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

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

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### County Offering Vaccination for Homebound Residents

Santa Clara County continues to expand its COVID-19 vaccination outreach efforts. The County is introducing a new program to provide in-home vaccinations for homebound residents.

Residents can email CovidVaxHome@phd. sccgov.org or call 408-970-2818 for more information or to register. To be eligible for this program, residents must meet the Medicare definition of homebound:

Patients are considered "confined to the home" or "homebound" if they meet both of these criteria:

• Patients either need supportive devices such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, walkers, special transportation, or help from someone else to leave their home, due to illness or injury, OR have a condition that makes leaving the home medically inadvisable.

• There must exist a normal inability to leave home; AND leaving home must require a considerable and taxing effort.

Recently, the State of California has not provided sufficient vaccines for our region. The low and unpredictable supply has created many logistical challenges for the County, leading to the postponement of vaccination clinics for farm workers this week, reductions in capacity at the educator-focused clinic, and reduction in the number of appointments available to eligible community members.

The County Health System is ready to expand its appointment capacity as soon as the State provides additional vaccine.

The biggest bottleneck in vaccinating Santa Clara County residents continues to be the supply of vaccine that the County and private health care providers are receiving from the State of California and the federal government.

Once the County receives vaccine from the State, vaccination appointments can be made online at www.sccfreevax.org. That website also contains the most up-to-date information about who is eligible for vaccination and how to get vaccinated.

Residents without access to the internet can make vaccination appointments by phone for the County Health System sites through the Valley Connection Call Center at 408-970-2000. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 7am to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4:30pm. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and multiple other languages.

### The luck of the Crib-Irish



In anticipation of this Wednesday, the Cribari Village entrance sign looked like a good place to look for a pot of gold. Photo by Frank Langben

### New Villages Golf Committee to meet starting April

The new Villages Golf Committee (VGC) has been appointed as follows (in alphabetical order):

- Ray Blinde, General Member
- Ron Burke, General Member
- Rob Howe, General Member
- · Bev Poellot, General Member
- Shel Schumaker, Chairperson
- Mary Wagle, Secretary

Congratulations to them, and they are wished tremendous success with the newly reorganized VGC. The VGC Mission Statement is: To represent The Villages community by endeavoring to maintain the aesthetic values, functionality and playability of both courses and practice areas to enhance the residents' golf experience and to meet the expectations of the majority of golfing residents.

The VGC is having their first meeting on Thursday, April 8, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This initial meeting will be via Zoom. Thereafter, monthly meetings will be on each second Thursday of the month from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. These are open meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend. Zoom details of the first meeting will be published when known.



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Although Santa Clara County has moved into the less restrictive Red Tier, continue wearing masks, sanitizing hands and social distancing as before.

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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 4 p.m. on Thursday 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. 0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines. 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.

I gather the average age at The Villages is 76.1. This should mean that by now the most vulnerable of our Villagers have been vaccinated against Covid-19. Assuming this is so and referencing the latest CDC guidelines, how soon will management open our many facilities in Cribari, particularly the library and the Post Office?

#### - Trudy Nichols

Spotted, just now, below our deck, a wild boar group of about 5-6 adults, and about 10 baby piglets, trying to hit up mom on the run. They were on the other side of the fence, above the horse barn. The baby piglets were a light tan with spots. Never seen anything like that. We live in the wilds, I guess. Too bad it was too dark to take a picture. The neighbors' dog went crazy on their balcony.

#### -Lana Guiffre

There is lot of chat happening on Nextdoor neighbor Villages about yearly increases of our HOA dues. Many participants are agreeing that Village management must do something to hold the present HOA level or try to reduce it.

I have suggestion that we, all Villagers, should demand or vote for new Board candidates, take pledge that if elected they will hold the HOA level or try to reduce it.

We, Villagers should vote only these candidates who promise and take pledge like above.

Every election in Villages, I have never ever seen any board candidate taking a stand or saying such thing in their manifesto.

-Prakash Deshmukh

### Pulse letter deadline is Thursday by 4 p.m.

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

The deadline for Pulse letters is now 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.

### IN MEMORIAN

**Rissie Lavenia Anderson** February 26, 1934 – February 3, 2021 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

**Harvey Paul Sherman** 

May 11, 1931 – March 12, 2021 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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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.

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## BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### **ASSOCIATION BOARD**

### From the Association Board President

Recently I was asked by an Olivas member about the budget development process and the opportunity for community input before the Association Board approves the final budget proposals. I'm sure more people have the same questions and concerns about taming the rising HOA fees and understanding the factors behind them, so I'm including my response here. My presentations to Del Lago, Glen Arden, and Montgomery are also on the Resident Portal.

Please communicate with the Boards directly by email (we are all in the front pages of the Villages Directory) for detailed questions and at Board meetings to express just the highlights. You can also address concerns at your DAC meetings to the ABOD liaison there. Listing a lot of grievances in social media like NextDoor or public facing websites just hurts the image of the Villages in the eyes of Realtors and potential residents, and ultimately the market value of our homes. It is Board policy (on advice of legal counsel) for Board members not to communicate via social media, but we are always available by email, phone, and at Board meetings.

**Response to a member's email:** Per the normal process each year, the draft budgets will be presented to each DAC during one-hour scheduled Zoom meetings the week of March 14. That is the first opportunity any of us will get to see them as they are still under development. The DACs will get an opportunity to ask questions during their presentation and if time runs out during the Zoom session, then they can send in additional questions by email. We (management staff and ABOD) will answer every question within the time we have over the next couple of weeks (there are twelve villages, so there is the potential for many questions). The only change from the normal process last year and this year is that instead of doing this in person, it has to be over Zoom. The budgets will be presented and reviewed by the ABOD at the regular open ABOD budget review meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, and final budget approval will be at the ABOD regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

I don't know if you attended my presentation last year to the Olivas Town Hall about Association on HOA assessment growth over the last 5 years and the cost drivers causing them. If you didn't it is posted on the Resident Portal: https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/olivastown-hall-presentation-august-10-2020/. Homeowners across the state have been caught up in a "perfect storm" of one-time dramatic increases in water, insurance, and labor costs. Minimum wages have gone up 50% over the last five years, insurance up over 100%, and water another large number. And they are not going to go down, just up, but at more normal inflationary rates.

So practically, what can we do about it without damaging the street appeal and great living environment that brought people here in the first place? The biggest impacts on a budget are always by starting with the big hitters in expense, since whittling some of those down by only a few percent has more impact than trying to eliminate many smaller items. All our financial reports are online and reviewed at ABOD meetings each month, so you can view them on the Resident Portal and confirm where the money goes.

#### **Operating Costs:**

Insurance - we have increased deductibles and loss limits to reduce increases in premiums, but that mostly just has the effect of transferring the risk to individual condo owners and increasing the cost of their own insurance. Also, individual policies cannot cover many areas of possible loss since they are constrained to operate "on top of" the HOA's own policies, so in those areas decreasing Association coverage would be significantly increasing loss risks to every condo owner. With mostly retired folks, they are not equipped to recover from large losses (fire, earthquake, water damage) so we tend to error on lesser risk for members. Nevertheless, the ABOD has made many changes in recent years in this direction to lower costs. We continue to remind residents that what they do really matters in keeping insurance costs down - preventing fires by cleaning lint filters, and fan, dryer and stove vents; hiring only licensed contractors for interior improvements, and setting controls on the usage of gas generators and barbecues. One major fire a year in a condo can drive (and has in the past) our insurance rates sky high, and risk not being able to even buy insurance. Insurance companies continue to raise rates to recover from the many forest fires and hurricane/tornado losses in recent years.

Water - just like in the drought years, as water has gotten more expensive, we focus a lot on water usage, which is mostly for landscape irrigation. This gets minimized by our "smart" controllers and close attention by staff. We've tried a number of ideas over the years like replacing grass with lower water usage plants and drip systems rather than sprinklers. These efforts are continuing, but they also come with upfront costs of implementation and higher labor levels since drip systems seem to be more delicate and need more adjustment and repairs than traditional sprinklers. And plant trimming and weeding for the replacement plants is more labor intensive than simple grass mowing. So water costs go down, but labor goes up. Resident conservation does help and is important, so efforts here are always helpful, just not as big an impact as landscaping. We have looked hard at common issues like water loss due to sprinkler overspray, but in truth these are ninimal amounts of water compared to our overall level of usage. Every preliminary analysis that has been done indicates the capital expense up front to improve the irrigation system does not recoup that investment over any reasonable amount of time, and no one wants to increase HOA's right now to fund that work anyway. Labor - most of our labor costs are around landscaping and we've got our best labor rates by bidding out and contracting for 5-year contracts. The vendor is assured continued business for that period and can offer the lowest overall costs including baking in labor costs. When we renewed the last 5-year contract we had been paying below market labor rates for several years, so there was a significant jump in costs as the new plan caught up to market rates. It was good proof,

### **FROM THE CLUB BOARD**

### From the Club Board

#### By Howie Blumstein

Some concerns Villagers have expressed recently are discussed in this article. Specifically, why was the Pickleball Courts Complex construction project started and completed during the pandemic, and why the Club Board/management are not doing more to minimize/eliminate coyotes in our community.

#### Pickleball Courts Complex Project:

After many years of planning, a Membership vote was conducted for the Pickleball Courts Complex project in 2020 (vote package distributed May 29th with a June 29th deadline). Ballots returned during the voting period for the project were 1,523, votes cast. The vote approved the project construction; 1,101 For and 418 Against (4 were invalid). Approximately three of every four votes approved utilizing funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Pickleball Courts project.

As stated in several articles published in the Villager last year "It should be noted The Villages Bylaws (Article 8.2.5) has a provision stating that money in the Capital Fund can only be utilized for a Capital Improvement. Funds in this account cannot be used for any other purpose such as offsetting operating/ reserve expenses."

**Coyotes:** A number of residents have had interactions, expressed concerns and are frustrated by the presence of coyotes in The Villages.

