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## Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday, and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1.

## Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

## Channels 26 & 27

### Community TV channels:

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

- Holiday Cooking Demonstration
- Keep Fit with Mwezo
- Keep Fit with Hartmut

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## Q & A with Villages General Manager Tim Sutherland

The Villages General Manager Tim Sutherland will be holding a virtual community update, conversation and Q&A forum Thursday, December 17, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

General Manager Sutherland will answer residents' questions live on the Zoom video conference website.

Residents are asked to submit their questions the week prior to the session to [tsutherland@the-villages.com](mailto:tsutherland@the-villages.com) so that their questions can be researched, if necessary.

Questions also will be taken live during the meeting using the Q&A part of Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88911137716?pwd=cDYvaVR5WGd2MW1zRnAxNWlQaU4wUT09>

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### Sample Q & A:

**Question**—Why did you resign and then decide to stay with The Villages?

**Answer**—I made a decision to retire after working 41 years with 22 of those years being a five-hour-a-day super commuter.

Halfway through the 60-day transition period, it became abundantly clear that now was the worst of times to retire with COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, managing through the \$3 million Club budget deficit, seeing the \$1.6 million dollar PPP loan through to approval, crafting a challenging FY '22 budget and assisting a newly constituted Club Board for the remainder of this fiscal year.

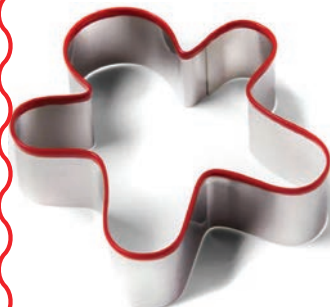
A large number of Villagers and staff made it clear they would prefer that I continue to support them during these tough and trying times.

I am happy to continue taking on the challenging work ahead for as long as I can make meaningful contributions to The Villages.



## 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](mailto:mtatum@the-villages.com), for an entry form.



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## New Regional Stay Home Order in effect as COVID-19 surges

COVID-19 continues to surge at alarming rates in California. The Regional Stay Home Order, announced December 3, 2020, will prohibit gatherings of any size, close operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and require 100 percent masking and physical distancing. You may read more about the Regional Stay Home Order at [covid19.ca.gov](http://covid19.ca.gov)

### The situation at The Villages:

The new regional public health orders affect Villagers in the following ways: No indoor or outdoor dining is allowed, and tennis, bocce and pickleball play can occur only with members of your own household. According to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department COVID hotline business division, for the time being, golf and swimming activities are unchanged from the purple tier requirements. The new restrictions are expected to be in effect through at least January 4, 2021.

The state continues to record an unprecedented surge in the level of community spread of COVID-19. The Regional Stay Home Order, announced December 3, 2020, and a supplemental order, signed December 6, 2020, went into effect earlier this week in regions with less than 15 percent intensive care unit (ICU) availability.

Rather than waiting until Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability reaches critical levels and delaying closures that are inevitable, the Health Officers for the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara as well as the City of Berkeley jointly announced that they implemented the State's Regional Stay Home Order last week.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

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

- 8 Pulse letters received this week.
- 1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.
- 1 Pulse letter recategorized as an Above & Beyond item.
- 6 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.

I'm very happy to hear the General Manager has decided to stay and our governing boards have approved. In my opinion, the General Manager has done a good job, given what he is up against. Thanks for sticking with it.

—Steve Williams

Our governance structure in The Villages is complex, and I suspect many residents do not understand it, even though some information is available on the Resident Portal. Therefore, an article in The Villager explaining the responsibility of each board (Club, Association, and Homeowners) the function of the Management Contract and the role of the Communication Committee between the boards would be helpful.

I hope that the multiple boards can come to an agreement as to who should write the article.

I understand that there was a presentation developed in the past by a former board member for the Chinese Club. Maybe the prospective author could refer to that document in drafting the article. It would be so helpful to better understand the relationships and functions of our governing entities.

By the way, I think the "Whats-Up?" communication tool is wonderful. I have not seen it in The Villager for a few weeks, but the concept is great. Please let us know how we could encourage its use in the future.

—Diane Malcolm

We need all residents to examine the budget in black and white and the CBOD come up with a Plan A, B and C with the primary goal of maintaining the fiscal '21 costs as it was in '20. This will surely need cost cutting on a larger scale as there are likely increases in insurance and water costs, which are going to raise our HOA fees in a pandemic period due to last at least until 2Q 2022.

Each of the ABC plans should contain what the implications of the cost reductions are likely to have and let the residents vote on it. This requires experienced financial expertise as well as the managerial skills to present the analytical data in a format that all residents can understand it. In order to show sincerity of purpose, I humbly request the CBOD to please appoint a five-man unbiased resident committee to work closely and formulate ABC planning with the CBOD.

—Norman Krishna

In the past, there were many instances where the lack of transparency by our Boards has resulted in frustration and confusion on what may be considered excessive costs paid for our projects. Generally, only at the time a project bid is presented to the Board for approval, are we then informed what the cost estimate is, a general description of work to be performed and the selected vendor. This has left us with very little time to understand and be aware of what we are planning to spend our money on. This is different from the current project updates that the GM provides in his monthly address. At a minimum, we should be provided with a Project Pipeline of all potential projects updated monthly with the following information: Description; Justification; Status; Target Timeline; Estimate/Final Cost.

This would provide awareness of all potential and in-process projects and the reason for their consideration. This Project Pipeline is easy to publish and maintain on our Resident Portal and would allow residents to raise questions and express their opinions well before the point of approval.

I'm hoping our Boards will look for additional means to be open and effective with information to all residents.

—Delbert Yamaki

(More Pulse letters on next page)

## IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Evelyn Gomes

September 29, 1935—November 30, 2020

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

James "Jim" Robert Teague

July 15, 1929—November 30, 2020

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

Vivian Lee Biondi

November 12, 1940—November 25, 2020

### 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.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## 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.

## MORE PULSE *(Continued from page 2)*

A recent Pulse letter suggested that Villages coyotes be trapped and released "to another forest somewhere."

That would be against California law. If an animal is trapped, it must be either killed, or released exactly where trapped.

Any coyotes trapped in The Villages will be killed.

—Frank Langben

This is not the way it is supposed to happen. A small, a very small dog was found wandering on Riesling. She refused to be caught and scampered free across the road multiple times. Security was contacted for help. No help was forthcoming because they were "short-handed."

Forty minutes later, with the help of three women, the pup was captured. A second call to Security and a request was made to bring the dog to them so the owner could find their dog. No dice! We have traffic as well as coyotes—two dangers for a small dog in the Villages and Security refused to help. That is not the way it is supposed to happen.

—Judy Rogers

## ABOVE & BEYOND

I found an angel at the drugstore!

A few days before Thanksgiving I went to the drugstore to purchase a few personal items with my insurance card. The clerk told me that the items were not eligible for purchase. This is the second time this happened. I was furious with the insurance company. A supervisor at the insurance company told me they had cleared the items with the store. I called the insurance company, but the supervisor was not available. I walked out of the store without finalizing the purchase. As I was getting in the car, a woman ran out to me with the items she purchased for me. I offered to pay her back with cash but she would not take it and asked me to just pay it forward. I don't shop often these days so I can't pay it forward, so I donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

She asked if I was a Villager and she said she was a Villager also. I will never forget what she did for me. Sandy Castillo is that Angel. If there were more people like her in the world, it would be a much better and peaceful place!

—Bernice Vitcov

My Montgomery neighbors are amazing! Many of them shared with my daughter when they learned she'd lost her home in the Santa Cruz fire. And now, they've decorated the entrance to "my" Village so beautifully, as they do for every holiday. I'm proud to live here, and so grateful for the kindness and generosity of my neighbors, especially during this difficult time.

