

# Grapevine Newsletter

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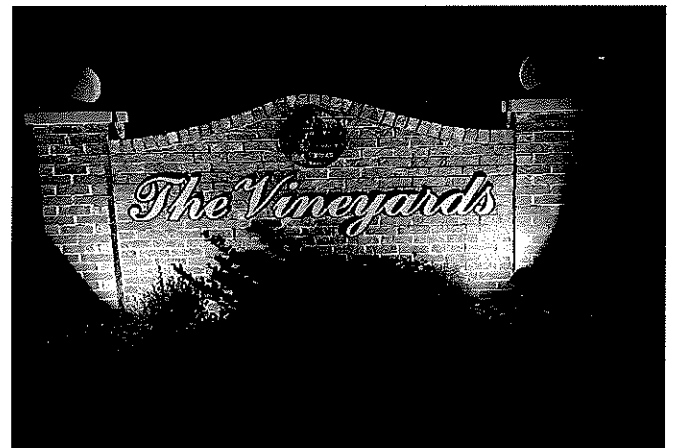
It's always easy to write each quarter about our beautiful and active neighborhood. The Vineyards is a highly sought-after place to live. All you must do is look at all the activities our HOA team puts together for us. This will become clear after reading through your Grapevine Newsletter that you have in your hand.

Speaking of activities, don't miss out on the Chili Cook-Off and Cornhole contest coming up. See inside for details. Also, you will find a very interesting article about the beginnings of the Vineyards. Check it out. How about learning about our swim team, The Volcanos. It's in here too.

Let's all have a safe fall and winter, and I will be back with you in December. Keep your eyes on the signs as you leave the neighborhood. I try to keep everyone up to date on what's going on. Sometimes you may find a little humor too. :)



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Neighborhood Sign Guy  
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A beautiful home on Seven Hills

## WEBSITE ADDRESS

<http://vineyardsclubhouse.com/grapevinenewsletter.html>

## VINEYARDS EMAIL ADDRESS

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

St. Charles County Police Department (Non-Emergency)	636-949-3000
Animal Control	636-949-7387
Cuivre River Electric	636-928-5445
Streetlights	800-392-3709 x4391
St. Charles Hwy Dept	636-949-7500
Code Enforcement	636-949-7346

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Meeting Minutes  
JULY 13, 2021

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm

Trustees in Attendance: Sue Blasé, Keith Ernst, Dee Barnett, Greg Greenwell, Michael Eilers

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Irina Hale

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann, Julie Weissflog

Homeowners in Attendance: James Elms, Joan Howard, Sarah Ruder, Bill and Jill Aul

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**Homeowner Concerns or Reports:**

- A home with external clutter will be sent a letter addressing indentures' rules.
- The RV being stored in the driveway has also been sent notice of indentures.
- Reminder to be respectful of neighbors' lawns when parking for the pool/meets.
- Drainage options for flooding around the tennis courts and surrounding homes are being explored.

**Clubhouse:**

- A reminder that we are collecting food for the Caring and Sharing Pantry in the clubhouse entryway year-round.
- We received a quote on the roof and are still waiting on quotes for the tuckpointing and fireplace.
  - Damage done to the AC is covered in this quote as well.

**Social Update:**

- The 4th of July was a huge success.
  - Thank you to Jodi Jaeger for the beer tent.
  - Thank you to Lisa Veit for the snow cones.
  - Cottleville Fire Dept led the parade.
- Lenny Frisch will be playing on the pool deck on 7/31 from 1-4 pm.
- Additional pool music will be in August (finalizations are still to be made).

**Pool News:**

- 3-day backwash for the kiddie pool.
- An adult swim lane is available in the pool.
- A Dive-In movie is to be determined.

**Swim Team:**

- The last meet is an inter-squad meet.
- The team lost 2 and won 1.

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**Grounds:**

- New flower barrels are being considered for next year.
- The cul de sacs are finished.
- We are still looking for someone to fix the clubhouse sign.
- We are looking for takers for the tree on Rhine's common ground.
- There is a water pressure and dripping issue with the hose.

**Finance:**

- We received \$14,000 from our insurance for the roof.
- We are over in fitness because of updates.

**Meeting End Time: 8:17pm**

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Meeting Minutes  
AUGUST 10, 2021

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

**Trustees in Attendance:** Sue Blasé

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Bob Isermann, Julie Weissflog

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**Homeowner Concerns or Reports:**

- Homeowners on Sirah are addressing the complaint about their yard. It is a currently ongoing project.

