

THE
VILLAGE  GRANDE®

AT ENGLISH MILL
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May 4, 2018

RE: **VGEM HOA 2018 TRUSTEES ELECTION**

Dear Village Grande at English Mill Homeowners:

The "Call for Candidates" letter has been answered by four VGEM HOA homeowners in good standing who have declared their candidacy for three Trustee positions with a term beginning on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The candidates are:

- **Robert Kennedy - 137 Bluebell Drive**
- **James Lichtenwalner - 375 Sunflower Drive**
- **Bern Roswell - 105 Bluebell Drive**
- **Sam Salierno - 108 Bluebell Drive**

As requested, each candidate submitted a biographical profile and addressed the following points.

- Personal qualifications and experience in either business or as a volunteer that would contribute to the success of the Board of Trustees and VGEM Homeowners Association
- Describe their current and past participation and service to VGEM
- Explain why they want to serve as a member of the VGEM HOA Board of Trustees

Meet the Candidates Night will be held in the Grande Room of the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Each candidate will have allotted time for opening remarks. Further details are being finalized and the candidates will be notified of the format before the event. Please plan to attend. It will be a great opportunity to meet with the candidates and learn their positions on a wide variety of issues. Time will be allotted for questions from the floor.

Voting instructions for Election: After the Meet the Candidates Night, each home eligible to vote will receive a third mailing that will contain the Official Ballot and explain the process of voting. To vote, homeowners must follow the specific directions in this mailing. To be counted, Ballots must be received by the close of the business day on June 12, 2018.

Only homeowners in good standing, current with their association fees, are eligible to vote for the candidate. **ONLY ONE (1) BALLOT PER HOUSEHOLD** is required.

Respectfully submitted,

VGEM Election Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Dennis Musser and Tom Santucci

Members: Brenda Fishman, Barbara Groff, and Annette Scaricamazza

ENCLOSURE: Candidates' Profiles

Biographical Profile

James F. Lichtenwalner

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This biography outlines my qualifications and experience preparing me for the position of Trustee on the Board of the Home Owners Association. I hope to continue to serve VGEM as a Trustee because I want to maximize Homeowner Value in our community. I feel that I have shown the experience, skills and willingness to guide our community to be just a little nicer place to live.

A Trustee needs to **listen to and understand** the needs and concerns of all residents and possess effective **communication, negotiation, and organizational** skills, as well as the ability to **prioritize** issues and **implement** successful programs and projects in a timely and cost effective manner. My experience over the last 47 years has provided me with these skills.

Donna and I are married for 46 years and have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. We are VGEM residents since 2007. I have been an active volunteer in my community. Here in VGEM, I have served the community for the last 7 ½ years in various capacities. I have recently been honored as a **2018 Outstanding Homeowner Leader by CAI**; this is an award given to 10 people throughout the country. At VGEM, I served on the **Finance Committee, Fund Raising Committee** and the **Board of Trustees**. I have also been an integral part of the **Welcome Desk, Billiards Club, FYI** and the **New Owner Orientation** meetings. In addition, I enjoy participating in the Men's Bocce League, Dine Around Club, Fishing Club and Bowling Club. I have served as **Chair of CAI's CAVL committee** which is responsible to identify and provide training programs to community leaders throughout NJ, PA and DE. Prior to moving to VGEM, I volunteered in many ways including chair of the Lower Macungie Twp. Parks and Recreation Commission, President of the Emmaus High School Booster Club, member of several Scholarship Committees for area colleges and as a member of the Exchange Club of Western Lehigh, where I served as a Director and President. I was instrumental in opening the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of the Lehigh Valley and initiating the Emmaus High School Christmas Basketball Tournament which ran for 29 years before ending in 2010. I also served as the Chairman of the Lehigh Valley Child Abuse Prevention Soccer Tournament for 13 years.

