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Hot Tickets

- **Cancelled until further notice**

Channels 26 & 27

Community TV channels:

CHANNEL 26: Club & Event notices
CHANNEL 27 Currently playing:

- **Keep Fit with Mwezo**
- **Fitness with Harmut Broring**
- **Scam Awareness**

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Shelter-in-place order extended in Bay Area *'Frog went a courtin' — it's spring*

On Monday, April 27, six Bay Area counties announced in a joint statement they would be extending shelter-in-place orders through the end of May amid the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Full details are expected to be released later, the health officers said, and "will include limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities."

The health officers of these counties have been working closely together in "leading a unified, regional approach, to protect the health and safety of our residents," the statement said. Health officers from each jurisdiction will also release a set of broad indicators that will be used to track progress in preparedness and response to COVID-19, in alignment with the framework being used by the State of California.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom previously shared in press conferences six indicators the state is monitoring to guide its decision to modify the stay-at-home order. Those include increased testing and contact tracing; systems for protecting the most vulnerable populations such as seniors; ensuring hospitals are equipped to handle a patient surge; engaging research partners to develop therapeutics; and issuing new social distancing guidelines for businesses, schools and childcare facilities.



Reminder from Santa Clara County Public Health

As the weather warms up, the County of Santa Clara would like to remind everyone to only go outside for essential activities, such as getting exercise. It's critical to wear a face covering, keep social distance, and don't gather with those who aren't part of your household.



A couple of the local amphibians enjoy the warming temperatures in Villages lakes — their minds not on the social distancing of humans, but rather on prospective mates.

Photo by Lou Alexander

From The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

As the old saying goes, "If you don't have your health, you don't have anything." It is all of our individual responsibilities to act in such a way as to keep ourselves, our family, and our Villages community safe and healthy. The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) wants to help all Villages' residents by providing important information about how to best keep all of us safe and healthy. In view of the current statewide "stay at home" order, **the EPC is temporarily unable to respond to emergencies.** However, if a serious earthquake were to occur during this period, we would follow the direction of our local first responders. In the meantime, please adhere to the following:

1. If you are having an emergency, call 911 at any time of the night or day.
2. Follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

As soon as the "stay at home" directive is lifted, your EPC will resume its regularly scheduled activities and preparedness to respond in the event of a serious disaster.

Stay safe and healthy.

VMA distributing cloth masks

Now that wearing masks when you are out is strongly suggested and even required in some places, the VMA has a group of people that are making cloth masks for Villagers.

If you would like a handmade mask please call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 and leave a request. Leave your name, phone number, and address and a VMA volunteer will drop it off at your home.

Also, the mask makers are in need of elastic. If you have some to spare, please call the VMA office and leave your name, phone number, and address and someone will pick it up from your house. Please leave it at your front door for pickup. The VMA hopes that everyone has continued health as we continue to shelter-in-place.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

The Villager welcomes everyone's voice sharing ideas, opinions and accounts of life in The Villages in the Pulse column. Please follow the guidelines carefully.

Pulse deadline is 11 a.m. on Friday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

2 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.
1 Pulse letter published this week.

Note: Pulse authors are solely responsible for the statements and opinions contained in the Pulse letters. The Villager does not verify the accuracy of all statements.

Note: Pulse letters are still being accepted through the "Shelter-In-Place" order in digital form only. You may take a picture of your hand-written letter and e-mail it as a JPEG attachment to: shinrichs@thevillages.com.

I appreciate Brightview's policy of modified activities during the shelter in place, particularly limiting residential lawn mowing, edging, and blowing. I moved to the Villages because I wanted a quiet place to work from home, and the loud noise of landscaping equipment from one to three days every week in my neighborhood has always been disturbing and disruptive. Our streets do not look any less beautiful today, so I hope we can continue to limit landscaping activities after the restrictions are lifted. This will lessen noise pollution, air pollution, and our landscaping costs.
—Robin Hahn

Please submit Pulse letters in digital form only

Since Building B is closed during the "Shelter-In-Place" order, Pulse letters are only being accepted in digital form.

In the event of a staffing shortage occurring among employees of The Villager, publication may be temporarily suspended until the subsidence of the illness. Residents are encouraged to sign up for electronic messaging through Fast Lane in case of emergency.

ABOVE & BEYOND

A big shout-out to Mwezo Kudumo and Hartmut Broiroing for helping to keep us fit with the great videos on Channel 27. It's great to have these videos seven times a week to keep us motivated. If you haven't tuned in, please take the time to. Thanks again Mwezo and Hartmut—and looking forward to getting back into your classes.
—Barbara Boor



The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)
If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery of your weekly copy of The Villager, please call 408-223-4655 to report it. (Please do not call before 11:30 a.m.)

You may pick up a replacement copy of your paper at the newsstand at the entrance of Building B or go online to the Villages website—www.thevillagesgcc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 10 & 14

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility.

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655.

DEADLINES

General Copy: All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.

Sports: Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 10 a.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. All classified ads must be in writing. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Mario at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

Delivery: The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

Publication of advertising in The Villager does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in The Villager are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. The Villager reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Lou Lively-Singh 408-838-5555, Diane Carr at 408-528-8456, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Barbara Karayn 202-641-6339, Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432, and Alice Tyler at 408-223-1735.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Villager display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

THE WEEKLY VILLAGER is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2020 Director Elections

By Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager

The three Villages Corporations (Club, Association and Homeowners' Corporation) are preparing for this year's annual membership meetings and elections.

Elections will be conducted in May and June and this year's annual meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 10 via teleconference. *The Villager* newspaper will soon begin publishing candidate statements and candidate questions and answers.

All three corporation boards have set May 1, 2020 as the Record Date, which means that only those Members in the records of the applicable corporations on May 1, 2020, shall be entitled to notice, and only Members in Good Standing as of the record date shall be entitled to vote.

Board of Directors Elections

Club. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Rick Casey, Jan Champion, Mike Falarski and Teddy Morse. The two director terms that expire are that of Bob Wilk and the late Jim Neil, and with the resignation of Frank Langben, there will be three director vacancies, two directors to fill a three-year term and one director to fill the one-year term that completes the remainder of Frank Langben's term.

The Club Nominating Committee announced Howie Blumstein, Jeannie Omel, and Bob Wilk as its candidate nominations.

In addition, per the Club Bylaws, any Member in Good Standing may also place his or her name in nomination for election to the Board by filing with the Secretary of the Club a notice of intent signed by at least two percent (2%) of the Members in Good Standing of the Club (51). Self-nominations for the annual election of Directors must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2020.

Association. On the Association's Board, there will be two director vacancies. As with the Club, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Garry Ashby, David Cook, Diana Hallock, Noel Lanctot, and Julie Wash. The two directors for which terms expire are Matthew Giordano and Frank Veloz.

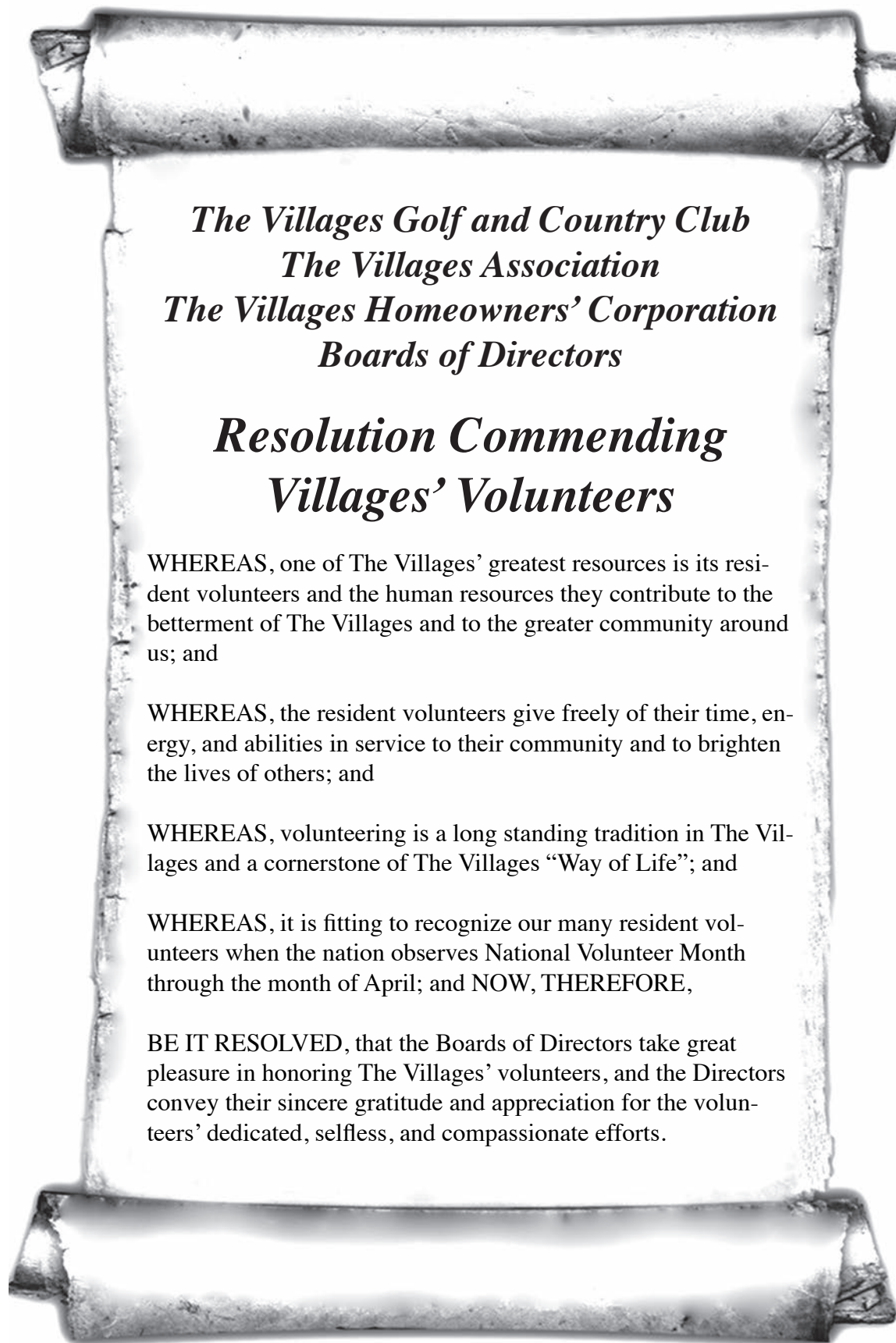
As a result of the new California law relating to California CIDs that became effective January 1, 2020, The Villages Association Board (ABOD) approved revisions to The Villages Association elections rules in February 2020 as recommend by the Association's attorney. In addition, to comply the ABOD approved March 31, 2020, as the deadline for director candidate nominations for this year's director and IRS resolution vote; subsequently, and as duly noticed per the statutory requirements, the Association published Richard Holmboe's nomination as a qualified candidate.

