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New time slot added to Vineyard Pool

Due to the popularity of the Vineyard Pool reservations, starting Monday, January 18, we will be adding an additional morning timeslot at 9:15 a.m. on weekdays only. The last swim on weekdays will still end at 4 p.m. There will be no change to the weekend schedule of swimming from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our online reservation software has already been updated to reflect this change and as always you can call the Swimming Reservation line at 408-223-4636 to make reservations or if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful time swimming!

New COVID-related rules for Pickleball

Are you interested in playing Pickleball? We want to make sure everyone knows how to sign up and play on our new courts!

Pickleball play is currently under COVID-19 restrictions. Currently, there is only singles play allowed between members of the same household allowed. Keep tuned for updates, but until then, we must follow the guidelines.

All players must sign up on YourCourts.com. Account approval requires all players have a Pickleball Paddle on the Villages approved paddle list and use Onix 2 Pure pickleballs (available through the club). These specific paddles and balls are required by the SJ Planning Commission, so are now Villages rules. Once COVID regulations are lifted, the club has sample paddles for players to try, and provides balls for players in our equipment shed.

There are several COVID-19 regulations everyone needs to understand. All players must sign up on YourCourts.com for County contact tracing purposes. Each 90-minute session has a "Designated Participant." The DP ensures that players do not have COVID-19 symptoms, wear masks, and use hand sanitizer prior to play and when leaving the court. They also make sure everyone social distances by remaining six feet apart, and that the benches inside the courts and the tables/benches outside the court are not used.

No players may enter the court until they have been checked in by the Designated Participant. All players must wear court shoes ("tennis shoes")—not only to protect our specialized surface from damage, but also to prevent injury. Running and exercise shoes are designed to prevent lateral motion, making falls more likely. The adjacent small parking lot is for golf carts only; please park cars by the tennis courts and use the crosswalk.

It may sound like a lot, but we must follow COVID regulations as required. Approved Paddles and Balls as well as signups will still be required after the COVID-19 regulations are lifted. Contact pickleballvgcc@gmail.com with any questions and have fun!

Show that you care. Wear!



Wear a mask any time you go out and especially if you come in contact with others. To be safe, stay at least six feet away from others.

Wear your mask so it comes all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose, and all the way down under your chin. Keep it snug to your face.

No details yet on vaccine distribution in The Villages

Many residents are wondering when and where the COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed.

While vaccine priorities have been established at the state level, Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) has not yet determined whether vaccines will be distributed inside The Villages or through residents' health care providers.

General Manager Tim Sutherland said The Villages is encouraging the county to offer distribution inside The Villages gates. VMA and staff are looking at options to partner with Walgreen's for a future onsite vaccination service.

As of now, SCCPHD has authorized distribution of the first vaccines to health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities. This distribution is expected to last through most of January. As of January 5, State Region Two which includes Santa Clara County has administered 125,290 doses. There are 2.4 million health care workers in California.

The State plan is to vaccinate people over the age of 75, and those under 65 with at-risk health conditions, in an early tier. But the state and county have not yet issued any details about a distribution plan for their tier.

It is recommended that residents keep in touch with their private health care providers as a primary resource for vaccinations.

When details are available, the information will be announced via Fastlane, Villagesgcc.com and *The Villager*.

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 and converted to an Above & Beyond.
5 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.

Whoever took my pretty Santa banner from my front yard must have needed it more than me. If you had asked for it I would have gladly given it to you. I would have gifted you the nice stake also.
—Jean Gillette

One of the wonderful things about living in Montgomery is the opportunity to walk around our beautiful area, especially the Montgomery Pond, which is across the road from my place. I usually walk around it every day, but the last few weeks we have been greeted once again by hordes of geese, and they have been pooping everywhere. What is especially upsetting is the amount of poop on the pathway and lawn areas. It is almost impossible to walk around the pond without stepping on the poop. What can be done about this health hazard at our Villages?
—Doreen Senior

In the GM's Answers printed in the December 31 Villager regarding the question "What is driving up our HOAs and what can you do to reduce our fees?," one of the suggested methods is to "charge market rate restaurant prices." When referring to the next few Villager pages with the menus and costs for the food, while I'm not quite sure where people eat, but Hot Dogs with side for \$8.95, Chop Salad for \$13.25 (\$15.25 with some salami), or a side of French Fries for \$4.95 don't to me appear to be below market rate prices. I have always felt that the prices charged by the restaurant and bistro are high, but I always felt that was due to the convenient option that we are fortunate to have here at The Villages. However, at these prices, I feel the restaurant and bistro should be self-sustaining without assistance from our HOAs. Which brings me to the 8% of everybody's HOAs going to sustain the restaurant and bistro. I have a difficult time in understanding why we have to pay 8% of our HOAs to sustain an endeavor that appears to me to charge higher than market rate prices.
—Ed McJay

On December 4, Friday I was leaving The Villages on Fairway. A dog off his leash almost jumped in front of my car. I slammed on my brakes as the dog owner got him back on the golf course. A car who was behind me came around me on my driver's side. This is never to be done unless you are turning and he was not. I started honking and letting him know this was against the rules. I honked more until he realized I was not going to accept him next to me.
This is the third time this has happened—a lady pulled to my right—I stopped my car, got out and let her know in a few loud words, this is against the law here. Another time, it was raining and another driver went around me, so I followed him home and told him not to ever do this again—it is against our law. How can so many be so uninformed or brazen?
Next time I will get their license numbers.
Almost everyone drives 30 or 35 in both directions on Fairway. I don't. Obey our rules!
—Charlotte Lazar

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IN MEMORIAM

Naomi Mori
March 6, 1943—October 26, 2020

David H. Hoewisch, DC
August 11, 1948—November 24, 2020

Mary Frances Ballard
December 21, 1927—December 21, 2020
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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.

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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*.)

ABOVE & BEYOND

Thanks to the Cribari elves (not a part of the DAC or Board) who brought around thank you gifts to some of those who made our Cribari Village villas sparkle this past Christmas season. Such a lovely gesture of generosity and kindness; and I was most surprised and very grateful to be a recipient.

—Louise Connors

This is a thank you to Ken Carter and Susan Ahlgrimm, our Village Voices chairs, and the officers of the choir. We all miss our friends and our practice sessions while things are shut down, because we love to sing. We fondly remember our Voices leaders who have shared a lot of fun, funny stories, good practice sessions and good parties with good food. Hopefully we can sing again, fairly soon—my dogs are tired of my singing at home!

God bless us all; may we come through this pandemic sooner, not later. (Call your friends.)

—Charlotte Lazar

Compliments to John Yu and the Clubhouse team for the great New Year's Eve Grab-and-Go dinner. I can't remember a year where we didn't go somewhere for New Year's Eve, where we would get all dressed up and celebrate the incoming year. (I even bought new suits for some of those occasions.) This year, that was impossible so we did the next best thing and set up our dining room table and dressed up in our finest. Then we drove to the Clubhouse and picked up our dinner and dined at our own table with our best china and silverware. It was wonderful under the circumstances—or should I coin a new word and call it "covidstances" (sic).

—Ed Knott

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

Understanding 'The Villages'—a basic summary of community governance

Upon purchase of a property in The Villages, the owner becomes a member of two corporations, the Club and one of two housing associations, either The Villages Association (2,309 condominiums) or The Villages Homeowners' Corporation (227 single-family homes). Each corporation is governed by an elected board of directors, and each levies a membership assessment to pay for its budgeted operations and reserves. The Club also charges nominal use fees for some services and activities. Each corporation is governed by its own set of documents, including Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules, Board Policies and, in the case of the Association and Homeowners' Corporation, CC&Rs.

The following tables show the division of responsibilities of each entity. This guide was prepared to facilitate the understanding of the relationships between the three corporations.

