



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

Village Crier

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April Showers bring May flowers, gorgeous flowering trees; we love the Magnolias and Weeping Cherry. Nature lovers welcome Hummingbirds, Blue Birds, Finches, Chickadees, A Great Blue Heron in our pond, a variety of ducks, and much more. Listen to the sounds of the spring peepers especially at the May 2nd Bonfire.

Gardeners, this is the time we have been waiting for: plant sales, a great one at Green View Garden (on Tuckertown Road has healthy and interesting plants for sale May 9th + 10th) and RI Wild Plant Society (RIWPS) May 9th 9am -2pm the Best Spring Native Plant Sale at Casey Farm, 2325 Boston Neck Road. Enjoy South County's Farmer's Markets, garden tours and digging in the dirt. Kinney Azalea Garden will now feature Saturday Teas, a gorgeous Garden in Kingston featuring Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Don't forget Wicked Tulip !

Join the Village Garden Club, where enthusiastic, knowledgeable Villagers plan very interesting projects.

WELCOME SPRING, YOUR MONTHLY CALENDAR IS FULL OF GREAT ACTIVITIES!

THANK YOU to Kelly La Grutta and Judy Harris for their Spring planting at the Clubhouse, it is welcoming and lovely.

Village residents are enjoying the **GREAT OUTDOORS**: Walking, Biking, Birding, Bean Bag, Bocce, Croquet, Kayaking and Shuffleboard.

Celebrate our special May Holidays: May Day, Mother's Day, National Nurses Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day to honor all our incredible veterans.

CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES: Pilates, Yoga, Mahjong, Bingo, Bocce, Bean Bag, Croquet, Book Chat, Library, Fitness Center: Fitness Machines, Pool, Bumper Pool, and Ping Pong.

Art Club: A wonderful Club organized by Anna Beth, a talented artist who loves to create and share her enthusiasm with others. Everyone is welcome, bring any form of artwork and enjoy fellowship and creativity with neighbors and friends. The Village has many talented residents. **Tuesdays at the Clubhouse from 1–3 pm.**

The Village is looking beautiful, bursting with fabulous colors. Need help completing your Spring cleanups? **Hire a Village Landscaper; Cordice Landscaping** Call/ text Ashley at 401.626.7175, and **Matt Summers** at 1.954.593.7851.

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Record Home Sales in The Village: Great time to sell your home. Contact Lisa and Anna Beth if you are considering selling, let's discuss your options. Our intimate knowledge of The Village is advantageous for anyone considering this very important life decision.

Time for power washing, especially the north side of your home. Mildew can really be an eyesore to your neighbors, and it isn't great for your vinyl, maintenance is important for your home. Please contact **SpringBrook Power Washing, either online at www.PowerwashRI.com or call 401.742.2597.**

THERE IS NO SOLICITATION IN THE VILLAGE, PERIOD.

More Scams- Please be diligent when answering your phones. WE ARE BEING TARGETED BY FRAUDULENT PEOPLE. Some of the groups they FALSELY say they represent: Banks, Utilities, IRS, Military, Medicare, Medicaid, Grand Children, and there will be others. **PLEASE HANG UP YOUR PHONE !**

Please disregard Veolia's notice regarding water line insurance.

We are attaching the Annual Review and Adjustment to Lease Rate Letter. Please note this year starting **July 1st** we will have an increase of 3.151% based on the annual Consumer Price Index. There is also \$ 42. annual property tax payment due July 1st.

Please drive slowly and carefully through the Village, we have walkers, bikers, pets & children visiting us, be considerate of others. **Please face the traffic when you are walking and biking.**

We love our pets, please clean up after your pets. **NO cigarette butts** left on the property; they are gross and bad for our pets.

Celebrate and enjoy Spring while staying safe,

Lisa and Anita



Thanks to a generous donation from Lisa and Anita Fiore, the Village Library will soon have many new best seller books for you to read. These new books will soon be placed in the white cabinet and you need to "sign out" any book you borrow that is shelved in the white cabinet. Please remember to note on the sign out sheet when you return the book with the date. Unfortunately the library has lost some new books over the years and this is our only way to keep tabs on new books. Your cooperation is appreciated and insures other villagers will be able to read the same book. All other books and puzzles need not be signed out.

Happy reading and puzzling!

The next Book Chat will be held Monday, May 4 th at 1pm in the clubhouse.

HOA NEWS

“Hello May! Let the warmth and joy fill our hearts!”

There’s so much coming up this month! Let’s start with our Welcome New Residents /Fire Pit Party! Join us Saturday, May 2nd at the fire pit from 4pm-7pm for hot dogs, chips, sides, desserts, and villager socializing! Sign up sheets are posted at the mailbox on Little Pond Rd. There is no cost for this event but we do ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. Add your treat to the sheet when you sign up please. This board will be our only designated place to sign up for events.

The new bulletin boards are beautiful. Thank you Lisa. They look professional and keep our notices clean and neat under the glass. Please check them frequently for up to date notices about upcoming events and village news. Only information pertaining to our VWP HOA may be posted on our new open bulletin board. If there is something you’d like posted, check with the office. The locked bulletin board for Little Pond has been ordered and should arrive soon.

