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**CHANNEL 27 Currently playing:**

- **Candidates' Night 2020**
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- **Aerial Views of The Villages**

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Watch

## Candidates' Night on Channel 27!

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## Golf Re-Opening Safety Guidelines for The Villages Golf and Country Club In Compliance With the Existing Health Orders by the County and State May 6, 2020

### GOLF GUIDELINES

- Any player with a fever or recent contact with anyone known to have COVID-19 is not allowed at the facility
- Golfers are encouraged to wear facial coverings
- Members only – No guests until further notice
- All 6-Clubs scheduled golf days and golf events are postponed until further notice. The golf course will be open for recreational golf only on Mondays at 1 p.m., and Tuesday-Sunday at 7 am.
- Modified hours - No Twilight Golf – Last tee time is 3 p.m. – Golf Course is CLOSED at 7 p.m. and all golf play must cease and golfers must leave the course
- All golfers must have a reservation – no walk-in play – even for Par-3 Course  
Each golfer must call the Pro Shop for a reservation in order to play
- Must use your own cart or walk; single cart riders only unless family members from the same residence
- No carts on Par-3 Course
- Cart parking at Clubhouse – every other spot will be blocked
- Expectation is that each golfer will show up only 10-15 minutes prior to their tee time, keep things streamlined and simply go play golf. No gathering or socializing for extended periods of time before golf. And social distancing must always be maintained. No “hanging out”
- Pro Shop is closed to foot traffic
- Individuals can purchase necessities only. Pro Shop staff will deliver necessities or scorecard packets outside to resident
- All transactions billed to the house number - no cash or credit cards
- Singles play only, Players phone the Pro Shop to check in or can stop by the Pro Shop window to wave and check in. Singles may play the same hole at the same time with up to three (3) other singles and up to one (1) other single on the Par-3 Course. No golfer may reserve a tee time for any other golfer and no golfer may check in another golfer.
- All play starts from #1 tee – No Shotguns
- 10-minute minute tee time increments
- Recreational golf ONLY - No tournaments, no sweeps
- No pre or post golf gathering for any reason – golf and go home
- Only golfers scheduled for the next tee time shall be on/near teeing ground at any given time
- One rider per golf cart, unless family from the same household
- Driving range CLOSED until further notice
- All Practice Greens CLOSED until further notice

### ON THE GOLF COURSE

A Golf Staff Member will be on the golf course all day to answer any questions and to ensure that all safety protocols are being followed by all golfers

- Golfers must maintain social distancing – 6 feet apart
- Face masks are encouraged but not mandatory
- Raised Cups – Flags in  
Do NOT touch flags – hit the raised cup and ball is holed then pick it up
- At tees and greens, carts must be parked 6-10 feet apart, minimum. Please spread out!
- 1 in 1 out restroom policy / must wash hands / no touch towel dispensers
- No ball-washers
- No benches
- No sand-seed scoops / No sand-seed bottles
- No bunker rakes - Play bunkers as GUR, pick up ball and drop at nearest spot outside bunker, no penalty

### PLEASE DO NOT

- Ride together in a cart
- Touch another Ball only yours
- Stand closer than 6 feet apart
- Play from sand bunkers
- Touch Flagsticks for any reason
- Touch another Tee, only yours
- High-five, fist/elbow bump, or shake hands
- Pick up trash

### Villages pedestrians' Golf Course access

As we return to golf play safely at The Villages, we want to honor those Villagers that have become accustomed to walking on the golf course during these times of limited allowable physical activity.

Therefore, we will be limiting golf play with the last tee time at 3 p.m.

### Golf Course Allowable Walking Times:

**Mondays** Before 1 p.m.  
After 5 p.m. on holes #1-#9  
After 7 p.m. on all holes

**Tuesday-Sunday** Before 7 a.m.  
After 5 p.m. on holes #1-#9  
After 7 p.m. on all holes

### Attention Golfers!

The Foyer of the Main Clubhouse is opening at 7 a.m. offering coffee with “Quick Serve” Breakfast Burritos, Bagel Sandwiches and Egg Muffin Sandwiches.

Coffee will be poured by the employee and given to the customer with sugar and cream if they so desire.

Lunch at 11 a.m. will offer Quick Service Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Hot Dogs. Other curbside menu items will take 15 minutes to prepare.

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# 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.

12 Pulse letters received this week.  
2 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.  
10 Pulse letters 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 find it humorous reading letters from people wanting to change the rules to allow rolling through stop signs in the Villages. It takes about two seconds to come to a complete stop. I wonder what they plan to do with those extra two seconds!  
—George Olson

We need to continue to enforce our entirely reasonable traffic regulations. If they are viewed as optional, or subject to individual interpretation ("California stop" or "rolling" stop) we will have the same issues here that we have on 101 and most California roads. STOP is not a difficult concept to master. 25 is not a hard number to understand.  
I applaud our Public Safety officers' efforts to help us comply with some very intelligent rules.  
—Tom Hutton

I am writing in response to the letters about traffic guidelines that were published in the April 23 issue of *The Villager*. I have a different view than the letters espoused earlier. I believe that we will all be safer if STOP signs mean Stop, that 25 mph means the speed limit is 25 miles an hour and that pedestrian crossing rights of way are to be observed. I don't feel that traffic safety guidelines should be optional. There will be less confusion to drivers and to pedestrians, if we all know and follow the same guidelines. The same rules that apply outside of The Villages should be applied inside.  
—Stan Fitzgerald

The Villages opening the golf course for walking has been terrific. When golf is brought back, I hope there will continue to be time set aside during the day where residents can continue to walk the course. Many people will not be able to participate in other sports or the gym – we need to be able to walk the course.  
Lastly, I support the ticketing of those not obeying stop signs. With so many walkers, I've seen two incidents where people were almost hit. In one instance, the driver profusely apologized, admitting they didn't look both ways, "because there is so little traffic". It's a simple law, and only adds a couple of seconds to your trip. Saying no one has been injured isn't a good argument. Once someone is hit or killed, it will be too late to regret not having stopped.  
—Anahid Avakian Gregg

I can't help but agree with recent Pulse sentiments regarding the "full stop" citations. Most of us have been driving for 50-60 years. We know how to safely negotiate a stop sign. We demonstrate that experience and judgement each time we yield for walkers and golf carts crossing the roads. We demonstrate that each time we negotiate the intersection of Fairway Drive and Villages Parkway near the guard gate.  
Traffic there comes from four directions and proceeds in five directions, controlled by one stop sign and one yield sign, and that's it. Drivers coming into The Villages may turn right onto Fairway Drive or proceed straight up Villages Parkway. Those at the one stop sign may turn either right or left; the folks coming down Villages Parkway may proceed toward the guard gate or turn left. If we can go all these years without an accident at that intersection, we can certainly negotiate the stop signs safely.  
What a waste of resources to have a Public Safety officer parked by the curb waiting to catch an experienced driver making a careful but "rolling" stop. We are better than this.  
—Tom Zades

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## 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

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### POLICIES

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## 2020 Director Elections Updates, Ballot Information, Candidates' Night and More

By Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager

As you may have read in previous editions, for all three Villages Corporations (Club, Homeowners' and Association), elections will be conducted in May and June and this year's annual meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 10 via teleconference.

All ballot packages are scheduled to be distributed beginning May 6 (you may have already received yours) with the deadline of Monday, June 8, at 8 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 p.m., the Homeowners' Corporation at 4:30 p.m. and the Club's at 5 p.m. Specific meeting information to be published in future *Villager* editions and is included in annual meeting notices distributed to all members in their ballot package.

### Board of Directors Elections

Candidate Information, Candidates' Night and *Villager* Questions. As detailed in the information as follows below, the candidates for the Association and Homeowners' have been elected by acclamation per their corporation's governing documents. Only Club candidates participated in this year's Villager Candidate Questions and Candidate's Night (a virtual program) sponsored by the Club's Communications Advisory Committee. Candidate's Night can be seen on Channel 27 at noon, 6 p.m., midnight and 6 a.m., as well as on the Villages Resident Portal. (See pages 10 and 11 for all candidate information.)