The Villages Golf and Country Club (Club)

The Club owns, operates and maintains the non-residential common area property, including the golf courses, tennis and other recreational amenities, community centers, the Clubhouse, Bistro and restaurant, undeveloped open space, and major streets. The Club provides member services including Business Office Administration, Community Activities and Public Safety.

An elected Board of Directors (CBOD) is responsible for the management of Club business and governance. The Board hires a General Manager and delegates to the General Manager responsibility for hiring and directing the activities of the staff organization. The Club provides management agent services by agreement to The Villages Association and The Villages Homeowners' Corporation.

Pertinent Club governance documents (4):
The VGCC Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation,
Club Rules and Board Policies.

All Association members and Homeowners are members of the Club.

The Club is not a Common Interest Development (CID) as defined by California Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act), but the Club is subject to the California Corporations Code.

The Villages Association

All members of The Villages Association own condo-units (aka Villas).

An elected Board of Directors (ABOD) is responsible for management of the Association's business and the maintenance of common area property within the 12 Association districts (Villages). Management services are provided by the Club under terms of a Management Agreement.

Pertinent Association documents (5):
Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws,

Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), Association Rules and Board Policies

The Association is a Common Interest Development subject to California Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act) and also the California Corporations Code.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation

All members of The Villages Homeowners Corporation own individual, stand-alone homes (aka Lots).

An elected Board of Directors (HBOD) is responsible for setting architectural standards and rules for upkeep and use of homeowner property. Management services are provided by the Club under terms of a Management Agreement.

Pertinent Homeowners documents (5):
Homeowners Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws,

Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), Homeowners Rules and Board Policies

The Villages Homeowners Corporation is not a Common Interest Development as defined by Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act), but is subject to the California Corporations Code.

MORE PULSE

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COVID-19, COVID-19, do you have COVID-19?

I do not want it either. I have not seen large warning printed in *The Villager* paper "warning" the resident to wear masks; stay six feet apart when outside. That means when going to put out garbage, to the laundry room and to and from parking.

Why do residents walk around outside of their home without masks and hold conversations face to face without masks? To and from their cars without wearing masks. Visiting children play in open space between rows of housing in Carbari Place with no masks or adult around. Free range. They sometime carry COVID-19 virus.

—William Johnson

MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Report December 2020

CLASSIFICATION	Present Month	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
ACCIDENTS			
1) PERSONAL INJURY	1	1	3
2) AUTO	0	5	6
3) HIT & RUN	0	1	6
4) GOLF CART	0	0	1
5) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	1
AFTER HOURS REQUESTS			
1) LIGHTS	67	779	751
2) FACILITIES	6	79	161
3) SPRINKLERS	3	115	122
4) LANDSCAPE	0	20	31
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	17	41
12) ALARM ACTIVATION	0	13	9
ANIMAL			
1) COMPLAINTS	10	188	92
2) TRAP REQUEST	0	0	0
3) LOST	0	0	3
4) FOUND	0	2	5
5) COYOTE COMPLAINTS/SIGHTINGS		274	
CITATIONS			
1) PARKING	0	1	12
2) SPEEDING	6	99	502
3) STOP SIGN - RESIDENTS	13	383	
4) STOP SIGN - NON-RESIDENTS	35	652	
STOP SIGN TOTALS	48	1035	98
5) MISCELLANEOUS	4	92	50
6) ACC	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE	0	6	4
FIRE / SMOKE	1	3	2
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	0	7	9
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	44	557	460
MISCELLANEOUS	16	174	220
PROPERTY			
1) DAMAGED	4	36	57
2) LOST	0	4	0
3) FOUND	0	5	6
4) VANDALIZED	0	4	4
5) MISSING	0	5	13
PUBLIC SAFETY			
1) COMPLAINT	12	221	201
2) REQUEST	5	147	293
RESIDENT ASSIST	17	204	282
RESIDENT WELFARE CHECK	2	70	109
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	4	8
TRESPASSING			
1) AUTO	0	0	0
2) PERSON	0	3	3
UNLOCKS	16	201	280
UNSECURED AREA	1	18	14

Property Report December 2020

Date	Item	Summary
12/1	Damaged	Contractor's vehicle was hit in the Corporation Yard parking lot.
12/2	Damaged	Resident backed out of the driveway and hit the mailboxes damaging the post.
12/17	Damaged	Resident backed into his garage door.
12/23	Damaged	Resident's guest hit the resident gate, damaging it.

Time to take down holiday decorations

Holiday spirit is encouraged at The Villages. It seems each year residents become more and more creative. This is just a reminder that residents must remove lights (colored, plain, icicle, or flashing) and other decorations by Friday, January 15.

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.

THANK YOU

I have much to be thankful for this New Year—especially because I am still above ground. Thanks to four fellow Villagers, Renee Woolard, Rick Tobler, Kerry Besmehn, and Bonnie Jones, I was resuscitated after dying (as in no heartbeat) on the golf course in September. In fact, I was resuscitated so quickly by these four, I suffered no heart damage and within a month and two stents later I was back playing golf. I think of them every day and silently thank them.

—Ed Knott

BOUQUETS

Any resident who has filed a Request for Alternations has interacted with Architectural Committee Coordinator, Elissa Caruso. In 2020 the Solar Energy Team recorded 14 successful roof top, solar panel installations. This success is thanks to the expertise, coordination and facilitation skills of Elissa. On behalf of The Villages Sustainable Club, we thank her for her outstanding customer service.

—Maxine Amundson
Villages Sustainable Club

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.

Leash rule for pets

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



Support the advertisers who support our publications!

When you choose to use the services and/or purchase the goods of an advertiser in *The Villager*, Villages Telephone Directory or Resource Guide, tell them that you saw their advertisement in one of our publications.



In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of February are due to the Architectural Committee on or before January 22, 2021. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for February 3, 2021.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **January 22, 2021.**

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

Missed your Villager?

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

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Do you need to file a tax return?

During tax season the SRS volunteers are frequently asked this question: I don't have much income; do I need to file a tax return?

For most people, the need to file a return depends on their gross income. Based on your tax filing status and age, you must file a tax return if your gross income equals or exceeds the amount in the chart below. If your income falls in this range, a return is required even if you are sure you will have no tax due after deductions such as medical expenses, charitable contributions or home mortgage interest.

For example, if you are single and under age 65, you must file a return if your gross income is \$12,200 or more.

Single and under 65.....	\$12,400
Single and 65 or older.....	\$14,050
Married filing jointly, both spouses under 65.....	\$24,800
Married filing jointly, one spouse 65 or older.....	\$26,100
Married filing jointly, both spouses 65 or older.....	\$27,400

For example, if you are married and both of you are at least age 65 and your gross income is \$27,400 or more, you must file a tax return.

Gross income means all income you received in the form of money, goods, property, and services that is not specifically exempt from tax, including any income from sources outside the United States. Do not include social security benefits unless one-half of your social security benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest is more than \$25,000 (\$32,000 if married filing jointly).

As with all tax law, there are some exceptions to this general rule. For example, if you have \$400 or more in self-employment income such as commission income, you must file a return to pay the self-employed social security tax. Another example is if you received advance payments of the health premium tax credit, you must file a return.

Even if you are not required to file it may be to your advantage to file to get a tax refund. For example, if you have had withholding from your pension, you should file a return to request a refund of the withheld tax. The same is true if you paid estimated tax and you do not owe any tax.

If you are unsure of your need to file a return, please call the SRS office at 408-239-5253. An SRS volunteer with income tax training will call and go over your numbers with you.

Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office is currently closed for drop-in assistance. You may still leave messages at 408-239-5253 as we monitor phone messages every day and can still answer questions by phone. Please note that the return phone call will be from a volunteer calling from their home and your phone identification will not read SRS. We can also e-mail handouts. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional adviser about your individual situation.