Villager Karen Desmond makes delicious Baklava pastry and has volunteered to demonstrate her technique for us! She invites us to join her Thursday, May 14th, 11:00am at the clubhouse for a lesson and Baklava treats to take home. This event is free. Please call Karen at 845-242-7146 no later than May 8th if you plan on attending. Sweet!

Our Garden Club will be meeting every other week at the clubhouse on Mondays, 11:00am starting May 4th. Please call Michael Soetbeer at 401-515-6052 for more information.

Due to health issues Diane Smith is unable to be our contact person for our annual yard sale taking place on Saturday Oct. 3rd. Diane did a fabulous job last year picking up items for the sale from your homes. A new contact person will be announced shortly. In the meantime, please put those items you’d like to donate aside. They will be most appreciated. Thank you.

Kudos to our Activities Committee for an absolutely delicious Pasta Party! Julie Wardwell, we are so appreciative of your efforts and talent pulling this event together. Our chefs, Julie Wardwell, Joyce Egan, and Kathy Piatek, created fantastic mouth watering pasta dishes that were thoroughly enjoyed by all and Jane Soetbeer made a Canoli Cake, so good! The evening unfortunately started with a medical crisis that was quickly addressed and our member was transported to the hospital. Since then, he has received a pacemaker and is recuperating nicely at home. We wish him well.

As you know Roberta Fahlman-Bawden is completing her second two year term as VWP HOA Vice-President. If you’d like to have your name placed on the ballot for this position, please contact our Nominating Committee members Kathy Piatek at 401-284-2053 or Kathy Stagg at 914-629-4532. Voting will take place in June. Thank you.

This month’s general meeting is Tuesday, May 19th. Susan DiMasi, director of the South Kingstown Senior Center will be speaking to us about the programs and opportunities available to us at our beautiful senior facility. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm with our speaker. Refreshments and our general meeting will follow.

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.” Rudyard Kipling
May 10th - Happy Mother’s Day moms!

Peace my friends.

LANTERNFLIES ARE BACK - KEEP A LOOKOUT

Sidewalks, trees and even cars are set to be blanketed with a plague of spotted lanternflies.

Experts are sounding the alarm on the invasive insect from [China](#), warning that 2026 could be worse than previous seasons.

The multi-colored bug, with spots on its back, is known to devour more than 70 types of vegetation, leaving behind inch-long, putty-like egg masses and a sticky 'honeydew' resin often covered in toxic black mold that slowly weakens plants.



Both nymphs and adults of spotted lanternfly cause damage when they feed, sucking sap from stems and branches. This can reduce photosynthesis, weaken the plant, and eventually contribute to the plant's death.

In addition, feeding can cause the plant to ooze or weep, resulting in a fermented odor, and the insects themselves excrete large amounts of fluid that is called honeydew.

Look for invasive pest egg masses during late fall, winter, and early spring on outdoor surfaces like tree bark, cars, and items you store outside.

Officials advise scraping the eggs off the surface, putting them in a plastic bag, and throwing the bag in the trash - this will ensure none survive and officials have sent residents on a mission to kill, urging people to crush or stomp on the bugs, put them in a container of alcohol, diluted Clorox or hand sanitizer and spray them with a mixture of rubbing alcohol and water.

A Note from Sandra Oldham

To all the wonderful people I met since I lived in The Village.

I will miss you all, especially my neighbors.

Thanks for being so kind and friendly to me & Cleo in the almost 11 years I've been here.

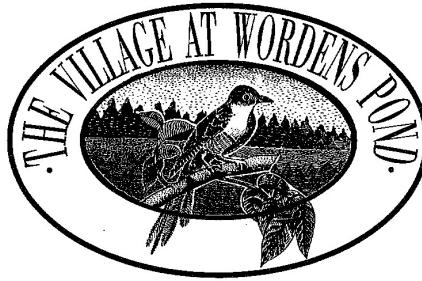
God bless you all for the wonderful memories that I will cherish

For the rest of my life.

Good Health to All.

Love,

Sandra & Cleo



May 1, 2026

To: All Homeowners, The Village at Worden's Pond

Re: Annual Review and Adjustment to Lease Rate

1. Please be advised that the Annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Northeast Region Increased for 2025 by 3.151percent.

In accordance with your lease, your lease rate will increase 3.151 %. Your new monthly Lease Rate effective July 1, 2026 is as follows:

<u>Phase 1</u>	<u>Phase 2</u>	<u>Phase 2A</u>	<u>Phase 3</u>	<u>Phase 4</u>
\$374.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 487.00	\$ 523.00	\$ 523.00

2. Your Additional Rent due, which is a property – tax – only expense pass-through, based upon the 2024 property tax expense base amount, prorated by 230 homes, is equal to:

\$ 42.00/per home for the year.

This amount is due July 1, 2026. Please include a separate check with your July lease payment.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Fiore
Lisa Fiore, Manager

The Village at Worden's Pond

May Day



BUTTERFLY
CELEBRATE
FERTILITY
MAY QUEEN
RAINDROPS
TRADITION
CHILDREN
FESTIVAL
LAUGHTER
PURITANS
SUNSHINE

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MAYPOLE
OUTSIDE
RAINBOW
RIBBONS
SINGING
BASKET
COLORS
MAYDAY
PARADE
ROMANS
SPRING
BLOOM
BUDS
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