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## The News this Week

- **New Three-household golf protocols**  
(See article on pages 1 & 18)
- **Clubhouse Patio dining reservations**  
(See items on pages 1, 6 & 7)
- **Proposed changes Association APo 304**  
(See article on page 3)
- **EPC seeks volunteers for Emergency Plan**  
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## Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Monday, February 15 for the Presidents' Day holiday.

## Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

## Channels 26 & 27

### Community TV channels:

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

- **ABOD Policy Based Reserves Planning, with David Cook**
- **Keep Fit with Mwezo**
- **Keep Fit with Hartmut**

(See page 9 for broadcast times on the above items and for other programming.)



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## Updated county mask requirement

Pursuant to the new protocols sent out last Friday by the Santa Clara County Public Health Emergency Operations Center, all those participating in outdoor sports including golf, tennis, pickleball, bocce, walking and jogging must wear a mask at all times. Only participants who are unable to wear a face covering for a medical or disability-related reason are exempt from this requirement.

From the Santa Clara County Public Health's Mandatory Directive for Youth and Adult Recreational Athletic Activities:

7. Face Covering Requirements
  - a. For adult recreational athletic activities involving more than one household, all participants must wear face coverings at all times while participating in the activity, except that participants may remove their face coverings while engaged in activities in the water. These participants must put their face coverings back on as soon as they leave the water.



## Pulse letter deadline to change

Your Pulse letters are important to *The Villager* and Village residents. To facilitate our ability to get your letters published in a timely manner we are making a change in the Pulse letter submission deadline. This change will provide reviewers and letter authors more time if changes are needed because the letter is not compliant with Club Rule 1.30.

Beginning the week of March, the deadline for Pulse letters will change to 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. We hope that this will result in more Pulse letters printed quickly. Any letters received after the deadline will be reviewed for inclusion in the next edition of *The Villager*. Thank you for your cooperation with this change.

— Communications Advisory Committee (CAC)



A 20 x 40-foot high-top tent was donated to the Clubhouse by the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) for the benefit of Patio diners. The tent can seat up to 20 persons, allowing for the mandatory six feet of spacing.

## Clubhouse Patio dining now available; reservations suggested

The Clubhouse reopened Patio dining in the tent and is now taking reservations.

There are three ways to make your outside dining reservations:  
Call 408-223-4687 for auto reservation recording  
Go to: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com) and click "Book a Reservation"  
Go to: Our website, [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com) for the link  
Limited seating available.

In addition to the reservation, the following requirements must be followed by diners:

1. Maintain a 6-foot distancing protocol.
2. Masks need to be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking.
3. Seating only for members of one household per table.
4. During COVID-19 restriction, only Villages residents are being served.
5. Outside visitors can order from Curbside Service or Quick Pickup.
6. Villager ID cards must be shown to confirm residency.
7. Alcoholic beverages can be ordered only with a meal.

## Golf Three-Household Protocols

Due to the recent state and county updates to outdoor sporting activities, The Villages is adopting a maximum of three households per golf group policy until further notice.

We are doing this to avoid the confusing "Cohort" rules that apply when a group has four or more households within it, and the accompanying administrative costs.

### What does this mean?

Four different households are no longer permitted to play in the same golf group, until further notice.

### Here are the allowable golf groupings going forward:

1 Couple	1 Household	twosome
2 Couples	2 Households	foursome
1 Couple + 1 Single	2 Households	threesome
1 Couple + 2 Singles	3 Households	foursome
1 Single	1 Household	single golfer
2 Singles	2 Households	twosome
3 Singles	3 Households	threesome

Call the Pro Shop at: 408-274-3220 extension 1, if you have any questions.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com. E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

- 3 Pulse letters received this week.
- 1 Deferred letter published this week.
- 1 Pulse letter recategorized in Above & Beyond column.
- 3 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.

Legal Fees Spending: It has been a while since the issue of the Management Agreement occurred; since then we have seen some progress BUT we should not forget that the boards spent a lot of HOA dues on legal fees.

Below are numbers provided by CBOD associated with legal fees including that for Management; CBOD never revealed the name of legal firm.

- Reported from 7/2019-10/31/2020:
- Actual \$52,642.95 of which \$45,278.95 spent on Management issues
- FY20 Budget \$13,500.00
- FY21 Budget \$12,000.00
- Total two-year Budget \$25,500.00
- two-year Budget Variance \$(27,142.95)

These numbers show that spending was way beyond budget during terms of the past two CBOD presidents.

ABDO had given their estimated costs at a monthly meeting in September 2020 indicating that they used their existing legal firm; their legal fees were about \$15,000 and some additional \$7,000-\$8,000 to investigate other management agents.

We still have ongoing issues. How much is being spent?

I put most of the blame on the previous board members in not being transparent early on with the Villagers trying for a backroom deal and treating us as kids or fragile senior villagers unable to accept complex issues!

—Manji Patel

Musings on the 'New' in New Year

2020: A time we weathered some deeply unsettling events; we experienced a slightly out of control feeling. We restricted ourselves; we weeded out the frivolous in our lives and dug down deep to concentrate on the essentials.

2021: A great American said in 1967: "We are confronted by the fierce urging of now." In the 'now' of 2021, let us conjure up a new and restorative year. We can imagine, we can work hard, and we can prepare for a 2021 Victory Dance. Get ready to sing and share your New Song.

—Pat Hubbard

A proposal was made by the President of the CBOD regarding the Club Board's position on the Street Assessment issue. Basically, the proposal places us back where we were prior to the raising of the issue in secret back in 2019. The President indicated that he will be working with the Presidents' Council to move this forward.

While this is great news and matches what the Association Board of Directors (and Villagers for Change) proposed, it still represents an item that really should not have occurred. In my opinion, legal fees were spent by both Boards in 2019 through 2020 that exceeded the budget needlessly. The only good result of this is residents became aware of the lack of communication between the two Boards and resulted in the creation of the Presidents' Council.

Hopefully, as we move forward, the Presidents' Council will prevent this type of secret rise of issues and spending from reoccurring. The non-disclosure of this item and non-necessary spending should never have occurred. The only way to prevent this in the future is to put in place more transparency and better communications to all Villagers. Thankfully, the new CBOD members appear to be much more open.

—Del Yamaki

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

### DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

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

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

**The Villages Communications Advisory Committee** "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair 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, Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432, and Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296.

### 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**

I would like to share another positive story about The Villages bulk contract with Comcast. I called Comcast Tuesday, February 2 since there was no signal to one of our TVs. The phone rep transferred me to a tech who walked me through some basic trouble shooting. The tech determined that it was a problem with the cable box and set up an appointment for a service call Wednesday, February 3 between 12:00 and 2:00. Later on Tuesday, I got a call from a senior tech confirming the appointment. Wednesday morning, I got an automated call stating that the Comcast service rep would be observing COVID-19 protocols. The rep arrived at 12:30 and switched out the inoperative box. Later on Wednesday, I got an automated call asking if the problem was resolved satisfactorily in a timely manner. I said yes and gave the highest ratings. I wish some other organizations were operating as efficiently.

—Matt Giordano

Thank you to the Evergreen Villages Foundation for its donation of the tent for the Bistro patio. We've eaten there twice so far, and despite it being chilly out, we were toasty warm. It's wonderful that they are enabling the Bistro to operate during cold weather, allowing them to both serve Villagers as well as generate revenue. You make me glad I'm a regular contributor!

—Anahid Gregg

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**,  
**MANAGEMENT** and **COMMUNITY**  
**NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 10 & 23

## *Notice of Proposed Changes to Association Policy APo 304 Replacement Reserves Policy*

Proposed changes to The Villages Association Policy APo 304 Replacement Reserves Policy were provisionally approved by the Association Board of Directors at its January 26, 2020, meeting. However, before formal approval consideration, the proposed changes must be noticed and published 30 days for the required member comment period as required by California Civil Code and Association Policy APo 101. To that end, the proposed changes will be considered for formal approval at the March 30, 2021, board meeting. The Board will consider oral and written comments regarding the proposed changes at the February 23 and March 30, 2021 board meetings. Response to the proposed rule changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed changes at the Association Board of Directors monthly meetings noted above, 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at [mehernandez@the-villages.com](mailto:mehernandez@the-villages.com).

The purpose of the proposed changes is to improve the useful information provided in the Annual Reserves Plan reports; the 30-Year Reserve Spending Plans will be updated to add (beginning with the FY21/22 budgets):

- The "Target Minimum"/Annual Provision Amount for that year (District Reports)
- The Construction Cost Inflation Factor Index used for that year (District Reports)
- The % Funded value as defined in Civil Code §5550 for that year (District Reports and the Consolidated Association Report)

Deletions are noted in strikethrough font, additions are underlined, and the purpose of the change is in italics.

### **TITLE: Replacement Reserves Policy POLICY NUMBER: APo 304**

**OBJECTIVE:** Provide guidelines for managing Association's Reserves Funds, and to protect against the need for special assessments.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Association Bylaws, California Civil Code 4000-4765, 5510-5560, 5600(a)-(b), 5605(a)-(c), 56105(a)-(c), 5620, 5615, 5650(c), 4210 5625

**POLICY:** The Board collects funds for the Association's Reserves Fund to ensure that monies are available as required to maintain, repair, replace, or restore Association property components in a safe condition and good appearance. The Board will determine the contribution required from the owners each fiscal year based upon Reserve Study information and other factors the Board considers relevant.

