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## The News this Week

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## Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

## Channels 26 & 27

### Community TV channels:

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

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

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## Foothill Pool and Spa open for reservations!

By request of the Swimming Pool Committee, beginning on Thursday, April 22 our swimming and spa facilities will be switched to Foothill Center. This change will increase our pool capacity by an additional two lanes so more residents can take advantage of the warmer weather! Reservations are now available online and by phone.

The schedule will remain the same for both pool and spa. The reservation limit will continue to be four (4) swim sessions and one (1) spa session per week (Monday through Sunday).

Reservations for Vineyard Pool and Spa are still available with the last day being Wednesday, April 21.

### How can I make a reservation?

You can reserve times on the Resident Portal. When logged into the Portal you can access the reservation pages by hovering over the "Reservations" Menu option and clicking on the activity you want to reserve for. Devices with smaller screens will have a Menu button that expands to show this option.

You can reserve times by calling the Swimming Reservation Line at (408) 223-4636. We will return your call either the same day or the next business day.

It is highly recommended that residents use the website to reserve, if possible. If you have not created an account on the Resident Portal yet please do so; instruction sheets are available upon request. For more information please contact the Community Resource Center at 408-754-1336.

(See related articles on page 4)

## Amending Next Year's Club Operations Budget!

Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom announced his intent to open up the state to normal operation on June 15. This is much sooner than was assumed when we began the FY22 Club operations budget in January. Even though we are in the final stages of preparing the Club budget, it is not logical to continue preparing a budget that assumes this transition does not take place until January so we are essentially starting over on the Club operations budget.

The first step is for the CBOD to revise its Club budget guidance to staff. Here is the amendment:

### Amendment to FY22 Club Budget Guidance.

This amendment to the approved Club Budget Guidance is being necessitated by the anticipated reduction or elimination of many or all COVID restrictions and requirements and the gradual move to a "new normal" operation of all business and amenities over the course of several months. Accordingly, the following guidance will replace the previous guidance. It will be in effect upon approval by the CBOD.

### Approved Guidance:

• COVID restrictions will continue in force for the remainder of FY21 and begin being reduced in Q1 FY22. We will be back to the new normal in late Q2 FY22

### Revised Guidance:

• COVID restrictions will continue in force at some level for the remainder of FY21. We will be back to the new normal at the beginning of FY22

All other approved Guidance will remain in effect.

This amendment has been approved by the CBOD plus the President's Council and is being used by staff to develop the new operations budget. To keep to the voting schedule the new Club budget needs to be approved by the Club Board no later than May 4 which means staff just has a couple weeks to get it done. This will be the staff's main focus during that time. The other budgets are in pretty good shape which will allow this to happen.

We need to keep this in perspective as we go through this. The Governor did not really define what he meant by back to normal or place any condition on normal other than to say we still have to be careful, wear masks, and social distance. Also, the County has not really responded yet. Their initial response was not real positive and they are the folks that define the monitoring and sanitation requirements which drive the operations costs. The time is too short for us to wait for all this to be defined so staff are making assumptions based on their experience working with the state and county for over a year.

Just to be clear, normal operation on 7/1 does not mean everything is up and running as it was before the pandemic. The resource requirements and costs just won't let that happen. Our goal is to have all the amenities operational at some level and available to Villagers. We will have a plan in place to bring everything up to full speed as resources become available. The main resource issue will be staffing as lots of Bay Area businesses will be looking for the kind of staff we need.

The new Club budget rollout schedule will be out shortly. We have had to consolidate and delay the review process. Watch the Fast Lane and the Villager. The other corporations budget approvals remain in the same published timelines.

We have one request for everyone. We know that Villagers have questions and concerns they would like addressed. For the rest of the budget process please send your Club-related questions and concerns to me the Club Board President ([falarski.cbod@gmail.com](mailto:falarski.cbod@gmail.com)) and I will respond. Similarly, the Association Board President requests that you send all Association budget questions or comments to him, David Cook at [dc@argus.mx](mailto:dc@argus.mx) and he will arrange a response. Homeowners related questions should be directed Homeowners Vice President Rob Kirschbaum ([Newadventure@comcast.net](mailto:Newadventure@comcast.net)). We have to allow the staff to focus on the Club budget preparation to meet the schedule so please do not phone, text or email them about the budgets or other COVID concerns. We really need your cooperation on this. Thanks for your understanding.

