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- **EPC seeks new resident volunteers**
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- **Winter/holiday pool hours update**
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Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

Channels 26 & 27

Community TV channels:

CHANNEL 26: Club & Event notices
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- **Holiday Cooking Demonstration**
- **Keep Fit with Mwezo**
- **Keep Fit with Hartmut**

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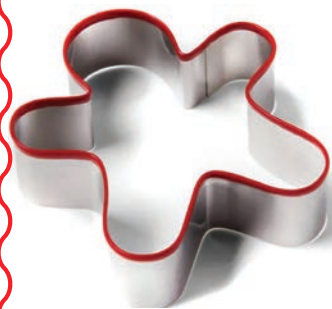
Time to renew Guest Barcodes for 2021

It's that time of year again to renew all guest barcodes. **Your current guest barcodes will be automatically renewed, at a cost of \$6 each, in January 2021. No forms required.** You will see the billing on your January 2021 statement. If you do not want a guest barcode renewed, please contact Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246 (and select option 2) by December 11.

As always, your resident barcode does not need to be renewed.

Sugar and Spice Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Contest

Get in the holiday spirit and decorate a ginger bread person cookie. The Community Activities office is sponsoring a gingerbread cookie decorating contest. The cookies can be homemade or purchased plain undecorated gingerbread people. Decorations must be hand applied by the resident submitting the entry. Now is the time to get all the frosting, sprinkles, candies and sparkles ready. Any family friendly decoration is acceptable. Cookies will be judged in three categories: most festive, most humorous and most original. Deadline to submit a photo of your decorated gingerbread person is December 16 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Mary Tatum, mtatum@the-villages.com, for an entry form.



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The Clubhouse introduces new menus for Home Delivery, Grab-and-Go and Patio dining as well as a Christmas Eve Curbside Pickup
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General Manager Search Cancelled

On Sunday, November 29, 2020, General Manager Tim Sutherland notified me of his request to withdraw his letter of resignation and continue as The Villages General Manager. The following day, the Club Board of Directors met to discuss Tim's request in an executive session. In addition, I conferred with the Association and Homeowners' Presidents for their input. The outcome was the Board's approval for Tim's request. Tim will therefore continue as The Villages General Manager. I am very pleased with this outcome as this keeps our talented and professional management team together and allows us to move forward with less risk and uncertainty.

—Mike Falarski, President
The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors

New Residents: EPC needs you!

The Emergency Preparedness Committee organizes and trains Villagers so that we can help each other in the event of a major emergency or natural disaster such as an earthquake. During this pandemic there have not been any new resident orientation sessions so you may not know much about EPC. As



a committee of the Club Board, EPC is comprised of several all-volunteer specialty teams, such as: Emotional Support, Communication, Medical, Engineering, Shelter, and Safety. In addition, EPC divides the Villages into 25 sectors, each of which has one or more

Sector Chiefs who organize and train several Area Representatives. Within each sector is an EPC aid station, which contains first aid supplies as well as tools and other supplies to help those in need.

During an earthquake or other emergency, EPC is activated and the aid station becomes the base of operations for EPC personnel in every sector. It will also be a location to which Villages residents can come to obtain information or volunteer to help.

We are currently looking for individuals to join any of the teams/positions mentioned above. In a disaster, we may only have ourselves to depend on until services are restored. This could be up several days in the case of a serious earthquake! So, if you are interested or would like further information, please contact either Vera Buescher at verabepc@gmail.com or Bob Dolci at bobandk1995@gmail.com. Thanks for considering this great opportunity.

Reminder to walkers:

Golf Course Walking Hours

Monday	Tuesday-Sunday
Before 11 a.m.	Before 7 a.m.
After 5 p.m.	After 4:30 p.m.

Golfers will be on the golf course daily until dusk. Remember that the golf course is intended for golfing, so please defer to the golfers at all times—stay safe!

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.

1 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.
1 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 any 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@the-villages.com.

All Pulse letters that are published are retained by the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) for a period of 12 months. Rejected Pulse letters are not shared with anyone outside the CAC, management or Club Board and staff liaisons for the reason of confidentiality.

At the November ABOD meeting, the Reserve Study Committee reported their findings. It included a recommendation to further negotiate with a third party consulting firm, Association Reserves, Inc. to conduct a three-year Reserve study. In my opinion, we should definitely be using a third party company for our Reserve Study as it provides independent expertise in the assessment and eliminates any concern regarding perceived conflict of interest. By conducting the Reserve Study with our own staff and using existing contractors we have the possible perception that reserve assessment may be inflated to provide work not required in the upkeep of our assets. Utilizing a 3rd party firm eliminates this possibility and ensures that the assessments are conducted with industry expertise as an independent review.

I would strongly encourage the ABOD to pursue this direction. I would also encourage the CBOD to follow and perhaps join with the ABOD to jointly engage with an independent 3rd party firm. It is important that the Reserve Study be done with expertise and independence from our Management/Staff/Boards to ensure no conflict of interest.

—Delbert Yamaki

Please submit Pulse letters in digital form only

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

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

ABOVE & BEYOND

Thanks to everyone who came out to decorate Sonata and Del Lago for Christmas. A special thank you to Jim Grove and Don DeVincenzi who get decorations from storage, assemble some larger decorations and make sure all the electrical works.

—Marie Buck

Thank you to all the staff at the Clubhouse for organizing, cooking and serving such a delicious Thanksgiving meal. We were sad that we could not spend Thanksgiving with family, but all your efforts made our day so much more enjoyable.

—Marie Buck

Missed your Villager?

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

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

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 ktran@the-villages.com or 408-754-1341 or Scott Hinrichs at shinrichs@the-villages.com or 408-223-4655.

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

Delivery: The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library.

Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Lou Lively-Singh 408-838-5555, Diane Carr at 408-528-8456, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Barbara Clurman at 347-451-5309, Jane Derow 408-440-0665, Barbara Karayn 202-641-6339, and Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432.

HOURS

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

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Winter Pool Hours in effect

Winter swimming hours are now in effect. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Foothill Pool. Residents may reserve one swimming session per day in as many as seven days of swimming per week.

The new hours are currently listed in the online reservation system. For those unable to book swim reservations online, you may continue to call 408-223-4636 for assistance.

Foothill Pool Holiday Hours

The Foothill Pool will have limited hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Year's Eve, December 31. The pool will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2021!

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

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

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

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

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Changes in Property Tax laws

Californians recently approved Proposition 19, which changed two property tax rules that are important to seniors.

The first change is to Proposition 60. Passed in 1986, Prop 60 allowed property owners age 55 and older a one-time opportunity to purchase a new personal residence and, under certain conditions, transfer the tax base of the property they were selling.

First some property tax history. Probably the most important property tax law in California is Prop 13 which limits the annual increase in your property's assessed value to 2 percent annually. For example, 20 years ago you purchased a home for \$200,000 that would sell for \$900,000 today. Even though the fair market value is \$900,000, your property tax is calculated on an assessed value of about \$297,000; your original cost increased by 2 percent annually for 20 years.

Assuming a tax rate of 1.25 percent of assessed value, you pay about \$3,715 of annual property taxes (plus parcel taxes) rather than \$11,250 annually for property taxes calculated on your home's current fair market value. This is an annual savings of over \$7,500.

You then sold and moved to The Villages and purchased a condo for \$800,000. Because you were age 55 or older, Prop 60 allowed you to transfer your old principal residence's Prop 13 tax base to your newly purchased condo.

Recently your son and his family moved to Palm Springs. You would love to move closer to your grandchildren, but Prop 60 tax base transfer can only be used once. Property taxes on a new personal residence in Palm Springs would be based on what you pay for the new property.

New law. New Prop 19 comes to the rescue. It allows eligible seniors to transfer the tax value of their homes up to three times rather than only once. And it applies to moves anywhere in California, so San Jose to Palm Springs will work. And there is even more; the law applies the tax transfer program to cover more expensive personal residences.

The tax value or base on a more-expensive home would be the difference between the sale price of the old home and the purchase price of the new one added to the old home's tax base. So, you sell your condo for \$900,000 with a tax base of \$300,000 and buy a new home in Palm Springs for \$1,000,000. The tax value or base of your new home would be \$400,000 – the old tax base of \$300,000 plus the \$100,000 increase between the sale of the old and the purchase of the new.

This provision will apply to transfers starting April 1, 2021. Existing law and Prop. 19 both give eligible homeowners two years to sell the old home and buy the new one, or vice versa. It's unclear whether an eligible homeowner would have to both buy and sell on April 1 or later to take advantage of Prop 19's more generous terms. The Legislature may have to adopt clarifying language. Talk with your tax professional or financial advisor if this new Prop 19 might apply to you.

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. Please note that the return phone call will be from a volunteer calling from their home and your phone identification will not read SRS. 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:

Property tax due December 10

Don't forget that Thursday, December 10 is the last date for paying your first installment of your Santa Clara County real estate tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

You may pay online at payments.scctax.org/propertytax. There is no fee for paying electronically. Just have your checkbook in front of you so you can record the bank routing number and your account number.

However, there is a 2.25 percent fee for paying with a credit or debit card.

If you pay with a paper check, your payment envelope needs to be postmarked by December 10. Paying online eliminates the worry as to whether or not the post office processes your mail by the due date.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY
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MANAGEMENT

FROM BRIGHTVIEW

Designing Our Future

Creating Sustainable and Environmentally Responsible Landscapes

By Ryan Bolich, Associate Branch Manager, BrightView Landscape Services

Sustainable landscapes are responsive to the environment, re-generative, and can actively contribute to the development of healthy communities. They sequester carbon, clean the air and water, increase energy efficiency, restore habitats and create value through economic, social and environmental benefits. This all sounds wonderful but what does it actually mean on the ground for The Villages?

BrightView embraces environmental stewardship as a core component of our mission. This value is reflected in how we operate our business each and every day. Our commitment is based on seven regenerative principles that foster soil health, sequester carbon, conserve water and energy, and enhance habitats while reducing waste and lowering pollution in our community. The following are sustainable practices currently in use at The Villages:

1. Reduce green waste: through careful plant selection, pruning selectively, “grasscycling” (leaving grass clippings on the lawn), and composting plant debris we have greatly reduced our overall green waste amount.