SRS announcement:

IRS mileage rates for 2021

Do you use your automobile for business use? The standard mileage rate for business is 56 cents-a-mile for 2021. This is a decrease of 1.5 cent from the 2020 rate. The new mileage rate for deductible medical mileage expense is 16 cents-a-mile rather than 17 cents allowed in 2020. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Study Session Re.: Association Reserves Tutorial is Tuesday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 926 1236 3822
Passcode: 283238
Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- 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: 1-669-900-6833
- 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: 1-669-900-6833
- 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: 1-669-900-6833

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



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THE CLUBHOUSE

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

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Clubhouse Restaurant discontinues indoor 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 7-9.)

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 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
1/18 to 1/24

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Monday 1/18 | Lentil |
| Tuesday 1/19 | Tomato and Basil |
| Wednesday 1/20 | Chicken Mushroom |
| Thursday 1/21 | Chicken Tortellini |
| Friday 1/22 | Corn Shrimp Chowder |
| Saturday 1/23 | Chef's Choice |
| Sunday 1/24 | Chef's Choice |

Curbside Service Hours of Operation

Monday

All-Day Menu:
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Last serving at 7 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday

All-Day Menu:
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 7 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 7 p.m.
Dinner Menu:
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Last serving at 7 p.m.

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.

Valentine's

Day

Saturday, February 13

and

Sunday, February 14

Specials

See page 12

More CLUBHOUSE
on pages 8, 9 & 12

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

To order Curbside Grab-and Go

408-370-8553

GF Potato Skins \$12.00

Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

Wings with Carrots, Celery, 6Pc \$8.25 12Pc \$16.00

Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

GF Loaded Nachos \$12

Black Beans, Ground Chuck, Corn, Guacamole, Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Cilantro and Cheese

V Sub w/ Impossible Plant Based Meat \$13.50

Soup of the Day

Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95

Entrée Caesar Salad \$10.50

Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons

Add Chicken \$2 Salmon \$3 Prawns \$4.00

V 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

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

Shrimp Louie \$15.25

Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers,

and Hard Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island Dressing

Fish and Chips \$11.95

Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and

Malted Vinegar

Baja Fish Tacos \$11.95

2 Corn Tortillas with Batter Dipped Cod, Cilantro,

Onions and Radish Coleslaw with Salsa

V Quesadilla \$11.25

Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole

Add Chicken or Steak \$2.00

V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$11.25

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

V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten Free

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 condition

All-Day Menu

11 a.m. to 7p.m. Last Order

Sandwiches served with Choice of Sides

Gluten Free Bread Available Upon Request

Sides: \$4.95

Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup

Hot Dog with Side \$9.95

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 \$12.50

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 \$10.95

Cranberry Compote and Arugula on Telera Roll

Deli Sandwich \$10.50

Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, or Tuna

Half Deli Sandwich and Soup \$8.50

Grilled Sourdough, Ham & Swiss \$9.95

V Grilled Portabella and Pepper Sandwich \$10.50

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

Grilled Pesto Chicken Sandwich \$10.95

LTO 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

Naan Flatbread Pizzas

V Cheese Pizza \$10.25 Pepperoni Pizza \$11.00

V Margarita Pizza \$10.50

Combination Pizza \$12.95

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

Cobb Pizza \$12.95

Bacon, Chicken, Black Olives, Avocadoes on Alfredo

Sauce

Gluten Free Crust Add \$ 1.50

Jan 2021

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.

Breakfast Menu

Saturday - Sunday 7 a.m. to 11a.m.

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

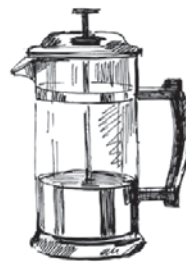


Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95



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

Jan 2021

**To order Curbside
Grab-and Go**

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

408-370-8553

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

For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**.
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Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5pm to 7pm Last Order

Starters

V Baby Lettuce Mix Salad \$5.25

Small Caesar Salad \$6.95

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Spaghetti and Meatballs \$17.25

Chef's Marinara Sauce with Meatballs

V Eggplant Parmesan \$14.95

Eggplant breaded in Crispy Panko Crumbs, Layered in Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and Provolone

V = Vegetarian

GF = Gluten Free

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Jan 21

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. \$32.95

21 Days Aged, Hand Selected, Corned Fed

Grilled Filet Mignon 2. \$32.95

Center Cut with Béarnaise Sauce

Chicken Fried Steak 2. \$22.95

Pounded Sirloin Steak Battered, Breaded and Pan Fried with Country Gravy

Calf Liver and Onions 2. \$20.95

Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

Braised Lamb Shank \$27.95

Slow Cooked in Red Wine Sauce

Chicken Marsala \$22.95

Breast Cutlets with mushrooms and Marsala Wine Sauce

Villages Honey Stung Fried Chicken \$20.95

Country Gravy

Filet of Sole Picatta \$24.75

Flour Dusted with Capers, White Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

Grilled Salmon \$25.95

Tarragon Beurre Blanc

GF Scampi Garlic Prawns \$26.95

With Basil and Cherry Tomatoes

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

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
 All-DAC Budget Presentation
 3:00/9:00 AM/PM
 Aerial Views of The Villages

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
 All-DAC Budget Presentation
 3:00/9:00 AM/PM
 Aerial Views of The Villages

3:30/9:30 AM/PM

MON Dagnet
 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 Charade
 + Betty Boop

TUE The Scarlet Pimpernel
 + Topper

WED Great Expectations
 + Croon Crazy

THU Gung Ho!
 + Ed Wynn Show

FRI Cyrano de Bergerac
 + Buzzy: Stupidstios Cat

SAT Captain Kidd
 + The Jack Benny Show

SUNDAY VARIETY

4:00/10:00 AM/PM

Colgate Comedy Hour

5:00/11:00 AM/PM

The Dinah Shore Chevy Show

CHANNEL **26**

Club Events & Notices

Complimentary **WiFi**
 Network: Villages Public
 Password: villages

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





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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wi-Fi hotspots for SJ Public Library members

As part of the SJ Access initiative, you can now check out a Wi-Fi hotspot device with your San Jose Public Library membership. The service is free and available to adults 18 and over. To reserve a hotspot device, call one of the following library locations. Hotspots must be picked up and returned during Express pickup hours. The two libraries offering this service closest to The Villages are: Evergreen Branch Library (408-238-0221) and Village Square Branch Library (408-531-9464). Please call them directly to reserve your hotspot. You can also visit www.sjpl.org/hotspot-members for more information and instructions.

EVF FOCUS

By Diana Hallock, EVF VP

The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) meets eleven months of the year to discuss potential new projects, progress on active projects, and our financial progress to funding all projects. While most project ideas come from Villages organizations and the Club Board, all Villagers are encouraged to submit ideas for consideration by the EVF Projects Committee. For the foreseeable future, we will continue to have our meetings via Zoom. While these are our proposed dates, current meeting information will be available by contacting Pat Reardon at info@evfsj.org. We hope you'll join us! For more information visit www.evfsj.org



Regular Board Meetings	Study Sessions	Annual Meeting
January 13	February 10	July 14
March 10	April 14	
May 12	June 9	
August 11	September 8	
October 13	November 10	

EPC SEZ..

Did you know the EPC Communications Team has radio and ham operators to assist with communications during a disaster? If you can assist this team please contact EPC at chair@thevillagesepc.org

— The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

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The Villages Medical Auxiliary

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

In January

Dr. Tony Masri of El Camino Specialty Care: Sleep Disorders. To be re-scheduled at a future date!

Coming in February

Clear Caption: A free captioning service for qualified individuals with hearing loss. Tuesday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. Elli Tehrani will explain this free program funded and administered by the FCC. To register, email Bonnie at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

Stanford's Farewell to Falls presented by Ellen Corman, Manager of Injury Prevention and Community Engagement. Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. To register, email Bonnie at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

CLUBS & EVENTS

One week left to order Mah Jongg Cards!