Homeowners. The Homeowners' Corporation Board will have two director vacancies. The Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors. The directors whose terms expire are Carl Honaker and Jeannie Omel. Those for which terms continue during the ensuing year are Mary McBride, Ron Steckel and Greg Stewart.

Any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Board by giving written notice to the President (Greg Stewart) or Secretary of the Corporation (Mary McBride) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2020. To date Rob Kirschbaum and Robert Zahner have declared their candidacy.

IRS Resolutions. For all three corporations, vote packages will also include a ballot resolution, Excess Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members. An approval vote of these resolutions will enable the corporations to avoid income tax on operating surpluses by refunding these surpluses to the membership in the form of assessment reduction in accordance with IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604.

All ballot packages are scheduled to be distributed May 8 with the deadline of Monday, June 8, at 8:00 a.m. for the return of ballots. Ballot counting will take place in an open teleconference meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. Results are to be announced the following day, Wednesday, June 10 at the annual meetings—all via teleconference meetings, with the Association's to be held at 4:00 p.m., the Homeowners' Corporation at 4:30 p.m. and the Club's at 5:00 p.m. Specific meeting information to be published in future *Villager* editions and included in annual meeting notices distributed to all members.



*The Villages Golf and Country Club
The Villages Association
The Villages Homeowners' Corporation
Boards of Directors*

Resolution Commending Villages' Volunteers

WHEREAS, one of The Villages' greatest resources is its resident volunteers and the human resources they contribute to the betterment of The Villages and to the greater community around us; and

WHEREAS, the resident volunteers give freely of their time, energy, and abilities in service to their community and to brighten the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a long standing tradition in The Villages and a cornerstone of The Villages "Way of Life"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize our many resident volunteers when the nation observes National Volunteer Month through the month of April; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Directors take great pleasure in honoring The Villages' volunteers, and the Directors convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers' dedicated, selfless, and compassionate efforts.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference

Club

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Club and Association Boards met for regularly scheduled April meetings

The Villages Association and Club Boards of Directors held their virtual online meetings Tuesday, April 28, with directors on their home computers.

Numerous items of business were discussed and voted upon.

Association Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2020

March Operating Statement Review: Revenue was exactly on budget at \$855,600 for the month.

Expenditures for the month were \$1,700 (0.2 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$782,500. The two most significant unfavorable to budget expense categories were insurance expense (actual \$193,800 vs. budget of \$183,900) and legal fees (actual \$7,400 vs. budget of \$800). Insurance premiums were renewed on March 1 with higher than budgeted property premiums. The only notable favorable to budget expense category was planting expense (actual \$25,600 vs. budget of \$39,000) due to timing. **The net negative operating budget variance for the month of March was \$1,700.**

Year-to-date (nine months of operations), total revenue is \$3,300 unfavorable to the budget of \$7,701,100 due to less than planned laundry concession fees, third party assessments and golf cart electricity/storage fees. Year-to-date, total operating expenditures are \$7,426,800 or 0.6 percent (\$46,600) less than the budget of \$7,473,400. The positive budget variance is mostly attributed to the timing of planting expense (\$128,100 actual vs. budget of \$198,300). The most significant unfavorable to budget expense category is irrigation maintenance which is \$25,500 (or 19.9 percent) unfavorable to the YTD budget of \$128,000.

The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$43,300.

Club Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2020

March Operating Statement Review: Total revenue was \$188,600 unfavorable to budget, or 16.6 percent less than the budget of \$1,136,700. User revenues suffered with the mid-March shelter in place order by the Health Officer of Santa Clara County, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hardest hit were food/bar sales and green fees. Even though the restaurant operation quickly adapted its operations by adding delivery service, in addition to the already established

drive-up to go service, it was not enough to make up for the loss of revenue in banquets and the Bistro. With combined actual food/bar sales totaling \$104,400 (budget of \$236,000) the resulting sales achieved were 44.2 percent of budget for March. Similarly, green fee revenue was \$54,000 or 57.8 percent of the budget of \$93,400. Also significantly unfavorable to budget was resident activities income although the revenue loss was offset by much lower resident activities expenses, as all events, trips, classes and lessons were cancelled. The only notable favorable to budget revenue category was other income (\$19,700 actual vs. \$10,100 budget) mostly from HOA document sales and citations.

Total expenditures were \$103,200 favorable to budget or 9 percent less than the budget of \$1,143,400. The most significant favorable to budget category was employee expense at 7.1 percent less than budget (\$657,600 actual vs budget of \$708,200). With food/bar sales down as mentioned above, correspondingly, the cost of food/bar sales were less than budget by \$33,000 (or 47 percent). Another notable favorable to budget category was repair and maintenance (\$24,400 actual vs. budget of \$41,100) mostly at the pools and community centers. Significant unfavorable to budget expense categories were golf course tree trimming (due to timing), professional fees (HR), advertising/promotion (HR Manager recruiting fee) and legal fees.

The net negative operating budget variance for the month of March was \$85,400. See table below.

March 2020 Club Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 948,100	\$1,136,700	\$ -188,600
Expenses	\$1,040,200	\$1,143,400	\$ 103,200
Net	\$ -92,100	\$ -6,700	\$ -85,400

Year-to-date revenue is \$103,000, or 1 percent, unfavorable to the budget of \$10,517,000. Year-to-date expenditures are \$197,000 favorable to budget, 1 percent lower than the budget of \$10,602,000. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$94,000.** See table on the next page for detail by department.

The bottom of the table on the next page shows the financial impact of the monthly solar lease payments and contribution to the balloon payment fund (to be paid in 2023) captured on the Club's balance sheet. The YTD total for these two items is \$176,000.

The table shows All Other with a \$62,000 net positive variance due to less than planned Comcast fees, repair and maintenance, and planting expense. The

Association Board Voting Record for April 2020

Association Voting Record for April 2020											
April 28, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting			Board Members*						Comments	Costs	
			GA	JW	DC	DH	MG	NL	FV		
1	Resolution Honoring Villages' Volunteers		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the resolution commending Villages' volunteers.	\$0
2	District Advisory Committee (DAC) Appointments and Resignations		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the appointment of Kathleen Benz as Sonata DAC Chair and accepted the resignation of Ed Logg and Mohan Aiyagari from Sonata DAC with appreciation for service.	\$0
3	2020/2021 Operating Budget, Reserve Plan and Fee Schedule Approval		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board moved to approve the proposed operating budget, the reserve funding plan, and schedule of fees and charges for fiscal year 2020/2021.	\$0
4	Annual Meeting & Election Materials		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, resolutions, and election materials and appointed Judy Bushey as Inspector of Elections.	\$0
5	Approve to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$100,000 from Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$198,988 used to help pay the property insurance premium of March 2019, with balance of \$98,988 to be paid back by June 30, 2020.	\$0
6	Vote to Ratify the Monthly Review of Accounts per Civil Code §5500		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board moved to ratify the monthly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$0	
A = Absent AB = Abstained N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) N/A = Not Applicable C = Consent R = Recused											
* GA = Garry Ashby JW = Julie Wash DC = David Cook DH = Diana Hallock MG = Matthew Giordano NL = Noel Lanctot FV = Frank Veloz											

Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends

a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to electronic delivery of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Buildings A and B, and on The Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