**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.

Pursuant to The Villages Association Rule 2.25 Voting and Election Rules, Richard Holmboe is a candidate for the annual election of Directors. In addition, pursuant to Article 2.3 of Rule 2.25, because the number of people nominated is not more than the number of Directors to be elected as of the published and duly noticed deadline for nominations (March 31, 2020), Richard Holmboe is declared elected by acclamation and shall take office at the first Board meeting following the annual meeting.

**Homeowners:** The Bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there shall be five Directors. The Directors previously elected by the owners who will continue to serve are: Mary McBride, Ron Steckel, and Greg Stewart. As of the deadline of May 1 at 5 p.m. there have been two candidates nominated and qualified, Rob Kirschbaum and Richard Zahner, and per Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Villages Homeowners' Corporation they are declared elected by acclamation and will begin their terms as Directors on June 10, 2020, upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Members.

**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 Neill, 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.

There are three candidates for whom nominations have been qualified for the ballot, Bob Wilk, Jeannie Omel, and Howie Blumstein. Pursuant to the Bylaws Section 6.2, the persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and, of those persons elected, the two receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to three-year terms and the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest position term, a term of one year.

**IRS Resolution Vote:** For all three corporations, vote packages will 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.

Please take the time to vote and return your ballot.

## FROM THE ASSOCIATION BOARD Association Assessments

In a few weeks residents of the Villages Association will receive their annual budget documents and learn what the assessment increase will be for the forthcoming year. On average, this year's Association increase will be 5.8 percent over fiscal year 2019-2020.

While any increase is unwelcome, it should be noted that this year's increase is the lowest in three years. The drivers for our increase in operations expense and reserve requirements are simple. Most everything affecting our costs is driven by the cost of labor. The past five years has seen the minimum wage in California increase by more than 50 percent and, as the saying goes, "a rising tide floats all boats," this has greatly affected all wage levels. Additionally, the disastrous fires in Santa Rosa, Ventura County, and the Camp Fire (Paradise) destroyed tens of thousands of homes and businesses creating an almost insatiable demand for construction labor and materials. The cost of labor has also been affected by the burgeoning cost of living in the Bay Area. An NBC report by Diana San Juan, August 23, 2018, revealed that annual homeowner costs is greater in San Jose than in any other market in the nation, followed by San Francisco.

Many of us have resided in the Villages for several years and we remember what the costs associated with home maintenance were in our former homes. Unfortunately, times have changed substantially. We have seen cost inflation in the construction industry exceeding 9 percent for several years and specific areas, such as roofing, going up by 25 percent to 30 percent.

When we add in the increasing cost of water and the more than doubling of insurance premiums, the effect on our expenses becomes a perfect storm.

Staff, and the Association Board, have worked diligently to mitigate the cost increases as much as possible. Compared to the costs of maintaining, and operating, a single residence, we still enjoy something of a bargain due to our large economy of scale and ability to pool our assets.

We will continue to work toward minimizing costs without compromising our mission to Preserve, Protect, and Enhance our Villages.

## A Message from your Association Operations Manager

By Maria Hernandez

It is my responsibility to routinely inspect the community for rules being broken. As you may know, the Association's rules were developed and approved by your Board of Directors. They are revised from time to time when recommendations are made by members, the Rules Committee, or the General Manager. The rules are designed to provide uniformed protections for all Villagers.

I would like to inform Villagers of the most common Association rules being broken that I've noticed when conducting my inspections.

**Rule 2.07 Common Area Alterations:** Owners (or residents) may not alter, or install any improvement on common area, including common area landscape, without the prior approval of the Architectural Committee (AC).

**Rule 2.21.12 Association Common Areas:** Residents will not place items in common areas including utility closets except where specified in Rule 2.08 and/or AC approval. Prohibited items include but are not limited to yard art, statuary, figurines, potted plants and planter boxes.

**Rule 2.08.3 Maintenance of Villas and Limited Common Areas:** Each resident is responsible for keeping the garage, carport, patio, and other limited common areas that are open to view by others in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition.

**Rule 2.08.4 Maintenance of Villas and Limited Common Areas:** A 36-inch-wide, clear pathway must be maintained on all exterior stairs, stairway landings and villa entryways. Potted plants, or other decorative items, may be permitted within a minimum of five feet of the front entry door as long as they do not encroach into the 36-inch-wide pathway.

**Rule 2.10.2.D Sound, Visual, and Odor Restrictions:** Decks, patios, balconies and porches are not intended for storage. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, refrigerators, freezers, and household furniture. Storage cabinets over three feet in height must have AC approval.

**Rule 2.23 Wood Preservation Requirements – Common and Limited Common Area:** A. Wood Decks and Railings 1. Potted plants, figurines, or other decorative items are not permitted on wood railings; 2 Potted plants, including those in trays or pots that have holes in either the sides or bottoms, are not to permit water or moisture to reach the wood deck; 3. All items must be supported above the deck flooring in a manner that permits moisture under the item to evaporate; 6. Vine growing plants are not to cling to wood decks, railings or walls; 7. Trees planted in the limited common area shall have sufficient clearance from walls and fences. Trees shall not exceed seven feet in height without AC approval.

Please take some time to check around your home to see if any of these rules are being broken and try to correct them before I come by to inspect.

If you have any questions about the rules or how they apply, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at mehernandez@the-villages.com or by telephone at 408-754-1353. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in keeping The Villages a beautiful and safe place to live.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and  
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 10 & 11

# MANAGEMENT

## 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 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.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

The Villages has done an incredible job supporting residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. We've enjoyed delicious meals from the Clubhouse, and the staff has been wonderful. Management keeps us up to date via the website, The Villager and Fast Lane. All these actions are truly appreciated.

—Anahid Avakian Gregg

We are so fortunate to have our Clubhouse maintaining Delivery and Curbside Service! They have kept up the quality of the menus as well. Many thanks to John Yu and the whole staff for providing this for us.

I miss being in the dining room and Bistro and enjoying the company of family and friends, however under these circumstances, I am grateful to have this option. I urge all of you to support it as well. It's only to our benefit to keep one of The Villages' best assets fiscally sound.

—Joyce Mendel

## MORE PULSE

I strongly support Public Safety officials who pull over people who "roll" through stop signs. I walk very early in the morning when it is quite dark. I see cars rolling through stop signs regularly. One intersection, at the Vineyard Center, is particularly scary. This morning, about 4 a.m., a car entered the intersection of The Villages Parkway and Village Fairway without even slowing down. Maybe it was a paper delivery person, maybe someone going early in to work. If I were closer, there is no way I could have avoided being hit. I have seen this more than once at this intersection, I've informed Public Safety. They do the best they can.

Bottom line, all stop signs must be obeyed.

—Joellen Jarvi

In March, I was stopped and given a ticket for what the officer said was a rolling stop. I tried to tell the officer that I did stop, at least three seconds and he claimed I did not. Also, I looked both ways and never saw him, where was he? Shouldn't he be in plain sight? Traffic in The Villages is a lot lighter than traffic outside the gates, is a FULL STOP of over three seconds really necessary? I have not been ticketed outside of these gates for over 30 years because I follow traffic rules. This year, I have noticed an increase in other vehicles being stopped by safety officers. I don't think that giving tickets to residents should be income generating as what it appears it has become having learned that that there have been 360-plus tickets issued this year versus one ticket issued last year. Finally, why must we lose Club use for being cited? We live here for the amenities.

—Marizel Bajao

Can the Public Safety Office please tell us how many accidents have occurred for the year of 2019 and YTD 2020 due to drivers "rolling" through stop signs?