Management and the Club Board understand the frustration and concerns Villagers have and are also concerned about the coyotes. We are frustrated by the lack of effective means available to The Villages to control the coyote population as we are restricted in what can be accomplished. Available measures that can be implemented limit our ability to control and contain coyotes in our community. Our hands are tied by local and state regulations. The Villages has to comply with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Santa Clara County Vector Control regulations. The measures we can and are implementing are in accordance with these regulations and recommendations. The Villages continually works closely with these agencies and makes them aware of the incidents and concerns our residents have. The regulations prevent The Villages from trapping, killing and other measures to minimize/eliminate the coyote population in our community. Trapping can only be accomplished by the CDFW only after they are notified of a coyote incident involving harm to an individual.

On a weekly basis Villages fences are inspected and damages are repaired in an attempt to prevent coyotes and other animals from entering our property. This is an ongoing endeavor as coyotes and other animals find a way to repeatedly breach/damage the fences to gain entry to our community. The fences are also damaged by fallen tree branches, ground movement, etc. Additionally, coyote dens are continually disturbed in an attempt to disrupt them and their mating. Other available resourses are the Public Safety articles, that are published weekly in the Villager and advice given to residents. Recently calls to Public Safety about coyote encounters and sightings have dropped to a monthly total of 12 - 16, down from 20 - 25 calls a week last summer.

Note: A Zoom meeting about coyotes with a wildlife expert is scheduled Wednesday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

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## Management

### **FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE**

### Did you know?

#### By Villages General Manager Tim Sutherland, CAMEx, CCAM, CMCA, AMS

Our DAC budget meetings took place this week on March 16, 17 and 18. Preventative maintenance programs/ investments and catch up maintenance work begun more than 3.5 years ago are showing up in good line item cost controls/reductions/results this year.

#### (Below) Area Project Managers Assignments:

	ASSOCIATIO	NCONDOS
Richard Ortega	Cribari	
David Gonzales	Hermosa	
	Heights	
	Valle Vista	
Todd Maria	Verano	
	Highland	
Lenny Maria	Del Lago	
	Fairways	
	Sonata	_
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Oscar Garcia	Montgomery	16.0
		14.0
		12.0 10.8
Balfred Reyes	Olivas	12.0 10.8 10.6
	Glen Arden	
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		6.0

Please remember to contact Association's Operations Manager Maria Hernandez at 408-239-5248 if you have any questions about work orders or Area Project Managerrelated questions.

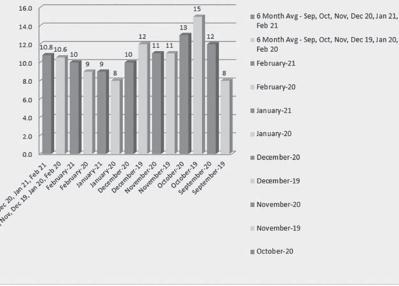
#### DAC FY 2021/2022 Budget Meetings:

Tuesday's, March 16 meetings included Cribari, Del Lago, Sonata and Highland districts. Wednesday's, March 17 meetings included Verano, Olivas, Valle Vista and Montgomerydis-

tricts. Thursday's, March 18 meetings included Heights, Hermosa, Glen Arden and Fairways districts.

### (Below) Villages ownership changes remain very stable the last 6 months year over year:

#### The Villages - New Units Purchased



General Manage Tim Sutherland

### *Telephone Directory delivery completed*

The 2021 Villages Telephone Directories were delivered in February. If you did not receive your directory, please call Scott at 408-223-4655.

Missed or damaged directories may be replaced without charge until March 19. After that, Villages residents may purchase a telephone directory (or extra directories) for \$10 each.

### 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.

### **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

### Leash rule for pets

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



Here is your Villages Management Team Organizational Chart:

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Assistant General Manager Julia Meadows



## GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

### **THE DACs** Montgomery DAC to meet April 5

There will be a Village Montgomery DAC Meeting on Monday, April 5 at 10 a.m. on Zoom. The Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID is 880 7893 2209 and password is 408164. To dial in by phone, call 1-669-900-6833. For more information, contact Carol Hoffman, DAC Chair at 408-270-4070.

### Glen Arden DAC to meet March 24

The Glen Arden Quarterly DAC meeting will be held March 24 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting information will be sent by email.

### Highland DAC to meet March 25

The next Highland DAC Meeting will be **Thursday, March 25, 2021** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Connect information provided via email and paper flyer by March 22.

### AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of April are due to the Architectural Committee on or before March 19, 2021. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for April 1, 2021.** 

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is March 19, 2021.

#### From the Association President...

#### (Continued from page 3)

though, that we had minimized labor cost over the life of the previous plan. Cross-charges of labor from the Club for our management team is small, almost trivial in comparison to the "big three".

**Reserves:** Cost savings here are all about managing the lifetime costs of maintaining our condos and common area grounds and improvements. The ABOD and Management have put a lot of time into reducing lifetime costs by such things as preventative maintenance on roofs, extending paint life by choosing better quality paints, implementing preventative caulking repairs, and only painting when third party inspectors tell us it is needed. We have invested in repairing the dry rot that had built up over many years, so buildings are fixed and coated with good paint which will extend their life significantly. Sewer pop-off valves have been installed throughout the Villages, and costly damage due to blocked sewer lines is now virtually non-existent instead of several cases a year. This year the ABOD has just approved policy changes to control the amount of money to be saved up for Reserves expenses in order to more closely match the estimated lifetime costs. We are also hiring an outside Reserves Specialist company to do an independent reserves plan that we can use to compare to our own methodology and adopt any useful ideas we aren't already doing. We are already starting to see the rate of increase in reserves cost bend downward due to previous efforts and those and current efforts will continue to lower costs over time.

So what to do? If we don't water or maintain the landscaping, much of it will die and our beautiful grounds will turn ugly and wild. Replacing those plants in the future would be much more expensive than maintaining them now. Property values would plunge due to obvious lack of maintenance. Nobody wants that. If we further increase deductibles on insurance, then we increase the risk of big losses to our members who would have great difficulty in recovering from those costs while on fixed or limited financial resources.

All ABOD members are also condo owners and we don't like any increases either. But following the requirements of our governing documents requires us to maintain our property to the mutual benefit of all our members.

We are always open to consider ideas to control costs so if you have specific suggestions please send them to me or other ABOD members. The Villages has over 50 years of experience now of doing its best to manage costs down, but two things stand out: 1) a large part of our costs are determined by outside agencies like water, insurance, and minimum wage levels; and 2) every time needed maintenance has been deferred for a short-term savings, it has resulted in higher overall long-term costs paid by our residents when the work can no longer be deferred. That's hardly fair since those selling now have their sale price impacted by lack of maintenance

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

#### Association

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

#### Homeowners

• The Villages Homewoners' Corporation Special Meeting (Budget, Election Materials, and Generator Rule Approvals) is Wednesday, April 28, at 9 a.m. via Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 975 5873 6401 Passcode: 591400 Dial: 1-669-900-6833

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

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or landscaping, and the higher costs just get shifted forward to charge new residents and aren't paid by the current residents to cover their actual obligations.

I'm looking forward to your proposals.

David Cook, President
 The Villages Association Board of Directors

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 11, 14 & 20

Call owner Doug Brown at 510-813-8630 to get started TODAY!!!

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

For Information: 408-223-4687

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#### WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

**Clubhouse Restaurant** opens Indoor and Patio dining-Reservations suggested: Indoor dining in the Restaurant began Saturday, March 6 for breakfast. Both indoor and outdoor dining is allowed, according to the state and county health orders. The Clubhouse suggests that you please make dining reservations. The Clubhouse still offers To-Go Grab & Go, Curbside Grab-and-Go service.

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.

Alcohol policy changes: Now alcohol does not need to be ordered with a meal in the restaurant and patio.

Online ordering: now available at: clubhousereservation. 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 9-11.)

Notice: No entry into foyer without facemask.

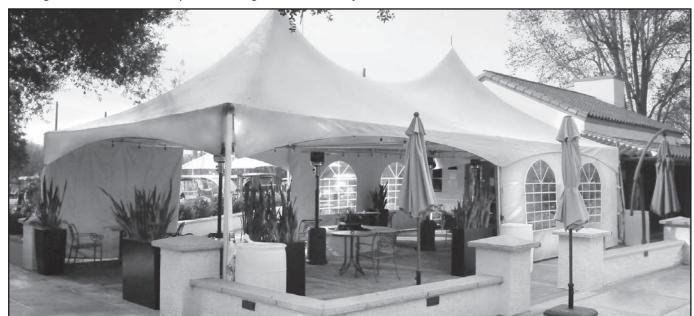
### **AND GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE** New Menus for Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup

**CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT & THE BISTRO & BAR** 

Indoor and Patio dining

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

There are three ways to make a reservation: Call 223 4687 for auto reservation recording, or go to: Clubhousereservation. com click "Book a Reservation," or go to: the website, thevillgesgcc.com for the link. Limited seating available. Seating is now available for up to six Villages residents only.



### 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.

### Soup of the Day



For the week of 3/22 to 3/28

Monday 3/22
Tuesday 3/23
Wednesday 3/24

Chicken Quinoa Cream of Mushroom Minestrone

### Indoor and Patio dining or Curbside hours of Operation

#### Monday

#### **Tuesday to Friday**

All-Day Menu: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Last serving at 8 p.m. All-Day Menu: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Last serving at 8 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:** 

Thursday 3/25	Vegetable Beef and Rice
Friday 3/26	Clam Chowder
Saturday 3/27	Chef's Choice
Sunday 3/28	Chef's Choice

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Last serving at 8 p.m.

### Note about indoor and outdoor dining:

Because of a revision to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's COVID-19 restrictions, indoor dining at the Clubhouse begins with Breakfast. This does not affect the Curbside Grab-and-Go pickup, or Patio Dining.

