



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-OCTOBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As summer officially comes to a close, we welcome the crisp, cool days of fall. The trees in our neighborhood are already beginning to display their beautiful autumn colors, setting the scene for one of the most picturesque times of the year. With the changing season, we experience a shift in our sense of community as we look forward to upcoming Fall and Winter holidays, Clubhouse gatherings, and the anticipated Italian Festival being organized by our Village Grande Social Committee. *Be sure to be on the lookout for other events being planned over the upcoming months.*

Road repaving project, coming soon... The Board is fully aware of the condition of our community roads and is actively working on plans to begin the necessary repaving. Arrangements are currently underway, and the project will be carried out in phases, as not all roads can be repaved at once. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we begin this much-needed improvement.

The Senior Freeze ANCHOR Property Tax Relief program, aka the Stay NJ Program PAS-1 application deadline is October 31st, 2025. Be sure to remember to complete your application on time to take advantage of the valuable benefits the program can offer those who qualify. An application and information packet is available under the documents section of the VillageGrandeHolmdel.com web site.

Friendly reminder... **You do not need to use your gate remote when exiting the community through either the main gate or the back gate.** The gates are designed to open automatically upon exit. Pressing your remote unnecessarily upon exiting will cause the entry side of the gate to open, and will remain open until a vehicle passes through triggering the gate to close.

Lastly, we would like to say **thank you** to Beth Johnson as she exits her position on the board after many years of volunteer service, as we likewise welcome our newest elected member Rick Larrabee.

****The next HOA meeting is to be determined****

Joann, Ron, Tony, Beth, and Concetta

Social Committee News

- The "Italian Festival" is scheduled for Friday October 24th at 5pm. Cost is \$30pp. Please see the flyer for more information and date to sign up by.
 - 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 some fun.*
 - Billiards continues in the Clubhouse Monday's and Wednesdays at 7pm.... *just for fun, no tournaments.*
 - The chair yoga exercises have resumed in the Clubhouse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30am. This is open to anyone, and no prior Yoga experience is necessary. These are very basic light exercises geared toward flexibility and muscle tone... *come join us and stay in shape!!*
 - "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.
- **Save the date:** Our holiday Christmas party is being planned for Friday December 12th!

Next social committee meeting is Wednesday October 8th at 11:30am.

This is open to anyone wishing to get involved and help out with the Social Committee.

Helping Hands

The October volunteer is Greg Decker. If you need help with **basic** maintenance items in your home please call Greg.

A special "Thank You" from Natalie Mayer...

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my water aerobics "Mermaids" for a wonderful end-of-season dinner they treated me to at Assaggi di Roma. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated."



If you are in need of pruning any trees; some of the tree trimming companies will offer a discount during winter/off season months. Always ask if they offer discounts if you schedule your needed tree maintenance for late fall or early winter.

Village Grande Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday October 13th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, reading "The River is Waiting" by Wally Lamb.



All are welcome to join us!

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 fill up very fast.

Romeo Luncheon

Is planned for Wednesday October 15th, 12:30, at Houlihan's of Holmdel.

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

RECYCLING DATES

October 14th and 28th.



Continued >>>

THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-continued...

Architectural News and Information...

****The yearly exterior home maintenance and compliance inspections will take place late October/early November****

Living in a gated community such as Village Grande with an HOA carries certain requirements homeowners are individually responsible for according to the governing documents. It has always been encouraged that all homeowners read and become familiar with the Village Grande architectural guidelines to avoid confusion about what does or does not require ARC review.

Below is a list of some of the items included in the yearly inspections...