#### **LIMITATIONS:**

1. Reserves monies collected are to be used only for the purpose of maintenance, restoration, repair or replacement, or litigation involving such items for which the Association is responsible. Reserve funds set aside for a particular line item in a reserve study need not be restricted to expenditure on that line item alone, but rather the aggregate of all reserve funds may be used for the aggregate of all reserve expenses without reference to a particular component.

2. The Association shall maintain one amalgamated reserves fund account; but each district's financial balance will be recorded in a separate sub-account. Each district's annual funding requirements shall be collected from owners within the district on the basis of assigned villa adjusted floor area (AFA).

3. The Board shall review the Reserves Study annually and at least once every three years, the Board shall cause to be conducted a reasonably thorough visual inspection of property components to update the Study. The Board may, at its sole discretion, submit the Study to independent review by a Reserves Study specialist.

4. Reserves Study detailed and summary reports shall be available to the District Advisory Committees (DACs) for their review and recommendations.

5. The Board's objective is to maintain adequate reserve funds for each district to accomplish all planned repairs and replacements in accordance with the Reserves Study schedule while providing sufficient contingency for emergency repairs. To meet this objective, the reserve balance for a given district at the beginning of the fiscal year, plus the proposed assessment, should be sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures for that fiscal year. If a district has insufficient funds to meet its estimated expenditures for that fiscal year, the Board may, at its sole discretion, authorize a loan to that district from the Association Reserve Fund, or levy a special assessment against the owners in that district. Funds borrowed by a district shall be subject to repayment with interest within one (1) calendar year.

6. In addition to the above objective, a year-end reserve amount has been established for each district which is a reserve balance amount that, as a goal, should not be less than the Annual Provision Amount (APA). APA is the sum of the replacement cost for all reserve components, after each has been divided by its useful life. It is recalculated each year and maybe adjusted as needed by the Board.

7. As part of the annual Association Financial Disclosures the 30-Year Reserves Spending Plan reports will include for each of the thirty years:

- The "Target Minimum"/Annual Provision Amount for that year (District Reports)
- The Construction Cost Index used for that year (District Reports)
- The % Funded value as defined in Civil Code §5550 for that year (District Reports and the Consolidated Association Report)

**IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES:** None

# MANAGEMENT

## *A Message from the Accounting Office*

The Villages Accounting Department would like to remind all of our residents that you have the option to receive your monthly statement via e-mail, the most cost-efficient way to receive your monthly statement. An authorization form will be included with your February statement. If you want to receive your monthly statement by email, please complete the form and return it to the Accounting office. A drop box in the parking lot adjacent to Building A is available to drop off your forms. If you have any questions, please contact Salvador Tlazola at 408-223-4639 or email [stlazola@the-villages.com](mailto:stlazola@the-villages.com).

## *Questions for Comcast/Xfinity?*

Comcast/Xfinity will resume its customer service appointments to Villages residents on Tuesdays in February and going through April 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is Comcast driven and at no cost to the Villages. This is your chance to ask your questions about your existing service or, if you want to upgrade your service, they are there to help.

To schedule a 30-minute appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/2NjWp2e> and select a date and time on the calendar.

## *Villages 2021 Telephone Directory distribution*

The 2021 Villages Telephone Directory has published and will be delivered as soon as the weather permits.

Missed or damaged books may be replaced without charge for a month after start of delivery. After that, Villages residents may purchase a telephone directory (or extra directories) for \$10 each.

To make changes to your directory listing, call the Public Safety Administration office in Building C. Telephone number is 408-239-5246, option 2.

## *Stay in touch with essential developments on Fast Lane!*

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

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



## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### *Coyote reminder and tips*

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

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

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

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

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

### *Report Coyotes*

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

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

The Villages Rules and CC&Rs state that 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.

### *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](http://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.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### Sonata DAC to meet February 18

The Village Sonata DAC Meeting will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 894 1094 6074. Passcode: 256926. To dial in by phone, call 669-900-9128.

If you have questions, contact Kathleen Benz, Sonata DAC Secretary at 217-352-1698 or sonatavillagedac@gmail.com

### Highland DAC meeting day changed

The next Highland DAC meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 25 (originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 16). More details to come.

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of March are due to the Architectural Committee on or before February 18, 2021. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for March 4, 2021.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **February 18, 2021.**

### Club Nominating Committee seeks candidates

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and election will be held during May and June for six director positions, three to serve three-year terms, one to serve a two-year term and two to serve a term of one year. The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses and tennis courts.

It's a rewarding experience to participate in the governance of this vibrant community. The Nominating Committee urges all Villages property owners to consider involvement in the community decisions through service on The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Bill Devincenzi at 408-531-1031, Nick Yannaccone at 408-440-1765 and Jerry Neece at 408-270-2503.

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES  
on pages 10 & 23

**A GREAT DEAL! Villager  
Business Card Ads  
\$35 per week!  
Call Adrienne  
at 223-4657**

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committee on Reserves Accumulation Meeting is Wednesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. via Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 872 8912 9263 Password: 374038 Dial: 1-669-900-6833

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 23 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 Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740 Passcode: 260616 Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners' Quarterly Meeting Thursday, March 18, at 9 a.m. Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 929 3079 4514 Passcode: 567509 Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### New February swim times

Due to the popularity of the Vineyard Pool reservations on Monday, February 8 we will be adding an additional morning timeslot at 8:30 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!

## EPC SEZ..

Storing enough emergency supplies can add to your safety and comfort during and after an earthquake or other widespread disaster. Store enough supplies for at least 72 hours.

— The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee

### From your Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

## EPC seeking volunteers to help create The Villages Emergency Response Plan

### Bob Dolci, EPC Chair

Recently, the Club Board of Directors approved the EPC's request to lead and facilitate the creation of a Villages Emergency Response Plan. As the Chair of EPC, I will chair a committee comprised of EPC leaders/volunteers, two at-large Villagers and consulting with representatives of the staff, the VMA and the Club Board Liaison.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, which will review several emergency plan documents in order to create a comprehensive emergency response plan, please contact me at bobandk1995@gmail.com or 408-910-0759 by Friday, February 12. I'll look forward to talking with you about this important role in helping to ensure the safety of all Villagers in the event of a disaster. Thanks for considering this opportunity.



# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

## WHAT'S COOKING?

[theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)  
**Clubhouse Restaurant opens Patio dining—Reservations suggested:** Outdoor dining is allowed again, according to the county health order. The Clubhouse suggests that you please make dining reservations. The Clubhouse still offers To-Go Grab & Go, Home Delivery programs and online ordering.

**Online ordering:** now available at: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://clubhouserreservation.com)

**For Curbside Service:** 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 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 and Patio dining*

#### *Food Delivery Service to Villas/Condos and Single-Family Homes*

The Villages Golf and Country Club is proud and pleased to offer a home delivery option for our valued residents during these challenging and difficult times.

Delivery target times are noon to 2 p.m. **Email or phone orders for a particular day must be in by 11 a.m. the day before.** All orders, taxes and service charges will be charged to your house account to allow for proper social distancing upon delivery. **All hot food items for delivery are "heat-and-serve."**

All prepared menu items will be made fresh daily and shelf life is three (3) days refrigerated, so Villagers can order menu items to last for a few days, and then get another delivery on their specific delivery day.

We will also offer specials that we will record on our phone line when Villagers call in to order.

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

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

**An 18% service charge and tax will be added to the price. Charge to house account only.  
Email orders to [Clubhousemanagers@the-villages.com](mailto:Clubhousemanagers@the-villages.com) or call 408-754-1337**

#### *How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?*

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

**Notice for our Curbside customers:** Due to the increased volume of orders at dinner time, we are recommending that you call and place your order between the times of 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will take your order and coordinate a pick-up time later that evening. While this is not required, it should help alleviate any wait times during the peak dinner time hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

#### *Dining on the Bistro Patio; reservation not required, but suggested*

There are three ways to make reservation: Call 223 4687 for auto reservation recording, or go to: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com) click "Book a Reservation," or go to: the website, [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com) for the link. Limited seating available.

### *Soup of the Day*



For the week of  
2/15 to 2/21

<b>Monday 2/15</b>	Chicken, Vegetable & Quinoa
<b>Tuesday 2/16</b>	Cream of Mushroom
<b>Wednesday 2/17</b>	White Bean with Kale and Sausage
<b>Thursday 2/18</b>	French Onion
<b>Friday 2/19</b>	Manhattan Clam Chowder
<b>Saturday 2/20</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday 2/21</b>	Chef's Choice

### Patio and 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 dining at the Clubhouse is no longer available. This does not affect the Curbside Grab-and-Go pickup, Home Delivery service or Patio dining.

***Patio dining allowed by county order; reservations suggested***

Santa Clara County, the Bay Area's first epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic, issued a health order that shut down indoor and outdoor dining after the State of California downgraded the county into the purple tier in December. In response, the Clubhouse Restaurant ceased indoor and outdoor dining out of an abundance of caution and concern for Villages residents.

Recent adjustments to the order now allow for outdoor dining.

The Clubhouse reopened Patio dining, as well as Home Delivery and its Grab-and-Go meal options.

Dining on the Patio will take place under the new tent, provided by a generous donation from the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF).

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, 10 & 12

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

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

**All-Day Menu**

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

**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

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

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

**V Impossible Burger with Side \$12.50**  
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**

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 11 a.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**

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



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.