#### More CLUBHOUSE

### Indoor and Patio dining allowed; 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 as well as indoor dining.

Dining on the Patio will still 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.



### Easter Curbside To-Go Meals

#### Sunday, April 4

Three pickup times at: 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m.

### See Menu on page 14

All orders must be in by noon on Monday, March 29

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED call

#### Page 7 The Villager March 18, 2021 New Menus for Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup, Indoor & Patio dining

#### All Day Menu

11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last Order New Menu starts Tuesday, March 23 Fried Breaded Green Beans \$6.50

**Calamari** \$9.95 Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles

**GF Potato Skins** *\$13.00 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

**Battered Chicken Tenders** *\$7,95* Served with Honey Mustard or BBQ Sauce

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 .\$12.95 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 \$9.75 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** \$11.95 Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole Add Chicken or Steak \$2.00 V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten Free

 Served raw or undercooked, or contain raw or undercooked ingredients
 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. \$11.95 Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Add Avocado, Bacon add \$2 Cheese add \$1.50

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

**BLT Sandwich with Side** \$10.50 Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Served on Sourdough or Wheat Bread Add Turkey \$2.00 Add Avocado \$2.00

**Brie Turkey Sandwich with Side** \$11.95 Cranberry Compote and Arugula on Telera Roll

**Deli Sandwich** \$10.95 Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, or Tuna

Half Deli Sandwich and Soup \$9.95

Grilled Sourdough, Ham & Swiss \$10..95

**V Grilled Portabella and Pepper Sandwich** \$11.50 With Mozzarella and Basil on a Brioche Bun

Melts: Grilled Beef Patty 2. or Tuna Swiss Cheese \$11.95 V Impossible Plant Base Meat Melt \$11.95

Reuben \$11.95 Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, 1000 Island, Grilled Rye

**Grilled Pesto Chicken Sandwich** *\$11.95 LTO and Monterey Cheese on Telera Roll* 

**Fisherman Sandwich** \$11.95 Panko Breaded Sole, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Tartar Sauce on a Telera Roll

**New York Steak Sandwich** 2. \$17.95 Cheddar and Bacon LTO BBQ Sauce on Hoagie Roll

#### Naan Flatbread Pizzas

V Cheese Pizza \$10.25 Pepperoni Pizza \$11.25

**V Margarita Pizza** \$10.95

### 408-754-1337

or email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

More CLUBHOUSE on pages 8, 9 & 14 V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$11.75 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 8

**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 7am to 11am

Short Stack Pancakes \$6.95 With Berries



**Belgium Waffles \$8.25** Seasonal Fruit and Berries

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

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

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

#### Sides

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



**Coffee \$1.95** 



Starbucks Espresso \$2.50 Extra Shot \$1.50

Starbucks Americano \$2.50

Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25

Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate \$2.95



### starts Tuesday, March 23 The Villager 2. \$8.50

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

**New Menu** 

#### 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

#### Huevos Rancheros \$9.75

Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Blacked Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

#### Eggs Benedict 2 \$9.95

2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise SauCe

Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit





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

### To order Curbside

### Grab-and Go 408-370-8553

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

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### **New Menu**

#### starts

### Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last Order

#### **Tuesday, March 23**

**Starters** 

V Baby Lettuce Mix Salad \$4.95

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

**The Lighter Side** 

Served à la carte

Linguini and Clams \$17.25 White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

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

V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten Free

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

#### **Dinner Entrées**

Accompanied by 2 Sides Mashed Potatoes, Cilantro Rice **Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives** or Daily Vegetables Sides

#### Soup or Salad Included with Entrees

Fridays & Saturdays Only Slow Roasted Prime Rib 2. \$35.95 21 Days Aged, Hand Selected, Corned Fed

Grilled Filet Mignon 2. \$33.95 Center Cut with Béarnaise Sauce

**Chopped Sirloin Steak with Herbs 2 \$22.95** Topped with Mushroom Gravy

Home Style Pot Roast 2. \$24.95 Braised with Mirepoix and Merlot

Calf Liver and Onions 2. \$23.95 Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

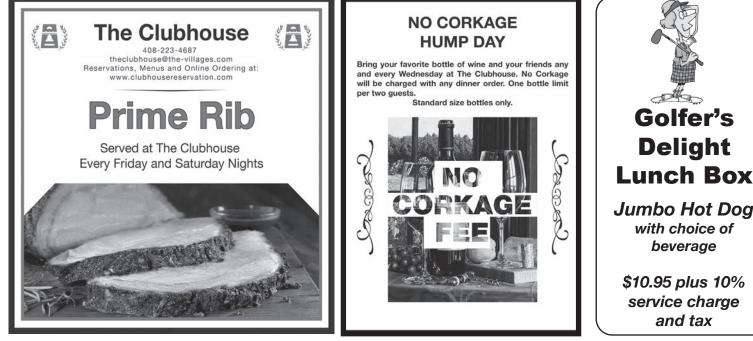
Grilled Spring Lamb Chops \$28.95 Marinated with Rosemary and Garlic Served with Mint Sauce

Chicken Marsala \$22.95 Breast Cutlets with mushrooms and Marsala Wine Sauce

Filet of Sole Piccata \$25.75 Flour Dusted with Capers, White Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

Grilled Salmon \$26.95 Lemon Dill Butter Sauce

Salt and Pepper Prawns \$26.95 Lightly Battered and Fried



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12:00 8 Fitness Monday Friday	<b>6:00 a/p</b> with Mwezo :00 Chair Aerobics :24 Bollywood
Tuesday Saturday	:00 Tai-Chi 8-Form :24 Dynamic Balance
Wednesday	:00 Chair Yoga

Next CHANNEL

Sunday :26 Breathing Exercises Thursday :00 Aerobics Workout :21 Breathing & Meditation

#### 1:00 & 7:00 a/p

- **Fitness with Hartmut** Mon, Wed :00 Strength Training & Fri :13 Chair Eitness
- :13 Chair Fitness :00 Strength Training :13 Cardio Fitness Tue, Thu & Sat 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 Dragnet

  - 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-

My Love For Yours + Managed Money
-TUE- Letter of Introduction + Baby Daze
WED The Snows of Kilimanjaro
THU Lonely Wives
FRI The Private Life of Don Juan + The Loretta Young Show
- <b>SAT</b> Gaslight
SUNDAY VARIETY 4:00/10:00 AM/PM Colgate Comedy Hour 5:00/11:00 AM/PM The Dinah Shore Chevy Show

Jumbo Hot Dog with choice of

\$10.95 plus 10% service charge and tax

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### Homeowners' Corporation Directors Election 2021

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board (HBOD) of Directors is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages life.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The Homeowners' Board of Directors manages and regulates the use and enjoyment of the Homeowner Development in accordance with the governing documents and the law, and in a manner that preserves, protects, and enhances homeowner property." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board. There will be three vacancies on the Board for 2021 with Greg Stewart's and Brooks Fuller's terms expiring, and the pending departure of Mary McBride due to an upcoming move to be with family.

If you would like to find out more about serving on the Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors, please contact any current board member, President Mary McBride, 408-718-5790; Vice President Rob Kirschbaum, 201-960-4820; Secretary Brooks Fuller, 630-740-5542; CFO (Treasurer) Greg Stewart 408-531-1029; and Director at Large and ACC Liaison Richard Zahner, 408-717-0462.

### - NOTICE -From The Villages Association

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is March 30, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing the "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting the form to the President (David Cook) or Secretary (Richard Holmboe) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

(See Solicitation of Candidates Form on page 11)

### 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 positons, 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.

### **2021 Director Elections**

#### By Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

The three Villages Corporations (Club, Association and Homeowners Corporation) are preparing for this year's elections and annual membership meetings (this year via teleconference).

Elections will be conducted in May and June with a ballot return deadline of June 7, 2021 at 8 a.m. with election results announced at this year's annual meetings to be held on June 9 with the Club's at 3 p.m., the Association's at 4 p.m. and the Homeowners' Corporation at 5 p.m. The Villager newspaper has been publishing information and will continue to do so for Villagers who may be interested in becoming director candidates for one of the various corporations.

#### **Board of Directors Elections**

**Club.** The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Elections will be held for six director positions on The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Board of Directors. The director who will continue to serve during the ensuing year is Bob Wilk. Director terms expiring are for Mike Falarski, Mike Poellot, Howie Blumstein, Bob Krattli, Edward Ng, and Lee Thompson; all are eligible to run for re-election.

Of the six vacancies, Members will be electing three directors to serve three-year terms, one director to serve a two-year term, and two directors to serve terms of one-year.

Per VGCC Bylaws Section 6.2 (Election; Casting Votes), Members may cast, in respect to each position on the Board to be filled, one vote for each Lot or Condominium owned. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and, of those persons elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to the longest position term and the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest position term. In case of a tie for any position, a run-off election will be conducted by written ballot.

Per VGCC Bylaws Section 6.1.1, the Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall consist of three (3) or more Members, none of whom shall be current Directors. Presently serving on the committee are Nick Yannaccone, Jerry Neece and Bill DeVincenzi. In addition, the Nominating Committee shall nominate as many candidates for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of positions on the Board that are to be filled in a particular election. All nominations shall be made from among Members who satisfy the qualifications set forth in Bylaws Section 5.2. The Nominating Committee shall announce its candidate nominations for the annual election of Directors no later than April 15. Interested residents should contact one or more of the Nominating Committee Members (Bill DeVincenzi, Jerry Neece and Nick Yannaccone) for more information.

Also, per Bylaws Section 6.1.2, any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination by filing with the Secretary of the Club (Mike Poellot) a notice of intent signed by at least two percent (51) of the Members in Good Standing. Self-nomination petitions must be received no later than 5 p.m. on May 1.

**Association.** The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Richard Holmboe, Garry Ashby and Noel Lanctot. The four directors for which terms expire are David Cook, Diana Hallock, Julie Wash and Tom McLaughlin; all are eligible to run for re-election.