I cannot, for the life of me, understand why the residents of The Villages would prefer to pay our own Public Safety officers to write citations to ourselves if there is no valid reason. Surely there is a better way to spend our HOA fees. I suspect the Public Safety Office does not have enough valid responsibilities to generate revenue.

Please carefully review this practice for effectiveness with thoughtfulness toward the right end result of resident safety. A simple, occasional reminder in The Villager would gain the same outcome.

—Diane Malcolm

As I pulled my car into my garage the other day, a Village security vehicle stopped in front of my house.

The security officer told me that I had made a rolling stop at the intersection of Villages Parkway and Verano. I have lived in The Villages for many years and have never received a traffic ticket until now. Since the beginning of this year, I was issued my fourth ticket. One was for a friend.

I fully agree with others who have voiced their opinions on the subject in previous Pulse letters (April 23 Villager). I try to drive carefully and do my best not to violate any traffic rules, yet after 27 years of driving safely in and outside the community, I feel I am being harassed. Would a warning not have been sufficient? This is a retirement community. People are advanced in age. Years of habits are hard to break. I am trying to comply with the law, but I am disappointed by this sudden, harsh and unrealistic treatment by the Villages security guards.

—Maria Brand

Traffic Citation Response: Welcome to the Villages speedway. No stop signs or speed limits. Is this a sign we would like to see upon entry at the gate? I think the residents that are complaining about citations are the violators themselves. Many of my neighbors and friends welcome the traffic law enforcements. Many have witnessed close call accidents of speeders and those individuals who for some reason can't find their brakes at the stop signs. The speed bump idea will only add damage to many cars. If you ever observed some cars leaving with no traffic to impede them, the exit speed bump means nothing. I've been here for 10 years and I do not have any problem following the traffic laws. I welcome Public Safety and all it provides. I feel safe for the most part except for those who would like to minimize the traffic laws. This is a retirement community. Where are you going so fast that you can't take a few seconds to stop at a stop sign or obey the speed limit? Why not take your time and enjoy our surroundings? Once you exit the Villages, you're in SJPD's hands, so drive how you want.

—Kevan Stover

## 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.

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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### Highland Town Hall meeting May 14

The Highland DAC Town Hall meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be a "dial-in" Zoom tele-meeting.

Tim Sutherland will join the meeting to provide an discuss the Villages FY21 budget and projects, and take questions. The DAC will present and take questions on the Highland FY21 budget assessments and YTD financials, as well as landscape, water, lighting projects and the status of summer events.

Dial-in information and final agenda will be distributed to all residences by Monday May 11.

### Heights May 12 DAC meeting cancelled

The Heights DAC Meeting scheduled for May 12 at 6 p.m. at Montgomery Center has been **cancelled**.

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

### Water District property tax exemption

If you are a low-income senior, you may qualify to have one of your parcel taxes removed from next December's property tax bill. If you qualify, act quickly. You must apply by June 30, 2020.

First, dig out your 2019-2020 property tax bill. Look at the list of Parcel Tax / Special Assessments in the center of the bill. Is there a line labeled "728 SCVWD Safe, Clean Water"? The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers a property tax exemption from this special assessment for qualifying low-income seniors. Now is the time to request an exemption for your 2020/2021 property tax assessment.

To qualify you must be 65 years or older by June 30, 2021 – i.e. the end of the fiscal 2020/2021 property tax year. The qualifying senior or his/her revocable living trust must be listed as an owner on the deed and the senior must live in the property as his/her primary residence. Rentals units you own do not qualify. Only one owner needs to be age 65.

Your 2019 total household income must have been less than \$56,458. Social Security and other nontaxable income must be included in your calculation of income. You are not required to send in any proof of income, but you sign the application under penalty of perjury that you meet the income requirement.

This income limit is based on 75 percent of California's Median Household Income, so it changes every year. The income limit started at \$32,850 in 2000 and has now increased to \$56,458 – a measure of inflation in California in 20 years.

Once you have qualified for this exemption, you will receive a verification form by mail each April. You verify that the address is still your personal residence and that your income does not exceed the new period's income limitation.

The application form is available online at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org). Enter "senior exemption" in the search box. You will need to attach a copy of your driver's license or some other document to prove your age.

If you do not have a computer and do not have a family member or friend who can print the application for you, call and leave a message on the SRS phone. A volunteer will print it and deliver it to your mail tube or have you pick it up from their tube.

*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 Reminder:

### Evergreen school tax exemption

If you do not have an exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel tax, you may file for the exemption by mail. Complete information about the exemption was in the SRS article in the April 23 Villager. The Villager is available online if you cannot find your copy.

The forms must be to the School District office and approved by May 30.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES  
on pages 10 & 11

## 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

**Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. If your notice is late, please call Kory at The Villager copy desk at 408-754-1341 to arrange for space to be available. You may e-mail your copy to: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)**

## 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.

### 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](mailto:bobandkathleen@comcast.net).

United States  
**Census  
2020**

### Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Service Coordinator:

408-238-4029

[www.vmavillages.org](http://www.vmavillages.org)



### 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.

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Reservations  
or Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)

## WHAT'S COOKING?

[theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto: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: [jyu@the-villages.com](mailto:jyu@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 & 18

## 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 5/11 thru 5/17

- Scalone Dore Almandine—Pounded Abalone and Scallops with Lemon Garlic Butter, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley (Heat & Serve) \$22.95
- Four Points Salad—Prosciutto wrapped Asparagus, Hearts of Palm, Bay Shrimp with Goat Cheese on a bed of Spring Mix with Italian Dressing \$20.95

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

Email Orders To: [ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com](mailto:ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com)

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

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

The Clubhouse is delivering meals to all Villages on all days. 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 5/11 thru 5/17

### Lunch

**Grilled Reuben Sandwich**-with Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese, and 1,000 Island on Rye Bread with Choice of Sides \$11.95

### Dinner

**Grilled Ribeye Steak**-Peppercorn Sauce with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley \$28.95

**How does Curbside Grab and Go work?** First call in your order to **408-370-8553** and call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

## Attention Golfers...

(Continued from front page)



The Clubhouse Foyer with tables set up for placing your orders and six-foot guideline marks on the floor for social distancing.

Beverages will be offered also, such as water, sodas, Gatorade. Alcohol beverages are available as well.

We are utilizing the Foyer of the Main Clubhouse. We have 6-foot guideline tapes on the floor with social distancing signs.

Customers will come up to the service table one at a time, where we will hand them their items.

Payment: We will check for Villages ID, but not swipe. We will input their house number for a touchless transaction. Resident will be provided a copy of the bill, no signature.

Seating: Just like other drive-thru or pickup restaurants, we are not permitted to offer seating. This also includes the Bistro patio, where all tables have been removed.

Enjoy and stay safe!

### Notice for our Curbside customers:

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Thanks for your support.



# CLUBS & EVENTS



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](mailto:jyu@the-villages.com)

### MIXED GRILL BOX FOR DELIVERIES STARTING

ORDER BY MONDAY, MAY 4

FOR DELIVERY THURSDAY MAY 7

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## Global Village group 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.

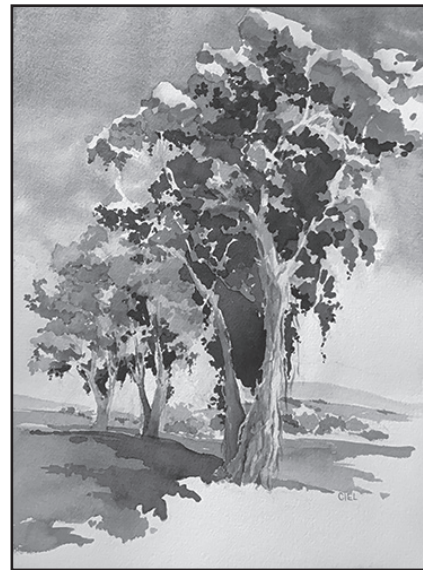
If you are interested, please send your full name and full email address to Mary Edmunds at [framefoothill@yahoo.com](mailto:framefoothill@yahoo.com). If you send in your information by noon on Tuesday, you will be added to our email list. Each Wednesday at noon, Darlene Korb will send emails to people 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.

