



# VILLAGE ONE VOICE

Vanderhaven Farm Condominium Association

June 2023

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## COMMITTEES

*All committees are seeking additional members.*

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## WEBSITE

[www.vanderhavenfarm.com](http://www.vanderhavenfarm.com)

## MANAGEMENT

Midlantic Property Management

**Phone: 908-707-0760 • Fax: 908-722-6966**

**After Hours Emergency: (732) 828-7200**

*Please use this number for true common area emergencies only.*

### Office Hours:

**Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri. 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

## MEETINGS

Board Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Anyone wishing to have an issue placed on the agenda must request it in writing and supply Management with the necessary paperwork by the Thursday before the meeting. The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to join us for our meetings!

## The Board Box

The Board welcomes all new residents to the community! Please stop in and see the property manager at the clubhouse. You can pick up the parking permit application and census form while you're there, as well as see the clubhouse and other amenities, playground, pool and tennis court.

June is here and Summer is right around the corner. You may have noticed the beginning of our community beautification. We've completed the first major phase of our tree pruning and removal. We will be addressing additional trees, plants, and eventual replanting later this Summer/Fall. Landscaping has added flowers and will continue to work to improve the aesthetics of our community. We will NOT be adding mulch to the flower beds this year. The power washing of ALL of the buildings on the property has begun and should be complete by the middle of June.

Our apologies on the delay of the opening of the pool as we intended to open for Memorial Day Weekend, but our pool and lifeguard provider dropped the ball and has been terminated. We are working feverishly to secure better service and look forward to opening the pool shortly and maintaining it without the interruption of service that we experienced last season.

Practices were put in place to help curb the hatching of Canada Geese on the property.

The tennis courts are available for resident and resident guest's use. Appointments and the lock code can be arranged via the property manager. Please, when finished, secure the lock. We have had several incidents where the gate has been left open and children have been riding bikes on the court surface. This damages the surface and costs the community more money in repairs and upkeep.

If you have not yet stopped by the clubhouse for your parking permits or pool passes, please do so soon.

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This will help us ensure that we have everyone's contact information and can provide ALL residents with the most up-to-date information as quickly and efficiently as possible.

We encourage all residents to volunteer for committees and to assist the board. Please feel free to contact the property manager to offer your assistance.

Thank you,

The Board of Trustees for  
Vanderhaven Farm Village 1



## Power Washing Has Begun!

The power washing project has begun on Brokaw Court and will progress throughout the community over the next few weeks. When you are notified that your building is going to be done, please be sure to move any objects from the condo patios that are close to the building, like plants and such, and from the front of the townhomes to avoid any damage.

This is also an opportunity to clean up the outside and spruce up our community. Everyone is encouraged to clean up their patio and balcony areas and their front yards. Get rid of old plants, planters, broken or unusable furniture. Management will be conducting a walkthrough of the entire community and will be looking at the outside of the homes for potential violations with screens, windows, storm doors, house numbers, patios, empty planters, and debris around homes.



## Thank You to Our Volunteers!

Several people came forward and have been helping to distribute pool and parking passes, which has been a great help. We still need more volunteers, so please contact Donna at the Clubhouse if you can spend some time assisting with passes.

## Parking and Pool Passes

All residents are required to obtain a NEW parking pass for each vehicle in the household by June 15, 2023. You can download and print the parking permit application from our website, request one from the property manager at [donna@mpm-nj.com](mailto:donna@mpm-nj.com), or fill one out at the office. You will need to present your license, registration, and insurance for each vehicle, and management must have a 2022 census and dryer vent/chimney cleaning receipt on file.

Any resident who didn't submit a census form or dryer vent cleaning/chimney receipt in 2022 will receive a \$500.00 fine to their account, and vehicles without the new stickers will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

You can also obtain your 2023 pool pass when you get your parking sticker. Be sure to bring a small driver's license-sized photo of each family member if you are getting a pool pass for the first time.

Please note that parking is allowed ONLY in lined parking spaces - each unit is provided one assigned spot. Additional vehicles must park in unnumbered spaces.

Parking along curbs, cul-de-sacs, mailboxes, or other unlined areas may result in violation warning stickers, fines, and towing (at the vehicle owner's expense). In the event of emergencies, the Property Manager will notify via StatCom about alternative parking options.

**NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE PARKING LOTS.**



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## HOA Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Open Meeting will be on June 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. You are encouraged to attend and call or email our Property Manager, Donna at 908-707-0760, or [dannah@mpm-nj.com](mailto:dannah@mpm-nj.com) respectively, with any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the meeting.