With the appointment last year of Tom McLaughlin to fill one year of a three-year term (per the Association's bylaws 5.8), the four director vacancies include three directors to fill terms of three years and one director to fill a term of two years that completes the remainder of the three-year term for which Tom McLaughlin was appointed.

Like the Club, per the Association Bylaws Section 6.5, Members may cast in respect to each position on the Board to be filled, one vote for each Unit owned. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and, of those elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall be elect to the longest position term and the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest position term. In the case of a tie for any position, a run-off election will be conducted by secret ballot pursuant to Civil Code sections 5100 through 5145.

As duly noticed, the deadline for nominations for candidates for the Association Board is March 30, 2021 at 5 p.m. Also, published in *The Villager* beginning in the February 18 edition, is the Solicitation of Candidates Form (see page 11). Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing this "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting this form to the President David Cook (dc@argus.mx) or Secretary Richard Holmboe (rholmboe@hotmail.com) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

**Homeowners.** The Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors. There will be three vacancies on the Board for 2021 with Greg Stewart's and Brooks Fuller's terms expiring (both are eligible to run for re-election) and due to a move to be with family, the pending departure of Mary McBride. Two of the vacancies will be for three-year terms and one will be for a term of one year (to complete the term of Mary McBride.) Those directors who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Richard Zahner and Rob Kirschbaum.

Also like the Club and Association, per the Homeowners' Corporation Bylaws Section 7.2, Members may cast in respect to each position on the Board to be filled, one vote for each Residential Lot owned. The person with the highest number of votes shall serve the longest term and the person with the lowest number of votes shall serve the shortest term. In the event there is a tie for any position, a run-off election will be conducted by secret written ballot in accordance with Section 4.4.1.

Any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination for election to the

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. Board by giving written notice to the President (Mary McBride) or Secretary (Brooks Fuller) of the Corporation no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021. (For contact information see article on page 12).

**IRS Resolution Votes.** For all three corporations, vote packages will also include a ballot resolution, Excess Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members. An approval vote of these resolutions will enable the corporations to avoid income tax on operating surpluses by refunding these surpluses to the membership in the form of assessment reduction in accordance with IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604.

Watch future *Villager* and Fast Lane editions for continued updates on this year's elections. Specific meeting information to be published in future Villager editions and included in annual meeting notices distributed in May to all members.

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### The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

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#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY 2021 Election of Directors

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of The Villages Association.

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The attached statement explains my qualifications to serve as a director and, if elected, my goals for the community. Statements are limited to 250 words. Sample candidate statements and formatting guidelines are available in the General Manager's office or by contacting jmeadows@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

Qualified candidates' names will be included on the Candidate Registration List and statements will be published in the voting materials that accompany the ballots in the election of directors, as well as published in *The Villager* newspaper. Telephone numbers and email addresses are for internal use only and will not be published with the statements.

Candidates' statements must be <u>received</u> no later than April 23, 2021, in order to be included in the official voting materials. Candidates' statements may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Julia Meadows, Assistant General Manager, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or jmeadows@the-villages.com. *This form is also available on The Villages Resident Portal and in Building A* 

### The Villages Association Election Rules

#### - N O T I C E -

#### From The Villages Association

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#### **ARTICLE 3: Candidates for the Board and Nomination Procedures**

#### 3.1 Qualification of Candidates.

Candidates for the Board must be Members at the time of their nomination and (i) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in these Election Rules and (ii) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in the Bylaws so long as they do not conflict with these Election Rules. In the case of a Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporation or other entity), the entity Member shall have the power to appoint a natural person as the "Member" for purposes of director elections. The Association shall disqualify a nominee for the Board for any of the following reasons:

- 3.1.4 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another owner of the same separate interest and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or is an incumbent director.
- 3.1.5 If the nominee, at the time of nomination, is delinquent in the payment of regular and/or special assessments. A nominee shall not be considered "delinquent" if the delinquency relates to the payment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, late charges, or costs levied by a third party and/or if the nominee: (a) has paid the regular or special assessment under protest; (b) has entered into a payment plan for repayment of the delinquent assessments and is not delinquent in payments due under the plan; or (c) the nominee has requested and has not been provide an opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.
- 3.1.6 If the nominee has been a member of the Association for less than one year.
- 3.1.7 If the nominee discloses, or if the Association is aware or be comes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the Member was elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.
- 3.2 Nominations.
  - 3.2.1 <u>Solicitation of Candidates.</u> At least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination, the Association shall provide general notice of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination for the Board. Any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination for the Board by submitting the nomination before the published deadline for receiving nominations. In addition, the Board may recruit qualified candidates and/or may appoint a nominating committee to nominate qualified candidates.

- 3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.
- 3.1.2 The nominee does not reside within The Villages condominium project.
- 3.1.3 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as serving on the Board of The Villages Golf and Country Club.
- 3.2.2 <u>No Write-Ins.</u> No "write-in" candidates shall be permitted on the ballots in the election of directors.

## CLUBS & EVENTS

#### Author Lt. John Nores Jr. **Senior Academy:** 'Human Trafficking Happening Here'



The Senior Academy will be hosting a lecture on "Human Trafficking Happening Here" on March 23 at 2 p.m. It is easy to think that Human Trafficking only happens in other parts of the world. But it occurs right here in Santa Clara County. Hear from Betty Ann Hagenau, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition (BAATC) (baatc.org), about how every Bay Area resident has a part to play in helping safeguarding our local neighborhoods from this criminal activity. Betty Ann will share stories of actual human trafficking activities here in our community and how BAATC has established strategic partnerships and created systems and protocols that have effectively brought transformation to the Bay Area.

Betty Ann Hagenau

BAATC Co-Founder and Executive Director, Betty Ann Hagenau, has been a prominent leader and speaker for sharing community-based strategies to fight human trafficking for over 18 years. Betty Ann is a thought leader in the anti-trafficking world and is known for her collaborative work with over 100 anti-trafficking organizations and various government agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area.

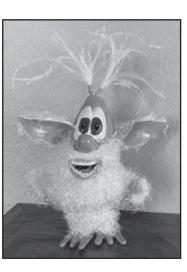
Pre-registration via Zoom is required for this event at the Senior Academy Website at VillagesSA. org. This lecture is free to Senior Academy members, and \$10 for non-members.

### Arts & Crafts Profile: Christine Zinn

By Michael Sunzeri



Arts and Crafts recently welcomed Christine Zinn to our board as our Historian. This position is very important to us as it would be for any club. It represents progress over time with articles, photos and event information. Christine has some exciting attributes that go well beyond that documentation. She enjoys creating and drawing cartoon characters and she found a love for ceramics after a class with Diane Finley. There she found out that she could make cartoon characters like



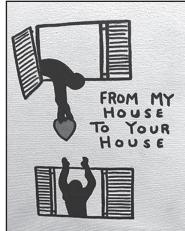
Booba, her nephew's favorite from TV.

She was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Southern California, attending and graduating from Cal State L.A. receiving an M.S. in Psychology and B.S. in Physical Ed. She inherited courage, creativity and much more from her father, an Airline test pilot, master craftsman and woodworker. Christine is also a pilot, a woodworker, a poker champion, a professional handwriting analyst, entrepreneur, and a golfer with a killer drive. Three years ago she moved to The Villages with her partner and wife of 18 years, Rita Marcojohn, and they love their home and our community. Christine is also a member of the Villages' EPC and Sustainable Villages Club, a Sector Chief for Del Lago, and a board member with the Swingers Golf Club. So if you add in being on our Board, that at least nets some time for sleep. We are sure there is more to Christine, so ask around and you will find people who know her and enjoy her company.

### Vote for your favorite art online

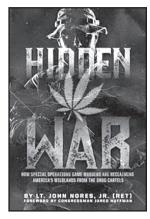
All Villagers are invited to vote for your favorite artworks from our online exhibits Art Challenges 10, 11 and 12. With the themes of "Home and Away," "Love is in the Air" and "Spring Has Come Again," you will find a wide variety of paintings, photos, ceramics, assemblages and other art on our website villagesartsandcrafts. org on the Art Challenges webpages.

To vote, review the art on webpages Art Challenges 10, 11 and



## to speak to Hiking Club

The Villages Hiking Club March meeting will be on Zoom and take place on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Sign-in information will be at the end of this article. Besides a short business meeting, we will have a very informative and interesting guest speaker, Retired Fish and Wildlife Warden and author, Lt. John Nores Jr. His talk is titled "The Hidden War through COVID-19: Protecting America's Wildlands from the drug cartels through a global pandemic."



Lt. Nores was a team leader for

the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's special operations Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) and has authored two books: "War in the Woods: Combating the Marijuana Cartels on America's Public Lands" (2010); and "Hidden War: How Special Operations Game Wardens are Reclaiming America's Wildlands from the Drug Cartels" (2019).

He will give an update and overview of the success and challenges of his team's fight to stop international drug trafficking organizations from destroying our nation's wildlife, wildlands and waterways throughout the U.S. during the current global pandemic. He will emphasize the cartel's exploitation of the low enforcement pressure throughout the COVID-19 shutdowns. Nores will cover current cartel environmental crime trends and highlight his team's development and use of amazing K9's to stop the decimation inflicted on our nations wildlife resources. He will also highlight his team's efforts through video clips as featured in the "Patriot Profiles - Life of Duty" documentary TV series and National Geographic Channel's "Wild Justice Game Warden" reality TV show.

Hiking Club members will receive their Zoom sign-in instructions via email a few days before the meeting. Nonmembers are welcome to attend by signing into their Zoom account and entering: Meeting ID 5959201234 and Password TakeAHike.