By Barbara Smith

Are you one of the Villagers who has not ordered their 2021 Mah Jongg Card? Do not miss out! There are only seven days left to order your 2021 Mah Jongg Card. The final day to order Mah Jongg Cards is Friday, January 22, 2021. The price of cards remains the same. Small print cards are \$9. Large print cards are \$10.

Barbara Smith is coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg cards again this year. Checks are made out to Barbara Smith. At the end of the sale, one large check is written and all the individual checks are deposited. Please include the number and size of the cards you are ordering in the "memo" place on your check. Checks can be dropped off at: Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA 95135...no time left to mail your order!

In late March, your Mah Jongg card(s) will be sent directly to your home from the National Mah Jongg League in New York.

Hiking Club to hold Bay Area Ridge Trail presentation

The Villages Hiking Club January meeting will be on Zoom and take place Monday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. The sign-in information will be at the end of this article. This month's program will feature Liz Westbrook and Simone Nageon de Lastang from the **Bay Area Ridge Trail Council**. Liz Westbrook is the Trail Director and has worked for the Council since 2017 and previously worked to start the Regional Trails program at Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). Simone joined the Council in 2020 as a Trail Planner, bringing her previous experience from the U.S. Forest Service National Scenic Trails Program.



The Bay Area Ridge Trail is one of five long distance regional trails in the Bay Area, traveling along the ridgelines of 9 Bay Area Counties overlooking San Francisco Bay. In Santa Clara County alone there are 89 miles of Ridge Trail in locations including Joseph Grant Park, Penitencia Creek Trail, Coyote Creek Trail, Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve, Mt. Umunhum, and Mt. Madonna County Park. Once completed, the Ridge Trail will be approximately 200 miles long in Santa Clara County.

The Ridge Trail has several exciting projects happening in Santa Clara County, which will be part of the presentation. By 2022, the Coyote Creek Trail from Selma Olinder Park to Tully Road is expected to be constructed. The Council is also working with several agency partners to secure a trail alignment near the newly acquired North Coyote Valley Conservation Area, 1000+ acres involving a multi-million dollar investment in public conservation lands. For further information, their website is info@RidgeTrail.org.

Hiking Club members will receive their Zoom sign-in details via email a few days before the meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend by signing into their Zoom account and entering: **Meeting ID 595 920 1234 and Password: TakeAHike**. Note that the event will be closed to attendees once the event reaches 100.

Learn to draw with pen and watercolor pencils



All members and Villagers are invited to join an art class online with inexpensive materials, and online instruction and critique. Jeff Bramschreiber is offering a Drawing Class with Pen and Ink and Watercolor Pencils, Tuesdays, January 26 to March 2, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Since you only need a micron pen, a set of watercolor pencils and a drawing pad, this would be a cheap way to learn a new skill.

The cost for this six-week online class is \$60. Register by emailing Barb.gottesman@gmail.com by January 19.

As you can see by Jeff's examples, you can learn to draw plants, animals and striking fish!

To see more details about the class, visit the Arts & Crafts website at villagesartsandcrafts.org

Electric vehicles help earn drivers tax credits!

By the Sustainable Villages Club

If you purchased a new electric vehicle in 2020, congratulations. You are helping to save the planet and are probably already saving money by skipping the gas pumps. But wait, there is more! You may be eligible for another big saving—a Federal Tax Credit for up to \$7500, depending on the size of your battery! For more information and to claim this credit, visit Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Credit (IRC 30D) on the IRS website. Be sure to discuss with your tax advisor.

Also, if you purchased charging equipment in 2020, you are also eligible for a federal tax credit; 30 percent of the cost of your equipment and installation, up to \$1000! Refer to IRS Form 8911 to claim this credit.

There may also be local government and utilities EV driver incentives and rebates. Visit PlugStar.com and enter your ZIP code or visit Plug In America at pluginamerica.org and go to the incentives map for more information.

You may also contact Peter Holmes, EV Action Team Leader or visit the Sustainable Villages Website at sustainablevillagesclub.org for more information,



News Junkies to meet Monday

Join the next News Junkies Zoom meeting on Monday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.

We will discuss how the final days of the Trump Presidency are coming to an end after the attack on the Capitol. Our country has some serious decisions to make. We have come close to suffering a civil catastrophe and we may not be out of the woods yet.

Join us next Monday to explore some of the hopeful paths we must consider toward a brighter future. Your participation is welcome. Register in advance at VillagesSA.org and click on News Junkies Register.

Senior Academy invites you!

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the members of the Senior Academy.

Join us on January 28, 2021 at 4 p.m. for a chance to enjoy some online comradery, preview the exciting 2021 Winter-Spring lineup and hear some of our favorite speakers share with us their agendas.

Please register for an afternoon of information on our website at VillagesSA.org.

Invite a friend to help us ring in this new year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Villagers for Change website

Villagers for Change (VFC) is an organization of Villages residents who formed earlier this year to address concerns of residents. To facilitate communications VFC has created a website where residents can read more about the organization and join the VFC mail list. Please visit us at www.villagersforchange.org. If you would like to communicate directly email us at villagersforchange@gmail.com. Any information you share with us will not be shown to any other organization.

Install solar and 'Electrify Everything!'

By Beth DeVincenzi, Sustainable Villages Club

You can install solar on your rooftop for a whole range of possibilities to minimize your impact on our climate. And if you install in 2021, you can still get a 2 percent Federal tax credit. For assistance in this process, call Maxine Amundson (408-528-0746), Chair of our Solar Energy Team.

Note: the process requires approval through the Architectural Control Committee and will take many months. The actual installation, for us, was completed in less than one week.

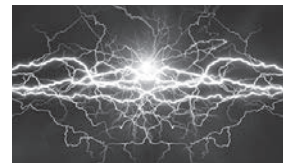
With solar panels providing most of your energy, your PG&E electric bill may be as low as the \$10 fee for your electricity and natural gas delivery.

So, here are ways to Electrify Everything: Switch to an electric car. This is one of most significant changes you can make. Electric cars not only save you the cost of fuel but require much less maintenance than gas powered cars. Learn more from our Electric Vehicles Team.

Switch your HVAC (heating and air conditioning) system to one that runs on electricity using a heat pump. This uses much less energy than their gas equivalent.

Switch your gas cooktop to electric, switch your gas water heater to electric heat pump model, switch your gas clothes dryer to electric, convert any other gas-powered appliances to electric.

Of course, you will not take all these steps at once. But if your solar is sufficient, the cost of the power to run these appliances will be minimal and over time you will be saving money. Also, many state and federal agencies are now offering generous rebates as incentives to switch to electric power. Hint: investigate any changes before your appliance "dies" on you, allowing you the time to investigate all the options before you are under pressure. Visit our Sustainable Villages Website at sustainablevillagesclub.org for more information on steps you can take to preserve our planet's health for our Children, Grandchildren, and all Life.



Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to the EVF

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

The VMA wants your used golf cart!

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

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

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



A friendly reminder from the VMA

The VMA provides many services for Villagers, one of which is the delivery and pick-up 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 such as 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.

Remember someone with a gift to the VMA

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

Don't feed the 'critters'

The Villages is known for its wide variety of wildlife. 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. When animals have access to food and garbage left out by residents they 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 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."



February 13th Saturday and 14th Sunday Night Special

Valentine's Special Prix Fixe Menu

Curbside Pick Up 5pm to 7pm

Strawberry Spinach Salad

Strawberries, Spinach, Red Onion, Feta Cheese

Candied Pecans

Balsamic Honey Vinaigrette

Surf and Turf

Grilled Petite Filet Mignon Bearnaise and Scampi Prawns with Garlic Butter Sauce

Wild and Mixed Rice Pilaf

Broiled Parmesan Pesto Vine Ripe Tomato

Dessert

Red Velvet Cake

And

Split of Champagne

\$49++

18% service charge and tax will be added

All Charges Made to Account House Number Prior to Event

For Reservations:

Call 408-754-1337 or e-mail theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Please Provide: Time of Pick-Up (5pm to 7pm) and House Number,

Full Name, Phone Number and Number of Meals

Orders Must Be In by Wednesday, February 10th

Up the river without a paddle—don't fall for fake Amazon emails

Recently a resident received an email supposedly from Amazon (actually from a fauder) and clicked on one of the bogus links and then called the phone number listed in the email. Soon it was clear that she made a terrible mistake and had to get the help of a computer expert to fix things.