2. Nurture the soil: we nurture the soil by controlling erosion, amending soil before plantings, grasscycling, having a comprehensive mulching program, aerating lawns, reducing the use of synthetic and quick-release fertilizers and minimizing the use of any chemical pesticides.

3. Sequester carbon: BrightView strives to lower our carbon footprint by applying compost to feed the soil, covering soil areas with mulch or plants, limiting soil compaction, reducing synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, protecting mature trees and planting new trees throughout the community.

4. Conserve water: through the use of drought tolerant plants, California native plants, reducing lawn areas, hydrozoning (grouping plants by water needs), retrofitting irrigation systems with low-flow heads and drip irrigation, and constant monitoring and auditing of our water usage, BrightView ensures maximum water efficiency. Over the past four years we have removed over 9+ acres of low priority lawn areas and replaced them with drought-tolerant, sustainable landscaping. To ensure our irrigation system is running at maximum

efficiency BrightView conducts daily analysis of flow reports and dispatches an irrigation technician to any abnormal readings. BrightView has a full-time irrigation staff conducting year-round system checks and audits. Bi-monthly, BrightView takes meter readings and compares them to prior year and historical averages to ensure we are being as efficient as possible with water usage. Lastly, our irrigation technicians take weekly soil moisture checks to ensure proper watering levels.

5. Conserve energy: by planting trees to moderate building temperatures by shading buildings and paved areas we reduce energy consumed by air conditioning.

6. Protect water and air: through our integrated pest management system, eliminating or reducing lawns in low priority areas, keeping soil covered with plants or mulch, planting trees, carefully monitoring of our irrigation system we help to prevent air, water and soil pollution.

7. Enhance wildlife habitats: we enhance the natural wildlife habitat through the use of California native plants, eliminating or reducing the use of pesticides and conserving or restoring natural areas throughout The Villages. We separate tree trimmings for the deer and all green waste clippings are composted.

BrightView sees our essential purpose is to expand and enhance the presence of plants and trees in the world, and those endeavors inextricably link BrightView to the ongoing process of creating a more sustainable planet. Environmentally responsible landscapes—ones that protect, support and safeguard our natural resources—are the intrinsic result of our efforts to continually innovate and educate through the array of design, development and maintenance services we provide at The Villages



Comcast Virtual Appointments Call 911 for medical emergencies

Comcast representative Ruhullah is hosting Virtual Customer Events to discuss your questions regarding Xfinity products from the comfort of your home. Select the date of your choice December 8 or 15, 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/xfinity-virtual-q-a>

Then at the time of your appointment, Ruhullah will call to discuss your questions. Appointments fill quickly.

Public Safety Reminder: In case of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first. Public Safety monitors all emergency calls through San Jose Fire Dispatch. We will respond at the exact same time as the Fire Department and Paramedics. Calling the front gate can only delay response time by emergency personnel. It is always quicker to call 911. It is the only phone call you will need to make.

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The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)

If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

This is a “shout out” to the many Cribari Villagers who stepped up to help out recently when their Cribari neighbor became ill. She was housebound with two small dogs. Her nearby friends pitched in to do her shopping, pick up her meds, walk her dogs, etc. Her health declined and she was hospitalized for many weeks. All the while, her nearby friends continued to care for the dogs. Several neighbors banded together to feed and walk the two precious dogs, Daisy and Reba, hoping that their mistress would soon be home.

Sadly, Daisy and Reba’s owner passed away and they were left without a home. The neighbors were determined not to let Daisy, a six-year-old Shih-Tzu-cross and Reba, a 13-year-old toy poodle, end up in a shelter. One neighbor volunteered to “foster” the dogs while adopters could be found. The dogs were even groomed in anticipation of pictures for adoption postings. We are happy to report that, (as of November 22) both dogs have new forever homes within The Villages. This type of shared responsibility is surely the reason many of us have chosen to live in The Villages. Kudos to all of you who helped your neighbor as well as Daisy and Reba. You know who you are!

—John and Sandy Petrin

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Report Coyotes

Villagers are advised to report coyote sightings to Director of Public Safety Steve Norden.

To report coyotes, please email location day and time to: snorden@the-villages.com

Attention all clubs and organizations charging annual membership dues

If you are a club or organization charging dues for the 2021 calendar year and want the dues billed on the January statement you must provide your lists to Accounting by December 14, 2020. The list needs to be emailed to the address below. The format for the list is to be on an excel spreadsheet with only the house number, name of member, and amount to be charged. Please sort by house number. There must be a total at the end for us to balance to. Please be sure to update your lists before submitting them to Accounting. If you have any questions, please contact Salvador Tlazola at 408-223-4639 or email stlazola@the-villages.com.

Villager Christmas edition to be published December 17

There will be no Villager published Thursday, December 24 because of the Christmas holiday, so the December 17 edition is the last edition to be published before Christmas.

Villages business offices will be closed December 24 and Christmas Day, December 25.

All editorial content intended to be published before the Christmas holiday must be turned in by Thursday, December 10 for the December 17 edition. Any materials received later may be held over for the December 31 edition.

The last edition of 2020 will be the Thursday, December 31 edition. The deadline for that edition will be Wednesday, December 23. Late materials may be held for the January 7 edition.

The Villager and Communications staff wishes you the best of holidays!

Stay in touch with essential developments on Fast Lane!

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

There are currently six editions of The Fast Lane: Wednesday (general announcements and board-recognized events), Friday (Board and Committee meeting information), Saturday (Maintenance Services), The Clubhouse & Bistro every Monday, The Pro Shop Tuesday, and Community Activities every Thursday.



BOARD MEETINGS

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors December Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 965 0381 0300

Passcode: 567509

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

• The Villages Golf and Country Club Board December Meeting is Tuesday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID: 966 4793 8317

Passcode: 260616

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners'

• The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, December 17 at 9 a.m. via Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 929 3079 4514

Passcode: 567509

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

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

EPC SEZ..

Did you know EPC is always recruiting new volunteers for a variety of tasks during an emergency? If you would like to help please contact chair@thevillagesepc.org

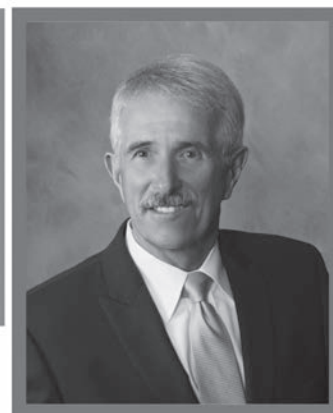
— The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 9, 10 & 22

Estate Planning Attorneys

Establishing or updating your Estate Plan has never been more important than it is right now. At Del Ponte and Hirz, we offer comprehensive Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Administration services.

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

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Clubhouse Restaurant discontinues indoor dining: Indoor dining ceased Tuesday, November 17 because of the county health order. The Clubhouse still offers To-Go Grab & Go, Home Delivery programs and Patio dining (weather permitting).

For Curbside Service: 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.

Curbside Grab-and-Go Menu has expanded: The Curbside Service is now using the expanded Clubhouse menu. (See menus on pages 8 and 9.)

Some Outside Seating Now Open: With the opening of Bistro Patio seating, our menu has expanded. The outdoor Bistro Patio is open for dining.

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.

Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase—with a food order—from the patio or curbside pick-up services. Alcohol is not available for home delivery.

Notice: No entry into foyer without facemask.

CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT & THE BISTRO & BAR HOME DELIVER, PATIO AND GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

New Menus for Home Delivery, Curbside Grab-&-Go, and Patio dining

New menus begin Tuesday, December 1

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 2 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 hot food items for delivery are "heat-and-serve."**

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.

Orders must be in by 11 a.m. the day before delivery date Tuesday through Sunday.

Except for salads, and items from Dessert menus take-out icecream and milk shakes, all items are heat-and-serve.

An 18% service charge and tax will be added to the price. Charge to house account only.

Email orders to Clubhousemanagers@the-villages.com or call 408-754-1337

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

First, call in your order at 408-370-8553. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 10% Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price**

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.

Dining on the Bistro Patio

Patio Dining serving Brunch Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Lunch, All-Day Menu and 7 days a week, and Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (weather permitting)

Patio Dining Notice: The Villages Golf & Country Club, being a high-risk community, is following the guidelines set forth by the county.

- We ask each table to be occupied by household members only.
- Guests of the households are restricted from the Patio Dining.

We suggest Curb Side Service for takeout for your outside guests. Please present your Villages ID to Greeter/Server. We thank you in advance for keeping our community safe.

Soup of the Day



For the week of
12/7 to 12/13

Monday 12/7	Chicken Noodle with Mint
Tuesday 12/8	Cream of Broccoli
Wednesday 12/9	Napa Cabbage with Potstickers
Thursday 12/10	Roasted Peppers and Artichoke with Feta Cheese and Cilantro
Friday 12/11	Shrimp Bisque
Saturday 12/12	Chef's Choice
Sunday 12/13	Chef's Choice

New Hours of Operation Patio* and Curbside services

* weather permitting

Monday

All-Day Menu:
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Lunch Menu:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Last seating at 7 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday

All-Day Menu:
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Lunch Menu:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Last seating at 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

Breakfast Menu:
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
All-Day Menu:
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Lunch Menu:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Last seating at 7 p.m.

Note about indoor dining.

Due to the revision to Santa Clara County Public Health Department's COVID-19 restrictions, indoor dining at the Clubhouse will no longer be available as of Tuesday, November 17. This will not affect the patio dining and curbside pick-up options.

More CLUBHOUSE

New Menus for Home Delivery, Curbside Grab-&-Go, and Patio dining New menus begin Tuesday, December 1

Indoor dining discontinued as county entered 'Purple Tier'

Santa Clara County, the Bay Area's first epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic, has shut down indoor dining after the State of California downgraded the county into the purple tier effective Tuesday, November 17.

The average number of daily COVID-19 more than doubled since early October, the health department said, prompting the new restrictions. The new restrictions include shutting down indoor dining.

In response, the Clubhouse Restaurant ceased indoor dining out of an abundance of caution and concern for Villages residents.

The Clubhouse still offers Home Delivery, outdoor Patio dining and its Grab-and-Go "to-go" meal options.