**Social Update:**

- Music on the pool deck Sunday, 8/15.
- Garage Sale: Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact the clubhouse or Jodi to sign up:  
jjaeger@bhhsselectstl.com

**Pool News:**

- Need to decide on adult swim access from the time kids go back to school to pool close. I suggest keyless, but we need strong wording about where kids can and cannot be. We need to send via email, Facebook, nextdoor, etc., once we determine it.

**Swim Team:**

- End of season banquet was on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Grounds:**

- Still haven't met up with the county guy regarding the drainage issue around the court. Possibly James could reach out to the county to speed things up.

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- The evergreens at the entrance are being replaced with something new.
- A hole has been washed out by a street drain near the end of Gallo. Ernie will be addressing it.
- There is potentially a recruit to help with the Vineyards sign.
- The sprinkler pump is still awaiting a bid.
- There is another round of cul de sac and entrance weed spraying going on.
- An appointment in the second week of September has been secured to seal the parking lot.

**Finance:**

- The cash deposit has been sent to C&V via check.
- A set of 50 new key cards have been ordered. An invoice for them will be coming in soon.

**Meeting End Time: 8:20pm**

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Meeting Minutes  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

**Trustees in Attendance:** Keith Ernst, Michael Eilers, Sue Blasé

**Board of Representatives in Attendance:** Irina Hale

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Bob Isermann, Julie Weisflog

**Homeowners in Attendance:** Jackie Burke, Jodi and Shawn Jaeger, James Elms

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**Homeowner Concerns or Reports:**

- Reminder from James about the flooding issues around the tennis courts and surrounding properties. Greg is following up.
- Jackie would like to establish a K-cup coffee stash at the clubhouse for public use on a donation basis.

**Clubhouse:**

- There is a missing pop-pin knob on the fitness machine. A replacement is in the works.
- The roof and gutters are being redone at the end of this month.
- Taking down lights on the roof may have messed with the tennis courts and clubhouse lights temporarily.

**Social Update:**

- The Fall Garage Sale is 9/18.
- Chili and Cornhole event is 10/3, with donations for the Caring and Sharing pantry being encouraged.
- The Holiday Decorating Event is 12/3

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**Pool News:**

- Great season this summer with excellent lifeguards.
- The liquid chlorine did well at preventing a green pool.
- Quotes for replacing the bathroom privacy fence are coming in.
- Storage is coming for the furniture this month.

**Grounds:**

- The Beautification Committee is looking into replacing some of the broken planter barrels in front of the clubhouse.
- Working with Rhine resident on common ground tree removal
- Flowers at the entrances were replaced.
- Changing out the sprinkler heads at the entrances to allow for better watering coverage of the flowers
- Sprinkler pump bid coming in for the clubhouse due to poor water pressure
- The parking lot will be sealed on Monday, 9/20, weather permitting, with striping the following day. The lot will be closed and reopen on Wednesday, 9/22.

**Finance:**

- There are unexpected expenses in the fitness center and clubhouse repair (roof), but an insurance check was deposited to offset some of it.
- There was a big push for key cards because of Adult Swim.
- Our reserve is a bit shorter since we chose to dip into that instead of doing a special assessment for the coping stones.
- We should end the year with close to the same amount in reserve as last year.

**Meeting End Time: 8:00**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**VINEYARDS CLUBHOUSE**  
**OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday	5:00 pm– 8:30 pm
Thursday	11:30 am - 5:30pm
Friday	12:30 pm – 5:30pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 3:00pm

Any changes will be noted on the calendar provided on our website:  
[Vineyardsclubhouse.com](http://Vineyardsclubhouse.com)

**GYM HOURS**

**6 AM - 11 PM DAILY**  
**(WITH RESIDENT KEY CARD)**

- 1. RESERVE A TIME ON CALENDLY**
  - a. The link is available on the neighborhood website:**
    - i. [www.vineyardsclubhouse.com](http://www.vineyardsclubhouse.com)**
  - b. Under the Pool-Fitness Tennis Info Tab.**
- 2. SIGN-IN ON THE BOOKLET TO YOUR RIGHT WHEN YOU ENTER.**
- 3. WIPE DOWN BEFORE AND AFTER USE WITH DISINFECTANT. BRING YOUR OWN IF YOU WISH**

**GENERAL INFORMATION Cont.**

**WANT TO HAVE A PARTY?  
HERE IS ALL YOU NEED TO DO**

As early as three months in advance, you may book your party.

