when moderate and high risk sex offenders move into the area. Register for the alerts through the Department of Criminal Justice Services at:
<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/nyalert.htm>.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Dept. will be hosting three NYS Safe Boating Classes:

March 23 and March 24th, 6 pm - 10 pm.

Attendance is mandatory both nights.

Putnam Valley High School

Peekskill Hollow Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
25 Students

April 17th, 8 am - 4 pm

The Garrison Fish & Game Club

183 South Highland Road
Garrison, NY 10516
40 Students

April 28th and April 30th 6 pm - 10 p.m.

Attendance is mandatory both nights

Putnam County EMS Training Center

110 Old Route 6
Carmel, NY 10512
50 Students

Advanced registration is required - Course is free
To register, please call 845-225-4300 Ext. 42490.
Leave Deputy Richard Mansfield your name, phone number and number of people attending.

Cindy's Corner :

I am pleased to announce a **"COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT"** to be held on **Friday, May 21st from 3 - 6 p.m.** at the Pavilion Parking lot. This is a courtesy service for all Vail's Grove residents, **ONLY**. Please limit to personal papers.

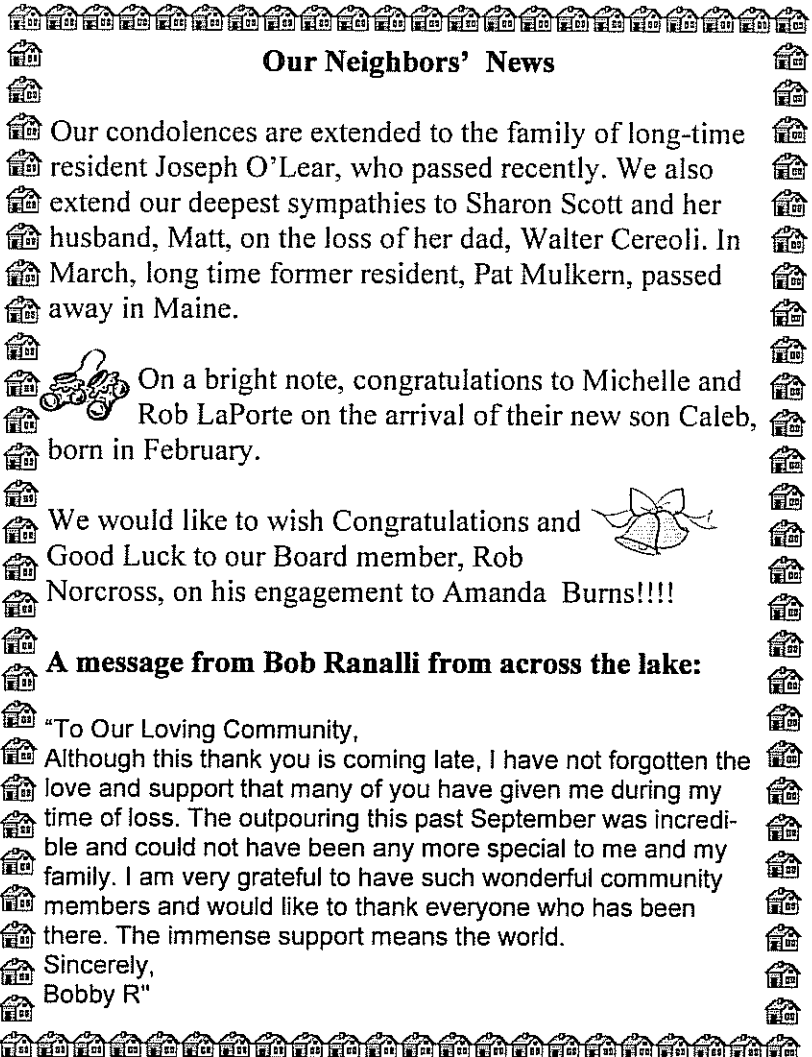
Acceptable items for shredding: paper, file folders, staples and paper clips, plastic IDs, credit cards, old checkbooks, empty prescription bottles, carbon paper, cds, dvds, and computer disks.

Unacceptable items: Hazardous materials, syringes or needles, or any heavy objects such as nuts, bolts or metal plates. We also will not be shredding hard drives at the shred event. You do not need to worry about taking items out of file folders. The great thing about this company is there is a color monitor mounted to the side panel of the truck, so each person gets to witness their shredding. The other feel-good aspect is that your materials are all recycled. Your expired Tax Returns and bank statements become tomorrows toilet tissue and paper towels. These items will never be land filled. So come on down, place your items in a bin and watch the bin contents go into the truck for shredding. Feel free to contact the office for any additional information and start your spring cleaning to get ready for May 21st.

I am also pleased to announce that I am now a **Notary Public** and would be happy to notarize for the residents of the Grove. Call the office prior to coming down to be sure I am here.


IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER - For any information/questions regarding the WWTP, (meters, timing, etc.) please call Stearns & Wheler at 203-268-8990 and ask for Sarah or Ken.


Yoga classes are being offered at the Vail's Pavilion with Dr. Anne Brandon. Payment of \$10.00 per week includes both Tuesday and Thursday classes. Dr. Brandon is a candidate for her 200 hour yoga certification. As part of this certification, she will be donating all monies from these classes toward the construction of a handicap-accessible ramp for access to our lake. Thank you, Anne!



Our Neighbors' News

Our condolences are extended to the family of long-time resident Joseph O'Lear, who passed recently. We also extend our deepest sympathies to Sharon Scott and her husband, Matt, on the loss of her dad, Walter Cereoli. In March, long time former resident, Pat Mulkern, passed away in Maine.

 On a bright note, congratulations to Michelle and Rob LaPorte on the arrival of their new son Caleb, born in February.

We would like to wish Congratulations and Good Luck to our Board member, Rob Norcross, on his engagement to Amanda Burns!!!! 

A message from Bob Ranalli from across the lake:

"To Our Loving Community, Although this thank you is coming late, I have not forgotten the love and support that many of you have given me during my time of loss. The outpouring this past September was incredible and could not have been any more special to me and my family. I am very grateful to have such wonderful community members and would like to thank everyone who has been there. The immense support means the world.

Sincerely,
Bobby R"

VAIL'S GROVE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Join us on **Sunday, May 16th**, at the Pavilion for our **Second Annual Spring Clean-Up Day**. Come at 8 a.m. (or when you can) for coffee, donuts and bagels to get you started. Bring your work gloves, rakes, plastic bags (the Grove will also supply some of these items). We will be working at the beach, the North End, along Route 121, around the playground, and everywhere else that needs some picking up. Children are welcome!!! Vail's Grove looked terrific after our efforts last year. The Aesthetics, Beach and Recreation Committees are sponsoring this activity.

So come on down and help us beautify the Grove!

COVERED DISH DINNER

Saturday, April 17th at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion - Please bring a favorite dish to share (no desserts please), BYOB. Soda and ice will be provided. Any questions, please call Fred Witte.

