

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community located on Peach Lake
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VAIL'S VOICE



CHAIRPERSON

Frank Cassidy

There was a good annual meeting this past September. We had 7 stockholders running for the Board of Directors. We only had 5 seats available. I want to thank everyone who ran for the board and want to thank Todd Cammisa for his service to the Vail's Grove Board of Directors.

I want to thank all of the board members for their service to the Grove and our community. We had a great beach season. The Summer was hot and the beach was utilized almost every day. We have Halloween approaching us. If you are having guests over, please have them park in designated areas, as our children will be on our streets and cars that are not parked properly may lead to a dangerous situation.



From Cindy's Desk

As the years go by, it seems to be getting busier and busier in the office. Thank you to Linda VanScoy and Claire Navin for coming in at mailing time to assist me and for all the others who offer all the time. I have enjoyed another wonderful, busy year here at the Grove. Meeting and welcoming new families is always a very enjoyable part of my job. You are all welcome to stop by for coffee, a quick hello, some candy and of course ask questions. I am

an early bird so I am here in the office by 7:30 and out by 3:30. Stop by!! Please inform me if you would like to receive robo-calls and/or e-mails. I try to get you important information as efficiently as possible. A thank you to Denise Andrews, who is our WELCOME person to all new residents. The baskets she has been making brighten the day of all who receive them. Don't forget our Facebook page. If you are not already a member, please request. We do try to keep members as residents, former residents, family members, etc. I will not accept someone if there does not seem to be a connection to the Grove. Please from time to time, review the Rules and Regulations. So much important info in there. The rules are in place for a reason. Most important, keep dogs on leashes and drive slowly. All new residents should come by the office so I can explain many of the important procedures here at the Grove.

Thank you to Todd Cammisa for his valuable years of service on the Board. WELCOME to our new Board member, Jason LaRocca. Schedule for 2019/2020 Board meetings follows: October 24, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 and ANNUAL September 13.

2017/2018 Audited Financials can be picked up in office. 2019 Annual Report and 2018 AWQR – Annual Water Quality Report are bot on the website and can also be picked up in office.

Thank you to Carol Harting for being the editor of the Vail's Voice. Thank you to Cathy Morris who is our wonderful Facebook admin – we love the photos! Thank you to Kathleen Heuschkel for being our Operator of the Water System. Kathleen has informed us that come spring, she will no longer be our "Principal Operator". The Grove will pay for the necessary classes that educate you on water testing, etc. There are classes that can be taken on line. If we do not get volunteers we will need to hire an outside provider, which is a costly endeavor. Presently we do have someone who stepped up to take the class, but we need more people to do so. This is a great way to get involved. Our principal operator needs to prepare the monthly reports, with the information collected from Jay and from our monthly testing. The operator also prepares the Annual Water Quality Report once a year with the information kept on file in the office. Please consider stepping up. Call me for more info. We can always use more volunteers and the Grove will pay for the classes, books, and travel reimbursement.

Welcome to : Mary Lou Martelli, 7 Orchard Road

Matthew Luccarelli, 11 Hilltop Lane
Sharon & Frank Madden, 36 VLSD

This past year I negotiated with Suburban Propane for a price for Vail's Grove residents. They agreed to lower their price by approximately \$1.00 per gallon. Call them and tell them you are a Vail's resident and that you would like the new pricing and/or you would like to switch to Suburban.

PLEASE remember that if quarterly fees are not paid by end of billing month, finance charges are assessed. Many people will then pay the bill late but not include the finance charge. If you mail the check on a date too close to end of month, it might not be here by last day. You get a statement and the finance charges are still due. If they are not paid, you get billed for finance charges on the finance charges. Look at statements that come from the office.

Remember that I am a Notary and can notarize for you. Be sure to call first and do not sign unless you in front of me.

REMEMBER: NO GARBAGE DISPOSALS.... They mess up the system

The Public Access roads/Fire roads cannot have vehicles parked on them. It impedes access to the lake by other stockholders. Thank you much!!!

Sitting in the office and driving on the roads at school bus time, I notice that the children are playing in the roads while waiting for bus. For the safety of all, please have the kids play to the side. People drive very quickly into the Grove and if the kids are playing in roads, it is not safe. We all care for the kiddies!



Boat Ramp/North End Storage by Patrick McGuinness

Greetings neighbors! Hot off the heels of the annual meeting, there is not much to

add to this Vails Voice submission. The leaves are turning along with the weather and a close to our boating season. As stated previously in other communications, those who wish to use the North End for storage must have all 2019/2020 fees paid up prior to obtaining access to the North End. Please confirm with the office that you are up to date with payments as all of us who have keys will have a list confirming same. Also, storage of vessels is NOT allowed in common areas. Thank you all for your cooperation in this regard. The list of names and phone numbers of all who have keys is available at the office. Of course, your patience and communication with each other regarding a smooth transition out of the lake and into storage is always appreciated. Thanks, as always, to Jay for his continued assistance in making sure that all vehicles have a space available for storage and thank you all once again for your cooperation in making this annual transition a smooth one! Happy Holidays!!



