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## The News this Week

- **Villages General Manager's Q&A**  
(See article on pages 1, 6 & 7)
- **Pickleball Club's Virtual Ribbon Cutting**  
(See items on pages 14 & 15)
- **COVID-19 vaccine available-now what?**  
(See article on page 1)
- **Homeowners' Board Voting Record**  
(See article on page 7)
- **Public Safety November 2020 Report**  
(See article on page 4)

### Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

### Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

## Channels 26 & 27

Community TV channels:

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

- Q&A with The Villages GM
- John Yu's Bottle Etiquette
- Keep Fit with Mwezo
- Keep Fit with Hartmut

(See page 12 for broadcast times on the above items and for other programming.)



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## COVID-19 vaccine is finally available, so now what?

As the COVID-19 vaccine is making its way across the country, we are all wondering when do we get it?

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) and our local drugstore, Walgreen's, will be closely monitoring the vaccine roll-out and potential options available to Villages residents. Walgreen's has assisted the Villages with many successful on-site flu clinics, and have indicated, that once they have the vaccine available to the public, they will let us know.

The estimated time to have shots available for the general public that Walgreen's officials have indicated, so far, is spring or early summer.

The VMA, along with The Villages management team, will be exploring the logistics on how to bring a COVID-19 vaccine clinic to the Villages. We will continue to provide updates in the coming weeks.

## Answers from Villages General Manager's Q&A

The Villages General Manager Tim Sutherland held a virtual community update and Q & A forum Thursday, December 17.

General Manager Sutherland answered residents' prepared and live questions on Zoom.

**Please turn to pages 6 & 7 to see the answers to those questions.**



## Vineyard Pool to open soon for reservations!

Beginning Tuesday, January 12, swimmers will move to Vineyard Pool. The Foothill Pool will close Monday, January 11 following the last swim time of 3:15 p.m. The swim hours will remain the same—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with five lanes available for each swim time. Reservation software will be available for you to make your online reservations. The online and phone reservation processes will remain the same; reservation line if needed is 408-223-4636.

Thank you all for your patience with the changeover in January!

## Limited play begins as Pickleball Courts open December 23



Ray and Sandy Mosslin were among the first pickleball players to give the new courts a test-run.

(See pages 14 & 15 for a Special "Virtual Ribbon Cutting" for the new Pickleball Courts)



# 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.

6 Pulse letters received this week.  
1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.  
1 Pulse letter converted to an Above & Beyond item.  
4 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.

Why I moved to The Villages? First of all, my wife liked it, and I liked the idea of playing golf. We had different reasons, but these are mine. Before moving here, we lived on our boat for a few years and in a house in Almaden. I am not a suburban living kind of person. Mowing lawns, managing contractors, maintenance...you know...house stuff. Yuck! Living in this community, a lot of that stuff just went away. There was a management team and boards, maintenance department who took all the stuff I don't like doing, and did it. I pay a bunch of money a month for all those services and activities and am very happy. Of course, we live in California, in the Bay Area, at a Golf and Country Club. Fact: It's expensive. Now, all this concern over board and management oversight and transparency is something that doesn't quite make sense to me. If I felt I could do a better job at the management of these affairs I would have a few choices. Be part of it, take total control over my affairs (code for move), or...just not be too happy. Bad choices...for me!

—Adrien Fournier

Board elections: For the election, I would like to see harder questions to be asked from those running for the Board.

I.e. how do you feel about the recent resignation of several board members and GM? Transparency? Streets? Conflicts within the boards? Hiring outside lawyers?

Increase in fees? Coyotes? To name a few.

As Villagers we deserve more than political statements.

—Judy Eskinazi

As this year winds down, I would like to say a big thank you to all my fellow early morning walkers many that are out before the first hint of dawn is cresting the hill above The Villages. Your early cheerful "Good Morning" and "Have a Nice Day" are an awesome start to the day. It is wonderful that we can walk in a safe, pleasant environment and see nature for what it is truly important. I also want to say thank you to all the workers out on the golf course doing all the tasks that are necessary to get ready for the day, you wave, give us the thumbs up, and do a great job keeping our community a great place to live and enjoy living.

—George Muller

A committee is meeting to determine the future of our cable, internet and phone systems.

This should not be a secret committee except when we start negotiating with the final bidder(s).

We should determine what Comcast plans are by requesting their plan cost for the Villages services with a high-level executive at Comcast immediately.

A comparison chart of the vendors and types of service should include the name of the vendors, their types of service, installation timeframe, installation cost, monthly cost, channels availability, service problems, disadvantages, and advantages. There are several outspoken residents who seem to have a good knowledge of these internet/cable services who should be consulted on the initial chart layout and data.

The comparison matrix should be posted in The Villager and the resident website available for all to review. Past experience has shown that Villages projects tend to run slower than need be. Based on what I heard at the CBOD meeting, we are not moving quickly enough. The decision date should be December 2021 not mid-2022.

Personally, I am satisfied with the Comcast Network except for the cost, billing games, instruction updates, and sometimes the customer service. Let's see what other options are available.

—John Brueck

## IN MEMORIAM

Claire Gililand

December 2, 1940—December 17, 2020

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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.

### 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 Barbara Clurman at 347-451-5309, Sue Callahan 408-238-2413, Jeanette Campa 408-661-0203, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Jane Derow 408-440-0665, 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

## 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*.)

## Please submit Pulse letters in digital form only

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

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

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Sincere thanks to Meg Flanagan and her team. Over the last few months, I have requested varying details of financial information through various official channels and Meg and her team ultimately end up providing the finer details.

I really appreciate this and fully understand how hard she and her team work behind the scenes.

—Manji Patel

More  
BOARDS &  
COMMITTEES,  
MANAGEMENT  
and  
COMMUNITY  
NOTICES

on pages 4, 5, 6, 7 & 21

## 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.

**Wishing you a Happy, Healthy  
and Prosperous New Year  
2021!**



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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.



## Estate Planning Attorneys

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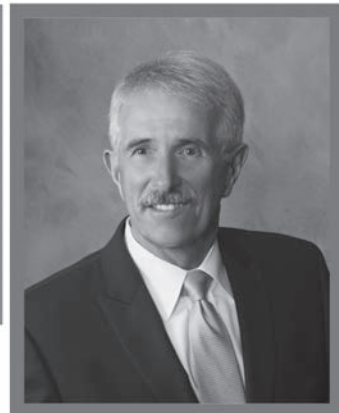
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# MANAGEMENT

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Public Safety Report November 2020

CLASSIFICATION	Present Month	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>			
1) PERSONAL INJURY	0	0	3
2) AUTO	0	5	5
3) HIT & RUN	0	1	6
4) GOLF CART	0	0	1
5) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	1
<b>AFTER HOURS REQUESTS</b>			
1) LIGHTS	20	712	681
2) FACILITIES	8	73	149
3) SPRINKLERS	1	112	122
4) LANDSCAPE	1	20	30
5) ACTIVITIES	0	2	6
6) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
7) GOLF MAINTENANCE	0	3	1
8) FOOD & BEVERAGE	0	0	0
9) BUSINESS OFFICE	0	0	0
10) PRO SHOP	0	0	0
11) WATER LEAKS (OUTSIDE)	2	15	40
12) ALARM ACTIVATION	2	13	6
<b>ANIMAL</b>			
1) COMPLAINTS	3	178	91
2) TRAP REQUEST	0	0	0
3) LOST	0	0	3
4) FOUND	1	2	5
<b>CITATIONS</b>			
1) PARKING	0	1	14
2) SPEEDING	6	93	485
3) STOP SIGN - RESIDENTS	13	370	
4) STOP SIGN - NON-RESIDENTS	44	617	
STOP SIGN TOTALS	57	987	40
5) MISCELLANEOUS	0	88	46
6) ACC	0	0	0
<b>DISTURBANCE</b>	1	6	4
<b>FIRE / SMOKE</b>	0	2	2
<b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>	0	7	8
<b>MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>	50	513	413
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	8	158	213
<b>PROPERTY</b>			
1) DAMAGED	4	32	53
2) LOST	0	4	0
3) FOUND	0	5	6
4) VANDALIZED	0	4	3
5) MISSING	2	5	13
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
1) COMPLAINT	12	209	189
2) REQUEST	11	142	274
<b>RESIDENT ASSIST</b>	19	187	244
<b>RESIDENT WELFARE CHECK</b>	3	68	100
<b>SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	0	4	8
<b>TRESPASSING</b>			
1) AUTO	0	0	0
2) PERSON	1	3	3
<b>UNLOCKS</b>	17	185	249
<b>UNSECURED AREA</b>	1	17	13

### Property Report November 2020

Date	Item	Summary
11/10	Missing	Resident reported books missing from her driveway.
11/11	Damaged	Amazon truck knocked over a set of mailboxes in Sonata.
11/12	Missing	Resident reported her golf cart charger was missing from her cart parking space.
11/13	Damaged	Resident was having trenches dug up around his home without approval.
11/16	Damaged	Resident reported that an animal dug out a large amount of dirt around her air conditioner exposing wires and damaging it.
11/25	Damaged	Resident damaged her golf cart when she hit a tree.