—Roberta Wolfe

### Did you know?

## New Villagers attracted by security and amenities of The Villages

New Villages residents take a survey when they register and get their informational packets. Among the questions is one that asks why the new entrants chose to relocate at The Villages. Since July, 64 new residents have taken the survey. A summary of the answers to that particular question for those new residents indicate the gated security of The Villages is well known locally and is the top reason why people move here. Those moving from San Jose/Santa Clara County account for more than 60 percent of new residents and more than 90 percent of those mention security as a reason.

- While our website continues to be an important source of information for out-of-area residents to find out about The Villages, a majority of those moving here from more than 100 miles away do so to be closer to family.

- Golf continues to be the most attractive amenity that draws residents, but the hiking trails, tennis/pickleball courts, and pools are also maintaining their importance/attractiveness.

## 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!

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 10, 11, 14 & 15

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# MANAGEMENT

## 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.

### 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](mailto:snorden@the-villages.com)

### 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.

### 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!

### Call 911 for medical emergencies

**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.

### Dial 211 for Essential Community Services

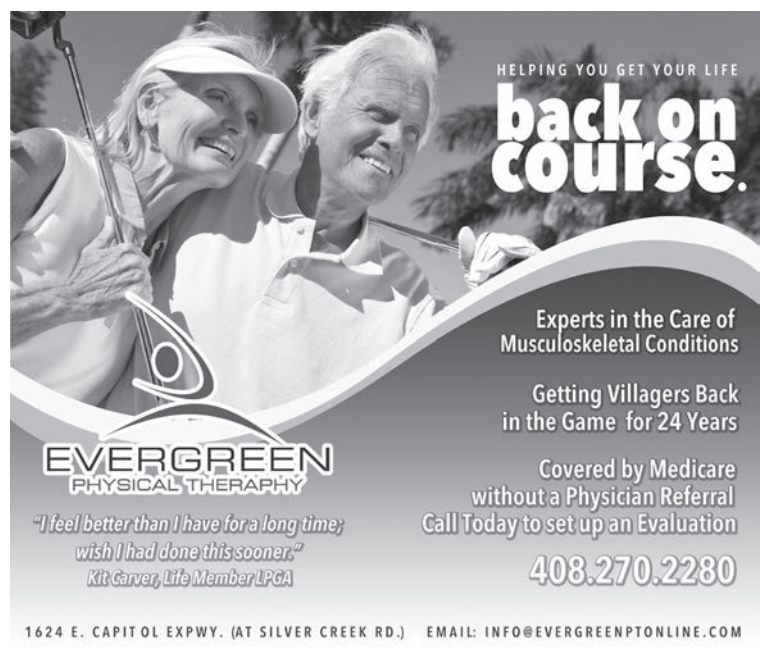
In many states, dialing "211" provides individuals and families in need with a shortcut through what can be a bewildering maze of health and human service agency phone numbers. By simply dialing 211, those in need of assistance can be referred, and sometimes connected, to appropriate agencies and community organizations.

Dialing 211 helps direct callers to services for, among others, the elderly, the disabled, those who do not speak English, those with a personal crisis, those with limited reading skills, and those who are new to their communities.

#### Several Ways to Contact

You can dial 211 on your phone, use the toll-free alternate number 1-800-273-6222, text "coronavirus" to 211211, visit [211.org](http://211.org) or find 211 information at the Federal Communications Commission website at [fcc.gov](http://fcc.gov)

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### 2020/2021 Christmas tree pickup schedule

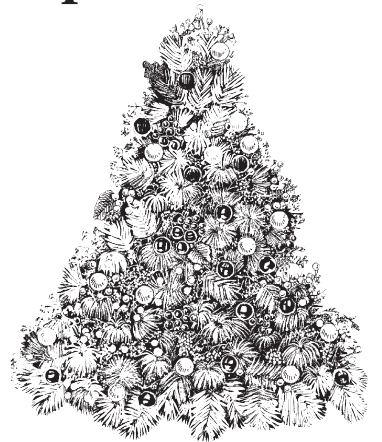
Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days:

- Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29
- Monday, January 4 and Tuesday January 5

Place the tree at curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup day and note the following before putting out your tree:

1. All tinsel, ornaments, garland, etc. must be removed.
2. All metal/plastic stands or buckets must be removed.
3. Wood stands are acceptable.
4. Trees should be cut to no longer than 5 feet lengths.

BrightView Landscape will recycle all trees, except those that are flocked. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, but will be properly disposed. If you have any questions you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670.



More COMMUNITY NOTICES  
on pages 10, 11, 14 & 15



# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before December 18, 2020. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for January 7, 2021.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **December 18, 2020.**

## ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:

- 5240 Cribari Hills—Drain line.
- 5319 Cribari Glen—Drain line.
- 7641 Falkirk Drive—Concrete paver patio.

Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager's office.

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

## 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

## New Regional Stay Home Order...

(Continued from front page)

Santa Clara County's Purple Tier indicates "Widespread" virus activity requiring the temporary closure of many non-essential indoor business operations. A list of the status of businesses and activities, county by county, is available at [covid10.ca.gov](https://covid10.ca.gov)

"We cannot wait until after we have driven off the cliff to pull the emergency brake," said Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. "We understand that the closures under the State order will have a profound impact on our local businesses. However, if we act quickly, we can both save lives and reduce the amount of time these restrictions have to stay in place, allowing businesses and activities to reopen sooner."

### What can you do?

According to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, outdoor activities are safer than those held indoors and it's especially critical that everyone wears a mask to limit the spread of the disease.

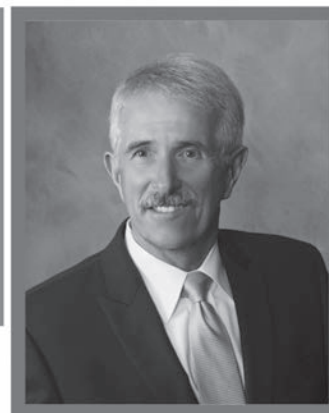
To help control the pandemic you can:

- Stay at home except for essential services.
- Wear a mask in public.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Keep at least six feet away from others when in public.
- Avoid mixing with people with whom you don't live.

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



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# THE CLUBHOUSE

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or Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

## WHAT'S COOKING?

[theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)

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

**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 7-10.)

**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 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](mailto: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 suspended*

Because of the Regional Stay Home Order Patio Dining has been suspended until further notice.



## *Soup of the Day*

For the week of  
12/14 to 12/20

- Monday 12/14** Chicken Vegetable Quinoa
- Tuesday 12/15** White Bean, Kale and Sausage
- Wednesday 12/16** Minestrone
- Thursday 12/17** French Onion
- Friday 12/18** Clam Chowder
- Saturday 12/19** Chef's Choice
- Sunday 12/20** Chef's Choice

## **New Hours of Operation Curbside services**

### **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 and patio dining will no longer be available. This will not affect curbside pick-up options.



More CLUBHOUSE

***New Menus for Home Delivery, Curbside Grab-&-Go, and Patio dining  
New menus effective Friday, December 11***

***All sit-down dining discontinued as county entered 'Purple Tier'***

Santa Clara County, the Bay Area's first epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic, has shut down indoor and outdoor dining after the State of California downgraded the county into the purple tier in December.

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 and outdoor dining.

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

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

Thank you for your understanding while we continue our efforts to keep 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 curbside pickup service. Alcohol is not available for delivery.

