



# THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS—DECEMBER 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

“Winter is coming” may be a famous line from Game of Thrones, but your Village Grande board is taking the message seriously as we prepare for the winter months ahead. In the coming weeks we will distribute the updated **snow removal maps** so homeowners can easily see the community’s post-storm cleanup order. This is a reminder that snow removal will take place by “**zones**”, in a scheduled order, so please do not call the board with questions about when snow removal will take place on your street. And as in previous years, residents may opt out of having salt (sodium chloride) applied to their walkways and driveways. If you prefer not to receive salt treatment, stop by the Clubhouse to sign a waiver with Debbie. She will give you a cone and small sign to alert the snow-removal team of your preference.

The Board will present the 2026 Proposed Budget at the December 2nd HOA meeting, where it will be formally voted on. Homeowners have received a copy of the proposed budget during the week of November 24th, which was distributed in all the mailboxes. *We urge every homeowner to attend this important meeting!*

You may notice work has begun on the clubhouse HVAC system. The contractor has assured us that heat will remain fully operational throughout the replacement project, so there should be no interruption of service.

A couple of recurring issues have popped up once again which **must** be addressed, and the board kindly asks for everyone’s cooperation:

- With seasonal winds picking up, trash has been blowing around our community. *Please be courteous to your community and neighbors by properly securing **ALL** your trash to prevent this from happening again.*
- Overnight street parking is not permitted.
- The community speed limit is still only 15 mph—please be mindful and drive safely and cautiously.

*\*\*The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 2nd at 6pm in the Clubhouse\*\**

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas, healthy and happy Hanukkah, and happy New Year!

Joann, Ron, Tony, Concetta, and Rick

### Social Committee News

- The Christmas party with dinner and music is scheduled for Friday December 12th at 6pm. Flyers were distributed in every mailbox with more information. *Please sign up and make payment no later than Saturday December 6!*
- The Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony followed by complimentary jelly doughnuts is set for Sunday the 14th at 4pm. Flyers were distributed in every mailbox with more information. *Please sign up ASAP in the Social Committee book on the credenza in the Clubhouse.*
- A New Years Eve dinner out at Nana’s Restaurant in Middletown is being planned, and anyone interested please sign up ASAP in the book on the credenza.
- The Friday evening Clubhouse socials continue, and are a fun way to meet and mingle with your neighbors. *Every Friday at 5pm!*
- New beginner classes for Mahjong have begun. Check with JoAnn for days and times. *Anyone is welcome to join, come learn how to play and have lots of fun.*
- Billiards continues in the Clubhouse Monday’s and Wednesdays at 7pm... *just for recreation, no tournaments.*
- 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.



The CLUBHOUSE will be UNAVAILABLE on Wednesday December 3rd beginning at 11am until mid to late afternoon in order to put up all the Holiday decorations.



The community would like to bid a fond farewell to the Goodman’s, who recently sold their home and will be leaving VG within the next few weeks. Bill and Mary Goodman are among the “firsts” here at VG, and have served on our HOA board and in other volunteer positions over the years. Thank you, and we wish you the best!

### Village Grande Book Club

...is having their holiday luncheon on December 15th. The book for January 12th’s meeting will be announced in the next newsletter.

### Juliette Luncheon

Any ladies interested in attending a 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 December...

### RECYCLING DATES

December 9th and 23rd.



**Helping Hands**  
The December volunteer is Emil Sparano. If you need help with **basic** maintenance items in your home please call Emil.

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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.

## December Word Search Puzzle... "Always Asparagus"

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BEDS	RICH	STEAM
COLOR	ROUND	STORE
COOK	SALADS	TASTE
DISH	SAUCE	TENDER
ENJOY	SEASON	THICK
FEBRUARY	SERVE	THIN
FOOD	SHAPE	TIPS
FRESH	SHARP	TREATS
GREEN	SIZES	VARIETY
HEALTH	SLENDER	VITAMINS
HOLLANDAISE	SOUP	WHITE
LEMON	SPEAR	
MARCH	SPRING	
MEAL	STALK	

## 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.

## A Message From the Garden Club...

Linking this final act of the year to sharing the traditions of a Village Grande winter season. We begin with Christmas decorations around our grounds and the Hanukkah candles lit from within.



Festivities, vacations, gatherings and traditions... all at the center of what we have in common here at Village Grande. This writer shares with you, our own, live, Village Grande Christmas tree this month. It stands alone offering its beauty, its height, its welcome to the winter season. I offer you the "Norway Spruce" as our tree of the month.

The Norway Spruce is a large, pyramidal tree with long cylindrical cones. The cones hang like ornaments from the weeping branches against the dark green needles.

Did you know: the 2025 Rockefeller Center Christmas tree is a 75-feet-tall, 11 ton, Norway Spruce.

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!

## 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)



## THE VILLAGE GRANDE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

## Premier Management

**Property Manager:** Debbie Lazare (onsite at the Clubhouse Friday's 8:30am - 4:30pm) 732-390-1100  
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