## Plain Talk about Plein Air

By Ciel Duke

Drawing and painting "en plein aire," or "in the open air," is currently at a peak of exposure and success. In the past 15 years, an explosion of plein air exhibits, galleries, conventions and competitions has caught the attention of thousands of artists willing to brave the elements and venture out into nature in order to capture light, shadow, color and mood in a way that studio painting or painting from a photograph is unable to do.



Plein air painting of a Villages eucalyptus tree  
Painting by Ciel Duke

Plein Air painting goes back to the late 1500s in Russia. The movement gained widespread popularity in Europe with the Impressionists, notably Monet, Seurat, and Degas. Their fascination with capturing the fleeting impression of light and mood in nature opened up an entire new approach to painting, eschewing centuries of predictable religious, allegorical, and still life subjects. In America, Winslow Homer painted en plein aire even before that with a series of front-line Civil War paintings for Harper's Bazaar. The Hudson River School and Canada's Group of Seven continued plein air painting in the mid-19th century.

The Villages offers an ideal location to experiment—with beautiful vistas in every direction (try looking out from either garden site); waterfalls and lakes; bountiful flower beds and shrubs; footpaths and canyon views; trees of every kind; stunning sunsets. No doubt, Villagers who have taken advantage of this shelter-in-place time by walking throughout our many paths, have discovered scenery they never knew existed!

So...let's get started with Plein Air painting! Assuming you have found the "perfect spot," imagine yourself outdoors and actually painting. You will need a chair, a small table or box to set supplies on, sunscreen and water, and comfortable clothing. Choose any medium you are familiar with. Watercolors

require less equipment—a watercolor set, brushes, watercolor paper mounted on a firm surface, and, of course, water. Oils and acrylics require an easel, tube paints and palette, brushes, painting surface, and a means to carry wet paintings. Keep equipment to a minimum, as you might need to walk a distance to set up. Choose a safe location, away from traffic or distractions. Remember, these paintings are to be completed *on location*, with perhaps only a small touch up back in the studio. Be patient...the process gets easier with each outing!

Over time, you will discover that plein air drawing and painting somehow mysteriously imbues your art with the "essence"—the mood of your subject. With experience, you will convey the wind, the heat of the sun, the cold crispness of winter, or even the reason why you chose this exact spot to paint. Give it a try...you have the time, the perfect place, and the inspiration—all right here in The Villages!

As a longtime plein air painter, I can be seen here and there working on a plein air watercolor series of the Trees of the Villages. I appreciate the gift it gives the heart, the challenge it gives the brain, and the enthusiasm to see and experience life itself.

## Attention hikers using the hill lands: A special request

The Villages' 550 acres of open space, otherwise known as our hill lands, are becoming more and more popular with both Hiking Club members and Villagers in general. Because of this the small parking lot next to the "Upper Gardens" can get quite full at any time of day. The current sheltering in place directive compounds the problem as more of us are staying at home and enjoying the activities available to us here.

Gardeners, many of whom are in the most senior of seniors category, are frequently hauling equipment and supplies and often find no place to park in the lot next to the gardens. Because of this, the Garden Club is requesting that hikers park in the circle (cul-de-sac) at the end of Village View Drive. It would add only a short distance to your hike and the gardeners would be most grateful.

The Garden Club Committee thanks you for your consideration.




## EVF FOCUS

### EVF Honorarium & Memorial Gifts

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 Villages Amateur Theatre

**Andrew Nishimura**  
 Aileen Nishimura

**Sean O'Callaghan**  
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**DAILY**  
 Candidates Night 2020  
 12:00/6:00 AM/PM  
 Aerial Views of the Villages  
 2:30/9:30 AM/PM

**KEEP FIT**

**MON – WED – FRI – SUN**  
 Mwezo  
 Chair Aerobics 1:00/7:00  
 Restorative Chair Yoga 1:25/7:25

Hartmut  
 Cardio Fitness 1:50/7:50

**TUE – THU – SAT**  
 Mwezo  
 Stretch Aerobics 1:00/7:00  
 Tai-Chi 8-Form 1:20/7:20

Hartmut  
 Chair Fitness 1:45/7:45

**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** Breakfast in Hollywood  
**TUE** Man on the Eiffel Tower  
**WED** The Big Combo  
**SAT** Marines Are Coming



**Club Events & Notices**



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 Password:  
 villages

More information online at the Villages Resident Portal:  
[resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)



# Club Board Candidates

## Robert 'Bob' Wilk

7337 Via Laguna

My mother lived in The Villages for 30 years (Cribari). For us, the move to The Villages was an easy decision.

I was born in Detroit, attended the University of Illinois where I received a Mechanical Engineering degree and directly accepted a job in San Francisco with the Bechtel Corporation (a large international engineering/construction company). It was there where I met my wife, Geri. We raised our three children in Walnut Creek and now have four wonderful grandchildren.

During my career (all with Bechtel) I did design work for five years and then moved into the commercial side of the business and managed the Estimating, Scheduling, and Cost Control Department for refinery and chemical projects. I was also in project management with assignments on some very significant projects domestically as well as internationally. It was as interesting career.

Before moving to the Villages (seven years ago), we lived in a gated community with a golf course in Genoa, NV. There, I was on the HOA Board for seven years with two years as president. While a much smaller community, many of the issues are similar.

Currently, I am in the Men's Golf Club, the Bocci Club, the Italian Club, Senior Academy, the Village Amature Theater (I help build sets) and the Catholic Community (my wife and I set up Cribari for church services).

I would like to see The Villages remain the community of choice. Having served on the Association Board for three years and currently on the Club Board, I have tried to serve the community well. I look forward to the work ahead and your support.



## Jeannie Omel

7946 Caledonia Drive

Since moving into The Villages five years ago, I have been involved with both governance and community activities. My experience with the Homeowners' Corporation (HOC) Board for three years (currently Vice President), participation and voting at the Three-Board (Club, Association, Homeowners) Meetings for three years, and two years as a member of the HOC Architectural Control Committee has given me insight to the overall management of The Villages.

I am a member of the Swingers 9-hole and Villages Women 18-hole golf groups and am currently secretary of the Swingers' Board. I'm also a member of the Evergreen Villages Foundation.

My 10 years of experience as general manager for Gilroy Premium Outlets, a 54-acre property, brings an informed understanding of physical operations and financial management. As general manager, I successfully negotiated and managed contracted services for landscaping and security. I also managed capital expenditure projects such as roof replacement and understand the importance and planning of these projects.

I think one of The Villages' biggest challenges is finding the balance of controlling operating costs in order to minimize fee increases to our fixed-income population while continuing to provide new property amenities that make living at The Villages attractive to new residents.

I believe that the Club board's responsibility is to assure that The Villages has an executive with the expertise to manage this unique property and then support the management team. I have the experience to provide the support needed to maintain The Villages as a vibrant, beautiful place to live.



## Howie Blumstein

9045 Village View Loop

**Education:** BS Civil Engineering MS Structural Engineering MBA Finance

**Experience:** AVCO Corporation GE Re-entry Systems and Nuclear Divisions

Managed projects cost control Prepared annual budgets, hardware and services proposals Program managed project budgets and schedules performance

**CLUBS:**

Bocce Club, Chinese Club, Democratic Club, Italian Club, Jewish Group, Men's Golf Club, Senior Academy for Education, Tennis Club

Rita and I were born in the Bronx, NY and moved to California in 1974. We have two sons and daughter-in-laws, and six grandchildren 10 to 24 years old. We moved to The Villages in 1999 and love living in our wonderful community.