**Christmas Eve  
and  
New Year's Eve  
Curbside Pickup  
Menus  
See page 10**

More CLUBHOUSE  
on pages 8, 9 & 10

**All Day & Appetizer Menu**

11am to 7:30pm

**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 \$11.25**  
*Black Beans, Ground Chuck, Corn, Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Cilantro and Cheese*

**V Sub w/ Impossible Plant Based Meat \$12.25**

**Soup of the Day or Chili Con Carne**  
*Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95*

**Entrée Caesar Salad \$10.50**  
*Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons*  
1 \$2 Salmon \$3 Prawns \$4.00

**V Chinese Salad \$11.95**  
*Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Noodles with a Sesame Ginger Dressing*  
Add Chicken \$2.00 Add Prawns \$4.00

**Cobb Salad \$14.25**  
*Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese*  
Add chicken \$2, Prawns \$4 or Salmon \$3

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

**Fish and Chips \$10.95**  
*Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar*

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

V= Vegetarian GF= Gluten Free

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

**Burger with Side 2. \$10.95**  
*Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish*  
Add Avocado, Bacon add \$2  
Cheese add \$1.50

**V Impossible Burger with Side \$12.95**  
*Plant Based Meat with Lettuce*  
*Tomatoes and Onions with Side Dish*  
Add Avocado \$2 Cheese \$1.50

**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 \$10.25**  
*Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole*  
Add Chicken or Steak \$2.00

**V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$10.95**  
*Vegetables over Rice with Ponzu Sauce*  
Add Chicken or Beef \$2, Salmon \$3 or Prawns \$4.00

**Shanghai Stir Fry Vegetable Chow Mein \$11.95**  
Add, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$2

**Naan Flatbread Pizzas**

**V Cheese Pizza \$9.75 Pepperoni Pizza \$10.75**

**V Margarita Pizza \$10.25**

**Combination Pizza \$11.95**  
*Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers*

**Cobb Pizza \$11.95**  
*Bacon, Chicken, Black Olives, Avocadoes on Alfredo Sauce*

**Gluten Free Crust Add \$ 1.50**

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.

# Breakfast Menu

Saturday - Sunday 7am to 11am

**Short Stack Pancakes \$6.95**

*With Berries*



**Belgium Waffles \$8.25**

*Seasonal 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*



**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 Tomato, 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*

**Eggs Benedict 2 \$9.95**

*2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Choice of 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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# Lunch Menu

11am to 2pm

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

**V Italian Chop Salad \$13.25**  
Romaine and Iceberg Tossed with Pepperoncini,  
Tomatoes, Olives and Cucumbers Topped with Feta  
Cheese, Italian Vinaigrette Add Salami \$2

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

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

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

**Deli Sandwich \$10.25**  
Choice of Bread  
Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken, Tuna or Egg Salad

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

**Grilled Sourdough, Ham & Swiss \$9.95**

**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 \$11.95**

**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

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

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ingredients

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shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness,  
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# Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 7:30pm

**See Dessert Menu on page 10**

## 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*

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

**Eggplant Parmesan \$14.95**  
Eggplant breaded in Crispy Panko Crumbs, Layered in  
Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and Provolone

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*GF = Gluten Free*

## Dinner Entrées

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

**Fridays & Saturdays**  
**Prime Rib 2. \$33.95**  
21 Days Aged, Hand Selected, Corned Fed  
Yorkshire Pudding

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

**Chicken Fried Steak 2. \$21.95**  
Pounded Sirloin Steak Battered and Breaded and Deep  
Fried with Country Gravy

**Calf Liver and Onions 2. \$19.95**  
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

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Undercooked ingredients

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

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

**Villages Honey Stung Fried Chicken \$20.95**  
Country Gravy

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

**Grilled Salmon \$24.95**  
Tarragon Beurre Blanc

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

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

**Contributors' Notice:** The Villager staff will be reviewing content to make sure it complies with the state public health order. Please avoid describing or depicting activities that violate the public health order.

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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**

**Ice Cream (Sugar Free Available)**

**Sherbet**

**Sorbet**

**Milk Shakes**



**In Memoriam  
and Obituary  
Notices**

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee.

For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com, or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: shinrichs@the-villages.com.


**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*.)



**Christmas Eve Curbside Pick-Up**

Thursday December 24, 2020

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

Delivered to Clubhouse Curbside

**Christmas Baked Ham**  
Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze and Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers


Or


**Sliced Sirloin of Beef**  
Mushroom Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Peppers

**Both Choices Served with:**  
Rolls & Butter  
Christmas Yule Log Cake

**\$25.95 plus 18% service charge and tax per meal**  
All Charges Made to Account House Number Prior to Event

**For Reservations:**  
Call 408-754-1337 or e-mail [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)  
Please Provide: Time of Pick-Up, House Number,  
Full Name, Phone Number and Number of Meals





**Clubhouse Curbside Pick Up**

**Thursday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> • 3pm, 4pm and 5pm**

Assorted Canapes and Cold Poached Prawns

Winter Wonderland Salad

Gold Cherry Tomatoes, Roasted Red Beets, Candied Pecans  
Goat Cheese and Pomegranates on a bed of Mixed Winter Greens  
Maple Dijon Vinaigrette

Potatoes Au Gratin

Asparagus, Yellow Sunburst and Red Peppers

Mini New Year's Chocolate Fondant Cake

Split of Sparkling Wine

Choose

Grilled Filet Mignon with Red and Green Peppercorn Sauce \$45++

Or

Broiled Gulf Lobster Tails with Drawn Butter \$49++

18% service charge and tax wil be added

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# EVF FOCUS

## EVF camping trip?

By Diana Hallock

No, John Yu and staff aren't going camping, but they are receiving a large tent from Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) donations to provide more dining options. While we don't know what next month or even next week will bring, we can be confident that John Yu will be looking for more ways to provide great meals for Villagers! The new 20' x 40' High Peak Canopy will be used in the Bistro Patio area for now and then available for future events in other areas of the Villages. The EVF is always glad to be a part of helping The Villages through these challenging times. For more information visit [evfsj.org](http://evfsj.org)



## 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](mailto:verabepc@gmail.com) or Bob Dolci at [bobandk1995@gmail.com](mailto:bobandk1995@gmail.com). Thanks for considering this great opportunity.

## Villager contributors' notice: Attention publicity writers

Publicity chairs for Villages clubs and organizations submitting articles for publication in *The Villager* are asked to repeat articles **no more than two times**.

If you wish to submit items to run consecutively for longer than two weeks, you are urged to revise your articles every two weeks to provide readers with new information or remove obsolete information. You may submit sets of articles intended to run in future issues.

Articles for advance publicity of meetings, events, speakers, etc. should be **fewer than 300 words in length** (brevity is a virtue!). Articles submitted for use on the **front page** of *The Villager* should contain **no more than 150 words**. (Longer articles will be cut or continued on another page.)

Features, profiles, event reviews and other specialty articles may be longer. If you have questions regarding the length of articles, please call Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email at [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com).

Please be informed that the deadline for all editorial submissions is Thursday by 4:30 p.m. at least a week prior to publication. If articles are to be late, please call Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 by the Thursday deadline to inform him when to expect the article. If articles regularly cover events that happen after the deadline (such as in the case of certain sports events), please make late article arrangements in advance with Kory.

Please submit all articles to Kory Tran at *The Villager* copy desk at: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)

Villager and Fast Lane articles may also be submitted online on the Resident Portal at: [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)

## Leash rule for pets

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

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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Senior Academy: 'Immigration' presentation

Sign up for "Immigration," a Zoom presentation by Richard Hobbs and sponsored by Senior Academy on Saturday, December 12 at 2 p.m. Pre-register for this event at VillagesSA.org

Richard Hobbs, a prominent Silicon Valley Immigration Attorney, will address issues that affect undocumented immigrants, detainees and family separations that occur on our southern border. He will provide an update on I.C.E. activities, possible future plans, the impact of immigration upon our state and the U. S. Census. In addition he will present issues that challenge immigrants including health, language, education and now, COVID-19.

Richard Hobbs is a human rights attorney and the founder and Executive Director of Human Agenda, a human rights organization based in San Jose. He has worked for more than 30 years to develop and put into practice an eco-humanist vision, focused upon the needs of people and the planet.



Richard Hobbs

## 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](http://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.



## Villages Amateur Theatre: Bah Humbug—Not!

By Susan Pastorini, VAT Executive Producer

After the year we have had, are you feeling a little down about the holidays?