### Former State Senator Jim Beall to answer Villagers' questions

By Tony Berg



Mark this date on your calendar-Monday, March 29 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Our termed out State Senator, Jim Beall (pronounced Bell) relinquished his Senate seat for District 15 after serving two successful terms working on our behalf. That concluded a career spanning more than 40 years in Public Service. Jim will be sharing with us insider insights into some of the people and happenings in Sacramento during his term. He has graciously agreed to

12 on our website. In each category, choose a favorite. Send in your votes by naming the art works and the artists, along with your name, in an email message to our Webmaster at barb. gottesman@gmail.com-you can vote for one favorite in each category. Voting ends on March 31.

The favorite in each category will receive a \$50 check from the Arts & Crafts Association.

The photo with this article is of a painting by Pamela Thompson entitled "Hopeful Words" from a previous art challenge.

accept questions ahead of time and we invite you to send them via email to anthonydberg@gmail.com

The Democratic Club will share more information on this event in next week's Villager. Do mark your calendar and email Tony for a link to register for the Zoom webinar event on the 29th at 2 p.m.

#### More CLUBS

### Verano DAC partners with Sustainable Villages Club to recycle household batteries

#### By Margaret Lam, Sustainable Villages Club

In February, in partnership with the Verano DAC, the Sustainable Villages Club held a successful "Used Household Batteries Disposal" event. In three weeks, over 186 pounds of single-use batteries were collected from Village Verano. Wendy Ledamun, a member of the Verano DAC, led the communication and facilitated placing collection crates in two trash enclosures with signs and instructions. Residents placed used batteries in plastic bags before disposal. The collection bins were overflowing with batteries in the first two weeks of the collection drive. Sustainable Village Club volunteers Rebecca Barrans, Margaret Lam and husband Joe, collected the used batteries, weighed them, and dropped them off at the recycling centers at Payless Hardware and Home Depot.



This is the second SVC pilot for battery recycling in The Vil-

lages. Late last year, a similar drive at Valle Vista, led by Maxine Amundson, also yielded a sizable collection. In both drives, we found participation and deposit volume were greatest in the first two weeks. After that, deposits taper off significantly. We believe that indicates two weeks is a reasonable time window for future collection programs. We would encourage each Village to organize similar events with their DAC. Proper disposal of hazardous waste such as used batteries, paint, and electronics are small ways to help the environment.

For more information on SVC, visit sustainablevillagesclub.org and take part in saving Planet Earth.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

### **PG&E** to change your rate plan

Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE), our energy supplier, will soon change how it calculates your monthly bill. PGE is required by the State of California to automatically transition to charging customers on a "Time-of-Use" plan. The purpose of this change is to support a cleaner, healthier, and more reliable energy grid.

Currently our geographic area is scheduled to transition on June 16, 2021. You have received a 60-day notice about the change. The notice includes information about these new rate plans from PGE. You can pick the plan that best suits your needs.

If you do not make a choice you will be assigned the Time-of-Use plan with peak pricing 4 to 9 p.m. every day. You may choose an alternate Time-of-Use rate plan (peak pricing 5 to 8 p.m. on weekdays) or stay with the Tiered rate plan that most Villagers currently use. You may change your plan at any time if you decide you are not satisfied with your original choice.

Customers enrolled in the Medical Baseline program will not be part of the automatic transition. Electric vehicle owners have a separate plan.

PGE will not profit from these changes. According to the City of San Jose Community Energy Department, "collectively, customers are expected to save more than \$2 million on their electricity bills by transitioning to the Time-of-Use rates".

You can find more detailed information on the plans at: PGE.com and click on rates. If you have online access to your PGE account, there is a tool which will calculate the best rate for you based on your past usage. You can also decline the Time-of-Use transition and keep the Tiered rate plan.

More information can also be found at

svcleanenergy.org/time-of-use and www.sanjosecleanenergy.org/tou

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 Recommendation: Avoid pandemic paper delay

If you are receiving a refund on your income tax return, the safest, most accurate and fastest way to get your refund is to electronically file and choose direct deposit.

The pandemic work restrictions have slowed work activity that cannot be done electronically. Expect an additional 60 to 90 days to receive your refund if you ask for a paper check.

Direct deposit means any tax refund is electronically deposited for free into your checking or savings account. This is the same electronic transfer system used to deposit nearly 98 percent of all Social Security and Veterans

### Page 13 The Villager March 18, 2021 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 leases short.* Coyotes will try to get between you and your pet if the leash is extended far enough. Carry a noise maker and always be alert. Use caution when walking past wooded areas, hiding spots between homes, and the golf course. They are widespread in The Villages and can truly be anywhere.

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

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



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### **ABOVE & BEYOND**

This week our stairs are being replaced. Villages Project Manager David Gonzales is using a contractor to do the construction. The men who are redoing the stairway to make it safe are very competent, polite and considerate. They have been working in cold, rainy weather, even getting my mail and always answering my questions. Thanks so much, you are truly appreciated!

-Betty Williams

#### Page 14 The Villager March 18, 2021 More CLUBHOUSE

### **Clubhouse Indoor Dining** now available at restaurant

Santa Clara County has moved into the less restrictive Red Tier, allowing indoor dining at 20-percent occupancy, or 80 persons, whichever is less.

Social distancing, mask requirements, signing in and temperature checks before entering will be in effect.

The Clubhouse will begin serving breakfast on Saturday, March 6, beginning at 7 a.m. Indoor hours will remain the same as patio dining with the exception of closing at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

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

### More COMMUNITY NOTICES From Bonnie's desk...

It is always important to be prepared for the unexpected and having an advanced directive completed is such a relief for you and your family members!

There are many forms one can choose from but one that I like is called **PREPARE** for your Care and can be found at prepareforyourcare.org. This legal document lets you have a say about how you want to be cared for if you cannot speak for yourself.

You choose your state, click "Go" and it very clearly walks you through all the steps. The process is easy to read and provides videos discussing the reasoning for certain choices.

I hope, if you don't already have one completed, you will consider checking this out!

All my best,

-Bonnie Grimm, VMA Resident Coordinator



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

### In March

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 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, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

### Coming in April

With Grace Hospice: Hospice Myth Buster -Top 10

Myths of Hospice explained by Sarah Jimenez, Administrator. Wednesday April 7 at 10:30 a.m. To register email Bonnie at 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, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

### Indoor Dining COVID-19 Protocol

Before entering Clubhouse Restaurant, diners are required to:

- · Confirm they are COVID-19 symptom-free
- · Confirm they did not test COVID-19 positive in the last 14 days
- · Verify they have not been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for 14 days Wear face masks
- Maintain social distancing protocol of 6 feet
- · Once seated at the table, keep masks on until the food and drinks are served
- Put on masks whenever a server approaches the table
- · Wear masks whenever they leave the table
- · Wash or sanitize their hands often
- · Each table is restricted to six Villages residents only.
- A point person will sign in with the full names, email, phone numbers and confirm that all individuals seated together reside in Villages households.

#### EASTER CURB SIDE TO-GO MEALS Sunday, April 4, 2021 Three Pick-up Times At: 3 pm, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.





#### Menu

### Strawberry Spring Salad

With Kiwi, Chopped Walnuts, Dried Cranberries, Feta Cheese with Lemon Dijon Vinaigrette

### **Roasted Rosemary Sliced Leg of Lamb** With Mint Sauce

Or

### **Brown Sugar-Bourbon-Glazed Ham**

With

Anna Potatoes

### **Grilled Baby Carrots and Asparagus Rolls and Butter**

### Easter Fruit Tart

\$28.95 plus service charge and tax

**Reservation Starts Friday March 19th 9am.** 

All Orders Must Be In By Noon on Monday March 29th, 2021

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** call 408-754-1337 or e-mail: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

## Religion

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Reflection on Sunday's Readings: Irene Groot, MA, Catholic author

In Psalm 51, we beg God to be cleansed of our sins. Four times we cry out with the Psalmist, "Create a clean heart in me, O, God," then, "Give me back the joy of your salvation and a willing spirit sustain in me." The Lord answers our heartfelt pleas, "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more." (Jer 31)

Are these Scriptural phrases meant to be understood literally? For Catholics, the answer is, "Yes." Such inspired words prefigure the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) whereby we acknowledge our sins and the Lord literally forgives and forgets them. Let's review:

Confession requires three things: 1) CONTRITION: Sorrow for sins with a firm intention not to repeat them, 2) CONFESSION of our sins to a priest, and 3) ABSOLUTION whereby the priest, who represents Jesus (Jn 20:23), forgives us and assigns us prayers or actions to repair damage caused by our sins.

Traditionally, Catholics make a point of going to Confession during Lent, hoping to experience the peace of God who: forgives and forgets our sins, strengthens us against temptation, reconciles us to Himself and others, bestows peace, unburdens and lightens our spirits, and liberates us from the vicious cycle of self-recrimination.

To receive the blessings of this healing sacrament, check SFOA website for Confession times.

**"Pivotal Players**": In "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players," Bishop Robert Barron unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people—saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. SFOA will present this program on Monday March 22 and 29, starting at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Check out the parish website for viewing information. No registration or fee required.

**Friday Lenten Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday, during Lent, at 6 p.m., via Zoom, the evening with prayer and conversation, will be accompanied by a simple meal of meatless soup and bread that you prepare for yourself, at home. On March 19 and 26, there will be an outdoor procession of the Stations. (Check the parish website for links to the Zoom meeting and live streaming.)

**Tuesday Evening Devotions:** Every Tuesday during Lent, there will be livestreamed devotions at 7 p.m. Check parish website for more information.

**Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses:** Outdoor Masses will be celebrated under the tents in the upper parking lot. 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 3 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Indoor Masses will be held at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Check the parish website for possible changes in the location of the Masses.

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

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

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

### **EPISCOPAL**

### 'Ministers, Not Messiahs'

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

There's a prayer I really love—one that seems to bespeak the humility of the Lenten season-- that's often attributed to martyred Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. It was actually written by another Roman Catholic bishop, but you can look it up under Bishop Romero's name. I encourage you to do that, because it's too long to quote in its entirety. But the gist of it is this:

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

### **COMMUNITY CHAPEL**

### 'Good Grief'

#### By Pastor Bill Hayden

There is not one person on the planet who is not affected by grief. Most people have experienced some form of loss over the course of their life. We can't escape the curse, no matter how hard we try to avoid thinking or talking about it. Everything on the earth has its cycle of life, from civilizations, governments, manufacturers and all living things. Every now and then, someone in our community is grieving over the loss of a loved one or a pet who was like a member of their family and for some, their only family member.