Rita took up golf after moving to The Villages. I am an active member of the Tennis Club, played pickleball and we have actively participated in the Bocce Club's tournaments.

In the early 2000s I was on the Valle Vista DAC, Tennis Club President in 2011, and a member of the Tennis Club's Scholarship Committee.

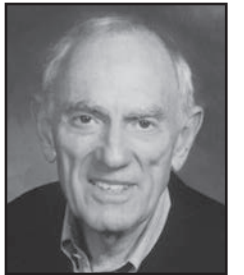
We are Villages Ambassadors.

I participated in Valle Vista's turf reduction program and canvassed Valle Vista residents to participate in the water company's Water-Wise Program.

With my education, Club Board and work experience, years of volunteering and commitment to The Villages, I will continue to work hard to represent our community to maintain and enhance our health, property values and the lifestyle we enjoy.

Your consideration of my candidacy to serve another term and VOTE of support as a Club Board Director is appreciated.

STAY HEALTHY—STAY SAFE



## Question 1: Why are you running for the Club Board? What life experiences, abilities, skills and knowledge do you have that would qualify you to be a Board director?

### Robert 'Bob' Wilk

Why am I running for the Club Board? I believe I have the experience and training to fulfill the position but, more importantly, I would like to contribute to the well being of the Villages so it can continue to be the success that it is.

I am now completing three years as a current Club Board director and have become familiar with the operation and the issues. Per the Bylaws, I am allowed only one more continuous term and I would like to serve the community for this term.

Prior to becoming a Club Board Director, I was a Director on the Association Board. This has helped broaden my understanding of the issues and concerns impacting residents and the administration.

This recent experience together with my business experience having lived in a variety of locations both domestic and foreign, together with my education and management training all contribute to a perspective which I look forward to bringing to the Club Board.

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### Jeannie Omel

I am running for the Club Board because I want to be involved in supporting the overall management of The Villages. We moved into The Villages five years ago and appreciate the beauty, the amenities and the community life.

I have been actively involved with both governance and community activities. My 10 years of experience as general manager for Gilroy Premium Outlets, a 54-acre retail property, brings an informed understanding of physical operations and financial management. As general manager, I successfully negotiated and managed contracted services for security and maintenance. I also managed capital expenditure projects such as roof replacement and understand the importance of planning these types of projects.

I managed public relations and marketing for the Idaho State Bar, the Boise City Arts Commission and the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. This experience has provided me with planning and development skills as well as the opportunity to work with people from varying backgrounds.

I believe that my professional experience and skills provide me with the ability to evaluate the ongoing performance of the general manager and his team to make sure we have a financially secure, vibrant, beautiful place to live.

### Howie Blumstein

#### Why are you running for the Club Board?

• To share my extensive financial and management experience to ensure the optimal use of our resources while maintaining and enhancing the quality of life and the lifestyle we all enjoy living in The Villages.

#### What life experiences, abilities, skills, and knowledge do you have that would qualify you to be a Board Director?

• I enjoyed a long and successful business and finance career that required empathy and people skills to build consensus among diverse people. That background will help manage the issues and conflicts that will be in the best financial and long-term interests for Villagers.

#### Prudent utilization of resources

• In my previous term on the Club Board I focused on evaluating options, analyzing potential risks vs. opportunities, obtaining comments and opinions from Villagers and always focused on maximizing the return on investment for our community. My track record positions me to work on the Club Board to manage the over \$17 million annual Villages budget.

#### Summary

• My integrity, work ethic, education, professional

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# Association Board Candidate

## Richard Holmboe

6285 Blauer Lane

**Education:** AA Degree, Electronics Technology

**Work Experience:** Support Engineer, Manager, Technical Writer, Electronics Technician (Hewlett-Packard Co, Agilent Technologies, Verigy, KLA-Tencor), US Navy Reserve Retired (Chief Petty Officer)



**Other Experience:** Village Montgomery DAC (including chair), Echo HOA University & Expo 2019, Emergency Preparedness Committee (including sector chief)

**Length of Time in Villages:** 11 years

**Villages Activities:** Villages Amateur Theatre, Villages Medical Auxiliary, SIR-38 (including official story teller), Volunteer pumpkin/snowman putter-upper  
I have attended both DAC and board meetings

**Why Do You Want to be a Board Director:** I believe in paying my dues. That is, I want to serve while I can. I also believe that I have years of applicable experience especially as DAC chair and as an Echo attendee.

**Vision of Association:** As I walk around The Villages, I am comforted by its beauty. I know that it is not free. In fact, it is pretty expensive. I want the Association to maintain our surroundings while keeping costs as low as possible.

**Strengths of Association:** Villas and common areas are beautiful. Staff is extraordinary. Board needs to be effective in maintaining our plant, keeping staff efficient, and providing direction to Staff, DACs and residents.

**Improvements:** DACs and ABOD working better together. Better communications.

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## Howie Blumstein answer to Question #1

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work experience and years of volunteer and board experience are qualities I bring to the position of Club Board Director. But most importantly my years of living in our community has prepared me to be a caring and attentive Director with your best interests always at the forefront.

I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy and your VOTE of support to serve another term as a Club Board Director.

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE

# Homeowners' Board Candidates

## Rob Kirschbaum

8316 Chianti Court

When our daughter moved to California to work at Stanford and then had our first grandchild, Marilyn and I knew we wanted to live closer to them and be a part of their lives.



While we are both New York born and raised, when we moved here in 2015, we knew it was the right decision. After finding The Villages, we purchased a house knowing it would be a great place to live and so it has been.

Marilyn is a retired nurse from University of Pennsylvania with an MBA from Wharton and helps many of our dear friends with medical issues. She is also President of the Villages Jewish Group.

I have been an industrial sales and operations executive for over 40 years, in charge of several distribution and manufacturing facilities. I know how to manage a business and solve problems. I have worked with executives in Fortune 500 companies and smaller businesses around the world creating and supplying products that are used by all of us.

As a past Chairman and a current voting member of the Architectural Control Committee, I have gained the experience and knowledge required for this next step to the HOC board. I am committed to working with homeowners to help them navigate the requirements that keep our Villages community beautiful and safe.

## Richard Zahner

7140 Via Solana

I am honored to be considered for the position of Director of the Homeowners Board of Directors. I currently serve as Chair of the Architectural Control Committee and look forward to serving the Homeowners of The Villages as Director.



Barbara and I raised our family in the Almaden Valley of San Jose. After 44 years we moved to a well-tended home with garden in Verano. I am a member of the Men's Golf Club, Veteran's Club and Hiking Club. We enjoy life here and plan to contribute to the governance of the Corporation to maintain and enhance the quality of life at The Villages and to the value of our home.

After serving six years on active duty with the Navy, I spent over 40 years in the electric power business with Bechtel Company and Calpine Corporation, developing, building and operating nuclear, gas-fired and solar power plants. I also served as President of Gilroy's Economic Development Corporation and consulted to power and industrial clients.

I have served on the San Jose Clean Energy Advisory Commission, and Santa Clara Valley Water District's Resources and Environment Commission and on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury. Currently, I serve on the St Francis of Assisi Finance Committee and Mental Health Ministry and a member of Presentation High School's Board of Regents. I am a retired Captain USN Reserve.

I welcome the opportunity to serve The Villages community.

## Voting Tips:

### Want Your Vote To Count?

Use both envelopes and keep the barcode intact!

### Why Use Two Envelopes to Vote?

The inner one keeps your vote a secret!

The outer one registers you as a member in good standing who is eligible to vote!

### Is My Ballot Secret?

Yes, if you seal both matching colored envelopes!

### Why Are Ballots in Different Colors?

- Blue is for the Association election.
  - Buff is for the Club election.
  - Green is for the Homeowners' election.
- Don't get them mixed up!

### Don't Mix Up Ballot and Envelope Colors

The colors have to match for your vote to be valid!