# 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

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

## 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**



12:00 & 6:00 a/p  
 Fitness with Mwezo

Monday :00 Chair Aerobics  
 Friday :24 Bollywood  
 Tuesday :00 Tai-Chi 8-Form  
 Saturday :24 Dynamic Balance  
 Wednesday :00 Chair Yoga  
 Sunday :26 Breathing Exercises  
 Thursday :00 Aerobics Workout  
 :21 Breathing & Meditation

1:00 & 7:00 a/p  
 Fitness with Hartmut

Mon, Wed & Fri :00 Strength Training  
 :13 Chair Fitness  
 Tue, Thu & Sat :00 Strength Training  
 :13 Cardio Fitness  
 Sunday :00 How to Stay Motivated

2:00 & 8:00 a/p

ABOD Policy Based Reserves Planning, with David Cook

3:30 & 9:30 a/p  
 Classic Television

MON Dagnet  
 TUE The Lucy Show  
 WED Sherlock Holmes  
 THU Burns & Allen Show  
 FRI Robin Hood  
 SAT The Beverly Hillbillies  
 SUN You Bet Your Life

3:30 & 9:30 a/p  
 Movies+

MON Pygmalion  
 + The Dentist  
 TUE Secret Command  
 + Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy  
 WED The Front Page  
 + Sing a Song of Six Pants  
 THU The Milky Way  
 + The Ed Wynn Show  
 FRI The Private Life of Henry VII  
 + The George Gobel Show  
 SAT The Outlaw

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



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

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

### *File for the School District parcel tax exemption and save \$125*

You may file for exemption from the annual \$125 Evergreen School District parcel tax on your principal residence if you are at least age 65 or will be age 65 by June 30, 2022—the end of the next property tax fiscal year. If there are joint owners of your principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

The Evergreen School District had planned on coming to The Villages to process Villagers' applications for the \$125 parcel tax exemption. Because of the shelter restrictions and the closure of the District office, SRS and the School District have agreed on an alternative way for you to get your exemption.

First go to the School District's website at [www.eesd.org](http://www.eesd.org). In the search box enter "parcel tax exemption." Then print the one-page Senior Exemption Form. If you prefer to avoid the computer, call Santha Pinedo at the District office at 408-270-6863 and she will mail you an application.

Besides completing the form, you need documentation to prove (1) your property ownership, (2) your residency, and (3) your age.

Your 2020/2021 property tax statement will prove your ownership and show the all-important Assessor Parcel Number. Your driver's license or CA identification card will prove your residency and your age.

You then need to copy your property tax statement and driver's license. If you do not have copying ability at home, check with your near neighbors. If that doesn't work, most mailbox stores are open and offer copying services. For example, there is a Fed Ex Postal Annex site on Silver Creek Valley Road near New Seasons Market.

Once you have the form and supporting documents, mail them to:

Evergreen School District  
3188 Quimby Road  
San Jose, CA 95148  
Attention: Santha Pinedo

An alternative to copying documents and sending them by mail, is to do it all by e-mail. As above, complete the application and scan the supporting documents. Email them to Santha at [spinedo@eesd.org](mailto:spinedo@eesd.org).

If you are new to The Villages and the address on your driver's license does not match your property tax statement, you also need to copy your most recent PG&E bill or some other bill to prove your residency.

If you do not yet have a property tax statement, you will need to show some documents from your escrow purchase statement. The SRS volunteer who has been working with the School District can help you with this. Call Pat at 408-274-1276.

Your application must be in the School District office by Friday morning, May 28. This deadline is to meet a State requirement and exceptions cannot be made unless the State first grants an extension of time.

If you had the exemption from the parcel tax for 2020/2021, your exemption has been automatically renewed by the School District. There is nothing more you need to do. The above instructions are for new exemption requests.

Not sure whether you have the exemption? Go to your last property tax bill. Look under the section on page 2 labeled "Parcel Tax / Special Assessments." If a line item is "Evergreen Measure EE 2018" followed by "\$125", you are paying the tax. If you can't find this listing, i.e., if there is no \$125 charge, you are currently exempt from the tax. Relax!

*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 Update:**

### *Volunteer tax service update*

**By Alan Waltho, AARP TaxAide Coordinator**

As announced in the January 7 Villager, the traditional in-person volunteer tax service that has been previously provided will not be available this season due to the restrictions imposed by COVID.

The Tax Group has requested that AARP/IRS approve a service in The Villages where taxpayers will drop off all of their tax documents at a designated outside location and return to pick them up along with their tax returns a week later. It is proposed that this service, which will be by appointment only, will commence in early March.

If approved, this service will first be available to Villagers whose information is in the tax preparation computer system from 2019. If there are enough volunteers, the service will open to other Villagers. Details of how to make appointments will be published in the Villager and on channel 26 in the next few weeks if we have approval from AARP/IRS.

If you have a complex tax return, it is recommended you contact a professional tax preparer who may be able to offer an in-person level of service. SRS has a list of paid tax preparers available. If we do not have approval by the first of March, we believe it would be prudent to either prepare your own tax returns or to make other arrangements.



The Clubhouse



### Online Meal Ordering

A fast and convenient way to order meals from The Clubhouse

To help streamline the process of ordering, The Clubhouse will now have, in addition to phone orders, an online meal ordering system.

The system will be a fast and easy way for guests to choose meals and pickup times for their orders. This will also be a great way for golfers to order a meal from their phone while on the course.

**Go to: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com) for online orders**



**Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976**

**Office: 408-238-4230**

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

**Service Coordinator:**

**408-238-4029**

**[www.vmvillages.org](http://www.vmvillages.org)**



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

### *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](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

**Caregiver Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Judy London, Ph.D. Thursday, **February 25** at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

**Stanford's Farewell to Falls** presented by Ellen Corman, Manager of Injury Prevention and Community Engagement. Thursday, **February 25** at 11 a.m. To register, email Bonnie at [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

### *Coming in March*

**Caregiver Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Judy London, Ph.D. Thursday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325

**Senior Care Consulting:** Certified Senior Advisor and owner, Roxana Dumitrescu, will present Senior Living Communities and Covid-19. Wednesday March 17 at 10:30 a.m. To register email Bonnie at [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

**With Grace Hospice:** Meds Matter presented by Sabine Haas, RN. Wednesday March 24 at 10:30 a.m. To register email Bonnie at [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org) or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## News Junkies to meet Monday

The next News Junkies meeting on Zoom is Monday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. Possible topics for discussion: Trump Impeachment; Biden's Covid Relief Bill & evaluation of his initial days including foreign policy moves; Marjorie T. Greene's committee terminations; Newsom recall battle; Super Bowl (your evaluation); Myanmar Coup. Remember to register by visiting VillagesSA.org and then selecting News Junkies.

## Riding Club Forecast: *Afternoon Cloud*

By Janet Buonocore

Most afternoons, our stalls are free of horses. By midday, the horses have been fed, groomed, trained, ridden, enjoyed and then happily led out to pasture. These days, however, if you venture up to our facilities in the afternoon, you will be greeted by our own wild mustang named Cloud. Cloud is a very special horse who is owned by Leslie Gardei. Leslie's persistent dedication and care have been Cloud's silver lining. It has not been an easy life for Cloud during his 12 years on the planet. After being rescued from the wild, where he, most likely, wouldn't have survived for long, Cloud suffered many health problems. He has endured major surgery and extensive rehabilitation. Currently, he needs to stay out of the grassy pasture due to a condition called laminitis. Laminitis causes inflammation in sensitive areas of the hoof which can lead to varying degrees of foot pain, and, in severe cases, can become so painful that a horse would need to be put down. One of the most important ways to keep laminitis under control is to adhere to a strict diet for the affected horse. Unfortunately, lush, green, pasture grass is off limits, so, this time of year, Cloud needs to stay in. Before you start worrying too much, please know that this little horse is very well-loved and supported by his owner and others. He continues to be walked, groomed and ridden and he gets to spend extensive amounts of time in the arena where he can roll or run around. He may miss his herd mates a bit, but once the grass is gone, he'll be right back up there with them. So, for now, if you pass by Cloud give him a wave or a thumbs-up or just say hello to this sweet guy who never gives up. Just remember not to feed him anything and, before you know it, this afternoon Cloud will be clear to join his friends in the pasture once again.



Paula Kalajian and dog Cherry visiting Cloud.

## VMA: 'Hello! Who's calling?'

There are about 48 million people with hearing loss. Less than 1 percent know that there is a program that can help them better understand what is being said on their landline, iPhone, and iPad. Clear Captions is a company that works with the FCC to provide federally funded captioning products and service at no cost to individuals with hearing loss. On Tuesday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. the VMA will sponsor a Zoom session led by Elli Tehrani detailing the services Clear Captions can provide for those with hearing loss. If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at bgrim@sequoialiving.org.

## Meditate with Global Village Club

The Global Village Club wants to invite you to join us on Zoom every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for a **meditation** session. Contact Darlene Korb at 408-268-8337 or darlenekorb@gmail.com for more information. Meditation may significantly reduce stress, anxiety, depression and pain, and enhance peace, perception, self-concept and well-being.

## Arts & Crafts Profile: Margaret McNelly

Left by the side of the road, Margaret McNelly was often the last person to leave her Plein Air groups. The others would make a sketch, take a few photographs, socialize and leave to paint at home. Margaret often completed a full-sized watercolor on-site.

McGill University's immersive studio art program taught her that as she earned her MFA.

