

celebrating 41 years!

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# Village Crier

## HAPPY 41 st BIRTHDAY TO THE VILLAGE AT WORDEN'S POND

Welcome to June in beautiful South County, spring is an ideal time to enjoy our plant community, the landscape is gorgeous! Vibrant colored blossoms, lush green foliage and the fragrant smells of late Spring permeate the air. The earth slowly warms up as we enjoy more time outside. Spring and early Summer are joyful times for gardens, birds, dragonflies and so many of nature's creatures. The Oak/ Pine Forest in the Village comes to life, slow down and notice the incredible ferns, skunk cabbage, princess pine, false lily of the valley and the sweet pepper bush which lines Leisure Drive from Worden's Pond all the way down to the office, along with Witch Hazel, Sassafras and so much more.

Shout out to our wonderful Village gardeners, their leader, Michael Soetbeer, and our Garden Club, visit their raised bed gardens on the side of the Clubhouse and better yet join them. Gratitude for Kelly and Judy as they continue to beautify our Clubhouse.

Please note that the best mulch to use is either hemlock or cedar, in their natural color. Dyed mulch can become combustible, which we witnessed on Pine Tree Lane, (please be careful).

Time to enjoy our South County Summer: Theatre by The Sea, Contemporary Theatre, Courthouse Center for The Arts, South County Luxury Cinemas, Ferry to Block Island, Jamestown Ferry, and Wakefield Concert Band. Farmer's Markets, walks on the beach, hiking RI's many open space trails and parks, Al Fresco Dining at delicious restaurants, golfing at South Shore Village's wonderful link style 9-hole Golf Course, biking, and boating. Let's not forget Brickley's Ice Cream and the Trolls at Ninigret Park, very cool!

Our Monday and Wednesday, "Stretch & Breath Yoga" will now be at the Galilee Beach Club, 220 Sand Hill Cove Road, @ 9:30 till June 17th and we will switch to 8:30 to 9:30am, all are welcome. However, when it rains, or the weather does not cooperate, we will be back at the Clubhouse. Please bring your beach blanket, blocks and water bottle to the beach and your yoga mat to the Clubhouse. \$ 10/ class. All That Matters teachers are Mel Weigmont on Mondays and Laura Mecham on Wednesday.

Please follow the "Guidelines for Living", no boats, trailers or RVs except kayaks and canoes, are permitted in anyone's yard or on the driveway except for short term maintenance. No one came here to look at or live near a boat, trailer, or RV, that is the reason we built the stockade area.

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SEARCHING FOR:

Someone who has ideas and or can make suggestions easily within a small group.

Did you ever say I wish we had in the Village....?

Did you ever say I wish the clubhouse had or I wish they offered .... at the clubhouse?

Did you ever say why don't they .....?

Are you pretty good at offering advice when you hear a good idea or when something isn't a good idea?

Well, do I have the position for you >>>> Vice President of the Village Home Association. Just a FABULOUS SOCIAL group! The VP offers up ideas within a small setting at the once a month Executive Committee Meeting, sits with the board at the monthly HOA meeting, and helps events run smoothly. We would love someone new. Most everyone you see regularly at the HOA meetings has already served as one of the committee members. You don't have to have a lot of ideas, just a few can help us run social events for the Village. You always have the support of the other 6 members of the committee, that includes the 3 Trustees like myself. So many in the audience still help out also. You often see this when you see so many help set up and break down either after a meeting or event. You could do this even if you are new or relatively new to the Village. Deborah, our President, was here less than a year when she ran for office. She has found that she has been embraced and well supported. Your new Fresh ideas and perspectives could help give the Village's social life a BOOST! Come join our social bunch and be an active participant in our wonderful Village. I can't wait to hear from you.

Chuck Morgan 401-259-1890 coldchin@aol.com (call or email me any questions)

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Tony Calenda oversees the stockade area, call, or text Tony at 401.450.9930. We expect all residents to respect their neighbors' peace and quiet, please be aware that no one enjoys any dog's continuous barking. Residents have the right to enjoy their own music, invest in a headset when you are listening to loud music.