Sunshine News from Sue Enos

Best wishes for speedy recoveries are sent to the following: Joan Sheridan, Rita Freaney, John Goff, Teddy Farrell, Ruth Feder and Sue Enos.

Congratulations are sent to Cricky & Janet Murphy on the birth of their granddaughter Charley Joan; to Frank & Moira Tolan on the birth of their granddaughter Evelyn; and to Ken & Joan Ford on the birth of their granddaughter Mia... Girls Rule!

Our sincerest condolences are sent to the family of long-time resident Marilyn Ford...Patti Ford, Susan Capalbo, Eileen O'Toole, Ken Ford and their families.

"Due to an injury I was unable to walk my dogs. Volunteers from Lend a Hand walked my dogs and even brought meals when I had my surgery. I appreciate everything they did for me."

"My usual transportation to my appointment was not available. Thankfully, someone from the Lend a Hand committee was available and graciously drove me and picked me up."

"I needed to drop my car off at the mechanic shop and am thankful that a Lend a Hand member was able to pick me up."

"We are very grateful for the meals from Lend a Hand when we first came home from the hospital with our new baby."

"When word got out that I had surgery, I received offers of child care, dog walking and meals from several Lend a Hand members."

Vail's Grove Volunteers Lend a Hand



In September, Lend a Hand chairwoman, Helen Vail, hosted a meeting in her home.

The Vail's Grove Lend a Hand committee met recently to talk about this year's activity. The committee is made up of a group of volunteers from Vail's Grove who help neighbors when they need it – and this year they've been busy! Recent feedback from people who have reached out for assistance or support is heartwarming and reinforces the value of the committee:

If you or someone in Vail's Grove needs a hand, contact Helen Vail:
Home: 845-205-8004
Cell: 845-661-4082
OR any of the Lend a Hand committee members directly.

Lend a Hand committee: Marianne Collins; Dawn DiDomenico; Sue Enos; Marie Fagan; Penny Feder; Rita Freaney; Sharon Madden; Jill McManus; Pat McShea; Cathy Morris; Peggy Romanello; Julie Salerno; Melissa Sowa; Angela Terrilli; Helen Vail; Joan Visbal; and Ronnie Waltzer.



OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

In addition to Lend a Hand in our own Vail's Grove, there is an information, referral and transportation program for adults 60 and over who can no longer drive. This program, called RideConnect, is seeking volunteers who are willing to provide occasional rides. For more information, call

Marietta C. Manoni at 914 242 7433 or email mmanoni@fsw.org.

Pegasus Therapeutic Riding – located just across the street – is also looking for volunteers to assist individuals in their fall riding program. Pegasus provides equine assisted activities to people with special needs and experience working with horses is NOT a requirement. Volunteers must be over 13 years of age and who can assist on the same day and time each week. Contact Lynn Peters at 845 669 8235 X 109 or lpeters@pegasustr.org.

Recreation and Upcoming Events

Julie Salerno/Melissa Sowa – Recreation Chairs

There will be pumpkin carving and Halloween treats on Saturday Oct 26th from 1pm-3pm in the pavilion. We need an RSVP as soon as possible to secure your pumpkin. This event is FREE to Vail's Grove residents and their IMMEDIATE family. Outside



persons are welcome to attend and either bring their own pumpkin or for a \$5.00 fee. We will be having some great games and bobbing for apples so please join us. We need an RSVP for your pumpkin by October 18th. Please let us know if you will be

attending. Your payment can be made in the office as well as your RSVP.

You can also call or text Melissa at 646-464-6370 or Julie at 914-760-3456.

HALLOWEEN IS APPROACHING AND THERE WILL BE LOTS OF CHILDREN RUNNING AROUND THE GROVE EXCITED FOR THE DAY. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE CAREFULLY.

The famous Vail's Grove Christmas Party is



Saturday December 14th. We will have ornament decorating again this year beginning at 5pm, with the Christmas party starting at 6pm. Dinner and dancing to our great DJ, photo booth and of course a visit from Old St. Nick as well. We ask parents

to bring a wrapped present with your child's name on it so that Santa can hand it out.

BYOB, but we will have water, lemonade and ice tea for you to enjoy.

This event fills up fast. We will be taking money and RSVPS starting November 11th through December 9th. **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A PAID RESERVATION AND NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE 9th OF DECEMBER.**

The cost for this wonderful evening is \$20 per adult, \$10.00 for children ages 6-15, \$5.00 for children ages 2-5.



Thanks again for all of you who attend our Recreation Events.