—Mike Falarski, President

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors

**Mother's Day**  
Served Champagne Brunch Buffet  
Sunday, May 9 at 10am & 1pm  
See page 15 for Menu & details  
Reservations due by May 4

## VMA COVID-19 vaccine clinic pending

The VMA has received numerous requests from residents, to have a COVID-19 Vaccine clinic here at the Villages. The VMA has been in communication with Walgreens, and hopes to have more information soon. All those who have expressed interest to the VMA will be called, when a date is scheduled with Walgreens. The plan is for a drive through clinic, with the one shot vaccine administered by Walgreens.

# 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.

4 Pulse letters received this week.  
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.  
4 Pulse letters published this week.

Note: Pulse authors are solely responsible for the statements and opinions contained in the Pulse letters. The Villager does not verify the accuracy of any statements.

Note: Pulse letters are still being accepted through the "Shelter-In-Place" order in digital form only. You may take a picture of your hand-written letter and e-mail it as a JPEG attachment to: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

All Pulse letters that are published are retained by the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) for a period of 12 months. Rejected Pulse letters are not shared with anyone outside the CAC, management or Club Board and staff liaisons for the reason of confidentiality.

It's extremely difficult to comprehend that a situation that adversely affects every resident of The Villages Golf & Country Club cannot be remedied. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, three vaccines have been developed in record time. Compared to this miracle of leadership, hard work, and creativity our HOA assessment increases are insignificant. But some believe that the causes for the increases are unsolvable. Water and insurance expenditures seem to be the leading reasons for throwing up our hands in surrender and accepting our fate. This is not only foolish but dumb. During the drought, significant areas of sod were ripped up, a network of drip irrigation piping was installed, and water consuming shrubbery was planted with colored wood chip ground cover. Management team was this experiment successful? On the golf course should the "roughs" be watered like the fairways and greens? Insurance proposals based upon an accurate "request-for-quote" will reduce costs. No, I don't want a free lunch, but I'm not willing to pay \$10.40 for a \$5 hotdog.

—Richard Petroski

The detailed article in the April 1 Villager about "Reopening Villages Amenities" was very well written—with a lot of thought and effort.

In my opinion:

1) Gym need be open only 9 to 5 p.m. to start with. We don't need to police Villagers who enter and exit. If the hours and number of users at a time are specified, management can trust Villagers to follow that. Nobody is going to go in if people allowed are defined. Restrooms can also be closed to start with. Gym users normally wipe the equipment themselves in normal times.

2) Library also can be open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or so with one volunteer to operate and two or three in at a time. I've never seen Library crowded, as I am a volunteer. OK to keep Library restroom closed.

Mostly people stay there longer reading newspapers. Two chairs and one table can be kept outside entrance for newspaper. People can read the paper keeping six feet distance.

3) Both of the above will not require extra manpower other than what normal times.

4) Management has to show trust in Villagers. That is all.

—Prakash Deshmukh

Regarding the April 1 Pulse letter directed to those supporting a major reduction in HOA fees: the writer is right, dues will be increasingly impacted by rising rates for such fixed expenses as water and insurance. That's the point. We can't control rising rates but we can offset them by re-aligning spending priorities and reducing discretionary expenditures. And upon a thorough review, it's likely HOA fees can be reduced at the same time. Numbers shown at the last CBOD meeting (not published) showed questionably high allocations in such areas as administration and public security (including vehicles). Every budget line item should be reviewed for waste, duplication and relevancy, every expense justified against its impact on annual HOA fees, and long-range plans developed to address landscape water use. We are not a for-profit company making widgets. Given last year's dues increases, our budgets can no longer reflect the continued faith that funds will continue to flow in from residents' fixed income purses. The minimal decrease in HOA fees being floated in current budget discussions owes itself to amenities remaining closed through March 2022. What then? Join us in planning for a future we can afford.

—Jill Phillips

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## IN MEMORIAM

Madeline Stusnick

October 27, 1943 — April 30, 2020

A Celebration of Life for Madeline Stusnick will be held via Zoom at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 30. To join, or leave a remembrance, visit stusnick.com

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

### DEADLINES

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

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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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### HOURS

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## FROM THE ASSOCIATION BOARD

### *The ABOD Considerations of an Outside Management Company*

By Diana Hallock, ABOD Vice President

As you may know, the Association Board (ABOD) has no employees. Instead, we contract with the Villages Club Board (CBOD) to be our Managing Agent and provide the numerous management services including accounting, human resources, investments, management of the landscape contract, etc. Villagers have occasionally wondered if an outside management company could provide cheaper or better services. During the search for a new General Manager in 2016, that ABOD considered an outside management company but after contacting several companies, it was obvious that the current Management Agent arrangement with the CBOD was the least expensive option.

