

# VGEM



# NEWS

1 Village Grande Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

## BOARD'S CORNER

Your Board has been extremely active dealing with changes and challenges. Some of our activities accomplished on your behalf include the following:

**BOARD CHANGES:** of President Charles Biscieglija and thanked him for his dedication and leadership. The Board appointed Art Farnum to serve until the next election.

**BUDGET COMPLETED:** A new budget has been adopted for 2024-2025. The new budget resulted in a slight decrease in your homeowner assessment. The Board will continue to search for ways to control costs without sacrificing the services the community deserves.

**HOA ATTORNEY SEARCH COMPLETED:** To reduce our legal fees, the Board conducted a search for a new legal firm to represent VGEM. This search has been completed and we are now represented by Mr. George Greatrex of Hill Wallack LLC. A sincere thank you goes to Mike McGrath who assisted us in this endeavor.

**REVISED FEES FOR NEW OWNERS:** The Board is seeking to increase the one-time buy-in fees for incoming new homeowners as a way of increasing our capital reserve without impacting current VGEM homeowners. This increase will require a change in our by-laws

**NEW WELLS:** In an effort to control water usage costs related to lawn irrigation (exacerbated by this past summer drought), the Board is looking to add two new wells. We hope to have this project completed by early spring.

**THE BOARD WISHES THE VERY HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS TO ALL**

Welcome to the new group of volunteers putting together the VGEM NEWSLETTER:

Diane Gottman, Bernadette McGinty, Brenda Fishman and Bernie Dyer. Brenda and Diane have both lived here since the inception of VGEM; 19 and 17 years respectively. Bernadette and Bernie have both lived here since 2020. We hope you enjoy our efforts.

We have very big shoes to fill.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*President, Robert Kennedy  
Vice President, Art Farnum  
Secretary, Jo-Anne Goldberg  
Treasurer, Eileen Mayer  
Trustee, Abe Greenbaum*

**NOTE:** Dates changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

**OPEN SESSION MEETINGS** are held on the **THIRD** Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM.

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 18<sup>th</sup>  
March 18<sup>th</sup>

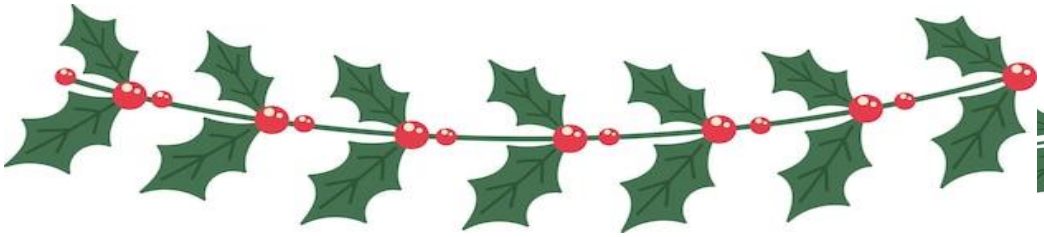
Homeowners are encouraged to attend to learn about VGEM priorities and goals.

## WELCOME

- Ralph Buonocore  
313 Sunflower Drive
- Hope Reed  
113 Violet Drive
- Mark Anuskiewicz & Joy Hoffer  
123 Violet Drive
- Harry and Katy Hornikel  
20 Primrose Circle
- Carl Petzold Jr. & JoAnne Petzold  
3 Primrose Circle
- Gary & Debra Glass  
210 Lily Road
- Joseph Dillon  
216 Lilly Road
- Kim San Ouk  
355 Sunflower Drive
- Jean Jacobson  
206 Ivy Road
- Bruce & Jacqueline Singer  
383 Sunflower Drive

**If you are a new neighbor, please complete an HOA census form with Tara so we may have permission to formally welcome you to VGEM.**





## Club News

### Ladies Bible Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Grande Room. If you are seeking fellowship, a deeper understanding of God, how to apply the Bible to everyday living in order to find comfort, joy, hope and the peace that the world cannot give, and you are finding encourage to live out your faith: Then this is the place. A place to grow in God's love and His grace, a place to uplift one another and to give thanks. Any questions, contact Kathy DeMaria at: 609-314-1679 or [kdjemaria84@gmail.com](mailto:kdjemaria84@gmail.com) "Thy Word O Lord is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Psalm 119:105

### Nu-ish Jewish Group

Nu-ish Jewish Group welcomes members. Dues are \$10 a person for the year to cover beverages and other snacks that we share each meeting. We meet once a month in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Usually on Thursdays at 4:00pm. We are not a political group. We try to have speakers that reflect current events in America and in Israel that are of concern to the Jewish Community. Every so often we go on field trips in our area. Please feel free to contact Alex at 609-501-3065 if you have any questions or want to be on our e-mail list. [kgd323@aol.com](mailto:kgd323@aol.com)

### Dine around Club

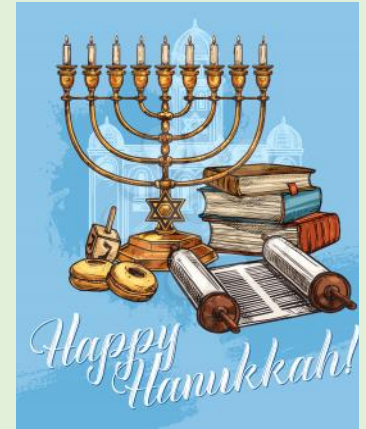
Do you want good food and interesting conversation? If the answer is YES, then join the Dine Around Club. We meet four times a year with a themed dinner. The Autumn theme was "Dinner without an Entrée." There is usually a host home, and everyone brings food matching the theme. Everyone is switched around each session to dine and meet new and old members of the club. Please contact Jim and Arlene Berg at 609-365-8150 for more information.