**The Villages Golf and Country Club
Summary Club Operating Budget FY20
For Nine Months ended March 31, 2020**

Department	Revenues (\$)			Expenditures (\$)			FY 20 Net (\$)	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance	
G&A	755,000	752,000	3,000	736,000	741,000	5,000	8,000	
Maintenance Admin	114,000	114,000	0	116,000	117,000	1,000	1,000	
Golf Course/Pro Shop	1,823,000	1,811,000	12,000	1,802,000	1,811,000	9,000	21,000	
Community Activities	881,000	917,000	-36,000	851,000	932,000	81,000	45,000	
Community Centers	557,000	550,000	7,000	504,000	551,000	47,000	54,000	
Public Safety	942,000	931,000	11,000	897,000	921,000	24,000	35,000	
Pools	148,000	148,000	0	145,000	152,000	7,000	7,000	
Clubhouse/Restaurant	3,235,000	3,339,000	-104,000	3,417,000	3,382,000	-35,000	-139,000	
All Other	1,959,000	1,955,000	4,000	1,761,000	1,819,000	58,000	62,000	
Totals	10,414,000	10,517,000	-103,000	10,229,000	10,426,000	197,000	94,000	
Solar Lease—Bal. Sheet	-	-	-	176,000	176,000	-	-	
Net Assessment	10,414,000	10,517,000	-103,000	10,405,000	10,602,000	197,000	94,000	
Variance								

community centers have a \$54,000 net positive variance from favorable utilities expense, intra-company cost transfers and rental income. Community Activities has posted a \$45,000 net positive variance from less than planned resident activities expense, as well as favorable advertising income and employee expense. Public Safety shows a \$35,000 net positive variance mostly from less than

planned employee expense and favorable other income. Golf Course/Pro Shop has a \$21,000 positive variance due to more than planned revenue from Pro Shop merchandise sales, golf lessons and cart rentals, as well as less than planned professional fees, water expense and electricity expense. Clubhouse/Restaurant shows a \$139,000 net negative variance mostly due to less than planned food/bar sales and higher than planned legal fees.

Homeowners' Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2020

March Operating Statement Review: Revenue tracked budget at \$3,309 (non-Estates single family homes). Expenditures for the month were \$48 favorable to budget due to less than planned legal fees offset by higher than planned insurance expense. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$496 (legal fees).**

Estates revenue for the month was on budget at \$13,112. Expenditures were \$516 unfavorable to budget, 4.4 percent more than the budget of \$11,608 due to higher than planned irrigation maintenance expense (timing). All other expenditure categories were close to budget for the month. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$7,029 (planting expense).**

Club Board Voting Record for April 2020

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	April 28, 2020 Monthly Meeting Agenda Items	Members*						Comments	Costs
		JC	TM	BW	RC	MF	JN		
1	Accept Quarterly Review of Accounts Per VGCC Bylaws Section 8.2.7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the quarterly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
2	Resolution Honoring Villages' Volunteers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the resolution commending Villages' volunteers.	\$0
3	Approval Consideration of 2020 Annual Meeting and Election Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the appointment of Judy Bushey as Inspector of Elections to serve alongside Inspectors of Election Vera Buescher and Jeanne Filice. The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, IRS Resolution, election materials, and directed staff to amend such notice should an additional candidate or candidates come forward prior to the end of day on May 1 and directed the Inspectors of Election to conduct another random draw to select the order of candidates for the notice and ballot.	\$0
4	Inspector of Elections to Random Draw Candidate Placement on Notice and Election Ballot	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Inspector of Elections Vera Buescher randomly drew the order of candidate placement for the annual meeting notice and ballot as follows 1) Bob Wilk, 2) Jeannie Omel and 3) Howie Blumstein.	\$0
5	Approval consideration of Proposed FY 20/21 Operating Budget, Reserve Funding Plan, Capital Improvement Fund, and Schedule of Fees and Charges	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the operating budget, reserve funding plan, capital improvement fund contribution, and schedule of fees and charges for fiscal year 2020/2021 and to set the monthly assessment at \$365.95.	\$0
6	Consideration of Approval for Additional Funds for Change Order for Vineyard Center Pool Replaster Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved an additional appropriation of \$9,978 for the Vineyard Center Replaster Project for an overall appropriation of \$57,870; any unspent funds will return to the Club Reserve Fund.	\$9,978
7	Pickleball Discussion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		The status of the Pickleball initiative was discussed.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting									\$9,978

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consent | R = Recused

* JC = Jan Champion | TM = Teddy Morse | BW = Bob Wilk | RC = Rick Casey | MF = Mike Falarski | JN = Jim Neill

EPC SEZ.

Did you know water is essential for survival? So please keep plenty of bottled water in your home and your car at all times.

— The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

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THE CLUBHOUSE

For Reservations
or Information:
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2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at www.thevillagesgcc.com

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

The Clubhouse Restaurant and Bistro are closed until further notice.

Until Coronavirus concerns are reduced, The Clubhouse will put the Clubhouse Delivery Grab & Go and Home Delivery programs into effect seven days a week: First call in your order to 408-370-8553 and call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we'll bring it out to your vehicle. (See menu and details on page 7.)

Notice for our Curbside customers: Due to the increased volume of orders at dinner time, we are recommending that you call and place your order between the times of 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will take your order and coordinate a pick-up time later that evening. While this is not required, it should help alleviate any wait times during the peak dinner time hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch Curbside Pickup: The Clubhouse will offer our Mother's Day Brunch for curbside pickup on Sunday, May 10 with four pickup times: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. For menu and details please see the ad on page 10. To reserve a pickup time call 408-223-4676 or email: juu@the-villages.com

Home Meal Delivery notice: We are delivering to all Villages six days a week—Tuesday through Sunday. There will be no deliveries on Mondays. Orders must be in by 11 a.m. before the next delivery day.

You will get a confirmation either by email or by phone for each order.

If you do not get a confirmation, please email or call back. This is just an assurance to make sure we have not missed your order.

More
CLUBHOUSE
on pages 7, 8 & 14

CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT & THE BISTRO & BAR CLOSED TO WALK-INS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Food Delivery Service to Villas/Condos and Single-Family Homes

The Villages Golf and Country Club is proud and pleased to offer a home delivery option for our valued residents during these challenging and difficult times.

Delivery target times are noon to 5 p.m. **Email or phone orders for a particular day must be in by 11 a.m. the day before.** All orders, taxes and service charges will be charged to your house account to allow for proper social distancing upon delivery.

All prepared menu items will be made fresh daily and shelf life is three (3) days refrigerated, so Villagers can order menu items to last for a few days, and then get another delivery on their specific delivery day.

We will also offer specials that we will record on our phone line when Villagers call in to order.

Delivery Menu

Orders Must Be In By 11 a.m. the Day Before Your Delivery Day

Morning Options

- Raspberry Belgian Crepes with Raspberry Sauce and Fresh Fruit - \$6.25 (Heat & Serve)
- Belgian Waffles and Fresh Fruit - \$6.25 (Heat & Serve)
- Oatmeal and Bananas with Syrup \$4.75 (Heat & Serve)
- Breakfast Continental, 1 Hard Boiled Egg, Danish, Fresh Fruit and Yogurt - \$6.90

Salads, Sandwiches and Pizzas

- Caesar Salad with Croutons and Dressing - \$7.00 with Prawns add \$4, or Chicken add \$2
- Chinese Chicken Salad with Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts and Fried Rice Noodles - \$10
- Shrimp Louie Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Hard Boiled Eggs with Thousand Island Dressing - \$13.95
- Tuna Salad Sandwich with Tomatoes and Lettuce with Chips - \$6.75
- Turkey Club Sandwich with Bacon, Roasted Turkey, Tomatoes and Lettuce with Chips - \$6.75
- Roast Beef Sandwich with Tomatoes and Lettuce with Chips - \$6.75
- Turkey Brie and Cranberry Sandwich with Arugula on Telera Roll with Chips - \$6.95
- Chicken Quesadilla with Sour Cream and Pico de Gallo - \$10.95 (Heat & Serve)
- Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza - \$7.75 (Heat & Serve)
- Combination Pizza: Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions and Peppers - \$9.75 (Heat & Serve)

Entrées—Heat & Serve

- Penne Marinara Pasta with Meatballs and Parmesan Cheese - \$12.75 (Heat & Serve)
- Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley of the Day - \$15.95 (Heat & Serve)
- Barbecued Baby-Back Ribs with Corn on the Cob and Coleslaw - \$18.95
- Honey-Stung Fried Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Corn on the Cob - \$15.95 (Heat & Serve)
- Pot Roast with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley of the Day - \$15.95 (Heat & Serve)
- Grilled Salmon with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley of the Day - \$18.95 (Heat & Serve)
- Filet Mignon Béarnaise Sauce (Grilled Rare to Finish), Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley of the Day - \$27.95

Dessert & Beverages

- Apple Pie or New York Cheesecake with Berries - \$3.25
- Bottled Water and Sodas - \$1.00
- Juices - \$1.50

Home Delivery Specials for week of 5/4 thru 5/10

- Chili Colorado-Braised Beef Tips in Red Chili Sauce with Black Beans, Spanish Rice and Flour Tortillas (Heat & Serve) \$15.95
- Hermosa Wedge Salad-Crisp Iceberg Wedge with Bacon Bits, Tomatoes and Crumbled Blue Cheese \$7.25

(18% Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price - Charged to House Account only)

Email Orders To: ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com

Or Call 408-754-1337 by 11 a.m. the Day Before Next Scheduled Delivery Day

Home Delivery Schedule now includes all districts Tues. thru Sun.

The Clubhouse is delivering meals to all Villages from Tuesday to Sunday—Monday will remain a non-delivery day. Orders must be in by 11 a.m. the day before your delivery order. Deliveries will be made between noon and 5 p.m. An 18% service charge and tax will be added to the price.