## EPC SEZ..

Did you know that The Villages is divided into 25 Sectors, each with an EPC Aid Station, Sector Chiefs and Area Reps to assist you during a disaster? To join the EPC team contact: [chair@thevillagesepc.org](mailto:chair@thevillagesepc.org)

—The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

## 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@thevillages.com](mailto:kpatterson@thevillages.com), or on the Villages Resident Portal: [resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://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.

# RELIGION

## 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](http://www.sfoasj.com)

The Diocese of San Jose website and Facebook page have links to daily and Sunday Masses at [www.dsj.org/coronavirus](http://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](http://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](mailto:marion93940@aol.com).

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Lord, teach us to pray’

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

In these days of extended social distancing, I find myself more grateful than ever for our Episcopal tradition of common prayer, which allows us to pray together in the same words even when we are far apart. In the monastic tradition of fixed-hour prayer (from which our Book of Common Prayer takes the services of Morning, Noon and Evening Prayer) these ancient services are prayed around the clock and around the world, in very real ways. That is to say, we don't have to be sitting in chairs or pews next to each other in order to be engaged in the same work of prayer.

Since the Shelter in Place order, Trinity Cathedral members have been meeting every weekday morning to pray Morning Prayer on a video-conferencing platform. Let me know if you'd like to join in, or if you want to request prayers. But even if you don't take part in what's called the Daily Office, you can taste the goodness of common prayer in the many sections of our Book of Common Prayer that are dedicated to the Collects (meaning prayers to be read together). Prayers for the church year and special occasions can be found on pp.159-261, and then on pp. 814-841 there's another collection of prayers and thanksgivings for all manner of occasions and desires. I have a few personal favorites; I especially like Prayer of Self-Dedication on p. 832:

“Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.”

What's your favorite prayer? If you don't have one (or several) yet, let me encourage you to linger in your Book of Common Prayer, and find the ones that nourish your spirit and teach you to pray with Anglicans in all times and places.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘We will make do!’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Each day that you awaken there are opportunities to embrace the challenges that await you. Some things are anticipated because you made plans the night before to manage the activities with the hope of accomplishing them the next day. After all, the weather forecast promised that it would be another beautiful and warm day, which would enhance your plans.

The following morning the sun broke forth and I arose with a grateful heart and praise. I placed my feet on the floor, stood and oh...oh the pain in my left foot! I was challenged with the pain of having a gout attack in my left foot that was caused by a side effect of a former medication taken before my transplant. Well, the day was totally consumed with finding some relief by soaking the foot, drinking teas, apple cider vinegar, herbs, berries, walnuts and elevating the foot.

Eventually, the next day relief had come and with help, I was able to wash some of the windows facing the golf course. I had to wear one open sandal and a sport shoe on the other foot while taking breaks to elevate my foot. After a day that started with pain, the following day ended with a sense of joy and accomplishment.

The other day while conversing on the phone with one of my church members we were laughing at our infirmities and the glory of getting older. We were so thankful for being a member of the community here and I said, “In order to be a resident here you must have some kind of infirmity.” I have yet to meet a resident that doesn't have some kind of condition physical or otherwise that they are having to work through.

Over 15 years ago when we arrived here, I wondered why my wife wanted to live among all of the grayed haired seniors that I was seeing. I agreed with her that this was a very beautiful place but I didn't want to live among the aged even though she was having to deal with my congestive heart failure issues. I realized that we needed this and out of all my years of being a resident, not once have I ever regretted living here. We have met a lot of wonderful, caring, and supportive people in this community who we have grown to love as family.

We have all had our various challenges and will continue to have them as long as we live. We are learning by the examples and expressions of those who have gone before us to use what we have and as they say, “make do.” Through the seasons of our lives we continue to apply the lesson of making the best with what we have to live with. Whether we live with infirmities in our bodies or threats of global pandemics, we will approach every challenge with a grateful heart and make do.

Hebrews 13:5 NLT “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

As per the CDC and the Villages Management, all congregational meetings have been cancelled until we receive clearance to assemble due to 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 [www.Villagescommunitychapel.org](http://www.Villagescommunitychapel.org) later in the day.

May God bless all of you with good health and reach out to someone!

### VMA to distribute 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.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Linda Lamanno

Spring is in the air, it's a beautiful day. A gaggle of women tee off at 9:30. I hit an unbelievable drive, maybe my best ever...then I wake up. It's only a dream! Hopefully, soon we will be playing for real, but not soon enough.

Rancho Murieta, a private course near Sacramento, is open for play with a few Covid 19 accommodations. For example, flags remain in all holes surrounded by a circular strainer, so the ball only drops a half-inch. No rakes are available. Other courses in California are also open. To some people golf is not considered an essential activity.

A giant stork, wing span at least five feet, according to Jane Hoff, landed on her roof last week. Storks don't visit here very often because there are not too many babies to deliver here. Hoff hoped the stork was bringing golf balls.

Captain Ledamun reports the following statements must be true...she read them on the internet:

- New golf balls have a strong attraction to water and the power of the attraction is directly proportional to cost of the balls
- With golf, the slow groups are always in front of you, while the quick groups are behind you.
- Golf is the only game where the ball lies poorly and the golfers lie well.

Last week's "masked swingers," were (left to right) Lynn Stewart and Linda Piersol. The answer to this week's "masked golfer" will appear in the May 15 *Villager*.



Who is this Masked Golfer?

## PICKLEBALL

By Linda Eige

I'm hoping by the time this prints we will be on the courts playing again. Regardless, it is a good time to brush up on pickleball rules.

One rule that I see violated occasionally is the **10-Second Rule** (Rule 4.E. of the 2020 Official Rulebook for USA Pickleball):

**4.E.1. The service motion must not start until the score has been called in its entirety.** You cannot call the score as you serve, do not start the service motion until the entire score has been called.

**4.E.2. If the server exceeds 10 seconds to serve, a fault will be declared.** Once you call the score you are expected to serve within 10 seconds.

Of course, we play social games here and there is often (very often!) discussion regarding the correct score. This is why it is important to call the score before serving. We don't time the 10 seconds but the point being made here is to call and verify the score before play begins. Once the score is called all players should be ready to start play.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back on the courts!

## SHONIS

By Tom Zades

Captain Bonnie Evan's weekly Monday morning email to the Shonis continues to prompt and invite the sharing of news, advice, encouragement and well wishes—a way to be close at a distance—electronic social distancing. Appreciation for the golf cart parade of April 21 continues to be expressed. Everyone was glad to see each other, although with masks in place it may have looked more like a stage coach robbery gone wrong. We should do something like that again, this time without the "good-byes." Jeanie Kane and husband Mike drove off on April 29.

Shoni Fran Schumaker instituted a weekly "comfort food" recipe send-out. Two weeks ago, she shared a fabulous meatloaf recipe from Martha Stewart's mother, Mrs. Kostyra. The week before it was making chocolate chip cookies using chocolate chunks—by smashing up your favorite chocolate bar! The week before that, we learned of Chunky Chicken Potpie with root vegetables. Most recently, she shared a roasted chicken recipe and served up the following background with it: "My recipe comes from the late San Francisco and Paris-based Chef, Peggy Knickerbocker, in her book *Simple Soirées*. The name of the recipe is Alice B. Toklas Roasted Chicken. And no, it has no marijuana in it. A bit of trivia about Alice B. Toklas: She was born in San Francisco and raised in Washington state. She returned to San Francisco when her mom took ill. Alice was a writer, a well-known cook and the life partner of Gertrude Stein (another well-known writer, novelist, playwright, etc.) They met in Paris during the Avant-garde movement. They were known for hosting wonderful soirées for writers and artists such as Ernest Hemingway, Picasso and Matisse. They would buy their paintings so the struggling artists could eat. Their wall was covered with these paintings."

