



## Greetings from the Chair Juliann Salerno

### Chairperson Service Award 2023



It has been my honor and privilege to have presented this service award over the past three years. Once again, I would like to give you the definition of service: Webster's Dictionary defines Service as: **The action of helping or doing work for someone, an act of assistance, perform a service or services for someone, be ready to assist someone whenever possible.**

Our 2 recipients this year are very different in the service that they do; they are from different parts of the community; and they are from different generations; but the one thing they have in common is their love of service and love and kindness to others.

Our first recipient does all of that and then some. I first met this lady when I drove her and her husband to the airport at a time when they lived on the other side of the lake and were not yet a part of our great community. I was amazed at her enthusiasm towards helping others as she had a lot of things going on in her personal life. But that did not let it stop her from giving and wanting to aid others who are less fortunate. I was so happy to hear that she and her husband were going to be moving to our neighborhood and even more excited that we would practically be neighbors. As many of you know, there is a food drive to fill the Little Pantry in Brewster about every 4-5 weeks--you get that Robo call from Cindy or you see a Facebook Post about it, but many of you don't know that our very own Sharon Madden is a driving force in that mission. While Sharon is not alone in this, as I am sure she would tell you, she still is the one who is always involved. As I was looking at places to find information about the Little Free Food Pantry, I was not surprised to find several shout-outs to Sharon Madden from the director of the pantry. Because of Sharon's dedication to this project, many people who might not be able to put a healthy meal on the table for the family are indeed able to do so. I hope that we all will think of others with kindness, and compassion the way that Sharon Madden does. It is my honor to present the 2023 Chairpersons service award to **Sharon Madden.**

Our next recipient is from a family of service-oriented people. The family has been a part of this community for many generations, and I would venture a guess that there will be many future generations as a part of Vail's Grove. I first met this young lady about 10 years ago when she was a freckled face 7 or 8 year old. She was out and about with her mother, father and sisters picking up trash along the roads in Vail's. As the years have gone on, and this young lady has aged, her dedication to community and service has deepened. She can always be counted on to help out with setup or cleanup of our recreation events; she will contact myself or other members of the recreation committee to see if we need a hand; and because she has been around helping at many of the events that we have, due to her parents both being very involved, she reminds myself and our committee if there are things we have forgotten. She has a keen insight for a young person in matters of the Grove. She has made positive and well thought out suggestions for the beach and the lifeguards. When she was asked to be the head lifeguard this year and advised that she would be doing it alone (in the past we have had two) she jumped in and accepted the challenge with both feet. Not only was she there for her own shift, but on her own time she would stop in to check to see if everything was running smoothly and to see if any of the guards needed anything. She

worked on the guard schedule on her own time, which can take many hours and many texts, emails and phone calls to assure that our beach had lifeguard coverage so we could all enjoy it. I will tell you that I had ZERO complaints this year from residents regarding our guards, and I attribute most of that to Sarah and her commitment to the job, but she also is committed to service. This commitment I'm sure was rooted in advice and guidance that Sarah got and still gets from Dad and Mom. Frank Cassidy, as we all know, was a dedicated Board member and Chair of this Board, and still sorely missed. Meghan has been involved in the beach and recreation committees for some time and continues to be involved, and now it is time for the next generation to contribute. Sarah has been involved in planning and hosting a much-needed Blood Drive, and she is a National Honor Society member and a member of the National Dance Society. This spring she will take on her Senior Service project.

Sarah not only is a great leader, but she has some great ideas. I hope that we can take some guidance from the younger generation that will be running this Board someday; but for now, we will just have to be grateful that we have a terrific group of young people who are a part of our community and set good examples for the littlest of VG residents. It is my honor to add **Sarah Cassidy** to the Chairperson Service plaque with this well-deserved award, and hope that she will be an example to the other young members of this community that we do notice you and what you do.

---

## Office News From Cindy



The Annual Meeting was held on September 10, and we received the largest number of proxies in my time here. That is wonderful. Thank you to all who attended, thank you to all who ran for a Board seat – hopefully next year we will see more faces at the meeting. The following people were re-elected to the Board for three-year terms: Hugh Andrews, Mary Rubini, Juliann Salerno, and Peter Vincent. **Congratulations!**

The Executive Board remains the same:

Chairperson – Juliann Salerno  
Vice-Chairperson – Mary Rubini  
Vice President – Joan Myers  
Secretary – Thomas Duffy  
Treasurer – Ellen Mytych

It is a pleasure working with the 13 Board members who all volunteer their time for the betterment of Vail's Grove. Board meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please send them in writing to the office. If it is something that needs to be dealt with at a meeting, it will go into the meeting packet. Any alterations/real estate changes must be approved by the Board, and an application and drawings must be in the office three weeks prior to the meeting. Same as Pavilion rental applications, which are on the website [www.vailsgrove.us](http://www.vailsgrove.us).

