Port Grimaud info #05

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Let's Connect!

Dear Friends,

It has been 18 months since the municipality took over the management of the port, and I am delighted to inform you that, for the first time in many years, Port Grimaud is now profitable.

Consequently, it allows us to **enhance the infrastructure** and, consequently, elevate the value of your heritage.

The future of the port and your homes are intimately intertwined. Furthermore, I'd like to remind you that all the funds from boaters remain within the port.

Despite this successful transition, there still seem to be lingering questions and misconceptions even after a year and a half.

My team and I are committed to fostering open dialogue and providing all the necessary information to ensure a comprehensive and unemotional exchange.

I extend my warmest gratitude to the more than 150 people who attended **the public meeting I organized exclusively for the port on the 6th of July.** The discussions were captivating and enlightening.

Starting from August, I intend to continue this initiative, but on a more intimate scale. To that end, I have planned **«apéritifs d'informations»** where we can discuss all aspects of the project in a convivial setting.

The schedule will be promptly communicated to you.

I must emphasize that it is my regular endeavor to provide you with precise and concrete information.

As the Mayor, my decisions are strictly governed by the law. This year, the procedures have become more stringent, and it is essential that **each person makes an informed choice with a complete understanding of the dossier.**

While it might be tempting to let the courts decide, inaction comes with personal costs that you would have to bear alone. The rising number of disputes before the courts has already had a significant financial impact collectively, affecting both the shared costs of the co-ownership and the municipality's budget.

I remind you that contracts have been challenged in court. If the tribunal deems that we have improperly billed for new contracts, all the amounts received will be **promptly reimbursed**.

Most legal actions initiated since 2022 are merely superficial and only disturb the serenity of living in Port Grimaud and your finances.

There are ample opportunities to stay informed and meet with us:

- Every Thursday in August: «apéritif d'information».
- Every Tuesday and Wednesday: permanence at the capitainerie (with or without appointments).

While I understand that Port Grimaud attracts you for its way of life, beauty, and tranquility, it is equally crucial to spare a few minutes to understand the reality of the proposed contract and the future administrative milestones.

Wishing you a **fantastic summer in Port Grimaud**, I eagerly look forward to seeing you there.

My team and I remain at your disposal and hope to provide you with all the necessary information to make well-informed decisions that suit you best.

Sincerely,

Alain BENEDETTO

Mayor of Grimaud



Port Events:

- Every Tuesday: permanence at the capitainerie (appointment recommended).
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- Every Thursday in August,7:00 PM: «apéritif d'information».



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Consultation

The Mayor announced the launch of a significant consultation regarding the future of the Port.

This consultation is not a mere formality; it falls within the scope of preliminary studies for the future works in Port Grimaud. The works will be determined in collaboration with all port users, considering new environmental regulations and the needs of the users. The goal of these works is not to build a «second Port Grimaud.»

Instead, the list of projects will define the Multi-Year Investment Plan and enable us to propose a 35-year contract. You can already submit your signed contributions at the capitainerie.

Art invests Port Grimaud

Continuing the tradition of exhibitions that grace our village and enjoy regional and national acclaim, artists are also showcasing their talent in Port Grimaud.

The 15th exhibition of monumental sculptures features the artist Jean-Luc DUCREUX, whose breathtaking bronze masterpieces adorn the avenue de la mer and the dique.



A true artisan of sculpture and fine woodworking, Jean-Luc received his training at the prestigious École Boulle in Paris.

At the harbor master's office and at the tourist office, you will discover the continuation of the «Grimaud Urban Art» exhibition. For its third edition, it features a selection of exclusively female artists.

The artwork presented at the harbor master's office was created by the artist Agathon.



A self-taught artist, Agathon brings life to her surfaces under the double influence of Figuration Libre and Street Art. At the tourist office, you can find LADY BUG NANTES, a painter influenced by Street Art, who executes her works with a particular pointillist technique. The complete exhibition can be explored throughout the village, especially in the Kilal exhibition hall.



RIGHT OR FALSE?

If I sign the «mise à disposition d'un poste à quai» contract, do I lose ownership of the quay?

FALSE

- > Port Grimaud consists of both public and private quays.
- > The quays that were private until the end of the concessions remain private today.
- > They form part of the heritage of the property owners.
- > This designation is simply a wording found in the transport code (Article R5314-31) that corresponds to the situation of the users.
- > This contract does not define quay ownership. For your information, the notion of an «amodiation contract» no longer exists in French law.

Has the municipality lost its lawsuits against the ASL (Association Syndicale Libre - Free Syndicate Association)?

> The municipality requested an urgent recognition of certain demands to limit the duration of some of the contentions among the twenty or so lawsuits filed by various delegates. The administrative tribunal of Toulon did not acknowledge the urgency of these requests. Thus, the cases will be judged through the standard procedure before the administrative tribunal.

- The municipality won the lawsuit against the concessionaires who refused to provide information about the former amodiataires (tenants under a rental contract with an option to purchase).
- > This refusal to share data is causing delays in transmitting contracts to the users.

Do property owners at PG1 lose money due to the termination?



> Normally, this is false since PG1 declared itself a deficit port for many years:

many years: • Accounts for 2017 : - 308 792 €

• Accounts for 2018 : - 165 361 €

• Accounts for 2019 : - 439 605 €

• Accounts for 2020 : - 893 914 €

- > The end of the concession should alleviate PG1's budget to the extent of the losses recorded each year.
- An audit will be launched to analyze precisely the origin of this chronic deficit.

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