If you receive such an email be sure to look at the "From" line—if the source of the email looks like a long string of gobbeldy-gook, then you're probably dealing with scammers. Even if the graphics and company logo in the main part of the message appear familiar, look for misspelled words or odd wording—those are real red flags. (Real companies almost never have typos in their communications.)

The real Amazon web site (www.amazon.com) asks its customers who received such bogus attempts to trick them to report suspicious emails, phone calls, text messages or fake web pages.

The company asks that if you receive correspondence you think may not be from

Amazon, please report it immediately. To follow are Amazon's suggestions for those who fear they've been approached or have been led into a trap by scammers:

Suspicious Emails or Webpages: To report a phishing or spoofed email or webpage: Open a new email and attach the email you suspect is fake. For suspicious webpages, copy and paste the link into the email body. If you can't send the email as an attachment, forward it.

Send the email to stop-spoofing@amazon.com

Note: Sending the suspicious email as an attachment is the best way for Amazon to track it.

Note: Amazon can't respond personally when you report a suspicious correspondence to stop-spoofing@amazon.com, but you may receive an automatic confirmation. If you have security concerns about your account, please contact Amazon directly.

Suspicious Phone Calls or Text Messages: Report any suspicious phone call or text

message to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). To report a phone call or text message visit ftc.gov/complaint and follow the onscreen assistant.

Depending upon the type of fraud, there are numerous agencies you can contact to report criminal activity. You may

call the San Jose Police Department's 311 number to report credit card fraud or attempts to steal your identity. The FBI and Federal Trade Commission also have fraud departments. Furthermore, these attacks fall under the category of elder abuse. The county district

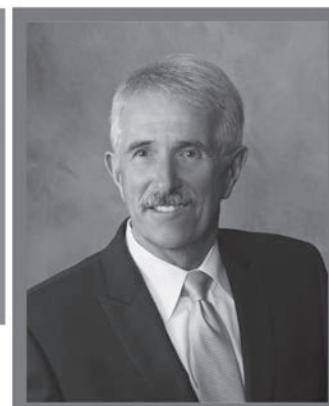
attorney's Elder Abuse Unit can be reached at the toll free number 1-855-DAELDER or 1-855-323-5337.

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

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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

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

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

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

Report Coyotes

Villagers are advised to report coyote sightings to Director of Public Safety Steve Norden. To report coyotes, please email location day and time to: snorden@the-villages.com

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

You can report or get more information about power outages during our current heat wave (and under regular conditions, too) through some of the following ways:

PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000.

To report or get more information about an outage call PG&E's 24-hour Outage Information Center at 1-800-743-5002.

You can report an outage, learn about future planned outages, get outage updates and take a look at the outage map for your locality on the PG&E website at: pge.com

For those who don't have computers, advanced phones or may be technologically challenged, PG&E customer service suggests calling the Customer Service number at 1-800-743-5000 to update your contact information so you can receive critical information when necessary. PG&E requests the following updates: Your primary home/landline number, your cell phone number, your email address and secondary contact information such as friends or family members who can receive alerts in the event contact cannot be made.

If you experience a power outage do not be hesitant to contact PG&E and report it or to get more information about outages in your vicinity.

Villager contributors' notice: Attention publicity writers

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

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

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

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

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

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

Villager and Fast Lane articles may also be submitted online on the Resident Portal at: www.thevillagesgcc.com

Ways to say 'Thank you!'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Owners responsible for cleaning up after their pets

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

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

Stay in touch with essential developments on Fast Lane!

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

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



RELIGION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Reflection on Sunday's Readings: by Robert A. Dolci, M.Div., M.A.

What are we looking for in our lives? When St. John states in his Gospel that Jesus' first words are "What are you looking for?" he is indicating the theme that carries on throughout his Gospel. The disciples Andrew and Peter respond to Jesus' challenge to "come and see" who he is by listening and "staying with" him—indicating their initial commitment to Jesus.

In the first reading, Samuel at first does not realize who is calling him. Assuming that it is Eli—to whom he is assigned to serve—Samuel listens attentively and responds. Eventually, Samuel realizes that God is the one calling him. He becomes inspired by God's revealing himself to him. He listened to God and became a great leader and prophet of his people.

In a similar way, we are called by and inseparably united to God through our Baptism. St. Paul communicates this to the Corinthians by saying that our bodies are sacred temples of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, we are called to listen to and allow the Spirit dwelling in us to move us to respond obediently/lovingly to others through acts of loving kindness and sincere respect. In this way, we will demonstrate that we are listening to Jesus' call and responding to his invitation to "come and see" who he is and how he will inspire us throughout our journey of faith.

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.

Rain Cancellations: If it is raining when you are leaving home for Mass, assume that the Mass has been cancelled.

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

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

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

Questions? Comments? Contact Marion Burry at 408-528-8231 or marion93940@aol.com.

EPISCOPAL

'All Things Known'

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

One of the most beloved prayers in the Episcopal tradition, known as the Collect for Purity (it begins every celebration of Eucharist) prays to God "from whom no secrets are hid." What an image of both challenge and comfort! Of course God loves all of us, just as we are! And God also knows us, just as we are. The good, the bad and the boring of us. Nothing is hidden from God.

In this season of Epiphany—a time in the church year when we think of hidden things (like the identity and mission of Jesus Christ) being revealed—we are also reminded that God's light illuminates even those things that we might rather ignore. As I write this column, the coronavirus continues to do its damage. Our fractious elections are inciting violence. Our economy is suffering and people we love are wondering how to pay their rent. We don't know where all this is going... but God does.

This much we do know. God's way is always the way of love. Every day—during Epiphany and year-round—we can wake up and choose love over fear. We can remember our baptismal promises to seek and serve Christ, and respect the dignity of every human being. We can speak peace and compassion into the places of conflict in our society, in our families, and even within ourselves. God knows our fears and doubts, and yet God chooses to be among us. Because it is through us that the love of God is known.

JEWISH GROUP

Blessings for the COVID Vaccine

By Rabbi Laurie Matzkin

What will be going through your mind when you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? Many religious traditions encourage us to explore a daily gratitude practice in the form of blessings. Jewish blessings come in all shapes and sizes, from noticing rainbows to seeing a friend after more than a year. I am grateful that Judaism encourages human beings in every generation to find inspiration in our lives and use the gift of language to pen new blessings! As the COVID-19 vaccines have been rolling out across the country, many contemporary rabbis have been writing new blessings. Some versions have nods to biblical passages, others focus on the vaccine's hope amidst the heartbreak of so much death this year, and others lift up the divine spark of wisdom that has fueled the incredible scientific breakthroughs that brought us to this moment. Here are two examples for your consideration – and you may be inspired to write your own blessing!

May it be Your will, Heavenly Healer, that this endeavor be for healing and may You grant healing to me, to my loved ones, to my nation, and to all who are in need. Fill me with a sense of gratitude for all who create, distribute, and deliver this vaccine, and for all those who work for the health of individuals and our communities. Empower me to care in good health ever more deeply for others. Blessed are You, Holy One, Healer of all flesh, sustaining our bodies in wondrous ways. (Rabbi Aaron Starr)

With gratitude and thanksgiving to The Healer of broken hearts and Restorer of broken bones, appreciation and thanks for inspiring the medical teams and scientists granting them the wisdom, knowledge and expertise to prepare this vaccine for all of us. May it be your will that with my vaccination I will be granted the ability to heal and keep safe humankind and be granted the privilege to fulfill the mitzvah of one who saves a life. Blessed are you Healer of all who are sick. (Rabbi Karen Reiss Medwed)

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Thriving or Surviving'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

In all that we have gone through in the year 2020, can we say that we have grown stronger in our faith and in our reliance on God's faithfulness or have we grown more cynical? There were so many promises made by our leaders and promises that we have made but failed to keep. We may find ourselves challenged with thoughts of hopelessness that things are not changing for the better. It seems that the more technological advancements are created, with the promises of a better life, the less freedom and security is enjoyed. Do we throw our hands up, shut down and wait for the end or do we develop a plan to thrive and survive?