This year we are dealing with North End storage a little differently. Prior to being able to get a key and putting your boat into storage, you must pay the 2024 \$100 fee, and you will receive a 2024 sticker for your boat and trailer. These can be obtained in the office. You will not be able to get a key from a key holder unless they see your stickers, which will be numbered again this year. If you have any questions, please call the office. I am working on the new directory now and hope to have it out by the end of year.

Your fourth quarter statement is included with this mailing. Payment is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you have not seen the re-done Pavilion, please come down and look. It is beautiful and is a very popular rental venue. We now charge \$2000 for non-residents of the Grove. Last year at this time, the Pavilion rentals were \$9550, and this fiscal year-to-date, the amount is \$16,900.

The 2021/2022 Audited financials are available for pick-up in the office.

Thank you all for another wonderful year working at Vail's Grove. October marks 17 years! Where has the time gone? Teenagers were weeks old or not born when I started. It is so wonderful to see all the children grow up. Thanks to all the people who help me in the office, and the folks who are not on the Board but who are Chairs of committees and members of committees. It takes a village!

---

## Boat Storage

It's just about that time where boats will be taken out of water and will be put in storage. This year, prior to you getting a key from Key Holder, you will need to pay the 2024 storage fee of \$100 (per spot) and get a 2024 sticker from the office. The stickers are here and ready, so you can either come by, download the application, drop in the box in the door, and I could mail your sticker; BUT – no key unless you have a 2024 sticker. The form is on website, [www.vailsgrove.us](http://www.vailsgrove.us). Thank you.

---

## Membership Committee

Hugh Andrews, Juliann Salerno & Jill Olimpieri



A very warm welcome to the Lutz Family (Peter Sr., Maureen and Peter J. at 20 Locust Road)

---

## Sunshine News



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our "Sunshine Lady" Sue Enos



---

## HOW TO CLEAN AND PREVENT A MOSSY ROOF

presented by Bill Kruzykowski

Most of what I am writing here can be viewed on-line by going to the web site listed here. It is a short video, **HOW TO CLEAN AND PREVENT A MOSSY ROOF**, about 8 minutes long and made by ASK THIS OLD HOUSE. The four things to know about dealing with Moss on your Roof is very straight forward.

If your Roof is growing Moss on it, it is because it's receiving too much Tree Shade and Moisture. So the first thing is to remove any overhanging Tree branches if you can. You want to have the Sun hit your roof for as many hours in the day as is possible.

Next you want to Broom Clean any existing Moss on your Roof. Be very careful and safe working on top of your Roof. Start at the top of the Roof Ridge Line and push the Broom downwards and Sideways to loosen any built up Moss.

Following this, you need to Purchase a roll of ZINC METAL STRIP for your Roof. Installing this near the Top of your Roof Line will act as a prevention to any new Moss that might try to grow. Any Rain Water hitting this ZINC Strip will cause the Strip to Leach Particulates which will Kill off and prevent from Growing any Moss, Algae and Mold.

I did Not Nail and Seal this Strip as seen in this Video. I was able to push the Strip under my relatively New Roof Shingles enough to have it both exposed enough to be effective and also to be secure in place.

Finally, you need to Spray the entire Roof with a Mixture of Bleach and Water (1/3 Gallon of Bleach to 1.5 Gallons of Water) on the entire Roof. If you are Spraying this Mixture and it gets on any Grass, Plants or Shrubs, make certain to use your Garden Hose to wash them down so that they do not burn and die from this exposure. This Video shows a bit more Detail to these Steps and is well worth the time to watch.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=this+old+house+moss+on+roof&aq=chrome.0.0i512j69i57j69i65.13602j0i15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

---

## **Pump House** By Pat McGuinness

There have been no major incidents to report with regards to the water testing and upkeep of our Pump House operations. A few electrical issues have popped up now and again but have been quickly resolved by Foley Electric with the assistance of Buildings and Grounds and VRI. Our thanks to VRI for their continued 24-hour-a-day effort in assisting to keep our water supply safe.

---

## **Boat Ramp/North End Storage** By Pat McGuinness

Hello neighbors: As vessel removal from the lake and North End storage will soon be upon us, please keep the following in mind prior to acquiring a key to the North End.