Thank you for your understanding while we continue our efforts keeping our Villagers and staff safe.



NOTICE:

Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and the county's move to a more restrictive tier, alcoholic beverages are now only available for purchase with a food order from the patio or curbside pickup services. Alcohol is not available for delivery.

Christmas Eve Curbside Pickup Menu See page 10

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Breakfast Menu

Saturday - Sunday 7am to 2pm

Short Stack Pancakes \$6.95
With Berries

Belgium Waffles \$8.25
Seasonal Fruit and Berries

Chocolate Belgium Waffles \$8.50
Season Fruit and Berries

Bagel BLT and Egg 2. \$8.25
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Burritos 2. \$8.25
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Choice of Bacon, or sausage

Montgomery Muffin 2. \$8.00
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheddar Cheese and Fruit

Sides
Egg 2. \$1.75, Breakfast Meats \$3, Hash Browns \$2, Toast \$1.50

Hole in One 2. \$7.25
Crumbled Bacon Bits in Pancake Batter with an Egg in the Middle

Huevos Rancheros 2. \$8.75
2 Eggs over Easy on a Crisp Corn Tortilla with Beans, topped with Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Sour Cream

The Villager 2. \$9.50
2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast

Three Egg Omelet or Frittata 2. \$9.75
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$1.00 each, Bay Shrimp \$2.00, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs 2. \$9.95
2 Eggs any style with House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast

Eggs Benedict 2 \$9.95
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Hash Browns or Fruit

Coffee \$1.95

Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95




breakfast time

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2. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

All Day & Appetizer Menu

11am to 8pm

V Fried Breaded Green Beans \$7.25

Fried Calamari \$10.25
Battered Rings and Tentacles

GF Potato Skins \$12.00
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

Wings with Carrots, Celery, 6Pc \$8.25 12Pc \$16.00
Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

GF Loaded Nachos \$12.25
Black Beans, Ground Chuck, Corn, Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Cilantro and Cheese

V Sub w/ Impossible Plant Based Meat \$13.25

Angus Beef Sliders 2. \$9.75
2 Mini Sliders with Tomatoes, And Red Onion Relish

Southern Crab Cakes \$11.50
Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

Soup of the Day Or Chili Con Carne with Onions and Cheddar Cheese
Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95

Entrée Caesar Salad \$10.50
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons
Add Chicken \$2 Salmon \$3 Prawns \$4.00

V Roasted Beet Salad \$13.95
Baby Winter Greens, Beets, Pears and Walnuts with Feta Cheese and Balsamic Dressing

Grilled Steak Salad \$14.95
Mixed Green Salad, Avocadoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Red Onions with Grilled Marinated Beef Filet Tips and served with a Blue Cheese Dressing

Fish and Chips \$11.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

Baja Fish Tacos \$11.95
2 Corn Tortillas with Batter Dipped Cod, Cilantro, Onions and Radish Coleslaw with Salsa

Sides: \$4.95
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup

Hot Dog with Side \$8.95
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Cheddar add \$1.50

V Impossible Burger with Side \$12.95
Or Chuck Burger with Side 2. \$10.95
with LTO and Side Dish. Add Avocado, Bacon add \$2 Cheese add \$1.50

Pineapple Ring and Teri Glaze \$1.50

Korean BBQ Beef Sandwich with Side 2. \$12.95
LTO Mayo and Ponzu Sauce

BLT Sandwich with Side \$9.25
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Served on Sourdough or Wheat Bread. Add Turkey \$2.00 Add Avocado \$2.00

Brie Turkey Sandwich with Side \$10.75
Cranberry Compote and Arugula on Telera Roll

V Quesadilla \$10.75
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole
Add Chicken or Steak \$2.00

V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$11.95
Vegetables over Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Chicken or Beef \$2, Salmon \$3 or Prawns \$4.00

V Stir Fry Vegetable Shanghai Chow Mein \$11.95
Beef, chicken or Bay Shrimp \$2




Naan Flatbread Pizzas

V Cheese Pizza \$9.95
Pepperoni Pizza \$10.75

V Margarita Pizza \$10.25

Combination Pizza \$12.95
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

Cobb Pizza \$12.95
Bacon, Chicken, Black Olives, Avocadoes on Alfredo Sauce

Gluten Free Crust Add \$1.50

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KEEP FIT

MON, WED, FRI & SUN

Chair Aerobics 12:00/6:00
Tai Chi 12:25/6:25

TUE, THU & SAT

Chair Yoga 12:00/6:00
Stretch Aerobics 12:26/6:26
How To Stay Motivated 1:00/7:00

MON & FRI

Cardio Fitness 1:00/7:00
15-Min Floor Work 1:27/7:27

WED & SUN

Chair Fitness 12:58/6:58
15-Min Floor Work 1:42/7:42

DAILY

Cooking Demonstration
with Gavin Williams
2:00/8:00 AM/PM

WEEKLY

3:00/9:00 AM/PM

MON Burns & Allen Show
TUE Dinah Shore Show (1:00)
WED The Beverly Hillbillies
THU Bob Cummings Show
FRI Date with the Angels
SAT Mickey Rooney Show
SUN Colgate Comedy Hour (1:00)

3:30/9:30 AM/PM

MON The Lucy Show
WED Meet Corliss Archer
THU You Bet Your Life
FRI Life With Elizabeth
SAT The Jack Benny Program

4:00/10:00 AM/PM

THU Dagnet
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 Kept Husbands
TUE Captain Kidd
WED Danger on the Air
SAT Blonde Ice



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**Club
Events
& Notices**

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

Lunch Menu

11am to 2pm

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Hermosa Wedge Salad \$9.25
Crisp Iceberg Wedge with
Bacon, Tomatoes
Crumbled Maytag Blue Cheese

Cobb Salad \$13.25
Mixed Greens, Tomato,
Cucumber, Hard Boil Egg, Olives,
Avocado, Bacon and Feta Cheese
Add Chicken \$2.00, Prawns \$4.00,
Salmon \$3.00

V Italian Chop Salad \$12.25
Romaine and Iceberg Tossed
with Pepperoncini, Tomatoes,
Olives and Cucumbers Topped
with Feta Cheese, Italian
Vinaigrette Add Salami \$2

**GF Quinoa and Heirloom
Tomato Salad \$13.25**
Avocados, Arugula Chile Lime
Dressing
Add Chicken \$2, Salmon \$3,
Prawns \$4

GF Shrimp Louie \$15.25
Mixed Greens with Avocados,
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard
Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island
Dressing

**GF Grilled Salmon Salad
\$14.25**
Honey Mustard Glazed With
Quinoa and Arugula
with Chili Lime Drizzle

Sides: \$4.95
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French
Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic
Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit,
Small Salad, Cup of Soup

Sandwiches served with
Choice of Sides
Gluten Free Bread Available
Upon Request

Deli Sandwich \$10.25
Choice of Bread
Turkey, Ham, or Tuna

**Half Deli Sandwich and Soup
\$8.25**

**V Grilled Portabella and
Pepper Sandwich \$10.25**
With Mozzarella and Basil on a
Brioche Bun

Melts:
**Grilled Beef Patty 2. or Tuna
Swiss Cheese \$10.95**
V Impossible Plant Base Meat
Melt \$12.95

**Grilled Reuben Sandwich on
Rye \$11.25**
With Sauerkraut, Swiss cheese
and 1,000 Island

Hot Sub Pastrami \$11.25
With Provolone and Mile
High Pastrami

**Summertime Fried Chicken
Sandwich \$10.95**
Coleslaw and Monterey Cheese
on Telera Roll

Fisherman Sandwich \$10.95
Panko Breaded Sole, Lettuce,
Tomato,
Onions and Tartar Sauce on a
Telera Roll

**Blue New York Steak
Sandwich 2. \$16.95**
Grilled Onions Crumbled Blue
Cheese
Mustard Aioli Hoagie Roll



Coffee \$1.95



Starbucks Espresso \$2.50

Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino
\$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate
\$2.95



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Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 8pm

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Starters

**V Baby Lettuce Mix Salad
\$5.25**

Small Caesar Salad \$6.95

Wedge Salad \$8.75
Iceberg Wedge Lettuce, Tomato,
Bacon and Bleu Cheese Crumbles

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Cobb Salad \$13.25
Mixed Greens, Bacon, Avocados,
Tomato, Cucumber, Hard Boiled
Egg, Olives, and Feta Cheese
Add Chicken \$2 Prawns
\$4.00 Salmon \$3

Shrimp Louie \$15.25
Mixed Greens with Avocados,
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard
Boiled Eggs with 1,000 Island
Dressing

**Spaghetti and Meatballs
\$17.25**
Chef's Meat Sauce with Meatballs

V Eggplant Parmesan \$14.95
Eggplant Breaded in Crispy
Bread Crumbs Layered in
Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and
Provolone

Dinner Entrées

*Served with Soup or Mixed
Green Salad
And Choice of Sides
Mashed Potatoes or Rice Pilaf
Daily Vegetable Sides*

Chicken Fried Steak \$19.95
Pounded Sirloin Steak Battered,
Deep Fried with Country Gravy

Braised Lamb Shank \$25.95
Slow Cooked in Red Wine Sauce

Calf's Liver & Onions \$19.95
Sautéed Onions and Crispy
Bacon Bits

**Grilled Center Cut Filet
Mignon Steak \$32.95**
Béarnaise Sauce

**Oven Roasted Cornish Hen
\$21.95**
With Walnuts and Sage Butter

**Villages Honey Stung Fried
Chicken \$20.95**
Country Gravy Mashed Potatoes
and Vegetables

Grilled Mahi Mahi \$24.95
Topped with Pineapple Citrus
Soy Glaze

Filet of Sole Picatta \$23.75
Flour Dusted with Capers, White
Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

Grilled Salmon \$24.95
With Creamy Pesto Sauce

**GF Scampi Garlic Prawns
\$26.95**
With Basil and Cherry Tomatoes



Friday & Saturday:

**Prime Rib - 21 Days Aged
\$32.95**
21 Day Aged, Corned Fed Beef
Served with Yorkshire Pudding

**Australian Lobster Tail
\$34.95**
Drawn Butter & Lemons

**Surf & Turf
Australian Lobster Tail
Prime Rib \$49.95**

**Dessert Menu
on page 13**

1. Served raw or undercooked, or contain raw or undercooked ingredients
2. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

The Association Board Approves Proposed New The Villages Association Rule Architectural Rule D-31 Backup Electric Power Systems

The Association Board approved at its November 17, 2020, monthly meeting of **Proposed New The Villages Association Rule Architectural Rule D-31 Backup Electric Power Systems**

The purpose of the new rule is to provide a process for the installation of backup electric power systems.