I was watching a program the other night concerning families who had decided to live off the grid. They had moved to a remote area away from the hustle and bustle of mainstream living to the wilderness in Alaska or to other locations in the states. They had studied the natural resources of the land prior to relocating and decided to live on the resources that nature provided. With earning enough money from their previous jobs

and downsizing, they could acquire land. A homestead is developed, livestock is raised and a vegetable garden planted for their survival. This type of lifestyle is reserved for the young, strong, healthy and anti-social.

I believe that each of us possesses the potential, not just to survive, but to thrive with God's wisdom alone. There are people born with disabilities who have excelled to achieve great accomplishments because their will to overcome was stronger than their circumstances.

Our challenge in 2021 is to hold on to truth because truth is unbending. We have survived a year of untruths that have caused great harm

to innocent victims who had potential to thrive in life. As we move forward in the coming days, hold on to this truth: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV. Read it, receive it and believe it each morning as you rise to greet the day.

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

May God bless all of you with good health!




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SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS

Shoni handicaps are calculated at the end of each month with Shonis playing under their new handicaps the first Tuesday of the month. Congratulations to Johanna Bakker, Marty Blinde, Betty Hall, Barbara Karayn, Betty Lanctot, Barb Sunseri and Kacy Walden for lowering their handicaps. With the Shonis playing any day of the week now, there is more opportunity to improve.

The winners for the first Tuesday of the month game were Jan Ehrhardt and Joan Wiseman tying for low gross (36) and Jonna Robinson and Joan Wiseman tied for low net score (21).

The Shonis started 2021 with eleven new members joining in 2020. What these ladies have found is that golf is a great way to get outdoors for exercise and socializing. The Shonis not only teach the rules of golf, but keep the game fun by making it a social event.

As an example of the fun the Shonis promote, the Shonis give pins for achievements, such as birdies. Their latest achievement pin is a mermaid's tail. Recipients of this pin experience a water event. For instance, the first two winners of the pin are Delma Juarez and Kathy Tanaka. Delma's cart rolled into the lake at hole one and Kathy was able (through skill) to get her ball into all three lakes on the course in one game.

If you want to join this fun group, contact Shoni Captain Fran Schumaker at 408-677-4523.

SWINGERS

By Pam McCarthy

Are you kidding me? A real golf Tournament? Swingers, we get to look forward to an early spring golf event. **For The Love Of Golf Tournament** details are as follows:

- February 9th morning tee times (if possible) but the round must be played on the 9th.
- The format will be Cha-Cha-Cha.
- Gather your foursomes.
- Pick a scorekeeper for each foursome.
- Sign up on Chelsea. (Alan is aware of what we are doing.)
- Prizes will be awarded.
- More details to follow.

Say, our Swingers lady in the know, Linda Lammano, has discovered a wonderful way for us to get rid of our old golf balls and equipment. Linda will coordinate the donation campaign. The donations will go to the Silver Creek High School Golf Team. After golf on Tuesdays, January 19 and 26, please bring bundled clubs and bagged balls to the back of Linda's home (5451 Cribari Green). Parking is a cinch because she is near the Fitness Center/Library parking lot so park there.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

As the largest and most visible facilities in The Villages, our two golf courses provide beautiful views and a serene environment for golfers and non-golfers alike. Here are a few fun facts about our courses and golf facilities. First, golf uses 12.5 percent of the 1,200 acres of Villages property (150 acres of golf course, 500 acres the rest of the development and 550 open space in the hill lands). Next, there are 42 places to tee up, 27 on the courses and 15 at the driving range. Once you get your ball into play, 55 bunkers await you, 49 on the long course and three on the par 3 course and three on the chipping areas. Eight lakes, shared by multiple holes, and two streams mean water is in play at least 13 times, even more if you are like me and go into the lake on Hole 16 more than once in a single round. You can finish your round in one of 49 holes, 27 on the two courses and 22 at our practice facilities. Better yet are the 772 members of our six golf associations, numerous Villagers who play outside of club membership, and oodles of folks who still enjoy getting a "hole-in-one" on the practice putting green. Add those folks that send their ball towards the fence on the driving range and you have a great golf program at the Villages, a very swinging spot!

At the January board meeting, the Board reviewed the proposed event/tournament schedule for 2021. Of course, all plans are subject to change:

March 25	Beat the Pro	August 12 & 13	Invitational
April 15	Past Captains' Celebration	September 9-23	Club Championship
May 6-27	Handicap Tournament	October 28	Halloween/Charity
June 17 & 24	Member/Member	November 18	Turkey Shoot
July 22	Mixer with 9 Hole Club	December 9	Holiday Luncheon

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for lots of fun in 21!

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.

Pro Shop Merchandise Sale

- 50 percent off all women's SWING golf pants
- 50 percent off all Skechers and New Balance shoes
- 50 percent off all Bionic Gloves
- 50 percent off Titleist DT Tru-Soft and Volvick Vivid Golf Balls
- Titleist Headwear \$16.99 (regularly \$29.99)

Tips from the Pro

Where is your head at? The position of the head in the golf swing is an often overlooked detail. Here are some commonalities among great players...Most great players keep their head very still and centered during the swing. Most great ball strikers are able to pivot into their left side without allowing their head to move in front of the ball. Most great players keep their head and eyes relatively level during the swing with minimal vertical motion. So if you are not striking the ball well, it could be because your head is in the wrong place, literally. So try these 3 things: keep your head still, keep your head level, and keep your head behind the ball. Let us know if your ball striking improves. *Let me know how these tips work...*

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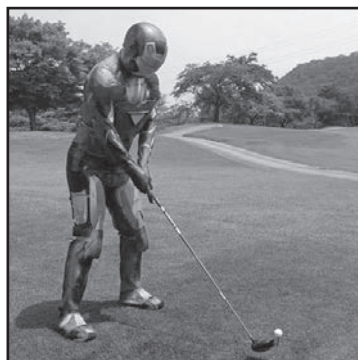


By Doug Jones

2020 Most Improved Golfer: Congratulations to **Dan Hernandez** for being the **Most Improved Golfer for 2020!** Dan went from a 24.2 to a very impressive 16.6 handicap—a very difficult task at that handicap level. Dan out-distanced the next five competitors: Kurt Pagnini, Clayton Krinard, Mario Silva, Michael Schwerin, and Tom Nedney. Great job, gentlemen!

We'll call them The Brutes! Most Golf Clubs would call them "Ironmen," but since here at The Villages we already have a feisty group of golfers by that name, we'll call the following guys **The Brutes**. These guys played over 150 rounds of golf in 2020: **Quincy Virgilio** 185, Brad Baldinger 182, David Bacigalupi 180, Michael Schwerin 171, Ray Leisy 158, Frank Bell 157, Rick Jiloty 156, Clayton Krinard 154 and Mike Tuft 151. Wow!

Also shooting over 100 rounds: Clay Wahlgren, Larry Henig, Rick Tobler, Ted Escobar, David Dimmick, Arnold Bernal, Gary Swenson, Ray Struck, Robert Howe, Leo Ruth, Mickey Wagle, Larry Angel, Bob Wilk, Dave Parker, Kurt Pagnini, Ben Vitcov, Kyle Finley, Jim Holt, Bill Johnson, Darrell Hanssen, Nick Corsello, Bob Dolci, Ki Lee, Dan Jackson, Sheldon Rosenblum, John Seeger, Tom Nedney, Andrew Altman, Richard Petrys, Robert Krattli, Guy Juarez, Mark Garcia, Pres Miranda, Doug Moore and Len Townsend. Congratulations to you all.



