



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS—FEBRUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We continue to experience a true winter season. Our snow contractor showed improvement during the second cleanup. To date, we are carefully managing snow-removal costs and working to keep expenses within budget. At our January Homeowners' Meeting, the Board approved moving forward with securing new contracts for both landscaping services and legal representation for the Association. In addition, the Board approved a settlement agreement with NJDOT regarding the easement at our front gate. We believe this agreement is fair, will cover the costs needed to improve the entrance, and will allow us to preserve the tree located in the center island.

The Town of Holmdel has informed us of upcoming maintenance planned for the sewage pumping station located off Freesia at the east end of the community. This work will require the installation of a temporary pump while repairs are made to the existing system. The project is currently in the planning phase, and we have been assured there will be no interruption of service.

Finally, we have been made aware of a request by Voyant Beauty, located behind Dearborn Market, for a variance to install a hazardous materials storage locker on their property. The Board is reviewing the details of this request to understand any potential impact on our community and will keep homeowners informed as more information becomes available. A Zoning Board meeting on this matter is scheduled for February 4th. Homeowners are always encouraged to come out and attend these Holmdel Zoning Board Meetings to be aware and voice concerns of any changes being planned which directly impact our community.

****The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 24th at 6pm in the Clubhouse****

Joann, Ron, Tony, Concetta, and Rick

Social Committee News

- Super Bowl boxes are up in the Clubhouse. Last date to choose your box is February 3rd... *unless boxes sell out before!*
 - The Super Bowl pot luck is Sunday February 8th at 5:30. *Flyers have been mailed out.* If you plan on attending please sign up by February 1st and include the dish you will be bringing.
 - A "soup and bread" dinner along with an **unwanted gift swap** is planned for Saturday February 28th. For anyone interested in participating, a flyer will be going out explaining what each participant needs to do.
 - **BE SURE to save the dates...** Friday March 13th we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day party and Friday April 17th we have plans in the works for a Music and Bingo evening.
 - 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 6:30pm.
 - 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 February 2nd at 11:30am. ALL are welcome to attend, especially highlighting that invitation to our many new Village Grande owners.



Now that we have already experienced a few good snow storms so far this season, we continue to 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 the board 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 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 Monday February 9th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, discussing "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn.



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 February...

RECYCLING DATES

February 3rd and 17th.



Helping Hands

The February volunteer is Rich Arway. If you need help with **basic** maintenance items in your home please call Rich.

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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 by 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.

Sights from Within...

As of this writing, there are only six Saturdays until the first day of spring on march 20th! So lets feature our last two Village Grande trees for this last newsletter entry.

This month I showcase the *Weeping Cherry*. This beautiful Spring blooming tree droops towards the ground, and puts on a cluster bearing flower show. When the flowers fall they look like a blanket of snow. Did you know... *the Weeping Cherry is strictly an ornamental plant; no cherries here.* Flowers appear before the leaves and only last for about one week!



Enter now, the *Crepe Myrtle*. Known as the "Tree of 100 days", due to the fact that they bloom from June into September. The Crepe Myrtle is a multi-season interest plant. These deciduous plants produce crepe-like flowers all summer, and then have a great orange-red flower color. Did you know... the smooth, peeling bark reveals a mottled, multicolored surface that adds winter interest to our grounds.



In closing, remember to always keep our Village Grande "Gems" (the gazebo), our winter interest plants (the Dogwoods), our stately trees (the Crepe Myrtles), and our man-made structures (the rock walls) in your visual sights, as you drive, walk, sit or jog through our "flower" named streets. May these "gems" always remain your grounding embrace and welcome – from behind the gates of Village Grande.

Fondly,
Fran Berardocco,
Resident, 11 Hyacinth Ct.

February Word Search Puzzle... "One Namers"

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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 Larrabee - Trustee

Premier Management

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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.