To-Go Curbside Delivery Service Dial 408-370-8553

Breakfast To-Go: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Coffee \$1.95 Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25
 Orange, Cranberry or Apple Juice \$2.50
The Villager—2 Eggs Any Style, Bacon or Sausage with Hash Browns and Choice of Toast \$9.50
Breakfast Burrito, Scrambled Eggs, Cheese and Bacon or Sausage with Fruit \$8.25
BT Bagel—Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Tomato, Cream Cheese with Fruit \$8.25
Monty Muffin—English Muffin, Scrambled Eggs and Bacon or Sausage with Fruit \$8.25
Belgian Raspberry Crepes or **Belgian Waffles** with Fruit \$8.50

Lunch To-Go: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soda or Water \$1.50
Soup of the Day: Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95
Choice of Sides: French Fries, Garlic Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Soups or Fresh Fruit \$4.95
Hamburger with LTO and Side \$10.95 with Cheddar \$12.50
Hot Dog with Side and Tomato Relish \$8.95
Turkey Brie Sandwich and Side with Cranberry Compote and Arugula \$10.75
Tuna Salad Sandwich with Side \$8.95
Roast Beef Sandwich with Side \$8.95
Chicken Quesadilla with Side, Pico de Gallo and Sour Cream \$13.50
Entrée Chicken Caesar Salad or **Chinese Chicken Salad** \$11.95

Dinner To-Go: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Soda or Water \$1.50
Small Caesar or **Spring Mixed Salad** w Choice of Dressing \$3.00
Entrée Chicken Caesar Salad or **Chinese Chicken Salad** \$11.95
Pasta Primavera with Sautéed Vegetables, Parmesan and Marinara \$13.25
Hamburger with LTO and Side \$10.95 with Cheddar \$12.50
New York Steak Sandwich and Side, Grilled Onions and Blue Cheese, Mustard Aioli \$16.95

Entrées served with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley of the Day

Braised Pot Roast \$18.95
Sole Piccata, Capers White Wine or Grilled Salmon Lemon Butter \$21.95
Chicken Marsala \$21.95
Honey-Stung Fried Chicken—4 pieces \$18.95
Filet Mignon with Cabernet Reduction and Béarnaise Sauce \$29.95

10% Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price

Specials for week of 5/4 thru 5/10

Lunch and Dinner

Chili Colorado—Braised Beef Tips in Red Chili Sauce with Black Beans, Spanish Rice and Flour Tortillas \$16.95

Chef Ralph's Famous Taco Salad

Seasoned Ground Chuck on Shredded Lettuce with Cheddar Cheese, Black Beans, Sour Cream, Guacamole and Pico de Gallo in a Fried Tortilla Shell \$13.95

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 Thanks for your support.



KEEP FIT

	12:00/6:00	12:30/6:30
MON	Yoga	Chair
TUE	Stretch	Chair
WED	Tai-Chi	Yoga
THU	Chair	Stretch
FRI	Tai-Chi	Stretch
SAT	Chair	Tai-Chi
SUN	Stretch	Yoga

Fitness Training with Hartmut Broring (2 programs) Daily at 1:00/7:00 AM/PM

DAILY

Scam Awareness 2:34/8:34 AM/PM

WEEKLY

	3:00/9:00 AM/PM
MON	Burns & Allen Show
TUE	Dinah Shore Show (1:00)
WED	The Beverly Hillbillies
THU	Bob Cummings Show
FRI	Date with the Angels
SAT	Mickey Rooney Show
SUN	Colgate Comedy Hour (1:00)
	3:30/9:30 AM/PM
MON	The Lucy Show
WED	Meet Corliss Archer
THU	You Bet Your Life
FRI	Life With Elizabeth
SAT	The Jack Benny Program
	4:00/10:00 AM/PM
THU	Dragnet
FRI	Mr. and Mrs. North
SUN	Bonanza (1:00)
	4:30/13:00 AM/PM
THU	Suspense
FRI	Letters to Loretta
	5:00/11:00 AM/PM
THU	Climax! (1:00)
FRI	Tales of Tomorrow
SUN	Studio One (1:00)
	5:30/11:30 AM/PM
MON	Sherlock Holmes
TUE	Robin Hood
WED	Kit Carson
FRI	Sir Lancelot
SAT	Lock-Up

MOVIES

	4:00/10:00 AM/PM
MON	Dark Journey
TUE	Fiesta
WED	Cottage to Let
SAT	Father's Little Dividend



Club Events & Notices

Complimentary WiFi
 Network: Villages Public
 Password: villages

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More information online at the Villages Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com

Curbside Pickup program embraced by community



Sunday May 10th



Mother's Day Brunch
Curbside Pick Up

Pick up Times 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm

Menu

- Quiche Lorraine*
- Cheese Blintz with Strawberry Compote*
- Wedge of Monte Cristo Sandwich*
- Petite Apple Danish*
- Spring Fruit Parfait*
- Sparkling Apple Cider with Flute*

\$24 plus 10% Service Charge and Tax

To make a reservation, please note:

- Last Name, • House Number, • Quantity, • Phone Number and
- Time of Pickup requested.

Confirmation will follow

Call **408-223-4676** or email: jyu@the-villages.com

MIXED GRILL BOX FOR DELIVERIES
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ORDER BY MONDAY NOON FOR A THURSDAY DELIVERY EVERY WEEK

According to John Yu, Director of the Food and Beverage Department, the Curbside Grab-and-Go meal pickup program opens daily at 5 p.m. with a big bang. Hungry residents call in their orders from home, then call again when they arrive at the Clubhouse and wait for their meals to be brought out to them.

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

Honor the life of your friend or loved one by funding the services to extend the quality of life for other Villagers. A memorial gift to the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) honors the loved one lost and promotes the work of the VMA. If you have any questions on how to give, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230. All donations to the VMA are tax deductible.

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CLUBS & EVENTS

Camera Club to hold remote competitions

Using Zoom invitations, Camera Club members can observe the May 4 photo competition and critique by Terry Toomey at 7 p.m. The Zoom invitation will be emailed on Sunday, May 3. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 1, at 2 p.m. Competition categories include Pictorial, Nature, Creative, and Journalism. For questions, contact President Peter Nicholls at Peter.Nicholls1@gmail.com.

Judge Terry Toomey, a member of the Alameda Photographic Society, has earned her Associate Award from N4C for distinguished photography and service to the council and its members. She has won countless awards and presented her work in many juried shows. To Toomey, a judge's duty is to point out what works in a photo and what might be done differently. The photographer then decides if he or she agrees.

The year-end competition on June 1 again will use Zoom. All in-person meetings of the Camera Club are cancelled until September. For membership information contact Ray Blinde at rwblinde@earthlink.net or the VCC website at villages.photoclubservices.com. A slideshow on the website features the first through third place winners and honorable mentions from the previous month's competition. The Villages Camera Club (VCC) is a member of the Northern California Council of Camera Clubs (N4C) and The Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Global Village meditation meetings now online

The Global Village Meditation group is continuing to host weekly meditation sessions by using Zoom. Everyone in The Villages is invited to participate. We have our sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. There are five facilitators, and they all take turns. There is an introductory talk, and some music played during the meditation portion. If you have not meditated before, there are some instructions to learn how as part of the session. You will feel more grounded, connected, and peaceful after the session.

If you are interested, please send your full name and full email address to Mary Edmunds at framefoothill@yahoo.com. If you send in your information by noon on Tuesday, you will be added to our email list. Each Wednesday at noon, Darlene Korb will send emails to people on the list, complete with the Zoom link, meeting ID and password. If you don't receive the email on Wednesday, check your "spam" or "junk" folder. And if you don't have Zoom, you will need to install it on your phone, iPad or computer.

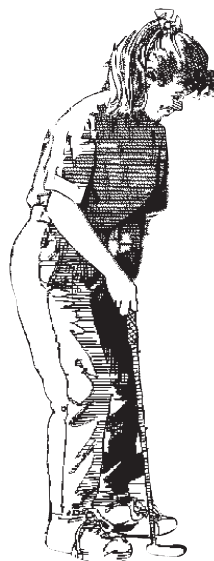
On Wednesday evenings, when you sign in to Zoom, please mute yourself; if you're on a phone, pressing *6 works great. You may turn on your video or not. The Wednesday Zoom meditation sessions will continue until the shelter in place is lifted. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Edmunds at the above email address.

Sign up granddaughters, nieces for Corena Green Jr. Girls Golf Tournament

It is that time again when our Women's Long Nine Golf Club begins its search for young women golfers between the ages of 8 and 17 to play in this year's 30th annual Corena Green Junior Girls Golf Classic. It will be held this year on August 3 at Oakdale Golf & Country Club in Oakdale, California.

There are two age groups, 8-13 and 14-17. They do not have to be terrific players but must have played enough to know the rules and proper etiquette of the course. Prizes are awarded and the 14-17 age group girls compete for \$8,755 in college gift certificates. The entry deadline is July 13 or capacity.

So, ladies and gentlemen of The Villages, if you know a young lady—granddaughters, nieces, friends—who would like the experience of playing in a 9 hole golf tournament, application forms are now available. Spots do fill up quickly, particularly in the 14-17 age group, so if you know someone who is interested, please contact Mary Stowers at 408-440-2856.







