

VGEM



NEWS

1 Village Grande Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Board's Corner

Both pools will remain open during the summer. Hours of operation for both pools are 11am to 7pm except on Wednesday when the pool is open until 8pm. The additional hour allows friends and families to enjoy our Wednesday Grill Night. Children between the ages of 3 and 12 are welcome in the outdoor pool only and have restricted hours of 11am to 3pm daily with the exception of Wednesdays, Father's Day, July 4, and Labor Day when they are welcome all day. Please note the extended hours for children are on the actual day of the holiday. Children must be potty trained. Frequent bathroom breaks are suggested as any accidents will result in the closure of the pool. Please enter the pool thru the outdoor entrances and sign in. Residents must escort their guests at all times. Glass is prohibited. Please review all the pool rules as the Pool company, Management, and Board Members have the responsibility to enforce rules and regulations. Anyone not abiding by the rules may be asked to leave the area and have privileges revoked.

Election Committee

Have you voted? By this time, every household has received its official ballot. Your ballot may be submitted by one of three options:

1. Place it in the Community mailbox outside the Clubhouse door.
2. Deliver it directly to the Community Manager, Tara Frontera.
3. In the USPS mail by providing your own postage.

If you have not voted yet, it is time to do so. Remember to sign the **GREEN RETURN ENVELOPE** to validate your vote.

Unsigned envelopes will not be tallied. The Ballots must be received by 3:00pm Monday, June 10th. To have a valid election, we must have 25% of the green envelopes **signed & returned** or we must start over, incurring additional election costs.

PLEASE VOTE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

vacant *President*
 Abe Greenbaum, *Vice President*
 Eileen Mayer, *Treasurer*
 Suzanne Carey, *Secretary*
 Jo-Anne Goldberg, *Trustee*

OPEN SESSION MEETINGS

are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the Grande Room
 June 11th
 July 9th
 August 13th

Homeowners are encouraged to attend to learn about the VGEM priorities and goals.



WELCOME

Frank Grieco
205 Lily Road

Jacqueline & Bruce Singer
383 Sunflower Drive

Janine & Jack Palmer
245 Lily Road

Theresa and Andre Trainum
236 Lily Road



If you are a new neighbor, please complete an HOA census form with our Office Manager so we may have permission to formally welcome you!



Upcoming Events:

- June Currently no plans
- July 13 Christmas in July Dinner / Dance
- August 17 Summer Party

Bulk Trash Week Pick Up

June 16 Trash may be
 July 21 placed at the curb
 Aug 18 the preceding
 Sept 15 Friday.

Club News

Tennis Club

During the summer the Tennis group will play on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 – 11am. We are all mid-level players. No raw beginners among us, though some have joined us after not playing for years. No superstars in this group. Women and men play doubles together. We switch partners every few games. Always seeking new players. No fee. Just bring a racket. Contact Mike 609-904-2235

Billiards Club

Our 9-Ball season has begun. Seventeen teams are playing in a schedule that runs till mid October. In addition to the twice weekly League matches, all residents are invited and encouraged to use the billiard room to play and practice all year long. The 8-Ball season will begin again in late October/ early November and run through the winter. Sign ups will begin in August.

Dine Around Club

We are finishing up our “Breakfast for Dinner” theme which sparked a lot of fun. Our summer theme is always a BARBEQUE and starts in July. New members are always welcome.

Please contact Arlene Berg 609-365-8150 for more information.

Men’s Club

The VGEM Men’s Club has an active schedule for 2024. We meet on the last Friday of every month at Fitzpatrick’s for breakfast at 9am. Our June speaker will be Sarah Spellman to talk about AARP and member benefits. In July, Nina Sabra will inform us about homeopathic wellness. Our August presenter will be our neighbor, Eileen Mayer on her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution organization. In October, Alicia Newcomb will talk to us about CROPS, a local farmer’s market organization. October will also have us preparing for the 2024 Holiday Gift Drive. This worthwhile activity involves the whole VGEM community and is GREATLY appreciated by the greater Egg Harbor Township community as evidenced by the recognition we have received from the Board of Education. As always, the Men’s Club meetings provide an opportunity for good conversation, fellowship, and a few laughs. All men in the VGEM community are encouraged to join us.

