



May/June 2009

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR . . . .

I want to extend a personal thank you to all of the shareholders who participated in our "Spring Fling Clean-up Day" on April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success and Vail's Grove looked wonderful when it was all done. Additionally, it was an opportunity for friends and neighbors to pitch-in and work together, and a "good time was had by all."

Our Blood Drive "in honor of Ryan Bierce," and organized so capably by Cindy Battreall, was another success as 34 pints of blood were collected by the Red Cross personnel.

If you haven't wandered down to the beach lately, you should take a look! Areas have been cleared of brush and debris to allow for placing picnic tables and chairs. The docks and floats are in the water. And arrangements have been made to have the swim area cleared of all the weeds that have been a deterrent to fully enjoying the water for some time. The Beach Chairperson Rob Norcross has lots of new ideas to make the beach a place where we will all want to spend more time.

Again, I encourage you all to come to Board Meetings in order to learn about what is going on in the Grove and to participate as you can. The Cooperative Rules and Regulations have been revised and are in the process of being reviewed by the Board. Everyone will receive an updated copy when they are ready. Familiarizing yourself with them is each shareholder's responsibility and can help to prevent misunderstandings.

I hope to see you at the next Board meeting. (If you haven't tasted Ann Marie Keiley's coconut custard pie, you're missing a treat).

**Ronnie Waltzer**

## Aesthetics Committee News

A special thank you goes out to Teresa Dress for donating the beautiful Hostas that have been added to the Memorial Garden by the flagpole. The Aesthetics Committee welcomes all donations from private gardens for use in Vail's Grove Community Gardens. Thanks Mrs. Dress!

Also, we extend a ton of gratitude to Ann Thorstenson, who has taken care of the planting and beautification of the area around the Monument for many years. We hope to see you back on the Aesthetics Committee some day soon, Ann!

The first meeting of the Aesthetics Committee will be Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at the Pavilion. All are welcome! If you cannot attend that evening but wish to join the Committee, please call the office and let us know so we can include you on future communications.

## SPRING CLEANING A HUGE SUCCESS

The good news is that so many people came out to help with the Vail's Grove Spring Clean-Up Day that we can't include all of their names here. The bad news is that we can't include all of their names here! On behalf of the entire Vail's Grove Community and, especially, the Board of Directors, thank you so very much to each and every volunteer who joined in the Clean Up. The turn out was magnificent and the effort everyone put in was exceptional! All you need to do is look around the Grove to see the results.

Thanks to the Peach Lake Environmental Committee members who cleaned up around the lake and for renting the dumpster that we used to discard all the trash that was picked up both on land and in the water.

Vail's Grove residents are encouraged not to litter. If everyone – and that includes youngsters and teens as well – picks up after themselves then the effort put forth by the volunteers this year will continue to be evident throughout the season.

Thanks also to the members of the Aesthetics, Buildings & Maintenance, Social and Recreation Committees for their efforts in organizing and managing this event.

**Beach Report:** A Big Thank You to all the volunteers, Kevin Tompkins, Bruce Blackwell, James Collins and to our Maintenance Man, Jay Moore, for all their hard work preparing the Beach for the season. The Beach is now open on weekends from 10 until 6 until the kids are out of school, and then will be open seven days a week. Look to the next Vail's Voice for the schedule of upcoming Beach events for the season. Any questions, comments, or concerns contact Rob Norcross at 845-669-4005.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

**NOTES FROM CINDY :**

The Real Estate Bulletin Board is now up at the mailboxes on Ramp 1. All Real Estate For Sale / For Rent signs should be removed from shareholder's property. Listings can be placed on the new Board.

Reminder to Stockholders: You are responsible for mowing your lawns. Please take care of this. If lawns are not mowed, the Grove will hire someone to do it and you will be billed back for the mowing.

***The Annual Meeting of Vail's Grove Cooperative will be held on Sunday, September 13th.***

Thank you to everyone for your support during the Blood Drive in Honor of Ryan Bierce. We collected 34 pints of blood, although 40 people did show up to donate. Unfortunately, there are always circumstances when people are not able to donate. And a Big Thank You to North Salem Market for donating the food for dinner-time.

Thank you to Drew Gunnison, Bill Quinn, Pat McGuinness and Kathleen Reilly for taking the time to attend the Class D Water Certification Licensing Course at Westchester Community College. It's nice to know that we have more hands licensed to take care of the Pump House. Thanks for your dedication.

Don't forget: the office needs a copy of your Oil Tank Insurance renewal for our files.

All North Salem Residents: The Town of North Salem is offering amnesty if you have done any building work in the past without a permit. Until December 31, 2009, you can go to the Town and see what is in your file to determine if you need to legalize anything before the \$1500.00 fee goes into effect January 1, 2010. A notice will be placed in a future mailing with more info.

ICE: means "In Case of Emergency." We all carry mobile phones with names and numbers stored in memory, but nobody other than ourselves knows which of these numbers belongs to our closest family and friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person who should be contacted during an emergency under the name "ICE." Emergency personnel know to look for this in cell phones. Be sure it's in your kids' cell phones as well.



**Our Neighbors' News**



Congratulations to Moira and Frank Tolan and their son, Fran, on his graduation from Notre Dame.



Congratulations to Jim and Peg Andes on the arrival of their baby boy, William James, born on January 31st.



Dan and Sarah Tschorn had a baby girl, Hannah.



Welcome to our new neighbor, Robert Nouza at 26 Locust Road.



There will be a giant **Vail's Grove Family Tag Sale on July 12, 2009** to be held at the Pavilion. Registration is free and tables will be provided to all who wish to participate.

**Fireworks in the Grove!**

Please be advised that Vail's Grove Cooperative Rules and Regulations (#2. Conduct) prohibit "unseemly noises or interference with the rights of any other Stockholder by any unlawful, offensive or unseemly conduct or by creating offensive conditions." This applies to the use of firecrackers and other fireworks in the Grove at any time and this should be noted especially during Holiday weekends like the upcoming Fourth of July. Fireworks are against the law in New York State and law enforcement officials may be called if this is a problem this year.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter and have a wonderful and safe Fourth of July weekend.