Rule D-31 Backup Electric Power Systems

Backup Electric Power Systems shall be allowed to be installed at a villa in either Common Area or Limited Common Area or interior Garage area. The Architectural Committee and the Association Board of Directors may provide conditional approval only upon the applicant complying with all the following conditions of this rule. Also, all conditions required by the City of San Jose Building, Planning, Fire, and HazMat departments must be met and a City of San Jose Building Permit issued when required.

1. An Owner Alteration Request, signed by the owner, including complete plans and specifications, must be submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval. The application shall include written comments by the owners of adjoining villas, (within field of view, as applicable and as designated by the Committee). In obtaining comments from adjoining villa owners, the applicant shall provide plans (site plan and/or elevation views as applicable) in sufficient detail to enable those owners to assess the visual and/or aesthetic impact of the modification. Comments from these adjoining villa owners will be given full and careful consideration by the Committee. Final plans shall be drawn to scale upon substantial paper and of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to provisions of this rule.

2. Definitions.

a. Battery backup systems: Professionally designed, permanently installed and testing laboratory approved systems designed to seamlessly switch power from utility fed electrical lines to backup battery systems at time of outage and from battery backup systems to the utility fed electrical lines when power is restored. The units must be professionally installed by State of California licensed contractors and inspected by City of San Jose Building Department. Architectural Committee approval will be required. They can be installed on the interior wall of a garage, see definition (g) or on the exterior walls of the villa.

b. Individual portable dedicated single use battery backup system: A rechargeable portable backup battery that powers a single item such as a CPAP, compact refrigerator, or other medical device. (Many systems can be recharged from portable solar panel systems or a vehicle.) Architectural Committee approval and City of San Jose Building Department approvals are not required. If there is a question, contact the AC Administrator.

c. Backup fossil fuel generator: A unit designed to provide temporary power to designated appliances and other items within the villa if there is a power outage. The generator is fueled by natural gas, gasoline, propane, or diesel fuel.

d. Screening: A visual structure built around the unit to enable the unit to be hidden from view of the neighbors.

e. dBA: The measurement of sound level generated by the backup generator when it is in operation. The maximum level allowed at the nearest point on adjoining villa(s) is 60 dBA. A qualified acoustical professional must evaluate the proposal, at the applicant's expense, to assure compliance. See definition (f).

f. Resident with Disability: To qualify as a resident with a disability that requires continuous power to their dwelling they must demonstrate to the Architectural Committee and The Association Board of Directors the following: (1) that the resident is disabled, (2) that the resident's disability requires uninterrupted electrical power (e.g., requires electrically powered breathing assistance or requires medication that must be refrigerated) and (3) that battery backup systems presently on the market cannot fulfill their medical power needs. The Association Board of Directors must grant an exception to the rule prohibiting a temporary generator in Common Areas if needed to accommodate the request. Simply providing a doctor's note stating the resident is disabled may be insufficient – the resident must be able to show the nexus between the disability and the request for temporary backup power. The ABOD can restrict the size/capacity of the generator to what is necessary to accommodate the disability. The exception allowed by

the ABOD will be terminated for the following reasons: (1) when the medical need no longer exists for the resident needing the exception, (2) the resident needing the exception no longer resides at the property.

g. Interior space: Living area and the garage that is fully enclosed are considered interior space for this rule.

3. Battery backup systems as defined in Definition (a) **WILL** be allowed with the following conditions being met:

a. A City of San Jose Building Permit must be issued and finalized and delivered to the AC Administrator prior to final connection of the system. (See Definition (b) for possible exception.)

b. If the system will be connected to the villa's electrical panel the panel must be of sufficient capacity to handle the system connections or be upgraded to become compliant.

c. The unit must be a fully integrated system which has been testing laboratory approved for the installation being applied for.

4. Backup fossil fuel portable generator systems, as defined in Definition (c) above, **WILL NOT** be allowed for any Association villas (Except for Resident with Disability cases as defined in 'Definition (f) above). Among the reasons for this decision are storage of fuels, temporary electrical cord placement and overheating, power transfer problems related to utility company power being reinitiated, sound disturbance (dBA level) to neighbor's units, exhaust and carbon monoxide fumes, etc.

5. Only Natural Gas Fueled systems that are permanently installed may be allowed for a villa. All other fossil fuel systems will not be allowed. The following requirements must be met.

a. Submittal using AC Application form. Section 7 requirements must be provided for review when the villa owner submits the application to the AC Administrator.

b. The Villages Maintenance Department approval must be given.

c. Architectural Committee approval must be given.

d. If the unit is to be installed in Common Area, see Section 10 for area vote requirements.

e. City of San Jose permits must be obtained, and the final inspection documents must be provided to the AC Administrator prior to operation.

6. Resident with Disability's backup power generators. See definition (f). Because the resident needs will vary greatly, the application will be handled on a case by case basis. Items that will be considered will be fuel storage, manner that power will be distributed from the generator to the needed elements, sound rating (dBA), fumes, etc. The Architectural Committee and the Association Board of Directors must, as part of their approval, waive the need for an area vote, as defined in Section 11(c)(i), if the unit must be placed in common area.

7. Submittal requirements. The following are the minimum required submittal items that must be provided at the time that the application is submitted for review. Additional items may be requested by staff, the Architectural Committee or the Association Board of Directors during the review process.

a. For exterior unit installations:

i. A plot plan showing the subject villa that is to receive the system. Include the location, address and separation distances of surrounding buildings and villas and their relationship to the system. Show the location of the existing and proposed utility disconnect, electrical main panel and any subpanels. Show the path for any electrical wiring. Show that the unit complies with all manufacture's clearance to other elements.

b. If the proposal includes a fossil fuel generator provide the following information:

i. For the applicant's villa give the horizontal distance to nearest doors, windows, patios and decks. Show the concrete pad location and size. Provide the dBA rating per Definition (e) above from the edge of the concrete pad.

ii. For adjacent villas give the horizontal distance to nearest wall, doors, windows, patios and decks. Provided the dBA rating to each item, per Definition (e) above, from the edge of the concrete pad. Provide the clear setback distance to trees (stump & foliage), shrubs, fences and walks within 10 feet of the corners of the generator pad.

iii. Show the privacy screens location.

iv. Provide the dBA rating, per Definition (e) above, from the manufactures documentation.

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- v. Provide a report from a qualified acoustical professional stating the dBA value at the adjoining villa(s).
 - vi. Verify that the gas meter is adequately sized or will require upgrading.
 - c. Photographs of the applicant's unit with the location of the generator drawn in and photographs of the affected walls of the neighboring villas, including their windows and doors, with the horizontal distance measurement included at each location.
 - d. Detail showing any exposed wiring.
 - e. Show the location of any penetrations for wiring or piping into the walls and roof of the structure.
 - f. All project requirements of the City of San Jose in their 'Generators-Permit Requirements' handout must be satisfied. (Include a copy of the current City handout.)
 - g. Manufactures specification sheet, brochure and testing laboratory approval that shows the installation details and their rated dB (dBA) information for the unit.
8. Units placed on elevated decks must have a structural engineer's approval that the deck structure will support the weight of the unit. Hard-wired fossil fuel generators must be installed on a concrete pad per City of San Jose Code.
9. If the unit is to be placed on Limited Common Area or interior spaces, see Definition (g), at the applicant's villa.
- a. It must meet the code requirement for clearance to any operable doors or windows.
 - b. The maximum sound level of 60 dBA shall be measured horizontally from the nearest vertical plane of the generating devise to the closest edge of the exterior wall, deck/patio of each adjoining villa.
10. If the unit is to be placed in the Common Area next to the applicant's villa:
- a. It must meet the code requirement for clearance to any operable doors or windows.
 - b. The maximum sound level of 60 dBA shall be measured horizontally from the nearest vertical plane of the generating devise to the closest edge of the exterior wall, deck/patio of each adjoining villa.
 - c. Since the unit and privacy screening is in the Common Area the applicant must meet the following:
 - i. After conditional approval by the Architectural Committee and Association Board of Directors, the owner must obtain 75% approval of all owners in his/her project per the prescribed procedures.
 - ii. All City of San Jose Planning department requirements and processes must be met and approved. All expenses incurred while working with the City Planning Department are to be paid only by the applicant.
11. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary City of San Jose Building Permit prior to starting the alteration. The applicant shall provide a copy of the application approved by the Architectural Committee when applying for the City of San Jose Building Permit. If the city requires modification of the plans, the applicant must submit the modified plans for approval to the Architectural Committee prior to starting construction. In any event, the applicant must submit a copy of the City of San Jose Building Permit to the Architectural Committee prior to starting work. Upon completion of the modification and as a condition of the Architectural Committee final inspection, a copy of the City of San Jose Building Permit shall be filed with the AC Administrator.
12. The repainting or any other special maintenance of the alteration shall be done at the owner's expense.
13. By signing the OWNER ALTERATION REQUEST, to which this rule is attached, the applicant agrees to the following:
- a. If complaints arise concerning excessive sound or odor (as defined in The Villages Association Rule 2.10) the villa that has installed the unit will, at their own cost, provide 'as built' documentation that the installation complies with this rule. If it is found that the unit is not in compliance the system will need to be upgraded or removed at the owner's expense. The Village Association will be held harmless in these proceedings.
 - b. If the building, including the alteration is damaged by fire or other casualty, and the Association rebuilds the damaged portions of the building, the rebuilding must be done in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents and Policies of the Board and insurance currently in place. If the alteration is rebuilt for any other reason, it must be done at the owner's expense.