1. You pick a date
2. You sign a contract
3. You write three checks due at the signing of the contract.
  - 1st one is for rental. (\$75) (not refundable within 30 days of date)
  - 2nd one is for the cleaning deposit that's (\$100), (Totally refundable)
  - 3rd one is for the alarm deposit that's (\$100), (totally refundable)

**(ALL CHECKS MADE OUT TO VHOA)**

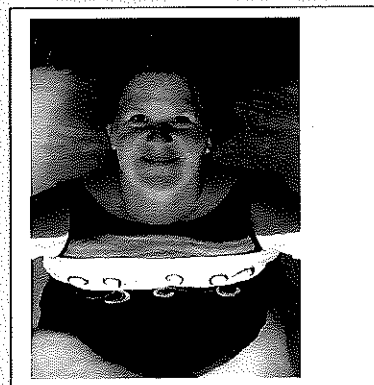
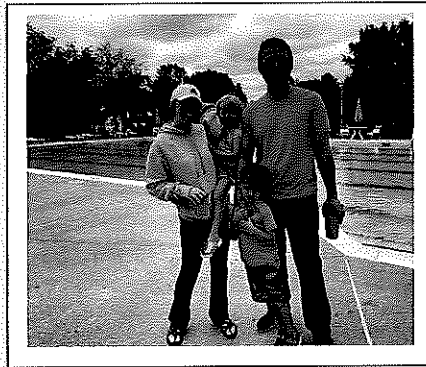
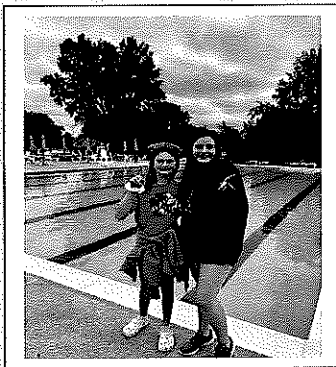
**OPENING & CLOSING OF THE POOL**  
**FOR 2021**

The pool at the Vineyards is the main attraction for so many residents. So much of our entertainment happens at the poolside. On many Monday nights throughout the season, we have the Vineyards Volcano swimming meets taking place. More to come later in the newsletter.

Of course, there is always an opening and closing day each year. This year it is no exception. So, here are our Vineyards residents that were first at the pool, a very chilly day (60's), and the ones that closed the pool for 2021.

By the way, I will be back when the pool opens back up for 2022. Will I see you there?

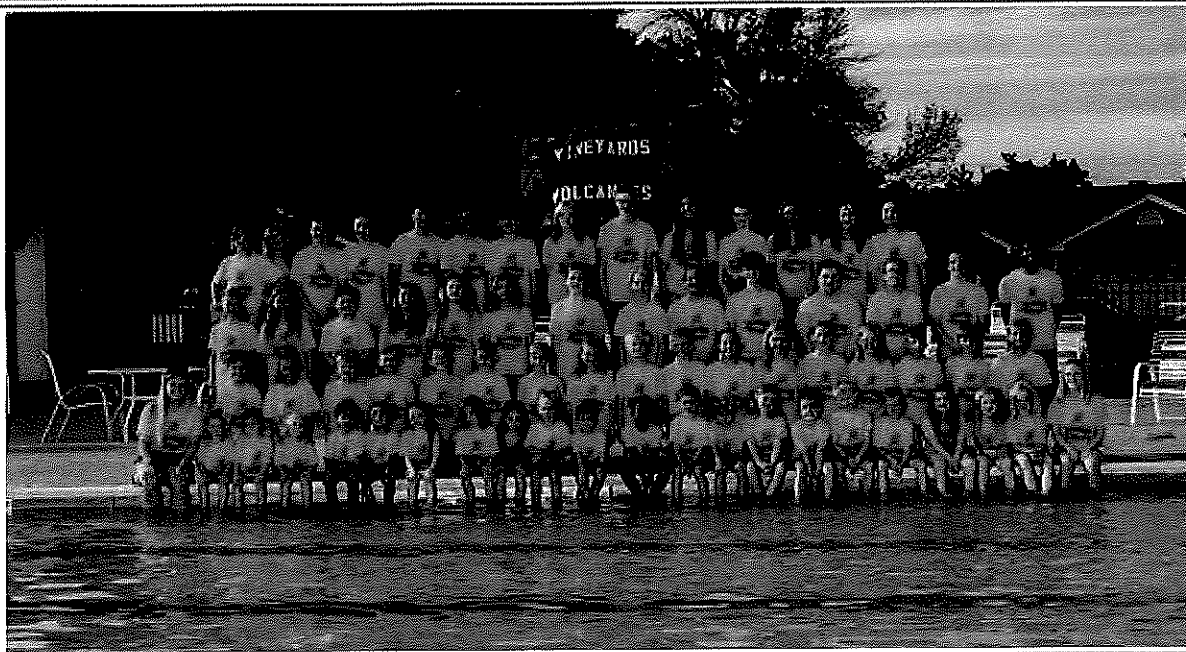
**OPENING DAY**



Our **OUTSTANDING**  
Lifeguards!



