



April 2011

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Neighbors!

Welcome to spring... or something that resembles spring anyway.

We **survived** (and I don't use this word lightly) an unusually cold, snow-filled and icy winter and the past few weeks of flooding rains that caused the lake to overflow its banks and lay claim to shareholder's property that is usually just soggy at this time of year.

As I write to you today, the weather outside looks beautiful but the radio said it was only 41° when I went out for lunch and the next few days may be even colder. I don't know about you but those numbers are not in my "spring" vocabulary.

Officially, however, spring arrived March 20 and so we are preparing for the work on our new sewer system to begin again in earnest. This year we will see the arrival of the grinder pumps in our yards and the laying of pipe from those to the sewer mains in the street. The progress on the actual treatment plant over the winter was amazing and a visit to the North End will show you that the building is looking pretty good. It will be even more attractive when the workers leave and the landscaping is done, of course. We are told that the projected date for the system to be in operation has been moved from late fall to early summer due to construction delays.

Most importantly, I want to let you all know that the contractor who installed the sewer mains in Vail's Grove last year, including paving the roads in December, will be back this spring to fix any outstanding issues. Landscape Unlimited is required by their contract with the Sewer District to restore our community to its original state or to even better condition than they found it. We are aware of many issues with water run off caused by the paving and are addressing those. Now is the time to bring your concerns and specific restoration issues to our attention so we can pass that information to Stearns and Wheeler. You may do this by sending something in writing to the Office or by calling Jay Moore of Buildings and Grounds at (914) 669-9606.

Stearns & Wheeler is scheduling a lake-wide meeting in late June to answer people's questions and we will notify you when we have the specifics for that.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone emerging from their winter hibernation: working in their gardens, washing their cars, walking, cycling or running through the Grove and, perhaps, even coming to a Board meeting!

Victoria Desidero

Beach Committee

Lifeguard Applications were due to the office on April 1. We are still looking for lifeguards for the 2011 Beach Season. If you or someone you know are interested, please complete the application and send it in the office by April 15. Any Questions contact the Cassidy's at meghanacassidy@comcast.net

Tentative Beach Parties

July 1—Cocktails at Sunset
 July 15—Tacos and Tequila
 July 31—Brunch on the Beach
 August 13—Kids Day
 August 26—BBQ and Bonfire

Bulk Pick Up for Town of Southeast Residents will be Wednesday, April 20th. Use this opportunity to do some Spring Cleaning!

Cindy's Corner

Happy Spring from the Office. Enclosed with this edition of the Vail's Voice is your 2nd quarterly bill. Payment for this is due by April 30th and covers the period of April, May, June 2011. Finance charges are assessed on May 1, June 1 and July 1st.

This is a great time of year to start spring cleaning - a little each day goes a long way. Let's try to spruce up the Grove along with the Aesthetic Committee, which will be working their magic around the Grove before we know it. Come down to the Pavilion and see the beautiful Book Nook that Jay Moore has completed. It is now so convenient and easy to see all the titles we have for your reading pleasure. Come take a look!

Don't forget that there are many things around the Grove which require approval. It only takes a phone call or an e-mail to the office or a look through your Rules and Regulations book to see what is required. Always better to be safe, than sorry.

In closing, don't forget that the Grove has a Lend-a-Hand Committee. You can volunteer to be part of this committee by simply cooking, getting someone's mail, taking a resident shopping, to a doctor or simply stop by for a visit. If you are interested in having your name on our volunteer list, please contact the office and I will pass your information on to Kathleen Heuschkel. If you are ever in need of any service this committee has to offer, please contact the office and I will pass your info on to Kathleen as well.

In good times and bad, the Grove Sunshine Committee would like to be informed of any happy occasions, illness and anything that might be able to be made better by a little "Sunshine." Let the office know if you know of anything.

Hope to see you all out walking the Grove and stopping by to say HELLO!!

Mike Davies recently underwent a procedure and we hope he is feeling well by now.

Vail's Grove Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 22nd

1 PM SHARP

At the Playground

Bring your baskets down and have fun searching for eggs!

Craft and snack in the Pavilion after the hunt.

Rain date Saturday, April 23rd at 1PM.

A Happy Ending

It's nice to know some people do find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! It is with a smile on my face that I get to

report to you that Mr. Mardon through the cooperation of Vail's Grove residents was able to locate the original home his grandparents owned in Vail's Grove way back in the 1920's. Don Navin was able to recognize the spot from the pictures as his parent's original property now known as the Sullivan's. Mr. Mardon was very grateful and will be visiting Peach Lake this summer as he takes his own personal walk down "memory lane!"

Thanks for all your help!

Peg Quinn

Around the Town . . .

Looking for some fun and free activities to do with the kids, try these:

- Make a planter at Home Depot Saturday April 2nd 9 am to 12 pm
- Make a Sports Pinball Game at Lowes Saturday April 9th at 10 am
- Easter Egg Hunt at Stew Leonard's Thursday April 21st at 4pm
- Make a Window Birdhouse at Lowes Saturday April 23rd at 10 am