Approved by the Association Board of Directors
Date: November 17, 2020

PUBLIC SAFETY

Coyote reminder and tips

Coyotes may try to escort walkers out of an area to protect their pups or food sources when encountered on a trail or street. Humans may perceive this behavior as stalking, which is usually not the case. They may also view your pet as prey. To allow coyotes to be wild while keeping yourself and pets safe, please follow these pointers:


- Never feed coyotes—it is illegal to feed coyotes in most places. Feeding endangers your family and neighbors because it lures coyotes into neighborhoods.
- Keep unattended cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night, and do not assume that a fence will keep a coyote out of your backyard.
- Accompany your leashed pet outside. Make sure you turn on lights if it is dark to check your backyard for unexpected wildlife.
- Keep dogs on short leashes while walking outside; the Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Keep noisemakers on hand to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard. Some examples of noise makers are whistles, horns or metal cans with small rocks or coins that rattle.
- Never run away or turn your back on a coyote.
- Do not allow a coyote to get between you and your pet or child—keep children close to you.
- Yell, clap hands, blow a whistle or rattle a can and try to make yourself look larger if you have a close encounter with a coyote.
- An empty soda can with pennies sealed with duct tape makes a very good noise maker when shaken.

Reminder to all small pet owners: A recent rise in coyote aggression has been seen with small dogs, most unleashed. Please always leash your pets. Keep leashes short. Coyotes will try to get between you and your pet if the leash is extended far enough. Carry a noise maker and always be alert. Use caution when walking past wooded areas, hiding spots between homes, and the golf course. They are widespread in The Villages and can truly be anywhere.

There is no way to completely eliminate coyotes from The Villages so always use caution when walking, especially with pets. Also, coyotes tend to be most active around sunrise and sunset. Pick different times for walks.

Please report any sightings or aggressive behavior to Public Safety at 408-223-4665.

More CLUBHOUSE



Merry Christmas

Christmas Eve Curbside Pick-Up

Thursday December 24, 2020

Pick-Up Times
1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Christmas Baked Ham
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CLUBS & EVENTS

Patty Strach to speak at SIR 38 Zoom meeting

Patty Strach, Ph.D. will speak on "The Opioid Epidemic During COVID-19" at the SIR 38 Zoom meeting at noon on Tuesday, December 15.

Patricia Strach is a professor in the departments of Political Science and Public Administration and Policy at the University at Albany and a fellow at the Rockefeller Institute of Government. She is principal investigator on the Stories from Sullivan project, which examines how opioid use affects local communities and what local communities are doing to address it. Dr. Strach's research examines public policy and mass politics.

She is the author of "Hiding Politics in Plain Sight: Cause Marketing, Corporate Influence, and Breast Cancer Policymaking," "All in the Family: The Private Roots of American Public Policy," and articles appearing in Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Policy History, Polity, and American Politics Research. In 2008-2010 she was a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research at Harvard University. Dr. Strach received her doctorate in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004.

To join the Zoom Meeting, use the Zoom app or log onto www.zoom.us/join and enter Meeting ID: 884 5654 9268 and then Passcode: 189674.

Non-SIR members wishing to attend the presentation should join the Zoom meeting at 12:15 p.m.



New Online Drawing Class for Villagers

Jeff Bramschreiber is offering a new Online Drawing class to all interested Arts & Crafts members and is also opening it to all Villagers. "Drawing with Pencil, Charcoal and Ink" will take place via Zoom from December 8, 2020 to January 12, 2021. The class will be held Tuesdays, from noon to 2:30

p.m. on Jeff's Zoom account, with recordings of each session available for five days afterward. Jeff will send each student the ID number and the password as each person registers.

The maximum number of students in this Zoom class is eight, so register now if you want to take the class. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com and send in your class fee of \$60 to Barb by December 1. Details and a short Materials List can be found on our website at villagesartsandcrafts.org



How to reduce single-use plastics

By Margaret Lam, Sustainable Villages Club

We have a love-hate relationship with plastic. It is a miracle product. It saves lives as a medical device and has made it possible to put men on the moon. Yet, long, ineffective waste management has led to serious plastic pollution. Of the 8.3 billion tons of virgin plastic produced since 1950, there are still 6.3 billion tons of plastic waste around. A recent discovery showed a staggering 8 million tons of microplastics found on the ocean floor. It is killing marine life, and ends up in the food chain.



The sad truth is, only 20 percent of global plastics are recycled, 79 percent are sitting in landfills. What can we do?

90 percent of plastic produced are for "single-use," found in bottled water, straws, cup lids, plastic silverware, take-out containers and produce bags.

We can make a huge impact by curtailing consumption with a simple change of habits. Travel with a water bottle or coffee tumbler. Decline disposable cutlery on take-outs. Bring reusable containers for taking left-overs home. Use cloth bags for grocery produce.

Planet Earth will be around a very long time, but whether she remains "habitable for humans" will be up to us. Join the Sustainable Villages Club to learn more. Visit Sustainablevillagesclub.org for more information.

How to dispose of household batteries

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Club

Batteries are considered hazardous waste when discarded in California. They contain metals, toxins and corrosive chemicals and must be recycled with special handling. Valle Vista scheduled a used battery collection drive on Saturday, November 14. Within three days we accumulated over 167 pounds of used batteries and had to suspend collection. We took these to the Santa Clara County Waste Management Disposal Site in San Jose.

Our program revealed our residents were collecting their used batteries but had not been able to get them to an appropriate disposal site. We have identified a local hardware store, Payless/ACE on Aborn and King Road that takes batteries and other toxic waste materials. Call to inquire at 408-274-4922 if you have hazardous waste or used batteries for disposal.

If you have household waste requiring special handling like paint, batteries, ink cartridges, fluorescent lights, electronics, vacuum cleaners or other potentially hazardous waste, log onto Santa Clara County Household Waste Disposal Program and make an appointment to drop off it off. There is no charge. Be a good steward of Mother Earth and dispose of hazardous/toxic waste properly. Visit Sustainablevillagesclub.org for more information or to join the team.



VMA welcomes you to monthly meetings!

The VMA is a wonderful organization that provides benefits to all Villagers. Have you ever wondered what this organization is all about? Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. the VMA has a meeting where they report the goings on of the organization. Villagers are welcome to attend. Of course, right now the meetings are via Zoom. If you would like to tune in to any of the monthly meetings or think you might be interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at bgrim@sequoialiving.org. She will give you the Zoom connection information.

How to keep the lights on during power outages

By Tom Stoiber, Sustainable Villages Club

Winter is on its way bringing storms and the possibility of power outages. Here are a few home safety suggestions to keep the lights on even when the power is out.

Be sure to replace your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs, both inside and out. Even your holiday lights, if you decorate. LED bulbs run cooler than incandescent bulbs and will save you money on your power bill. They also offer lighting features and safety options that may come in handy during a power outage.

For example, Rechargeable Emergency LED light bulbs with battery backup. These bulbs fit in your regular bulb socket and will automatically turn on when your electric power goes out. These will save you from fumbling around in the dark looking for your flashlight.

Another must-have is an Emergency Power Failure Light. It is a small, inexpensive device that plugs into a regular home socket. In some models, it doubles as a night light. If the power goes down, you can unplug the light and use it as a flashlight.

Have your flashlights or candles readily available this winter, just in case.

Further information on related items, is available on the Sustainable Villages Club's website at sustainablevillagesclub.org



More CLUBS

Free VMA vests for walkers — update

The VMA has had many requests for free vests for walkers and bikers. In a previous article it was stated that these vests come in different sizes. They do not. **The vests are one size fits all.** The vests do have Velcro tabs so you can make some minor adjustments. Now that the weather is colder and walkers and bikers are wearing jackets the vests should be fine for all size people. Remember, it is important that you be seen, especially in the early morning and late afternoon.

Please return unneeded VMA equipment

If you have equipment you are no longer using please call the VMA desk (408-238-4230) and leave a message. Please include your name, address, and phone number. A volunteer will call you back to arrange a pickup time. Please leave the equipment outside your door. Do not engage in a conversation with the volunteer who will pick up the equipment. Remember that the VMA does not take back over-the-toilet seats. Thank you and stay well!

The VMA wants your used golf cart!

The VMA takes donations of gas and electric golf carts (working or not). These carts are sold and the proceeds are used to support the VMA's mission to assist residents and help them lead active, independent, and healthy lives.

Your golf cart donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). You will receive a receipt that you can use when you are completing your taxes.

The donated carts are available for Villagers to purchase. Contact the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to put your name on the waiting list. The VMA also accepts donations of cars.

You can help VMA and EVF via AmazonSmile

This holiday season, if you are already shopping on Amazon, remember AmazonSmile.com. The website is nearly identical to Amazon, except the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Both the Villages Medical Auxiliary and the Evergreen Villages Foundation can be chosen as recipients of your 0.5 percent. This is an easy way to help fellow Villagers!



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Villages Jewish Group gets into the holiday spirit



The Villages Jewish Group installed its annual holiday display with some new additions—a spinning dreidel and four figures in a row. The new decorations were from Dave and Fran Franklin's home display in Village Valle Vista. Dave and Fran are leaving the Villages and donated these decorations, which have been added to the menorah at the front entrance. They are a wonderful addition as they emphasize the theme of children to the Hanukkah display. The Jewish Group wishes to thank the Franklins for their wonderful contribution.

EVF FOCUS

Please remember EVF during holiday season

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, we realize that in spite of the hardships that we have experienced this year, we have much to be thankful for. We are blessed to live in a beautiful, supportive and caring community. The EVF wants to thank you for your contributions and continuing support for the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) during this very challenging year. Your gifts have allowed us to build up our General Fund and provide funding for popular new amenities such as the Pickleball Courts, new Hiking Trail Signs, new Fitness Center equipment, and heaters for the Bistro Patio.

This has been an unusual year. This year's EVF Annual Giving Campaign is somewhat different than what we have done in the past. Of course, we want to build up our General Fund, which allows us to fund smaller projects. But this year our efforts are focused on communicating the value of the EVF to you, the Villages community. Please support us by telling your friends and neighbors about how the EVF has played a major role in enhancing the quality of life at The Villages.

As always, if you would like to make a donation to our efforts either on Giving Tuesday or any other time, please go to our website, EVFSJ.org where you can contribute easily. And don't forget about the Planned Giving Program, an opportunity for you to leave a lasting legacy in our wonderful community. Again, thank you for your continued support of the EVF and here's hoping that 2021 is a better year for all of us.



