



THE VILLAGE GRANDE NEWS-SEPTEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As summer winds down and we head into fall, we'd like to share a few community updates and extend a warm invitation to stay engaged with your neighbors through many of the various activities we have going on in Village Grande. Just one example, over the past few months, the pool has served as a wonderful hub for connection—especially for new residents looking to meet neighbors. Now that the pool is soon closing for the season, we invite everyone to join us at the weekly 5pm social every Friday in the clubhouse. We know that walking into a room full of unfamiliar faces can feel awkward or intimidating, so we challenge each of you to take a moment to welcome someone new—or even a long-time resident you don't know well—and encourage them to come along. It is a relaxed, fun way to wind down the week and strengthen the sense of community that makes our development such a special place to live. *We hope to see you there!*

Our mid-season irrigation inspections have been completed, and we're happy to report that all necessary repairs have been made. These repair efforts definitely help our green spaces remain as healthy and vibrant as possible.

Lastly, we encourage all residents to take a moment to notice the improvements, big and small, being made around our community, especially to the handicap parking posts and to the other various signs and posts in the common places. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, these updates are bringing a fresh, well-maintained look to our surroundings. Some work is still in progress on the vinyl sleeves and is expected to be completed by the end of the fall season. Thank you to Kevin Hosmer for installing all the sleeves and post caps, giving our VG signs a fresh new look!

The next HOA meeting is Tuesday September 30th at 6pm in the Clubhouse.
****This is the new board election meeting, so please make every effort to attend****

Joann, Ron, Tony, Beth, and Concetta

Social Committee News

- The planned Labor Day party/BBQ is all set for Monday the 1st. Fliers have been circulated with all the details, along with information in the Clubhouse on the credenza.
- Sunday September 21st at 11am is the new homeowner welcome breakfast. *This is free for our new homeowners, and is a great way to get to know the neighbors and details about the community.*
- Billiards continues in the Clubhouse Monday's and Wednesdays at 7pm.... *just for fun, no tournaments.*
- The chair yoga exercises are planned to resume again indoors every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30am once the pool is closed for the season.
- 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 Thursdays at 7pm in the Clubhouse for "May I".

Next social committee meeting is Monday September 8th at 11:30am.

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

The **yearly exterior property maintenance inspections** will take place late October/Early November. *Please see the Architectural News on the next page for more information.*

Helping Hands

The September volunteer is George Sayegh. If you need help with **basic** maintenance items in your home please call George.

A special "Thank You" from our neighbor
Lucille Silvestri...

"I would like to thank all my Village Grande extended family for your show of love and support at the passing of my husband Nick"



Anyone in need of pruning their 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 September 8th at 1pm in the Clubhouse, reading "Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler.



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 September 17th, 12:30, at Bahr's restaurant in the Highlands.

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

RECYCLING DATES

September 2nd, 16th, and 30th.



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Architectural News and Information...

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

Living in a gated community with an HOA carries certain requirements homeowners are individually responsible for. 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****

September Word Search Puzzle... "Grand Canyon State"

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DAMS
DESERT
DUNE
FLAGSTAFF

GILA MONSTER
GOLD
HEAT
HOHOKAM
HOOVER DAM
HOPI
JAVELINA
LAKE MEAD
MINE
NAVAJO
PHOENIX

PIMA
PONDEROSA
PUEBLO
SAGUARO
SAND
SUNSET
TUCSON
WREN CACTUS
YUMA

A Message From the Garden Club...

As a contributor to this newsletter and a two year resident of our community, I find myself looking back, at a path other residents have walked. I offer this idea as an example of a future thought for the "V.G. Suggestion Box", whereby, putting focus on further revitalization areas that are worthy of reclaiming in the future. What if areas that have been covered up with overgrowth could be found again?

I'm taking this next season to look closer at the hidden rock walls at our V.G. entranceway. Some of you may remember their prominence. Now, they stand hidden and enveloped with years of growth. But this writer suggests and puts forth an idea only; *to think about uncovering and reclaiming the hidden stone-walls.* Perhaps a way to capture more focus on our iconic rock walls on either side of our entranceway into V.G.

This is the type of suggestion I'm looking for from you. Analyzing, studying, drawing and/or your thoughts of reclaiming a place some of you have seen before when V.G. was first established. Perhaps a new perspective that reveals what's worth claiming once more in our future design phases. Are there hidden treasures worth discovering and reclaiming?

I urge you to keep your suggestions coming and offer your ideas and thoughts by filling out an index card for "Our Village Grande Suggestion Box."

And now, I offer an end of summer season cookie exchange from our Herbal Retreat Garden...



"Lemon Basil Cookies with Mint"

- 3 sticks of butter, softened.
- 2.25 cups of sugar.
- 3 eggs.
- 3 teaspoons of vanilla.
- Zest of 1 lemon.
- Juice of 1 lemon.
- 6 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped.
- 3 tablespoons fresh mint, chopped.
- 5.25 cups of flour.
- 1.5 Teaspoons baking soda.
- 3 teaspoons salt.

1) Preheat oven to 375. **2)** In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. **3)** Mix in the egg and vanilla and set aside. **4)** In a medium bowl combine the flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix well. **5)** Pour the flour mixture into the butter mixture and mix until just combined. Do not over beat. **6)** Fold in the lemon zest, lemon juice, basil, and mint. **7)** Roll the cookies into 1 inch balls and place them on a cookie sheet 2 inches apart. **8)** Bake for 9 -11 minutes or until the edges just begin to brown. **9)** Remove from oven and cool for 2 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Fran Berardocco, Garden Committee/Club Chair

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 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!**

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.

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