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Candidates' Night will be a virtual event for 2020

Due to the Covid-19 shelter in place, the 2020 Candidates Night will be a closed ZOOM event. Club Board candidates will be the only ones participating as both Association and Homeowners candidates will each get their seats, as they are uncontested.

All three Club Board candidates will also win their seats as there are three vacancies. However, the election will determine which two candidates get three-year terms and the candidate with the lowest total number of votes will get the one year term. The only attendees for the ZOOM event will be the Club Board candidates, the moderator and the Communication Advisory Committee. The event will be recorded and then downloaded to Channel 27 and to the Resident Portal no later than Wednesday, May 6 so that all Villagers have the opportunity to watch the recorded event at their leisure.

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

RMD suspension

The CARES Act suspends Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for 2020. If an individual is over 70 ½ and was required to take a distribution from an IRA or other retirement account, they will not be required to take a distribution in 2020. RMDs will resume in 2021.

The rationale for the law: The amount of your RMD is based on your age this year and the value of your account on December 31 of the previous year. We all know the stock market has fallen precipitously since December 31, 2019 and the value of your IRA is less. Consequently, if you were taking your RMD, you would have had to take out a larger portion of your IRA to fund your 2020 RMD. This law allows you to skip part or all of your RMD in 2020. This way you will have more dollars working for you in your IRA in the event of a stock-market rebound. Or be more optimistic—when the stock-market rebounds.

If you have already taken some of all of your RMD distribution for 2020 and do not need the funds, you may be able to redeposit these assets. If your distribution was in February or later, you can put it back into your retirement account by July 15, 2020 and it will be treated as though the transaction never happened. Currently, a distribution in January is not eligible for redeposit. There is no logic to excluding January and it is possible a correction notice will be issued. Check with your IRA trustee for further changes.

Of course, voluntary distributions are still allowed. And tax-free distributions for Qualified Charitable Distributions for IRA owners age 70 ½ and older are still in place.

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office is currently closed for drop-in assistance. You may still leave messages at 408-239-5253 as we monitor phone messages every day and can still answer questions by phone. We can also e-mail handouts. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional adviser about your individual situation.

SRS Information:

IRS operations

Paper Tax Returns: The IRS is not currently able to process individual paper tax returns. If you already have filed via paper but it has not yet been processed, do not file a second tax return or write to the IRS to inquire about the status of your return or your Economic Impact payment. Paper returns will be processed once processing centers are able to reopen.

Taxpayers should file electronically through their tax preparer, tax software provider or IRS Free File if possible. This year, more than 90 percent of taxpayers have filed electronically.

Ordering Forms: The IRS's National Distribution Center is closed until further notice. The IRS is not able to take any orders for forms or publications to be mailed during this time. Most forms and publications are available for download electronically at the IRS.gov website.

Comcast to hold Virtual Customer Event for your Xfinity questions

As we are unable to schedule our weekly Questions for Comcast sessions, our Comcast representative Ruhullah has kindly offered to host a Virtual Customer Event to discuss your questions regarding Xfinity products from the comfort of your home. Select the date of your choice May 5, May 12, or May 19, then choose the time for your one-on-one appointment between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the scheduling page <https://calendly.com/ruhullah-payendazadah/the-villages-virtual-q-a> Then at the time of your appointment, Ruhullah will call to discuss your questions. Appointments fill quickly.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Villages Post Office will be closed until further notice. Mail deposited in the outside mailbox in front of Cribari Center will be picked up as posted.

More
COMMUNITY
NOTICES
on page 14

Filling out U.S. Census forms

By now you have probably received your letter from the U.S. Census Bureau instructing you to fill out the nine-question Census form online or by calling a specified phone number. However, in case you have not received that letter or are not comfortable using either the online or call-in methods, a paper form will be mailed out **in early May** to those who have not yet completed the Census questionnaire. Filling out the Census questionnaire is so important because Census data determines political representation and federal funding for critical programs that support education, housing, transportation, social and emergency disaster relief services. A 2020 Census undercount could put billions of federal dollars and congressional representation for Californians at risk. Together we can ensure a thorough count of our community. If you have any questions about this or any aspect related to the Census 2020, please feel free to contact Bob Dolci at bobandkathleen@comcast.net.

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VMA: Additional neighborly support available

During this time, the VMA understands that some Villagers may be experiencing mixed emotions regarding the COVID-19 and shelter in place order, including worry, isolation, and loneliness. The VMA would like to support you and have made arrangements with a Licensed Mental Health Professional who is available to provide some neighborly support on Monday's 10 am-12pm or Friday's 10am-12pm via phone up to 30 minutes. Please note that this is not a therapy session, but instead some additional peer support during these unusual times. If you are interested in speaking with this person, please call the VMA Office at 408-238-4230 to make arrangements. Please state the day and time that would work best for you as well as a phone number.

Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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Service Coordinator:
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VMA Office closed for now

The VMA Office is closed during the shelter in place order. VMA Volunteers are checking messages and responding accordingly.

The VMA is still offering medical equipment delivery and pick up. We also have volunteers that can pick up and deliver meals to you from the Bistro if you are unable to. Please call the VMA Desk line for these services at 408-238-4230.

EVF FOCUS

Your New Best Friends

By Diana Hallock, EVF Director

Telephone, teleconference, email, blog, laptop, ZOOM, webinar, YouTube, FaceTime...we've all found new ways to stay connected. Next time you are browsing the web, take a look at the updated Evergreen Village Foundation (EVF) website at www.evfsj.org. You'll find our purpose, a list of completed projects, projects still being considered, the history of EVF, and ways for you to get involved. Thanks to Pat Reardon and Beth DeVincenzi for their continuing efforts to keep Villagers connected to EVF!



RELIGION

EPISCOPAL

'Holy Hunger'

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

For we Episcopalians accustomed to a weekly celebration of Holy Eucharist, Shelter in Place has been a long fast from the Bread of Life. Myself, as a Christian convert by way of Holy Communion, I confess that I don't much care for this season of abstinence. But I've decided that I will not celebrate our Sunday sacrament until I can do it again together with you. However, our church—and leaders within our church—are not of one mind about this. Some have tried a variety of new rituals in an attempt to comply with the unprecedented demands of social distancing during worship. Including, for example, drive-by communion!

Our Book of Common Prayer was obviously not designed for times such as these. But we do have rites that serve us well; Morning Prayer, for example, was long the standard pattern of worship when Episcopalians gathered on Sunday Morning. If you're tuning in to worship on our YouTube channel, that's what you'll see and hear online every Sunday. In two languages, no less! For major feasts (think Pentecost), don't be surprised to see an Agape Feast rite that you can observe at home over a meal.

There is reason to grieve whatever it is we miss in this season: gathering, communing, singing together, passing the peace. But there is also—and always—an opportunity to deepen our spirituality in prayer and worship practices we can do at home. As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has written, "under our present circumstances, in making greater use of the Office there may be an opportunity to recover aspects of our tradition that point to the sacramentality of the scriptures, the efficacy of prayer itself, the holiness of the household as the "domestic church," and the reassurance that the baptized are already and forever marked as Christ's own."

"Our theology is generous in its assurance of Christ's presence in all our times of need. The Book of Common Prayer clearly expresses the conviction that even if a person is prevented from physically receiving the Sacrament for reasons of extreme illness or disability, the desire for Christ's presence alone is enough for all the benefits of the Sacrament to be received." That is indeed a Holy Hunger.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'There Is A Lesson Here'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There are many unforgettable lessons that we learn in life and there are others that we wish we had never learned. How many lessons can you remember from your childhood that you are continuing to apply to your life today?

I was teasing my wife (Gloria) at dinner a few nights ago about the wonderful meal that we were having. We had corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and last but not least, her "Husband Catching Cornbread." I told her that if she ever forgot how to make that cornbread, "I'm out of here!" We both had a big laugh.

The story behind the "Husband Catching Cornbread" was when we were dating in high school and I happened to come over to her house around dinner time...wink, wink! I discovered that she had made a large delicious pan of cornbread which was so beautiful it looked like a half sheet cake. I made a declaration there and then, before her parents and siblings, that I was going to marry her. Her mother smiled and her father laughed. Her mother taught her how to bake cornbread and Gloria took it to the next level and put lots of love into it! Needless to say, as the eldest daughter her task was to bake cornbread for the family. The rest is history and today I'm still married to the "Husband Catching Cornbread Queen."

A lesson I learned early in life was to be kind to others and respect older people because their lives could have been very challenging or even overwhelming. Sometimes people would intentionally take advantage of you because your kindness was seen as weakness and not a strength. I would say, that many opportunities came to me during my life time because of that simple lesson of being kind to others. You never know what has transpired in a person's life that shaped their character.

Although there are individuals who want to take advantage of others, I have observed that people are being kind to each other because of the plight we are all in. We all have a common enemy, so let us rally together and conquer it. The challenge is to not victimize the innocent or the helpless one's as we find our way to victory. We must continue to keep up the good lessons we have learned; handwashing often, social distancing, wearing of face mask and complying to the wisdom of our leaders.

Galatians 6:9-10 NLT 9. *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.* 10. *Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.*

As per the CDC and the Villages Management, all congregational meetings have been cancelled through the end of April to deter the possibility of Coronavirus spreading. **Good news!** Pastor Bill will still deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message on audio. You can listen to his sermon via our Villages Community Website at Villagescommunitychapel.org later in the day.