Arts & Crafts Club Membership renews in January

By the Arts and Crafts Board of Directors

It's that time again! Your Arts & Crafts Club membership will automatically renew for next year on your January monthly HOA billing.

Arts & Crafts has made strides to keep our club members engaged with six online art classes, nine Art Challenges with 162 entries, and our very successful Juried Show which had 30 entries. We awarded cash prizes for these online exhibits. We all appreciate your continued committed participation.

If for any reason, you need to be removed from our membership list, please contact Diane Finley at dianefinley@outlook.com. Please do so soon as the membership roster will be submitted to accounting in early December.

Dues will be the same as last year at \$10 which helps to continue supporting our versatile club.

Please continue to check out the Arts and Crafts Club website villagesartsandcrafts.org and keep abreast of all scheduled upcoming events, classes and meetings for 2021. Hopefully we will have a regular event soon.



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****Please note, ALL presentations are via Zoom until further notice****

In December

Vista Center for the Blind: Adaptive Technologies for the Visually Impaired. Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. We will learn about new and improved adaptive technologies. To register please contact Bonnie at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029.

Caregiver Support Group: a group designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Judy London Ph.D. Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Coming in January

Christine Rosche of the Digestive Health Center: Boost Your Gut Immunity to Prevent Covid, other Flu and Infections. Thursday January 7, 2 p.m. To register send emails to bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call and leave your email address to 408-238-4029.

Dr. Tony Marsi of El Camino Specialty Care: Sleep Disorders. Monday, January 18, 11 a.m. Learn about sleep apnea, insomnia, restless leg syndrome and many other sleep disorders. Come with questions! Registration required - call 408-238-4029 and please leave your email address or email bgrim@sequoialiving.org.

More CLUBHOUSE

Dessert Menu



\$6.25

New York Cheesecake with Berries

Traditional New York Cheesecake with hint of vanilla

Warm Chocolate Lava Cake

Melt in your mouth chocolate center

Pecan Pie

Sweet sticky filling in a flaky crust dollop of Sweet Cream

New Orleans Bourbon Bread Pudding

Caramel Toffee Sauce



\$4.95

Flavors of the Day

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RELIGION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Reflection on Sunday's Readings by Joe Cabrido, Deacon Candidate: Though chilly, I went outside and started sweeping my walkway of dead leaves and twigs. Being out meant escaping the silence and emptiness of the house, but strangely, I couldn't get the words "Prepare the way of the Lord" out of my head as I pondered Sunday's readings.

If I were to entertain a dinner guest as mighty as Jesus, Isaiah and John the Baptist would surely nod with approval as I swept away my dead leaves of sin and twigs of shame to clear his path. I imagined I would be pleasantly surprised upon reaching the front porch, glimpsing my dinner guest already inside with the kitchen lights on, the dinner table set, and the aroma of a sumptuous meal filling the air! He would invite me in, and my feelings of isolation would fade away. Jesus and I would have one unforgettable dinner.

It is good news indeed to know that God is already present in *you* and *me*, continually gracing us with his presence at the Eucharist. Recalling that God's heavenly banquet still awaits us during this season of Advent, Jesus invites us to sweep away our sinfulness as we joyfully prepare the way of the Lord.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): For the time being, the opportunity for Confessions will be offered on Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. **They will be in the Parish Office (please ring doorbell).** Please remember you must wear a face covering at all times while on parish property. Also, please form a line with 6 feet of physical distancing.

Daily Mass: (Held outside at Memorial Garden Patio) 8:30 a.m. No reservation needed.

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses: (Held at Memorial Garden Patio) Saturday at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. (V) Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m., 12-noon, 4 (V), and 6 p.m. **Reservations required.**

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass for someone, contact Jean Gillette at 408-270-5723.

Home Communion: Contact Marilyn Rodman at 408-274-452. Please leave a message.

Staying up to date: St. Francis of Assisi (SFOA) website at sfoasj.com and daily emails from SFOA. Call SFOA at 408-223-1562, or email rolivas@dsj.org for information.

Questions? Comments? Regarding SFOA, the Villages Catholic Community, or the content of this column, contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231 or marion93940@aol.com.

EPISCOPAL

'The Gift of Waiting'

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Before the shelter in place order, one of the hardest things about serving as Priest in Charge of Trinity Cathedral was the waiting. In traffic, that is. It's a challenging commute from Berkeley to San Jose, as many of you know. But the distance and time never bothered me as much as the waiting in a line of barely-moving cars. If only things could just move a little faster!

We've all been there, no? Waiting in lines, waiting for a ride, waiting for something to arrive. But as my friend (and wise Episcopal priest) Doug Scott reminds me, it makes all the difference when we know that the package we're waiting for is already in the mail. Yes, we might find ourselves counting the days, but we know it's coming our way. Yes, we might get tired of checking the mailbox, but we can look up the tracking number and reassure ourselves that it'll reach us. And while the wait may be longer than we want, we still can savor the time of anticipation.

That's one way to think of the particular gift of Advent, our annual season of waiting for the Christmas reminder of Emmanuel; God with us. God is already with us, and yet is still coming towards us in ways that are certain to surprise us. Savor the anticipation! Consider all the ways in which God has showed up for you in this past year, and look forward to new "God sightings" in the year to come.

Join Trinity Episcopal Cathedral every Advent Sunday for wise words and beautiful music on our youtube channel at youtube.com/c/TrinityEpiscopalCathedralSanJose/videos

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Blessing or Stressing'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The stress of preparation can sour your joy for an event that you anticipated to be filled with excitement and fun. As a child I could not wait for the Christmas Season to roll around after the Thanksgiving Holiday. I knew that I probably would not get the things on my list because of our financial status so I would stack this list in hopes of getting a couple of items. I really wanted a bicycle but that didn't happen until I was an adult. Can you imagine that?

The Christmas season, in my opinion, is a very stressful time for me. You go to the storage area, move boxes that are in the back and pull out the decorations and artificial Christmas tree. Shopping at department and grocery stores, waiting in long lines, going in circles in the parking lots looking for parking are not things I look forward to during this time

of year. Now don't forget any items on your list or be ready to repeat the process. Online shopping has given some relief, but it does not entirely free you from the occasional things that come up during the week of celebration. I think that my heart is beginning to race just thinking about history repeating itself. Do you think that I could be turning into a grumpy old man? So enough of the hum drums!

With everything said and done, I do like spending time with family. I think that it's the preparation before and the cleanup afterwards that can be very challenging. This year I'm going to miss my grandchildren because of the Covid-19 restrictions. I had planned for them to get the tree and decorations from downstairs as well as arrange everything since they are younger and stronger. This way it will give

them a greater appreciation for what Nana and Papa have done over the years for everyone's enjoyment.

Let's follow this rule: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 NIV

Good news! Join us each week at 10 a.m., Pastor Bill will deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message on video. You can experience his sermon via our Villages Community Website at VillagesCommunityChapel.org

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SPORTS NEWS

Sign up for Golf Lessons with Tim Flanagan!

Golf season is in full swing. The weather is perfect and the golf course is in wonderful condition. Lessons are now available to enhance your enjoyment when you play. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, playing your best golf is fun.

A single lesson is \$50 for 45 minutes.

A series of 3 lessons is \$135.

A series of six is \$250.

Members of the same household may have a lesson together for the single player rate listed above. To sign up with PGA Teaching Professional Tim Flanagan. You may call or text him at 408-209-4653.



18-HOLE WOMEN

By Vivian Brown

As our year comes to a close, we send a big thank you to our Board, most especially to Vicki who sent out so many positive messages to help us through this year. Also, she was involved in a number of behind the scene issues, where she did an excellent job in representing and supporting the 18 Hole Ladies position.

Patti Bell has been on top of things looking for creative ways to provide some fun while keeping tournaments within the covid-19 restrictions.

Thanks to these board members who are willing to carry on for another year making it an easy transition to 2021.

These Ladies exemplify the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: "It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."

Other Golf Tidbits: Lexi Thompson made her fifth career hole-in-one on the LPGA in the first round of the Pelican Women's Championship on Thursday, November 19.

PICKLEBALL

By Bill Pomeranz

Every time I drive out of The Villages, I get more and more excited about our new courts. Our contractor has done a great job holding to the schedule and doing quality work. We're hopeful that we can get access to the courts in mid-December, but that date is subject to the availability of materials and city inspections.

We were hoping to have a gala grand opening celebration, but regrettably we're going to need to defer that for a while.

Terry Holmquist is working on a very modest ribbon cutting designed to recognize our founders, but regrettably our present circumstances may cause us to delay that also.

Quite a few of our members are able to play under the current restrictions, and are having a great time. We look forward to the circumstances easing so that we can arrange more doubles play.

SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

Some of us have been playing golf for a long time and some of us not so long and we all have learned many lessons from this game. I found these tips by Armana and Anna from the GracefulGolfer website describing 10 life lessons they have learned playing casual and professional golf. I am going to share the first five this week and you will find six through 10 in next week's paper. Hope you enjoy!

1. Being Honest—In golf, you are your own rules official. There isn't someone watching your every shot. Even in tournament golf, unless you're on TV, the only people watching you are your playing partners. You learn the rules early and there is an expectation to follow them when you're playing. There have been times when we've each had to call a penalty on ourselves. Why? Because those are the rules, and in order to be the best, you can't cheat your way there.

2. Learning to Accept the Uncontrollable—We can't even count how many times things or situations occur in golf that makes playing extremely difficult. Have you ever hit a shot that you felt was so perfect but the result was awful? Did you end up with a bad kick in the fairway that puts you in the water? Or it hits a sprinkler head and puts you 30 yards over the green? It happens unfortunately, but one of the things you start to learn is that you must start to accept the things that are out of your control.

3. Creating and Holding Focus—You must be a focused person to improve in the game of golf. You can't multitask. Golf takes an extreme amount of mental and emotional concentration for 9 or 18 holes. This is a great thing to learn when you play golf but take into the world. Focusing on your goals or keeping your attention on the task at hand however long you need is a very positive skill.

4. Problem Solving—Who would've thought that problem solving is a skill learned in golf? Well, get ready, whether you have to manipulate your way around the course on a windy day. Or maybe the course is riddled with bunkers and you need to plot out your strategy.