We are including the Village at Worden's annual renewal letter with this Newsletter and our rental history. Please note there is an increase in the land lease starting July 1st and the property tax pass through remains at \$ 42.00 for the year. The property tax pass through payment is due July 1, please make your check payable to "The Village at Worden's Pond".

NO SOLICITATION IN THE VILLAGE, please don't let any strangers into your home. We would inform you of any utility or group/company that we have approved of well in advance of their visit. Stay safe.

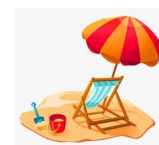
Village landscapers include Chris & Ashley, Cordice Landscaping, cell 401. 626.7175 and Matt Summers 1.954.593.7851.

When residents reserve the Clubhouse for a function, please leave the Clubhouse as you find it. This means replenishing the paper towels, toilet paper, and anything else that was used, and all trash containers lined with bags. Please NO SMOKING ANYWHERE !

We would like to thank all our terrific residents who have stepped up and served as Officers and Board Members of The Homeowners Association. We are so fortunate to have these wonderful people volunteer their talents and valuable time. This is an important part of The Village, and we appreciate your talents and positive energy that fosters The Village's Sense of Place.

Celebrate and enjoy Spring and Summer,

Lisa and Anita



## VWPHOA NEWS

"Let the summer magic begin - Hello June!"

Our Summer Fest is right around the corner, Saturday, June 13th starting at 4:00 with our usual menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, and desserts. Vocalist Janine Andrews will entertain us from 5-7pm with music spanning decades. Janine is known for "lighting up the room" wherever she performs! Two sign up sheets will be posted June 1st on our VWPHOA bulletin board at the Little Pond mailboxes. One is for sides and the other is to establish a head count. Cost for this event is \$15 pp and checks may be deposited into our wooden box below the sign up sheets. We need to limit attendance to 55 people, so please reserve quickly.

Our annual Village Yard Sale is Saturday, October 3rd from 8am-1pm. At this time we are focusing on collecting donations. Christine Pfeiffer is our coordinator for donations and will meet you at the Clubhouse to drop off your items on Tuesdays from 4pm-5pm. Please call or text Christine at 401-741-1103 to make arrangements to meet her then or with any questions you may have.

Our Nominating Committee, Kathy Piatek and Kathy Stagg have tried very hard to find a candidate for Vice President of our VHOA without success. We are most appreciative of their efforts. Unless someone steps up for this position, we will not have an election since Trustees Diane Smith and Doug Shepard have agreed to a second 3 year term. Trustee Chuck Morgan has a posting in this Crier outlining the VP position and reflecting the community spirit of our organization. Please read it for your consideration of volunteering for this position. Thank you.

Several of us learned how to make Baklava pastry last month under the guidance of villager Karen Desmond. We had a great, delicious time! Thank you Karen, you did an awesome job! We'd love to offer more classes like this, so if you have something you'd like to teach. be it a recipe, craft, etc. please let me know.

Michael Soetbeer would like to thank Jack Dempsey and Jack Dean for fixing up the Bocce Court. Bocce starts this Thursday, June 4th at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

This month's general meeting is Tuesday, June 16th. Our speaker is Gale Eaton, Secretary of A Community Together-The Helpful Village. This organization supports affordable aging-in-place services for seniors by utilizing community agencies, volunteers, technology, and paid services. Gale will speak at 6:30pm with refreshments and our meeting will follow.

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad." Anne Geddes

Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

Sunny Days and Peace,

Deborah Dean, President VWPHOA



**The Village at Worden's Pond  
434 Leisure Drive  
South Kingstown, RI 02879**

**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, Manager  
The Village at Worden's Pond**

# Gardening

## Word Search Puzzle



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|-------------|--------|--------------|
| CLIPPERS    | RAKE   | SUNSHINE     |
| COMPOST     | SEEDS  | TILLER       |
| FLOWERS     | SHEARS | TROWEL       |
| GARDEN HOSE | SHOVEL | VEGETABLES   |
| GLOVES      | SNAILS | WATER        |
| HERBS       | SNIPS  | WATERING CAN |
| HOE         | SOIL   | WEEDS        |
| PLANTING    | SPADE  | WHEELBARROW  |