# Vineyards Volcanoes Swim Team



The Volcanoes had a wonderful 2021 swim season! We had 80 swimmers on the team, all between the ages of 4 and 18. Practices and meets looked a bit different with some adjustments to reduce crowding, but the kids and families really enjoyed being back to meets and cheering swimmers.

We were able to have four dual meets (2-2), as well as a great intrasquad meet where we incorporated some fun events into our usual races. We finished the year with a pool party and a dive-in movie, and it was wonderful to watch all the friendships made.



Tarun Nedungadi  
Head Coach

Registration for the 2022 season will take place in April of 2022. Please check the swim team website for registration details and updates as we get closer.

As always, thank you to all the parents who put their time into making swim team such a success. Also, a big shout out to our HOA for their support of the neighborhood team.

Michael Eilers & Leslie Eilers  
Board of Directors & League Representative  
[vineyardsswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:vineyardsswimteam@gmail.com)  
<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recvv>

Ass't Coaches



Kiki Frye



Mariah Schaffer



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## HISTORY OF THE VINEYARDS

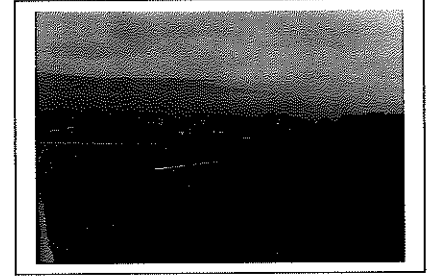
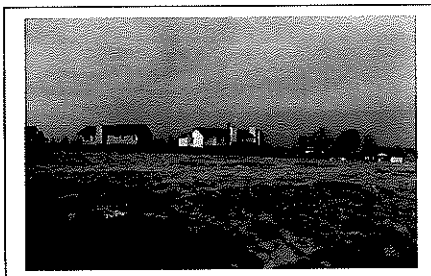
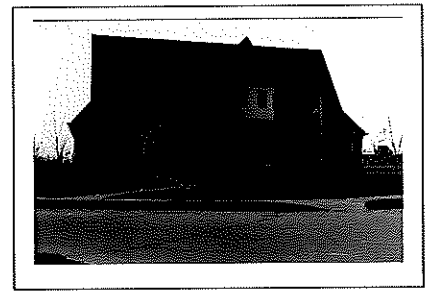
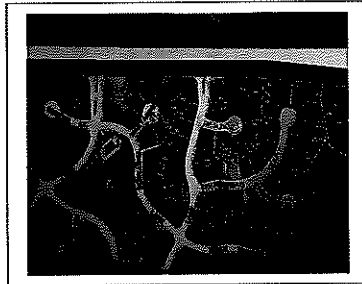
### THANKS TO LORI MARIS FOR SHARING THE BEGINNING OF THE VINEYARDS

Around 1985-1986, is when The Vineyards started - there were 4 builders - J.L. Mason Homes, Mayer Homes, Jones, and McBride. I believe McBride is the only one that remains - if they even do. Initially, it was marketed for a retirement community for those who wanted to downsize but still have amenities like a pool and tennis courts. What was funny - while some people out here were in that group - more were young start-up families with kids - I think it surprised them.

The Vineyards was the first development like this in the St. Louis area - and it was popular.

With the savings and loan bust in the early 1990's - that slowed down things quite a bit which eventually led to the end of some of the builders - for sure - J.L. Mason. The Vineyards wasn't completely sold out, so some of the remaining lots built slightly smaller homes, and the split levels came in some with that wave until they finally finished the subdivision.

We ran across The Vineyards because it was in the Sunday paper - they had a specific insert about home building in the area - each week, it would feature ads and info about a particular subdivision. So when we were looking - and out in the area - we checked it out. The HBA - had annual awards - where they would select models that they thought were a good value for the price range - some of the homes in here were selected. Our model was the Mondavi - it won 3 years in a row. If you bought in during the HBA timeframe - you got more options for your \$ as they had special pricing deals going on, which is what we did. (Wish I'd kept one that had this subdivision in it - I can't remember the name of the insert either - but it was a regular insert in the Sunday Post for a long time).



Back in May 1998, a tornado started over around the clubhouse - I think on French Oak - didn't touchdown - but there was some shingle, window, and tree damage to homes over there. The clubhouse had a few shingles missing.

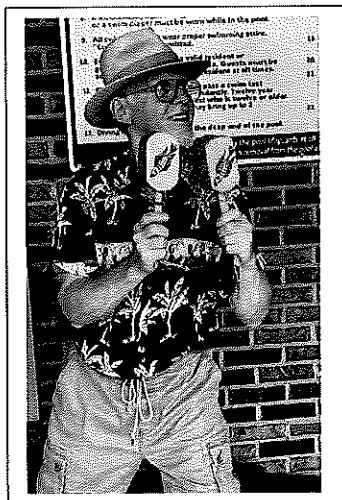
The pool up there was enlarged - a couple of lanes were added - I can't remember what year that was. It would have been the early '90s.