### Public Safety Top Responsibilities

1. Gate integrity and access control
2. Medical emergencies backup response
3. Maintaining a resident key database for resident unlocks
4. Miscellaneous responding/reporting events ranging from traffic accidents, water leaks, neighbor disputes and snake removal.
5. Traffic enforcement for resident safety
6. Patrolling, locking and unlocking Club property
7. Registering and orienting new residents

### 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 on New Year's Eve, December 31, and the pool will be closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2021.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year!

### 2020/2021 Christmas tree pickup schedule

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

- 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.

### 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.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages &

### Cribari Decorations Notice:

The Cribari Decorations Committee thanks each Cribari resident that helped decorate the Cribari lane entry lane for the Holidays. We are now calling for help in taking down the decoration on January 9, 2021, 10 a.m. weather permitting. An alternative date is Friday, January 15, 2021 at 10 a.m. Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.



# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## 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).

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

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

## What will be in your mail today?

Are you curious about what will be in your mail today? Are you going on vacation and want to know when a certain check has arrived? The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers a free notification service to residential consumers called USPS Informed Delivery. If you register for this service, you will receive a daily e-mail showing the exterior images of your letter-sized mail to be delivered that day. The daily e-mail will also include USPS packages that will be delivered soon—usually that day.

Some mail pieces—e.g., catalogs and magazines—are not imaged by the automated postal equipment and will not appear in your Informed Delivery notification.

If you would like to know what mail you are going to receive, register for this free service at the web address: [informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com).

You will be asked three or four security questions by the USPS to be sure that you, rather than a Bad Guy, are the registrant. Remember, the USPS, while privatized, is still part of the Federal Government and, consequently, knows a fair amount about you. Questions we are aware of are:

- What are the last four numbers of your SS number?
- What is the square footage of your home?
- When did this become your address?
- What did you pay for your home?
- What year was your SS number issued?

All but the first question is presented in a multiple-choice format.

SRS is aware of one Villager who uses this service in a unique way to help her mother. Last year the mother could not find all her form 1099s needed for her tax return. The mother insists the forms never arrived. The daughter suspects they were tossed.

The daughter registered her mother with the Informed Delivery service. However, rather than asking the e-mail to be sent to mother's e-address, the registration listed daughter's e-address.

The daughter visits mother frequently but will now time her visits based on the daily e-mail showing what mail mother will receive. Daughter plans to visit the day mom's pension 1099R arrives and again the day the 1099DIV arrives from Fidelity. We think this idea might be helpful to Villagers with aging family.

If you register, the service should begin within three business days.

*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 Question:**

## How much can I earn and still get SS benefits?

If you are younger than full retirement age and make more than the yearly earnings limit, your earnings may reduce your Social Security benefit amount. Full retirement age is 66 for Villagers born between 1943 and 1954. Beginning with birth year 1955, two months are added for every birth year until the full retirement age reaches 67 for people born 1960 or later.

If you are under full retirement age for the entire year, SS deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you earn above an annual limit. In 2021 the limit on your earnings is \$18,960.

In the year you reach full retirement age, SS deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different annual limit. In 2021 the limit on your earnings is \$50,520.

Beginning with the month you reach full retirement age, your earnings no longer reduce your SS benefit, no matter how much you earn.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### All DAC

- The DAC Preliminary Budget Meeting is Thursday, January 7, at 10 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

Meeting ID: 926 1236 3822

Passcode: 283238

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Association

- The Ad Hoc Association Reserves Accumulation Committee meeting is Monday, January 4, at 1 p.m. via Zoom Meeting—Agenda: 1) Reserves Spreadsheet Request; 2) Q&A Discussion (Committee Questions, Staff Answers); 3) Association Reserves Inc. (ARI) Role in the Villages Association

Meeting ID: 841 1489 1758

Passcode: 002965A

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Budget Workshop Meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

Meeting ID: 959 8768 9026

Passcode: 096447

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Special Meeting Re.: Reserves is Tuesday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392

Passcode: 223468

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Special Open Meeting Re.: 1) Change to VGC Charter; 2) Discuss Emergency Plan is Tuesday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar

Meeting ID: 930 2483 6769

Passcode: 562028

Dial: 669-900-6833

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Special Open Meeting Re.: Discuss Street Maintenance is Tuesday, January 19 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar

Meeting ID: 930 2483 6769

Passcode: 562028

Dial: 669-900-6833

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

Meeting ID: 994 0278 3745

Passcode: 260616

Dial: 669-900-6833

## 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

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## Answers from the General Manager...

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### Budgets and Assessments

**Q: Can you lower our current assessment amounts?**

**A:** Unfortunately, this is not likely with continuing increases in insurance, labor, utilities, service and maintenance contracts. Staff is committed to staying out in the field to properly manage costs; less talking and more walking.

**Q: Our district reserve contributions are too high compared to other districts so what can be done?**

**A:** Each district has different requirements, project timelines and due dates. The reserve plan is updated every year so if funding is adequate, above the target minimum balance set by the Board, and meets both short and longer term needs; the Board can make prudent business judgement adjustments.

**Q: Why are our assessments increasing every year?**

**A:** The Villages is an aging complex (districts ranging in age from 21 to 53 years) with increased maintenance needs and requirements in one of the most expensive places to live, build, work and recreate in the country.

**Q: What is driving up our HOAs and what can you do to you reduce our fees?**

**A:** Insurance, utilities, labor, landscaping and reserve project costs drive the majority of the increases. Some suggested ways to save money would be to streamline the governance structure, electronic distribution of *The Villager*, reduce custom common area landscaping requests, charge market rate restaurant meal prices, and consider eliminating slow revenue time periods and days at the restaurant; reduce in-unit insurance losses, and increase the wildfire insurance deductible.

**Q: Can we delay reserve projects to save money?**

**A:** After a third-party consultant verifies the impact of the improved caulking and roof preventative maintenance (PM) programs, the Board can elect to increase the paint and roofing cycles. Our roof PM program is expected to increase the useful life of our roofing systems 3 to 4 years. A caution on deferring maintenance without a proper PM program—construction costs go up year-after-year so delaying projects just to lower assessments means projects will most likely cost more the following years and the deferred maintenance may mean more expensive future repairs as well.

**Q: Have we cut labor during the pandemic?**

**A:** Yes we reduced labor. We furloughed 68 employees at the start of the pandemic and brought many restaurant and golf employees back a few months later due to the PPP Loan. We are still operating with some unfilled positions.

**2019**

Full-Time 96  
Part-Time 91

**2020**

Full-Time 89 (-7)  
Part-Time 65 (-26)

**Q: Why are we running a large deficit, and will we have to pay more because of that?**

**A:** No, we are not running a budget deficit. All Villages Corporations are ahead of plan and will not have a budget deficit that will cause a special assessment. The Club has large revenue deficit (golf and restaurant), but Club expenses have been reduced appropriately to match the revenue loss.

**Association Results** - Year-to-date (four months of operations), total revenue is short of budget by \$400 at \$3,567,500 (laundry concession fees). Year-to-date, operating expenditures are \$3,572,300 or 7.2 percent (\$275,700) less than the budget of \$3,848,000. The positive budget variance is mostly attributed to savings in water expense, insurance expense, irrigation maintenance expense and planting expense. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$275,200.

**Club Results** - Year-to-date revenue is \$1,044,000 unfavorable to budget, 20.7 percent lower than the budget of \$5,035,000. Year-to-date expenditures are \$1,118,000 favorable to budget, 22.2 percent below the budget of \$5,039,000. Savings generated in many expense categories have more than offset the revenue loss for the first four months of the fiscal year. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$74,000.

**Homeowners' Corporation Results** - (Non-Estates single-family homes). The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$232 (legal fees). (Estates single-family homes). The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$4,144 (mostly in planting expense, water expense and irrigation maintenance expense).

**Q: What percentage of our total Villages expenses is related to personnel costs?**

<b>A: Planned Expenses</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Operating	\$25,179,331	
Reserves	\$10,435,302	
	\$35,614,633	
<b>Labor Expense</b>	<b>\$ 9,115,521</b>	<b>26%</b>

**Q: What went into the Licenses and Fees variance for September 2020?**  
**A:**

Club Fees, Dues and Licenses (8660) September 2020							
Posting Date	G/L Account	Payee	Amount	Proj Cod	Department	Description	Notes
9/1/2020	8660	SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDER	103.00	51	GM's Office	Revocable Easement License Recording Fees	
9/2/2020	8660	BROADCAST MUSIC INC (BMI)	3,700.00	71	Community Activities	Annual Music License Fee	Timing
9/3/2020	8660	DMV RENEWAL	262.00	54	Maintenance Admin.	Vehicle Registration	
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9/3/2020	8660	DMV RENEWAL	262.00	54	Maintenance Admin.	Vehicle Registration	
9/11/2020	8660	SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDER	206.00	51	GM's Office	Revocable Easement License Recording Fees	
9/14/2020	8660	BUREAU OF SECURITY AND	40.00	101	Public Safety	Guard Card	
9/14/2020	8660	EMS SOFTWARE LLC	573.81	169	Clubhouse	Event Reservation Software	Timing
9/14/2020	8660	EMS SOFTWARE LLC	1,721.25	71	Community Activities	Event Reservation Software	Timing
9/15/2020	8660	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR HOMEOWNERS (ECHO)	2,019.00	54	Maintenance Admin.	Dept. of Environmental Health-Annual HazMat Fees	
9/25/2020	8660	FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INTERNATIONAL	440.00	51	GM's Office	ECHO Seminar-Board/DACs	
9/25/2020	8660	FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INTERNATIONAL	649.00	52	Accounting & Finance	Financial Executives International Annual Dues	
9/25/2020	8660	U.S. BANK	80.00	51	GM's Office	Credit Card Flexperks Annual Fee	
			<b>10,318.06</b>				

### COVID-19

**Q: Why can't we have COVID-19 testing at The Villages?**

**A:** Neither the County, nor other outside entities, would provide liability insurance. The nearest testing site is located at the Fairgrounds off Tully Road.