May God bless all of you with good health!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Prayers: During this uncertain time, please pray—for your family, your friends, your neighbors, the country, and the priests and staff at St. Francis of Assisi, and anyone else who needs prayers—that we all come through this in good health, body, mind, and spirit.

Mass: Since all public Masses at St. Francis and the Villages have been cancelled, here are a few options:

EWTN can be found on Comcast Channel 229;

Check the SFOA website which has links to daily and Sunday Masses at www.sfoasj.com

The Diocese of San Jose website and Facebook page have links to daily and Sunday Masses at www.dsj.org/coronavirus

The Vatican has recorded Masses celebrated by Pope Francis, www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass for someone, contact Jean Gillette at 408-270-5723. Please submit your request at least four weeks in advance if you want it listed in the Church bulletin.

Friday Mass at 9 a.m.: These Masses have been canceled until further notice.

Home Communion: There will be no home communion until further notice. Questions? Contact Marilyn Rodman at 408-274-4521.

New to the Villages? To find out more about our Ecclesial Community, contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231 or marion93940@aol.com.

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SPORTS NEWS

SWINGERS

By Nancy Carson

No pep talk. You've had it up to here for six weeks. By the time you read this, we may have some of our answers about the golf course opening. Wendy, our good communicator, is keeping us in the loop.

The Stanford Exchange, scheduled for May 21, is still pending, as is our Twilight on May 29. Something to look forward to.

Our Charity of Choice will be postponed until 2021 and due to the cancellation of the Invitational, our usually hefty donation to Corena Green Girls Tournament will be much less. Be generous in the penalty jar!

I always enjoy reading Scott's column, and this is what I took away this week: "Golf is you against yourself."

If you can't guess the mystery Swingers in the picture, we'll let you know next week.



A little backyard practice.

PICKLEBALL

By Linda Eige

For many of us, pickleball is more than a game, it is a social event. Passing by the empty courts we wonder when will we all be out there again? Plans are still being made for fun summer pickleball festivities, so stay in shape!

Although we can't play pickleball now we can continue enjoying our pickleball community. Many small groups that regularly play together are now staying physically separate but socially connected by getting together for walks on the golf course, on our hillside trails or meeting up for happy hour chats. This is also a good time to work on overall conditioning, flexibility and balance so we can be ready to jump right back in!

On a light-hearted note:

Q: How many pickleball players does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: What do you mean the bulb was out? It wasn't out, it was in!

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

Golf Champion: Harry Vardon (1870-1939)

US Open Champion 1900

British Open Champion 1896; 1898; 1899; 1903; 1911; 1914

World Golf Hall of Fame 1974

Harry Vardon was one of golf's first superstars. He was a natural who never had a single golf lesson. His six British Open victories have never been matched. He developed the overlapping "Vardon grip," used by 90 percent of golfers today.

"Golfers find it a very trying matter to turn at the waist, more particularly if they have a lot of waist to turn." - Harry Vardon

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Judy Rodriguez

Not much golf news to report, but Judy Owen, our Rules Chairperson has sent this reminder about "Loose Impediments":

"Here at the Villages we have to work around loose impediments on a daily basis, since by definition, animal waste is defined as a loose impediment. Our 'beloved' geese provide us an abundance of loose impediments. Also included as loose impediments are stones, loose grass, leaves, sticks, worms, insects and similar animals that are easily moved, and clumps of compacted soil (such as aeration plugs). These loose impediments may be removed without penalty anywhere on the course. You can use your hand, foot, club or other equipment. Be careful. If you move your ball while moving the impediments you must replace it. This results in one penalty stroke, except when it occurs on the putting green where there is no penalty for the ball moving and it must be replaced. There is no free relief from animal waste. You must follow the rules for loose impediments to resolve dealing with the goose poop we find on the course."

Good to know, especially with all the goose poop that has accumulated on the course!

I do have some very positive news from the Octoberfest/Fiesta party committee. We have funds left over from those two parties. So in the name of Women Golfers at The Villages Golf and Country Club, we have donated \$200 to "Feel the Love/Feeding America.org" to help the unemployed, hungry American families!

Here are some of my favorite stay-at-home/quarantine thoughts for this week:

1. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

2. Since we can't eat out, now is the perfect time to eat better, get fit (walking on the golf course) and stay healthy. We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweatpants—I say we use them!

3. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

4. Me: Alexa, what's the weather this weekend? Alexa: It doesn't matter, you're not going anywhere!

5. When this is over...what meeting do I attend first? Would that be Weight Watchers or AA?

Stay healthy, be safe, and talk to your loved ones and friends often.

TENNIS TALK

Scholarship Update

By Phyllis Seeger

As I write this article, we are just days away from what would have been our annual Scholarship Tournament and Dinner.

Wendy and I have been trying to come up with creative ideas to keep you informed and interested in the TC Scholarship Fund. Thank you so much to the people that have donated already and continue to support the young people at Silver Creek High School. The students and our committee appreciate your donations very much.

I decided to touch base with a couple of our Scholarship winners from last year. Also, one of our tennis members ran into a former winner, Jennifer, from 2009. Our member was at a medical appointment and Jennifer was her doctor!

Last year we had the pleasure of giving four \$3000 scholarships out to two boys and two girls.

Chloe Nguyen is attending UC Berkeley and is loving her first year! She became the representative for her residence hall at Berkeley and is involved with the Residence Hall Assembly organization which incorporates advocacy programs to help residents enjoy their experience. She also joined the Rotaract club and the Vietnamese Student Association club. She participates in volunteer work, community service events, and worked on dance pieces for a performing arts show.

Chloe says the scholarship helped her have a better college experience and relieved the financial stress. Due to the pandemic Chloe had to come home early. She states, "With online classes, it's pretty difficult to keep my mind focused and work through all of what is happening, but all we can do is hope that our world will get through this and return to normal again. The ideas I have learned in my classes are astounding and the education I'm getting is remarkable. The love for my school is ever so increasing as time goes on."

By the way, she continued to play tennis with friends at Berkeley!

Next up is Rishi Armstrong! Rishi is attending USC. Rishi says his first year was great! He loved settling into the culture and feel of USC. Rishi says it took a bit to adjust to his new surroundings and opportunities, but he did and is grateful. His second semester was cut short due to the virus.

Rishi states "Even though we lost four months of our freshman year, we stayed positive (not tested positive!) as a community and we are making the most of what we can do at home. I continue to be grateful for the scholarship that The Villages has provided me, and I look forward to the Fall 2020 semester."

If you have any questions about our Scholarship Fund or how to donate please contact Wendy Ferguson at lgpgat@aol.com or Phyllis Seeger at phyllisseeger@gmail.com.

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BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando

As everyone continues to shelter in place and stay safe, we all are anxious to start our new normal. Once we're able to play bocce again, the bocce board of directors will follow the guidelines that will be established by the State of California, San Jose Mayor, Sam Liccardo, the Villages Board of Directors and General Manager, Tim Sutherland.

As of now, the May calendar is as follows: Spring Mixer: cancelled, Spring RR: cancelled, Board Mtg: teleconference, Bash 1, 8, 15: cancelled, Bash, 22 & 29: pending

The Bocce Club would also like to extend its heartfelt "thank you" to Public Safety, Facilities, Landscapers, Office Personnel, Clubhouse Staff and Management. To the many workers who are helping make sure we are taken care of, a tremendous job in the best of times, and we all appreciate the risks you take in making sure our needs are met, during this pandemic.



Boccivolo players in 2019— Captain Bud Meacham, Jackie Moncreiff & Barbara Travis



SHONIS

By Tom Zades

On what would have been our normal golf morning Tuesday, April 21, 22 Shonis and four spouses gathered at the top of Via Portada to participate in a golf cart parade past Shoni Jeanie Kane's place to say goodbye. By secret prearrangement with husband Mike, and maintaining our social distancing, we paraded past her house waving, honking horns and holding up signs. Jeanie's emotions (and ours) are captured in numerous photos, a few of which are shown here. Jeanie was a popular Shoni. In her first full year, she served as Sunshine Committee Co-Chair and was a Co-Captain the next year. This year, with the introduction of the pre-game putting contests, Jeanie was serving as Head Scorer.

Jeanie and Mike are moving to Lincoln Hills at the end of April. When escrow first closed they had no idea that they would not be able to have normal farewell gatherings, with hugs and kisses, snacks and drinks, handshakes and pats on the back. Our surprise golf cart drive-by was the next best thing. Golf is such a social game, and the Shonis hadn't been together as a group since our last round of golf Tuesday March 3. A big thank you to Shoni Teddy Morse is in order. It was her idea. She coordinated and pulled it off.

Participating in the parade were Shonis Nancy Chesterton, Jan Ehrhardt, Bonnie Evans, Betty Hall, Delma Juarez, Betty Lanctot, Teddy Morse, Nanci Newell, Sally Nichols, Michelle Prest, Jonna Robinson, Meg Rogers, Fran Schumaker, Betty Stednitz, Carol Strong, Kathy Tanaka, Kacy Walden, Vivian Wilczak, Marlene Wilde, Joan Wiseman, Lil Yamada, and Sandy Zades; and spouses Noel Lanctot, Val Smith, Gary Walden and Tom Zades.

Did you know?

