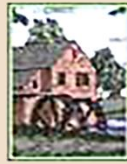


VGEM



NEWS

1 Village Grande Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Board's Corner

As we welcome spring, the Board of Trustees is pleased to share that our transition to Associa is almost complete! Please remember to contact our community manager, Tara Frontera, with any questions you may have. As an experienced community manager, she possesses an abundance of information and welcomes your questions.

Recently, some of our Board members attended workshops focusing on the new laws in New Jersey regarding reserve studies, governance, and corporate transparency. We appreciate our collaboration with Associa in bringing these learning opportunities to our attention and we look forward to sharing any new information with the community.

Our Social and Special Events Committees continue to plan and provide events for our enjoyment. Our Senior Citizens Club will continue to sponsor Bingo and the 50/50. The Board encourages residents to express their appreciation to those committee and club members who devote time and effort to make our community a lovely place to live.

Election Committee

The 2024 Trustees Election will begin with the announcement of the Call for Candidates by email, phone blast, and USPS mailing on April 15, 2024 and closes at 1:00 PM on May 6, 2024. Residents whose experience and background could contribute to the success of the Board of Trustees and our Community are strongly encouraged to run. If this applies to you, please consider becoming a candidate or encourage a qualified neighbor. There will be three (3) vacancies to be filled. This creates a great opportunity for those with ideas of how to strengthen our governing body going forward to provide direction and guidance! Please give it a thought.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeanette Harris, *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

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

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



WELCOME

Terri & Tom Clark

230 Lily Rd

Tom Hunter

1 Poppy Rd

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!



Memorial Day

May 27th

Welcome TARA !

We're certain many of us will get to meet you when you see us in the doorway of your office. We look forward to your assistance during this time of transition to Associa. We are attempting to sign into **TownSq.io** but some of us need more assistance than others. For those of us who need this assistance or have other questions we know to call you at **609-788-8405**. For those who prefer to email we know your address is

Tara.Frontera@

Club News

Tennis Club

In late March we will resume play from 10:00 till 12:00 on Wednesdays and Saturdays. When the weather gets warmer, we will change the time to 9:00. We mostly play doubles. Both women and men play. All residents are welcome. There is no fee. No sign up is required. Bring a racket. We have balls. If you are uncertain whether or not you fit in - come and watch for a while. Questions?

Call Mike 609-904-2235 or mikeanddebbiemcgrath@comcast.net

Billiards Club

8-Ball League begins the first week in May. All residents are welcome to join the league. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Billiards Room. You can sign up with a team of three or sign up as an individual and the Billiards Committee will place you on a team. Sign up will close on April 22nd.

Dine Around Club

Dine Around is wrapping up its current session with a heritage theme dinner. Our next theme dinner will start April 2024. If you are a new or old member of the community, we would love to have you join our club. Contact Arlene Berg 609-365-8150



Men's Club

Men's Club breakfast meetings will be taking place throughout the spring at Fitzpatrick's in Somers Point at 9:00AM.

March 29th: Six Pillars of Brain Health

April 26th: Social Security : Understanding Your Benefits

June 28th: AARP Today

All men in the community are encouraged to attend.

Bowling

A number from our community, men and women, have started bowling at King Pin on Route 40 aka Black Horse Pike. It is open bowling on Mondays at 11:00AM. We get the senior rate: 3 games, shoes, a ball, plus lunch for \$10. We are open to bowlers of **ALL LEVELS** — just show up! Contact Jim Berg 609-365-8150

Tai Chi

All are welcome to join us Wednesday 10AM in the Grande Room.

Did you Know ?

Bulk trash is collected some time during the 3rd FULL week of the month. Our rules allow bulk to be placed curbside the Saturday before.

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th

June 16th

If you need assistance, call the office as the Men's Club has offered to help.



Volunteers are crucial to the success of the ShopRite LPGA Classic. Join your neighbors as a volunteer. For the past 10 years, VGEM residents have been Marshals of the 12th hole. Marshals provide crowd control and enforce gold etiquette among spectators. The tournament is Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 7, 8, & 9.

To volunteer register on the tournament website: <https://www.shopritelpgaclassic.com/volunteer>

For more information contact Abe Greenbaum, 12th Hole Captain 609-214-4879 or ahg.eht@gmail.com

Club News *continued*

Veterans' Club

The Veterans' Club is reorganizing. We had our first meeting during which we discussed a charter as well as projects the club could do for our current brothers & sisters. A Valentine's Treat donation box for the Veterans' Home in Vineland and Meadowview was set up by Denise Conway (wife of Navy Veteran Jim Conway) and was a huge success. We will be meeting again in April to continue working to get our club back up and moving forward. Date to be announced. Contact BobKennedy.ocnj@verizon.net

Bible Fellowship

Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays at 2PM in the Grande Room. We are journeying through the Gospel of John. All are welcome!