## Volunteers Needed

The board is seeking volunteers for committees to be a part of the community and help in the planning and decisions moving forward. Residents can put in as much or as little time as they like because every bit helps! The committees are:

- House & Recreation plans activities for the community
- Violations and Covenants walks the property to report violations to the property manager
- Buildings and Grounds
- Finance
- Communications assists with the planning of community announcements and information for the newsletter and website

The current board members volunteer their time to Vanderhaven Farm, so the entire community would benefit from more residents getting involved. We hope to have some volunteers for these committees, so there will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting.



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## Please Don't Feed Stray Cats!

Yes, it's fun to do! Many people feel good doing it and think they're helping the cats. They get a warm fuzzy feeling inside. But feeding stray cats hurts them, and keeps them in the area to kill songbirds and chipmunks with abandon!

Feeding stray cats also results in horrific cases of diseased and malnourished packs of stray cats because feeding causes them to get together and become dependent on human feeding. They then breed like crazy so that you've got a lot of cats in one small area, they fight, they spread disease between each other, and the population grows too large to feed. When the overwhelmed human stops feeding them, they all starve. With the summer coming no one wants to smell the spray of feral cats. Cats are natural hunters and will find their own food. Leaving food out also attracts other types of animals, like raccoons, mice, and foxes, and no one wants them around!

Please walk dogs on the curb side to avoid damaging the grass by homes and please always clean up after your dog.



## Trash

1. Trash is collected 3 days a week (Monday, Thursday and Saturday).
2. Pick up can run late or early, depending on the load for the day and the driver's schedule. To avoid missing the pickup, put your trash can out one half hour before sunset the evening before the pickup.
3. Make sure your trash bags are tied and in a trash can. Be sure the trash cans have lids that close. Open lids can attract small animals to the trash cans and exposes the trash to the elements. Make sure your can is large enough to contain all your garbage. **NO TRASH IS TO BE LEFT ON THE GROUND IN BAGS OR YOU WILL RECEIVE A FINE.**
4. **ALL CANS NEED TO HAVE AN ADDRESS ON THEM OR THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**
5. If you are missing a can, check with the office at 908-707-0760.
6. **DO NOT LEAVE GARBAGE BY ANYONE ELSE'S HOME.**
7. Townhouse homeowners are not permitted to use the dumpsters. If a townhouse homeowner does so, they will be fined. There are cameras management can check.
8. Trash cans must be brought in the night of a pick-up (Monday, Thursday, and Saturday) and cannot remain in front of units into the day following a collection or you will receive a fine.



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## Recycling June 14th & June 28th

Recycling is picked up every two weeks. Please flatten and secure your cardboard and put the cans away the same day after the pickup. No cardboard is to be placed in the dumpsters or garbage cans! All recycling **MUST BE** in a can or secure container.

If you need to dispose of recycling before the pick-up date, the first Saturday of every month you can take it to the Somerset County Recycling Center at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater.

**CONDO UNIT OWNERS: No garbage bags are to be stored on the balcony, patio or near your front door. Place bags inside dumpsters. Do not leave garbage bags on the ground. No cardboard boxes or recycling in the dumpsters.**

**No dumping of furniture by the dumpsters. If you have items to dispose of, please call (908) 222-1566 to arrange your own bulk pickup. Leaving items at the dumpsters costs the association money to dispose of and your maintenance fees will go up.**

**Alternatively, there are many charitable organizations that take donations of furniture and household goods.**

Tires, electronics and used oil need to be brought to the Township for disposal.

We require homeowners to follow these rules without exception and ask that homeowners take pride in the appearance of their community. Those who fail to do so will be sent violations that can escalate to fines.



## Holiday Decoration Guidelines

The Association would like to remind homeowners about our Holiday Decoration Guidelines. Residents may display holiday decorations during appropriate times only.

Decorations must be removed between holidays. Any deviations from this will need approval from the Board. **NO DECORATIONS CAN BE ATTACHED WITH BRACKETS AFFIXED TO THE COMMON AREAS (WOOD) OF THE CONDOS.**

**FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN NEW JERSEY AND ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY.**

## Work Order Requests

Work order requests must be called in, emailed or completed on the website. If you have any issues, questions, or complaints about a contractor working at Vanderhaven Farm, please contact the property manager at 908-707-0670 or [dannah@mpm-nj.com](mailto:dannah@mpm-nj.com).