**Q: Why can't we open the library, gather outside for exercise, etc?**

**A:** In Santa Clara County, the new restrictions were issued through the Mandatory Directive Implementing the State's Regional Stay At Home Order and changes to the Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations. They include the following:

You must stay at home or at your place of residence at all times and may only leave for essential activities (as defined by the state) or for activities explicitly allowed in the State's Regional Stay at Home Order. You may leave your home at any time for activities that do not involve interaction or gathering with anyone outside your household (such as going for a solo bike ride or walking your dog).

Most gatherings, regardless of size, are prohibited. You may no longer gather socially (even outdoors) in groups of up to 3 households.

### Coyote Issue

**Q: What is being done to reduce the Coyote population and what is being done differently than prior years?**

**A:** Since May 2020, staff are tracking and sending coyote sightings to County Vector Control frequently throughout each month, and sending reports to State Fish and Wildlife; inspecting, reporting and repairing breaches in our fence line weekly; running weekly education pieces in *The Villager*; working with Vector Control on identifying dens; and reducing potential landscaping hiding areas around units.

### Public Safety

**Q: Is there a list or mission statement of what Public Safety does?**

**A:** On the Public Safety page on the resident portal:

1. Gate Integrity and access control
2. Medical emergencies backup response
3. Maintaining a resident key database for resident unlocks
4. Miscellaneous responding/reporting events ranging from traffic accidents, water leaks, neighbor disputes and snake removal
5. Traffic enforcement for resident safety
6. Patrolling, locking and unlocking Club property

### Work Orders

**Q: Are there enhancements planned to provide more information on the status of landscaping work order requests?**

**A:** Yes—early next year one district will beta test a BrightView Landscaping interactive work order system.

### Cell Towers

**Q: Can we have a cell tower installed for better coverage up to the eastern portion of The Villages?**

**A:** That depends on the carriers' cost/benefit analysis. Installation of tower depends on the number of customers that would benefit from improved service up against the hills. Voyage Auto installed a private cell repeater due to poor coverage in the area for their use. Hopefully the Club Network Services Research Committee can look into a work around for The Villages. Many residents have reportedly installed cell boosters and repeaters in their units.

**Pickleball Courts**

**Q: Will the courts come in on time and on budget?**

**A:** Yes, on budget and on time with limited opening planned for December 23, 2020 for same household singles play only.

**Comcast**

**Q: The rates are too high. What can be done?**

**A:** Comcast is raising their bulk rate 4 percent to 6 percent a year and the same holds true for retail rates. There is a Club committee looking into this issue. One option residents have shared with me is to de-bulk (take Cable TV out of our assessments) and residents would purchase Cable TV a la carte if they so choose.

**Trash Rooms**

**Q: I notice more cardboard boxes in trash rooms with many not broken down. What can be done?**

**A:** We are ordering larger size recycle bins due to the increased use of online shopping during the pandemic and will continue to publish reminders to residents to break down boxes before recycling.

**Package and Food Delivery Services**

**Q: What deliveries/services are allowed to enter the gate without being signed in by a resident or Security at the Gate? Has it changed during the Pandemic?**

**A:** USPS, UPS, FEDEX, DHL etc. that deliver to multiple houses. Individual deliveries like food, furniture, repair agents, appliances etc., going to a single home must be cleared by the resident. This procedure remains unchanged during the pandemic.

**Good News and Trends**

- More work orders getting done than three years ago; a 44-percent increase.
- Rodent Exclusion work sealed 42,000 holes.
- Roof PM and improved caulking application implemented which may allow for extending the life and maintenance cycles for roofing and painting projects.
- Sewer relief valves installed which has reduced in unit sewer main line back-ups dramatically over the past two years.
- Sewer lines are being replaced in multiple districts due to root encroachment.
- Record levels of dry rot being uncovered and fully repaired the last few years with one more year to go within four remaining districts. Once this work is completed, there is a high likelihood staff will recommend reducing the building component allowances moving forward.
- Fire-rated sheet rock installed in 90 units above their main electrical panels for proper fire safety and rodent exclusion.
- Repair and maintenance, pest control, legal fees, operating supplies are trending flat or nominal increases in some districts. All other accounts, except insurance lines, are expected to increase 3 to 5 percent.
- In FY 2024 we will reduce our operating expenses approximately \$200,000 a year due to the solar lease payments ending that year.
- Your homes and amenities are well-maintained and present a wonderful place to call home.
- We offer a well-managed, controlled-access gated community.
- Our Clubhouse offers the best takeout and delivery meals around!
- We have a beautiful golf course that has never looked better with more resident play now than in years past.
- We have dedicated leadership, volunteers and staff to take us forward and successfully through this pandemic.
- The future of The Villages and our Villagers is bright indeed!

**Budget Resources**

<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/category/gmo/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/olivas-town-hall-presentation-august-10-2020/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/november-2-2020-montgomery-dac-townhall-presentation/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/fy-2020-2021-club-budget-presentation/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/fy-2020-2021-association-budget-presentation/>  
<https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/homeowners-corporation-budget-presentation-fy-2020-2021/>

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Homeowners' Corporation Board Voting Record for December 2020								
December 17, 2020 Meeting Voting Record								
Homeowners' Corporation December 2020 Meeting Voting Record								
	December 17, 2020 Quarterly Board Meeting Agenda Items	Board Members*					Comments	Costs
		MM	RK	BF	GS	RZ		
1	Ratify Quarterly Review of Accounts - 6/30/2020 (deferred from September 17, 2020 meeting)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify acceptance of the quarterly review of accounts dated June 30, 2020, deferred from September quarterly meeting.	\$0
2	Ratify Quarterly Review of Accounts - 9/30/2020	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify acceptance of the quarterly review of accounts dated September 30, 2020.	\$0
3	Approval Consideration of Resolution to Record Lien for Unpaid Assessments: (APN) 665-58-XXX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved resolution to record lien on APN #665-58-XXX for unpaid assessments totaling \$3,838.03.	\$0
4	Approve Membership, Chair and Terms for Estates DAC	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus, the Board agreed to have the Chair of the Estates DAC and ACC Board Liaison work together to confirm committee membership and terms for approval at a future meeting.	\$0
5	Approve Membership, Chair and Terms for ACC	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus, the Board agreed to have the Chair of the Estates DAC and ACC Board Liaison work together to confirm committee membership and terms for approval at a future meeting.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures								\$0
A = Absent   AB = Abstained   N = No Vote (does not vote in favor)   Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor)   C = Consensus								
* MM = Mary McBride   RK = Rob Kirschbaum   BF = Brooks Fuller   GS = Greg Stewart   RZ = Richard Zahner								



# THE CLUBHOUSE

For 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 in November 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 9-11.)

**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 DELIVERY AND GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

### *New Menus for Home Delivery, Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup*

#### *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, outdoor Patio Dining has been suspended until further notice.

### *Soup of the Day*



For the week of  
1/4 to 1/10

<b>Monday 1/4</b>	Cream of Turkey
<b>Tuesday 1/5</b>	Chicken Shiitake Mushroom
<b>Wednesday 1/6</b>	Minestrone
<b>Thursday 1/7</b>	Beef, Vegetable and Rice
<b>Friday 1/8</b>	Clam Chowder
<b>Saturday 1/9</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday 1/10</b>	Chef's Choice

### **Curbside Service Hours of Operation**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Saturday and Sunday**

**Breakfast Menu:**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.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 serving at 7 p.m.**

**Clubhouse closed New Year's Day—Friday, January 1**

#### **Note about indoor dining:**

Because of a revision to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's COVID-19 restrictions, indoor and outdoor dining at the Clubhouse is no longer available. This does not affect the Curbside Grab-and-Go pickup or home delivery options.



More CLUBHOUSE

## 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.

**Clubhouse  
Closed  
on  
New Year's  
Day**

More CLUBHOUSE  
on pages 10, 11 & 21

## New Menus for Home Delivery, Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup

To order Curbside Grab-and Go  
408-370-8553

### 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

For Curbside Grab-and-Go Service, call in your order at 408-370-8553. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

**NOTE: Clubhouse will be closed:**  
• New Year's Eve. Only Service For Special New Year's Eve Curbside Pick Up.  
• New Year's Day.