I earned a B.S.E.E. and an MBA from Lehigh University. I remain close to my Alma Mater in various leadership roles, serving as Class President, Reunion Chairman, Area Agent; and member of the National Giving Committee and Freshmen Coordinating Committee. Most recently I have been actively engaged with leaders of the Class of 2021, my adopted class (50 years my junior), helping them in the initiation of their academic, professional and alumni journey.

My professional career includes over 39 years with PPL Inc. in various Engineering, and Management positions. My career included managing 140 full time personnel plus contracted staff with an annual spend of up to \$500 Million/year. My experience includes major **negotiations** both with Contractors regarding major **construction projects** and Bargaining Union Leadership regarding Work Rules, lines of progression and related issues. These experiences helped me to develop the ability to work with coalitions of individuals with diverse opinions and goals and achieve successful outcomes. I also served as an adjunct professor and as a Management Consultant for companies in North and South America, Europe and Asia. I was also a member of the Board of Directors of Penntech Incorporated, a small digital electronics manufacturing company.

I served as committee chair of the Pennsylvania Electric Association, and as a member of UMMG, an International Benchmarking Group where I also served as chairman for 2 years. I was a member of the Board of Directors of NAPM-LV (Professional Society) where I served as the Director of Professional Development.

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As a member in good standing and a year-around resident of VGEM, a prior small business owner and a volunteer on several VGEM committees I hereby submit my notice of intent to seek election to the VGEM HOA Board of Trustee for the period July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2020.

After a 20-year career in the United States Air Force and returning home to New Jersey, my home state, I secured a position with Lockheed Martin as an Executive Consultant estimating development/production cost for major defense and commercial contractors. In this position I held a Secret DoD security clearance and travelled throughout the Country providing cost estimates, Bid and Proposal Development, Project Cost Controls and Earned Value management for companies like General Electric, Hughes Aerospace, United Defense, BAE Systems, Boeing, AT&T, Gulfstream, Raytheon and others.

After my endeavors with Lockheed Martin, I purchased a Philly Pretzel Factory franchise in Robbinsville, NJ. Our store was one of 5 top grossing stores in South Jersey. As owner/operator I was personally responsible for every aspect of the daily operation.

I have been an active member of the following committees: Election, Neighborhood Watch, Finance, Men's Club, Landscape/Irrigation, Architectural Control (ACC) and Special Events. I was also one of five VGEM residents who helped develop our next RFP Landscape proposal for 2019 and beyond. And regardless of the election outcome, I will continue to support the Pool Side Grill with the hopes of matching or beating the \$2740 our team raised last year. As a member of the ACC, I was personally responsible for advocating changes to the patio size rule and allowing the homeowner to choose your own irrigation contractor when doing landscape work, thereby reducing your cost.

Agenda:

- Continue to work with the other Trustees, Committees and residents to maintain the standard of living we have all come to enjoy at Village Grande.
- Work with outside sources and contractors to maintain quality work throughout the community at minimal expense.
- Be active in the negotiation process with vendors. I will lend my business experience to the overall process.
- Help develop, simplify and enhance current policies and procedures.
- Most of all I will apply logic, rational thinking, a sound management approach and, beyond all else, keep an open mind and ear when talking to you, the residents of VGEM.

Conclusion:

The transition from DR Horton to the HOA is still ongoing and will continue to be tedious. Our approach must continue to be bold and resourceful. It is my desire to always be available to residents with questions and/or issues, and to assist in this transition to the best of my ability. If you are like me and want VGEM to be recognized as a premium adult community then I'm asking for your support and vote.

Your Neighbor
Bob Kennedy

Biographical Profile for 2018 VGEM HOA Board of Trustees

Bern Roswell

105 Bluebell Drive

Married – Barbara

2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild

My primary mission as a member of the VGEM Board of Trustees will be to ensure the continuation of the quality of life we currently enjoy.