As an alternative to cooking, Kathy Tanaka offered detailed instructions on how to order online, including Costco's popular rotisserie chicken. One way or the other, I have gained 10 pounds since shelter-in-place began. There will no doubt be a rush on the Villages Fitness Center when this is over, but what we really wonder is: What is going to happen when 300 million people out there are all trying to get haircut appointments at the same time?



Fran Schumaker

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Judy Rodriguez

Hello Ladies, not much to report except looks like no golf for organizations until June! Our 18-Hole Board had their monthly meeting on Monday, May 4. News from that meeting will be distributed on email from Captain Vicki. It is delightful seeing so many different Villagers walking and enjoying the course. There are adorable new ducklings and unfortunately new geese. The bull frogs in the lake between holes six and seven are in constant serenade. Many people just stand there and listen (including me and Cisco)!

As we continue to stay-in-place, here are my favorite quotes from friends this week...

1. Until further notice the days of the week are now called Thisday, Thatday, Otherday, Someday, Yesterday, Today, and Nextday!

2. Just asked a 6-year-old if he understands why there is no school. He said "yes, because they ran out of toilet paper."

3. After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason!

4. 2020 is a unique Leap Year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and five years in April!

5. If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't possible touch your face!

But remember, you're not stuck at home, you're safe at home. One word can change your attitude and one sneeze can change your life! So, continue to stay healthy, be safe, and talk to your friends and family often.

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Kyle Finley (kylefinley@outlook.com)

**Message from the GCC (courtesy of Ron Burke):** The Golf Course Committee's goal has always been to keep our golf course as beautiful as it can be. I am sure if you have had the chance to walk the golf course in the past few weeks, you will agree that we are very close to that goal. During this pause in play our maintenance crew has aerated all tees and greens and many of our members have formed an impromptu Bandini crew repairing all fairway divots. The work on the forward tees has also been completed and many of the hardpan areas on our fairways have been healed.

Hopefully, the County will allow us to open our golf course for play soon, with restrictions that the Pro Shop will provide as we approach that most anticipated date. We expect that one of the restrictions will be single use of carts, adding almost twice as much traffic. It will be our challenge to manage this traffic to maintain the beautiful conditions that we now see. In the coming weeks we will review rules concerning golf cart etiquette and other suggestions on how we can all help preserve the work that our maintenance crew and nature have accomplished.

Hoping there is a green flag in our near future. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, one week before publication



The Villages

### Memorial Day Mixer golf and dinner cancelled

The 18 Hole Women's and Men's Golf Teams reluctantly and sadly cancel this year's Memorial Day Golf Event and Diner. We look forward to our next planned event on Labor Day, on September 7.



## BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando

Meet Wayne Weiler, the Bocce Club's VP for 2019-2020. As a Villager, Wayne has participated in many organizations. Recently retiring from serving on the Club Board of Directors, he now can spend his time playing bocce. The following is in his own words:



**Wayne Weiler, Bocce Club Vice President.**

"I've lived in The Villages for 20 years and enjoyed every day. Initially, I spent most of my days playing tennis and golf, but soon looked for ways to contribute to the welfare of our community. Toward that goal, I wanted to make use of my work experience (engineering management, building contractor, and public relations). Those skills led me to join the Marketing Committee which reports to the Club Board of Directors. My major goals were to bring more new residents into The Villages and to increase outside revenue (we rented a booth at three different Expos—Over 50 Expo, Successful Aging Expo, and Baby Boomers Senior Expo). While on the Marketing Committee, I was elected to the Homeowners Board of Directors for a term of three years (President during the third year). After finishing my time on the Homeowners board, I was elected to the Club Board of Directors for a three-year term (President for the last year). As I was finishing the three-year term I was elected to another three-year term on the Club Board of Directors. I have now found a new love in The Villages (other than my wife Barb), and that is Bocce. As you may already know, I am the Vice President of our wonderful club. My next goal is for The Villages to build a third Bocce Court. Once this pandemic is over, we will be back enjoying our tournaments and many social events. In the meantime, please stay safe."

Wayne is definitely an asset to the Bocce Club. He is currently President of the RV club and was instrumental in the use of solar panels at the RV lot. These solar panels now provide 92 percent of its energy to the Villages club facilities and buildings. Thank you for your commitment, Wayne!



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## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Golf Play**—Your General Manager and Club Board met this week to determine what the parameters will be for a safe and compliant return to golf. Golf play has returned, although for recreational play only. All six-club golf days and events are still suspended. See this week's *Villager* front page for complete details.

**Tips From The Pro**—As we hope to return to golf soon, here are some tips to help you along:

1. Be prepared to walk...go on a few walks around your wonderful community to get used to walking when golfing if necessary.
2. Start stretching your shoulders, back, arms, calves and legs daily.
3. On the day of play, 30 minutes before you leave, do your full body stretching routine.
4. When you arrive, you will not be permitted to practice, so create a golf warm up routine:
  - Swing an orange whip or your driver with a head-cover on it 20 times in sequence...make the last 3 swings as fast as you can go.
  - Swing whatever club you will be using on the tee shot of the first hole 12 times in sequence...not as fast as you can, but at a moderate speed.
  - Chip a few balls with your sand wedge on the first teeing ground from the rough onto the tee after the golfer(s) in front exits and while you are waiting to tee off.
5. When teeing off, make sure your grip is not tight, and that your arms and shoulders are relaxed.
6. Go through your routine and smooth it down the middle.
7. On the golf course remember not to touch anything but your clubs, your golf ball and your tee...that's it.
8. Enjoy!

**What is Golf to Me—Fond Golf Memory #2**

Golf's most elusive reward is the Hole-in-One. There is nothing like it in any other sport. Perfection defined. I have been fortunate enough to have seven, yes 7 J aces in my life...all extremely exciting in their own way:

- Hole #2 at Boundary Oaks, Walnut Creek – 147 Yards – 8iron
- Hole #6 at Ruby Hill CC, Pleasanton – 180 Yards – 5iron
- Hole #2 at The Preserve, Carmel – 167 Yards – 6iron
- Hole #2 at Boundary Oaks, Walnut Creek – 176 Yards – 6iron
- Hole #8 at Contra Costa Country Club, Pleasant Hill - 204 Yards – 4iron
- Hole #4 at Yocha Dehe GC, Brooks – 152 Yards – 8iron
- Hole #4 at Shadow Lakes GC, Brentwood – 188 Yards – 5iron

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

**Golf Champion:** Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1914-1956)  
US Women's Open Champion 1948; 1950; and 1954  
Winner of 41 LPGA tournaments and 7 other tournaments  
Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year 1932; 1945; 1946; 1947; 1950; 1954  
Bob Jones award 1957  
World Golf Hall of Fame 1951

Babe Didrikson Zaharias is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes of all time. In addition to excelling at golf, she won two gold medals and a bronze medal at the 1932 Olympic Games.

"Golf is a game of coordination, rhythm, and grace; women have these to a high degree." - Babe Didrikson Zaharias

## TENNIS TALK

### Longing for those tennis days

By Roy Pennington

It was a very pleasant warm day, and a group of us were sitting in the tennis courts viewing area as some Villagers displayed their tennis skills. The action on the courts was entertaining. On court two, Art Lind, Lon Olsen, Hal Gillette, and Bob Semple were playing a very competitive game of doubles. We commented about how many combined years of tennis this group had played, but the number got entirely too large. The tennis skills exhibited by this foursome brought frequent applause and comments from the viewing audience. We were amazed how Lon and Hal continued to deftly hit drop shots. Of course, Art was not going to tolerate that nonsense as he would sprint across the court and frequently end the point with winners. Bob had another solution as he admonished Lon and Hal for hitting such shots, and then followed those remarks with a sincere "OK, that was a nice shot."