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Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

## 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*



### Coffee \$1.95

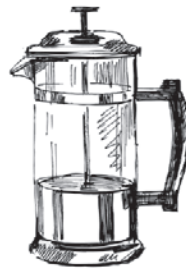


Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95



### Huevos Rancheros 2. \$8.75

*2 Eggs over Easy on a Crisp Corn Tortilla with Beans, topped with Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Sour Cream*

### The Villager 2. \$9.50

*2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast*

### Three Egg Omelet or Frittata 2. \$9.75

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

### Eggs Benedict 2 \$9.95

*2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit*

*breakfast time*

**To order Curbside Grab-and Go**

*(Breakfast orders only Saturday & Sunday 7 to 11 a.m.)*

**408-370-8553**

**NOTE: Clubhouse will be closed:**

- **New Year's Eve.**
- **Only Service For Special New Year's Eve Curbside Pick Up.**
- **New Year's Day.**

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.



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 Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

**To order Curbside Grab-and Go**  
**408-370-8553**

## 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  
 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

**To order Curbside Grab-and Go**  
**408-370-8553**

## Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 7:30pm

See Dessert Menu on page 21

### 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

V = Vegetarian  
 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 Only**  
**Grilled Rib Eye Steak 2. \$33.95**  
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**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

1. Served raw or undercooked, or contain raw or  
 Undercooked ingredients

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 Slow Cooked in Red Wine Sauce

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 Country Gravy

**Filet of Sole Picatta \$23.75**  
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 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



Next Week on **CHANNEL 27**

**M-W-F-Su**  
 12:00/6:00 AM/PM  
 Mwezo: Chair Aerobics  
 12:25/6:25 AM/PM  
 Mwezo: Tai-Chi 8-Form  
 12:50/6:50 AM/PM  
 Hartmut: Cardio Fitness  
 1:27/7:27 AM/PM  
 Hartmut: 15-Minute Floor  
 1:45/7:45 AM/PM  
 John Yu's Bottle Etiquette  
 2:00/8:00 AM/PM  
 Q&A with The Villages GM

**Tu-Th-Sa**  
 12:00/6:00 AM/PM  
 Mwezo: Chair Yoga  
 12:26/6:26 AM/PM  
 Mwezo: Aerobics Workout  
 12:50/6:50 AM/PM  
 Hartmut: Chair Fitness  
 1:33/7:33 AM/PM  
 Hartmut: 15-Minute Floor  
 2:00/8:00 AM/PM  
 Q&A with The Villages GM

**3:30/9:30 AM/PM**  
**MON** Dragnet  
**TUE** The Lucy Show  
**WED** Sherlock Holmes  
**THU** Burns & Allen Show  
**FRI** Robin Hood  
**SAT** Beverly Hillbillies  
**SUN** You Bet Your Life

**4:00/10:00 AM/PM**  
**MOVIES+**  
**MON** Kentucky Rifle  
 + The Ed Wynn Show

**TUE**  
 3 Guys Named Mike  
 + The Milton Berle Show

**WED**  
 The Farmer's Daughter  
 + The Loretta Young Show

**THU**  
 Angel on My Shoulder  
 + Ghost Parade

**FRI**  
 Lady of Burlesque  
 + The George Gobel Show

**SAT**  
 The Little Princess  
 + Dora's Dunkin' Donuts

**SUNDAY VARIETY**  
**4:00/10:00 AM/PM**  
 Colgate Comedy Hour  
**5:00/11:00 AM/PM**  
 The Dinah Shore Chevy Show

**CHANNEL 26**  
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**Club Events & Notices**

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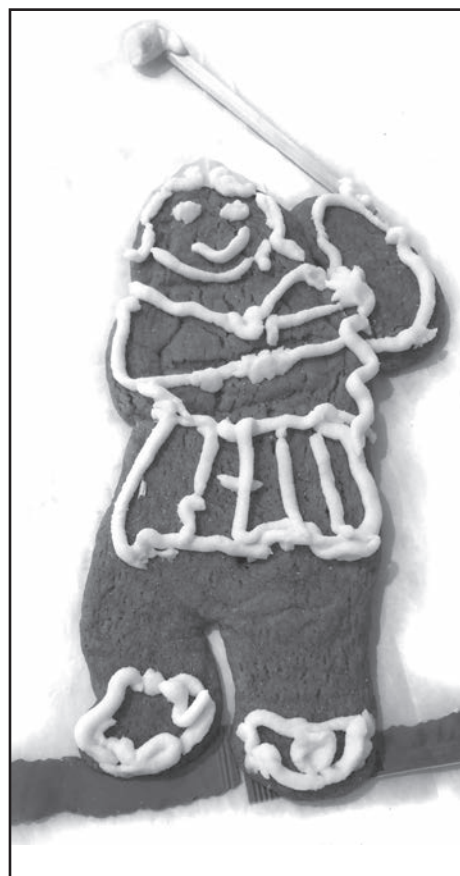
# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## Sugar and Spice Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Contest winners

Winners of the Community Activities office-sponsored gingerbread cookie decorating contest are featured below. The cookies were to be homemade or purchased plain and undecorated and decorations were to be hand applied by the resident entrants. Elizabeth Keller is the winner with her Marine cookie in dress blues. Second place is shared by Sharman Watkins with her pensive boy cookie and Judy Gergurich with her Gingerbread golfer. Many thanks to all who participated.



Elizabeth Keller is the first-place winner with her Marine cookie in dress blues—part of a larger “cookie family.”



Second place is shared by Sharman Watkins with her pensive boy cookie (above) and Judy Gergurich with her Gingerbread golfer (at right).

## Comcast/Xfinity Sunday Night Football drawing winners

The lucky winners of the December 13th Sunday Night Football Drawing for the San Francisco '49er and Washington Football game are shown below with their prizes. Fred Hink, who was awarded a Fit-bit, was unavailable for picture. Thank you, Comcast!



Lani Lee, Keurig coffee maker



Janet Mize, golf balls



Sy Gelman, binoculars



# CLUBS & EVENTS

## *VTE merges into Senior Academy Arts & Crafts honors Barbara Gottesman*

The Villages Technology Explorers club (VTE) and Senior Academy (SA) are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2021, VTE will merge into the Senior Academy. VTE will no longer be a Board authorized club but VTE-like events will continue under SA. The merger provides many benefits for both organizations and may result in new technology-oriented initiatives.

VTE Board members are also Senior Academy members, with three now serving on the SA Board; one specifically added for technology-related activities.

The idea for the merger was discussed at the beginning of 2020 and resulted in timely cooperation as the pandemic emerged. It has proven beneficial for both groups just as technology is helping deal, worldwide, with some of the impacts of the pandemic.

### **Genealogy Club: *Learn about researching vital records***

What are vital records and what does BMD mean? Where and how do you start looking for these records? How do you find old cemetery records? At our next meeting the Genealogy Club will discuss one of the most important tools for genealogists: Vital Records.

Please join us on Thursday, January 7 at 10 a.m. on Zoom for the discussion. If you are not already a member, please contact Linda McMullen at lindavillage8392@gmail.com and she will send you the link for the meeting. Our group meets monthly to learn and share our research on family history. Come join us and start the search for your ancestors!

### **Vote for your favorite Villager art online**

All Villagers are invited to vote for their favorites in three online exhibits on the Arts & Crafts website. These Art Challenges are a way for artists and crafters to exhibit their work during shelter in place while the Conference Room, Patio Room and Art Room exhibits are not available.

We have **Art Challenge 7: Joy and Hope**, **Art Challenge 8: Colors of Autumn**, and **Art Challenge 9: Winter Scenes**. Paintings, crafts and art photographs are entered, all touching on the theme somewhat. Our Advisory Board will award a \$50 cash prize in each category.

If you want to vote for your favorite, review the entries on our website at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) on the webpages Art Challenge 7, Art Challenge 8 and Art Challenge 9. Choose one in each category by listing the artist and the artwork. Email your votes (make sure to include your name in the email) directly to the Webmaster and Exhibits Chair at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com). Voting ends on January 10.



**"Wehner Mansion" by Walter Howald**

### **By the Arts & Crafts Association**

Barbara Gottesman was recently honored as Volunteer of the Decade by the Arts & Crafts Association. For more than a decade, Barbara has volunteered her time and expertise to The Villages Arts & Crafts Club (VACA). She joined VACA in 2005 holding the office of Secretary and then Vice-President. In 2007 she became President and held that office for eight years. She has done just about every job there is in the Club: webmaster, class scheduler, programs, events chair...and on and on.

Barbara moved to The Villages 15 years ago after a very impressive professional career. She holds a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Leadership Curriculum, has been a teacher and principal and State Educational Center director and professor. We say "Wow!" to that. Barbara retired in 2007 to see if she could become an artist.

Her favorite art media are collage, Chinese brush painting, ceramic sculpture, acrylic and assemblage. She is also interested in creative writing, which she is currently participating through Zoom.