The effects of grief can be devastating and debilitating and may cause a person to sometimes withdraw from their love ones. The feelings of personal guilt can occur, especially if you think that the outcome would have been different if you had taken a different path.

Depression can cause you to isolate yourself from the outside world and all the things you used to enjoy, leaving you feeling empty, lonely and sad.

A person can become so overwhelmed to the extent that they lose their appetite and the will to survive.

In spite of the effects of grief there can be 'Good Grief.' I know when making that statement it makes no sense. How can grief be thought of as good, when your heart is broken? Well, we will grieve here on earth because we are attached to earthly things and other human beings. However, grief can have a positive effect in bringing about growth, maturity and independence as a person grows through the stages of mourning. In 'Good Grief' we embrace the assurance of seeing our loved ones again because of our mutual commitment to Christ.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV

**Condensed:** We grieve in hope, knowing that we will be reunited with those who died trusting in Christ. Jesus died, rose from the grave and will return with those who died believing in Him. We, who remain alive, will be caught up together in the air and taken to Heaven forever.

The 'Good Grief' is about the waiting to be reunited! There isn't a day that passes when I don't think about a loved one that I have lost.

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

### **JEWISH GROUP**

#### **By Arnold Pinck**

Shabbat service tonight. The Villages Jewish Group will welcome Diane Fisher, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), as our speaker of the evening on Friday, March 19. The JCRC's purpose is to build and strengthen relationships with diverse ethnic and religious groups, as well as government, education and community bodies. The JCRC is a community partner on many critical domestic policy issues including public safety, affordable housing, hate speech, the environment and civil rights. Diane will focus her talk on the role of the JCRC in building bridges of understanding which allow the Jewish Community to thrive in Silicon Valley.

Diane has been director of the JCRC for 15 years. During that time she has been recognized by diverse organization for advancing community relations. Her educational background includes a BA in music from UC Berkeley and a BA in computer science from UC Santa Cruz. After working as a software engineer for 20 years, she made a career change to the nonprofit world. We are honored to have Diane speak to us. Our Zoom services are led by Rabbi Laurie Matzkin and begin at 7:15 p.m.

Do you know the term "Big Cheeks"? Here is where it is from.

A grandson of slaves, a boy, was born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town." His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant. His mother struggled to support them and the boy and his sister went to live with their grandmother.

Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had emigrated from Lithuania to the USA, had sympathy for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home, initially giving him "work" in the house to help feed and nurture this child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish family's home. When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian lullaby that he would sing with her. Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs. Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument as was the custom in the Jewish families. They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions, such as St. James Infirmary and Go Down Moses.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Our faith is enacted in history, through the saving acts of God who created and redeemed, and sent the Spirit to empower us for God's ongoing work. That's a Trinitarian mouthful (what else would you expect from the Priest in Charge of Trinity Cathedral?), but it reminds us that our personal choices do matter a whole lot. The discipline of Lent is a lifetime's work of prayer and compassion. Which we don't have to do alone, because God calls others to do it with us, and God works through us. This reminder gives me hope as I look ahead to the work of Jesus we remember in Holy Week. In our Lenten journey, we are ministers... remembering always that the Messiah is already with us, and for us.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### **SWINGERS**

#### By Karen Kosmala

Tuesday, March 9 was golf day and rain and possible lightning was predicted that morning for 8, 10 and 11 a.m. Come noon, no rain or thunder took place. Despite being chilly, many of us missed out on a decent golf day—so much for the accuracy of the weatherman.

As always, Tuesday is golf day, but on April 13 there will be a Spring Fling tournament. Yea, it's a chance to win something. Look for all the details in the Villager. You need to sign up for it by April 5. So get your group of four and make your tee time to play anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

I am going to pick up where I left off last week with golf related injuries.

Each year there are over 15,000 golfers injured in a cart. This represents a 300 percent increase in the last 30 years. Most common injuries are concussions and fractures. The greatest incidence occurs with people over 80. (Yes, that's our community.) Most occur with falling out of the cart. We don't have seat belts — nor do we want them. Try to drive on level ground, slow down on the hills and around corners and keep your arms and legs inside the cart. Avoid sharp turns. Jumping out of the cart before it comes to a complete stop is not a good idea but it happens. (Really? You have to tell me this?) Be careful—don't be a statistic.

Now on the lighter side, "Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf." – Will Rogers



### **18-HOLE WOMEN**

#### By Judy Rodriguez

March 4 was our second Captain's Trophy of the year with some exciting results. Janet Gonzalez won the Captain's Trophy with a wonderful low net of 65! She also won low putts for the day—30. Congratulations, Janet! She was also the First Flight Low Gross shooter. First Low Net in that flight was Vicki Krattli. Low Gross in the second flight was Auralie Citrigno followed by Low Net-Connie Guttadauria. Judy Rodriguez shot Low Gross in the Third Flight and Sumi Minami was Low Net. The Fourth Flight Low Gross winner was Bonnie Hagen followed by Low Net-Sylvia Rozewicz. Great playing, Ladies!

**Birdies** were made by Helen Varenkamp #18, Connie Guttadauria #3, Janet Gonzales #7 and #11, Monica Saneholtz #11, Lyn Strong #15, Janis LeCompt #17, and Karen Davidsen #3. **Chip-ins:** Geri Wilk #9, Reine Fedor #16, Janis LeCompt #17, Janet Gonzales #11, and Karen Davidsen #3.



Janet Gonzalez, March Captain's Trophy winner.

net Gonzales #11, and Karen Davidsen #3. Did you know International Women's Day was celebrated

this month on March 8? This is a global day celebrating cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women! Thinking of memorable women of the world, I found this quote from Anne Frank: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." See you on the golf course and don't forget to sign up for "Beat the Pro" scheduled for March 25!

### **SHONIS**

#### By Fran Schumaker

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, fourteen Shonis braved the weather to play. It was cold and windy, but thankfully no rain. Uina Kubota got a birdie on hole #8. As all of us who play the short course know, the ball has to land just right on the green so the second shot doesn't find its way down either one of the two hills off of the green. Well done Uina. Low net for March last week and a birdie this week. You are definitely on a roll. Honorable mention goes out to all the Shonis who played. These include Teddy Morse, Doris Bates, Jonna Robinson, Pauline Robertson, Meg Rogers, Bonnie Evans, Marty Blinde, Nancy Canepa, Kathy Tanaka, Uina Kubota, Bonnie Preston, Johanna Bakker, Carol Littleton and Kathleen Benz.

As promised, here are some more of the Temporary Wartime Golf rules from the Richmond Golf Club in Surrey England during in 1940 during WWII.

1. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.

2. Shrapnel and /or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.

- There are still a couple of more wartime rules. I'll share these with you next week.
- 'Til then, everyone have a good week. Take care and stay safe.

For more information regarding the Shonis, call Fran Schumaker at 409-355-3270.



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### **BOCCE NEWS**

#### **By Marcy Boyles**

We have entered the **Red Tier** starting last Friday, March 5. Guidelines for the Red Tier will be as follows: Only four households per court, with no more than four players per court. Examples for each court:

- 1. One couple (1 household) and two 2 singles (2 households)
- 2. Two couples (2 households)
- 3. Four singles (4 households)
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heatingandac.ag@gmail.com (408) 205-6580 Six-feet distances must be maintained at all times. Safety cones separate players at each end and red X's indicate where players waiting to play must stand.

Please clean balls and area with disinfectant when finished playing and put away in cabinet if not being used.

Your host will enforce all guidelines and rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Bocce is a simple sport:** The bocce clinic instructor walked over to two women and asked, "Are you here to learn how to play Bocce?" One replied, "My friend is, I learned yesterday." Haha.

## More SPORTS MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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



**St. Patrick's Day Tournament:** Unfortunately, the Saint Patrick's Day tournament is postponed until next year for obvious reasons, when it will return bigger and greener than ever.

Home & Home: It is finally time for a group golf outing! We are scheduled to play Almaden Country Club on April 1. (No joke). For those of you that have signed up, more details are soon to follow. Upcoming Events

**The Member/Member**: The Villages Men's Golf Club has been given approval for a Member/Member Golf Tournament on Friday and Saturday, 4/30 and 5/1. Start getting your pairings together and watch for announcements about the starting date for signups.

**Spring/Summer Open**: This is tentatively scheduled for the 22nd of May so please save the date. More information will be

coming soon so we all can plan accordingly.

**2021 Evergreen Tournament:** This seriously looks like it is going to come to a realization later on in the year. This is the biggest and our favorite tournament of the year, and we are very much looking forward to it. We will keep you apprised of the latest developments, as soon as we get them.

**Reminder:** Our Handicap Committee reports that recent audits of scorecards have found numerous posting errors. We are all Villagers and prone to some mental errors but remember that we audit scorecards and tee sheets to protect all of us. Please make sure that you are posting your scores correctly, including adjustments (ESC) based on your handicap, and post your scores as soon as possible after your round. Thanks!

Golf Thoughts: "Want to shoot lower scores, play fewer holes." - Peter Jacobson

### **TENNIS TALK**

### 'Camouflage'

#### **By Roy Pennington**

You may recall that a previous article on tennis attire focused on a feather and hoodie. We promised that there would be more to follow on this topic, and here it is. This issue will be more suited to The Villagers as it is about style and class (or maybe not).