Well, here is something to kick off the season and lift your spirits. Of course, we will need a Scrooge (Larry Miller), some music (Tom Stocky), more actors and a few costumes by Alice Pratte.

Join us on **Friday, December 18**, at 3:00 p.m. for the Villages Amateur Theatre's Zoom dramatic reading production of Charles Dickens "**A Christmas Carol.**" Besides Larry Miller, the cast features Connie Hendrickson, Nancy Keane, Elsa McLaughlin, Nelson Fricke, Reine Fedor, Nancy Miller, Sally Otton and Madelaine Yannaccone. Tom Stocky will start us off at approximately 2:45p.m. with a prelude of some Holiday music on his piano and will conclude the show with a few songs as a postlude.

Through Nick Yannaccone's excellent technical skills, the cast will transport you to 1843 London where you will be witness to Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from the ultimate meanie to a very generous human being.

If you are interested in watching this show, please register at the following URL to see the show: <https://tinyurl.com/mtxmascarol>

## Arts and Crafts 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 email Diane Finley at [dianefinley@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) and keep abreast of all scheduled upcoming events, classes and meetings for 2021. Hopefully we will have a regular event soon.



## MLK Society to meet today

The next Zoom meeting of the Martin Luther King Society here at The Villages will be at 4 p.m. today—Friday, December 11. The agenda will focus on a presentation on the celebration of Kwanzaa, the annual celebration of African-American culture, which is held from December 26 to January 1, facilitated by Marion Brown. All Villages residents are invited to attend.

The Zoom meeting ID is 392 858 8845, the Password is 4eaq8z.

## Yard trimmings are recyclable

By Margaret Lam, Sustainable Villages Club

Yard trimmings such as branches, bushes, flowers, grass, weeds, and leaves can be recycled! Nature has a way to transform your biodegradable trimmings into compost that becomes a nutrient-rich, natural fertilizer. Good for your garden, good for the environment.



Your private patio trimmings are "Green Waste" and should be composted. Green waste is not trash. Do not put it in the garbage dumpster or it will likely end up as landfill.

When green waste is taken to landfill, it decomposes to produce methane. Methane, 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide, is especially dangerous for the Earth's atmosphere. Recycling green waste is a great way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

To recycle green waste in the Villages, call Maintenance Customer Service (408-223-4670) to schedule a pickup by Brightview, complimentary once a week per household. Bag the waste, no fruits or vegetables, and place it by your driveway or sidewalk, or patio for Cribari residents. Brightview has a green waste recycling dumpster at the Corporation Yard, which is routinely sent over to the City's composting centers. Here, they are turned into nutritious soil conditioners used for local agriculture.

For more information or to join the Sustainable Villages Club visit at [sustainablevillagesclub.org](http://sustainablevillagesclub.org).

## Sign up for Vision Help workshop

Our eyes are a precious asset! Do you have vision issues? Some can be easily corrected, such as cataracts, but others such as macular degeneration require some adjustments to our daily lives. Did you know that vision problems can be aided with the use of technology?

The VMA is sponsoring a Zoom workshop on Thursday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. on using technology to help you see. The workshop will be led by Stacie Grijalva from the Vista Center for the Blind in Santa Cruz. She is the Assistive Technology Manager and Outreach Coordinator whose job it is to teach blind and visually impaired how to use technology to do everyday tasks. She is passionate about spreading the message that even when you have lost vision, you can still maintain independence and live the life you desire. In her presentation she will show videos utilizing your iPhone, Alexa, and Zoom. If you are interested in joining this workshop please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org).

## Free VMA vests for walkers

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.



## Art Challenge 9: Winter Scenes

Give Villagers the opportunity to view a photo of your artwork! Our December online exhibit includes paintings, art photographs, ceramics, sculptures, assemblages, collages, needlework, tapestry, quilts and any other artwork you are doing.

This photo of a watercolor, "Trees in Winter," is an example of the snow scenes we seldom see, but some of us remember.

All Villagers, as well as Arts and Crafts members, are cordially invited to send in photos of their artwork for Art Challenge 9: Winter Scenes. Arts & Crafts is sponsoring these online exhibits to keep us entertained during this COVID-19 shelter in place. For Art Challenges 1 – 8, we have received 162 entries. Members and Villagers are having fun sending in photos of their art, and many people enjoy viewing these online exhibits from members and all Villagers.

Help us keep Art alive in The Villages by sending in the photo of your work to our Exhibits Chair at barb.gottesman@gmail.com. Check the webpage "Art Challenge 9 December" on our website at villagesartsandcrafts.org for the rules and to view all the entries. You can also view the 30 entries for our Annual Members Juried Art Show which was online this year in October.



## Riding Club: 'Obstacle or Opportunity'

By Janet Buonocore

Horses are great teachers and taking care of these sensitive animals often leads to valuable life lessons. Although horses appear large and powerful, they are prey animals and can scare quite easily. So, when workers need to be at the stables with large, noisy earth moving equipment, horse owners can not always be sure about how their horses might react to the intrusion.

Recently Oscar Cabellero and Juan Soto from BrightView Landscape showed up with an unusual looking machine called a trencher. Their job was to dig a trench to lay an underground pipe which will lead from the water tank to the pump house. This is the water we use to fill the water trough up in the horse pasture. The trencher was, indeed, loud and, from a horse's perspective, probably intimidating. The problem was the horses and their owners would need to walk right by it to get to the pasture. Fortunately, what could have been an inconvenient obstacle, turned out to be a great trust building opportunity for the horses and their human partners. Oscar and Juan were aware and sensitive to our concerns, so would signal one another as a horse would approach the work area. The trencher would then be turned off. Horse owners could use this moment to walk—calmly—past the area showing the horses that there was nothing to fear. While some of our horses were more concerned than others, they all realized that their trusted leaders would walk them safely past the menacing machine without them coming to any harm.

This experience was a great lesson in perspective. A reminder that we can often reimagine obstacles and problems as fortuitous opportunities and possibilities.



Gary Johnson and his horse Jasper strolling past the trencher.



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 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  
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 15-Min Floor Work 1:42/7:42

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

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**SAT** Q Planes

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## *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](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org). She will give you the Zoom connection information.

## *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!

## *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.

## *Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to EVF*

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

## *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!

## *Owners responsible for cleaning up after their pets*

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

The pet poop should be picked up immediately and placed into the dumpsters in the trash enclosure near your home or in the designated pet poop stations in the center parking lots. Please do not place any pet poop in any restrooms or other containers at any of the various centers.

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

### *More changes in property tax laws*

Last week SRS discussed the Proposition 19 change to Prop 60 allowing seniors to transfer their property tax base to a new residence for up to three times. This week is about changes to Proposition 58.

Again, first some property tax history. Prop 58 permits the transfer of your property tax base to your children. This law applies to your primary residence and to the first \$1,000,000 of real property other than your primary residence. The transfer can be by sale, gift, or inheritance.

For example, at your death you owned a condo in Verano as your personal residence. It was valued at \$800,000. If, after your death, your son or daughter inherits the condo, the base used to calculate the property taxes will continue to be your Prop 13 value. It did not matter whether the condo become your heir's personal residence or whether it become a rental property. The property tax result would be the same if you sold your condo to your son or daughter rather than bequeathed it at death.

But what if the property sold or gifted to a son or daughter was not your personal residence? Let's say you sold a rental property worth \$3,000,000 to your son. Under old law, the first \$1,000,000 of real property that is not a personal residence can take your Prop 13 transfer property tax base. The \$1,000,000 applies to each person making the sale, so if the property is owned by you and your spouse, the Prop 13 transfer base applies to the first \$2,000,000 rather than \$1,000,000. The remainder will be taxed at Fair Market Value.

**New Law:** Prop 19 significantly affects these parent-child exclusions to limit (1) the types of transfers between parent and child that can be exempted from reassessment; and (2) the amount of the property tax benefit available.