A couple of years ago, with help from Jane Hink, they decided to honor Jim Paradis for his 20 years of devotion to the Club. They worked for months organizing the event titled "Retrospective of Jim Paradis's Work." They ignored the "nay-sayers" who said that Villagers would not be interested in a formal retrospective for an artist. Over 300 people attended the event to congratulate Jim on his body of work. Jim died three months later.

Barbara Gottesman has practically single-handedly kept our Arts & Crafts Association here at The Villages a dynamic club during the past 15 years, and especially during the past year during our COVID shutdown. Yes, there are many other people involved in Arts & Crafts, but not one single person has dedicated so much more time, effort, and love to our Club than Barbara Gottesman. Our Arts & Crafts membership of over 220 Villagers sincerely thanks Barbara for her decade of dedication.



### **VMA to sponsor Gut Immunity workshop**



**Christine Rosche**

Did you know that a healthy gut provides immunity for your entire body? In fact, 80 percent of your immune system is in your gut! The VMA is sponsoring a Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2 p.m. on the importance of maintaining a healthy digestive system.

The session will be moderated by Christine Rosche who is a Board-Certified Nutrition Specialist and Digestive Health Expert with 25 years in the field. She has developed an integrative approach to digestive health and stress management.

During this Zoom meeting she will provide strategies to boost your immune system and help prevent Covid-19 and the flu. She will discuss the foods that help and hinder your immune system, the three supplements you need to help prevent Covid, and how stress can affect how you react to illness.

If you are interested in this informative workshop, please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) to get the Zoom connection information.

### **A friendly reminder from the VMA**

The VMA provides many services for Villagers, one of which is the delivery and pickup of needed equipment. If you need equipment or want equipment picked up at your home, you simply need to call the VMA office at 408-238-4230. Leave your name, address, and phone number and a volunteer will return your call to arrange for delivery or pickup. Someone from the VMA is picking up messages Monday through Saturday. Please do not call Public Safety for this service unless it is an emergency. What would constitute an emergency? If you have a sudden illness or you have broken bones and need a wheelchair, walker, or cane ASAP and it's Sunday or late in the evening. Public Safety needs to be reserved for true emergencies.



# An Amazing Accomplishment—Our Virtual Ribbon Cutting: The Pickleball Courts

## Pickleball Club Development Timeline

### 2014

- Nancy Keane entices the Tennis Club to take note of a sport called pickleball
- Tennis Club allows play for one-and-a-half hours every Wednesday and Saturday with the requirement that fresh tape be placed at the start of play every day and then removed immediately when games are completed

### 2015

- Pickleball Club established with elected officers and suggests it is time for official pickleball courts in The Villages
- Tennis Club increases support by allowing Pickleball Club to use courts #5 and #6 with limited hours
- The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) establishes a program to accept pledges for building dedicated pickleball courts
- Pickleball Club begins regular weekly beginner clinics
- Club membership doubles

### 2016

- Serious fundraising starts with the unique idea of selling engraved bricks
- Pickleball Club bylaws written and approved
- Committee established to determine the feasibility of building dedicated pickleball courts
- Club members participate in the Bay Area Senior Games
- Club takes part with an incredible float in The Villages Fourth of July Parade
- A club representative presents Court Project Committee findings at the VG&CC Board Town Hall meeting

### 2017

- Club Board officially declares the Village Green as the site of the new Pickleball Courts
- Regular tournaments with prizes begin
- Started organized fund raisers
- Exchange with other clubs
- Had open play with another pickleball club from the East Valley YMCA

### 2018

- Official Website goes on line
- Club raises \$50,000 to be matched by The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF)
- Permanent yellow tape was installed on Courts 5 and 6
- First "Pickle-up" event implemented
- Club participates in a "Just For Fun" bocce tournament with the Villages Bocce Club with a "revenge" match a month later
- Pickleball club featured on the cover of The Villages Spotlight magazine
- Club joined forces with the Evergreen Villages Foundation for a "Just For Fun" golf tournament and barbecue

### 2019

- Pickleball Club holds first holiday dinner
- Second and final study is held to mitigate communities noise concerns
- Based on research to mitigate noise, an approved paddles list is created
- The courts are getting busy—a "Waiting List" paddle holder is built
- Pickleball Club and EVF join forces for a fun and successful "Prohibition Speakeasy & Casino Night"
- Public hearing of the San Jose City Planning Department at City Hall for final permission to build the courts

### 2020

- New reservation system implemented
- COVID-19 Pandemic spreads throughout the year
- **Courts completed and open for play December 23**



Archive photo 2014



Archive photo 2016



Archive photo



September 15—Courts paved with asphalt



October 20—The playing surface applied to the courts



Archive photo 2019



# Pickleball Club, with the support of many Villagers did it!

Skillful shepherding of the proposal has allowed the successful building of our Pickleball Courts. Many other communities have struggled with this issue, and, although it has taken a few years, in the grand scheme of things all hurdles were overcome relatively smoothly and with grace. Having this wonderful amenity helps increase our property values and quality of life.

To make this all possible, we have to thank the pioneers, Pickleball Club officers, past and present, Pickleball Ad Hoc committee members, Joint Tennis Club/ Pickleball Club Steering Committee, Villages staff, Club Board members, past and present, EVF members, noise study participants, "tube stuffers," publicity writers, and the list goes on. These are the kinds of people who help make this the wonderful community what it is.



The courts opened Wednesday, December 23 for the first day of play.

## Special thanks to the following, listed alphabetically:

Maxine Amundson  
Sherry Benz  
Howie Blumstein  
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## Dr. Gary Latshaw to speak on climate crisis

The Senior Academy is delighted to announce that Dr. Gary Latshaw will be talking to Villagers via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Register for this event on our website [villagessa.org](http://villagessa.org).

For decades, climate scientists have predicted events that are happening today—Arctic ice melting with global consequences, severe storms causing uncommon damage, forest fires igniting all over the globe, major crop losses occurring, and devastating natural events proliferating across the globe. The next generation will inherit an earth much different than the one we grew up in.



The presentation will emphasize the vanguard role that California has and should play in restoring the damaged earth that we have created.

Dr. Latshaw will cover the science and historical development of the climate crisis and show how we as individuals as well as industry, and government can help mitigate and adapt to the inevitable problems that will come. He will share how we can take action now to avoid the worst consequences for future generations. Beyond averting catastrophic damage, we will benefit from cleaner air and water and even see reduced international tensions.

Dr. Latshaw has been trained by the Climate Reality Project – a program founded by Former Vice President Al Gore, and is a member of many environmental groups including the Sierra Club and 350.org. He is also a founder member of [securethefuture2100.org](http://securethefuture2100.org), an organization dedicated to educating, engaging and advocating to help mitigate climate change, and protect natural ecosystems.

## VMA welcomes you to monthly meetings via Zoom!

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.

## Ann Ravel to speak on Administration change

Join the Villages Democratic Club on Zoom on January 13 at 2 p.m. for insight into what might be in store in the coming months. From January 20, our country moves to a totally different President, Administration and approach to governing. On January 13, the runoff elections in Georgia will be behind us and the scope of the new government's ability to get things done will be clearer.

The Democratic Club has been able to tap into an experienced player in both California and national politics to help us better understand what might be accomplished in the first six months of the new Administration.

Ann Ravel has served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice and President Barack Obama nominated her as a Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission.

Ann is always a welcome guest at The Villages and we are delighted that she has accepted our invitation to share with us her insights into what might happen in the first six months of the Biden Administration.

We asked Ann to consider and share her thoughts on: the diversity of the Cabinet, what can't be reversed by executive order, reaching across the aisle (to the GOP and also to the Progressives), and who do we know from the Bay Area that may hold senior positions (apart, of course from Kamala Harris)!

This presentation will be as a Zoom webinar. To register for the event please contact Tony Berg at [anthonydberg@gmail.com](mailto:anthonydberg@gmail.com)





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# RELIGION

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'Better People a Better World'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

No one would deny that we all are human beings desiring to live in peace and enjoy a full purposeful life. We look for opportunities to meet others who have the same or similar goals, hopes and dreams to build strong bonds that will endure throughout eternity. With open minds and hearts, we welcome others to be a part of our imperfect lives because of the grace that we have received from God. Sometimes those individuals that come into our lives are different than what we had envisioned but based upon our need we discover they were God Sent.

As you look at people from all over the world, you will discover a central theme that people want love, acceptance, appreciation and most of all forgiveness when they fail. Regardless of a person's age, religion, sex, ethnicity, culture, education or lack thereof, the desire is the same... to live in peace. If we have knowledge of these things the power of wisdom is within us to reciprocate to each other's needs with integrity. You can have a life changing impact on another person's life forever, by the grace that you extend to them.

There are situations that I have observed where people have demanded more out of others than they demand out of themselves which creates hostility and resentment. We have all been under duress in 2020 and I need not catalog all of the things that we have had to endure as citizens of this country. In this New Year, whether things get better or not, let us embrace each other with the grace that God has shown to us. Be the first person to understand your fellowman's needs and be willing to do your part to be a better person, to build a better world for all to live in peace.

