

# VAIL'S VOICE

Newsletter of the Vail's Grove Community  
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## April 2021

## Greetings from the Chair

Greetings and welcome to the spring. With the advent of the warmer weather, this is just a small reminder that we all need to slow down on our roads. There are more people out and about enjoying our community roads, beaches and parks. Please be aware as you travel through to remember the speed limit is **10 mph**.

I would also like to take this chance to remind you all that when you became a homeowner here in Vail's Grove you bought into a Cooperative. There are many rules and regulations that go along with owning in a Cooperative; and from time to time I encourage you to read through the Rules, and if you have any questions or concerns, they should be directed to the office manager for clarification.

The Board has been working very hard during these past few months while still dealing with COVID protocols. Many of our meetings have been over Zoom, which actually was difficult. I am pleased to tell you that we have gone back to full in-person meetings and invite you to attend if you would like. I can tell you that there are many things in the works to improve the overall appearance and aesthetics all around the Grove. We are especially excited to be enhancing our playground and beach areas and can't wait to show it off.

Finally, I would like to thank our office manager and maintenance man, Cindy and Jay for taking such good care of our Grove and our residents.

Enjoy the Spring everyone.



OFFICE

## Office News

From Cindy

As I stated in last quarters **Vail's Voice**, I am going to publicly thank someone in the Grove as "Person of Kindness". We all know that littering is not a popular hobby, although there is litter all around areas of the Grove. Much of it appears due to the wind, but a lot of it is due to "just happening". I sit in the office and look out the window, and pretty much daily I see the same person get out of her car and walk around the playground and surrounding areas picking up trash cans by the Ramp 1 mailbox to dispose of the trash. What a wonderful thing to do! So, I thank Tina Burrows for doing this for at least all the years I have been working here. I am still in awe when I see her stopping, leaving her car, and cleaning the Grove. Thank you. Tina



**FOR SAFETY REASONS:** Please be sure that your house number is clear and visible from the road. What would a Vail's Voice be without this reminder: Dogs must be on leashes and dog POOP must be picked up and either put in Grove trash cans or brought home to your trash cans. It is the correct thing to do....PLEASE, if you see someone doing this, please remind them of this rule.

Did you know that anyone staying in your home other than an immediate family member for more than 30 days MUST be vetted? You were vetted prior to getting approval to purchase or rent here. For the safety of all, call the office, ask for the form and the fee and return all paperwork to office. We do criminal and DMV checks. Also, you may NOT rent your home for three years after purchase. No person(s) may be living in your home without you being presently living there as well, except for immediate family members. That is considered a rental – if you say they are not paying rent, you will still be responsible for paying the Grove 10% of what the rate would be for the house to be rented; and that cannot happen within the first three years. Thank you for cooperation.

In September 2021, four Board seats will expire. In addition, there are two more seats available: one for one year and one for two years. The Board members whose terms are up will need to go through the process at the time, if they want to remain on the Board; but there will be 6 seats available. When notice comes out in July and if you are interested, please contact the office for directions on what you need to do. The requirements need to be met--no exceptions.



The NY Blood Center is very grateful to Vails Grove for allowing them to use this wonderful Pavilion monthly. **THERE PRESENTLY IS AN EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE.** The following are the dates for the 2021 Blood Drives. Please donate; if you never have, this is a great time to start. It is the gift of life and effortless. Once you start, you will not stop. **April 5, May 3, June 7, July 6, August 2, September 9, October 4, November 1 and December 6.**

If you are planning to do any alterations on your house/property, please call the office to confirm if you need approval. Applications must be in by 21 days prior to a Board meeting, along with three signed and sealed copies of plans from Architect. This is something you agreed to when you purchased at Vails Grove. This is a Cooperative and as such, has rules. If you do something that has not been approved, you will be asked to stop work until proper approvals are given. You are always better off asking prior to doing anything. If you are changing the dimension or footprint of house, when work is completed, you are responsible for getting a new survey done by Terry Bergendorff-Collins, Surveyor.

Congratulations and thank you to Patrick McGuinness who is now our Certified Licensed Water Operator. It is always good to have more than one license; so if you are interested, the Grove will pay for the cost of classes, on-line at this time. Any questions, contact Pat McGuinness.

