



September/October 2009

An Autumn Invitation to You

Sponsored by Peach Lake Coalition

Peach Lake Groundbreaking Ceremony And Thanksgiving Celebration

***In gratitude to everyone who
came through to
preserve Peach Lake!***

**Saturday, November 21, 2009
Vail's Grove Pavilion 3:00 pm**

**Please bring a covered dish for six
people and your own cocktails
We will provide music, set-ups
and dessert/coffee and tea**

**Please RSVP by November 9th by
calling 914-669-5100 and leave your
name and number of people in your
party.**

***Join your neighbors, elected offi-
cials, clergy and regulatory agency
staff to celebrate this milestone...***

There will be a Halloween Party on Halloween Day at the Pavilion from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Come on down to the Pavilion to carve a pumpkin, show off your costume and have pizza before going out trick or treating! Please RSVP by calling the office (914) 669-5100 just to make sure we have enough pumpkins for everyone!

Notes from the Chair September 2009

Fall is a beautiful time of year. The heat of summer dissipates, giving way to beautiful temperatures framed by a hard, blue sky, a wind-rippled lake and canopies of red, gold, and orange leaves. In Vail's Grove, fall is the time when our Board of Directors' start their new terms in office and we prepare for new challenges and renewed goals. I am honored to be the newly-elected Board Chairperson for the 2009/2010 term and look forward to working with our exceptional group of Board members and all of our Committee Chairs. It is a responsibility I take seriously and I hope to serve our community well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Board Member Jim Andes for his service to the community during his term in office. Jim was a very even-handed and easy going Board member who, among other things, took great care in presenting motions on behalf of all those wishing to rent the Pavilion as Chair of that Committee.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I extend a very special thank you to Ronnie Waltzer who served admirably as our Board Chairperson for the past two years. Ronnie's steady leadership and willingness to help improve our community in every possible way served to significantly enhance the quality of life in the Grove. Her calm nature and diplomacy were instrumental in keeping our Board meetings on track and productive. I am happy to report that Ronnie has agreed to serve as our Vice Chairperson and I will rely heavily on her mentoring and support. The Vail's Grove Cooperative owes Ronnie a huge debt of gratitude.

The Board welcomes your comments, suggestions and input at any time and especially at our monthly Board meetings. In the months to come, I will use this column to keep you informed of our new initiatives as we continue to improve communications and relations with our shareholders, develop new strategies for saving money and improving our infrastructure, as well as have some fun, planning community events that bring us all together.

Happy Fall!
Victoria Desidero



Our Neighbors' News



Congratulations to Annemarie and Jack Keiley on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Kayleigh Rose.



Happy Birthday to Mildred Mullaney who celebrated her 90th birthday on September 17th. May we all look so young walking along Lake Shore Drive. When you're ready to sell the secret to your youthful looks, let us know! Happy Birthday from your friends and neighbors!!!



Wedding bells rang Sept. 18th for David and Karen Bruen's daughter, Lauren, when she wedded Mark Nicholson. Congratulations to the Bruens and best wishes to the Bride and Groom! **Congratulations** to Jay Moore, our maintenance engineer, on his marriage to Victoria Vonderbank on Sept. 12th! **Congratulations** to Ellen Watson on her recent marriage to Jeff Ward. **Best wishes** to the O'Loughlin family on the recent marriage of their daughter, McKenzie. This has been a popular month for weddings, as we congratulate David and Roseanne Braunwart on the marriage of their son, David, to Claudia Parcepi on Sept. 19th.



Get well wishes to Jim Sheridan—hope you're feeling better! Our **best wishes** for a speedy recovery go out to Joe O'Lear, who is in Putnam Hospital. Our **best wishes** go out to Victoria Desidero's mother who was recently released from the hospital.



Our condolences are extended to Janet O'Loughlin on the passing of her father, John Leonard. We also extend our deepest sympathies to Patricia Tompkins on the loss of her mom, Ann E. Gaye, a long time resident of the Grove. Mrs. Gaye was also the grandmother of Grove residents, Kevin and Brandon Tompkins, of 27 Orchard Drive.



Welcome to our new neighbors, Amanda Fields and Jonathan Greenfield residing at 12 Vails Lakeshore Drive.



If you would like to share any "Sunshine News," please call Sue Enos @ 845-669-5492.



From Buildings and Grounds — Jack Waltzer

The boat storage area at the North End has been cleared, thanks to the assistance of Brendan and Kevin Tompkins, and is ready to accept shareholders' and renters' boats and trailers for winter storage; **which may not be stored on Co-Op Common Property other than at the North End site.** Boats and Trailers so stored must have a Vail's Grove numbered sticker, available at the VG Office. "Junker" boats and trailers, *particularly those without VG stickers*, will be handled as determined by the Board. If you have a "junker" at the North End, let the Office know how you intend to deal with it on your own.

By order of the Board, all boats now moored at our public docks must be removed not later than the end of daylight on October 12th, 2009, Columbus Day, so dock removal may begin. Boats not removed will be towed to the beach and /or to the Pavilion and grounded there, if the boat in any way interferes with removal of the public dock. Your cooperation in this effort is requested.

Leaves will be falling shortly, and Buildings and Grounds will remove **ONLY** those leaves packed into biodegradable bags and placed within 10 feet of the nearest roadway. Do your grass, and the Grove, a favor by mulching the leaves into your lawn with your mower, where they fall. It's really a great soil builder, and provides the grass with many necessary nutrients. If you have a gardener, ask him or her to remove the leaves if you don't wish them mulched.

It is a great honor, once again, to be a member of the Executive Team of the Board of Directors of Vail's Grove Co-operative. The office continues to "run like a top" due to the hard work and efforts of Cindy Battreall. Along with the October quarterly bills, Cindy will be sending out a Directory update form to get ready for the new directory. Cindy has sent out solicitations to businesses who have advertised in the past and has expanded the list for new advertisers. In addition, the Town of North Salem stockholders will receive another copy of the Town of North Salem Legalization information page. We are always open to feedback about how we can improve communications to our residents, so please send any suggestions to the office.

Sharon Scott, Secretary