Again, during the summer of 2020, the ABOD wanted to ensure that using the CBOD was still the best option. This time a far more formal investigation was conducted. After consulting with our HOA specialist attorney, the ABOD hired an HOA consultant, Bicksler & Associates, to ensure we asked all the pertinent questions and had a professional Request for Proposal (RFP) prepared. Two local HOA Management companies that had the capacity to manage a property as large and complex as the Villages submitted bids, were invited to multiple interviews and given tours of the Villages.

One major challenge quickly recognized by both companies was the current structure of the Villages management between the ABOD and CBOD and the difficulty of splitting them apart. Numerous employees, workspaces and tasks are shared. That sharing allows for significant savings for both Boards but makes creating an exact bid for the ABOD alone very difficult. Both companies mentioned the desire to hire some key employees for continuity but acknowledged most work would be done off site with staffing from the new company. The new companies desired to rent from the CBOD both office and work spaces to be able to locate a few key employees on-site.

Both submitted formal bids for Daily Operations but would contract out for Reserve Projects so costs for those projects remains a significant unknown. Both companies estimated six to twelve months to complete the transition and offered only a one-year contract to start.

	Operational Costs	Reserve Project Staff Costs	Offices	Current Villages Employees	Notes
CBOD	\$1,427,757	\$532,800	On Site	No Change	Management Agreement reviewed annually, 3-year term
Company A	\$1,682,611	Reserve Costs comparable to CBOD	Most Off Site	Hire some	Greater experience than Company B Excellent, owner/operator Offices within 5 miles
Company B	\$1,640,612	Reserve Costs comparable	Most Off Site	Hire a few	Good experience, credible Offices within 10 miles

After numerous meetings, the ABOD decided to remain with the CBOD as our Managing Agent. Beyond the obvious difference in Operational Costs, the challenge of separating so many departments, the unknown costs for Reserve Projects, changes in future charges, and the concern about our excellent employees led to that decision. Perhaps the most telling observation came from the owner of Company A, when he commented “the Villages account would be a gem in any company’s portfolio, but no outside company will be able to match the on-site service and price that an in-house arrangement can offer.”

## MORE PULSE

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Someone deposited three cans of paint in a garbage container in one of the Verano garbage collection sheds, so I took them out and placed them on the cement. I urge all Villagers to follow the guidelines that are posted in the garbage sheds that explain how to dispose of paint, chemicals, hazardous materials, etc. For paint, call the Household Hazardous Waste Program (<http://www.HHW.org>) at 408-299-7300 to make an appointment to drop it off at 1608 Las Plumas Ave, San Jose. Please make it a priority to dispose of all garbage properly and to reduce, reuse, recycle as much as possible. Go to <http://SanJoseRecycles.org> or call 408-535-3500, or search “reduce, reuse and recycle” online to find more resources. We all need to do our fair share to maintain a healthy planet for future generations. Thank you for reading to the end of this Pulse letter.

—Cheryl Herfurth

## FROM THE CLUB BOARD

### *Coyote Meeting*

By Howie Blumstein

On Thursday, April 1, a two-hour coyote informational Zoom meeting with wildlife expert Carolyn Whitesell, Human Wildlife Interactions Advisor at University of California Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR), was held. Carolyn presented material about coyotes, which included information about their behavior, breeding and state regulations. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Santa Clara County Vector Control were invited to participate in the meeting, but did not attend. After her presentation, Carolyn answered numerous questions from attendees.

Steve Norden, Villages Public Safety Director, briefly summarized activities at The Villages, such as weekly fence inspections and repairs, disturbing coyote dens and provided information about locations within our community that sightings have been reported/documented.

#### **Meeting Summary**

The following briefly summarizes information Carolyn presented.

- It is illegal to capture and relocate wildlife in California
- Coyotes consume small rodents and mammals as well as vegetation, fruits, nuts, berries, insects, eggs, birds, deer, etc.
- Coyotes are notoriously hard to trap
- If one coyote is removed, another will move in
- All wildlife should not be fed
- Compost, bird seed (that drops from feeders), trash and fallen fruit should be removed around residences
- Do not leave pet food and water on patios/near residences
- These attractants appeal to rodents, which in turn attracts coyotes
- Do not leave pets unattended outside
- Always keep pets on a short leash when outside and walk with someone else
- When walking pets carry an air horn, can with pebbles/coins, stick, etc.
- When/if confronted yell, throw rocks and do not run away
- Coyotes are more prevalent at dawn and dusk
- If someone is attacked, immediately contact CDFW or call 9-1-1

#### **What can we do?**

A lot.

