



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-MAY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Spring has sprung, and we're thrilled to see our seasonal residents/snowbirds returning back home to the community; welcome back, we've missed you!

As you all look around Village Grande you will notice the HOA board and our committees along with our Property Management company have been active with projects and improvements; garden plantings, repairs, cleaning, and sprucing things up. Our community certainly exudes pride of ownership.

Thank you to everyone involved in these endeavors. It has an impact and it is all greatly appreciated!

Here are a few updates from the board:

- The pool shower has been repaired and is fully operational.
- The clubhouse, pergola, and surrounding walkways have been power washed for a fresh, clean look.
- Sidewalk repairs are complete, and it all looks fantastic.
- The pool is being uncovered, along with the tables, chairs, and umbrellas around it.
- **A friendly reminder:** Please keep the tennis/pickle ball court gate **locked** when not in use. The key, along with the sign-in/sign-out sheet is located on the credenza in the Clubhouse.
- Lastly, as you may have already noticed, regular lawn service has resumed.

Here's to a great spring season ahead!

****The next HOA meeting is Tuesday May 20th at 6pm in the Clubhouse.****

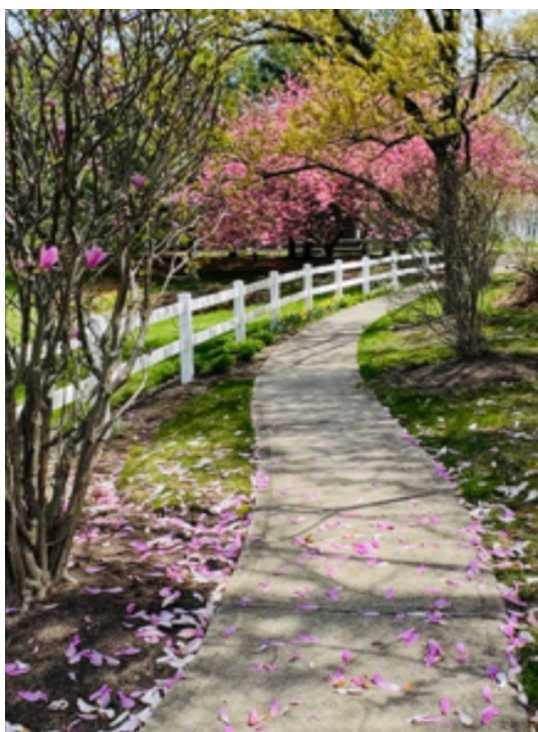
Joann, Ron, Tony, Beth, and Concetta

Social Committee News

- A "Paint and Sip" is being planned for Sunday May 18th. **Seats are limited**, so watch out for the sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.
- Bocce will be beginning soon *if you signed up*.
- There is a Memorial Day ceremony on May 26th at 4pm, followed by a pot luck dinner.
- 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 will resume meeting every Thursday evening at 7pm in the Clubhouse card room for "May 1" once the pool reopens for the season.



As many of our residents, those new to Village Grande and those existing, are making plans for seasonal home improvements and maintenance, we remind everyone that MOST exterior work must have an ARC application submitted and APPROVED before work is allowed to begin.



Village Grande Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday May 12th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, reading "The Phoenix Crown" by Kate Quinn Janie Chang.



All are welcome to join us!

Juliette Luncheon

...Is being planned for June 5th.

Anyone interested in attending should check the Social Committee book on the Clubhouse credenza as these luncheons fill up quickly.

Romeo Luncheon

Will be held on May 21st at 12:30 at On The Deck restaurant in the Atlantic Highlands.

Please sign-up in the Clubhouse if you would like to attend.

Helping Hands

The May volunteer is Ed Hinds. If you need help with basic maintenance items in your home please call Ed.

RECYCLING DATES

May 13th and 27th.



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Architectural News and Information...

This is the time to remind our neighbors once again that you should schedule to have trees and shrubs pruned, trimmed, and maintained on your property if not already done so for the season. If you have trees on your property that need care, it is best to plan for those tasks before the hot weather begins whereas it may be a bit more difficult to get on a schedule.

As expected during this time of year, many homeowners are asking us about exterior home improvement and maintenance projects. Along with that we see a huge uptick in ARC applications. **A reminder: most exterior changes do require an approved architectural application** from the Architectural Committee before work can begin. You can find the architectural applications at the Clubhouse, on the Village Grande website, or in the back of the ARC Manual, which should be in your possession by now. If you haven't received the new manual published last year, please don't hesitate to reach out to our property manager, Debbie Lazare, and she'll ensure you get 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 given to Kevin Hosmer or Natalie Mayer.

Incomplete paperwork can not be reviewed and will delay approval.

May's Word Search Puzzle... "GRAND CANYON STATE"

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A Message From the Garden Club...

Our next Garden Club meeting is set for May 14th, 11:30-1:30 in the Clubhouse. Experience the art of making pesto, decoupage a craft, cultivating a garden and serving an herb inspired brunch. Space is limited to 15, cut off date is May 9th, register at the Clubhouse credenza sign-up book.

As the seasons shift, our Spring trees at Village Grande, boast vibrancy of color and a peaceful beauty.

Welcome...

Weeping Cherry trees,

Hello Creeping Phlox,

Good to see you bright Azaleas,

Reach to the sky Butterfly Bushes,

And WELCOME community residents to the Village Grande Herbal Retreat Garden!

Meet complimentary friends... flavorful parsley, joyful oregano, pungent sage, hardy chives, comforting rosemary, refreshing mint, queen lavender, and aromatic thyme. Find king boston fern sitting upon its royal column with young fig tree finding a home away from home.

A shout out to all my VG community neighbors for your donations that made this endeavor possible. I thank you for your generous encouragement, monetary donations, personal donations, as well as physical efforts and time.

Let the season of growth begin!

Fran Berardocco

Garden Committee/Club Chair

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).

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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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