To qualify for the principal residence exemption, after transfer, the child must use the residence as the child's own principal residence. It cannot become a rental property.

The lifetime \$1 million for non-principal residence exemption i.e. commercial or rental property, is eliminated entirely.

However, the old \$1 million limit now applies to principal residences.

If the value of the personal residence at the time of the transfer is less than \$1 million, then the child takes the parent's Prop 13 tax base. If the value of the property at the time of the transfer exceeds \$1 million, then the child's assessed value is the Prop 13 value plus the fair market value of the property above \$1 million.

For example, Mom's condo has a fair market value of \$1,400,000. Her property tax base because of Prop 13 is only \$500,000. With Prop 19, if Mom leaves her residence to Daughter, there are two possible outcomes:

If Daughter moves into the condo as her new primary residence, Daughter's property taxes will be computed as follows:

$\$1,400,000 - \$1,000,000 = \$400,000 + \$500,000$  current Prop 13 = \$900,000 property tax base. There is some disagreement on this formula, which the Legislature might clarify.

If Daughter does not move into the home as her new primary residence, Daughter's property tax base will be the \$1,400,000 fair market value.

The new parent-child transfer exclusions will be effective as of February 16, 2021.

The new Prop 19 law presents a tax planning possibility. If you are thinking about making a gift or sale of real estate to your child, it should be seriously considered to do so prior to February 16, 2021. If it is the personal residence of the parent, it will continue at the same tax base for property taxes whether or not it is used as a personal residence. If it is commercial property, the \$1 or \$2 million exclusion will apply.

This article is limited to general information and certainly does not cover all exceptions to this law. You must consult your personal tax and investment advisor before you structure tax-planning transactions.

*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 Quick Fact:**

### *2021 estate and gift exemption*

Estates of decedents who die during 2021 will have a basic exclusion amount of \$11,700,000, up from the exemption of \$11,580,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2020.

The annual exclusion for gifts is \$15,000 for calendar year 2021, the same as it was for calendar year 2020.

### *Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA*

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

### *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.

### *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](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

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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.

# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**“The Light of Kindness” by Barbara Zahner, BCC; 3GEN+ Mental Health Ministry:**

In the ICU of a local hospital, I stood with a patient’s son. Out of frustration with the numerous unknowns for his Mother’s recovery, the anxious and angry man lashed out at the doctor. Behind her face mask, the doctor’s eyes widened in hurt. Throwing her hands wide, she left the room. The son and I remained—I as chaplain; he as grieving first-born son. Someplace in our conversation, I handed him a Benetvision prayer leaflet entitled “Let Peace Fill My Heart.” Scanning the seven short prayers for peace, he stopped at the words of Mary Stewart, teacher and pray-er for peace in all interactions.

With sorrow he said, “I was not kind. My Mother taught us, “Be kind to one another.”

In this season of unknowns and Advent Mystery Still Unfolding, may the light of kindness from your heart offer a beacon of Light, Love, and Life to all you encounter. As Mary Stewart beseeches: “Let us not forget to be kind.”

“Keep us, O God, from all pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding, and leave off all self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life we are as one. And, O God, let us not forget to be kind.”—Mary Stewart

May we act as the hands, feet, heart of Christ to shine the Light of Kindness to illumine all!

**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 on Memorial Garden Patio. 8:30 a.m. No reservation needed.

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

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘A Different Season’

**By Pastor Bill Hayden**

During the Holiday Season, in past times people may have entertained the thought, “I just want to be left alone.” Now people are clamoring to come together even at the risk of jeopardizing their health in a pandemic. It is very difficult to accept social distancing after many years of freedom. This year, Thanksgiving Day for many of us was a celebration without family or friends. Having spent the last few months not being able to socialize with others, I can’t imagine a person desiring loneliness and isolation over personal contact with another person.

Normally during this time of year, some people feel the deep pains of loneliness, isolation and rejection. This is a great opportunity for us to bring a little sunshine into their lives by calling them, sending cards or better yet a social distancing, “Hello!”

*“A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.” Proverbs 17:22 NKJV*

On the bright side, people have taken advantage of technology with the internet using Zoom, Skype or other avenues of live video conversations with friends and relatives. While it doesn’t take the place of physical contact and a warm embrace, it is better than no contact.

As I recall during my three month stay in the hospital for my heart transplant, physical contact was very vital to my recovery. I couldn’t bear being isolated without any physical contact with my love ones, for months or years. We made it through Thanksgiving but Christmas will be the most difficult challenge. We must think about the health of our love ones and make sacrifices. No one is invincible to the effects of COVID-19 on the human body and I would rather be safe than careless with my life and the lives of others. When this season of pandemic and testing is over you will be glad that you endured by doing the right thing for those you love.

*“Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.” Proverbs 28:26 NLT*

**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

May God bless all of you with good health!

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Four Luminous Sundays’

**By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith**

If you’ve been watching the online services of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral you would see candles on a wreath lit at the beginning of each service, symbolizing the light of each of the four weeks of Advent. The Advent wreath is a curiously recent tradition, originating from the ministry of a German Lutheran pastor in the 19th century. Johann Hinrich Wichern wanted to teach school children how to wait with patience for the Christmas holiday. The custom was evidently compelling: within a century it was adopted by other protestant denominations (including ours) and Roman Catholics.

We can well imagine why the wreath is so popular! It’s packed with symbols that “light our way to Christ,” in a manner of speaking. Advent wreaths are circular, representing God’s infinite love. And like our Christmas trees, they’re usually made of evergreen leaves, representing eternal life. The

candles generally represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well, with the center white candle representing the birth of Jesus Christ. Some of us were also taught that the candles represent hope (week one), peace (week two), joy (week three) and love (week four). Another interpretation has the first candle representing the prophets who predicted the coming of Jesus, the second representing the journey of Joseph and Mary, the third representing the shepherds

and their joy (hence the pink candle), and the fourth being the angel’s candle, representing peace.

I hope you’ve given yourself the opportunity to fill your home with sacred symbols during Advent. We need them now more than ever! The relatively new tradition of Advent wreath and candles serve as a reminder that all of us are capable of creating symbols to guide our way as we journey toward the holy birth of Christ... in a city long ago, and in our hearts even now.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

*Continued from last week, these are the final five lessons we can learn from the game of golf:*

**6. Patience**—Golf is an extremely hard sport and if you don't have patience it will make it even more difficult. Golf teaches you to have patience, which is a virtue in life. You can't score by getting ahead of yourself you have to be patient and take one shot at a time.

**7. Respect**—Etiquette is very important in golf. By playing this amazing sport you learn how to not only respect yourself but others and the golf course. For example, not stepping in someone's line, being quiet while someone else is hitting, waiting your turn, fixing your ball marks, not driving the golf cart on the tee boxes and greens. You also learn the respect of your fellow competitor and sportsmanship and that will help with any profession your life leads you.

**8. Communication**—Golf has taught us how to interact with others. At times, you don't always have a four-some and you are put in a group with random people. With golf taking about 3 1/2 to 5 hours to play, there is pressure to communicate with others in your group. It's a great tool to have in life being able to interact with others on a whim.

**9. To Never Stop Learning**—Golf has taught us that there is always room for improvement. No matter what you are doing in life you can always be better, you can always continue to work and grow to become the best version of yourself possible.

**10. Quality vs. Quantity**—When it comes to golf practice is extremely important, but knowing the difference between quality and quantity is more important. If you hit 30 balls with 100 percent focus and you are 100 percent committed to every shot you hit, that is more beneficial for you than hitting 100 balls with 40-65 percent focus. Tackle your tasks with quality vs quantity.

All of these lessons we learn from golf can be directly applied to our daily lives. We are living in a very trying time and if we apply these lessons to our daily lives just think how much better we would feel. Enjoy your golf game and be kind to each other.