- A community campaign to not have pet food, water and bird seed (dropped from a feeder) easily accessible outside is encouraged.
- Remove vegetation fallen fruit, etc. near residences.
- Do not feed the wildlife.
- Not attracting coyotes to patios/near residences will help diminish sightings/incidents in The Villages.

At the end of the meeting, Carolyn indicated her interest in conducting a research project at The Villages.

## *Report Coyote Activity*

Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the email addresses listed below.

- Director of Public Safety Steve Norden at [snorden@the-villages.com](mailto:snorden@the-villages.com) and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contacts for Vector Control are as follows: [Aric.Heath@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:Aric.Heath@cep.sccgov.org) or [Miguel.Cardenas@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:Miguel.Cardenas@cep.sccgov.org)

## *Streets and Roads Agreement—Hurray!*

By David Cook and Diane Hallock

The proposal by the Club Board is what the ABOD had requested—to allow Villagers to resolve this issue through a community vote. The ABOD is in full support and greatly appreciates the efforts on the part of the Club Board for the continued benefit of all Villagers.

A vote in favor will not change your total assessments up or down but will allow the Club to continue to maintain all Streets and Roads as it has for many years.

Please, look for your ballot and return it with a “FOR” vote for Villages Roads and Streets!

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 6, 7 & 15

# MANAGEMENT

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Public Safety Report March 2021

CLASSIFICATION	Present Month	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>			
1) PERSONAL INJURY	0	0	0
2) AUTO	0	1	1
3) HIT & RUN	0	0	0
4) GOLF CART	1	1	0
5) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
<b>AFTER HOURS REQUESTS</b>			
1) LIGHTS	38	139	137
2) FACILITIES	5	14	18
3) SPRINKLERS	7	16	8
4) LANDSCAPE	0	1	2
5) ACTIVITIES	0	0	2
6) MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0
7) GOLF MAINTENANCE	0	0	1
8) FOOD & BEVERAGE	0	0	0
9) BUSINESS OFFICE	0	0	0
10) PRO SHOP	0	0	0
11) WATER LEAKS (OUTSIDE)	1	4	3
12) ALARM ACTIVATION	0	0	2
<b>ANIMAL</b>			
1) COMPLAINTS	8	24	16
2) TRAP REQUEST	0	0	0
3) LOST	0	1	0
4) FOUND	1	2	1
5) COYOTE COMPLAINTS/SIGHTINGS	43	75	N/A
<b>CITATIONS</b>			
1) PARKING	0	0	0
2) SPEEDING	5	13	31
3) STOP SIGN - RESIDENTS	11	31	--
4) STOP SIGN - NON-RESIDENTS	59	184	--
STOP SIGN TOTALS	70	215	360
5) MISCELLANEOUS	6	15	35
6) ACC	0	0	0
<b>DISTURBANCE</b>	0	0	1
<b>FIRE / SMOKE</b>	0	0	0
<b>HAZARDOUS CONDITION</b>	1	1	3
<b>MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>	31	124	147
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	12	37	45
<b>PROPERTY</b>			
1) DAMAGED	3	10	6
2) LOST	0	2	0
3) FOUND	0	2	0
4) VANDALIZED	0	1	0
5) MISSING	0	1	3
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
1) COMPLAINT	17	56	41
2) REQUEST	14	34	47
<b>RESIDENT ASSIST</b>	16	43	64
<b>RESIDENT WELFARE CHECK</b>	8	22	28
<b>SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	0	1	1
<b>TRESPASSING</b>			
1) AUTO	0	0	0
2) PERSON	0	2	0
<b>UNLOCKS</b>	9	47	65
<b>UNSECURED AREA</b>	0	2	3

### Property Report March 2021

Date	Item	Summary
3/7	Damaged	Resident reported that his garage door fell off the hinges. He said it was still working a week ago when he backed into it
3/17	Damaged	Resident ran into the resident gate at the Public Safety Plaza
3/18	Damaged	Resident reported that someone hit the rear of his vehicle that was parked in his driveway.