At the same time on court four, Akiko Giordono, Cheryl Diltz, Joy Rem, and Nancy Fodor were in a fierce battle. All of us watching agreed the ladies were much better players than the guys on court two. They hit the ball harder, lobbed deeper, and double faulting was not part of their game. Akiko was playing her usual game as she hustled from corner to corner sending the ball back across the net. Those of us watching were exhausted.

While the ladies were better tennis players, the guys were more entertaining to watch. It wasn't just the fact that the guys would occasionally swing and totally miss the ball, but the kibitzing was hilarious. We won't say who was victorious, but Brian was able to ring the bagel bell.

OK, so we actually gazed at empty courts while social distancing, and the bell was silent. *But* a good time was had by all. Take care of one another.



# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.  
Olive tree pruning throughout the district in progress.  
C. Knolls—Pro chip jet mulching installation throughout the flower beds in progress.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.  
5334-5335—Water main replacement in planning.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/8-6/12.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.  
3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
8876-8897—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.

### Fairways

4001 and 4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.

### Glen Arden

7698-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/25-5/29.  
Spring turf aeration throughout the district in progress.

### Heights

8470-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.  
8493—Remediation and repairs in planning.  
847—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

8450, 8456, 8460 and 8463-8466—Install stair handrails next week.

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Lower Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
7574-7598, 7600-7623 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.  
Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.  
Spring turf aeration throughout the district in progress.  
7586—Reconstruction in progress.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/11-5/15.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.  
6151—Driveway replacement in planning.

### Olivas

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.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.  
Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress.  
Perimeter iron fence repairs in planning.

### Valle Vista

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
9001-9018—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/1-6/5.  
Fire fuel weed/abatement in progress.  
Spring lawn aeration throughout the district in progress.

### Verano

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 mid May.

Spring turf fertilization throughout the district in progress through end of May.

### 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 turf fertilization throughout the district in progress through end of May.

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.

## 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.**

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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.

## 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 Mondays 10 a.m. to noon or Fridays 10 a.m. to noon 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.



# 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](mailto: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.



**Wednesday, April 29** neighbors on Caledonia Drive sang 'God Bless America.' Jean Gliever waves a flag in her driveway as she joins in the singing. She was one of the four organizers of the event, also including June Hayes, Tina Parsley and Bassima Story.



## 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.

## Villages Dog of the Week: Bella

By John Colistra

This week we introduce you to Bella. Bella is the proud "owner" of Marcy and Rob Boyles from Highlands. Here is how they describe her:

"After losing our 14-year-old golden, Beau, we weren't going to get another dog but...a friend was fostering this little 12-pound bundle and we knew she was perfect. The Pleasanton Humane Society thinks she was about 1 year old when we took her home on January 11. We have never had a small dog but what joy she has brought. Her favorite thing is to ride in the golf cart. If we open the garage door—zoom—she is sitting on the seat. Bella also is the ultimate guard dog...barking and leaping up on the window sill to let others know she is there. Bella is in her forever home and we are in hers."

Because of the CDC RULES there will be no formal meetings of the 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. Send these in two separate e-mails to [johncolistra1936@gmail.com](mailto:johncolistra1936@gmail.com)



## BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

### NORTH

♠ A 7 3  
♥ A 10 8 4  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ Q 7 4

### WEST

♠ Q 10 8 2  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ K 7 4 2  
♣ 8 5

### EAST

♠ J 9 5 4  
♥ 5  
♦ A 10 8 6  
♣ 10 9 3 2

### SOUTH

♠ K 6  
♥ J 9 7 6 3  
♦ 9 5  
♣ A K J 6

Dealer: North  
Vulnerability: All

|                |      |          |          |
|----------------|------|----------|----------|
| Bidding: North | East | South    | West     |
| 1 Club         | Pass | 1 Heart  | Pass     |
| 2 Hearts*      | Pass | 4 Hearts | All Pass |

Contract: 4 Hearts  
Opening Lead: 2 of Spades

Dealer has 2 losers in Hearts, and 2 in Diamonds. Strategy: Hope that West has one or both of the honors to make the contract. If East has 3 Hearts with both honors then the contract is doomed.

West leads 2 of Spades, 3 from the board, East, the Jack, South, the King, switches to the Jack of Hearts, West has a choice and it doesn't matter. He opts to play the 2 and that declarer will play the Ace hoping that East has a singleton honor. South has his own wishes hoping that West has both honors and finesses the Jack. He continues with a Heart, West, the Queen, South uses the Ace in dummy, plays another Heart, and West wins with the King. He leads a Diamond, Jack from the board, East takes the trick with the Ace, follows with another Diamond, and West uses his King. He then leads a Club, South, the Queen on the board, follows with the Ace of Spades, then leads a Club to the Ace in his hand and claims explaining that he has the King of Clubs, plus 2 trumps. Great! The contract is made exactly.

\* North raises his partner showing 4 cards in the suit. South knows they have 9 trumps, and he has 12 HCP and believes that game is a good possibility.

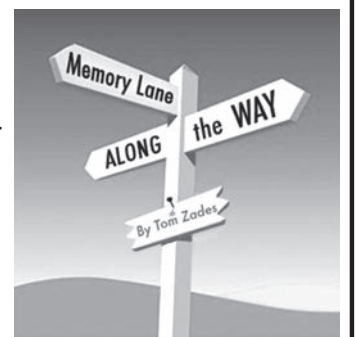
## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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

As a young adult I was not very consistent with Mother's Day cards. There would always be next year, right? Well, as Mom got older I realized I wouldn't have her forever and I became much more consistent. Maybe prompting and helping my own children with cards made me more aware of their importance. Mom lived on the east coast and I was on the west coast, but she managed to have a presence in the lives of her grandchildren and later great grandchildren. I learned how much a grandmother loves her grandchildren and how important a grandparent is in the life of a child.

Mom passed away at the end of February 2007. That May, when I realized I wouldn't be sending her a Mother's Day card anymore, I was grateful I had become consistent with them when it counted. Hallmark may be overpriced, but they have a great collection of meaningful cards to choose from. The years of helping the kids make or buy Mother's Day cards for Sandy were followed eventually by selecting and sending Mother's Day cards to our two daughters.

As each year goes by now, I am mindful that we won't all have each other forever, either. Each Mother's Day is a reminder to appreciate the women in my life, whether mothers or grandmothers or young "probably someday" mothers. Technology may have given us some clever alternatives, but there is nothing wrong with standing before an array of colorful Mother's Day cards and finding that special one that says just the right thing for those particular mothers in our lives.





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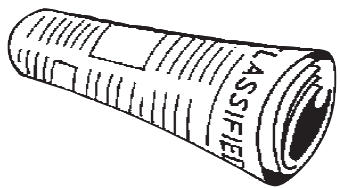
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**Emery Fabri**

**August 31, 1922 - April 16, 2020**

Emery Fabri died at age 97 of pneumonia while in care home and hospice on April 16, 2020.

He was born in Hungary and emigrated to this country in 1956. He was an Electrical Engineer and worked for Bechtel Corp. for 20 years.

Emery and Diane were married in 1995 and moved to The Villages in 2003.

He was a director in the EPC and worked with lighting for the Villages Amateur Theatre when Diane was in some of the productions.

Emery loved nature, gardening, reading and Canasta.

He is survived by his wife Diane, his stepchildren Steven Goldberg and Deena Takata, grandchildren Leigh, Amy, Aren and Jenna, and three nephews.

He was loved by all.

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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.

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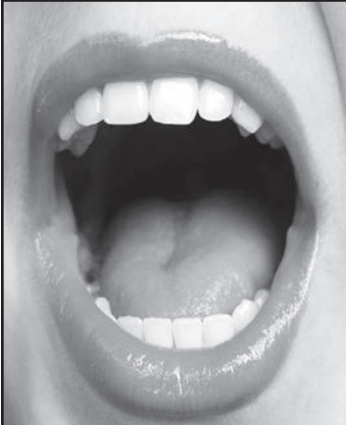
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