Life's experiences enable each of us to take our past and gain the wisdom from our failures to better our future. With a new year there are new challenges and some are reoccurring but with faith in God we shall endure until we are in His presence.

Romans 5:8 NLT "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

**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](http://Villagescommunitychapel.org)

**Have a blessed 2021**

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### Happy New Year

**Reflection on Sunday's Readings, by Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM:**

"What child is this..." the Christmas song asks. In this time of Christmas, we might, like Jesus' parents, wonder at this miracle. We come to believe in Jesus by getting to know him. From a humble birth with his parents and the gathering of some shepherds, this Jewish child was born in an area controlled and occupied by the powerful and oppressive Roman Empire.

In the Gospel today (Luke 2:22-40) we see his parents following the Jewish law and bringing him to the temple. They are greeted by two people who are not temple leaders but elders who are at the temple to share their experience, strength and hope. Their wisdom expresses an awareness of potential, pain and hope.

How can we discover, what child is this? We can ask for the grace to come to know Jesus by being with him as he is revealed to us in the New Testament. Beginning here at the end of Luke's gospel we find him returning to Nazareth, a small town in the hill country. We hear that "the child grew strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him." We might want to ask Jesus or Mary to share with us the experiences of these days in Nazareth.

**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.

**Daily Readings and Reflections:** If you want to read the daily Mass readings in the coming year, and reflections on them, you can find them in the daily emails from SFOA. For other options, contact Marion Burry. Phone number and email at the end of this column.

**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](http://sfoasj.com) and daily emails from SFOA. Call SFOA at 408-223-1562, or email [rolivas@dsj.org](mailto:rolivas@dsj.org) for information.

**Questions? Comments?** Contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231 or [marion93940@aol.com](mailto:marion93940@aol.com).

## JEWISH GROUP

By Arnold Pinck

Below is the seventh installment of Jewish Migration to the United States:

32. Lou Reed was born in Brooklyn, and in 1989 released an album whose title, "New York," paid tribute to the city.

33. In a reinterpretation of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven," Lou Reed asked the four questions at the Downtown Seder at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in 2004.

34. Musician Lenny Kaye was born in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan in 1946. He met Patti Smith while working at Village Oldies on Bleecker Street and went on to become a member of the Patti Smith Group.

35. Starting in the 1970s, hundreds of thousands of Jews left the Soviet Union for New York, many settling in Brighton Beach, which came to be known as "Little Odessa."

36. Established in 1927, Kehila Kedosha Janina at 280 Broome St. is the last remaining Greek Jewish synagogue in the Western Hemisphere.

**Happy New Year**

Well we're starting a new year, 2021. Let's hope we can get back the "new" normal this year. So far it looks like the U.S. is starting to inoculate people. Since we are in an at-risk category, we may be given the vaccine sooner than later.

**Our board, starting January 1 is: President:** Marilyn Goldsmith, **Vice President:** Arnie Pinck, **Treasurer:** Stan Chapman, **Secretary:** Liz Dietz, **Immediate Past President:** Bob Lapidus, **Directors:** June Chapman, Joe Pessah, Rob Kirschbaum, Joyce Mendel, Judy Stein, Judy London, Dee Garfinkel, Laura Danoff, Jan Margolius, Michelle Selincourt, Sandi Rosenblum.

We are happy to report, that Rabbi Laurie Matzkin, will again be with us this year. The ritual committee is already planning for this year's services. Our Friday night services, are on the third of each month, will be continued on Zoom, until further notice. It is hoped that with the new vaccine, we will be able to hold services with everyone present, in the same room. We will be asking local Rabbis to lead our services, as in the past. Some of you might not know that Rabbi Aron has decided to retire beginning January 1. Don Fernandez, will be getting speakers, for our services. The next Friday night service will be on January 15 via Zoom. Marilyn Goldsmith will be sending out Zoom instructions, prior to this service. Watch for this in your email.

Our hope is, that we will be able to have Passover Services in the dining room, this year and all other activities, in the Foothill Center as well.

Don Fernandez is getting the 2021 Membership Roster ready for distribution. Watch your email for further instructions.

Some of you might not know that Joe Pessah is responsible for Good & Welfare. If you know a member that is ill or needs other assistance, contact Joe at 650-279-7814. Also, Joe will be able to get a Minion for anyone who is sitting Shiva.

For information about Jewish Family Service (JFS), contact Dee Garfinkle at 954-806-5493 and for the Second Harvest Food Bank, Joyce Mendel at 408-238-7316.

If you would like more information about the Villages Jewish Group, contact Joyce Mendel at [emendel2@gmail.com](mailto:emendel2@gmail.com).

Stay healthy and remember our next Shabbat Service is January 15.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

If you are like me, after the holiday festivities you're excited to finally close the door on the current year and welcome the New Year. However, before we set goals for the New Year, it is important to reflect on the craziness of 2020 and all that we have lived through.

**Here are 4 simple questions I ask myself each year:**

1. When did I feel inspired or excited this year?
2. When did I feel at my lowest this year?
3. What lessons have I learned?
4. What was my biggest accomplishment?

By answering these four questions at the end of every year it has made all the difference in starting my year off right and it is probably more important this year than any other year in my life. After reflecting on the above questions then I will start setting my goals for 2021.

I hope the above might help all of us to start out on a hopeful and positive path for the New Year! Cheers to all and hoping for a healthy 2021!

## BOCCE NEWS



**2021**  
Happy New Year

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**THE VILLAGES BOCCE CLUB**  
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**IN THE NEW YEAR!**

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Nancy Keane

Here is a photo of the 18 Hole golf women's board. It was taken at last December's Christmas gathering. Little did we know, that a year later we would not be allowed to celebrate at our fabulous Christmas luncheon with our friends.



**18 Hole Women Board in December 2019.**

This wonderful group of ladies has worked continually during 2020 to give us activities, so that we could still have our golf fun here at The Villages. Of course, there was a period when our golf course was closed for play, but most of the year, within the restrictions, we have still been on our golf course.

We thank these ladies for their tireless work, and hope that this board, who will continue to serve in 2021, will have a brighter future.

A happy and safe New Year to them and from them!

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

Amid the gloomy weather we have some good news. There were 11 players challenging the course on Friday. This means the Treasurer will be in action awarding some real money to the December 18th winners.

**Our winners are:**

First place, we have a tie between Tak Okabe and Richard Petroski with net 31. They both get 10 points and \$10.

Second place goes to John Mueller with a net 35 for 8 points and \$8.

Third place goes to Mario Silva for 6 points and \$6.

Since that will be the last Friday competition for the year, the following is the **Championship point summary for the current top 5 players:**

- First place: Tak Okabe with 80 points
- Second place: Richard Petroski with 66 Points
- Third place: David Cook with 48 points
- Fourth place: John Mueller with 24 points
- Fifth place: Frank Garcia with 20 points

I would like all of the active players to send me their latest GHIN index numbers so we can start the new year with fresh handicaps. I will send a summary of the money prizes earned in December to the Treasurer so he can hit the bank for the cash and make the proper distribution.

**I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a safe and healthy New Year.**

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen have begun their 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 17, 2020, the weather was cloudy and colder. Several groups of intrepid Ironmen braved the weather and turned out. **The results are as follows:**

First place went to David Hathaway with a net score of 27.

Second place went to Patrick McMordie with a net score of 28.

Third place there was a two-way tie between Bob Lapidus and Bill Travis, each with a net score of 30.

**There were two birdies today:** Lee Thompson on hole 9; and Mario Silva also on hole 9.

**Deep thoughts:** "Hitting a golf ball and putting have nothing in common. They're two different games. You work all your life to perfect a repeating swing that will get you to the greens, and then you have to try to do something that is totally unrelated. There shouldn't be any cups, just flag sticks. And then the man who hit the most fairways and greens and got closest to the pins would be the tournament winner." - Ben Hogan, winner of two Masters, four US Opens, and The British Open.

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## TENNIS TALK

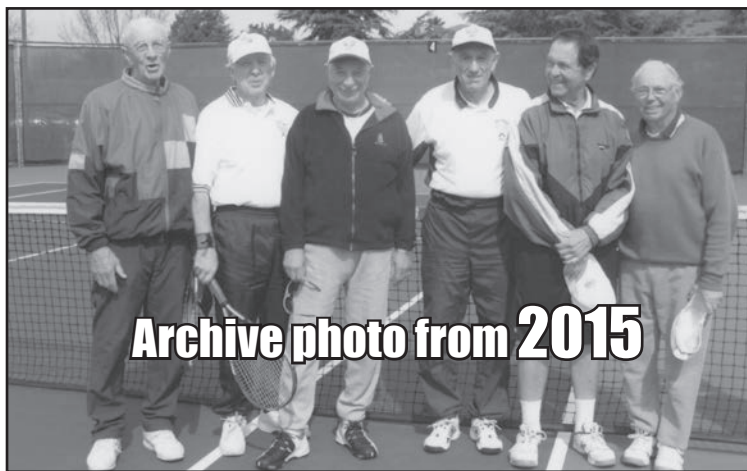
By John and Phyllis Mueller

Remember when you asked your Nanny and Grandpa to tell you about the "Golden Days?" Well when the Muellers write, that is what you get! Having moved here in 1994, at 58 and 62 years old, we were the "new kids" and now have become, after 26 years, "the old guys." John still plays tennis and golf, but Phyllis has moved on to just golf after some back issues.