An "Ironman" on the course.

—David Bacigalupi, Men's Golf Club General Chairman

Eagles for December: There were two eagles reported for December! Congratulations to:

- Shel Schumaker for his eagle on December 4 on Hole #8
- Bob Dolci for his eagle on December 5 on Hole #17

Well done, guys!

New Members: Please welcome the following new member to the Men's Golf Club, **Pete Manibo**. Be sure to introduce yourself, and ask him to join you on the golf course.

Age Shooter for December: Please congratulate **Dave Dimmick** for shooting a 72 on Christmas Eve, and then he backed it up with 73 on the 27th. (He is 73 years young)! Oh by the way he had a 70 in November. You're amazing, Dave!

PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

Some good news this week. We had 12 players that registered scores so the Treasurer will be recording real money prizes for this week's winners. Last week the scores were not too good and only four players registered so I didn't broadcast the scores... you're welcome.

Those January 8th winners were:

First place with a net 33, Martin Hoek wins \$10.

Second place with a net 35, Tak Okabe wins \$8.

Third place goes to Leighton Horio for his net 36 and \$6.

As always, the Treasurer will keep a record of the month's winners and withdraw necessary funds at the end of the month (be patient). The Treasurer is good to his word...I finally got my 6 bucks from long ago.

Since there were two players just out of the money, I double-checked everyone's current handicap and used those numbers to validate the winners. There was little change in most of our players, but some slightly.

BOCCE NEWS

By Marcy Boyles

This is part 2 of our introduction to Bocce Board members. **Jeanne Anne Whitacre** is Bocce personified. Here she is in her own words:

"I moved here October 1, 2013. I saw Bocce advertised in The Villager and immediately joined the club. I had never played before or seen it played. In 2014, I was lucky enough to be selected to play on Bob Goodwin's Spring Mixer team. I knew I was a beginner and I wanted people to want to play with me so everyday, seven days a week I went to the courts, by myself and practiced for two to three hours until I was good enough to play.

The best part of the game for me is the competition and winning. The number one improvement to our game of Bocce is having The Beginners Tournament. That didn't exist when I began.

I have been Membership Director since 2017. I absolutely love my job.

Some places I have played bocce include Campo de Bocce (inside court & outside court) in Los Gatos, Troy's Bocce in Morgan Hill, Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, Rancho La Quinta Country Club in La Quinta, CA, and Gotcha Bocce in Louisville, KY."

Remember to mask when playing and sign up on the website.



Jeanne Anne Whitacre

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!

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen have begun their Winter schedule and are now currently playing every Thursday afternoon beginning at 1 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, January 7, 2021 was a little chilly when we began play, but ultimately turned out to be warm and sunny. **The results of play are as follows:**

First place went to Rob Boyles with a net score of 28.

Second place there was a five-way tie among Al Bruno, Prakash Deshmukh, Patrick McMordie, Roger Pyle, and Mario Silva, each with net score of 29.

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

There were two birdies: Al Bruno on hole 5 and Bob Mandell on hole 9.

Deep thoughts: "A golf course is the epitome of all that is purely transitory in the universe; a space not to dwell in, but to get over as quickly as possible." - Jean Giraudoux, French author and diplomat

"Golf is not a fair game, so why build a golf course that is fair?" - Pete Dye, Course Architect

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Welcome to 2021 and hopefully a change for the better regarding Covid-19, and a return to our regular Tennis Club activities. In the meantime, I hope to keep you up-to-date with Tennis Talk.

On December 6, 2020, instead of our regular Holiday Dinner and general meeting electing new officers, we instead had a Holiday Zoom party, first conducting business and then a game trying to guess a stated fact about a new Board member.

But first I would like to thank those responsible for our first Holiday TC Zoom meeting: Phyllis Seeger, Melinda Dobbs, Penny Barcellos, Sherry Benz and Judi Falarski. Judi and Sherry sent out invitations and received the RSVPs. Melinda and Penny were responsible for shopping and packaging gift bags for those who sent their RSVPs. Phyllis and Betty were responsible for putting the game together, and of course, Phyllis was our Zoom Host with the mostest. Joy Rem and Julie Hawkinson tied with five correct answers and each received a \$25 gift certificate to our clubhouse. Attendance names were placed in a raffle bowl and Adrien and Paula Fournier and Roy and Kathy Pennington each won a \$25 gift certificate to the clubhouse.

New Officers for 2021:

President: Ken Kline, Vice President: Peggy Seidel, Treasurer: Diane Whitworth, Social Directors/Hospitality: Melinda Dobbs, Suzi Hathaway, Shelley Schlender, Communications Director: Rajeev Singh, Court Manager: Michael Diltz, Master Scheduler: Akiko Giordano, Immediate Past President: Betty Olsen, Members at Large: Ken Keck and Cheryl Diltz.

Since the Tennis Club has not been able to hold tournaments and functions this year, we have a surplus in our club bank account. And since the fundraising dinner, tournament and auction were not held this year, the Scholarship committee asked the Board for a one-time \$3,000 donation from the club for the Villages Scholarship Fund. The Board voted in favor of this action and was also approved by a vote at the general meeting.

In addition, the Board has made a change of time on Book a Court. The change is: reservation sign-up time on Book a Court from 10 minutes to 30 minutes. Example – 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. reservation, 10 a.m. for 10:30 a.m. reservation. This change became effective January 1, 2021.

Several people have asked for the game to be published so that everyone could try and guess the answers. So for the next several weeks, I will have questions in Tennis Talk and you can try and guess which new Board member the question applies to.

Stay tuned next week for the beginning of the game!

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

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

5060, 5062, 5064, 5066, 5067, 5068, 5071, 5077, 5078, 5081 and 5082—Dry rot repairs in progress.

5135 and 5174—Rear patio concrete replacement in progress. Gutter cleaning in progress.

Del Lago

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

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3363-3366—Roof replacement in progress.

Estates

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

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/22-2/26.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Lower Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

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

8334—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Highland

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

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/8-2/12.

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

Plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

6351-6361—Painting in progress.

Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

Valle Vista

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/18-1/22.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 1/18-1/23.

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2021

Cribari	January 13 to January 16 February 1 to February 6 February 22 to February 27	Completion (weather permitting)
Verano	January 18 to January 23 February 8 to February 13	Completion (weather permitting)
Highland	January 25 to January 30 February 15 to February 20	Completion (weather permitted)
Club Buildings	March 1 to March 6	Completion (weather permitted)

What do I do with this?

Do you have an item you want to get rid of but you are not quite sure what to do with it? Often wonder if it should be donated, recycled or thrown away and how or where to do that? Each week we will highlight a particular item and give you suggestions for the best way of recycling or disposal.

If you have any questions about what to do with an item, please call Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670.



Paper products: Recycle container

Paperback books, catalogs, dry food boxes (i.e. cereal and cracker boxes), colored paper, computer paper, construction paper, coupons, egg cartons, envelopes (no plastic or padded), gift wrap, junk mail, magazines, newspaper and inserts, paper bags, shoeboxes, telephone books, tissue paper, etc. All shredded paper should be placed inside a clear plastic bag and tied closed.

Paper products: Garbage container

Thermal, carbon or blueprint paper, padded and plastic envelopes, frozen food packaging, napkins and paper towels, soiled paper or newspaper, personal hygiene products, photo paper, pizza boxes, plastic or wax paper, stickers, paper take-out containers and tissues.

Association

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

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

Cleanup of turf grub activity in progress throughout the districts.

Lawn over-seeding repairs in progress.

Turf aeration throughout the districts in progress.

Club Centers

Weed spraying in progress throughout the Villages.