Happy to announce that we will have a shredding truck coming to the Grove on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until noon. Start getting your papers ready!! No need to remove sealed envelopes, notebooks, staples, paper clips or documents from file folders. NO plastics, CDs, DVDs, X-rays, batteries, electronics (PAPER ONLY). **DO NOT BRING ITEMS FROM ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN GROVE.** The truck will be here for three hours.

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## Donation Opportunity Committee

Many Vails residents have made inquiries regarding the possibility of making a specific monetary donation toward remembering or memorializing someone/something or contributing money towards something specific-like a fund for perhaps a bigger project.

Some examples might be dedicating a newly purchased bench for someone...

Planting a specimen tree in honor of....

The tennis court fund....

Establishing a ..... fund in order to .....

If you have something specific in mind, please feel free to reach out to me with your idea; or if you want to contribute to a bigger project, let me know that too.

Any questions? Feel free to email me at [joanm6634@aol.com](mailto:joanm6634@aol.com).

Best,  
Joan Gabel-Myers



## Sunshine News

From Sue Enos



Good wishes are sent to Maria Goff after her recent surgery and to Millie Martin, who unfortunately, fractured her hip and is currently in rehab. If you would like to send a card to Millie while she is having her rehab, the address is as follows: Waterview Hills, 537 NY-22, Purdys, NY 10578 and her phone # at Waterview is 914-940-2059 (or cards maybe left on the bench at her house (77 Lakeshore).



Congratulations to Fran & Kerry Tolan on the birth of their new baby Mary and to Chris and Teresa Steffen on the birth of their new baby Catherine (the girls are cousins).



On a sad note, we are reporting the passing of Drew (and Michelle) Gunnison's mother who was 101, and to Mike Early on the passing of his mother.



## Vail's Grove Lend A Hand Committee



Vail's Grove hats are still available for purchase in the office for \$12/each. A must have for the sunny days ahead. All profits went to local first responder organizations for their hard work during the COVID crisis. They received food, donations, etc. Thank you Helen Vail and Cathy Morris.



## Buildings and Grounds

From Hugh Andrews

Spring has arrived!! We are certainly ready for it.

A few things to talk about.... First being, a number of complaints of dog waste left throughout the grove. Please be mindful of your pets and please clean up after them. We have a very active community with many new young children out playing, walking and riding their bikes. Please keep this in mind. Speaking of our children in the community, please watch your speed throughout the grove, the speed limit is 10 mph.

Secondly, as you all have been made aware of, we now have a tree committee that will be evaluating trees on common areas throughout the grove. This committee will be identifying dangerous and dead trees and calling in an arborist to analyze. This committee is not for personal shareholder's trees.

We are looking at planting new trees to replace some that we have to take down.

Please note that the ash trees in this area are diseased and are dying off. If you have an ash tree on your property, please be aware of this.

Buildings and grounds is working with the beach committee on making some improvements and conveniences at the beach for all to enjoy.... Stay tuned!

And, speaking of committees... a new committee has been formed to enhance the playground and its equipment. This committee will consist of parents with little ones working with buildings and grounds with their recommendations. Looking forward to this improvement for the grove.

Thank you and see you all out and about enjoy our great community.



## Tree Committee

Chair: Jason LaRocca at [jasonlarocca@gmail.com](mailto:jasonlarocca@gmail.com)

Hi to all! Now that the cold weather seems to be over and the trees are starting to bud, it's a good time to look around and see how our trees have fared over this snowy and windy winter.

The Tree Committee will be performing visual surveys throughout the Grove to try to identify potentially hazardous trees on Common Property.

As a reminder, the Grove's Certified Arborist will be looking at trees on common property. If you see a tree on a neighbor's property that you are concerned about, please reach out to that neighbor directly.

Several stockholders have asked about what happens if a neighbor cannot or is unable to take down/prune a potentially hazardous tree. In that case, the homeowner that is concerned about a neighbor's tree should get an inspection and letter from a certified arborist, and send the letter to the neighbor via certified mail. This is for insurance purposes only (it won't stop a neighbor's tree from damaging your house); but it's the best way to address a concerning tree if the neighbor does not want to take something down themselves.

