



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-JANUARY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hard to believe we are at the beginning of another year. We want to say Happy New Year to our Village Grande community! We thank everyone who was involved, great and small, with organizing and putting together the various holiday season events. The annual Christmas and Hanukkah parties were held with lots of fun and joy. At the Christmas party we enjoyed a fabulous array and assortment of food and desserts, and of course music and dancing to help burn off those extra calories. At our Hanukkah celebration dinner we partook in latkes, chicken, jelly doughnuts... What a great celebration it was. As usual the Clubhouse was beautifully decorated inside and out!! Again, another thank you to everyone involved in taking on such a huge project as setting up the decorations and then taking it all down after New Years as well.

There's not a tremendous amount to report as we take a breather from all the activities, events, improvements, and fun from last year.

- Everyone should have had their new electric meters installed by the utility company by now. Those who have not will most likely be contacted by the utility company to have it done sometime over the next few months.
- We wish our "snow birds" well as they prepare to leave the area for warmer temperatures for the winter. As a reminder, the Holmdel Police Department has a "Residential House Check" program, whereas a patrolman will check over the exterior of your home during their patrol routine for the period you are away. Anyone wishing to partake in this program will need to fill out a simple application, either online on the Holmdel Police WEB site, or you can download the form from the Village Grande WEB site and then drop off the form at the Holmdel Police Department at 4 Crawfords Corner Road. The form can be found on the Village Grande WEB site under "Assorted Docs and Forms" and some may also be found at the Clubhouse credenza.
- As a reminder, the "Helping Hands" committee is *not intended for any sort of major or complex repairs*, **but** for simple quick assistance such as changing batteries or light bulbs, changing the air filters, and other **small basic needs**.
- Lets remember, **the community speed limit is 15MPH!**

The next HOA meeting is Tuesday January 21st at 6pm in the Clubhouse.

Joann, Ron, Tony, Beth, and Concetta

Social Committee News

- The Super Bowl pool will be on again for anyone wishing to participate. Keep an eye out for the flyer in the Clubhouse for more information.
- On Monday January 13th we will be removing and storing the holiday decorations right after the social committee meeting. **Anyone who can come and assist would be greatly appreciated!**
- A Super Bowl pot-luck party is being planned for February 9th at 5:30pm. More information will be posted in January for that event.
- Be sure to keep an eye out in the Clubhouse for info on some other events in the works for end of January as well.
- The chair yoga exercises meet at the Clubhouse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30.
- Canasta is every Tuesday at 1pm in the Clubhouse card room. Anyone who would like to learn how to play are welcome to join us.
- We meet every Thursday night at 7pm in the Clubhouse card room for "May I".

Next social committee meeting is January 13th at 11:30.

Helping Hands

This month volunteers are Tony and Maria Brain. If you need help with **basic** maintenance items in your home please call Tony or Maria.

Now that the winter season is here, we remind everyone to be aware of the VG snow removal rules and procedures...

- Do not leave a car in your driveway or your driveway will not be able to be cleared.
- Please **do not call** Tony or Joann asking when will my driveway be cleared: **it will be cleared according to zones!**
- The Clubhouse parking lot may be used to park a vehicle that can not be garaged during a snow storm, BUT please park in the spaces across from the Clubhouse so the contractor can keep most of the lot clear. And please **remove** your vehicle once your driveway has been cleared.
- Do not ask the contractor to clear your driveway, they have a schedule and it will be cleared according to your zone.
- The ZONE map for your street and house can be found at **www.villagegrandeholmdel.com** under "Community News Briefs", or posted in the Clubhouse.

Village Grande Book Club

Our next meeting will be on January 13th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, reading "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn.



All are welcome to come join us!

Juliette Luncheon

...Is on hiatus for the winter months while our VG organizers are away.

Romeo Luncheon

...Is also on hiatus for the winter months while our VG organizers are away.

RECYCLING DATES

January 7th and 21st.



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THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-continued...

Architectural News and Information...

Happy New Year to all! Its hard to believe 2025 is already here! This is the time of the year we sometimes begin to hear from homeowners who are starting to think and raise questions about exterior home improvement and maintenance projects for the coming spring season. We use this as a reminder that **most exterior maintenances, improvements, and changes** require an architectural change application be filled out and submitted by the homeowner, and then it must be **reviewed and approved before any exterior work can commence**.

We continue to remind everyone to refer to the new revised and simplified ARC and Maintenance manuals which were distributed to everyone last year.

A key rule to remember: All owners are required to submit paperwork and wait for approval BEFORE most exterior work is allowed to begin.

Applications can be given to Natalie, Kevin, or our property manager Debbie when she is onsite at the Clubhouse. They can also be e-mailed to 'villagegrandearc@gmail.com' OR snap a picture of the application and text it to Kevin Hosmer for review.

****Remember! Incomplete paperwork can not be reviewed and may result in unnecessary delays****

Slow it down folks, the speed limit here at VG is still 15MPH!

January's Word Search Puzzle...

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A Message From the Garden Club

As we enter the 2025 Winter Season, the grounds of VG lay bare and still. Perhaps nature's way of reminding us to steady ourselves and reflect on our past accomplishments. Soon, the snow and ice will blanket our grounds and reflect its winter seasonal beauty.

I invite our community to join the Village Grande Garden Club. Consider attending a garden session on February 5th at 11:30—12:30 in the Clubhouse. Here, we can share resources, ideas, and exchange inspirations.

Fran Berardocco,

Garden Committee Chairperson

If We May Ask Our Residents and Neighbors....

- If you are using the Clubhouse for any activities, **please** do not raise the temperature on the thermostats and then set them to HOLD. All the thermostats have been reprogrammed on a schedule and should provide a comfortable temperature during our various activities and events throughout the day and evening.
- **Remember** to turn off the lights in the Clubhouse when finished using the facilities and upon exiting.
- Turn off the **television AND cable boxes** when finished using them.
- The card room exterior door must **always remain locked**, obviously for security reasons.
- **PLEASE** make sure lids to trash cans are **securely closed**, and **boxes are tied** on trash pickup days. Windy days have been causing the trash to blow all through the community.

These small yet simple steps from our neighbors actually do help us to keep our community cared for and some of our overhead costs down.

Below are the committees in operation here at Village Grande

If anyone would like to know more about one of the VG committees, please speak to the chair person of that committee.

- Social Committee
- Garden Committee
- Helping Hands Committee
- Clubhouse Care Committee
- Government Liaison Committee
- Newsletter and WEB site communications
- Architectural Committee
- Property Improvement Committee
- Snow Committee
- Veteran's Affairs Committee

**GET
INVOLVED!**

VG Resident Community Posts...

(If you have anything to sell, give-away, or need, you can post a 1 line ad here. Please e-mail "villagegrandenewsletter@gmail.com" at least 4 days prior to end of month to have your ad posted)

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Jadyn's Tech Help...

...Jadyn is available to answer tech questions related to your smart phones, tablets, and computers via e-mail, and she can set up one-on-one appointments if needed.

Please send questions to 'jadyn.mehta@icloud.com'

If you would like something added to the newsletter, please e-mail 'villagegrandenewsletter@gmail.com' at least **4 days** prior to the last day of the month.

THE VILLAGE GRANDE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joann Sabatino - President
Ron Matuza - Vice President
Tony Brain - Treasurer
Beth Johnsen - Secretary
Concetta Cioffi - Trustee

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PREMIER MANAGEMENT:

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