Born in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Margaret taught Art and English in Canada. She and her husband lived at Lake Tahoe for many years, with six months a year at The Villages. They had three sons with six grandchildren, all nearby. The son on San Felipe Road constructed a model's platform when his mother was participating in Karen La Roche's Life Drawing Class and donated it to Arts & Crafts.

After her husband's death in a windsurfing accident, Margaret moved to The Villages full time in 2007.



Margaret's expertise in art did not preclude her from taking other art classes here—outdoor drawing with Jane Hink and Watercolor with Karen Honaker—because even an experienced artist can learn from a new teacher and a new class.

"Focused" is the word which best describes Margaret. Only one of her large, magnificent watercolors has been exhibited at The Villages: "Pumpkins and Watermelon" was on view in the Clubhouse lobby.

Margaret at 91 has this advice for anyone during lockdown who wants to pursue art: "Start. Certain objects, scenes will speak to you and demand your attention. Anyone can draw—you just have to learn to see."

## Evergreen Blood Drive is February 13

By Tom Mitchell

The next Evergreen Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen and the Stanford Blood Center, will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Community Center on 5111 San Felipe Rd, Evergreen, San Jose, CA 95135. The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and become a blood donor. Due to the large number of companies that are shut down, there is a big shortage of blood types, so your donation will be impactful.

We encourage folks to sign up in advance, to minimize waiting times for all. They can call me at 408-476-6104 or go to [https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/9054](https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/9054) to learn more.

Thank you for your support, and don't forget to wear a mask.

## Senior Academy: 'California, Then and Now'

On Tuesdays, February 9 and 16, at 2 p.m. in a Zoom presentation, the Senior Academy for Education will present Dr. Bob Senkewitz, Professor of History Emeritus at Santa Clara University and a long-time favorite of Senior Academy audiences, in a new, two-part series on the History of California. Titled "California, Then and Now," the programs will look at California's past with special emphasis on the ways in which the past not only shapes our present, but the ways in which our present shapes our conceptions of the past.

These initial sessions will deal with early California history - before the Americans took over after the Mexican War. Filled with rich audio-video resources, these lectures will convey California's heritage as part of Spain and Mexico.

Villagers can register for these lectures by going to the Senior Academy website at [villagesa.org](http://villagesa.org).



## SIR 38: Sandy Rosenthal to speak on flooding


During the SIR 38 Zoom meeting at 12-noon on Tuesday, February 16, Sandy Rosenthal, author of the book "Words Whispered In Water," will speak about why flooding, such as in New Orleans 15 years ago, is now occurring everywhere, what it means, and what we can do to stay safe.

Sandy founded the non-profit Levees.org in 2005. The group's focus is educating the public that the flooding of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina was due to federal engineering mistakes, not the wrath of nature. In March of 2019, she unveiled the Flooded House Museum at a major breach site. She initiated the installation of three historic plaques vetted by the state's preservation office, hosts an annual levee breach bike tour, and much more. For those efforts, she has been honored with numerous awards most recently including Outstanding Social Entrepreneur of the Year from Tulane University and Most Influential Woman from Mount Holyoke College. She is an advocate for the 62 percent of the American population living in counties protected by levees.

She has been married to Stephen Rosenthal since 1979, has three adult children, and two grandchildren living in San Francisco. She also has two small dogs named Twinkie and Cupcake.

Non-SIR members wishing to hear Sandy's speech should join the Zoom meeting at 12:15 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 884 5654 9268 and the passcode is 189674.

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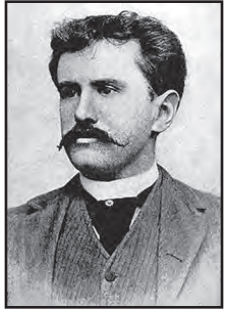
**Matinee Theatre to perform O. Henry Short Stories**

Do you know Tom Carson, Reine Fedor, Connie Hendrickson, Estelle Kabbani, Nancy Keane, Elsa and/or Tom McLaughlin, Nancy and/or Larry Miller, Sally Otton, Shirley Roberts, Marilyn and/or Bill Rodman or Geri Zeri?

If you do, you may want to join the Zoom cast for the Villages Amateur Theatre's readings of five short stories by O. Henry on **Friday, February 19, at 3 p.m.** And, if you don't, you may want to join in the fun anyway!

We chose this American short story writer because his stories romanticize the everyday person, oftentimes people from New York City. O. Henry (birth name William Sydney Porter) lived during the turn of the twentieth century and incorporates surprise endings, witty narration and vocabulary found in the defunct SAT. He was a man of all trades as he played guitar, served as a ranch hand, worked as a pharmacist, sang in the choir, read the classics, and then began his writing career.

Please register to attend the production by typing the following URL link into your browser: <http://tinyurl.com/ohenystories>. Once you have done so, you will receive an e-mail with the information on how to get access to the Zoom Matinee Theatre event.



**Hiking Club to host Greenbelt Alliance**

The Villages Hiking Club February meeting will feature a presentation by Justin Wang, the Advocacy Manager for the Greenbelt Alliance. The meeting will be live on Zoom on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. and the program will follow a short Hiking Club business meeting. The sign-in information will be at the end of this article.



The Greenbelt Alliance is a non-profit land conservation and urban planning entity. Its mission is to address a single challenge: how the Bay Area handles growth. It assists in shaping the rules that govern growth to protect the region's open spaces and to ensure neighborhoods within our cities and towns are amazing places for everyone. It has been working in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area since 1958. For further information, visit [greenbelt.org](http://greenbelt.org)

Justin is a lifelong South Bay resident who, after attending UCLA and a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at a conservation corps in Oakland, realized that the Bay area's vibrant natural landscapes were some of the region's most critical, and vulnerable resources. Determined to make a difference, Justin joined Greenbelt, first as an intern, then working his way up to become the organization's Advocacy Manager.

Currently, he is working on various initiatives to further climate resilience by addressing our water needs. He is working with developers to ensure that their projects are Climate SMART (Smart, Mixed Use, Affordable, Resilient, and Transit-Oriented). He is also working with the City of San Jose to reform their parking policy – making sure that equity is considered while furthering environmentally beneficial policies.

Hiking Club members will receive their Zoom sign-in details via email on the Saturday prior to the meeting. Non-members are welcome to attend by starting their free Zoom application, selecting "join a meeting" and entering: Meeting ID: 595 920 1234 and password: TakeAHike.




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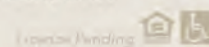


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## Senior Academy Technology Explorers hold first meeting

By Tony Berg

On the afternoon of February 1, almost 50 tech-curious Villagers Zoomed together for the first SATE meeting of 2021. In fact, this was the first meeting born from the union of the Senior Academy with the now defunct Villages Technology Explorers.

Led by Barry Sardis a range of technical issues and concepts were discussed in an open forum. Topics ranged from smart speakers to replace poor reception on radios here in The Villages to smart watches that called 911 if they detect that you may have fallen (first asking you if you needed help!).

The discussion was lively and entertaining and something of interest to everyone. It was surprising to learn that options for cell phone service providers have really mushroomed over the last year or two and the very low prices that people had found piqued interest in exploring our options.

The next SATE meeting is scheduled for March 1 and registration for the event is available on the Senior Academy website at VillageSA.org (where there is an online application form to join Senior Academy). Members will be reminded ahead of the meeting by email.

## Senior Academy: Exploring the Norwegian Coast



All along the Norwegian coast you will find magnificent granite mountains and beautiful natural scenery. Senior Academy will be hosting John Trudeau on Thursday, February 25 at 2 p.m., taking us on a photo tour exploring the coast of Norway.

We will begin our adventure in the city of Oslo, travel across the Norwegian countryside and reach the North Sea coast at Bergen, with its classic sea harbor hosting many Tall Ships. From there we will travel up the coast on the "Hurtigruten," visiting coastal towns, some magnificent fjords, and the scenic Lofoten Islands. We will stop at the northernmost medieval Gothic cathedral in Trondheim, go to the northernmost point of Europe, and over the top of Europe to the Russian border with Norway. Following that will be a visit to a Sami reindeer farm in Finland and a quick visit to Helsinki on the way home. Dress warmly; we'll be going way above the Arctic Circle on this trip!

John Trudeau is an active Villager, a frequent hiker, and enthusiastic traveler. He gets considerable enjoyment from photographing nature and the great outdoors on his travels. He has presented travel lectures here at The Villages, at various travel groups at Bay Area libraries, and for Osher Life-Long Learning (OLLI) at Santa Clara University, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Santa Clara.

Pre-registration with Zoom is required for this event, and can be done at the Senior Academy website at VillagesSA.org. The event is free for Senior Academy members and there is a \$5 fee for non-members.

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

## Free 'Farewell to Falls' workshop

About one in four people over the age of 65 fall each year. There are many reasons for falling, but it doesn't need to be an inevitable part of aging. On Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 11 a.m. the VMA will sponsor a Zoom meeting on how to reduce your risk of falling. The workshop will be led by Ellen Corman who is an Injury Prevention and Community Engagement Manager for the Trauma Service at Stanford Health Care. She has over 20 years' experience working in the area of injury prevention. She will discuss the multiple factors such as balance, medications, vision, and home safety that contribute to falls and give tips that will contribute to safely staying upright.

If you would like to join this workshop, please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at bgrim@sequoialiving.org.

## New 'Mining Your Memories' class

This class, "Mining Your Memories," will provide the tools to help tell the stories of your life to share with your family and friends. Beginners, and all writing levels are welcome. We will start by identifying life experiences for an event to describe effectively—what people said or did, and most importantly, how it all made you feel. You may find ideas in your memories, photographs, letters, cards, or relics from the past.

