



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-MARCH 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Many residents are still enjoying their time away in warmer southern spots this winter. February has been fairly quiet for the board, with no major news to report. However, with spring officially starting on Thursday, March 20th, we can anticipate more community activities popping up soon. We're all eager for those pleasant temperatures to make their return! And daylight saving time is just around the corner on March 9th, 2025, and we can't wait.

In some exciting news, there's new property tax relief available for seniors in New Jersey called the "Stay NJ Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens." This could provide significant tax savings! Keep an eye out for the booklet titled "2024 Form PAS-1," which will include a three-page application for the three tax relief programs: Anchor, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ. The filing deadline is currently set for October 31st, 2025.

"The Stay NJ program offers property tax benefits to eligible homeowners aged 65 and older. It reimburses applicants for 50% of their property tax bills, up to a maximum of \$13,000, with a 2024 benefit cap of \$6,500. To qualify, you must have owned and lived in your home for the full 12 months of 2024 and have an income below \$500,000. Mobile homeowners are not eligible. Stay NJ benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined. Payments are expected to be issued in early 2026."

You can find more information at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov or on the Village Grande WEB site (www.villagegrandeholmdel.com) under the documents drop down menu where you can also find a printable application. Paper applications will also be on the credenza in the Clubhouse.

Though your favorite team may not have claimed the Super Bowl title, Village Grande had eight lucky winners in our Super Bowl Pool! Congratulations to Monica & Tony Arcuri, Marie & Tony Brain, Breda & Patrick Flood, Irene Kealy, Janet Muscarella, Vicki & Jim Neiswinter, Linda Schwartz, and Rosemary & John Sheehan!

And lastly, we thank everyone for adhering to the snow removal policy during the season snow storms.

****The next HOA meeting is Tuesday March 18th at 6pm in the Clubhouse.****

Joann, Ron, Tony, Beth, and Concetta

Social Committee News

- The St Patricks Day Party is Friday March 14th at 6pm. Details can be found on the flyer in the Clubhouse..
- 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 March 10th at 11am.

The **Garden Committee** is looking for item donations for the **Village Grande Herbal Retreat Gardens**.

An example of some items needed: Planter Boxes, Terra Cotta Pots, Wrought Iron Chairs, Bistro Table...

Please look out for the flyer in the Clubhouse for more information and what sort of other items are needed.

Helping Hands

The March volunteers are Leah and Moshe Halevi. If you need help with basic maintenance items in your home please call Leah or Moshe.

For our Village Grande Snow Birds soaking up the warmer weather down south, here's the March photo to bring back memories of how beautiful our community looks after a fresh snowfall.



Angelo Barbarisi and Natalie Victorio would like to thank the Village Grande community for all their prayers and support during the passing of Angelo's sister Judith Ann Pasquariello.

Village Grande Book Club



Our next meeting will be on Monday March 11th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, reading "The Engineers Wife" by Tracey Emerson Wood.

All are welcome to join us!

Juliette Luncheon

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

Romeo Luncheon

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RECYCLING DATES

March 4th and 18th.



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Architectural News and Information...

Spring officially begins in just a few more weeks, so this is a good time to remind all our neighbors that most deciduous trees can be pruned and trimmed during the winter months. If you have trees on your property in need of trimming this is a great time to get on a schedule to have those trees pruned and maintained before the busy time of the warmer season begins.

We already hear from homeowners who are starting to plan and raise questions about exterior home improvements and maintenance projects. This is just a reminder that most exterior maintenances and improvements DO require an approved architectural application from the Architectural committee. Architectural applications can be found in the Clubhouse, on the Village Grande WEB site, or in the back of the ARC Manual which all homeowners should have in their possession by now. *If there are homeowners who STILL do not have the new manual published last year, please reach out to our property manager Debbie Lazare and she will get you a copy.*

Completed applications can be given to Debbie Lazare when she is onsite at the Clubhouse, OR 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 will delay approval.

March's Word Search Puzzle... "ABOUT ART"

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ABILITY	FRAME	PASTEL
ABSTRACT	GESSO	PERSPECTIVE
ARTIST	GOUACHE	PORTRAIT
ATELIER	LANDSCAPE	SCULPTOR
BRUSHWORK	LIGHT	SHADOW
CHARCOAL	LINE	STILL LIFE
CHIAROSCURO	MEDIUM	STUDIO
CRAYON	MODEL	TABORET
DRAWING	OILS	WATERCOLOR
EASEL	PAINTER	
FORM	PALETTE	

A Message From the Garden Club...

Winter may appear as one of the dreariest times of the year in the garden, but not so at the Village Grande Garden Club Meetings. Winter is the ideal time for education and planning to ensure our VG community is set up for success both inside and outside of our homes for the Spring and Summer seasons.

Our next Garden Committee/Club will meet on March 12th, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Clubhouse. Spots are limited. If interested in attending a session, you must register by signing the book at the Clubhouse credenza. A nominal fee to be paid at the meeting. Flyers are available at the Clubhouse with details.

The Garden Committee/Club is a great place to start your educational journey into the world of indoor low maintenance plants and discover the world of herbal plantings.

Show some interest and fill that suggestion box in the Clubhouse with a wish list of gardening ideas. Wouldn't it be nice to transform a small common area into a community raised bed garden?

Gardening is gaining a recognition as a powerful tool for wellness, with research showing its benefits for overall well being. We can personally enrich our lives by cultivating greenery together.

Our Garden Club motto: "Take "Thyme" for yourself and "Cultivate" friendships and your lives will truly "Blossom".

Fran Berardocco

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 (Monica Arcuri).
- Garden Committee (Fran Berardocco).
- 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)

⇒ *Queen size Murphy bed for sale, only used 2x. Asking \$400. Call Fran Scarpacio if interested.*

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:

Debbie Lazare - Clubhouse office hours are Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM, other Times Call: 732-390-1100
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