## Outgoing Mail

If there is no postal box for outgoing mail near you, you can put the outgoing mail in the back of your mailbox for the postal worker to take.

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## Association Insurance Information

We have a high number of new homeowners buying into our wonderful community! Welcome to all the new homeowners. Please be sure to complete the census form and contact the management office for your parking decals. The Association would like to inform Vanderhaven homeowners of their responsibility regarding insurance. Our hope is to educate homeowners on what the Association is responsible for, specifically regarding insurance. This way, homeowners are not overpaying for coverage that is not needed.

In the event of a large loss to a unit, the homeowner’s insurance is responsible for the following items:

- Association deductible
- Personal belongings
- Any improvements made to the unit after the initial construction of the building.

All other damages will be covered by the Association’s insurance. The details to this can be sent to homeowners individually, upon request. Please reach out to Management at 908-707-0760 or by email at [dannah@mpm-nj.com](mailto:dannah@mpm-nj.com).

## Attached/Hanging Items

Residents may not hang clothes, laundry, rugs or other items from lights, windows, facades, railings, patios, balconies, decks, privacy fences, etc. **\*\*Hanging item exception – lower-level condo owners may hang up to two hanging plants on the wood beam structure on the patio. Plants must be hung at least two feet above railing and must be hung on white “L” brackets. Plants must be maintained throughout the season and removed from December – March or a violation will be issued. No hanging vegetable plants allowed. Second floor condo residents may not hang any items from their railings due to safety concerns.**

**•Property Management Contact information•**

For Onsite Office – Donna at 908-707-0760 or [dannah@mpm-nj.com](mailto:dannah@mpm-nj.com)  
 For Emergencies – 732-828-7200



## Pet Fines

All residents with pets are required to pick up after them. A \$150 fine will be charged to any homeowner that does not pick up after their pet. It is each pet owner's responsibility, and non-compliance is a health hazard. If a resident sees another resident not picking up, we encourage you to come forward and let the Property Manager know. This is a pet-friendly community and other residents live here as well, so please be responsible and courteous if you own a pet. When out on walks, please remember to bring poop bags for picking up after them, and keep them on a leash. For the safety of your pet and others, please follow these rules.



## Driving Through the Community

There are posted speed limits, **20 m.p.h** and **25 m.p.h** throughout the community, so please obey them. These speed limits are for everyone's safety, especially for children.

There are also **STOP** signs at intersections. Please stop at the **STOP** signs, and do not coast through them. You must also stop when a school bus is loading or unloading. This is NJ law and is for children's safety.

## Modifications/Certificate of Insurance

Modification Forms are available on the website or at the clubhouse office. **Any changes made to the exterior of your home require a Modification Form.** Doors, windows, patios, a/c units, etc. would need a Modification Form. We need the name of the contractor and a certificate of insurance. On the certificate of insurance form, there is a box at the bottom left labeled Certificate Holder. The Homeowner is the Certificate Holder, with their address. The Association requires "Vanderhaven Farm Village 1" to be listed as the Additional Insured with the address of C/O Midlantic Property Management, 315 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. We specify it this way to put the Homeowner as the certificate holder and the Association as the additional insured. By following these steps, homeowners will avoid having to resubmit the certificate and potentially delay their project.

Front door numbers are to be polished or antique brass. They are to be a height of no more than 4" and a width of 2.25". The letter style may vary but must be consistent within the number grouping. All numbers must be installed in the horizontal direction. Townhouse units with full glass "entry" doors may install the numbers on the trim outside the front door (if they have a storm door). Units without a storm door must install the numbers on the entry door, in the vertical direction on the same side as the door handle.

## Mailboxes

Homeowners are reminded to transfer the mailbox keys to a new owner or new tenant when selling their home or renting it. The post office no longer changes the locks or provides new locks or keys for these mailboxes. If you have a problem with your lock, you can try spraying a lubricant into the lock. If that doesn't work, you will need to contact a locksmith.



## Incident Reporting

For any matters pertaining to arguments between residents, noise complaints, or the commission of any ordinance violation or crime, please call the Bridgewater Police Department non-emergency number at (908) 722-4111. If it is an emergency, please dial 9-1-1. Please inform the property manager about the situation after you have contacted the police and provide a copy of any police report(s) that may have been issued.

Please continue to report directly to the property manager disagreements between residents that pertain to Association-related elements such as parking spaces, dumpster use, violations of VHF rules, etc.

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