This memory will be written to stand alone. Keep in mind that one positive experience may spark even more memories for additional stories.



Barb Gottesman



Claudia Welch

The class is limited to 6 participants who will write one or two paragraphs developed and read during our Zoom meetings. Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman will offer their gentle insights to help bring your memories to life on the page. No pre-work or assignments are required—other than mining your own memories for ideas. This class could be a pathway for further development of stories for those who are interested. Our goal is to help you get started weaving a tapestry of stories from the threads of your life experiences.

Claudia has been writing childhood memories for several years. Her previous writing experience is in marketing, advertising and executive presentations. Barb has written many articles and has published four books. This class meets via Zoom on Wednesdays, March 3 to March 24, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$10. Register for this class at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

## Recycle organic waste to help fight climate change

By Dianne Doughty, Sustainable Villages Club

Methane, a climate super pollutant, can be reduced by simply recycling organic green waste which accounts for more than a third of the material in California's waste stream. Food scraps, yard trimmings, paper and cardboard can all be composted rather than ending up in landfill sites to decay producing harmful climate pollutants.

California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's mission is to increase the diversion of organic materials away from landfills and toward the production of value-added products. Organics are readily recyclable into soil amendments like compost, mulch, and liquid fertilizers, as well as biofuel, a renewable natural gas. This is already happening across California, but because organics are such a large portion of our waste stream (about a third), we can do more. Food waste alone accounts for about 18 percent of landfill disposal. We can reduce that percentage by reducing food waste and increasing edible food rescue.

Two California laws, SB1383 and AB 1826, target a 75 percent reduction of organic waste in our landfill by 2025. These laws support California's strategy to encourage residential and commercial kitchens to move toward recycling, composting, collecting, and processing organic waste.

Visit CalRecycles at [calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/) or San Jose Recycles at [sanjoserecycles.org/guide/food-scraps/](http://sanjoserecycles.org/guide/food-scraps/) for information on California resources and support programs. Please consider joining the Sustainable Villages Club to learn more about Climate change and composting. Visit our website at [sustainablevillagesclub.org](http://sustainablevillagesclub.org).



## Pedestrian Safety Reminder:

Recently we have seen an increase in pedestrian traffic throughout The Villages. A reminder: please use the correct side of the road when walking, and walk toward oncoming traffic. The arrows are painted on the main roads. You should also remain in single file when in groups to keep within the white lines as well as physically distanced. When walking pets, be sure they, too, remain within the white lines and out of traffic.



# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**Reflection on Sunday's Readings** by Deacon Andrzej Sobczyk:

The first reading contains instructions for isolating lepers to prevent the whole community from contracting the disease. This is what some countries are doing today to protect their citizens from the pandemic when they implement contact tracing and quarantine procedures. By doing that, some nations have been successful in limiting the spread of the virus to small pockets, allowing the majority of their population to continue living normal lives. To make it work, such a strategy has to be implemented right at the beginning of a pandemic. We have missed that window of opportunity. It is too late now, and we are paying the price in the number of lives lost.

Complete isolation of people, keeping them outside the mainstream, is a very harsh measure and should only be done in real emergencies. Jesus is moved with pity, in the gospel reading, and cures the leper, so that he can rejoin the community, where there is fullness of life. Jesus' whole ministry was about healing of broken relationships. He attempted to restore the community bonds of all who were discriminated against, rejected, or excluded from full participation by society. This is also our mission as disciples of Christ.

**Ash Wednesday:** February 17, in the Memorial Garden at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. (Vietnamese), and 7 p.m.

**Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses:** As long as there is no rain, Sunday Masses in the Memorial Garden have resumed. Please make your reservation. Masses will be on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday at 8 am, 10 am and 12 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese will be on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

**Daily Mass** will continue to be live streamed each morning at 8:30 a.m.

**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.

## JEWISH GROUP

**By Rabbi Laurie Matzkin**

This weekend brings us Valentine's Day on the secular calendar. The origins of this holiday are quite storied - from the Christianizing of Roman and Greek traditions, to patron saints and love letters from jail, to a booming US business of 145 million cards bought every year. I want to share with you a Jewish love story as an alternate model for your consideration. As we are currently reading in the Book of Exodus, the ancient Israelite slaves experienced enormous physical and emotional suffering. The Torah states, "Ruthlessly the [Egyptian supervisors] made life bitter for the [slave-men] with harsh labor at mortar and bricks, and with all sorts of tasks in the field." From the word "field" we learn that the men were not permitted to sleep at their family homes while they were working. The Midrash (Creative Writing by the Ancient Rabbis) adds that the women actually brought food to their husbands in the fields, along with comforting words reminding them of their humanity. One version goes even further. "Rabbi Simon ben Halafta said: The Israelite women would go to the Nile to draw water. The Holy One would fill their jugs with little fishes. They would cook some, sell some, and buy wine with the proceeds. They would bring the fish to their husbands in the fields, and while the men were eating and drinking, they would take out their copper mirrors and glance into them next to their husbands, beginning a flirtatious game of asking who was more beautiful. In that way, the women arose their husbands' desires, and The Holy One caused them to conceive on the spot!" While I hope you enjoyed the risqué quality of this teaching, I also think it teaches a profoundly different understanding of love. Love means going to the place of your beloved's suffering (the field). Love means using whatever resources are available (the fish) and making a plan that will lead to a reconnection. Love means holding a mirror to your own face and your beloved's, seeing the Face of God even during the most bitter season of harsh labor. And finally, love means conceiving a future together, creating a world for the next generation, and seeing your relationship not through the eyes of your oppressor, but through the eyes of God.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'Keep Believing'

**By Pastor Bill Hayden**

As a young boy who had been separated from his immediate family and sheltered by an aunt and uncle, my heart's desire was to be with my mother and siblings. My family had fallen on hard times in the 1950s when my father left us and my mother was not able to care for seven children. Two of my older brothers eventually joined the Army and Air Force while the other brother remained home with mother. My three sisters lived with our mother's sister and her husband. During this same time, I lived with my mother's brother, his wife and son.

Suddenly, I found myself living with family members that I really didn't know that well. Soon, my heart was broken and I couldn't understand why I was separated from living with my mother and siblings until years later. The separation really took a toll on me which affected my performance in school and at home. I was feeling a lot of loneliness and rejection which brought me to tears and prayerful petitions to rejoin my family.

I can't imagine the feeling of loss that a child or adult may feel, being separated from their love ones for years with no knowledge of their whereabouts. The trauma is enough to scar them for the rest of their lives. The feelings of rejection and loss at such a young age can thwart the development of any potential healthy adult relationships. Some people struggle forever with insecurities, doubt and mistrust.

We all come into relationships with brokenness, no matter how we present ourselves to each other, we are broken. If we know that we are broken, it should be easy to show compassion to one another but in most cases the opposite occurs. There are those who prey on and make a living off of broken people as they build their empires.

**Psalms 34:18 NKJV** *The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.*

If you are one (the broken hearted), know that God is present to embrace you with His gift of love in His Son at this very moment.

**Good news!** Join us each week at 10 a.m., Pastor Bill will deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message on video at our website at Villagescommunitychapel.org

May God bless all of you with good health!

## EPISCOPAL

### 'What's Love got to do with it?'

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

Myself and other members and friends of Trinity Cathedral have been reading "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times," the latest book by Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (of Royal Wedding fame). He's an immensely engaging preacher and writer, so it's a delight to follow his thinking as he weaves together personal stories, hymns, and contemporary ministry challenges. The many personal anecdotes reveal the man and the Christian leader that he is, so it wasn't until the end that I realized what a work of prophetic imagination Bishop Curry had written. He tells a story of a world transformed by love, rooted in very ordinary stories of how that love is already breaking through.

How much I need that message right now! The message is that—despite the pandemic and the fractured politics we live amidst right now—love will have the final word. And indeed is speaking loudly now. We can hear love's voice in acts of care towards our neighbors, in generosity towards the poor, and when we find common ground with people whose opinions differ from ours. Bishop Curry tells of a meeting of Anglican bishops wherein they committed to pray with and for each other before discussing the issues they knew they'd disagree on. They didn't necessarily come to consensus, but

they stayed in a listening and loving relationship. "Jesus teaches us the way of love; he didn't necessarily teach us the way of agreement. That love dominated our relationship, not our agreements or disagreements." Let us go and do likewise!

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# SPORTS NEWS

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Chris Leisy

On February 4 we had our first Captains Trophy Tournament. This was the first tournament we have had in a year since Covid 199. Thanks to Scott Steele and Alan Walsh we had a very successful virtual tournament. Alan sent out our score cards and instructions via email. We were able to print them out and after our game and emailed to Alan for him to calculate the winners.



Captain's Trophy Winner Chris Leisy

It was a beautiful sunny day and there were 76 excited women that signed up to play.