Lori Maris

## ENTERTAINMENT AND JUST HAVING FUN

One thing about living in our neighborhood, we sure have the entertainment. If it's not playing or competing in the pool, it's live music on the pool deck, cornhole tournaments, chili cookoffs, taking a neighborhood trip to the wineries, etc. We have it all here. To prove it, look below:

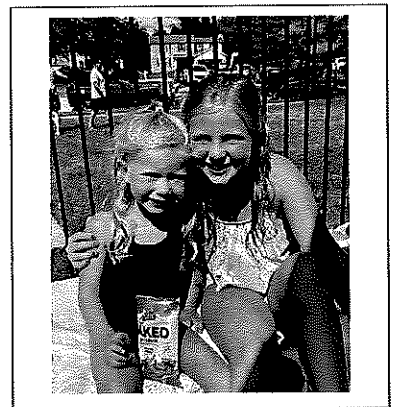
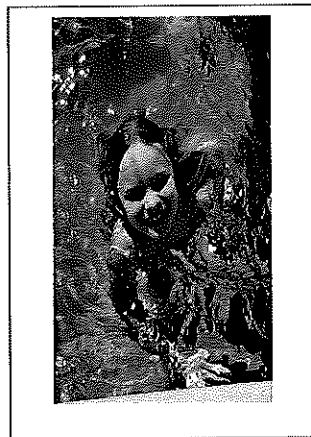
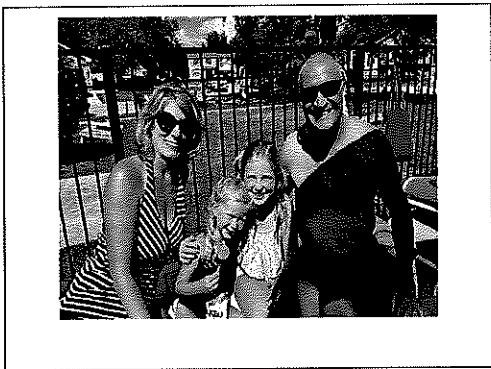
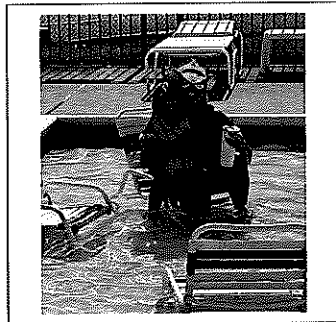
### LENNY FRISCH-TROPICAL MUSIC



CORNHOLE HAS BECOME POPULAR IN THE VINEYARDS

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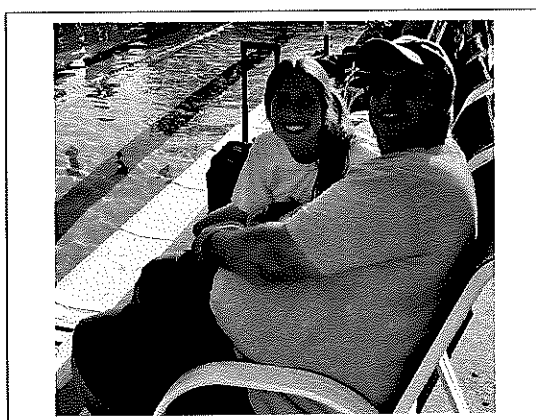
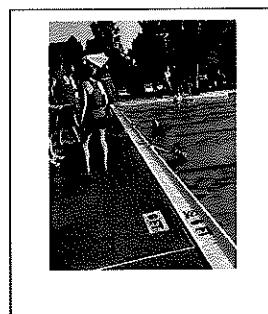
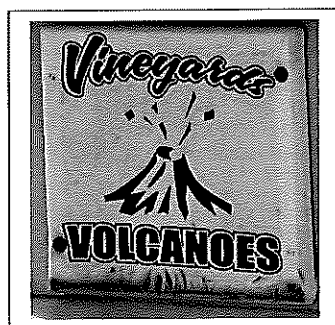
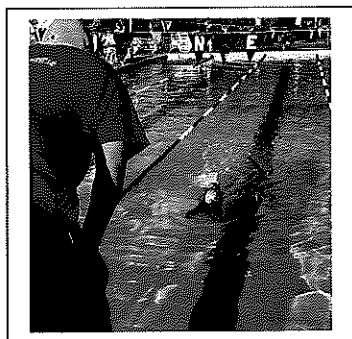
# SMOKEY & THE BANDDIT



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### THE VOLCANOES

I drove by the pool, saw some activity going on, and decided to stop and see what was happening. I thought it might be a race going on, but it was practice. So here are a few pictures I took while I was there.