### Bowling Group

When it is cold outside on Monday, join us at the King Pin Bowling Alley on Route 40 (Black Horse Pike). We have a special deal for VGEM seniors. We have fun bowling and eating lunch for the price of \$10. **YOU CANNOT FIND A BETTER DEAL.** We have all skill levels from first beginners to advanced beginners. It is casual, and fun. Just show up before 11:00am. For any questions, contact Arlene or Jim Berg 609-365-8150 or [bergnegg@comcast.net](mailto:bergnegg@comcast.net)

### Billiards Club

The 2024/25 8-Ball League play started November 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a great season with 12 teams playing over 11 weeks. The season will culminate in March with playoffs, the championship match, and our annual awards banquet. In the afternoon, there's always players; pick up a stick to practice, play, or refresh your skills.



## Social Committee

### Save the 2025 Dates

- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Winter Luncheon
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pizza & Dance Party
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Pat's Dinner/Dance Party



## Life in an HOA

Rules and Fees and  
Neighbors  
**OH MY !**

What did I buy into?  
Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30pm, you'll find out.  
Light refreshments will be  
served.



## Club News cont'd

### Book Bunch

Our meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 3:30pm.

Our schedule is as follows:

**Volume 1**  
December 16<sup>th</sup>: Holiday party and discussion of three seasonal books.

January 20<sup>th</sup>: Title to be announced

February 17<sup>th</sup>: Title to be announced

Any questions, call Peggy Smith at 609-204-1445 or email [rfancy lady@aol.com](mailto:rfancy lady@aol.com)

### Social Committee

We recently held our Halloween Party, and it was so much fun. While costumes were optional, many participants attended in very imaginative costumes!

Prizes were given for the Most Original, Funniest, Scariest and Judges Choice



**Most Original**



**Judges' Choice**

## ACC

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The ACC held its final meeting on October 23. It was a very busy, productive year. The committee approved more than landscape or hardscape projects submitted by homeowners. The committee also reviewed language currently included in Rules and Regulations, to determine if any revisions or updates are needed. Recommended changes were forwarded to the HOA board for their review. The ACC committee members are looking forward to collaborating with homeowners during 2025 in a joint effort to keep our community the premier over 55 destination in South Jersey. The ACC wishes all homeowners a safe holiday season!

## ADR

### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The ADR provides an opportunity for a homeowner to resolve disputes between themselves an another homeowner, the HOA, and Committees. The ADR relies on community members do accomplish their work, and their work remains confidential. The current chair of ADR Terry Giannetti. The ADR is looking for new members. Any community member interested in volunteering for the ADR committee should contact TARA, the Community Manager.



## **Club News** *continued*

### **Pickleball Club**

The Pickleball Club will continue to play at 10:00am on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### **Tennis Club**

The Tennis Club will not be playing in December, January or February. You can arrange your own match for any afternoon in those months. Any new players should contact Mike McGrath.

### **Golf League**

Our 2024 league play concluded, September 3<sup>rd</sup> with our Annual Championship Round. Congratulations to Jim Berg, our Champion. We continue to play throughout the winter, and we are hoping that the nice weather continues. There is plenty of room for additional golfers. Anyone interested in joining us at Green Tree Golf Course on Tuesday or Friday mornings. Please contact Jack Schoch at docschoch@aol.com or at 215-514-6551.

### **Men's Club**

We have a great lineup of speakers when our monthly breakfast meetings begin again in January.

January 31<sup>st</sup>: Atlantic County Clerk, Joe Giraldo

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Atlantic County Sheriff, Joe O'Donoghue

March 28: Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Bob Franklin

April 25<sup>th</sup>: Atlantic County Prosecutor: William E. Reynolds

The meetings are a great opportunity to learn about our Southern New Jersey area while enjoying fellowship and good food with your neighbors.

### **Fishing Club**

For years, before Covid, the Fishing Club was active and sponsored fishing trips that were scheduled every summer. Thirty-five to forty residents would get together on a chartered pontoon boat to a four-hour morning on the back bays. If anyone is interested, contact Bill Hofman at 609-678-8999 or billfish363@gmail.com

### **The Senior Citizens Club**

The Senior Citizens Club announces our Bingo is **January 17<sup>th</sup>** with doors opening at **6:00pm**. We look forward to seeing our neighbors and wish good luck to all. There will be 5 door prizes drawn after every two games.

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***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**

## ***News of Note....***

### **SLOW DOWN!**

*please*

**a friendly reminder, that the posted speed limit in our community is 25mph. There are residents who walk and/or walk their dogs in the street and speeding presents a hazard to them. Please slow down while driving through the VGEM.**

### **BULK TRASH**

**is collected the week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Trash can be placed at the curb on the previous Friday.**



### **Singles Club**

The VGEM Singles Club will celebrate the holidays on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at The Crab Trap in Somers Point at 1:00pm. I will send the particulars needed to confirm your menu selections and attendance by Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Singles wishing to attend can let me know at cbreeze52@verizon.net