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Greetings from the Chair From Joan Gabel Myers

Dear Friends:

Having been elected Chairperson and after taking some time to think about the challenges and opportunities that I have taken on for this year, I find myself wondering, "What was I thinking? Am I crazy?"

I want to take a moment to thank Julie Salerno for all of her hard work and dedication that she has obviously poured lovingly into our cooperative. The amount of time, effort, heart and soul that she put into this special place is certainly evidence of how much she loves and appreciates our community and shows her commitment to how far she's willing to go to make it a better place for our stockholders. We have made great strides under her leadership and accomplished many things, and I hope I can continue to channel her positive energy and efforts in making this place that we call home the best community that it can be. I can be reached by email at 22Beachcourt@gmail.com, an email dedicated for Vails Grove correspondence and of course my cell phone which is 914-486-6645.

Please bear with me a teeny bit while "I slowly dip my toes into the water" and figure out how to do this job, but believe me I will get to full speed very quickly and I will take all the help I can get. If anyone is interested in joining a committee or has any ideas for a new committee, please reach out. You don't need to be on the Board to serve or chair a committee.

Thank you in advance and I want you to know that I appreciate each and every one of you.

From the Outgoing Chair;

To begin with, I'd like to thank all of my fellow board members for their support and guidance these past four years. To say it has been a wild ride is an understatement. However, it has also been my pleasure and my honor to have served as Chair of this board. The members of the Board as I have said many times truly care about the well being and care of this place we all call home. I am so very proud of the things we have accomplished during my tenure, the dedication of the Frank Cassidy Beach and the Jack Waltzer memorial garden and the upgrades to the pavilion are some things I am most proud of. But none of those things would have been possible if not for the full cooperation and dedication of the Board of Directors and the community at large.

I look forward to continuing on the board and supporting the new Chair, Joan Gabel Myers. I hope you all will support Joan as you have supported me.

With much love and gratitude , thank you all for the honor of being Chair these past 4 years.

Julie

Office News From Cindy



Enjoy the fall and the beautiful lake colors from tree reflections.

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Thank you to all who attended – we had a nice turn-out. At the first short Board meeting after the annual, a new Chairperson was elected. Congratulations to Joan Myers, who is the Chairperson for this new Board year. I so look forward to working with Joan.

Board meetings will now be back to the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Pavilion. The following are the dates: October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, and August 21. The Annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

We welcome Paul DeFelice as a new Board member. The remainder of the Board are: Sarah Broderick, Tom Duffy, Mike Early, David Janecek, Jason LaRocca, Pat McGuinness, Ellen Mytych, Joan Myers, Jill Olimpieri, Mary Rubini, Juliann Salerno and Peter Vincent.

Executive Board: Chairperson, Joan Myers, Vice-Chair, Mary Rubini, Vice President, David Janecek, Secretary, Tom Duffy, Treasurer, Ellen Mytych

The office would like to remind everyone that the best way to get information about the Grove and things happening here is the robo-call. I try to keep the message short but sometimes it takes longer to get the information out there. Please email me at vailsgrovecoop@gmail.com and give me your name and a number to add to the list. Quarterly invoices are included in this mailing. Thank you, as always, to Carol Harting for producing four Vails Voices a year, to Petr Trlica for being a wonderful person to work with and to Linda Van Scoy in assisting with the mailing.

Welcome
New Members

From Membership Committee – Hugh Andrews, Juliann Salerno & Jill Olimpieri

Garrett Leahy and Cara Murphy at 7 Orchard, Maureen and Peter Lutz at 20 Locust and Margaret Vail at 2 Bass Lane



Congratulations to Matt and Sarah Huntington on the arrival of a baby girl, Janet and Cricky Murphy on the arrival of baby Luke, son of Christopher and Lia and baby Jack, son of Liz and Pat Gallagher.

And sadly, condolences to the Kruzykowski family on the passing of a lovely woman, Joan.

Condolences

Pump House From Pat McGuinness

Please be advised that as of the writing of this report, there have been no issues at the pump house. We are exploring replacing the generator hopefully at some point in the future but that is currently not in our budget. However, maintenance was done on the pump house generator in or about July/August of this year and it is in excellent working order. Also, our monthly water report came back with our usual passing grades on all tests performed.

Also, most likely in early November of this year, we will be having the water tanks that supply water to Vails Grove cleaned and inspected. While we are assured, by the company we hired, that there should be little if any interruption of water service during this operation, it is advised to err on the side of caution. We will be notifying the grove by robocall when the time comes as to the exact day(s) this operation will actually take place so that you can prepare accordingly.

Our thanks go out once again to Tyler Post and the rest of the crew at VRI who test our water daily and conduct the new stringent tests that are now being enforced by NYS.

Finally, a reminder that photos of the water main supply pipe going into your home **MUST** be in to the office during the week **STARTING SEPTEMBER 30th 2024 and NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCT 7TH 2024**. Many, many thanks to all of those who have completed this process so far.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU CANNOT MEET THIS DEADLINE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE THROUGH EMAIL - cindy@vailsgrove.com - SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO GET YOUR PHOTO DONE. ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS A MANDATED REQUIREMENT FROM THE DEPT. OF HEALTH THAT HAS GONE OUT TO ALL OF NEW YORK STATE.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TO DOH IS OCTOBER 16TH 2024. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DEADLINE COULD RESULT IN A DAILY **FINE OF \$69,733 PER DAY!**

ADDITIONALLY, IF THERE IS NO PROOF OF WHAT TYPE OF WATER LINE SUPPLIES WATER TO YOUR HOME, THE DOH MAY SEND BACKHOES OUT TO PROPERTIES AND DIG UP LAWNS TO EXPOSE PIPING SO AS TO CONFIRM NO LEAD IS BEING USED ON THE PROPERTY. THIS OPERATION WOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER SO PLEASE, GET THOSE PHOTOS IN!!