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Thank you to the tax preparers who live in The Villages. What unselfish workers they are. It's easy to get an appointment, drop off the material needed in order to file 2020 taxes. There was some missing documentation that I needed to find and drop the material back over at the home. This was graciously received.

When I thanked one preparer, I asked if I could gift a meal from the Bistro, the person politely declines. Wish I could do more than say "Thank You."

Again, thank you for your patience and compassion.

—Mary Edmunds

## Questions for Comcast/ Xfinity?

Comcast/Xfinity is scheduling customer service appointments to Villages residents on Tuesdays 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.

## Pool and Spa Reservation Clarifications

Some residents have requested clarification on the following subjects regarding the pool and spa reservation system. If you have additional questions, please call (408) 223-4636 or email [rdreitlein@the-villages.com](mailto:rdreitlein@the-villages.com)

### Adding a Household Member to Your Reservation

Adding a household member is available for spa reservations only; to complete this process see the following procedure:

The limit for any individual to reserve the spa is one (1) session per week (Monday to Sunday). When you add a household member to your reservation this is considered their reservation for that week.

On the day of the reservation all participants will show their Villages ID card to the monitor at check-in and must follow all health department guidelines while inside the facility.

### Adding a Caregiver to Your Reservation

Adding a caregiver is available for both pool and spa reservations; to complete this process see the following procedure:

The caregiver cannot use the facility for their own recreational purposes, but only to assist the resident in and out of the water. If the caregiver needs to remain in the pool so the resident can exercise, we must be notified so we can accommodate for social distancing. The caregiver cannot remain in the spa with the resident due to health department guidelines. While not assisting the resident, the caregiver will be asked to leave the pool deck.

The caregiver is not required to show their ID to the monitor at check-in but must follow all health department guidelines while inside the facility.

### How can I add a household member or caregiver to my reservation?

The process to add a household member or caregiver to your reservation begins by leaving a message at (408) 223-4636 with your name, house number, the name of the second party, and a number they can be reached at. We will then call them to ask the required COVID health screening questions before adding them to the reservation.

Please have all additions called in at least by 4 p.m. on the **day before your reservation** for Tuesday through Friday and by 4 p.m. on **Friday** for Saturday through Monday. This ensures we have enough time to call back before the rosters are printed for the monitors.

## Cancellation clarification for Pool and Spa

If you are an online user and you see the words "Not Allowed" next to your appointment, this applies only to the cancellation feature on the website. The actual status of your reservation appears under the Status column. Further explanation is available beneath the Appointments section of the reservation site in the yellow box.

Please remember that cancellations should be made at least by 4 p.m. on the **day before your reservation** for Tuesday through Friday and by 4 p.m. on **Friday** for Saturday through Monday. Cancelling can be done online or by calling the Swimming Reservation Line at (408) 223-4636. If you are cancelling by phone, please remember to include the date and time of your reservation in the message.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of May are due to the Architectural Committee on or before April 22, 2021. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for May 6, 2021.**

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

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### *Frequently Asked COVID-19 related Questions and Answers*

**Q:** I have received my COVID vaccination—am I now exempt from the Public Health Orders?

**A:** No. At this time, unless a public health order or directive says otherwise, a person's vaccination status does not exempt them from State and County public health orders and directives. The County will evaluate new data and evidence regarding the effects of vaccination as they come in, and may adjust this policy in the future.

**Q:** I have received my COVID vaccination as have most of my neighbors; can The Villages get a health ordinance variance?

**A:** No. Every person and business in Santa Clara County must follow the local County Public Health Officer's orders and the State Public Health Officer's orders. If the two are different, you must comply with the stricter of the two.

**Q:** I have been to other businesses that don't have a metering employee, why does The Villages have to have one?

**A:** All businesses must comply with the County's Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations and any applicable industry-specific capacity limitations under the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Businesses are responsible for making sure their facilities do not exceed any applicable capacity limitations. Failure to do so may lead to County enforcement action. A business must designate a staff person to ensure that the maximum number of occupants is not exceeded, that all persons are wearing face coverings if required by the Health Officer Order, and that people entering comply with other provisions of this Protocol. Ensure that this person is more than six feet away from others to maintain adequate social distance.

**Q:** With the weather getting warmer why can't The Villages open a second swimming pool?

**A:** The Villages is required to provide a metering employee at a pool. Please see above answer as to why. This adds additional unbudgeted expense when there is already a projected revenue shortfall.

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

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

Your Pulse letters are important to *The Villager* and Village residents. To facilitate our ability to get your letters published in a timely manner we 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.

