

# NEWSLETTER

## Of the Great Hawk Owners' Association, Inc.

October 2007

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### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors elected officers following the Annual Meeting.

Mark Kassop: President

Vice President: Norm Christiansen, term ends 2009

Treasurer: Erik Nordin, term ends 2009

Secretary: Marcia Holroyd, term ends 2008

Paul Gillis: term ends 2008

Michael Schlenker, term ends 2009

Val Zemelman, term ends 2008

### **Committee Chairs**

Sewer: Paul Gillis

Committee: Frank Campbell

Norm Christiansen

Treasurer: Erik Nordin

Water: Val Zemelman

Architectural Review Board: Mark Kassop

Committee: Deanna Campbell

Barbara Shenton

Tennis: Deanna Campbell

Committee: Scott Lee

Common Land: Norm Christiansen

Committee: Michael Schlenker

Trails: Mark Kassop

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Our website has the By-laws and Covenants, Resident Guidelines, Tennis Club regulations, and the data base form and ARB form you may download and print out.

### **Office News**

Owners should notify the office of any changes in their address. We especially want to update e-mail addresses, as we plan to use email to stay in better contact with members in the future. General information, the Annual Meeting minutes, and the Newsletter will be sent via e-mail. Members

without email will receive correspondence via the US Postal Service. The official address of your home is the 911 number plus road. The lot number on your deed is used for your home sign only. The association makes new signs for each new owner. If long time residents have signs which are no longer readable, replacements are at the owner's expense. Dennis Demers has been making our signs. New owners should contact Michael Schlenker for the wording on their sign which should be consistent with the ARB guidelines.

The office also has a list of all the property managers and 911 house numbers. Contact the office if you want this information.

### **Telephone Directory**

2007 White River Valley telephone book is available for \$5.00. It is sold at the Park House, the Randolph Bank and in town stores. Included are all the classified advertisers available to owners, from Acupuncture to Yoga. You will find property managers, construction companies, doctors, religious services, car repair, landscape and tree services and many others.

### **Message from President Mark Kassop**

I want to thank the Board and the membership for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving the community, as President of the Board, and thank my predecessor, Erik Nordin, for setting a standard for hard work, competence and wisdom that will be a challenge to meet!

For many years, Great Hawk has been marketed to potential buyers and renters as "Vermont's Mountain Hideaway." It is a place to which we and others escape full or part-time to enjoy the beauty and serenity in our secluded mountain homes. Great Hawk is a shared community, a place to make friends, spend time at the pond, encounter neighbors as we walk along the roads or hiking trails, and enjoy being together over wine and cheese or dinners. As

members of the community, it is up to all of us to ensure that the opposing virtues of our stay at Great Hawk are protected for current and future residents. Please help us to protect the clean and beautiful wooded environment by adhering to our covenants and by-laws and become active members by volunteering to assist your neighbors as a member of the Board or on one of our many committees, and as a participant in many of the activities that exist in our larger community: Rochester, Vermont. In town you will find thought-provoking lectures, wonderful Sunday afternoon and evening concerts, Park House Brown Bag concerts, library events, The White River Valley Players, Harvest Fair, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, stores, restaurants and four-season outdoor activities. There is a wireless cyber-café in town as well.

As Board members, we are here to protect and enhance our collective Vermont experience. If at any time, you need our assistance, have comments or suggestions, contact me at [DrMSK47@yahoo.com](mailto:DrMSK47@yahoo.com). In the meantime, ENJOY!

#### **A Renter's Comment**

Dr. Iren Finel-Honigman, Adjunct Professor of International Affairs at Columbia University has been renting here since 1981. You may have seen her during her many walks about the colony. She keeps returning every August, because Great Hawk is a place of renewal, peace and healing: a good place to write, think and enjoy the beauty of it all. Last year she and her daughter Anna gave informative talks for the Library Lecture Series.

#### **Water: Val Zemelman**

Address for the water testing: Vermont Department of Health Laboratory, 195 Colchester Ave. P.O. Box 1125, Burlington, VT, 05402. (800-660-9997) Fee for Coliform/Ecoli is \$14.00.

#### **Sewer: Frank Campbell**

Reminder: Septic tanks pumped ~~2003~~ in the Great Hawk Sector, Top of the Mountain and private systems throughout the Colony are due for pumping and inspection in **2008**. Septic tanks pumped in **2005** in the Martin/Tarbett Sector are due for pumping and inspection in **2008**. Vermont state requires adherence to these rules, whether the

home is used full-time or part-time, and looks to the GHOA sewer system to see the pumping and inspection are carried out. Names of septic tank pumping companies are available from the office.

#### **Welcome New Owners**

David and Pauline Preston, Wiltshire, UK, #90  
Douglas Gould and Kim Wychuyse, MA, #24A  
William Newell, MA, #91  
Thomas and Maria Kehn, MA, #T15  
Mark and Kelly Conway, NH, #56  
Judy Schaaf, Rochester, MA, #8

### **REMINDER**

**ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Charitable Contributions**

This year's budget calls for contributions in the amount of \$1,000. Recipients of these contributions include the Park House, Rochester Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Valley Rescue Squad. Individuals are also urged to donate to these and other worthwhile Rochester organizations. The policy of GHOA is not to allow organizations to solicit members through our office or obtain address lists of the owners.

#### **Condolences**

It is with sadness we report the death of Dixie Neill, the wife of long time resident and former board member Bill Neill; and Hanni Ellis, the wife of long time resident Jack Ellis, former President and member of the board. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all the family members.

### **NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 23, 2008**

**10 a.m.**

**There will be a gathering after the meeting. The place will be announced in the July mailing.**

**Note: The time of meeting has been changed. It is hoped all will be able to be present. Greet your board members and meet your neighbors.**