Villagers respond to need for masks



Several batches of cotton masks were delivered to Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation during the month of April, responding to an appeal to the larger community. Pictured is the most recent batch made by Villages volunteers. Many Villagers have donated time and materials to respond to the medical crisis, and those who don't sew have made monetary donations via the VMC Foundation website. The foundation has gratefully acknowledged all donations.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

As per the orders issued by the County of Santa Clara and the State of California, the Golf Course and Pro Shop will be closed until May 4 or until the lifting of those orders thereafter. All previously scheduled golf functions including clinics, golf tournaments, and social golf events have been canceled and will be rescheduled. Golf play is prohibited on the golf course, as well as use of the driving range, and other associated practice facilities. We will keep you informed as to the status of golf as we approach the end of the current orders. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these trying times.

"What's In The Bag" – Monica Saneholtz - 2019 18 Hole Women's Club Champion

Driver - Titleist TS2 11.5 deg, Kurokage Graphite 50 A Flex

Fairway - TaylorMade Burner 3 wd, 15 deg, shaft Matrix Ozik Reg Flex / TaylorMade Burner 5 wd 18 deg. Shaft Matrix Ozik Reg Flex

Hybrids - TaylorMade Burner 6 (27 deg) Matrix Ozik Reg Flex shaft, 4 (21 deg) Matrix Ozik Reg Flex shaft

Irons - TaylorMade M3 (6 thru gap wedge) Tense CK Series701R Mitsubishi Chemical Reg Flex shaft

Wedges - Titleist 54 deg/11 bounce, 60 deg/8 bounce

Putter - Odyssey Two Ball

Ball - Titleist Pro V1

Tips From The Pro—Chipping drill for distance control...

Take five golf balls and set up 15 feet away from a wall. Chip one ball towards the wall, aiming for your shot to finish half the distance, or 7 1/2 feet from the wall. Your next chip shot needs to get past the first ball, but stay short of the wall. Your next shot must get past your second chip shot, but stay short of the wall...etc. with 5 balls. This drill sounds so simple, but just try completing it with five golf balls.

Tip: try to keep the pace of the swing constant; and let the length of the swing dictate how far the ball goes with each successive chip. Let me know if this tip helps!

What is Golf To Me – Scott Steele, PGA Director of Golf

In 1995 as an assistant golf professional at Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill, I was lucky enough to be on the winning team for the Northern California Oldsmobile Scramble National Golf Tournament. We won by shooting 57 at Elkhorn Country Club in Stockton, and were to represent Northern California at the nationals. So myself and four members (and families) were flown to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to participate in the biggest national amateur golf event in the World. We were one of 300 lucky teams in the country to qualify for the Oldsmobile Scramble. What was ahead of us was a week's stay at Disney World on property at The Contemporary, two practice rounds at the Disney Resort Golf Complex and three competitive tournament rounds. An added bonus for me...as the PGA Professional, my travel, room expenses and resort pass were fully paid as part of my prize money. What a great trip for a young PGA Apprentice! Needless to say, we had a blast, not only golfing and having fun, but also spending time at Disney World. After three days of competition, the top 50 teams would qualify for the final round, to be played with a PGA Tour Professional as the 6th man on the team...what a cool tournament! Alas, we did not make the cut, our downfall being the Bermuda Grass greens, and our inability to make any putts all week. But we had a great time anyway and enjoyed each other's company and our team work on the golf course. So the entire week is a fond golf memory in many ways. At the very end of the week, when we were picking up our clubs from the golf resort, the PGA Tour Professionals were all arriving. While waiting on a bench near the Pro Shop for my clubs to be pulled from storage, I found myself sitting next to Steve Stricker, who was changing his shoes into his golf spikes. I said "hello," and he said "hello" and asked if I was playing. I told him we missed the cut, and he said tough luck, but at least you made it here. I wished him good luck in that week's Disney Tournament. That was a nice ending to a great week and one of my many fond golf memories.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Limitations on Golf Course access:

As per the public health orders, the use of shared public recreational facilities—such as golf courses, tennis and basketball courts, pools and rock walls—is prohibited. These facilities must be closed for recreational use. **All activities that are allowed are to be confined to the cart paths, keeping in mind the six-foot distancing rule.**

Allowed:

- Walking any time
- Jogging any time
- Dog walking any time (dog must be on leash at all times)
- Cart driving (be mindful of pedestrians)

Not Allowed:

- Playing or practicing golf
- Playing other sports like frisbee, soccer, football, baseball, etc. on the course
- Running a dog off leash
- Running or walking on the greens or in sand bunkers
- Bike riding on cart paths (per Rule 1.02.3 Traffic Within The Villages)
- Misuse of golf facilities (benches, fixtures, etc.)
- Sunbathing



Stay in touch with essential developments through Fast Lane!

Because of the rapid and frequent developments in our world that directly affect our community during this crisis, keeping informed is essential. And now more than ever, it is important to be up on the latest developments in your community. Get those vital updates by signing up for Fast Lane, The Villages email newsletter. It is both quick and easy and you can do it online or over the phone. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 408-223-4681; kpatterson@the-villages.com, or on the Villages Resident Portal:

resident.thevillagesgcc.com

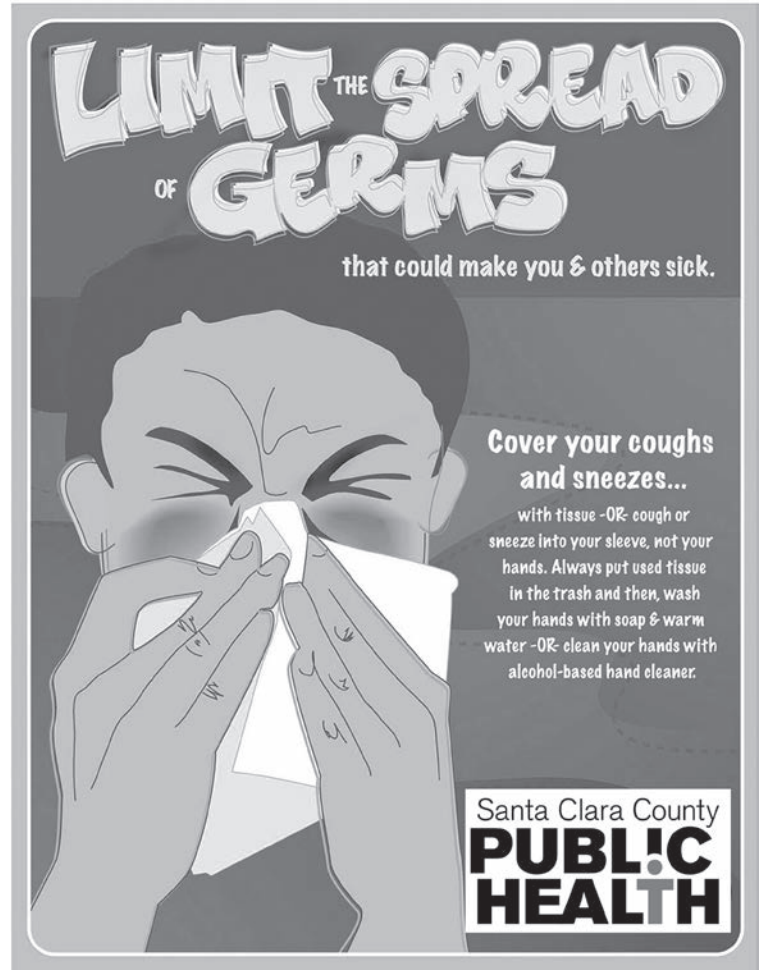
There are currently six editions of The Fast Lane.

All subscribers will receive the Wednesday (general announcements and board-recognized event) Friday (Board and Committee meeting information) and Saturday (Maintenance Services)

Subscribers may choose to receive the following editions: The Clubhouse & Bistro email comes out every Monday, The Pro Shop email comes out every Tuesday, and The Community Activities email comes out every Thursday.

Remember your loved one with a memorial to EVF

Please remember the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) when you are considering a memorial gift in honor of a loved one. The EVF sends a lovely acknowledgement from you. www.evfsj.org



More CLUBS

Villages Dog of the Week: Cisco

By John Colistra

This week we introduce you to Cisco (The Cisco Kid):

“Hi, my name is Cisco and I am a Rat Terrier. I live with Judy and Julian Rodriguez on Wine Valley Circle in Village Olivas. I’m 9 years old and I live a very happy life. I love to take long walks with my best friend, Fifi Balalis. Maybe you’ve seen us recently walking the whole golf course! My favorite thing at home is playing with my toys running through the house playing “fetch.” I’m so smart, I even know the names of my toys and will bring that one! I can do great tricks like Sit, Stay, Dance, Shake, and Rollover. But you better have some Pup-poni treats ready for those commands! I’m very friendly, so stop and say hi next time you see me! P.S. I want to say hello to another old good friend of mine. Hola Pancho!”



Because of the CDC rules there will be no formal meetings of the Villages Dog Club, but I know you will still walk your dog(s) safely. Those of you who would like your dog featured, please send the following: 1. Photo of your dog. 2. Biography of your dog. In two separate e-mails to: johncolistra1936@gmail.com

The Clubhouse would like to help our loyal customers ‘Roll With It !’



Complimentary roll of Scott 2-ply toilet paper
For every home delivery order of \$20
Two rolls with any \$40 home delivery order.

