



## **Greetings from the Chair** From Joan Gabel Myers

Summer Has Arrived—A Few Important Reminders

After what felt like endless rain, summer is finally here! It's great to see everyone out enjoying the season—working on their homes, spending time outdoors, and heading to the lake.

With the recent spike in temperatures, lake activity has understandably increased. We'd like to remind everyone to exercise caution and courtesy on the water. Please be mindful of kayaks, paddle boards, and other non-motorized watercraft. In particular, reduce your speed when passing near the beach to avoid creating large wakes that can pose a risk to others.

Our lifeguards are now on duty and diligently watching over our most important assets—our children and grandchildren. That said, parental supervision remains essential. Please ensure you're keeping a close eye on your own children while they're at the beach.

### Important Information Request Enclosed

Included in this mailing is a form requesting updated information about your heating system. As part of our annual compliance review, Vails Grove is verifying that all residents with oil tanks carry the required insurance, as outlined in our rules and regulations.

Years ago, the co-op made a proactive decision to require insurance coverage to protect against potential soil contamination from leaking oil tanks—something that can be extremely costly to remediate. If you have an above-ground or underground oil tank, you must carry insurance that protects the co-op from environmental damage. Insurance options are limited, but ProGuard is a local provider we recommend contacting. If you are unable to obtain coverage—for example, if your policy has lapsed and your tank is underground—you may be required to remove the tank. Please contact the office if this applies to you so we can assist and ensure the Grove remains protected.

**Update Your Contact Information** - The enclosed form also allows you to update your contact details. It is vital that the co-op can reach you in the event of an emergency. Please ensure that your home phone number, cell number, and email address are current and on file with the office.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for all.  
Sincerely,

Joan Gabel Myers

## Office News from Cindy



**HAPPY JULY! ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE IS YOUR JULY INVOICE. REMEMBER, INVOICE PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY JULY 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, September 14 at 11:00 in the Pavilion. This year, there will be five open seats, all for three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Notice of Vacancies will be going out at the end of July. Please remember, in order to be able to run for a position on the Board, you need to be a member in good standing; meaning current in all quarterly charges, improper use fees, and all other charges, including but not limited to Town, County, School, Real Estate taxes, dock space, north end storage, garage, assessment, late fees, etc. by the close of business on July 31, 2025.

During the summer, we have a lot of rentals in the Pavilion. Please do not go into the Pavilion if anyone is setting up for their party and also during any party. When there is a party on the weekend, please respect the NO ICE sign on Fridays.

### **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES – THANK YOU**

If you are using the playground, remember – no pets allowed, off or on leashes. Close umbrellas when you leave as the wind does destroy them. Put the riding toys back in one area, put basketballs back in the container and use the trash cans. The playground is great and looks so nice when it is straightened up after use.

And as always, please drive slow in the Grove. It's summer- people are talking walks, children on bikes, children running. The roads are narrow and your eyes need to be very fixed on the surroundings to avoid anything bad happening.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER** by Mary Rubini

### **SPOTLIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER**

I would like to shout out to another amazing volunteer here in Vail's Grove. When I moved back to Vail's Grove in 2004, with my young family in tow, I joined the Vail's Grove Board of Directors and was tasked with the role of recreation chairperson. Believe it or not, there was a period in the late 90's, early 00's in which the recreation committee had kind of fallen through the cracks and did not look anything like it does today. As new chairperson the first event that fell onto my shoulders was resurrecting the beloved 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. My next door neighbor at the time, Mr. Fred Witte, worked on the committee with me and we came up with great ideas for the parade, including, of course the hot dogs at the end of the parade route. It became pretty clear to Fred and me that perhaps we had bit off a bit more than we could chew (no pun intended) and a creeping level of panic ensued as the day of the parade approached. How could we pull off preparing soooo many hot dogs?? – how does one even know how to keep that many hot dogs warm???, how should we set up the stations for the food and drinks,