Book Bunch

We are on hiatus for the summer. We will be reading The Ferret by Tom Minder, a local author, who will attend our September meeting.

Club News *continued*

VGEM Golf League

Our league started play on Tuesday, May 7. Competition to crown the annual VGEM Champion will start in June and run through August. The championship round will be held in early September. There is plenty of room for additional members. We also have groups that play on Fridays, but those scores do not count towards the championship. Anyone interesting in joining us at Green Tree Golf Course either day contact Jack Schoch 215-514-6551 or docscoch@aol.com

Bowling

A number of The VGEM Bowlers are regularly going to King Pin Alley every Monday morning at 11am. We average between 4 – 6 women and 5 – 8 men. There is PLENTY of room for others to take advantage of our \$10 bowling and lunch special. Call Arlene or Jim Berg 609-365-8150 OR just show up a few minutes early.



Newsletter

Our Newsletter is in danger of becoming defunct. Two volunteers have stepped forward in an attempt to keep the Newsletter going. We are in need of a third neighbor solely for organizing: sending out requests for submission emails, tracking who replied, getting the emails to the typist and proofreader, and lastly when the final printed copies arrive, helping to count and sort by street and contacting the delivery team. The requirement is about 2-3 weeks every 3 months.

Club News *continued*

Pickleball Club

We are playing pickleball regularly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday starting at 9:00am. We are hoping that individuals beginning to play pickleball will join us by our setting up a court or two for them to play. More experienced players will join in and play with the newcomers. Bill Giannetti will again offer a beginner's clinic for VGEM residents at no cost. If you are interested, contact Bill at tbgiannetti@gmail.com. Come join in having fun playing recreational pickleball. For other questions and/or suggestions, contact Tom Santucci at vgem.pickleball@comcast.net.

Ladies Bocce

We have started playing Mondays both in the morning and afternoon. We'll take a break from July 8th – Sept 3rd. Discussion of our League luncheon continues for this year. Stay tuned. Interested in playing? Show up Mondays 9:30 or 5:30.

Social Committee

We recently held two exciting events. Our Spring Fling Luncheon incorporated a free auction of over 100 items. It was great fun with the announcement of who won each item.

The Kentucky Derby was a "bring your own food" event. Each table made their menu and the variety was amazing. There was much excitement when winners were announced and prizes given.

2024
150th for Louisville, Ky
6th for VGEM



Committee News *continued*



Senior Citizens Club

We would like to announce the beginning of our summer 50/50 fundraiser held on Wednesdays at the grill. Come out for good food, fun times, and a chance to win some cash. Also, we would like to announce our Summer Bingo game on July 19th at 6:30pm. Our club has helped the community by purchasing 4) 8ft tables for the Grande Room as well as 10) 90inch fabric tablecloths for the Grande Room. We have also purchased 2 new crank and tilt umbrellas for the pool deck. We are so proud of the work our club has done to benefit and improve the Grande life here at VGEM.

Special Events

It's time for Wednesday night at the grill! It's time to meet new friends, chat with old friends, and get a meal at a reasonable price. Ever wonder where that money goes?

- ❖ Put in the gas line for the grill
- ❖ Contributed toward the warmer in the kitchen
- ❖ Purchased :
 - a new gas grill
 - and installed the ice machine
 - four 48" round tables
 - two 6ft rectangular tables that you see on the pool deck
 - four 42" poly round tables
 - one 36" poly round table
 - two condiment holders
 - two insulated soft drink coolers
- ❖ In the process of buying 8 new chairs and 2 new lounges for the pool

Safety Committee

We will be scheduling our Spring Meeting. Interested in joining, being part of keeping our Neighborhood safe? Please attend; stay tuned for our announcement. In the meantime, check out the app we've been promoting "SNUG" created specifically for those living alone. **It's EZ.** Yes, it can't happen to me, but it's happened to a few of our neighbors. **No computer skills necessary.**

Call Eileen 609-226-4771 or Aggie 609-927-7033

OUR LANDSCAPE SERVICES

The HOA has a very detailed contract for the care and maintenance of approximately 397 lawns, our Clubhouse, common areas, and four basins as well. The maintenance under this contract is of a 'commercial' nature as it is our HOA that engages the company for the benefit our community as a whole.