5. Quiet—It may seem like a weird life skill, quiet, but it's very useful. When playing golf you learn that there is a respectful volume you can have on the golf course. This creates a certain amount of respect for the people around you and the kind of concentration it requires to play golf.

Next week the final 5 life lessons!

BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando

Claudia and Bob's message to all their bocce friends:

"It's with mixed feelings of excitement and sadness that we will be leaving The Villages and our wonderful friends and neighbors to relocate to our new home in Danville, KY. It was just over three years ago that Bob, "Pops" and I stumbled across The Villages when Bob's company relocated us to San Jose where we quickly fell in love with the community, the residents, the activities and especially bocce. So much so, that Bob has promised to build us our own court! I would like to leave the board our new address and contact information and if anyone is ever in the Lexington, KY area,



Claudia and Bob Bullington in 2019.

our doors are ALWAYS open. We have plenty of room and would love to get a game going.

After Pop's hip surgery, due to his fall, we were able to fly him out ahead and get him settled in rehab. He is loving all the southern women and the attention he is getting at his new facility. The love and kindness everyone showed him here was so appreciated and will always be remembered. He actually is thriving in his new environment and we hope to do the same. We are blessed, that Bob's company has assigned him to the Lexington office which will allow us to be closer to our kids, grandkids and family. It is indeed a bittersweet time in our lives but we look forward to this new chapter."

The Bocce Club wishes Claudia, Bob and Pops the best in their relocation. All your friends here will miss you, but we will always remember the good times we had playing bocce and your friendship.



More SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kyle Finley (kylefinley@outlook.com), villagesgolfers.com

NCGA Dues for 2021 message from David Bacigalupi: "For all members of the NCGA, including Men's Golf Club members, I am pleased to announce that the NCGA has decided to maintain its dues without a raise for 2021. Therefore, all members of the NCGA will be billed in December, the same as last year \$39 renewal fee. The renewal dues are billed automatically to house accounts in December.

Note: If you receive a notice directly from NCGA, ignore it as you are billed through The Villages. If you choose to opt out of the Men's Golf Club or NCGA, send me an email at baci1786@aol.com with your name, ghin number, and desire to drop your membership. NCGA membership through The Villages is mandatory for Men's Golf Club members.

Note #2: Men's Golf Club dues is billed separately, in January.

Senior Golf Rules: Rule 1.b.5: (courtesy of Larry Cormier) Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three (3) inches from the hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

"This is a game of misses. The guy who misses the best is going to win."
— BEN HOGAN

TENNIS TALK

By Roy Pennington

Want to play tennis? The Villages is a very unique place in many ways. Possibly one of the most important is the friendliness of its residents. This is quite true of the Tennis Club as there are so many members that are anxious to welcome newcomers, and willing to help all who become involved in its many activities.

We want to recognize and focus on three guys that organize and manage tennis for many of us. Jim Ferguson, Jim Murphy, and Steve Volm are a major part of The Villages tennis program. Besides being frequent participants in the daily tennis activities, USTA league play, and the many social events, they create an easy path for others to be involved. Look at the "Book A Court" reservation system. You will find their names sprinkled throughout the daily listings. They reserve courts, assign players for several matches per week, act as court monitors, and occasionally search for subs. What do we know about each of these guys?

Jim Ferguson says that he was a long-time golfer, and thought tennis players were a little strange. Why would anyone want to spend hours chasing a ball in a small confined concrete area when you could be out enjoying the wide open green spaces of a golf course? Jim's wife, Wendy, introduced Jim to tennis (along with washing dishes and laundry), and for the next 10 years he played tennis exclusively. Jim has now returned to golf, but still plays tennis at least four days per week.

Steve Volm echoed some of Jim's same comments about tennis at The Villages, and he has a real love for the game. We all know that Steve has some knee issues (who doesn't?) but mention tennis and Steve will be in attendance. Steve and his wife, Judy, moved to The Villages in 1998, and the Tennis Club was a primary reason. They cherish the friendliness of the club members.

Jim Murphy balked at sharing his story so I will tell it for him. A couple years ago my wife and I moved to The Villages. Taking a break from unpacking boxes, we went to look at the tennis courts. A guy with a big tennis bag walked by and said, "Are you new and do you play tennis?" I was on the court hitting with Jim the very next day. Since that moment, I may spend more time with Jim than my wife. She really appreciates him. Likewise, Jim's wife, Betty, is thrilled that Jim has so many playmates. Go figure!

SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we had our annual Turkey Shoot game. 25 players came out and filled up the early morning tee sheet. The sun warmed everyone up really quickly so we were all good to go. The overall winner of the Turkey Shoot was Betty Lanctot, with a net score of 18. She will receive a Turkey Pin. Honorable mention also goes to Nanci Newell, Bonnie Evans, Barb Karayn, Jan Ehrhardt, Teddy Morse, Delma Juarez, Linda McCarley, Johanna Bakker, Barb Sunseri, Doris Bates, Uina Kubota. Well done, ladies.

As we start December, we have two games left before we go on hiatus for two weeks, starting our regular season again in January 2021. The games will be the First Tuesday game and the Three Club Game. This is an advance notice on the game for those who have never played it.

You must choose only three clubs to play with for the whole game and one of them has to be a putter. Start thinking now about which clubs you would use. Having played the game in the past, I can tell you it's great fun and a "challenge."

Just a quick reminder concerning "pace of play" etiquette. Enter your hole score when you come to the next hole. Players behind you cannot tee off until all players in front of them are off the hole. This will help keep the game moving and prevent backups.

Until next week, take care and stay safe.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are currently playing every Thursday morning beginning at 9:45/10 a.m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until all that wish to play have reserved a tee time. No sweeps as yet, but championship points are being awarded. As always, we're paying attention to the new social gathering rules.

Thursday, November 26, was Thanksgiving day, so there was no Ironmen play, and no results to report. Please enjoy the below summary.

Golf Champion: Raymond Floyd (b. 1942)

Masters Champion 1976
PGA Tournament Champion 1969; 1982
US Open Champion 1986
22 PGA Tour victories
Vardon Trophy 1983
World Golf Hall of Fame 1989

Raymond Floyd was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina Born and was raised in Fayetteville. Floyd turned professional in 1961, and quickly established himself on the PGA Tour. His first victory came two years later at age 20, the first of his 22 wins on the PGA Tour, including four major championships. In 1982, Floyd shot a brilliant opening round of 63 in sweltering hot conditions at Southern Hills Country Club, the lowest round in a major championship until 2017.

PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

Bundle up, guys! According to David Cook it was *freezing* out there just after 7 a.m. The good news is we had 10 hardy players going so some real money prizes were on the line again. We had several winners this week and they are:

First Place, Tak Okabe with a net 34 for 10 points and \$10. Way to go, Tak!

Second place, we had a tie between Frank Garcia and Richard Petroski, both with net 36, good for 8 points and \$8.

Third place, we had another tie between Mario Silva and Mike Falarski, both with net 37, good for 6 points and \$6.

I understand we had some slow play "creeping" back into the group, just when we thought we had that fixed. If we want to keep our starting times we need to pick up the pace and play **Ready Golf**. After a player finishes his putting he should head for the next tee. There is no reason to stand around and watch the others putt. This is not being rude! Also refrain from marking your ball unless it interferes with another line to the hole. Also continue your put until you have holed the ball, don't mark and wait for the other players that are now "away."

One last word, please let me know if your handicap has changed. Until I hear otherwise, I will continue to use the handicaps that were in place in October 2020.

Tak continues to lead the pack in the Championship standing with 62 points followed by Richard Petroski with 50 points. I will continue to update everyone on a monthly basis.

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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional
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- Plus 20 percent off all Headwear (Ping, Callaway, Srixon, Black Clover)
- Plus 20 percent off all Accessories (tees, ball marks, umbrellas, hand warmers, towels, etc.)

Masks - COVID19—Please remember to wear a mask at all times when not golfing, hitting balls or putting. For the safety of everyone, please wear a mask when approaching the Pro Shop staff at the driving range table, at the Pro Shop, or outside on the patio. This protocol is mandatory. Let us know if you have any questions. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!

Winter Weather and Daily Golf Course Conditions—Remember that at this time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it's cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible).

Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408-223-663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. And remember that the flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag** = Open for Play. **Yellow Flag** = Frost Delay. **Red Flag** = Carts on Paths Only. **Black Flag** = Golf and Practice Facilities Closed

Winter Walking Hours—Monday before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday before 7 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m.

Winter Rules— From this point, until further notice, we will be playing Winter Rules through the Green. Winter Rules will be defined as no penalty, lift, clean and place, 6-inch relief, no nearer the hole, through the green (everywhere including rough).

Tips From The Pro—Level the Playing Field

A few things to remember when playing uneven lies:

Downhill lie—The ball will come out low so take a club with more loft, especially if you have a hill or tree to traverse. Choke down on the grip 1-2 inches. Play the ball back in your stance so you strike the ball before the ground. Feel like you are swinging down the slope not lifting above the slope.

Uphill lie—The ball will come out higher and fly shorter so take a club with less loft. Choke down on the grip 1 inch. Lean into the hill so you don't fall back when swinging. Tilt your shoulders with the slope, right shoulder down and left shoulder up. Feel like you are swinging up the slope not into the slope.

Ball below your feet—Take 1-2 more clubs and grip at the end of the handle. Bend your knees more like a squatting position (like sitting in a bar stool). Maintain knee flex and keep your body still. Lean back into hill for stability-weight on heels.

Ball above your feet—Choke down on the handle 1-2 inches. Play 1 more club. Aim a bit to the right. Lean into the hill for stability-weight on balls of feet.

On all uneven lies, strive to stay still as the more you move, the more your swing radius moves and it's harder to predict the bottom of the arc. Tour professionals always strike the ball first because they stay very still and let things rotate around a stable head and core.

On uphill greenside and bunker shots it's easy to come up short, so rotate the club to the left or closed as you pass through impact and the ball should come out with more forward force and will roll more.