As noted previously, it would be impossible for the tree committee to identify all trees that could pose a hazard; so if you see anything that you feel needs to be brought to our attention, please email the Tree Committee chair Jason LaRocca at [jasonlarocca@gmail.com](mailto:jasonlarocca@gmail.com).



## Boat Ramp/North End Storage

From Patrick McGuinness



Greetings and welcome to the long, awaited THAW! So great to already see boats and jet skis and docks and kayaks and all the wonderful sights the warm weather brings. The time is fast approaching where the North End and Boat Ramp will become the most popular places in the Grove. We ask, as always, that everyone who needs access during the upcoming couple of months to exercise their patience, cooperation and coordination with regard to use of the keys needed for both areas. Please make sure you plan as best as you can to have keys picked up and returned within the SAME DAY. Please also be considerate when calling those of us who have keys no earlier than 10 a.m. or at a reasonable hour the evening prior, so we can let you know if keys are available or not. Key holders will have sign out sheets so we can track where the keys are. We all want to make sure our North End is as secure as possible and that the boat ramp is only being used by residents of the grove or guests thereof, with prior permission. Proper cleansing of the hulls, pontoons, etc., is a requirement for all guests bringing a vehicle into the lake. PLEASE be sure to LOCK both the North End and the boat ramp after you are finished. We may consider leaving the boat ramp open from morning till around 4 or 5 p.m. on both a Saturday and Sunday (dates TBD) to perhaps make it easier for all, if it becomes necessary. Please make sure that all current stickers for 2021 are placed on all trailers and such stored at the North End. Names and contact info for all of those that have keys are available by request in the office, but I think most of us know each other by now. With regards to the boat ramp gate, plans are being made to replace the old gate. Our thanks to Mr. Errico for assisting in widening the posts to make access and exit easier for wider boats--new gates coming soon. Of course, as always, special thank you in advance to Jay who is always an integral part of helping all those who need his assistance with this seasonal transition from land to sea!!

Please do not allow anyone who does not live at Vails Grove to put their boat in our North End. Boats and Trailers that are in there are paying for storage and outside people CANNOT store their items in there.

New docks are being built and it will be decided where they are going to extend existing docks or be placed at new locations. The application for dock rental is available at all glass enclosures at mailboxes and posted on the website under DOCUMENTS. Please complete application and return **TO THE OFFICE** (you can put in mail slot in the front door, along with a check for the length of your boat, by April 19<sup>th</sup>.) Jay Moore will then decide the best placement for the boats. There is no guarantee that your boat will be at the same place as previous years. When Jay completes the puzzle, you will be informed. Thank so much for your cooperation.

Thank you all and looking forward to seeing you all catch the waves! BE SAFE!!!

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**Recreation Committee** The Recreation Committee hopes that all of our neighbors and families have been staying well throughout this COVID pandemic. We regret that we have not been able to do many things with each other, but hope you all understand that it is in the best interest of all that we continue to maintain Social Distancing and wearing of a mask during large public gatherings. As more and more people are vaccinated and CDC loosens the restrictions, we know that we will once again enjoy all the fun that the Grove has to offer.

With that said, we WILL have the Famous Vail's Grove 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 a.m. at the north end and continuing to the flagpole by the New Veterans Monument. We will be going all out this year as we ALL need a good time. Food and drinks will be served, and we will have some other treats for all to enjoy. (This is of course contingent on the status of the virus; but we will hope for the BEST).



As a reminder, please have your kids decorate their bikes and wagons, and help us make this year a special parade. Just a reminder that dogs must be on leashes even if they are in the parade.

We had snow Valentine's week but the Grove was filled with hearts in windows - and in yards! Goody bags were given out from 1-2pm at the Pavilion on Valentine's day.



Thank you Cathy Morris for this great picture.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.  
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# BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday 5/3/21**  
**12:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Vails Grove Coop**  
**5 Vail Boulevard, Brewster, NY**  
**Pavilion Community Room**

Sign up [nybc.org](https://nybc.org), call 1-800-933-2566 or scan QR below

Medical Questions? Call 1-800-688-0900

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card  
or ID with name and photo.



**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we do NOT test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.*



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