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Kathleen Holt

Sports has always intrigued me. Here are some interesting facts about the sport we all love, Golf. Did you know that the first golf course built in the UK was commissioned by Mary Queen of Scots? The Queen of Scots brought the sport of golf over to Scotland from France in the 1550s, building the first course at St. Andrews. And, did you know that what we know as mini-golf was originally designed for women, as it was considered improper for ladies to hold the club past their shoulders? So, a putting course was created by the Ladies Putting Club of St. Andrews in 1867. Thank you to the pioneering women!

## They're Not Wrinkles, They're LAUGH LINES



### Cracked quotations:

"I dropped the toothpaste," Chauncey said crestfallen.  
 "That's the last time I pet a lion," Claude said offhandedly.  
 "We don't have a homerun hitter," Buster said ruthlessly.  
 "I keep shocking myself," said Judd, revolted.  
 "My steering wheel won't turn," Francois said straightforwardly.  
 "I've lost a lot of weight," Octavius expounded.  
 "I keep banging my head on things," Sven said bashfully.  
 "I'll have to telegraph him again," Wellington said remorsefully.  
 "I can't get down from the mountain!" Hansel alleged.  
 "Let's play a C, E and G," said Woodrow's band, in accord.  
 "You call this a musical?" asked Les miserably.  
 "I must make the fire hotter!" Wolfe bellowed.

## SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

Welcome to our First Tuesday game results. It's always a little embarrassing to write about yourself, but it can't be helped today. The winner of the game, with a net score of 21 is Fran Schumaker. The low gross winner, with a score of 37, is Marty Blinde. We each get to keep a trophy on our mantelpiece for the month of December 2020. Honorable mention goes to Pauline Robertson, Barb Karayn, Nanci Newell, Jan Ehrhardt, Betty Hall, Teddy Morse, Joan Wiseman, Meg Rogers, Kacy Walden and Johanna Bakker. We had a total of 28 players come out to compete in the game today. Thank you, ladies and well done.

A second welcome goes out to our newest Shoni, Nancy Canepa. Nancy and her husband have lived in Verano for the past six years. She took golf lessons some years ago but did not join the Shonis. Shoni Carol Strong kept encouraging her join, and still she did not join. Then she recently took another series of lessons from Tim. After her lessons this time she felt ready to join the Shonis. Nancy is a former high school teacher and currently is a Teaching Leader for Bible Study Fellowship. She is also a member of the Chapel here in The Villages. She is looking forward to the Women's Energy of the Shonis. Welcome again, Nancy, to the Shonis.

Have a good week and don't let the holidays make you too crazy.



Nancy Canepa

## TENNIS TALK

### 'Polynomials'

By Roy Pennington

(This is The Villages, San Jose, California. Ladies and gentlemen, the story you are about to read is true. The names have *not* been changed and reveal the guilty. Just the facts ma'am.)

When the tennis courts viewing area was accessible (pre-COVID) it was fun to just hang out there. Many would enjoy the warmth of the sunshine, the entertaining tennis, great conversation with our friends and neighbors, and an opportunity to share a tasty meal following the numerous social events that the Tennis Club offers. Some of us had a different experience many months ago. As we soaked up the sun and let our minds become even mushier (it was perfect), it happened.

Barry Stein was sitting on the perimeter of the group, and he would occasionally comment on the tennis. Gordon Knapp sauntered in and took a seat next to Barry. Now we know that both of these gentlemen's lives are centered in the fields of science, mathematics, and physics. Both are great conversationalists, but when they are together they quickly become unintelligible to a normal person.

Some of us still remember that day and want to share it with others. After sitting down next to Barry, Gordon said, "Barry, I have your book that I borrowed." We were expecting to hear about a book from their book club until Gordon continued, "Barry, I am not certain about the solution to the math problem on page 115." For the next 20 minutes, we listened as they discussed integrals, derivatives, and polynomials. They eventually arrived at a solution, and they were very content and concluded that the author was indeed correct. With eyes glazed over, the rest of us sat motionless and stared into space. When the problem was solved, we took a deep breath, checked our pulse, took two aspirin, and were thrilled that life had returned.

Gosh, now we have yet another reason to look forward to the end of this virus-stuff. There is still time to register for their class on Complex Variables to be held in the tennis viewing area.

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

A simple article this time guys since there were only five players brave enough to compete. The Tee time was shifted later in the morning, a bit warmer? No real money in the mix this time but Championship points as always.

### Our winners are:

First place, we have Leighton Horio with a net 35 for 10 points. Glad you are back, Horio.

Second place we have a tie between David Cook and John Mueller, both with net 36. Even par is not too bad guys.

Third place, we have our illustrious leader Mario Silva with a net 38.

Not sure why the small group unless everyone was expecting an early and chilly tee time and missed the shift in time.

Mario tells me that there will be no annual dues charged this year for our regular players. New players joining the group will pay the normal fee. Stay safe and healthy guys and practice if able.

## FROM THE PRO

By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### Original Golf COVID-19 Protocols back in place!

1. Masks must be worn when not hitting balls or playing...**every golfer must have a mask in their cart and must wear it when visiting with others, or waiting to tee off, or after the round.**

**If approaching the range table or Pro Shop without a mask, you will no longer be served.**

2. Arrive a maximum of only 5 minutes early for your tee time (unless hitting balls at the range) to avoid unnecessary "gatherings."

3. No gathering or socializing for drinks after the golf round...not even sitting in your carts separated.

**After golf, you must exit and go home immediately, no social gatherings around the Clubhouse.**

4. Maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times, even when playing—no hugging, shaking hands, fist bumps or elbows.

5. The Pro Shop is **closed** to foot traffic—if you need assistance, you must call the Pro Shop 408-274-3220 x1. No more pulling the door open. We will leave to door propped open on nice days with a table blocking entrance so we can service members as necessary.

6. Same day golf must be done by phoning the Pro Shop. Attempts to walk up to play golf without a reservation will be denied; no walk-in play.

7. No taking range balls home and bringing them back to the range on another day—you **will be denied access to the range if you have your own bag of balls.**

**Pro Shop Holiday Sale through December 18:** Tell us what you'd like and we will deliver it to you at the Pro Shop safe & sound!

All Titleist Golf Logo Headwear \$16.99 (Reg. \$29.99), All Titleist ProV1 & AVX balls \$44/dozen (Reg. \$54/dozen), 50 percent off All Skechers and New Balance golf shoes (limited to stock on hand), All Ping and Burton golf bags 10 percent Over Cost (limited to stock on hand), 50 percent off All Volvick & Taylor Made Project A balls (limited to stock on hand), 50 percent off selected golf polos for men & women (limited to stock on hand), 50 percent off All Women's SWING bottoms (limited to stock on hand), 30 percent off All Women's San Soleil Tops (limited to stock on hand), 50 percent off All Bionic Arthritic Golf Gloves (limited to stock on hand), 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.)

**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.

**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

### Tips from the Pro—Strike 'em Down...Good tips to help you with your iron ball striking

There are several keys to good iron ball striking, but the simple fact of the matter is that anytime your ball is not on a tee or in the sand, you want to contact the ball first, and then the ground after.

Each clubface has a specific degree of loft to it (21 degrees for a 3-iron up to 60 degrees for a Lob Wedge), so the club is designed to get the ball airborne if used properly.

Not a Shovel – You cannot try to lift the ball into the air; Not a Hammer – You cannot try to "hit" the ball; Is a Swing - You need to instead swing the club full circle, make sure the club-head brushes the turf, and then simply let the golf ball get in the way of the full circle swing...if you do this, you will hit the ball first and it will fly nice and high

### Here are a few thoughts to help you with your ball striking:

1. Set up with the ball in the middle of your stance, and your sternum a little left of the ball 2. Let your wrists hinge at the top...then unhinge after impact...then re-hinge over your left shoulder; That's **Full Circle**. 3. Stay Still – excessive upper body movement changes the swing radius and it's hard to have a consistent arc. 4. Fat Shots are caused by hitting the ground before the ball – usually a result of moving your body or head back to the right excessively – keep your upper torso even with the ball. 5. Thin shots are caused by hitting up on the ball with the shaft leaning back – continue turning through impact so that the shoulders and belly face the target when finished – top shot are caused by ceasing up at the ball and not turning.