Contact Kathy DeMaria 609-314-1679

Ladies Bocce

We intend to start our season in mid May, break from mid July until Labor Day, and then play thru late September / early October. We will again be playing Monday mornings & afternoon. At our end of season meeting, it was decided to increase team size to help decrease the cancellations due to not enough players. Sign ups will be in April with the date to be announced.

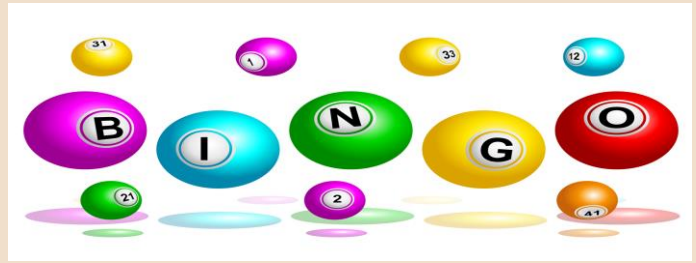
Golf League

We're patiently waiting for the weather to cooperate and allow us to play some winter golf. Anyone interested in joining us now, when weather permits, or would like to join the group for the spring / summer season at Green Tree Golf Course please contact Jack Schoch at docschoch@aol.com or 215-514-6551

A Call for Newsletter Staff

It's time to recruit new volunteers with fresh ideas. Basic editing skills and / or Microsoft Word formatting is all that is needed to keep our publication a viable part of our community. Contact Eileen 609-226-4771 ASAP

Committee News



Senior Citizens Club

We hope to see you at BINGO on April 12th. We have been having a good crowd, so come early and get a lucky seat.

ACC Committee

The Architectural Control Committee will begin meeting twice a month starting March 2024. The committee usually meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month through October.

The ACC is responsible for approving all landscape, hard scape, and lighting projects submitted by homeowners. Homeowners must first complete an application describing the scope of each project. This application (blue in color) can be picked up outside the Manager's office. Listed on the application are the four documents which must accompany the 'blue form' in order for the application to be reviewed by members of the committee. Once approved, homeowners will receive notification from the Community Manager, who in turn will provide a pink placard to the homeowners which is placed in the front window until the project is completed.

Applications not approved will be returned to the homeowner with reasons for the non-approval. Last year the ACC approved 90% of applications submitted for a review as all of the required documents were attached with the application. The role of ACC is to ensure VGEM continues to be the premier over 55 community in Southern New Jersey. With homeowner cooperation and support this goal can easily be maintained. As a final note, if anyone would be interested in volunteering to serve as a member of the ACC please contact Tara, our Community Manager. The committee is always happy to welcome new members.

Looking forward to a great spring and summer!

**Thank you isn't enough!
Bill, you've enhanced our community!**



Despite the cold weather, the Pickleball Club continues to play, weather permitting, daily at 10AM. In April, play will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 10AM. Sometime in May when the weather improves, play will begin at 9AM. We anticipate having a clinic for beginners in late May or early June.

Contact Tom Santucci at vgem.pickleball@comcast.net



PLEASE NOTE: Although the AED machine has a note that states 'opening the door an alarm will sound', actually the alarm goes to the 911 call center.

**No alarm sounds in the building.
911 responds to our front door!**

We have had *several* 'false alarms' due to residents opening the door, perhaps to look at the machine. We are at risk of being fined for the false alarms.

Please don't open the door.

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

Committee News *continue*

Special Events

- April 13th we are having an Elvis impersonator. There will be many of the oldie songs including songs by Frank Sinatra. We will have a dessert intermission.
- Also, don't forget to get your deposit in for the fall trip to New Hampshire & Vermont. We're hoping to have a full bus of VGEM neighbors.

Social Committee

The Social Committee sponsored a wonderful luncheon in January that was so very much enjoyed; it ran overtime! The ladies and men who attended were very impressed with the food and enjoyed conversation with their neighbors. So, perhaps those who did not get the opportunity to attend will want to consider the next planned luncheon.

Upcoming Events:

- March 16th
St. Patrick's Day Party
- April 20th
Spring Fling Luncheon and Auction
- May 4th
Kentucky Derby
- July 13
Christmas in July Dinner / Dance
- August 17
Summer Party