With social distancing orders in place, it is difficult to go to stores without feeling a little anxious. And even with grocery delivery services, one thing that seems to be in short supply is toilet paper.

As a token of our appreciation for supporting the Food Delivery Program, the Clubhouse is offering one roll of Scott two-ply toilet paper for every \$20 in delivery charges. For \$40 spent on food delivery you can get two rolls.


This offer may seem unusual, but we think Villagers can appreciate this until inventories are back to normal at stores.

This offer of complimentary toilet paper for your food delivery order began Tuesday, April 14.

A GREAT DEAL! Villager Business Card Ads \$35 per week!

Call Adrienne at 223-4657

They’re Not Wrinkles, They’re LAUGH LINES



One of the Villagers received a birthday card that said on the outside” Remember the good days...” and on the inside it finished the question with “...when we weren’t old and we weren’t good?”

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/4-5/8.

Olive tree pruning throughout the district in progress.

C. Knolls—Pro chip jet mulching installation throughout the flower beds, in progress.

5334-5335—Water main replacement in planning.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/8-6/12.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/4-5/8.

Spring lawn aeration throughout the district in progress.

Fairways

4001 and 4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.

Glen Arden

7698-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/25-5/29.

Heights

8470-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.

8493—Remediation and repairs in planning.

8470—Sewer lateral repairs scheduled for 5/4.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Lower Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

8348—Exterior light repairs in progress.

8340—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/4-5/8.

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

7586—Reconstruction in planning.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/4-5/8.

6151—Driveway replacement in planning.

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

McCarty Ranch—Fire fuel reduction along the creek side in progress.

Spring lawn aeration throughout the district in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.

Valle Vista

9055-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/4-5/8.

Fire fuel weed/abatement in progress.

Spring lawn aeration throughout the district in progress.

Verano

7200-7251—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7007-7060—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels in progress.

Mowing is scheduled for every other week, weather permitting.

Weed spraying throughout the Villages, in progress.

Irrigation checks and selective watering throughout the districts, in progress.

Spring lawn aeration throughout all the districts in progress through the end of April.

Club Centers

Mowing is scheduled for every other week, weather permitting.

Weed spraying throughout the Villages in progress.

Irrigation system check and selective watering throughout the districts in progress.

Spring lawn aeration throughout all the Club centers in progress through the end of April.

Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Business office—Section of concrete walkway installation in planning.

Craft rooms at Cribari Center—Lock installation in planning.

Vineyard Center—Pool and spa will be closed for resurfacing in progress.

Be sure to clean up your pet's poop

The Villages Rules state that it is the owner's/handler's responsibility for immediately cleaning and disposing of pet excrements in a sealed container. We are finding and hearing that some owners are not immediately cleaning up after their pets and assume that it is the responsibility of the landscaping crew, which it is not.

The pet poop should be picked up immediately and placed into the dumpsters in the trash enclosure near your home or in the designated pet poop stations in the center parking lots.

Please do not place any pet poop in any restrooms or other containers at any of the various centers.

Please help us keep our beautiful community clean.

Leash rule for pets

Residents are reminded, as per Club Rule 1.51, that pets must be kept on a leash, under control, and attended to at all times. This also applies to the Hill Lands.

PUBLIC SAFETY

For emergencies, establish a new 'L.I.F.E. File'

The San Jose Fire Department recently provided Public Safety a new L.I.F.E. File, which stands for Lifesaving Information For Emergencies. This is a newer version of the VIAL OF LIFE. The file is a magnetic sleeve, which can be stuck on your refrigerator. There is a sleeve in which to put the form or other documents, such as a DNR.

Both the VIAL OF LIFE and the new L.I.F.E. File are acceptable.

If you are interested in these items, please come by Public Safety Administration. We have a limited supply on hand.

What is the P.O.L.S.T. form?

Public Safety has added the P.O.L.S.T. (Physician's Order for Life-Saving Treatment) form on the Residents' Portal. It can be located in the Management > Public Safety (Public Safety Forms) and also in the Resource Files > Forms (Other Forms).

If you complete the form, to include your physician's signature, place it in the L.I.F.E. File, which is kept on the outside of your refrigerator or in the VIAL of Life. During an emergency is not the time to attempt to look for the form. The Fire Department needs this form immediately to honor your wishes.

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

The Maintenance Services Department's general work hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you experience a maintenance emergency during those hours, please call the office right away at 408-223-4670. Even if you are certain the emergency is your responsibility, Maintenance Services can provide a list of contractors that are familiar with The Villages and may be helpful for the repair.

If a maintenance emergency occurs outside of the general work hours or during a holiday, please call Public Safety at 408-223-4665. The Public Safety Department will contact the Maintenance Area Supervisor and/or the appropriate contractor. Together, they will all help to resolve your maintenance emergency.

Maintenance Services
Customer Service Line:
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What's Goin' on at Home?

Here's how it works: Since travel is significantly restricted during the shelter-in-place order, Villagers and their neighbors are finding creative ways to amuse themselves while at home. If you would like to share an interesting situation or activity, please submit a picture with a brief caption describing what you do to keep the monotony to a minimum and help your neighbors with some good ideas about using your time creatively while sheltered in place. You may e-mail your caption and picture (in Jpeg format) to shinrichs@the-villages.com. Please do not portray yourself or others in the photo breaking any of the health department's restrictions or the Villages closure rules. Non compliant photos, irrelevant or questionable material will not be considered and captions are subject to editing at the discretion of the editors and publisher.



Leighton Horio Of Vineyard Ridge Place In Olivas has figured out a way to keep active during the virus. He uses foam balls that are about the same size as golf balls (Nerf) and hits them up the street, which is slanted, and they roll right back to him along the edge of the curb. He keeps the neighbors busy watching him! (By all means DON'T use real golf balls!) Photo by Phyllis Mueller



In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility.

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655.

BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

NORTH

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K J 7
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 10 7 3

WEST

♠ J 8 2
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A Q 8 2

EAST

♠ 4
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7 3 2
♣ 9 6 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 9 7
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A 9
♣ K J

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: None

Bidding: South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	1 NoTrump	Pass
2 Spades*	Pass	3 Spades	Pass
4 Spades	All Pass		

Contract: 4 Spades
Opening Lead: Queen of Diamonds

Dealer has a possible loser in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds, and 2 in Clubs.

Strategy: Pull trumps, then decide whether to finesse a Heart or finesse a Club. There is, however, a safer way, can the reader figure it out?

West leads the Queen of Diamonds, East, the 7, South covers with the Ace, switches to the Ace of Spades, continues with the King and then the Queen to draw out all the trumps. He next plays the King of Clubs, West wins with the Ace, leads a Diamond, and East takes the trick with the King. He plays a Club, South, the Jack, and West wins with the Queen. West leads the Jack of Diamonds, South trumps, leads a Heart to the Ace on the board, follows with the King, now leads the good 10 of Clubs and sluffs the last Heart in his hand. He then claims since his last two cards are trumps. As you can see, the finesses in Hearts and Clubs do not work. The 10 of Clubs on the board became a winner after getting rid of the Ace and Queen of Clubs. If you can get a winner without taking a finesse then it is definitely safer to do that.

* South raises Spades since he has 6 of them and bids game after hearing his partner raise his suit.

Appeal from Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation

By Betty Garcia

The Valley Medical Center Foundation has appealed for monetary donations and donations of supplies to respond to the surge of patients suffering from the novel corona virus or COVID-19.

Especially in demand are the facemasks for those not involved in direct patient care and can be handmade. Please see their main website at vmcfoundation.org and vmcfoundation.com/masks for specific instructions and specs. We must work individually using the resources we have at hand, our skill, sewing machine, fabric, precision cutting, anything. We can help in this effort as we're all in this together; separate, yet together. Thank you so much on behalf of the larger community. Please contact me for coordination information: Betty Garcia at 408-274-5054 or via text at 408-832-8476. I would like to deliver my batch(es) to them as soon as possible. Monetary donations can be made online through the VMC Foundation website.

Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

(With Tom Zades—contact him at: tomzades@gmail.com)

I love the saying: "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow." It is so amazing to visualize and acknowledge. There is a mysterious process whereby the acorn, over time, may actually grow into a tree just like the one that gave birth to it. Not all acorns grow into trees, however. In fact, 85 percent are eaten upon discovery by squirrels, and only a small fraction of the rest become trees (per the Internet).

But the parallel with humans is still striking. Ignoring for the moment the great thinkers, artists and inventors, consider the great hulking male athletes; the beautiful, graceful female athletes – those amazing physical specimens. They began as tiny embryos and became these incredible beings. Indeed, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow."

I look at my 6-foot, 200-pound son. I remember when he was born. I was there when he was conceived, actually. He resided in me (and Sandy). How is that possible? If I may slip into visualizing that the males come from the males and the females from the females, my son actually resided in my father's great, great paternal grandfather. And my grandson's grandsons reside in me. I am simultaneously now somebody's acorn and someone's oak tree. Future oak trees reside hidden within most of us, waiting in the fullness of time to take their places in the forest of life.



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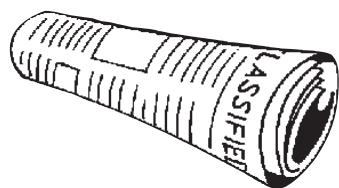
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