Try the tips and let me know how they work...

To sign up for a lesson with Scott, email him at [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kyle Finley ([kylefinley@outlook.com](mailto:kylefinley@outlook.com)), [villagesgolfers.com](http://villagesgolfers.com)

**New Members:** Please welcome Ray Brown and Alan Chase to the Men's Golf Club! Everyone please look for Ray and Alan out on the golf course, introduce yourself, and encourage them to join you for a round.

**Age Shooter for November:** Please congratulate Dave Dimmick who shot a 70 on November 11! Nice round, Dave!

**Eagle Shooters for November:** Congratulations to:

- CK Kim, hole #9 on October 31st (almost November)
- Ted Escobar, hole #16 on November 11
- Lisi Bettencourt, hole #2 on November 11
- Rick Tobler, hole #8 on November 15
- Nick Corsello, hole #15 on November 27

"Golf is about how well you accept, respond to, and score with your misses much more so than it is a game of your perfect shots."

—DR. BOB ROTELLA

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen have begun its Winter schedule and are now currently playing every Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.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, December 3, 2020, the weather was sunny and mild. Another great day for golf and we had great turnout. It was also the December Turkey Shoot. The players with the top five net scores are awarded a \$10 Walmart gift card. **Today's results are as follows:**

First place went to Patrick McMordie with a net score of 26.

Second place there was a two way tie between Prakash Deshmukh and Bill Travis, each with a net score of 27.

Third place went to Roger Pyle with a net score of 28.

**The five Turkey Shoot winners are:** Patrick McMordie, Prakash Deshmukh, Bill Travis, Roger Pyle and David Hathaway.

**There were 4 birdies today:** Bob Mandell had two of them, one on hole 3 and another on hole 7. Andy Altman on hole 5. David Cook on hole 8.

### Deep thoughts:

"Golf seems to me an arduous way to go for a walk. I prefer to take the dogs out." - Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth

"Golf is an open exhibition of overweening ambition, courage deflated by stupidity, skill scoured by a whiff of arrogance" - Alistair Cooke, British journalist

## BOCCE NEWS



**"Balls of Fire" Bocce Team in 2016: Earl Magoun, Freda Salois, Captain Jean Corrigan, Steve Ford, Kit Hultquist, Chuck Langenstein, Marshall Ziock and Suzie Cortese.**

By Barbara Orlando

We are ending the year by featuring another dedicated Captain, Jean Corrigan. Growing up in San Francisco, she moved to Morgan Hill, where she spent most of her life. Always the volunteer, while living in Morgan Hill, she was the 4H Sheep Leader for 17 years and still continues to help at the Santa Clara County Fair each year. Jean has continued volunteering after moving to The Villages 27 years ago. She is involved in her Village Olivas activities, by helping with EPC and the Pumpkin Roll and participates in front yard decorations during the holidays.

After joining the Bocce Club about 12 years ago, once again she took the position as leader and became the Captain of the team, which she named "Balls of Fire" and consisted of the team members pictured above. She also became Captain of the Gals team, named the "Pink Ladies," whose team members include Bobbie Huston, Freda Salois, Kit Hultquist, Ronnie Byron, Lorraine Cappellieri, Karen Honaker and Suzie Cortese. The following is a quote from her team members, "The team has decided Jean, you are our Captain forever, *no choice*."

Jean is always willing to help where needed and has put together many successful social events for the bocce club. Thank you, Jean. For example, in 2015, Jean and Steve Ford co-coordinated the Spring Mixer, which is always a big job for anyone organizing the tournament.

Jean is now waiting and anxious for the arrival of a new member to her family, a pug named Boo (born on Halloween 6 years ago). This special little lady will be joining her in December, just in time for Christmas. What a lucky little pug.



# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

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

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/14-12/18.

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

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

5011, 5012, 5014, 5016-5018, 5020, 5021, 5026-5029, 5031, 5033 and 5041—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Del Lago

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

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3363-3366—Roof replacement in progress.

3423-3431—Painting project 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.

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

8404—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/14-12/18.

### 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.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 12/14-12/19.

### Olivas

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

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/11-1/15.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

### Sonata

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

### Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/14-12/18.

### Verano

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

## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2020/2021

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

Turf Aeration in progress throughout the district.  
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 in progress throughout the Villages.

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.

## 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."

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

# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

## NORTH

♠ J 6 5 4

♥ J 4 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ K 5 4

## EAST

♠ Q 9 8

♥ K 10 6

♦ K 10 6

♣ J 9 7 3

## SOUTH

♠ A K

♥ A 9 5

♦ A J 5

♣ A Q 10 6 2

## WEST

♠ 10 7 3 2

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ Q 4 3 2

♣ 8

Dealer: South  
Vulnerability: Both Sides

Bidding: South	West	North	East
2 Clubs*	Pass	2 Diamonds^	Pass
2 NoTrump^^	Pass	3 NoTrump	All Pass

Contract: 3 NoTrump  
Opening Lead: 3 of Hearts

Dealer has 2 Spade winners, 1 in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds, and 4 Club winners.

Strategy: Declarer needs 5 winners in Clubs to make the contract. This will be easy if the suit is divided 3-2 but not if it is 4-1. Since there is only 1 stopper in each of the red suits, the dealer must be very cautious how he plays the Clubs.

West leads the 3 of Hearts, East, the 10, South, the Ace, switches to the Ace of Clubs hoping that East has the Jack of Clubs if the distribution is 4-1. He then leads a low Club to the King on the board and is happy to see that West is out, and now he is in the correct place to finesse East for the Jack. He next leads the last Club from the board, finesses the 10, continues with the Queen of Clubs and captures East's Jack. Then he leads the last Club, follows with the Ace and King of Spades, next plays the Ace of Hearts, and leads another Heart. West wins with the Queen, continues with a Heart and then East takes the trick with the King. He next plays the King of Diamonds, leads the last card in his hand, the good Queen of Spades. South is very happy that he was able to take the 9 tricks before the opposition got in to take the rest of the tricks.

\* South's opening bid of 2 Clubs is an artificial bid showing a hand with 22 or more HCP.

^ 2 Diamonds is also an artificial bid showing less than 8 HCP and is waiting to hear his partner's suit.

^^ 2 NoTrump shows a flat hand with 22 - 24 HCP. 3 NoTrump by the responder shows a flat hand 4-3-3-3. Also with a 4-card major, Jack high or less, responder does better to raise the NT rather than asking his partner if he has a 4-card major.

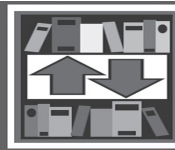
# PUZ-LER

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

**Karl Reid recently dug a hole that was 2 yards wide, 3 yards long and 4 yards deep. How many cubic feet of earth are there in a hole with those dimensions?**

Have a clue? Then email me, Mike Bailey, at michsp@aol.com with your answer.

**In last week's puzzle** Harriet had 3 animals—a cat, a dog and a rabbit. And the following came up with the right answer: Fred Mathis, Harriet Tower, David Allen, Jacqueline Wise, Harriet Fernandez, Peter Groot, Claude and Phyllis A, Karl Reid and Janet Mize. All elite Villagers!



# The BOOK EXCHANGE

Until the Villages Library can re-open, residents can share or get reading materials in a different way. The Villager is publishing a free book exchange corner. Residents will have an opportunity to offer free books by genre or ask for free books by genre using the free book exchange. A form is available on the Resident Portal of The Villages website or a hard copy can be left in the Building B drop box for you. For those offering books, please list the genre and number of books available with your phone number or email. Example: 3 mysteries, 1 historical novel and 1 romance book available—call or email xxx@yyyy.com or 408-123- wxyz; Wanted – 1 biography or history book, call or email abc@fgh.com or 408-098-mnop.