etc. Just as we were trying to wrestle with our over zealous plans that had once seemed such a good idea and now just seemed like a daunting task, in stepped long time Vail's Grove resident, Patti Ford. Cool as a cucumber Patti put Fred and my mind's at ease. Set up the grill and grill over a hundred hot dogs on one of the hottest days of the year.....no problem! Manage the throngs of hungry residents filled with patriotic fever.....no problem! Since then the reigns of the recreation committee have changed several hands, but one thing has remained a constant and that is Patti Ford. Like a silent dog whistle, once Patti hears word that there is a parade, or an event, such as the recent ever so successful return of Nathan's Blacktop, Patti is there, grill tongs in hand ready roll up her sleeves and get the job done; all the while remaining cool as a cucumber, and always with her infectious smile. While never holding an official role in the recreation committee, Patti has always played an integral role in countless Vail's Grove parades and events. Her generosity, enthusiasm and tremendous sense of neighborliness serve as inspiration for others. Volunteerism can be contagious, and it is people like Patti Ford that spread it. Thank you Patti for always being there for our community!

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## **Pump House** From Pat McGuinness

While our backup generator has been working the way it should, bids have gone out and are being reviewed by the board regarding the purchase and replacement of our current generator. It should be noted that every contractor that came to inspect our generator was surprised that we were looking to replace it. Each one of them basically had the same question as to why we were replacing the current generator as it seems to be in good working order. We expressed our overall concern as to the age of the generator and erring on the side of caution. All will be notified when this project will take place. In the meantime, know that every Wednesday, the generator performs a self-test to confirm it is in working order in the event of an outage. This test has been successfully taking place every week with no problems in sight. We'll keep you posted!

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

Big thanks to everyone for helping to make the transition from land to sea relatively painless. Except for a few minor cases of one vehicle blocking another, those incidents were rectified pretty quickly. As most of you probably noticed, any information regarding names and phone numbers written on shrink wraps were pretty much washed away making it very difficult to contact those whose trailers needed to be moved. We'll still be looking at ways to avoid this in the upcoming months before boats and trailers need to be returned to the North End. In the meantime, everyone's cooperation and communication were a great help in making this season's launch, for the most part, incident free. Enjoy the summer!

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## **Lend-A-Hand Committee** by Helen Vail



The Lend a Hand Committee is here for you. Our volunteers have a variety of talents and are willing to help our neighbors in any way possible by providing meals, rides, home visits and now even mobile notary services!  
If you have a need, we are here to help or if you wish to join our team of volunteers call: 845-661-4082.



Get well wishes to Marie Iarossi, Bernard Ross, Don Burrows, Pat McGuinness, John Hillner and David Bruen

## Condolences

to Carol Harting and family on the passing of Ray Harting. Ray was a Board member for many years and Board Chairman from 2001-2002 and 2003-2004. Condolences also to Brandon and Kevin Tompkins on the passing of their mother, Patricia Tompkins, and to the family of Gene Battenfeld, long time past resident, who passed away on Feb. 13, 2023 while residing in Florida.



Welcome to new baby Lucy Margaret, and congratulations to parents Thomas and Christina Vail and grandmother Peggy Vail. Welcome baby girl Dylan and congratulations to Matt and Lisa Foley. Congratulations to Maree and John Bock Hartley on the arrival of grandson William.

Please let the office know about any births, injury, illnesses or deaths.

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## Recreation Report

**Recreation Committee- Julie Salerno, Sarah Broderick, Peter Vincent, Meghan Cassidy and Nicole Early**

Join us for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade starting at 11:00 am at the North End. A ceremony and hot dogs to follow at the pavilion. We can't wait to see all your patriotic spirit and festive flair!

Keep the celebration going with Movie Night on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Frank Cassidy Memorial Beach for a movie night! Concession opens at 7:00 pm. Movie begins at around 8:00 pm. Bring a blanket or chair, sit back and enjoy a movie under the stars. BYOB.

Mark your calendar for our future Recreation events. *(All events are subject to change or cancellation)*

Friday, July 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Saturday, July 5 – Movie night at the beach

Sunday, August 3 – Cardboard Boat Regatta and Beach Picnic

**Saturday, August 30 – Beach Party- Live music by Bionic Leisure Suit!**

Saturday, September 13- Bingo

Saturday, October 25 – Halloween Dance Party

Saturday, December 13 – Christmas Party