Chardonay Lake—Circulation pump repairs in progress.

Foothill, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Business Office—Section of concrete walkway installation in planning.

Power washing of garbage enclosures

For the week of January 18 through the week of February 15, Epic Property Services will be power washing within the garbage and recycling enclosures.

This will address soiled and debris conditions and applies to all enclosure locations for 11 Association districts. Access will be restricted in work area.

Parking facilities and/or street frontage may be in use for vehicle, material and equipment staging.

Starting week of 1/18 Cribari, Del Lago

Starting week of 1/25 Highlands, Verano

Starting week of 2/1 Hermosa, Sonata, Valle Vista

Starting week of 2/8 Olivas, Glen Arden

Starting week of 2/15 Heights, Montgomery

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.

BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

NORTH

♠ 9 6 4
♥ 10 9 6 3 2
♦ A Q 10 7 4
♣ —

WEST

♠ 5
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ K J 8
♣ 9 8 7 5 2

EAST

♠ J 10 8 7
♥ Q J
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A K Q 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 3 2
♥ A 5
♦ 9 6
♣ J 10 6 4

Dealer: East

Vulnerability: North/South

Bidding: East	South	West	North
1 Club	1 Spade	Double	2 Spades
Pass	3 Spades	All Pass*	

Contract: 3 Spades

Opening Lead: 9 of Clubs

Dealer has a maybe a Spade loser, 1 in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds and at least a Club loser.

Strategy: When South looks at his hand and his partner's hand, it appears that there will be distributional issues. So to ensure his contract and maybe get extra tricks, he will try to set up the Diamond suit and rough some Clubs before pulling trumps.

West leads the 9 of Clubs, South trumps, switches to a Heart, wins with the Ace, tries a finesse with the 9 of Diamonds from his hand, hoping that West has the Jack and the King of Diamonds. West plays the 8, 4 from the board, East the 3, and now South happily leads his last Diamond from his hand, West, the Jack, Queen from the board, and then plays the Ace, sluffing his losing Heart from his hand. He now leads a Heart, trumps it in his hand, follows with a Club, trumps it on the board, plays another Heart, East, the 7 of Spades, and South wins with the Queen. He then leads a Club, trumps it on the board, follows with another Heart, East covers with the 8 of Spades, South the King, next leads the Ace of Spades, then the Jack of Clubs, and East wins with the Ace. He then leads his last card, the Jack of Spades and captures South's small Spade. Great! The contract is made with 2 overtricks. If South uses the Queen of Diamonds on the first Diamond finesse, he will only make one overtrick due to not being able to sluff the losing Heart.

* Some West players might bid 3 Clubs, and they should go down 2 tricks or less but this isn't too bad since they are not vulnerable, and South might not bid any further. Another scenario is that South could double the 3-Club bid.

What's Goin' on at Home?

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

Two perspectives on spending New Year's 2021 at home



Ed and Bonnie Knott usually hit the road to attend some kind of New Year's Eve event where they can dress up, look good and enjoy the party. Conditions this year were not favorable to large gatherings and unnecessary travel. To fill that vacuum, they decided to set the dining room table with the formal tableware, dress to the nines and call the Clubhouse for its New Year's Eve Grab-and-Go dinner. Thanks to the team at the Clubhouse, the Knotts' New Year's Eve was saved! The jury's still out on the rest of 2021!

In a Nutshell

By Cynie Jackson

A friend's text that said "I was fun," My response, "I'm going nuts, as a party of one!" That, of course, led to a group of dear friends Sending their hopes that this craziness ends!

And that made me realize that I'm hooked on my phone. Connecting through texts makes me feel less alone! Someone else is sitting as lonely as me, Binge watching and finding their joy on TV!

Whoever thought that a party-filled room, Would now consist of toasting others on ZOOM?! A long shelter rule and my expression is dour. But, hey, we can chat in our pjs for many an hour!

No need to spruce up, lest you zoom in too near. Only need for new clothes is a size larger, I fear. So, while locked in going nuts, let's heed this advice, In a nutshell, for now loving texts can suffice!



PUZ-LER

Villagers: this puzzle was submitted by our neighbor Larry Roban and I invite you to submit your favorites to me. If they are appropriate I will print them.

This week's PUZ-LER: Larry and Vera's car goes up a mile long hill at 30 mph. How fast does it have to come down the hill to average 60 mph?

Be careful. Larry tried to sneak this one past me and almost succeeded. If you know the answer email me, Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com and keep an eye to see your name in print.

Last week's answer was "your mother" and those who came up with the correct answer were Leslie Bailey, Karl Reid, Peter Groot, Claude and Phyllis A, Loni Gattis, Sy Gelman, Fred Mathis, Don and Harriet Fernandez, Susan Mathews, Odila Nielsen, Bonnie Mandell, Janet Mize, Caryl Swinyard, Bill Tibbs, Carol ? and Harriet Tower. And a special thanks to Tom Moore who answered "Yo Mama." Ya gotta love those of us who live at The Villages.

Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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

Dad had a friend who knew how to cut hair. Once per month or so he would visit and give Dad, Donald and me haircuts for less than the going rates in the barber shops. So, when Sandy and I were first married I told her that it made a lot of sense for her to learn how to cut my hair. Then, if we had a son, she could teach me how to cut his hair. I even went out and bought a hair cutting kit, but Sandy adamantly refused, so that was the end of that.

I also showed her how Mom used to stick a light bulb in a sock in order to darn it. This proposal was also met with "Absolutely not." She explained to me how uncomfortable the thick threads would be to walk on, and how unnecessary. Socks just weren't that expensive. Boy, did Sandy have her hands full with me and my poverty mentality! She had probably heard my junior prom tuxedo story by then.

I had a date for the Junior Prom. I was able to get the girl a corsage somehow. But after providing for a dinner after the dance, I needed \$25 for the tuxedo rental. A friend offered to get his dad to lend me \$25, but his dad wanted my dad to sign a promissory note. He absolutely refused. Mom came to the rescue with a dark blue sport coat that fit me. I don't know where it came from. Maybe she said "Don't ask."

Well, I thought I looked great, standing out from the other guys who were all in the same black color. My date said she was embarrassed, if not mortified. Sandy said "Of course, she was!" I had no sisters, but along the way, two daughters and three granddaughters have proven Sandy right in many ways.



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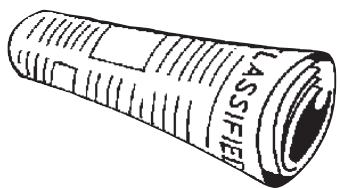
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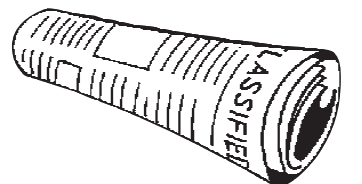
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OBITUARY

Mary Frances Ballard

December 21, 1927 – December 21, 2020



Mary Frances Ballard passed away peacefully on 12/21/2020, her 93rd birthday, the Winter Solstice and the return of the Christmas Star. She was a 30+ year resident of The Villages, having moved there so her late husband, John could play golf on his days off from SJSU. Mary Fran signed up for golf lessons and soon joined him on the course. Mary Fran and John were very involved in the Villages activities. Mary Fran continued to participate and enjoy the Villages lifestyle after John passed. She was a member of The Village Voices, Catholic choir, drama and Readers Theater, bridge group, exercise classes, Bocce, Village Hermosa parties and parades, Italian Club, Mary's luncheon, women's golf and tournaments. Her love of travel continued with her many close Villager friends as companions—to Ireland, Mexico, Caribbean, Hawaii and Europe.

Mary Fran was a Mother of 4 Deacy children and their spouses, stepmother to 5 Ballards and their spouses, grandmother to 11 and great grandmother to 2.

Mary Fran will be interred at St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Garden, 5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose.

Donations can be made to The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA), 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135 or a charity of your choice.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no services will held at this time.

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

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