The winners are:

**Chris Leisy**— Captain's Trophy Winner  
**Annie Bassford**— Low Putts Winner

**Flight One:**

Low Gross: Monica Saneholtz  
 Low Net: Patti Hayes  
 2nd Low Net: Helen Varenkamp  
 3rd Low Nett: Janet Gonzales

**Flight Three:**

Low Gross: Chris Leisy  
 Low Net: Jay Lee  
 2nd Low Net: Gross: Inge McQuiddy  
 3rd Low Net: Gross: Diana Hallock  
 4th Low Net: Eddie Herbst  
 5th Low Net: Kay Grey  
 6th Low Gross: Mary Wagle  
 7th Low Gross: Miyo Shigemoto

**Flight Two:**

Low Gross: Jungwha Kim  
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 2nd Low Net: Vivian Brown  
 3rd Low Net: Karen Davidsen  
 4th Low Net: Geri Wilk  
 5th Low Net: Judy Owen  
 6th Low Net: Auralie Citrigno

**Flight Four:**

Low Gross: Sumi Minami  
 Low Net: Carol Zaccheo  
 2nd Low Net: Mary Jo O'Neill  
 3rd Low Net: Judy Rodriguez

## Golf Course Walking Hours

Always remember that the golf course is for golf play. Walking is permitted only at times when there is no golf play. During these winter months, and until further notice, walking is permitted on the golf course at the following times only:

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## SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

Punxsutawney Phil came out of his groundhog burrow on February 2, saw his shadow, and as legend has it, we will see six more weeks of winter. I feel like for the last month, the Shonis have been encountering our own battle with the weather. A few weeks ago, it was the very windy conditions that had us at some points turning our backs to forge on. Then there was the debris strewn all along the course as well as in the bunkers. I'm sure the debris was just as bad on the long course. Then the following week, we played through really cold morning temperatures.

Again we were undaunted by the weather. But last Tuesday, Mother Nature finally defeated us with rain that persisted during the morning hours of play. But still, that did not dampen our spirits. Delma Juarez, our treasurer and handicap chairperson gave us a ray of sunshine when she reported to us in our Sunday news blast, that for the month of January 2021, 33 Shonis played 123 posted rounds. In addition to the rounds, the month of January saw a hole-in-one, and five birdies. Congratulations to Doris Bates, Tricia Hardt, Teddy Morse, Sally Nichols, Pauline Robertson and Barb Sunseri. Well done, ladies.

If you would like to join the "undaunted spirt of the Shonis," please give me a call, Fran Schumaker at 408-355-3270.

Have a good week, take care and stay safe.

## SWINGERS

By Diane Nelson

**A Good Deed.** Many thanks to Linda Lamanno for coordinating a donation of golf equipment to SCHS Girls' Golf team. She delivered more than 500 balls and 50 golf clubs. Mitzi Macon and Claire Hintergardt helped with transport and unloading the truck. A huge "Thank You!" to Swingers who contributed. You know who you are.

**Golf Trivia.** Which of these terms is *not* golf terminology? Albatross, Eagle, Cardinal, Condor. For answer: see below.

**Results: Fore The Love of Golf Tournament** on Tuesday, February 9. Seventy players/18 Teams participated in this COVID-safe event.

Congratulations to Barbara Miller, Nancy Carson, Rita Karlsten, Mary Stowers with a score of 58 for first place. Other awards for strong scores go to Christine Zinn, Rita Marco-John, Bette Samdahl, Mary O'Neill with 62, and Sheryl Driskell, Gisele Barber, Pam Short, Maureen O'Neil with 64. Prizes of Valentine's Candy have been delivered to winners' mailbox tubes on Wednesday, February 10. **Post your scores** at <https://ncga.org/memberarea/post-a-score/>  
 Trivia Answer: Cardinal



Trish Sunseri, Silver Creek High School Girls Athletic Director with the donated equipment.

## Leash rule for pets

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## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore (douglas.moore865@gmail.com)

**What, a Men's Club Tournament?** Yes it's true! The Member-Member Championship is tentatively scheduled for 4/30-5/1. Two days of match play among two-man teams. It's going to be fun, so plan to be there. We will post more information very soon.

**Men's Club Tournament Schedule for 2021**—Regretfully, at this point in time, the major tournaments that we all look forward to every year are too “fluid” to be effectively scheduled. The COVID protocols and rules that we need to adhere to are continually in flux and do not allow for them to be formally approved.

**Eagles for January:** There were seven eagles reported for January!

Jim Holt - #2 on 1/1/21 (Happy New Year!!!)

Gary Sharps - #16 on 1/2/21

Bill Drabik - #16 on 1/16/21

Bob McAdams - #9 on 1/16/21

Dave Dimmick - #2 on 1/17/21

Reggie Smith - #12 on 1/23/21

Brian Sullivan - #14 on 1/30/21

Some mighty fine shooting gents, congratulations!

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

**Just a Reminder:** Due to COVID and the lack of Men's Club tournaments in 2020, the Men's Club dues in 2021, for existing members will only be \$15 and will be billed in February. Dues for new members joining in 2021 will continue to be \$35.

**Miscellaneous:** Even with all of the wind and rain we have had lately, the course is in very good condition, and the crew has been doing a phenomenal job to keep it that way for us. This is **your** home course, so **please** remember to fix your divots, repair your ball marks, and drive your carts in the proper areas so that we can keep the course in country club condition! Maybe even use the 90-degree rule when exiting the cart path toward your ball!

## TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Well...how are you doing with the quiz? Don't get discouraged. Out of 14 quiz questions, the high score was 5 and two people scored 5 so they both won a prize. There two more quiz questions left! Now for the answers from last week's questions:

#1. Shelley Schlender (one of the Social Directors/Hospitality) flew a Sopwith Camel airplane through a big loop-de-loop, including upside-down and then back to normal and goes with the photo of the little girl with a cat.

#2. Betty Olsen (past President) played the final of a charity mixed doubles match at Hugh Hefner's Playboy mansion in L.A. and goes with the photo of a woman hitting a backhand.

#3. Diane Whitworth (Treasurer) used to ride a mechanical bull and goes with the photo of a young girl in a dress.

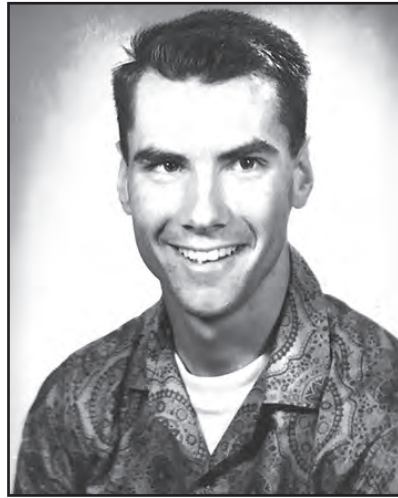
#4. Tracy Scott (past, past President) grew up on a lake 5 miles from the U.S. border, who spent a lot of time water skiing, playing tennis and was the county singles tennis champion in 1962 and goes with the photo of a water skier. (This was an easy one!)

Now for the next two quiz questions:

#1. When this member was little, the neighborhood bullies tied him to a telephone pole and lit a fire around his feet. This member's mother saw what happened and put the fire out before chasing the bullies off. The parents later showed this member how to defend himself.

#2. Who is the 15-year-old in this photo?

Stay tuned for the final answers next week to these last two quiz questions.



### Remember someone with a gift to the TC Scholarship

A great way to honor a loved one is with a gift to the Tennis Club Scholarship. The Scholarship is for graduating seniors from Silver Creek High School. Simply mail your check to "Tennis Club Scholarship," 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose CA 95135. An acknowledgement will be sent.

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen have begun their Winter tee time 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.

After getting rained out last week, this Thursday, February 4, 2021 was warm and sunny although a bit breezy. We had a good turnout and the results are as follows:

First place there was a three-way tie among Lee Thompson, Roger Pyle, and Prakash Deshmukh each with a net score of 27.

Second place there was a three-way tie among Charlie Wilson, Bill Travis, and Phil Renteria each with a net score of 28.

Third place there was a two-way tie between David Cook and Rob Boyles each with a net score of 29.

**There was one birdie today:** Al Bruno on hole 2.

**Deep thoughts:**

"Because golf exposes the flaws of the human swing, a basically simple maneuver, it causes more self-torture than any game short of Russian Roulette." - Grantland Rice, sportswriter

"A golf swing is a collection of corrected mistakes." - Carol Mann, Hall of Fame golfer

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

The weather gods have been smiling on us lately and it is bringing out some of us who were in hibernation. We had 15 players on the 5th so some real money is in the offing. Our week's winners are:

First place, John Mueller with a net 34 by himself.

Second place, we have a tie between Frank Garcia, Don Lee, and Martin Hoek, all with net 36.

Third place goes to Leighton Horio for his net 38.

Not sure how long this fair weather will last but I hope for a while since I will be back with you soon.

## BOCCE NEWS



By Marcy Boyles

Whooooo Hoooo. Look who is 100 years old and still playing Bocce. It is my pleasure to introduce Chuck Langenstein, one of the nicest people I have ever met. A gleam in his eye and a full accounting of his past. Nothing gets by Chuck.

Chuck was born on February 11, 1921 (no, not a typo) in Freeport, Illinois, a small town in the northern part of the state. He is a WWII Vet (DD411), a widower, and a busy man for his age.

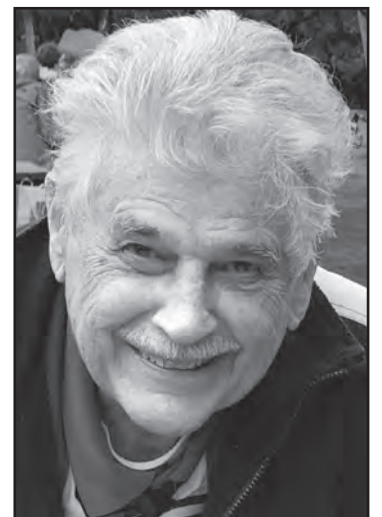
He attended a one-room school (grades K-8), moved to Cupertino after college and the service and worked for Kaiser Permanente Cement. In 1997, after becoming empty nesters (two sons and two daughters and several grandchildren), they moved to The Villages.