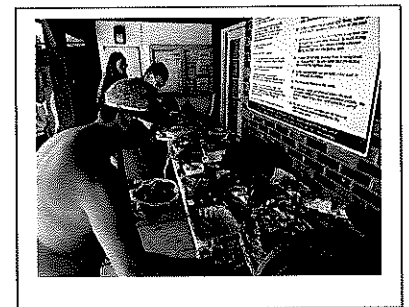
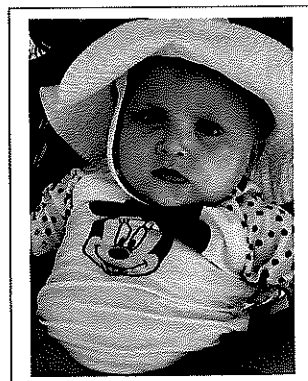
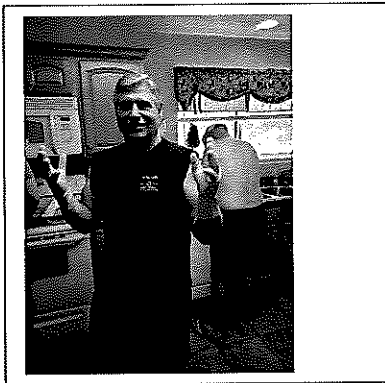
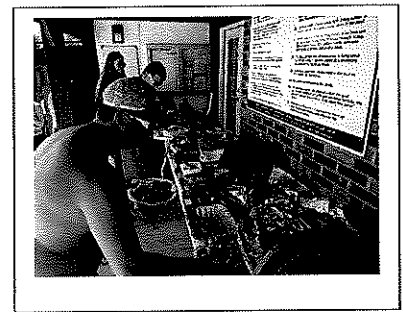


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## PIG / HOG ROAST

Poolside at the Vineyards was another exciting day. You never know what's going to happen next. That's what makes it exciting living in the Vineyards. This is also why we are a sought-after place to live. Today it was a Pig/ Hog Roast.

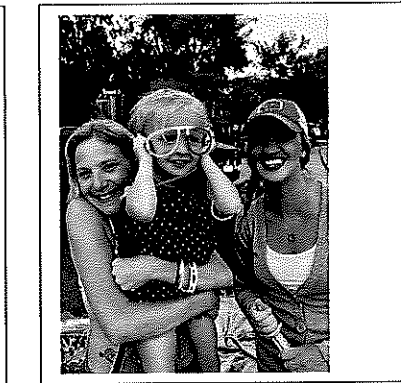
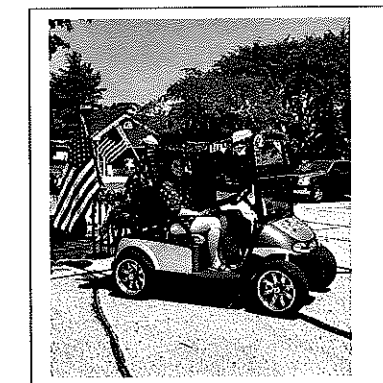
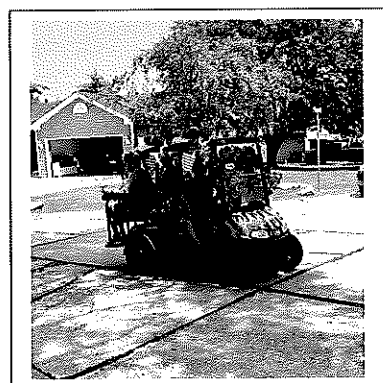
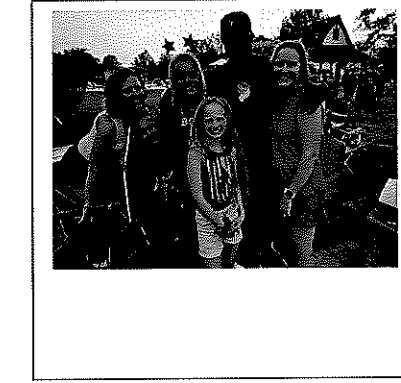
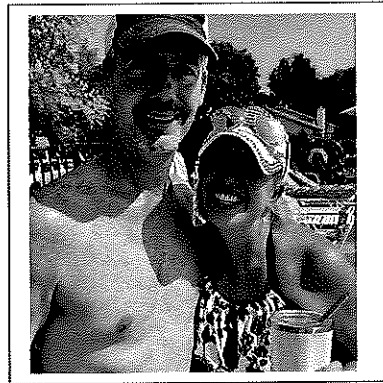
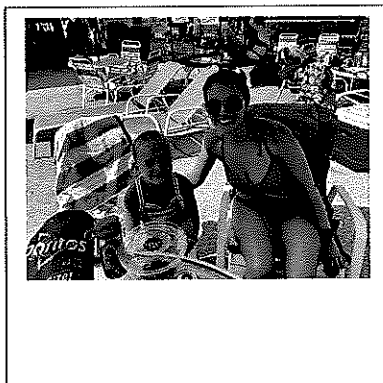
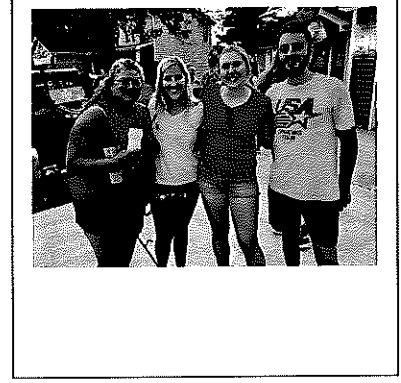
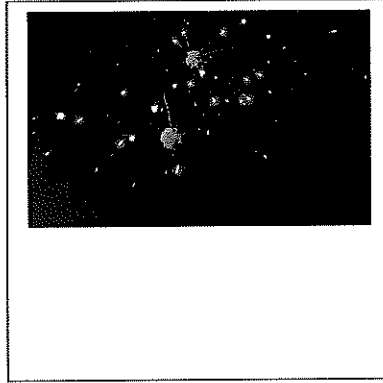
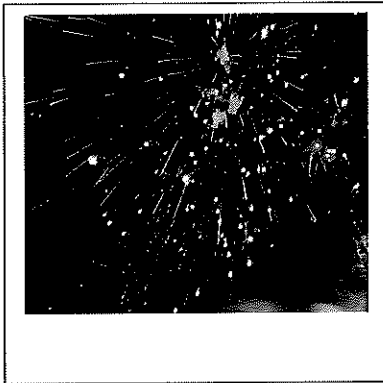
Many people turned out and had a great time, as you can tell by the photos below.