The Villages ladies (and even some gentlemen) that grace the tennis courts appear to have just stepped out of a Tennis Magazine ad as they are dressed in the latest styles and colors. This is true of the doubles team of Camille Hoffman and Phyllis Seeger. From head to toe, they frequently sport the latest in fashions. That is why it was so shocking to see Camille and her mixed doubles partner, Stan Evert, arrive for a club championship match decked out in camouflage outfits. It was assumed their strategy was to hide their shots from their opponents, achieve and celebrate a quick victory, and then make a rapid exit to go duck hunting. We don't remember if they won their match or bagged their limit. It really does not matter as they were stylin' (sic).

When votes were counted for our male clothing model, it came to a runoff between Mike Tuft and Steve Olsen. No winner yet as votes are still being counted. Well let's look at each. Mike always looks nattily attired and has a tennis game to match. Some months ago we heard his wife, Gail, remark, "Mike always looks good in his tennis clothes." The other ladies in the viewing area

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#### Tennis Talk continued...

were quick to agree. The word is out that Gail routinely chooses Mike's clothes, and many comment that she actually dresses him. As most of us know, he was also the most recent Villages golf champion. Wow! What can one say about a guy that excels at golf, tennis, and admired by all the ladies. He does not leave much for the rest of us. Do you think he even cares?

But not so fast. No one is more colorful in their attire than Steve Olsen. He is always smartly adorned in matching outfits including his shoes and French Foreign Legion caps. Whether it is optic orange, vivid green, or baby blue, he is easily recognized. It is unknown if Steve is capable of dressing himself. We will report on this another time when our spies gather more information.

Ok, this is the second article in the series about tennis attire. You will be relieved to know that there is not a third.

### IRONMEN

#### By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are 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 COVID rules regarding masks and social gathering.

This Thursday, March 11, 2021, turned out to be sunny and cool after two days of rain. We had a pretty good turnout considering and the results are as follows:

First place went to Bob Lapidus with an amazing net score of

22! (You'll definitely see your handicap drop with this one Bob.) Second place went to Lee Thompson with a 1 under par net score of 26.

Third place went to Rob Boyles with a net score of 27.

There were three birdies today: Al Bruno and Victor Hong on hole 3, and Patrick McMordie on hole 8.

#### Deep thoughts:

"Golf is one of the few sports where it's possible to be really bad...and have a really good time." - Anonymous

"It is more satisfying to be a bad player at golf. The worse you play, the better you remember the occasional good shot." - Nubar Gulbenkian, British oil tycoon

### PINSEEKERS

#### By Jack Bindon

Once again the weather gods have smiled on us last Friday. It warmed up just in time for us to play, maybe a little bundled up but still the warm day of the week. Also, we had 12 players on the course so John, our treasurer will be hitting the bank at the end of the month for every winning pay off. Speaking of winners, we had only three this week...No ties. The winners are:

First place goes to Richard Petroski for his net 34, worth 10 points.

Second place we have Don Lee for his net 35 worth 8 points. Third place goes to Lee Thompson for his net 37 and 6 points.

Remember, each winner is also awarded \$s equal to the points they won.

After consulting our head pro regarding the max allowable score on any hole he indicated it was up to each club to set their own standard. I next checked with our Club President and found that Pinseekers have historically set the limit to double the par score on each hole. This means a max of 6 on par 3s and 10 on par 5s. If you pick up your ball on any hole be sure to mark an X alongside that score, highlighting the fact that the ball was picked up. This limitation has been followed to speed up play. It does open the issue whether any player that picked up his ball at the max score is eligible for prize placement. This will be discussed by the club board to evaluate fairness in our weekly competition.



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Adjustments will also need to be made when scores are posted in the GHIN system.

#### Page 18 The Villager March 18, 2021 More SPORTS



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### FROM THE PRO



#### By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Spring Aeration – Spring greens aeration starts on Monday, March 22. The greens on both golf courses plus the practice greens will all be core aerated and sand top-dressed
 Monday 3/22 – Back-9 Closed, Front-9 Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Par-3 Open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Driving Range Open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\*Walking will be limited to before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on the Front-9 & the back 9 will be available for walking all day.

Tuesday 3/23-ALL GOLF FACILITIES CLOSED ALL DAY

#### \*Walking is available all day

Wednesday 3/24—Normal Golf Play and hours of operation resume New Golf Hours as of DST

Tuesday-Sunday Pro Shop, Driving Range, Golf Courses Open 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday Pro Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Golf Courses 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Driving Range 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

New Golf Course Walking Hours as of DST

Tuesday-Sunday: Before 7 a.m.

Front-9 after 4:30 p.m.

Entire Course After 8 p.m.

Monday: Before 12 p.m. and after 6 p.m.

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Here is a summary of the most recent golf protocols per the March 3rd county and state health orders:

• Golf play is now again permitted for four-household groups – foursomes of any kind are again permitted

- No guest play or practice residents only
- You must wear your mask when golfing with others or practicing golf
- · You must maintain six feet of social distancing when golfing with others

• Avoid group gatherings before or after the golf round – please arrive and depart 5-15 minutes before your scheduled tee time and after the round respectively

• The golf course, Pro Shop and driving range will be open from 7am-4 p.m. until further notice

• The last tee time is 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

• Mondays will remain the same until DST starts at which time Mondays will be 12 p.m.-2 p.m. tee times with the range closing at 3 p.m.

- · Chelsea is available one week ahead for tee time reservations
- We will return to 9-minute tee time increments
- · Single golfers may use the Chelsea online reservation system to reserve a tee time
- Same day golfers may use the Chelsea online reservations system to reserve a tee time
- · Walk-in play will not be accepted, all golfers must have a reservation in order to play golf
- · All replays must check in with the Pro Shop and secure a tee time reservation
- Tee times only no shotguns permitted
- All touch points will remain off of the golf courses and practice areas

• The Pro Shop is limited to Staff Only until further notice – we will hand deliver your merchandise selections to you

• Please always wear your mask when interacting with the Pro Shop staff or approaching the Pro Shop or driving range staff

• Please use the Pro Shop intercom to communicate with the Pro Shop staff as opposed to opening the door

• COVID-19 Self Certification is still mandatory for anyone playing golf or practicing golf – the sign in sheet is located at the table next to the practice green

Please phone the Pro Shop if you need any assistance at 408-274-3220, extension #1. Come out and enjoy your golf course and our beautiful weather!

#### Tips From the Pro-Smaller Can Be Better

Small muscles can supply power too...As we age, we all lose strength and flexibility. So our ability to turn and extend diminishes. Here are some tips to help you turn more...Narrow your stance, flare your toes out a minimum of 45 degrees, stand a bit taller at the waist. If you cannot swing with your left arm straight (few of us can), then go ahead and let it bend, just limit the bend...you never want your right hand too close to your right shoulder on the backswing... push it away as far as you can, given your degree of flexibility. Another tip is to use your hands and wrists more. When big muscles and joints become less elastic, a good thought is to try to hinge your wrists more on the backswing and to make sure that your swing arc is narrower on the downswing than on the backswing (ala Sergio Garcia). Lastly, try swinging with the club more in front of your body, like Inbee Park and Shanshan Feng and Henrik Stenson; so the arms do not turn behind your shoulders, but rather swing above them in a steeper position... 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

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5320-5363, 5400-5432 and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5500-5576—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/22-3/26. 555—Utility room repairs in progress.

5458—Sewer line repairs in progress.

5451-5462—Cement walkway replacement scheduled for next week.

#### Del Lago

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

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/5-4/9. **Fairways** 

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7. **Glen Arden** 

7698-7752 - 7753-7787 (odd)-Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

#### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/12-4/16. 8494 and 8495—Dry rot repairs in progress.

#### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonay Lake– Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/12-4/16.

Dead/missing plant replacement in progress throughout the district. Winery Court—Utility door repairs in progress.

#### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/29-4/2. **Montgomery** 

6001-6068 and 6127-6136 – Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/5-4/9.

6204 – Dead/dying tree removal scheduled for the week of 3/22. **Olivas** 

8713-8738 and 8753-8768 – Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/22-3/26.

Dead/Missing plant replacement at various locations, in progress. French Oak and Lomas Azules—Jet mulch installation in progress.

#### Sonata

2025-2031 and 2065-2101 – Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

2000-2024 and 2032-2064 – Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7.

#### Valle Vista

9015-9033-Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/22-3/26. Dead/Missing plant replacement in progress at various locations. **Verano** 

7314-7394-Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 3/22-3/26.

7310-7311-Sewer line repairs in progress.

#### Association

Common Areas-Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and

### FROM BRIGHTVIEW

### Springtime Lawn Aeration

By Ryan C. Bolich, BrightView Landscape Services

In order to achieve and maintain a beautiful lawn it is important to ensure that nutrients can reach the soil beneath your grass. Aeration of the grass is an extremely vital element to a healthy lawn because it allows air and water to penetrate built-up grass or lawn thatch.

Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn.

The main reason for aerating is to alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils prevent proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

The best time for aeration is during the growing season, when the grass can heal and fill in any open areas after soil plugs are removed. Ideally, aerate the lawn with cool season grass in the early

spring and those with warm season grass in the late spring. Here at The Villages, aeration will begin early this month and continue throughout April.

BrightView

Spring turf aeration program throughout the districts, in progress. Fire blight tree trunk injection treatment to all flowering pear trees throughout the districts, in progress.

Liquidamabar tree fruit treatment control at various districts, in progress.

#### Club Centers

Weed spraying in progress throughout the Villages.

Fire blight tree trunk injection treatment to all flowering pear trees in progress throughout the Club properties.

Liquidambar tree fruit treatment control in progress at Club properties. Foothill, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed. Cribari Center Ceramic Room—Cabinet and shelving replacement in progress.

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squirrels in progress.

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Opening lead: 4 of Spades

Dealer has 1 winner in Spades, 1 in Diamonds, and 5 Club winners. Once the Ace of Hearts is drawn out, then there is a possibility of getting three tricks in Hearts. Obviously the problem is how many Spade tricks will the opponents take before South can get in the lead again.