Special thanks to all of the members of the board of directors for their help and support in assisting to complete this project.

Boat Ramp/North End Storage From Pat McGuinness

As we get ready for the coming colder days, our boat-jetski removal will once again take place. The usual rules apply:

- Please make sure all fees are paid and up to date with the office
- Please make sure all stickers are placed in a place easy to find on your vessel or trailer.
- Please do not block the property of other stockholders when parking vehicles. If this is unavoidable, please check the sticker on the property you may be blocking and get their contact info so that communication can take place when the time comes for things to be moved.

- Please be sure to sign out your key on the sign out sheets that all key holders have. Please give name, address, phone and time you borrowed key so that we can easily keep track of them.
- Please be sure to return key the same day you borrow it as soon as you are finished with it.
- Please make arrangements to borrow a key at least 24 hours in advance to whomever you wish to borrow the key from.
- It is advised you that take a walk down to the north end a day or two in advance to ensure you are not being blocked and that you are not blocking anyone so that there are no problems when you're ready to move. It is HIGHLY recommended that you Do Not wait until the day of to do this, for obvious reasons.
- Please DO NOT show up on the doorstep of a key holder unexpectedly and expect a key to be there.
- When contacting a key holder, please call between the hours of 9am and 7pm.
- Please be sure and notify the office if a person or company, other than the owner, will need access to the north end.

We are exploring new stickers to be used this coming storage season. Our hope is to be able to get a sticker which will have a scannable QR code on it which will have the name and contact phone number of the person who owns property at the north end that may need to be contacted or the confirm their property should even be stored there.

ONLY residents of VAILS GROVE ARE ALLOWED TO STORE ANYTHING AT THE NORTH END UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE. Failure to comply will result in the removal of such property at the owner expense. Everyone's help in assisting to confirm all property in the north end is that of Vails Grove residents is greatly appreciated. Please notify the office if anything looks suspicious.

Further improvements to the north end are always being discussed. Any ideas and suggestions towards improvements are always welcome for discussion by all of you as well. Feel free to attend a meeting to present your ideas to the board of directors for consideration.

As this operation almost always goes quite flawlessly every fall and spring, I see no reason why the same should not happen same as always. Thanks in advance to all of you for your patience, cooperation and communication amongst each other which makes this a relatively painless process.

Until the thaw...



Tree Committee – Jason LaRocca:

Being Chair of the Tree committee is very rewarding as we can see accomplishments. We inform stockholders when there is a tree on their property that needs to come down; residents inform the committee when they are concerned about a tree, or whose land which tree is on. We use our wonderful surveys that were done in 2010 by Tom Duffy and Ronnie Waltzer and are so helpful and important for us to have. If a tree is not in healthy shape, and it is on grove property, we will take care of it. Safety is number one. If you have any questions or concerns, you can send an e-mail to the office and Cindy will forward to me and Petr.

Buildings and Grounds from Michael Early

The Fall season has quickly arrived at Vails Grove. Weather has begun to cool down at nights. Perfect time to enjoy the autumn events with friends and family.

The construction of a new basketball court at the playground is nearing completion. We are hoping to get some of the finishing touches installed before next season. A special Thank you to all who contributed both fiscal donations and volunteered physical labor to get it to this point.

The lake weed pickups have significantly increased in 2024 with the lake level being so low. Currently we have had to suspend pickups of lake weeds. Please do not put them out on the curb until further notice. Guidelines will be sent out soon in regards to lake weeds and curbside pickups.

Grass clippings, brush, sticks (<1" diameter x <4' ft length) and leaves will continue to be picked up weekly. We are working to develop a curbside pickup schedule for grass clippings, brush, leaves, and lake weeds. Maintenance is coordinating specific days this fall to have a leaf vac truck come through Vails Grove to pick up the leaves. More information on specific dates will be sent out shortly.

The boat docks will be coming back out of the water soon for the season. Anyone willing to lend any assistance can contact me. Michael Early Tel. 845-216-8442 Michaelearly1@yahoo.com

Gentle reminder to slow down and please observe the 10 MPH speed limit while traveling through Vails Grove. The safety of our roads for all to utilize is one of the great facets of the Vails Grove community. Please keep an eye out and use caution for the many children, joggers, pets, bicyclists and soon Trick or Treaters.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe autumn season.

Recreation Report

THANK YOU RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE WONDERFUL SUMMER

Rec/Beach By Peter Vincent

Hope everyone had a great summer! What a great summer it was with our Cocktails at the Beach and Movie nights! Don't forget our 5th annual Cardboard Regatta! Special thanks to Helen Vail for organizing. We also had our Annual 4th of July Parade and Ceremony. It was so nice seeing so many friends and neighbors enjoying the festivities together.

Congratulations to this years Cardboard Regatta winners!

First to Finish: Keaton Paxton-Cumming in In-a-Pickle

Best Team Spirit: Emilia & Joanna Lee in UnbelEEvable

Best Structural Design: Keaton Paxton-Cumming in In-a-Pickle

Coolest Looking: Rosa Thoma in Flink-a-licous

Titanic-Most Spectacular to Sink: Roman Jaramillo & Hank Meyers in Water Strikers

We have more movie nights and our Friendsgiving coming up!

Stay tuned for more details.

Save the date for our Annual Vails Grove Christmas Party, Saturday December 14th!

Special thanks to all of our Life Guards! They did a great job! We look forward to seeing everyone next summer!