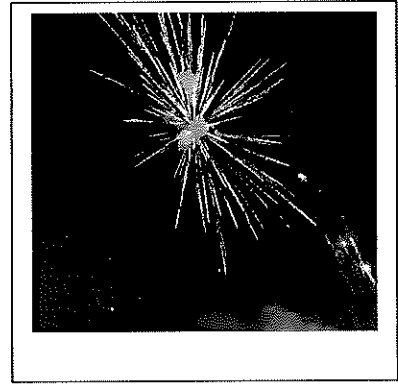
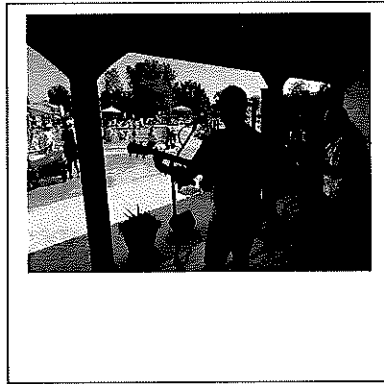
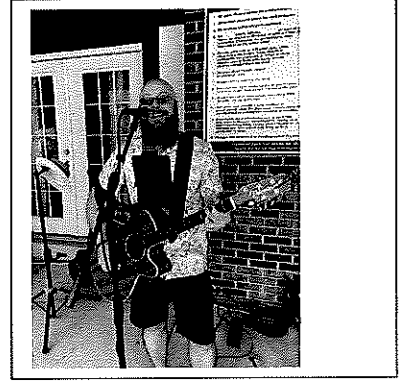
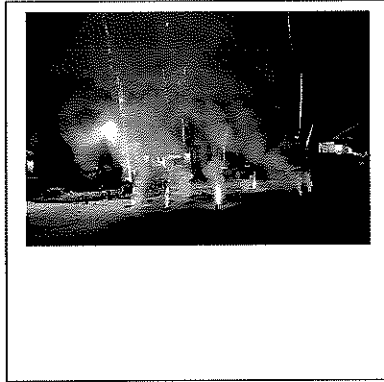
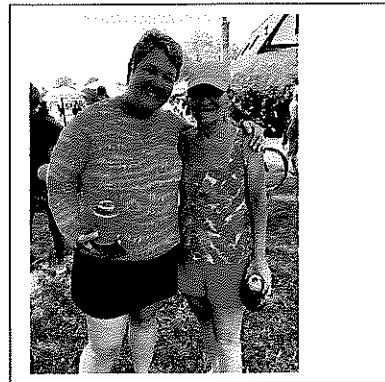
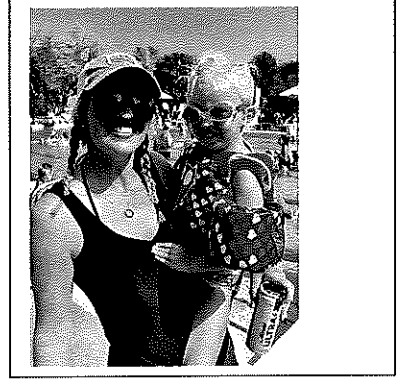
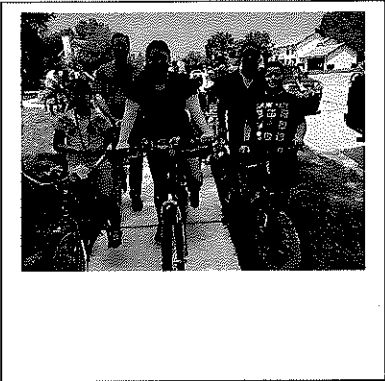
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**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY**