Residents are responsible to make their own arrangements to exchange the books. For more information contact Mary Tatum at 408 223-4643.

Book exchanger at scanlon\_chuck@comcast.com is offering 7 Romance books for exchange.

Book exchanger at margemccandless@sbcglobal.net is offering 1 Realistic Fiction book for exchange.

## Dial 211...

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211 is available to approximately 309 million people, which is 94.6 percent of the total U.S. population. 211 covers all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To find out whether 211 services are offered in your area and to obtain more information, visit 211.org.

### How 211 Works

211 works a bit like 911. Calls to 211 are routed by the local telephone company to a local or regional calling center. The 211 center's referral specialists receive requests from callers, access databases of resources available from private and public health and human service agencies, match the callers' needs to available resources, and link or refer them directly to an agency or organization that can help.

### Types of Referrals Offered by 211

Basic Human Needs Resources – including food and clothing banks, shelters, rent assistance, and utility assistance.

Physical and Mental Health Resources – including health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health resources, health insurance programs for children, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, and drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.

Work Support – including financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance and education programs.

Access to Services in Non-English Languages - including language translation and interpretation services to help non-English-speaking people find public resources (Foreign language services vary by location.)

Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities – including adult day care, community meals, respite care, home health care, transportation and homemaker services.

Children, Youth and Family Support – including child care, after-school programs, educational programs for low-income families, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring and protective services.

Suicide Prevention – referral to suicide prevention help organizations. Callers can also dial the following National Suicide Prevention Hotline numbers which are operated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)  
1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)  
1-888-SUICIDE (1-888-784-2433)  
1-877-SUICIDA (1-877-784-2432) (Spanish)

Those wishing to donate time or money to community help organizations may do so by dialing 211.

## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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

There's a saying attributed to Robert Baden-Powell: "Leave this world a little better than you found it." Well, I lived in The Villages for six years, from age 70 to age 76, and I'm sure I did not leave it "better than I found it." But I'm pretty sure that it left me better than it found me. During those six years I learned more about myself than during all of the prior seventy. Skills, abilities and inclinations appeared that I had no idea were resident within me. Among these are the three "R's"—writing, rhythm and relating.

I also had no idea I would ever do standup comedy (Open Mic,) or sing before an audience. I even sang a cappella at Open Mic once. I also had no idea that my sense of rhythm was any better than the average person's, but apparently it is. I've been welcomed and encouraged to play my snare drum (that a Villager gave me) at various musical get-togethers here.

But the "relating" may be the most important. I have been so surprised and delighted to find how much I enjoy my fellow seniors and "the elderly." (A senior is anyone around my age; the elderly are people older than me!) I discovered I was very comfortable listening to, sharing with, empathizing with and helping the many Villagers I came in contact with. It is said that everyone needs acceptance, and that each of us is able to give that to others. This became very natural to me during my time at The Villages.

We all learn and grow along the way, but I must say that I grew and changed for the better more during my six years at The Villages than during any other phase of my life. The Villages definitely left me "a little better than it found me"—in fact a lot better, and I hope it is doing the same for you.





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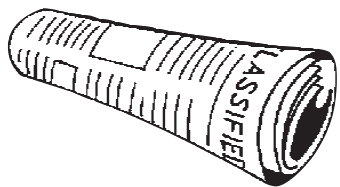
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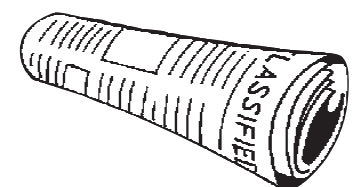
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## OBITUARY

### Ruth Evelyn Gomes

September 29, 1935 – November 30, 2020



Ruth Evelyn Gomes passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 85. Born in Montevallo, Missouri, her family relocated to Patterson, where she grew up and raised her family before retiring to San Jose.

Ruth graduated from Patterson High and married her high school sweetheart, Gene. She worked as branch manager of First Nationwide Bank in Patterson, Gustine, Modesto, and San Jose. Retiring to San Jose, she moved to The Villages. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Village Voices choir, Tennis Club, and served as board member and President of The Senior Academy.

Ruth loved to socialize and dance with her husband Gene. She enjoyed movies, bridge, tennis, writing poetry, telling jokes, singing in Village Voices and her church

choir, and being with family. Ruth valued time spent with friends Jeanie Verschelden, Lois Rountree, and Jerry, among many others.

Strong willed and energetic, Ruth lived her motto: Good, better, best. Never rest, until your good is better, and your better is best. She will be remembered for her gifts of humor and conversation, positive attitude, and love of seeking knowledge and understanding.

Services conducted by Hillview Funeral Chapel, Patterson.

## MEMORARE

### Mary Jane Martínez

January 18, 1937 – December 13, 2015



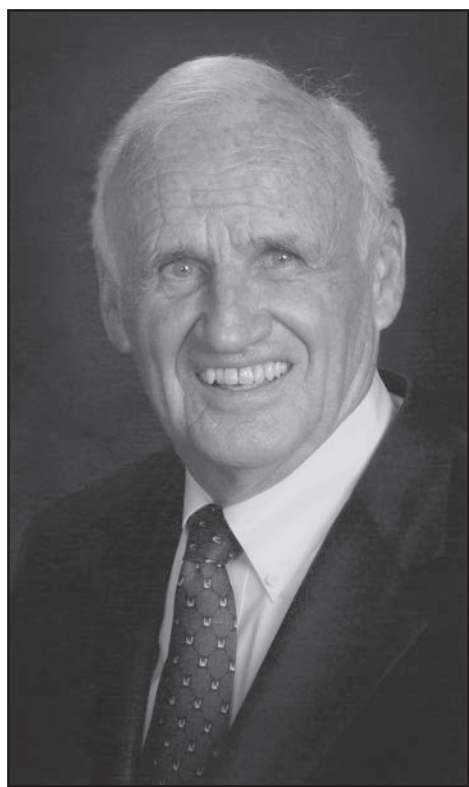
The Martinez family thanks Community Chapel, Prayer Team, and friends for your support.

God Bless.  
Reynold H. Martinez  
"Marty"

## OBITUARY

### James "Jim" Robert Teague

July 15, 1929 – November 30, 2020



Jim Teague, 91, of San Jose was a man of few words, a great tan and a constant smile. He liked the beach, military history, New England sports teams and lighthouses. He enjoyed ice cream and golf and he loved his family more than anything. He was known for his thoughtful and quiet demeanor and meticulous dedication to everyone he knew and everything he did.

Jim was born in Beverly, MA to Ralph and Helen Teague and was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph Jr. and Wilbur. After graduating from Beverly High School, he spent three years in the Navy on the U.S.S. Wright. He then attended Bryant University and upon graduation went to work for General Electric. His 43-year-long and distinguished career included stops in Schenectady, NY, Roanoke, VA; Memphis, TN; Cleveland, OH; and San Jose, CA. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rites. Upon retiring to The Villages, Jim enjoyed playing golf and serving on the Villages Homeowners Association Board. He was also a member of the Villages Hi-12 where he served as President.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Ruth; Daughters: Kathleen MacWilliamson (Roger), Susan Adame (Anthony) and Stacey Stebbins (Michael); five grandchildren: Kimberly, Brittany, Michael, Sean and Sara; and three great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in 2021 when COVID risks and restrictions have passed.



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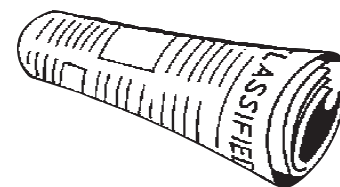
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