Try the tips for uneven lies and let me know how they work...To sign up for a lesson with Scott, email him at ssteele@the-villages.com

Don't feed the 'critters'

One of the many attractions of The Villages is the variety of wildlife that can be encountered on a daily basis. Many Villagers feel that being a good host necessitates feeding our four-legged or winged guests on a routine basis, which can be quite detrimental to our wild friends. Most wild animals naturally fear humans and keep their distance. Problems arise when animals have access to food and garbage left out by residents. They develop an appetite for easy pickings and keep coming back for more. When this happens, they often lose their natural fear of humans and can become aggressive. To prevent that, residents should not leave out any type of food, including canned food, in a manner that may become accessible to our furry friends. Please comply with Villages Golf & County Club Rule 1.51.4, which states: "Feeding of waterfowl and other wild animals on a routine basis is prohibited for the protection of both residents and the animals."

Ways to say 'Thank you!'

There are three types of articles available to readers of *The Villager* that allow you to thank an individual, a group, a club or organization.

A Villages club, organization or committee chair can thank an individual, another club or an employee with a **Bouquet**. Please limit the word count to between 50 and 100 words. Avoid long lists of names or the names of businesses.

An individual or family of a resident can thank other individuals, groups or organizations for help rendered in a death, injury, or other emergency through a **Thank You** item. Please keep word counts between 50 and 75 words.

Individual residents can thank other individuals, groups or organizations—not businesses or for-profit service providers—with an **Above & Beyond** item. This category is to thank others for acts of kindness, generosity and for jobs well done. Keep your Above & Beyond article as short as possible—from 50 to 150 words.

These three ways to thank individuals or groups are considered articles, and therefore are free of charge. They can be submitted directly to Associate Editor Kory Tran via email at: ktran@the-villages.com or submitted through the Resident Portal on *The Villager* page. (Since *The Villager* office in Building B is currently closed to walk-in traffic you are urged to submit these articles in digital form only.)

Those wishing to thank or submit a testimonial to businesses, service providers or other for-profit entities may purchase a Classified Ad at the rate of \$1.25 per word, minimum of 10 words. To place a Classified Ad, contact Adrienne Reed at 408-223-4657 or email: areed@the-villages.com.

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5500-5576—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/7-12/11.

West side perimeter fence—Large oleander hedge trimming down to 8' high in progress.

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

Turf aeration throughout the district in progress.

5001-5003, 5005-5008, 5010, 5024, 5035 and 5059—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Del Lago

3316-3366 and 3401-3431—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/7-12/11.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3363-3366—Roof replacement in progress.

3418-3431—Painting project in progress.

Building and fence repairs in progress.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/14-12/18.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/11-1/15.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/28-1/1.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/21-12/25.

Traminer Ct and Grenache Ct. Bank Hill—Overgrown trimming maintenance in progress.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake Area—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/21-12/25.

Additional dying/dead tree removals at various locations in progress.

Cabernet Ct.—Pro chip jet mulch installation in progress.

8390-8393—Sewer main repair in progress.

8353 and 8355—Small stucco wall next to carport replacement in progress.

Highland

7500-757—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/7-12/11.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/14-12/18.

Additional dead/dying tree removal at various locations in progress.

6286-6297, 6298-6311 and 6312-6326—Painting in progress.

6327-6339—Painting scheduled to start next week.

Flat roof preventative maintenance in progress.

Olivas

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/7-12/11.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/11-1/15.

Valle Vista

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2020/2021

Olivas	November 30 to December 12	Completion (weather permitting)
Montgomery	December 14 to December 19	Completion (weather permitting)
Del Lago	December 21 to January 2	Completion (weather permitting)
Glen Arden/Heights	January 4 to January 9	Completion (weather permitting)
Fairway	January 11 to January 13	Completion (weather permitting)
Cribari	January 13 to January 16	Completion (weather permitting)
	February 1 to February 6	
Verano	February 22 to February 27	Completion (weather permitting)
	January 18 to January 23	
	February 8 to February 13	Completion (weather permitting)
Highland	January 25 to January 30	
	February 15 to February 20	Completion (weather permitted)
Club Buildings	March 1 to March 6	Completion (weather permitted)

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/7-12/11.

Verano

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/11-1/15.

Turf Aeration throughout the district in progress.

7384-7404—Power wash and paint in progress.

Association

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

Weed spraying at turf and shrub bed areas throughout the Villages in progress.

Clean up and spot treating of turf grub activity throughout the districts in progress. Lawn over seeding repairs in progress.

Turf aeration throughout the districts, in progress.

Demo, soil prep and seasonal flower bed replacement throughout the districts in progress.

Club Centers

Weed spraying throughout the Villages in progress.

Club Centers, Clubhouse and Pro Shop—Seasonal flower bed replacement in progress.

Vineyard, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa – Closed.

Business Office—Section of concrete walkway installation in planning.

Vineyard Center—Trellis replacement in progress.

Pickleball Court—Construction in progress.

Maintenance Services

Customer Service Line:

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Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

Attention Committees DACs & Board-Recognized Organizations:

The Master Calendar was ready for distribution on Friday, November 13.

Please contact Ruth DePonzi at 408-223-4644 or email rdeponzi@the-villages.com to indicate if you would like to pick up your reservation requests for the 2021 Master Calendar in the dropbox outside Building B or emailed to you.



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BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	A 9 8	♠	5 3
♥	K Q 9 7	♥	A J 10 4
♦	K J 8 7	♦	Q 9 5 3
♣	10 9	♣	Q J 7 6
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	Q 6 4	♠	K J 10 7 2
♥	6 5 3 2	♥	8
♦	A	♦	10 6 4 2
♣	K 7 5 4 3	♣	A 8 2

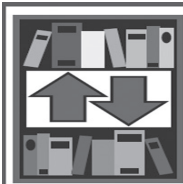
Dealer: East
Vulnerability: neither side

Bidding: East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 Diamond
Pass	1 Spade	Pass	1 NoTrump
Pass	2 Spades	All Pass	

Contract: 2 Spades
Opening Lead: 6 of Hearts

Dealer has maybe a Spade loser, a Heart loser, 2 or 3 Diamond losers and perhaps 2 losers in Clubs.
Strategy: Hope the Ace of Diamonds is in West's hand and let the opponents take a Club loser and hopefully trump the third Club on the board.

West leads the 6 of Hearts, 7 from the board, East wins with the 10, follows with the Queen of Clubs, South, the Ace, switches to a Diamond, and West wins with the Ace. He plays a Heart, 9 from the board, East, the Jack, South trumps, now leads a Club, and East takes the trick with the Jack. He switches to a Diamond, and this time, West trumps; next plays a Heart, King from the board, East, the Ace, and now South trumps. He then leads the 8 of Clubs, West, the King, South trumps on the board, continues with the Ace of Spades; next leads the last Spade in dummy, covers with the King from his hand and captures West's Queen. He then plays a Diamond to the King on the board; next leads the good Queen of Hearts, and plays the last card from dummy, the Jack of Diamonds, East, the Queen, and South wins with his last card, a trump. Great! The contract is made with an overtrick. This is not an easy hand to play. By the way, some North players would bid 3 Spades, but this is not a smart move since South had originally passed and North's hand has a minimum of HCP.



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Beware of bogus calls from banks

Another telephone scam has recently occurred here in The Villages. A resident received a call that was supposedly from a bank.

If contacted, via Internet or by phone, by persons who identify themselves as Account Managers from the Fraud Protection Team of your bank, do not give them any information and do not click on any links if it is an email. Most bank representatives will tell you that banks don't make personal phone calls. They do business online and through the mail. To expose the fraudsters, contact your bank independently on the

phone or via email to report the activity in order to protect your accounts.

Depending upon the type of fraud, there are numerous agencies you can contact to report criminal activity. You may call the San Jose Police Department's 311 number to report credit card fraud or attempts to steal your identity. The FBI and Federal Trade Commission also have fraud departments.

Furthermore, these attacks fall under the category of elder abuse. The county district attorney's Elder Abuse Unit can be reached at the toll free number 1-855-DAELDER or 1-855-323-5337.

You can fight back by not being fooled. Simply remember to stop, not to panic, think about the situation, and report illegal activity.

They're Not Wrinkles, They're LAUGH LINES



Mom, didn't you say that the Bible says "From dust you have come, and to dust you shall return?"

"Yes, son."

"Well, there is someone under the bed, and I don't know whether he's comin' or goin'."

Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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



During my Public Accounting days in the late 1970s we engaged a "marketing" adviser to help us get new clients. Someone suggested that we each make a list of all our friends. The adviser said that he had a problem with the concept of "friends" - that there really was no such thing as "friends." "There are only situational relationships," he said. "Change the situation, and the relationship changes." I so wanted that not to become true in my life, but along the way it seems that it has.

A couple of years ago I received a surprise phone call from a group of three or four people who knew me as a teenager. We hadn't seen each other since, so in our minds' eyes we saw each other as we were then—how we looked; how we acted.

This led to email exchanges of photos—some grainy black and whites from the old days and some sharp color photos of more recent vintage and unfortunate clarity. Yikes! I couldn't believe how we had changed, and of course not for the better. I mean, this was going from our mid-teens to our mid-70s, with no complimentary stops along the way.

They knew me as a teenager. The only people who knew me as a young adult, with whom I am still in contact, are family and a few Villagers. Perhaps if I was on social media I could be fooled into thinking that I was still "friends" with people I worked with, ran with, raised kids with, etc. But I don't do those things anymore: The situations have changed, and sadly so have the relationships.

PUZ-LER

The **PUZ-LER** is a puzzle feature to tease the brains of our Villager readers.

This week's PUZ-LER: How many pets does my friend Harriet have if all of them are dogs except two, all are cats except two and all are rabbits except two? With all of the pets here at The Villages this should be a slam dunk!

Email me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com with your answers.

Last week I beat you up and there were only four right answers. O-one, T-two, T-three, F-four, F-five, S-six, S-seven, E-eight so the next was N-nine. The winners were Peter Groot, Phyllis A, Fred and Margaret Davies-White. The best of the best.

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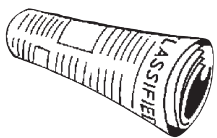
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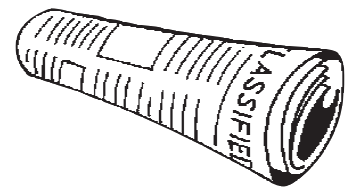
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Leash rule for pets

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