The Villages Tennis Club (known as VTC in this article) was for us a perfect fit! We belonged to the San Jose Swim and Racquet Club in Willow Glen where we lived for 35 years before moving to the Villages. The VTC became our place of preference for 20 years and close friendships were formed in this wonderful group.

As the VTGC always says, "We have something to offer for any level of player." Our first event was called **Friday Night Tennis and Pizza** and was a drop-in run by Pat Jenkins and Lynn Leonard. Always well-attended and elaborate switch partner schemes were thought up by this dynamic duo for years on end.

**Fun Tournaments** were run by various members and well-thought out and seeded so most people were well-matched competitors! Always fun and themed and sometimes costumes required. **Team Tennis** was an annual event sometimes going on for six weeks! We made a mistake one year of asking a technical writer, John Long, to write up the rules and he presented us with a book-length expansive rule list that had to be read for hours before we could figure out what they meant. Teams of eight were chosen and a Captain assigned. Phyllis captained Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with Herbie Holt as Snow White one year! Noise and music were part of the idea and fun was had by all.



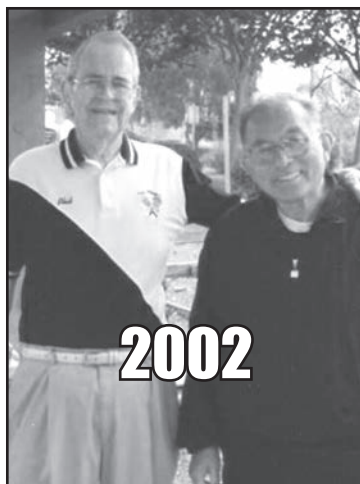
From 2015, Some Golden Tennis Guys! Photo of Bob Bow, Wayne Weiler, Herbie Holt, Howie Blumstein, George Beck and Barry Stein.

**USTA Teams** were brought into the VTC and all who were interested had to be rated as a 3.5 or 3.0 player as that was the only two rated teams we had. It became so popular that one year we had Women's two 3.0 teams and 3.5 teams and Men's the same. Adding courts 5 and 6 helped us out a great deal when we were having USTA matches. Our only problem was food at the viewing stand after matches. A monitor had to be assigned to keep tabs that our food was given out to the right teams!

**Potlucks** were famous events at Montgomery Center! Sometimes themed! We can remember Andy Nishimura strumming the Uke and singing Hawaiian songs while Rama Firth and her dance group danced the Hula!

**Rossmoor Exchanges** twice a year existed then and still do! We used to always win and then toned it down a bit so it was more equal. Then they started to win more and we would bring in the "big guns" again.

The **Championship Tournament** was such a big deal that people planned their vacations around it! Always two weekends with a dinner after the last one. Even singles be-



From 2002 Phil Prescott And Shig Murao.

Photos by Phyllis Mueller

came popular specially with the men. Always Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The competitive spirits prevailed many times needing linesmen to help with calls.

**Christmas Dance** is where we "cleaned up" and looked our best. This event evolved into live bands which was always fun and the girls could get out and dance in circles! New board was announced and changing to the guard occurred! **Happy New and Better Year!**

## Golf Course 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.

Golfers will be on the golf course daily until dusk.

Remember that the golf course is intended for golfing, so please defer to golfers at all times – stay safe!

## PICKLEBALL

By Linda Eige

**Happy New Year from the Villages Pickleball Club!**

An exciting item to look forward to in 2021 is playing on our new pickleball courts! They look gorgeous and everyone is anxious to try them out. As only one household at a time can play on a court, due to current restrictions, many of us are still waiting, ever so (not) patiently.

**Important News:** There are many new pickleball rule changes for 2021. The "Official 2021 Rulebook" will become effective January 25, 2021. There are over 100 changes, but here are a few relevant to most of us:

1. Service lets have been eliminated.
2. You can start your service motion while the score is being called.
3. You can bounce the ball to hit a "Drop Serve."
4. The server doesn't have to call the score, but someone on the serving team does.
5. Lines calls have been simplified.

I recommend reading the USA Pickleball 2021 Alternate Rulebook and I plan to cover some of these changes here in the future. The rulebook PDFs are available at [usapickleball.org](http://usapickleball.org). The Alternate Rulebook lists all the changes and explains the rules in a more simplified manner than the Official Rulebook.

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

By Kyle Finley ([kylefinley@outlook.com](mailto:kylefinley@outlook.com))

**Changing of the Guard:** I would like to thank all of you who have provided input for Men's Club articles for the last three years. I would like to introduce new Executive Committee member Doug Moore who will take over as Communications Chairman for 2021. Feel free to contact him with ideas for articles at [douglas.moore865@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.moore865@gmail.com)

**Introducing the 2021 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee:**

- David Bacigalupi - General Chairman
- Ken Peters - Vice-Chairman
- Ken Peters - Treasurer and Hole-in-One Chairman
- George Welch - Secretary and VGC Representative
- Jim Seymour - Handicap, Membership, NCGA and Rules Chairman
- Leo Ruth - Tournament Co-Chairman
- Larry Dorsey - Tournament Co-Chairman
- Richard James - Evergreen Chairman
- Mike Tuft - Home and Home Chairman
- Doug Moore - Communications Chairman

These gentlemen have all volunteered to try and make your golfing experience as Men's Golf Club members all that it can be, so feel free to contact them with ideas and suggestions. Their contact information will be in your 2021 Green Handbook and will be posted in the Pro Shop Posting Room.

**Urgent Attention of ALL Men's Golf Club Members!** NCGA and USGA have announced that effective January 1, 2021, all golfers will need their own individual email accounts, and that joint spouse emails if both are registered golfers will no longer be accepted, to post their scores. Effective January 1st, you will not be able to post on the Ghin app or website without your own email address. NCGA said that it will follow suit in future months and require individual email accounts to post on the NCGA app or website. NCGA also announced that they are discussing eliminating Posting Kiosks (our Posting Room computers) in the upcoming year. The USGA and NCGA are requiring this change for mandatory security purposes.

**Therefore:** If you do not think the Men's Club has your email, contact David Bacigalupi at [baci1786@aol.com](mailto:baci1786@aol.com) and provide your email. Even if you are not sure, contact me to confirm I have your current email. Any questions contact me by email or (408) 691-7474.

**Golf Course Activity Calendar:** Did you know that you can see the entire monthly and yearly golf course planned activities on The Villages website? Check out the following link: <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/golf/gacal/>





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## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

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

**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.**

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

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.**

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

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 the door propped open on nice days with a table blocking entrance so we can serve members as necessary.

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.

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.**

Only one golfer permitted on the tee box at any time.

Maintain 6 feet of distance on the putting green. Whoever is furthest putts first, then finishes out (do not mark) and exit green. Do not gather around the hole on the putting green.

Please do not try to converse with the Pro Shop staff through the glass window, it's best to phone us with any inquiries.

If you need personal assistance, please wear your mask when approaching the Pro Shop or Driving Range staff.

**Golf Instruction Halted**—Due to the current public health order for Santa Clara County, golf instruction has been labeled as non-essential. Therefore, unfortunately for the time being, and until the current ordinance is lifted, we will not be able to provide golf instruction to Villages residents. We will let you know when golf instruction will be permitted again. We apologize for this inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding.

**New Resident Welcome Orientation to Golf at The Villages—Thursday, January 14 at 1 to 2 p.m.** (Zoom meeting details to follow). I would like to welcome all new Villagers to golf at The Villages. Invited are all new resident golfers (or any new residents) who moved into The Villages in 2020 or in January 2021. This year has been unique for many reasons... as we all know, the pandemic temporarily altered how we facilitate golf play at The Villages. When things return to a sense of normalcy, golf play will eventually return to some semblance of what we used to do. I will be available via Zoom to explain in detail what the “normal” golf play schedule and calendar of events is like at The Villages.

If you have any preliminary questions that you would like answered, please email me before January 14 at [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com) and your question will be on the agenda.

**Tips from the Pro – Scott Steele, PGA Director of Golf**

**Up, Down, and All Around – How to tackle those Uneven Lies**

Although the up and downhill slopes at The Villages are subtle, they do exist. Uneven lies are a factor here and knowing how to play them can help you achieve better results. If you look at the course from the practice area, you can see that there is definite elevation change from hole #1 and #10 at the “bottom of the hill”, to holes #8 and #13 at the “top of the hill”. Here are some tips on how to better play those uneven lies...


Uphill (#5, #10, #12) – Play one more club, lean into your front foot a bit to offset the hill pulling you back, if the lie is severely uphill choke down on the grip handle, play the ball in the middle or slightly forward in your stance, expect less or minimal roll once the ball lands.