As to Bocce, Chuck was not a Bocce player before coming here but got interested after he couldn't play golf and his beloved wife passed away.

One fun story about a game of Bocce: He was on a team and his captain said, "Throw the ball away." Being hard of hearing helped him because he scored 4 points on the next throw.

The best part of the game, for Chuck, is the social piece. Now that we can have singles play, he is going to be back in form, so watch out for him.

Happy birthday, Chuck, and many more to you.



More SPORTS

Three-household protocols...

(Continued from front page)

Chelsea/Tee Times

All prior Chelsea reservations made for the week of February 15 through 18 will be wiped out and the tee sheets rebuilt.

We will be returning to eight-minute tee time increments to allow more groups per day and to keep revenues flat.

Chelsea will be available starting this Friday, February 12 at 9 p.m. for the following dates:

- Monday 2/15
Tuesday 2/16
Wednesday 2/17
Thursday 2/18
Friday 2/19
Saturday 2/20

Tee time reservations will be limited to one week in advance Tee sheets will be audited one week prior to assure that a maximum of three households are represented in each booking.

Tee times will remain 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14 and then the last tee time will move to 4 p.m.

Single golfers will not be able to book on Chelsea, they must phone the Pro Shop for a tee time at: 408-274-3220 extension 1.

All golfers MUST have a reservation—we will no longer accept walk-in play

Same-day reservations have been disabled on Chelsea Same-day reservations can be made by calling the Pro Shop at: 408-274-3220 extension 1.

COVID-19 Self-Health Check Acknowledgement
Until further notice, all golfers playing on the golf course or practicing at the Driving Range must sign the Golf COVID-19 Self-Health Check Acknowledgement Form...
Fever defined as a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
Cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition.
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Chills
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache that cannot be attributed to another health condition.
Sore throat
New loss of taste or smell
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea that cannot be attributed to another health condition.
Completion of the form is mandatory - no exceptions.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Sample of the Golf COVID-19 self health check form

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.

Golf instruction is back!

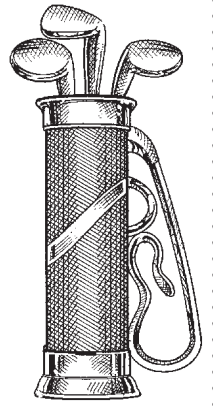
Pursuant to the new protocols sent out last Friday by the Santa Clara County Public Health Emergency Operations Center; golf instruction is again now permitted as long as both instructor and student wear face coverings and maintain a safe social distance throughout the lesson.

Golf Lesson Contact Information:

Contact PGA Instructor Tim Flanagan at flanagolf@aol.com or 408-209-4653

Contact PGA Director of Golf Scott Steele at ssteele@the-villages.com or 408-274-3220

Couples Special—two for the price of one! 45-minute couples lesson with Tim or Scott for \$50!



FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

New COVID-19 Golf Protocols—Pursuant to the new protocols sent out last Friday by the Santa Clara County Public Health Emergency Operations Center; all those participating in outdoor sports including golf, tennis, pickleball, bocce ball, walking and jogging must wear a mask at all times. Only participants who are unable to wear a face covering for a medical or disability-related reason are exempt from this requirement.

To quote Santa Clara County...Mandatory Directive for Youth and Adult Recreational Athletic Activities

Face Covering Requirements - For adult recreational athletic activities involving more than one household, all participants must wear face coverings at all times while participating in the activity, except that participants may remove their face coverings while engaged in activities in the water. These participants must put their face coverings back on as soon as they leave the water. Let's all make it a goal to leave our golf course in better shape than we found it, every time we play.

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

Arrive a maximum of 5 minutes early for your tee time (unless hitting balls at the range) to avoid unnecessary "gatherings." After golf, you must exit and go home immediately, no social gatherings around the Clubhouse. ...not even sitting in your carts separated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please do not try to converse with the Pro Shop staff through the glass window, it's best to phone us with any inquiries. If you need personal assistance, please wear your mask when approaching the Pro Shop or Driving Range staff.

Golf Pro Shop Hours—Please remember that the Pro Shop is open daily from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. unless we close early due to severe inclement weather. On Mondays we are open from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. If you call before or after hours or on a rainy day; please leave us a voicemail message and we will facilitate upon return. Thank you!

Golf Cart Rentals—We are now permitted to rent golf carts to residents in need. Please call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 x1 to reserve a cart at least one day prior to your reservation. A single rider is \$13 and for two it's \$26. There is a \$5 surcharge applied to each cart rental for cleaning and disinfecting services. Let us know if you have any questions.

Tips from the Pro—Dance like Elvis!

Remember how Elvis Presley used to dance...up on his toes with his legs moving back & forth. Well this is not a bad image for the golf swing and what the lower body does. How often do you see a tour player finish the swing flat footed? The answer is never. A tour professional always finishes the swing on his/her right toe (left toe for left handers). And during the swing, their legs are moving and their feet are active. Sometimes their feet are even off the ground at impact. This action provides leverage and ultimately more distance. So remember if your legs are stiff and inactive; try to activate them. Let the weight go right to left and follow the motion of the club. And always finish up on you back toe!! I guarantee you will see improved contact and distance. Let us know how this works...

To sign up for a lesson with PGA Head Professional Scott Steele, call the Pro Shop at 408.274.3220 or email him at ssteele@the-villages.com. See you at the course!

# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

5108—French drain installation in progress.

5070, 5092, 5093, 5105, 5109 and 5111—Dry rot repairs in progress.

5551—Utility room repairs in progress.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 2/22-2/27.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/15-3/19.

3364 and 3365—Reconstruction in progress.

3363-3366—Roof replacement in progress.

3227, 3243, 3304, 3403 and 3422—Walkway replacement in progress.

3425—Portion of driveway replacement in progress.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8876-8897—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

### Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/8-3/12.

4005—Front patio concrete replacement in progress.

### Glen Arden

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

Trash enclosure cleaning in progress.

### Heights

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

Trash enclosure cleaning scheduled to start 2/15.

### Hermosa

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

Dead/missing plant replacement throughout the district in progress.

8376-8378—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Highland

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7574-7598, 7661-7701 and Findhorn Court—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

Gutter cleaning scheduled for 2/15-2/20.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/15-2/19.

6204 and 6246—Dead/dying tree removal in progress.

Entrance median—Planting project to start the week of 2/8.

Montgomery Lane Lake Hillside—Planting project in progress.

Trash enclosure cleaning scheduled to start 2/15.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/8-3/12.

Dead/Missing plant replacement in progress at various locations.

Trash enclosure cleaning in progress.

8744—Interior repairs in progress.

8625 and 8628—Walkway repairs in progress.

8659—Driveway repairs in progress.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/8-3/12.

Trash enclosure cleaning in progress.

### Valle Vista

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/8-3/12.

Trash enclosure cleaning in progress.

## FROM BRIGHTVIEW

### Lantana Pruning

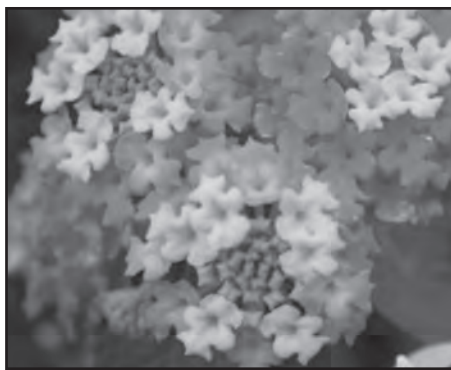
By Ryan Bolich Associate Branch Manager, BrightView Landscape Services

Lantana is a bright, colorful shrub that grows best in warm, full sun conditions. Proper pruning of lantana helps promote full vigorous growth, luscious flowers, and a full healthy look. For best results proper pruning of lantana should take place in the late winter/early spring before spring growth appears and after the possibility of a hard frost has passed. At the Villages you will see Brightview crews begin pruning of the lantana soon and continue into early spring. Below are some of the pruning techniques Brightview will use to prune the lantana based on the condition of the plant:

**1. Normal healthy lantana:** will be pruned back, leaving them 8 to 12 inches tall. Pruning cuts are made at 45-degree angles as this helps the lantana recover from the pruning quicker.

**2. Frost-damaged lantana:** frost-damaged lantana will look brown and dead this time of year, but we can rejuvenate these plants. Frost-damaged lantanas will be pruned down to the ground for a full rejuvenation of the plant. This amount of pruning can be shocking to the eye but once spring hits the plant will recover quickly and will grow back healthier and with fuller blooms all spring and summer long.

Lantana is a sun loving, warm weather loving, drought-tolerant shrub. As such, when spring finally arrives don't be afraid if your lantana is one of the last plants in your area to show signs of growth, this is normal. Often at this time the lantana will look "twiggy" or like dry sticks. If you see this, rest assured the plant is fine it just hasn't woken up from its winter slumber yet. Depending on the amount of sun that reaches your plant, it may take well into late spring before it awakens from its winter slumber and begins to grow. Once lantana starts its spring growth you can expect fast, vigorous growth of deep green leaves and blooms that range from purple to yellows and reds.



## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2021

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

### Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/8-3/12.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

### Association

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

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

Tree/shrub and ground cover fertilization in progress throughout the districts.