- All dues must be paid in full owed to the Grove prior to storing in the North End.
- After payments are up to date, please acquire the 2024 Sticker(s) for whatever is being stored.
- Please have your 2024 sticker ready to show your key holder so that key can be released to you.
- Please be sure to have your boat, trailer, etc., tagged with duct tape with your name and phone number on it for easy identification if you need to be contacted for ANY reason.
- Please DO NOT give key to any other residents of Vail's Grove after you use it. Please return immediately after use to the key holder.
- Please be sure and sign your key in and out so that we can follow all keys, especially if you will be using it for more than a few hours.
- Please do your best to contact the key holder of your choosing 24 HOURS PRIOR to the time you will need access to either Boat Ramp or North End or both.
- Please DO NOT show up unannounced at the house of a key holder as there will be no guarantee they will be home or even have the key for that matter not to mention just possibly disturbing personal time.
- Please DO NOT hold on to keys overnight, especially during this busy time coming up.
- Please DO NOT call the home of a key holder prior to 8 am and no later than 9 pm out of courtesy to work schedules, sleep schedules, school schedules, etc.
- Of course, all provisions can be made in case of any emergency or special circumstance if needed. Please be sure and contact the office for such an event, and notifications will go out accordingly and any assistance that is needed will be coordinated with you.
- The list of all key holders is available at the office.

It is, of course, anticipated as always, that this will be an easy operation for all. Everyone works together and communicates well during this time. For you first timers, please be sure and ask any questions of any of us who have been through this operation before--you'll get experienced answers.

Thank you all for your cooperation, consideration, communication and patience during this winter prep endeavor. In the meantime, **HAPPY AUTUMN!!**

---

## **Recreation Report** By Sarah Broderick

Hope everyone had a great summer. Recreation and beach hosted several events at the beach this year including water sports day, taco and tequila, a movie at the beach and of course our 4<sup>th</sup> annual cardboard boat regatta. We also had our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and ceremony. It always wonderful to see our neighbors and friends enjoying the festivities.

This fall recreation will be hosting a Halloween movie event at the playground. Join us on Saturday, October 7, for Hocus Pocus. Movie will begin at 6:30 pm and concession will be open at 5:30 pm. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the movie. The event will be hosted in the pavilion, if there is inclement weather.

***Save the date for the annual Vail's Grove Christmas Party, Saturday, December 16, 2023.***

# THANK YOU RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE WONDERFUL SUMMER



HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2023

## Family Movie Night at the Beach – August 19

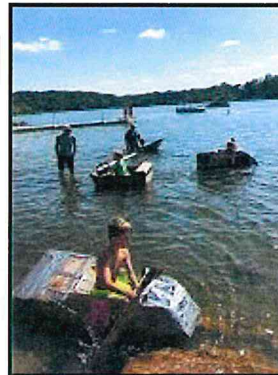
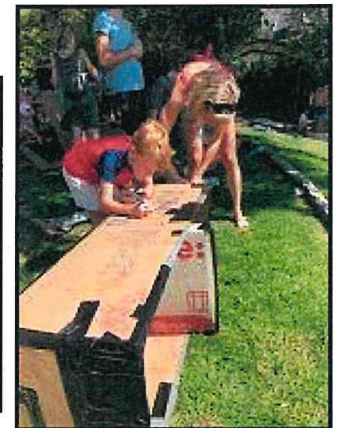
*picture taken by Sarah Broderick*



# Cardboard Regatta

Did everyone see the two-page spread that the North Salem News gave this event in the September 14<sup>th</sup> edition—lots of pictures and a wonderful write-up by Carol Reif.

Thank you North Salem News



## The Winners

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>BOAT</b>
<b>5-10</b>	<b>Arlen Nicholson</b>	<b>Splash and Furious</b>
<b>11-18</b>	<b>Keaton Paxton-Cumming</b>	<b>Paws for Concern</b>
<b>Over 18</b>	<b>David Palala</b>	<b>Titanic</b>
<b>Best Team Spirit</b>	<b>Abby Cassidy</b>	<b>Unsinkable</b>
<b>Best Structural Design</b>	<b>Arlen Nicholson</b>	<b>Splash and Furious</b>
<b>Coolest Looking</b>	<b>Mallorca/Roberto Sierra</b>	<b>Last Resort</b>
<b>Best Sailor Costume</b>	<b>Keaton Paxton-Cumming</b>	<b>Paws for Concern</b>
<b>People's Choice</b>	<b>Keaton Paxton-Cumming</b>	<b>Paws for Concern</b>
<b>Titanic</b>	<b>Julie Salerno</b>	<b>The Sinker</b>