



October 2011

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR.....

Hard to believe that another season is here already! So much has been accomplished during the last few years under the capable administrative hand of our former chairperson, Victoria Desidero. Our waste water treatment plant is nearing completion. Our roads are brand new (albeit with a few glitches to be remedied). We have a beautiful new six car garage. The North End Boat Storage area is cleaned up and ready to be used. Where other communities pay thousands of dollars for winter storage, our area is free to our shareholders. And the flowers are even still blooming in places. So many people have helped with the transformation of Vail's Grove. When PLEC was started so many years ago, it was hard to believe then, that we could be where we are today.

This year's Board of Directors is back in business after our first board meeting the other night. We would love to see an increase in the number of volunteers willing to step up and help. There are many opportunities to be of service, from helping Cindy with mailings, to offering to share with others a skill you have (I'd love to learn to knit and crochet), to sharing ideas for new programs and activities. Perhaps you could teach a class at the pavilion. Or participate in a book discussion group. (We have a rather extensive library of books and magazines to borrow in the small room of the pavilion.) Or help gather old photos of Vail's Grove to make collages for the walls in our small room. The winters can be long, and learning a new activity might be just the spark to keep the "blues" at bay. Our Lend-a-Hand Committee is under utilized. Surely there are people who need a ride to an appointment, or someone to accompany them to the market, or just a friendly neighbor to drop in for a short visit and maybe a cup of tea. Think about what you would like to do, or how we might be of service to you. Let's help out each other.

I feel fortunate to be working with a talented and interested Board of Directors. Everyone has something to offer. I also look forward to welcoming the new members of our community. We're glad to have you in Vail's Grove.

Results of Election of Directors/ Officers

**Annual Meeting
September 18, 2011**

Board of Directors 2011/2012

Ronnie Waltzer – Chairperson
Thomas Duffy – Vice-
Chairperson
Sue Enos – Vice-President
Frank Cassidy – Secretary
Ellen Mytych – Treasurer

Victoria Desidero
Pat McGuinness
Maureen McHale
Joan Myers
Rob Norcross
Mary Rubini
Dennis Ryan
Fred Witte

Welcome Maureen McHale as our
new Board member.

Sue Enos, Ellen Mytych, Rob
Norcross and Mary Rubini were
re-elected.

Cindy's Corner

We are getting ready to publish an updated Vail's Grove Directory. If you would like to be placed in the Directory, or if you have additions/changes/deletions, please complete the form enclosed with this Vail's Voice and return to the office by October 15th. In addition, if you have a business or service you would like to advertise, send in a business card and \$25 check for a spot in the directory.

The office will be closed on Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day.

The North Salem Police need your help. A pontoon boat was vandalized during the Hurricane. It was at the Beach area and was very badly damaged. If you have any information that you can share about who did this vandalism, please call Neil Caputo, at the North Salem Police, 914-669-5540. And remember, this is your community. If you see something, call the Police, immediately. Let's keep Vail's Grove safe.

Halloween is approaching and there will be increased security on that evening to keep everyone safe. Please drive carefully and watch your little ones when walking around for their goodies.

In closing, have you had your electrical panel inspected yet? If Sean Partenio has indicated that your panel is not sufficient for the grinder pump electrical, you need to have that work completed as soon as possible. If not, please call Sean Partenio at 845-222-2171 or e-mail him at Partenio.sean@gmail.com.

Aesthetics

We have another worthy Curb Appeal Award. Kathy Morris, one of our Master Gardeners, is doing lovely plantings with her home at the top of Entrance 2 on the right. There will be much more to follow. As she says, "It's a work in progress." Remember that Kathy and Joan Sheridan have generously offered to be available to shareholders with gardening questions.

They also hope to offer occasional workshops on gardening topics of interest. Field trips to nurseries and botanical gardens are possibilities, too, if we have interested participants. Let us know what you'd like.

Sunshine Committee

Our deepest condolences go out to Dave Bruen and Diana Stevens and their families on the passing of their mother and former Grove resident Marilyn Bruen.

If anyone is interested in obtaining Water Operator Certification, which would enable you to help with our Pumphouse, the course information can be found at www.sunywcc.edu/home.htm. The Grove will pay for your course. If you have any questions about this, please call Jack Walzter at 845-669-8085.

Boat Ramp/Boat Storage Committee

As the boating season is drawing to a close, the boat ramp/boat storage committee has been busy. The boat storage area at the north end of Vail's Grove has undergone a great deal of improvement. Early in September, members of the committee along with Mike Davies and Jay Moore moved all the boats out of the storage area in anticipation of a regrading of the storage area. Tompkins Landscaping cleared all the weeds so that we could have the area regraded. Several truckloads of dirt were brought in to level the storage area property and in an attempt to control the weed growth in future years. As a result of the regrading, the storage yard and our ability to store our boats and trailers have been greatly improved.

In order to keep the boat storage area neat and tidy, we would like to remind you that all boats and trailers must have a Vails Grove sticker on the boat and the trailer. If your boat and trailer does not have a sticker or you need to update your current information, please contact Cindy in the office and she will provide you with an application form for a sticker. Last year, we ran into a situation in December, where there was little if any room remaining for stockholders to store their boats. As a result, the board has set new guidelines for the number of trailers that each stockholder will be able to store in the storage area. Each stockholder will be limited to **three (3) trailers** in the storage yard. The boat ramp/boat storage committee will review each request beyond three (3) trailers on a case by case basis as space permits.

Lastly, if you have a boat or other watercraft in the storage yard that is not likely to see the water again, we ask that you remove it and make arrangements for its disposal. This will give the opportunity to your fellow stockholders to utilize the space.

SAVE THE DATE

Vail's Grove Christmas Party is
Saturday December 10th
More details to come!

Got Stuff?

Vail's Grove Annual Multi-Family Tag Sale is
Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23
from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of the
Pavilion.

Weather Permitting. All tables are free for
vendors.

Vail's Grove will take care of all the advertising—
all you have to do is show up with your stuff!

REMINDER

All leaves and lawn debris
must be curbside in biodegradable
in order for pick up.

AROUND TOWN

Come One, Come All

Plan to spend some enjoyable time, have lunch, talk to vendors and perhaps purchase some nice gifts too. Saturday, November 12, 2011, 9 AM to 3 PM at the Tucson Woman's Club annual Market Day Fair. Located at 6245 E. Bellevue, right behind Speedway/Wilmot Trader Joe's. Benefiting T.R.O.T and Autism Society of Tucson.

Vendors galore, food and great entertainment too.

Interested in Vending? Tables are \$15 and Benefit the T.R.O.T and Autism Society of Tucson. Contact Sherry at 298-8330 or Midge at 571-9283 or Grace at 270-1043.

Save the Date – Saturday, Dec 3

Cold Spring by Candlelight – Holiday Festival & House Tours...Historic homes & sites will be open to the public during this 8th annual tour to benefit Partners with PARC (Securing the Financial Future of People with disabilities). Expect homes & sites featured on the National Historic Register, holiday caroling, discounts at local stores & restaurants, holiday music, visits with Old St. Nick & much more! Call 845-278-7272 for additional information.

St. Lawrence O'Toole Beer and Wine Fundraiser

Come down to the St' Lawrence O'Toole Gym Friday, October 28th at 7 pm for the Second Annual Beer and Wine Fundraiser to benefit the Early Childhood Learning Center. Great prizes for both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$20 a person and selling out fast! If interested, please contact Meghan Cassidy at 845-669-4004 and meghanacassidy@comcast.net