Turf crab grass pre-emergent herbicide weed control in progress throughout the districts.

### Club Centers

Weed spraying in progress throughout the Villages.

Foothill, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Stables—Reserve water tank repairs in progress.

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# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

## NORTH

♠ 7 6 5 3  
♥ J 7  
♦ Q 9 8 7 5  
♣ 6 4

## WEST

♠ Q 10 2  
♥ 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 3 2  
♣ 8 7 5

## EAST

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

## SOUTH

♠ K J  
♥ A K Q 10 9 8  
♦ 4  
♣ A Q 10 2

Dealer: West  
Vulnerability: All

Bidding: West North East South  
Pass Pass 1 NoTrump 4 Hearts\*  
All Pass

Contract: 4 Hearts  
Opening Lead: Ace of Clubs

Dealer has at least 1 loser in Spades, 1 in Diamonds, and 1 or 2 in Clubs.

Strategy: Obviously East has most of the points. The initial lead provides opportunities for at least two or more finesses through East.

West leads the 8 of Clubs, East, the King, South covers with the Ace, plays a low Heart to the Jack on the board, continues with another Club, East ducks, and South finesses the 10. Then he leads the 2 of Clubs, trumps it on the board, plays a Spade, East covers with the 4, South wins with the King, and next plays the Ace and King of Hearts to get the remaining trumps out. He then leads then good Queen of Clubs, next a Diamond, East covers with the King, and switches to the Ace of Spades. He next plays the Ace of Diamonds, South trumps, and now claims since his last two cards are trumps. Great! The contract is made with an over trick. By the way, any other suit initially led other than a Club prevents South from making an over trick.

\* East's bid of 1 NoTrump means that North has few points, and South will not get another chance to bid unless East bids again which is very unlikely. So, South likes his strong hand and decides to take a chance and bids game.

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## Along the Way—a trip down Memory Lane

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



I used to mumble that I had left New York because I hated the cold, only to ended up spending two winters in Germany (1962 and 1963). It was a popular saying that Germany had three weeks of summer and the rest was bad weather. As Infantry (foot soldiers) during peacetime, we would spend a week or so “in the field” three or four times per year. That may have included summertime, but I always remember being cold. We would take these heavy duffle bags with us, stuffed with changes of clothes, etc, and there were times when I think I was wearing everything that I had brought, plus had the empty duffle bag pulled up around my waist or chest as high as it would go.

One of the purposes of field training was to get us to trust, use and rely on all our equipment. I recall the night I had to sleep on the ground out in the open. I fumbled around and got into my sleeping bag in the pitch dark, cold as I had ever been in my life, and managed to get my boots off and keep them in the bottom of the bag where I would find them in the morning. Then I slipped out of my heavy overalls, as my body heat started to warm things up.

It's strange how certain moments are captured and retained like black and white photos among the myriad experiences of our lives, while most other moments fade out along the way. In the morning I poked my head out of the sleeping bag just enough to look around and saw that it had snowed. It was one of the most beautiful moments I had ever experienced. I was well-rested, lying on the frozen ground in the snow out in a forest somewhere in Germany “snug as a bug in a rug.” I must have looked more like a snow drift than a soldier, so no one woke me up. More than my equipment that morning, I learned to trust and appreciate life.

# PUZ-LE

**This week's puzzle** is a little more difficult but if you play around with it I think you will be a winner. Thank you, Tom Moore, my neighbor and friend, for submitting it to me.

I am a three-digit number. My tens digit is 5 more than my ones digit. My hundreds digit is 8 less than my tens digit. What number am I? When you come up with an answer, email it to me, Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com.

Ooops, I messed up and did not provide you with an answer. Two weeks ago Jane and Lee were able to stand behind each other by standing back-to-back.

**Last week** all you had to do was throw that golf ball straight up in the air and it would return to you. Throwing it uphill and letting it roll back was creative but no cigar. The winners were Phyllis Barrett, Lee Thompson. Karl Reid, Renee Woolard and Rick Toblar, Odila Nielsen, Peter Groot, Don Fernandez, Harriet Fernandez, Jacqueline Wise, Fred Mathis and Phyllis and Claude A. Good going—let's see how you handle three-digit numbers.

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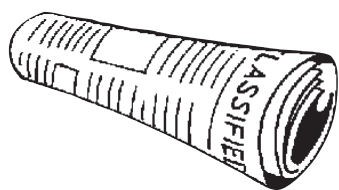
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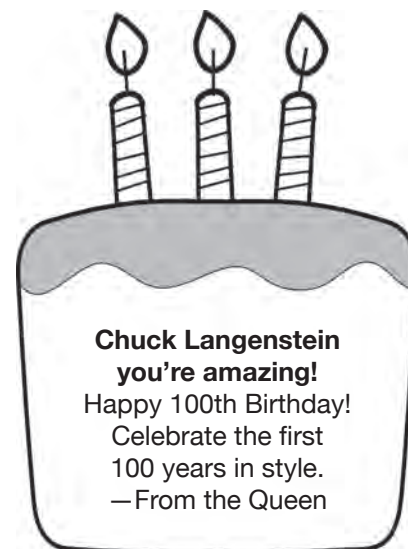
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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS!



## More COMMUNITY NOTICES



Welcome to another edition of socially-distanced Hi Neighbors!  
This week we introduce you to more Villagers who moved here in 2020.

Help us give a warm welcome to **Martin and Michelle Rahn**, who moved to Village Valle Vista last February from Mountain View. Originally from Long Island, New York, Martin graduated in the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1984, and holds a B.S. and M.S. in aerospace engineering. He flew P-3C Orions in the U.S. Navy. Michelle is a California native, born in Escondido and graduated from Cal Poly in 1984 with a degree in mechanical engineering. The couple met while both working as spacecraft systems engineers for Space Systems/Loral (SSL). They have two children, Eric and Jenny. In their spare time, Marin enjoys golfing, biking, hiking and playing guitar while Michelle likes remodeling, photographing, hiking and multimedia art.

Say hi to **Sandi (Sandra Lee) Zeitman and Nick Aghazarian**. The two moved to Village Hermosa last July from Sunnyvale. Sandi was born in Palo Alto and received a teaching credential from San Francisco State University, a skill that she said she did not use in a classroom, but instead used to teach calligraphy and cooking. She worked for two decades in convention business organizing and promoting SF Gift Shows, and also organized professional speakers. Nick is from Istanbul and holds a B.S. in electrical engineering. He has worked for FEMA and Bechtel. Nick's hobbies and interests include philosophy, dancing, cruises and learning about future and tech advancements such as self-driving cars. Sandi's interests include health, nature walks and "playing with food."

Help us greet **Rajendra and Monika Naido**, two Village Montgomery residents who moved there last March from Redwood City. Originally from Durban, South Africa, Rajendra has a business degree and has worked as both a businessman and real estate broker. Monika was born in Stuttgart, Germany and studied graphic design and film. An author of two published novels, Monika is also a screenwriter whose day job is as administrator/office manager for a software company. In their free time, Rajendra likes golfing, walking, swimming and Monika enjoys reading, arts and crafts and walking their dog. The couple has two children.

Wave hi to **Fran and Bob McAdams**, two residents who moved to Village Verano last March from Palm Desert and Hawaii. Fran was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, but moved to California where she attended Burlingame High and San Jose State. She got her teaching credential and taught at Catholic elementary schools, and also tutored English. Fran volunteered for many organizations, including as a Cub Scout den mother. Bob is a San Francisco native and grew up in Pasadena and San Mateo where he attended San Mateo High and SJSU. He worked at Ampex Corp and Measurex Corp in finance and accounting and retired in 1997 as Executive VP Chief Financial Officer. In his spare time, Bob enjoys golf, tennis, and volunteer work whether as a chaplain's assistant at a hospital or providing free financial counseling. In her spare time, Fran enjoys Jazzercise, yoga, water aerobics, taking care of their dogs and writing—in fact, she is working on a book about her life. She also enjoys fixing up/decorating homes, as the couple has lived in 15 different homes over the years.

## Stroke is an emergency!

If you or a loved one is showing any of these signs, call 911 or go to the hospital immediately.

The signs of a stroke:

**Face**—does one side of the face drop or look uneven? Ask the person to smile.

**Speech**—Is speech slurred or unrecognizable? Ask the person to repeat a phrase.

**Eyes**—Is there a sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes?

**Arm**—Is one arm or leg weak or numb and does it drift down? Ask the person to raise both arms.

**Balance**—Is there a sudden loss of balance.

**Headache**—Is there a sudden and pounding headache?

If something looks or seems unusual, trust your instincts. Call 911 or go to the hospital immediately if you or a love one is showing any of these signs. Every second counts—know the signs and save a life!

This message provided by the Stroke Awareness Foundation. For more information visit [strokeinfo.org](http://strokeinfo.org).

## 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](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com), or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: [shinrichs@the-villages.com](mailto:shinrichs@the-villages.com).

## Evergreen Blood Drive is Saturday, February 13

By Tom Mitchell

The next Evergreen Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen and the Stanford Blood Center, will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Community Center on 5111 San Felipe Rd, Evergreen, San Jose, CA 95135. The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by and become a blood donor. Due to the large number of companies shut down, there is a big shortage of blood types, so your donation will be impactful.

We encourage folks to sign up in advance, to minimize waiting times for all. They can call me at 408-476-6104 or go to [https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/9054](https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/9054) to learn more.

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