Strategy: Let the opponents take the first Spade trick, and don't start the Hearts since the opponents have the Ace and will run the Spades. The only chance has to be in Diamonds hoping that East has the King and Jack of Diamonds.

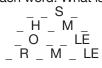
West leads the 4 of Spades, East covers with the Queen, South ducks, and East continues with a Spade, and South wins with the Ace. He then switches to a low Club to the Ace on the board, follows with a Diamond, finesses the 10 and is very a happy. Next he plays a Club to the Queen on the board, finesses another Diamond, East, the Jack, South, the Queen, then he leads the Ace of Diamonds. He next plays the King of Clubs, continues with the other 2 good Clubs, then leads a Heart. East wins with the Ace, next plays the King of Diamonds, and now leads his last card, a Spade, and West takes the trick with the King. Great! The contract is made exactly. If West had either the King of Jack of Diamonds, South would never make his contract.

<sup>c</sup> This is an artificial bid used after an opening of NoTrump asking his partner if he has a 4-card major.

^ This is an artificial response saying he doesn't have a 4-card major and now the responder will bid NoTrump accordingly to his HCP.



This week's PUZ-LER: Word puzzles are driving everyone crazy so we will go with one more as submitted by our neighbor Fred Mathis. A three-letter word has been taken out of each of the following words. The letters of the missing word are in the same order for each word. What is the missing word?



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You might recognize his name. This little boy was called: Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish! And "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "Big Cheeks"!

And I'll bet you did not know this: President Biden, in a speech to the nation, said "By July most of the U.S. will receive the COVID-19 vaccine." If this comes to pass, we may be able to start having services, in person, again. Let's hope we can be together on the High Holidays.

Our next Friday night service is on April 16. We have five exciting speakers signed up to share stories about their Jewish background or a Jewish personal story or some Jewish item to display and discuss.

Charities of all stripes are struggling, in large part because. of the coronavirus pandemic. Charitable organizations, such as food pantries, animal protection groups, homeless shelters, churches, colleges and universities, and arts organizations, need help more than ever. Giving to charity not only helps the donee...but the donations can be a great tax write-off.

Here are tips to supercharge your deduction: Bunch into 2021 the charitable donations that you would usually give over multiple years. The goal is for your charitable write-offs, along with any other itemized deductions. If you plan to take on Schedule A, to exceed the standard deduction for your filing status. That is because taxpayers can either itemize or take standard deductions, but not both. If you want to donate valuable property, contribute appreciated investments, such as stocks or shares in mutual funds. Provided you have owned the property for more than a year, you can generally write off the full value if you itemize. Don't donate property that has declined in value since you acquired it.

Donate cash to make use of two new tax rules that apply only for 2021. Nonitemizers can claim an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300. for charitable cash contributions that they make in 2021. This means that for 2021, individuals who don't itemize on Schedule A can take both the standard deduction. and a deduction for up to \$300 in cash contributions. Note that this extra write-off is per return, meaning couples who file jointly can deduct only \$300, not \$600. The 60%-of-AGI limit on charitable gifts of cash by individuals is suspended. Gifts to donor-advised funds and private nonoperating foundations are excluded. The relief applies only to charitable cash contributions that you make this year. and deduct on Schedule A of the 2021 Form 1040 or 1040SR that you file in 2021.

If you have been contemplating a large cash gift to charity, do it this year. Give to an IRSrecognized section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Use IRS's online "Tax Exempt Organization Search" tool to verify whether a group is tax-exempt and whether it is eligible to receive taxdeductible contributions. Watch out for bogus charities and solicitors. The IRS is warning taxpayers to be alert to scammers who claim to solicit funds for coronavirus victims and to charities with names similar to well-known charitable institutions. Donations you make to individuals are not tax-deductible. Ditto for donations you make through personal fundraising websites that are earmarked for a single person or small group. This includes contributions made on sites to assist with a person's medical costs or to help a family who is struggling because of the coronavirus pandemic or a natural disaster. But you can deduct gifts to 501(c)(3) groups that solicit donations on those sites.

me, Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com. Please include your name and put "puzzle" in the subject line.

Last week's answer was "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" and the really smart ones were David Wendt, Bob Bauman, Jacqueline Wise, Don Fernandez, Harriet Tower, Victor Clifford, Fred (this week's puzzle master) Mathis, Ann Jackson, Harriet Fernandez, Caryl Swinyard, Margaret Davies White, Joan Fury and Phyllis and Claude A. Each of you are moving closer and closer to MENSA material.

Remember tonight's Shabbat service starts at 7:15 p.m. If you need a link, to Zoom, please contact Marilyn Goldsmith.

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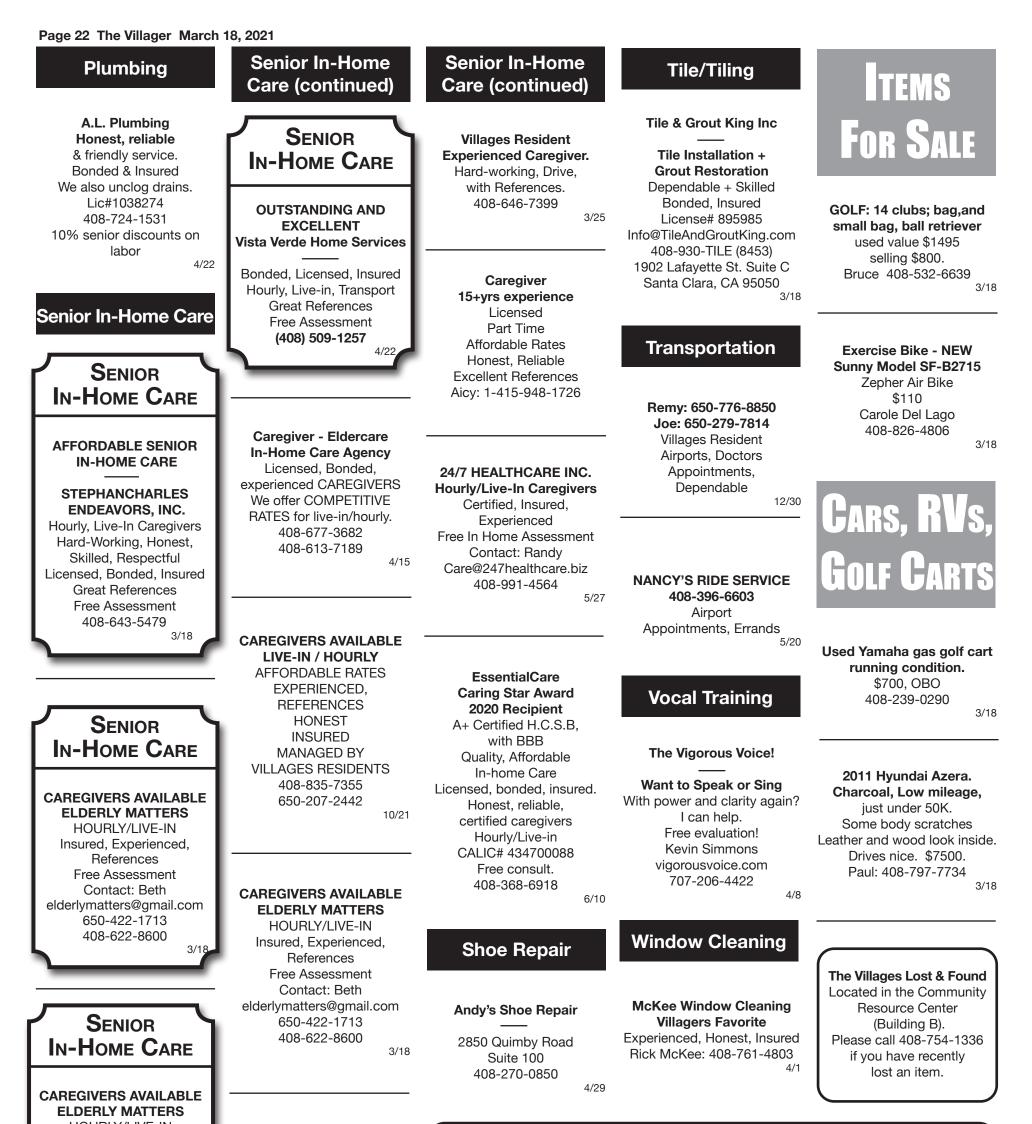
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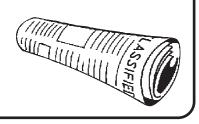
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### Dbituary

#### Harvey Paul Sherman May 11, 1931 - March 12, 2021

Harvey Sherman died peacefully at home on March 12, 2021 at age 89. Harvey is survived by his wife Julie of 58 years, his sons Michael and Peter (Linnea Krizsan), and grandsons Ry and Max. Harvey is also survived by his two older sisters Gloria Tafeen and Melvina Nozick.

Harvey was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 11, 1931. He attended Erasmus Hall High School and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from City College of New York. Harvey began his career as an engineer in the aerospace industry and he later shifted to marketing.

He was a veteran of the US Army. Harvey and Julie moved from Huntington, New York to the Bay Area in 1974 and have lived in Saratoga and San Jose ever since.

Many will recall Harvey's smile and love of family and friends. He was a loving, sociable, and community-oriented man

with strong values emanating from his Jewish roots. Most afternoons, Harvey could be found with Julie on their deck, reflecting on their day while watching the sunset.

A virtual service was held on March 15. Contributions in Harvey's name can be offered to: the Villages Hadassah, VMA, or JFS of Silicon Valley.

### Dbituary

Rissie Lavenia Anderson 1934 – 2021



Lavenia leaves us with many sweet memories. She was a child of God and loved serving Him with all her heart. She was devoted to her family, friends, and EVC church. She loved jazz, classic movies, and traveling. We are overjoyed to know she has gone home to be with Jesus, her Father in Heaven. Psalm 91, Romans 8:28

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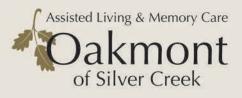
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