Education

Penn State Univ. - AA Degree Mechanical Engineering

Univ. of Maryland – BA Degree Business Administration

Rutgers Univ. – Duties of a Municipal Governing Official

Professional Experience

I have over 40 years experience as a Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst, Manager and CEO of a self-owned Service Bureau. I started as a Programmer for Vitro Laboratories in Wheaton, MD testing Fire Control Systems for the Polaris Submarine. I left Vitro to pursue another Programming position with Univac at the Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, MD reducing telemetry data for Project Apollo. In 1968 I relocated to Absecon in Atlantic County and worked for IBM programming the Nation Airspace System (NAS) supporting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at The William J. Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC). When the IBM contract was completed I started a Service Bureau providing payroll services for various companies who were building Atlantic City Casinos. I subsequently sold my Service Bureau business and in 1989 starting working for Lockheed Martin at the WJHTC as a Program Manager, supporting the FAA. I was responsible for the work of 20 colleagues with an annual budget in excess of 5 million dollars. Duties included performing various test and engineering assignments for the Traffic Management System (TMS) including setting goals and objectives, task budgeting, setting schedules, assigning work and general supervision.

Civic Experience

While living in Absecon, I became interested in local government and was elected to Absecon City Council 3 times, serving 8 years, including 1 year as Council President. Duties included but not limited to were adopting ordinances and resolutions, participating in community strategic and long-range planning, adopting a Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, adopting an annual budget and working with community leaders to formulate policies, projects and spending allocations. After leaving City Council I was appointed by the Mayor to be a member of the Absecon Planning Board, a position I held for 5 years.

VGEM Experience

- Member of the VGEM Finance Committee
- Custodian of monies for all VGEM Clubs
- Participated in VGEM activities: Bocce, Golf & Billiards

Life Experience

It is my belief that in addition to being well read, to be an effective member of the VGEM Board, one must also be a good listener on issues that affect our community. First, you must listen to the people who live in the community. Second, you must listen to other members of the Board who serve with you to get their opinion and experience. Third, if Professional advice, (e.g. Attorney, Engineer, Architect, VGEM Office Manager e.g.) is required, you should listen to their counsel. Once you have all the facts you will be able to make the right decision. If I am fortunate to be elected to the VGEM HOA Board, I pledge to be a good listener.

Sam (Sebastian) P. Salierno
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I have resided in Village Grande at English Mill (VGEM) for the last six years with my wife Linda. In these six years, I've come to love our home and community and wish to help make it even better by contributing my time and energy to the VGEM HOA (Home Owner Association). Below you will find my record of service to the community and general background information.

HOA BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

- Presently VGEM HOA Trustee and current Board liaison to Maintenance, Neighborhood Watch and Transition Committees.
- Also, six years block captain for Bluebell & Violet Drives, former Chairman of Neighborhood Watch, six years Men's Club and four years Bocce Club.
- Past service includes Board liaison two years Pool Committee, six years ACC Committee, three years Transition Committee.

OUTSIDE EXPERIENCE

- 520 Victor Street Condo Association. I was a Trustee for six years as the builder and responsible for budgeting, facility planning and headed the transition team.
- Sunset Marina Condo Association. I served for eight years and worked on their transition.
- Served ten years on the Board of Trustees at the Inter State Change Bank.
- Nine-year county appointment as Judge for Juvenile Conference. Served twenty-one years on the Board of Juvenile Conference Education and was President for eight years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1971 thru 1999

Supervisor of Speech and Hearing Department at Carteret Public School System where I developed the concept for a mobile speech van for the district. I also revised the curriculum and procedural manual.

1990 thru 2009

Lecturer and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Bergen Community College. I was honored as the Outstanding Adjunct Professor in "The Adjunct Advocate" in 1992.

2000

On the recommendation of Montclair State College, I was nominated and accepted into the Phi Delta Kappa Graduate Honor Society for my extensive work in the field of education and my grade point average.

I especially want to note that VGEM will be going through transition negotiations very shortly. I believe my experience on both sides of the negotiating table – both as a builder and representative of my past HOA community – gives me unique qualifications to be of service to VGEM at this particular time.

I would ask you to kindly consider me when casting your ballot for upcoming Trustee election. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sam Salierno