



## THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS—JANUARY 2026

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

So, for the first year in quite a few years, we are having winter. Our snow contractor has had some "getting started issues", which have been addressed by the board and our management company. We will continue to monitor their performance during any subsequent snow storms throughout the remainder of the season.

At our December Board meeting we approved the 2026 budget, and despite significant increases in many of our costs, the increase in monthly HOA fees is only \$8. The 2026 monthly coupon book has been sent out to all owners reflecting the new HOA amount. If you pay by ACH/direct debit you can of course disregard the coupon book.

We have now had the entire HVAC system successfully replaced in the Club House and so far there have been no reported issues. One reminder we have to continue to announce; **PLEASE stop raising the temperature on the thermostats and leaving them raised** when you leave the building. Heating an empty Clubhouse while not being used, especially the size of ours, is costly and a tremendous waste of money and energy. So, remember - turn the thermostats back down when you are finished using the Clubhouse before you leave.

The new cleaning contractor has started and will normally clean weekly, every Saturday.

The Board continues to work with the NJDOT on the easement for the handicapped sidewalk design at our front gate. We have presented what we think is a fair estimate of the cost of this project to our community and believe the state is working with us in a cooperative manner.

**\*\*The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 20th at 6pm in the Clubhouse\*\***

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy New Year!

Joann, Ron, Tony, Concetta, and Rick

#### Social Committee News

- For January our Social Committee is recharging their batteries in order to plan for the many fun events for the 2026 year, so January is a *light month for special activities*.
  - A Super Bowl pool is being planned for anyone wishing to participate. *Please keep an eye out for any updates and information in the Clubhouse.*
  - A Super Bowl pot-luck party is being planned for February. *Keep an eye out for more information on the Clubhouse credenza as we plan out this event.*
  - **BE SURE** to keep an eye open in the Clubhouse for any last minute events for January and other plans for February.
  - The Friday evening Clubhouse socials continue, and are a fun way to meet and mingle with your neighbors. *Every Friday at 5pm!*
  - Chair yoga exercises in the Clubhouse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30am. This is open to anyone, and no prior Yoga experience is necessary.
  - "MAY I" has resumed every Thursday 7pm.
  - 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.
- PLEASE** do **not** remove any Social Committee notices from the Clubhouse bulletin board unless you are the one who put it up.
- Next social committee meeting is Monday January 5th at 11:30am. ALL are welcome to attend, especially highlighting that invitation to our many new Village Grande owners.*



**Now that the winter season is upon us, we remind everyone to be aware of the 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 the board asking when will my driveway be cleared: **it will be cleared according to the posted zone map.**
- 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.



**Every old Gazebo has a story to tell ...**

#### **From Bill and Mary Goodman....**

"Dear Village Grande Residents, Thank you for your goodbye message. Because of our age and health issues we were forced to make a difficult decision; to leave the Village Grande community in order to be close to family. We have loved living in this wonderful place, and have formed many friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you all for your concerns and help. We will always stay in touch!"

#### Village Grande Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday January 12th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, discussing "Irish Rose" by Norah Roberts.



*All are welcome to join us!*

#### Juliette Luncheon

*Any ladies interested in attending a future Juliette Luncheon should always sign-up in the Social Committee book located on the Clubhouse credenza as these luncheons do fill up very fast.*

#### Romeo Luncheon

*...No lunch planned for January...*

#### RECYCLING DATES

January 6th and 20th.



#### Helping Hands

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

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# THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-continued...

Our Property Manager Debbie Lazare works onsite at the Clubhouse office every Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. During other days and times she can be contacted at email 'dlazare@premiermanagement.net'. LaShawn Darden is our Property Administrator who may also be able to help with requests. She can be reached M - F 9am—5pm at 732-390-1100.

- If you have a concern about the clubhouse, call Premier Management.
- If you want to rent the clubhouse for a function, call Premier Management.
- If you have a concern about the pool, call Premier Management.
- If you have a concern about the tennis court, call Premier Management.
- If you have a concern with landscaping or landscaper, call Premier Management.
- If you have any irrigation concerns, call Premier Management.
- If you have an issue with the snow removal, call Premier Management.
- If you have an issue with your garbage, call Premier Management.
- If you have a concern about your maintenance account, call Premier Management.
- If you plan to sell your home, you need to fill out a moving form with Premier Management.
- If you see a streetlight out, get the number on the pole and call Premier Management.
- If you want to see the governing documents, sign onto the portal or call Premier Management.
- If your key fob or clicker stops working, call Premier Management.

## January Word Search Puzzle... "Lots of A's"

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BANDANNA	HEARTLAND	SATIABLE
BANYAN	INFANTA	TABERNACLE
CALAMINE	KANGAROO	TERRA FIRMA
CHAMPAGNE	MANAGE	TRANSPARENT
DAMAGE	NAMESAKE	UNABATED
DIAGRAM	OARSMAN	VALUABLE
EARTHWARD	PALMATE	

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.

## Sights from Within...

As another year winds down, I'm reminded how lucky we are to share this Village Grande community. We wake up to quiet streets, familiar faces, and live in a place full of simple magical blessings. The magic that envelopes this village is in the people. Here, we can choose to look out for one another, anonymously gift a neighbor, spread a smile to a passerby, or to simply slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures that make this village community so special.



It is here in Village Grande, where you will find pleasure in viewing this month's featured tree... "The Magnolia". Magnolias have existed for over 95 million years, predating bees. Magnolias evolved to be pollinated by beetles. The flowers are structurally built to withstand beetles and their feeding habits, making them quite unique in the plant world. The Magnolia represents endurance and beauty.

Did you know— The Magnolia tree is the state flower for two states; Louisiana and Mississippi.

*P.S. A note from this contributor...*

For those of you who might question my resignation as Garden Committee Chair, I offer you first, my sincere thanks for your donations, encouragement and admiration for my designs, ideas and efforts.

The crossroad came when I was continually reminded that when "change" is impossible, or unacceptable, *it is time to exit*. I have discovered sadly that those who refuse to accept change and embrace a new vision are rarely persuadable. To shift resistant people is not my nature.

I offered the best of my talents and in return I gained an admiration for my outdoor surroundings. I am proud of the changes I have implemented and suggested here, in Village Grande, and I remind myself always, that change is a constant in our lives. Change can be advantageous to an area, a home, a job - even a village.

Thank you for the experience. I wish the future Garden Committee Chair much success in the beautification of the Village Grande community.

*Fran Berardocco*

## Below are the volunteer 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 (Monica Arcuri).
- Garden Committee (TBD).
- Helping Hands Committee (Rich Arway).
- Community Improvement Committee (Paul Kurella).
- Government Liaison Committee (Rick Larabee and Dick Marcickiewicz).
- Newsletter and WEB site communications (Kevin Hosmer).
- Architectural Review Committee (Kevin Hosmer and Natalie Mayer).
- Property Maintenance Committee (Kevin Hosmer).
- Snow Committee (Tony Brain).
- Veteran's Affairs Committee (Russ Meyer).

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

## THE VILLAGE GRANDE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joann Sabatino - President  
Ron Matuza - Vice President  
Tony Brain - Treasurer  
Concetta Cioffi - Secretary  
Rick Larabee - Trustee

## Premier Management

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