Downhill (#8, #9, #18) – Play one less club on your approach shots, choke down on the grip, play the ball back in your stance so you do not hit the ground first, expect the ball to roll more once it lands so if you are laying up on #9 or #18 play for more roll

Sidehill (#7, #14, #16, #17) – When the ball is below your feet play one more club for its length, bend more at the knee so you feel like you're sitting down a bit, play the ball back in your stance, swing easy to maintain balance. When the ball is above your feet choke down on the grip, play one more club, aim a bit right, lean into your toes for balance, swing easy.

*Let me know how these tips work...*

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



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

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

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES



## EVF FOCUS

### Seeing 20/20...One Last Time!

By Diana Hallock, EVF VP

*"Seeing 20/20 does not mean you have perfect vision" is a great quote to start this new year! As we move into 2020, I hope all of us have perfect vision, namely, the ability to see what isn't in The Villages now but what could be! That may be more volunteers, better facilities, pickleball courts, more birdies on the golf course, more clubs for socializing, taller trees, more flowers, whatever fits your vision of a perfect community!"*

This was the opening paragraph of the first EVF Focus of 2020. Who could have known we would see a worldwide pandemic, massive changes in the ways people work and socialize, toilet paper rationing, coyotes roaming our streets, an unprecedented presidential election, and an expedited vaccine that most of us are clamoring to receive? What else did we see? More volunteerism, more giving, more family connections, more neighbors helping neighbors, more bright eyes smiling over masks, and eagles soaring over our golf course. From the entire Evergreen Villages Foundation Board, our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021. For more information, visit [www.evfsj.org](http://www.evfsj.org)



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

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### Coyote reminder...

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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.

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

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

### 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](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) or call and leave your email address to 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, January 14 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

**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](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org).



# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/28-1/1.

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

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

5042-5050, 5052, 5053 and 5056—Dry rot repairs scheduled to start 12/28.

### Del Lago

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

E1 and E3-1 Lakes—Circulation pump repairs in progress.

E2 Lake—Bender board and cobblestone installation around lake in progress.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3363-3366—Roof replacement in progress.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

### Estates

8876-8897—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/8-2/12.

### 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 in progress.

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/28-1/1.

8481—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.



Happy New Year, neighbors.

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## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2020/2021

<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	
	February 1 to February 6	
	February 22 to February 27	Completion (weather permitting)
<b>Verano</b>	January 18 to January 23	
	February 8 to February 13	Completion (weather permitting)
<b>Highland</b>	January 25 to January 30	
	February 15 to February 20	Completion (weather permitted)
<b>Club Buildings</b>	March 1 to March 6	Completion (weather permitted)

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake Area—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 around Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/28-1/1.

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

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

8350, 8356 and 8357—Dry rot repairs in progress.

8112—Stucco wall repairs in progress.

### Highland

7574-7598, 7661-7701 and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/1-2/5.

### Montgomery

6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6246-6336—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/28-1/1.

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

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

6312-6326, 6327-6339, 6340-6350 and 6351-6361—Painting in progress.

### Olivas

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

### Sonata

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

### Valle Vista

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/11-1/15.

### Verano

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

7399-7404—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 of turf grub activity throughout the districts in progress.

Lawn over seeding repairs in progress.

Turf aeration throughout the districts, in progress.

Turf fertilization throughout the districts, in progress.

### Club Centers

Weed spraying throughout the Villages in progress.

Turf fertilization throughout the club centers, in progress.

Chardonay Lake—Circulation pump repairs 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.

## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

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# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

## NORTH

♠ K 8 7 6 2  
♥ Q 9 4 3  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ —

## EAST

♠ J 9 3  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ A K 10 2

## WEST

♠ 10 4  
♥ J  
♦ A J 6 5 4  
♣ Q 7 6 5 4

## SOUTH

♠ A Q 5  
♥ A 10 8 7 5  
♦ K  
♣ J 9 8 3

Dealer: East  
Vulnerability: None

Bidding: East	South	West	North
1 Club	1 Heart	2 Clubs	3 Hearts
Pass	4 Hearts	All Pass	

Contract: 4 Hearts  
Opening Lead: 5 of Clubs

Dealer has a Heart loser, 1 in Diamonds and partner's void in Clubs will allow trumping most of the Club losers. Strategy: Hope East has the King of Hearts and set up the Spades to sluff a Diamond and a Club.

West leads the 5 of Clubs, South trumps on the board, switches to the Queen of Hearts, East, low and South observes West's playing the Jack of Hearts. He then leads a Spade to the Ace in his hand, follows with another Club, trumps it on the board, now plays the 9 of Hearts, East ducks, South covers with the 10, and next leads the Ace of trump to pick up the King. He then plays the Queen of Spades, continues with the last Spade in his hand to the King on then board, follows with the last 2 Spades, sluffing the Jack of Clubs and the King of Diamonds. He leads a Diamond, trumps it in his hand, continues with the last 2 trumps, and now leads his last card, the 9 of Clubs, which East wins with the Ace. Great! The contract is made with two extra tricks. A slam is highly unlikely to be bid. It is only possible because of the distribution of the cards. Also if West had led the Ace of Diamonds first, then it would allow South to sluff 2 Clubs on the good Spades rather than one Club and a Diamond and still make 6 Hearts.

# The BOOK EXCHANGE

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

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## 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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## PUZ-LER

**Our PUZ-LER for next week:** The boat owned by Claude and Phyllis sits in San Francisco Bay. Over its side is a 12-foot ladder with rungs one foot apart and the lowest rung is resting on the water. If the tide rises four inches an hour, how long before the first four rungs are completely underwater?

Email me, Mike Bailey, at [michsp@aol.com](mailto:michsp@aol.com) with your answer. And while you are at it, please have a very Happy New Year!

For the last PUZ-LER, many of you pointed out to me that apples do not grow on a plum tree. **The answer was zero.**

The winners were Sy Gelman, Jacqueline Wise, Dorene Vittel, Judy Bushey, Janet Mize, Estelle ?, Eric Stusnick (the owner of the plum tree), Harriet Tower, Jean ?, Margaret Davies, Peter Groot, Fred ?, Harriet Fernandez, John Hill, Leah Gilmore, Barb, Lorrie Scott and Claude and Phyllis A.

## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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

When I first heard the phrase "wish-want-need-got" I envisioned a progression whereby a man (for example) finds himself first wishing that he had something – say a vacation home on a lake or something. Then as time goes on, his occasional wishing solidifies into more of a continual want. He thinks about it a lot. By dwelling on it so, it becomes a need. He will not be happy or feel complete until he achieves it. He needs it. In the last stage of the progression, of course, he has it: wish-want-need-got!

Another interpretation is not a progression so much as an if/then proposition: If you only wish, you will always want. But if you truly need something, then you will get it. In other words, the result of wishing is merely wanting (not having,) but the result of needing is getting. The wish must become a need.

Speaking for myself, retirement and ease with my wife of 54 years - both in good health, still in love, represent for me the vacation home on the lake. But I don't remember wanting so much as wondering what life had in store for me. If the need was there, it was subconscious. What about you? As you look at where you are in life now, compared to where you started out, how would you describe the journey? Were you consciously striving, or just sailing along, letting the breeze take you where it would? Is this your "vacation home on the lake," or are there needs still out there for you?

Is it the wondering or the "getting" that keeps life interesting?



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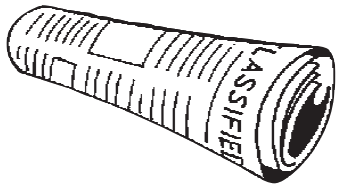
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# OBITUARY

## Claire Gililland

December 2, 1940 - December 17, 2020



Claire Gililland passed away on Thursday, 12/17/20 at age 80. She passed due to COVID-19 complications while living the past three years in a dementia care home.

Claire's parents came to America in 1938 from Antwerp, Belgium. Claire was born in Malden, Massachusetts in 1940 and moved to San Jose on Koch Lane and Claire graduated from Willow Glen High School in 1959.

During her high school years, she worked as a dental assistant and attended SJ City College. She met Jerry Gililland on a blind date in 1960 and they were married on September 17, 1960. In January 1961 they sailed to Germany and lived there 1961-1964 where Jerry served in the Army. She was a devoted warm, loving mother to Scott, Steven, and Christine.

Claire began art classes at age 35 at De Anza, College and completed an AA degree in Fine Arts in 1975. She was involved in various creative venues for 60 years. She painted seascapes, landscapes, portraits and won awards in Rockport, MA and Los Gatos. She also completed many clothing designs in sewing and knitting for her children and grandchildren, Chad, Evan, and Mikayla.

She and Jerry traveled extensively with many tours in Europe, and visits with relatives in Belgium. Claire also enjoyed friends in her PEO chapter. She loved nature, animals, and she was a great cook/baker and avid outdoor athlete.

Claire was a special person who touched many people. We will miss her greatly, but cherish all the memories of a life well lived.



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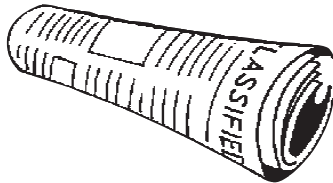
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