Please do not interrupt or speak to the Outdoor Décor workers on site. Our landscaper cannot respond directly to individual complaints, rather these are handled by your volunteer Landscape Committee or our Community Manager, Tara, and then possibly referred to Outdoor Décor.

We believe the GREEN FORM system we have in place at our community office has allowed us to respond quickly and efficiently to your 'green' concerns. **Please do not phone or email** the office or Landscape Committee with your comments or concerns **unless it involves an emergency situation. Please fill out a GREEN FORM available in the racks outside the Manager's office, put it in the 'mail box' there and we will address your concerns.** For a true emergency, contact the office during business hours or a committee member at other times. Please be courteous and respectful to our committee members who freely spend many hours serving us all, tirelessly working to make VGEM a beautiful place to live and who save us a great deal of money.

Under our current contract between the VGEM HOA and Outdoor Décor, our lawns are mowed 26 times per growing season. We have more than 26 weeks in our growing season so, as a cost saving measure, our lawns are not cut every week. In spring and twice in the fall we all receive a "clean up" of turf areas which includes blowing and cleaning up leaves and other debris. Lawn/hard surface areas are edged bi-weekly. It is inevitable that some grass clippings are blown into planting beds by the large commercial blowers. This is natural, organic material that decomposes quickly though it can be unsightly for a brief time. In addition to mowing and edging, Outdoor Décor performs a comprehensive application lawn care program for every home, the clubhouse, and common areas too. Please stay off the grass for at least 24 hours after the application flags appear in each lawn area. The ornamental beds at our clubhouse and common areas are edged, weeded, mulched, and treated with weed pre-emergent. We have annuals planted in late spring and fall at our clubhouse and entrances. Maintenance of the areas around our four "basins" are included in the contract as well.

Our irrigation system is not owned by us as individuals, but rather by the VGEM HOA. Please do not tamper with it or allow any unauthorized digging on your property that may damage our system. Your application with the VGEM ACC for any outdoor alteration will cover this situation and protect our system. Under our contract, Outdoor Décor provides spring turn on and fall blow out services. The company owner provides our committee with guidance concerning optimal run time, responds quickly to system performance issues, and is responsible for care and maintenance throughout the growing season. Please submit a Green Form for your irrigation issues.

A total of 2-3 inches of shredded hardwood mulch is desirable around all trees. More than that can interrupt the oxygen availability to the roots of the trees and cause proliferation of fibrous roots toward the soil surface resulting in deterioration or death of the tree. **Please do not add mulch every year to these curb trees, unless some is removed.** We don't want the "volcano effect"! Quite a few curb trees, and others you may own, send up "sucker growth" from the roots through the mulch and also out from the tree trunks. These should be cut off. All plants, planting beds, weeding, and driveway maintenance are the responsibility of each homeowner.

Your volunteer Landscape Committee works diligently for our community and appreciates your understanding, cooperation, and assistance in maintaining a community aesthetic of which we can all be proud. We work diligently with Outdoor Décor to provide a beautiful living environment within a reasonable budget for our community.

Thanks for helping us stay green!

We have published the quarterly Newsletter with a very small committee for almost a decade. Now, however, it seems the baton should be passed to those with fresh ideas. It has been a pleasure serving the community and a very special thank you goes out to our delivery team.

Committee: Christine Pierson, Eileen Mayer, Leslie Malec

VGEM NEWS reserves the right to reject any material that is deemed inappropriate. Submissions may be edited for length or clarity. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the staff or Board of Trustees.

If your club or committee is not represented in our Newsletter, we may have the wrong contact information. Please contact us.

Newsletter contact: VGEMNEWS@gmail.com

Or drop a note into the mailbox at the Manager's Office Door

Don't mess with the Chef!