- Overall condition of the exterior of the home which requires maintenance; mold/dirt/mildew on siding. Damaged siding, gutters, downspouts. Excessively damaged visible screens. Large cracks and holes in driveway blacktop.
- Work or maintenance on the exterior of the home which was performed and completed **without an approved ARC review and application.**
- Exterior lighting which is damaged, missing, or doesn't match the garage and front door (front door and over garage are to match or be a very close match whereas the difference is unnoticeable). *No Floodlights.*
- Weed overgrowth in and around flowerbeds, driveways, decks, and patios.
- Dead or dying trees, plantings, shrubs, any other foliage (incl. potted plants). This includes excessive patches of dead grass or where a tree was removed. Stumps left behind after a tree was removed need to be ground down, and grass planted. *Includes trees and shrubs which require pruning maintenance.*
- Exterior paint (doors, shutters, trim, rails, siding) which is excessively worn or *incorrect color* according to the VG ARC guidelines.
- Exterior cables and satellite dishes (*exterior cables around a home are to remain concealed and attached in a neat professional manner where exposed*). Satellite dishes installed where they are *least visible, NOT at the front of the home.*
- Mailboxes; damage, leaning posts, missing post caps or other parts, or excessively dirty mailboxes. Missing house numbers.

****For transparency, the standardized check-list used for inspections will be in the Clubhouse on the credenza before the inspections begin****

A Message From the Garden Club...

"Change"... is the one thing that stays constant in our lives. A change in home ownership, welcomes new residents. A change in Board of Trustees, welcomes new perspectives. A turn of the calendar, welcomes a change of season. Its time to embrace brisk mornings, warm afternoons, and chilly evenings.

Our grounds at Village Grande begin their change. Our red maples boast vibrant red leaves, our Japanese maples turn a crimson burgundy, while our burning bush shrubs surround our sleeping pool. This garden writer has experienced enough years of surveying the grounds of V.G. and has learned the value of acknowledging where V.G. has been—by savoring its growth—before setting my sights on any new changes.

Change can be good, it can be hard, but it remains constant. I like to walk alone—the solitude helps me envision, but when others are included, their perspective enriches our community.

If you have an idea for an improvement in our community, please share it with us. Offer your ideas by dropping a note into the V.G. Suggestion Box located in the Clubhouse.

...Farewell Summer.

Fran Berardocco,
Garden Committee/Club Chair

October Word Search Puzzle...

"About Art"

L	I	G	R	O	R	U	C	S	O	R	A	I	H	C
A	B	H	M	W	U	S	T	I	L	L	L	I	F	E
O	R	X	W	E	A	U	W	A	S	E	H	S	G	V
C	O	T	O	B	D	T	B	O	T	R	S	O	I	I
R	T	X	I	I	R	I	E	H	D	V	U	A	A	T
A	P	C	O	S	L	U	U	R	P	A	C	C	E	C
H	L	U	A	I	T	S	S	M	C	R	H	P	D	E
C	U	V	T	R	T	A	P	H	A	O	A	S	T	P
G	C	Y	R	H	T	A	E	Y	W	C	L	T	I	S
N	S	B	G	E	S	S	O	A	S	O	A	O	A	R
I	L	I	L	T	T	N	B	D	F	B	R	F	R	E
W	L	I	E	W	A	N	N	A	O	X	R	K	T	P
A	E	L	N	U	V	A	I	R	R	A	F	X	R	J
R	M	O	D	E	L	Q	E	A	M	L	L	N	O	V
D	R	P	A	L	E	T	T	E	P	I	M	N	P	W

ABILITY
ABSTRACT
ARTIST
ATELIER
BRUSHWORK
CHARCOAL
CHIAROSCURO
CRAYON
DRAWING
EASEL
FORM

FRAME
GESSO
GOUACHE
LANDSCAPE
LIGHT
LINE
MEDIUM
MODEL
OILS
PAINTER
PALETTE

PASTEL
PERSPECTIVE
PORTRAIT
SCULPTOR
SHADOW
STILL LIFE
STUDIO
TABORET
WATERCOLOR

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)

⇒ **Anybody knows of an older car for sale, even if it needs a little work, please reach out to Kevin Hosmer.**

⇒
⇒

Below are the VG Committees In Operation for 2025

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 Larrabee 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!**

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
Concetta Cioffi - Secretary
Rick Larrabee - Trustee

CLUBHOUSE: 732-888-9884

PREMIER MANAGEMENT:

Debbie Lazare - Clubhouse office hours are Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM, other Times Call: 732-390-1100
'dlazare@premiermanagement.net'
'www.villagegrandeholmdel.com'