What a 4th of July we had at the Vineyards! I have so many pictures that I don't have enough room to show them all in the newsletter. So, I randomly pulled some out.



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GARAGE SALE



I asked Jodi how the garage sale went, and she told me that we had 15 homes that participated. Jodi handed out almost all the maps she had printed and was able to get through all the doughnuts and both canteens of coffee. One other thing, the weather was beautiful.

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**COMING**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL VINEYWARDS**  
**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT & CHILI COOK-OFF**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

If you would like to sign up for either the bags event or the chili event please do so by the end of September so that we know how many people to plan and setup for. You can direct all questions to Keith Ernst at [kje22kje@yahoo.com](mailto:kje22kje@yahoo.com).

The Bags/Cornhole Tournament starting on the clubhouse grounds at 11am (be there between 10:30 and 11 please)

- ONLY open to residents of the Vineyards. Anyone who was in the tournament last year is grandfathered in but in order to make things fair we are limiting the event to ONLY Vineyards residents and prior participants.
  - Entry is \$10 per team. 100% of the entry fee would be paid out in an 80/20 split to the 1st and 2nd place teams.
  - Matchups will be randomly drawn, and we will play by standard rules.
  - If you want to play and do not have a teammate let Keith know and we can possibly match you up with others looking to play.
  - We may also need additional board sets to accommodate enough games at one time. If you have an official 4' x 2' cornhole board set, you would be willing to let us use let Keith know.
  - There will also be a separate bag set available for kids to play if they choose (no contest or entry fee). The Chili Event tasting starts at noon (please be there prior to set your chili up)
  - Bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided.
  - No entry fee, just bring enough to share so others can sample.
  - There will be a vote for the most popular present and there will be a non cash prize to the winner.
- In addition to these events, we are going to use this opportunity to do something good for the community. We are going to be collecting canned goods for the Caring & Sharing Pantry in Wentzville, MO. You are not required to donate but if you'd like to donate it would be appreciated.
- If you are interested in one or both of these events, please email Keith Ernst ([kje22kje@yahoo.com](mailto:kje22kje@yahoo.com)) with:
- Which event(s) you are interested in
  - Whether you have a teammate for Bags or if you would like to be matched up with someone else
  - If you have a standard bag set you would be willing to bring that day to be used for this event.
- If you have any questions direct them to Keith Ernst ([kje22kje@yahoo.com](mailto:kje22kje@yahoo.com)). We look forward to seeing you.

**LET'S BE SAFE OUT THERE**

- **SPEED LIMIT 25**

- **STOP AT STOP SIGNS**

- **BE CAREFUL AND SAFE WHEN DRIVING NOT ONLY CARS, BUT SMALL SCOOTER AND GOLF CARTS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

- **WATCH FOR SMALL CHILDREN IN ROAD**

**NOTE**

I hope you enjoyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the Grapevine Newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall. I will be back right before Christmas.

Happy Halloween

Happy Thanksgiving

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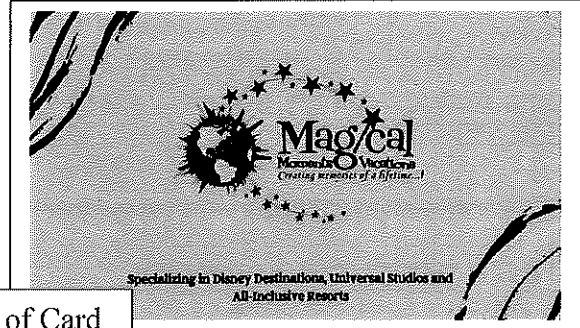
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