—Communications Advisory Committee

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 6, 7 & 15

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392  
Passcode: 223468  
Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

**(Please note recent changes in Club meetings)**

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors Special Open Meeting—Proposed FY 21/22 Reserves Plan Presentation is now Tuesday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 913 0476 0322  
Passcode: 185615  
Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Golf and Country Club Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting (Budget Presentation/Amenities Discussion)  
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740  
Passcode: 260616  
Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors FY 21/22 Budget Approval Consideration Meeting is Tuesday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 926 6745 1812  
Passcode: 605610  
Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners' 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

***The Villages Golf and Country Club  
The Villages Association  
The Villages Homeowners' Corporation  
Boards of Directors***

***Resolution Commending  
Villages' Volunteers***

WHEREAS, one of The Villages' greatest resources is its resident volunteers and the human resources they contribute to the betterment of The Villages and to the greater community around us; and

WHEREAS, the resident volunteers give freely of their time, energy, and abilities in service to their community and to brighten the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a long standing tradition in The Villages and a cornerstone of The Villages "Way of Life"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize our many resident volunteers when the nation observes National Volunteer Month through the month of April; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Directors take great pleasure in honoring The Villages' volunteers, and the Directors convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers' dedicated, selfless, and compassionate efforts.

## *The Villages Association 2021 Annual Meeting Board of Directors Election IRS Resolution Vote*

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021  
at 4:00 p.m.**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**(California Civil Code Section 5115 (b))**

**Candidate Registration List:** As certified by Richard Holmboe, Secretary of The Association Board, the following Candidate Registration List contains a full and complete list of qualified candidate nominations received by the Association on or before March 30, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., the deadline established by the Board of Directors for receipt of nominations for the annual election of directors of the Association.

**List of Candidates:**

David Cook  
Diana Omo Hallock  
Julie Wash  
Linda McChesney  
George Paris

**Notice of Election Information:** The Villages Association will hold a vote this May and June to elect directors and to vote on Association Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members.

The Villages Association maintains a Voter List. Members are permitted to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Voter List (California Civil Code Section 5105(a) (7)). The Voter List is available for review in Business Administration Building A upon request. Please contact the General Manager's office at 408-223-4634.

Ballots will be sent to all Members indicated on the Voter List on May 7, 2021. Ballots may be mailed or delivered to the following address so long as the ballot is received no later than Monday, June 7, at 8:00 a.m.

The Villages Association, Bldg. A  
5000 Cribari Lane  
San Jose, CA 95135

The ballots are scheduled to be opened and tabulated at an open Association Teleconference Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Main Clubhouse, 2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

## *The Villages Golf and Country Club Vote To Amend the Amended Articles of Incorporation*

**An approval vote of members:**

- √ Will have the maintenance of the roads continue as it has for over 50 years.
- √ Will make the VGCC legal documents consistent with policy.
- √ Is supported by the Presidents' Council (Presidents and Vice Presidents of all three Villages corporations).

Please take the time to vote on this very important matter.  
Deadline to return ballot is Monday, May 10 at 8 a.m.



## *VGCC Board Approves Vote on Amending the Amended Articles of Incorporation of VGCC*

In its March 30, 2021, regular monthly meeting, The Villages Golf and Country Club ("VGCC") Board of Directors approved and authorized an amendment to the VGCC's Amended Articles of Incorporation (to be memorialized in that certain Second Amended Articles of Incorporation of VGCC).

The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Board of Directors supports amending the Amended Articles of Incorporation of VGCC to clarify VGCC's authority to maintain and repair, at its expense, certain streets, associated improvements, and fencing.

Thereby, those provisions of Article 2 of the Amended Articles of Incorporation of VGCC would be amended to read in their entirety as follows:

(i) to provide for (A) the maintenance, protection, development, and preservation thereof, and the landscaping, structures, and facilities thereon, within that certain real property owned by the Corporation and located in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California and additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation ("VGCC Corporation Property"); (B) the maintenance and repair of streets, curbs and gutters, traffic control signs, monument signs, street lights (however, with respect to street lights, only those within the Olivas, Highland and Verano projects), and water and landscaping costs (however, with respect to water and landscaping costs, only in the Del Lago and Sonata projects from the intersection of San Felipe Road west of the Sonata project along the Villages Parkway entrance between the curb and the stucco wall to the area approximately 82 feet west of the front edge of the Public Safety building, and maintenance of the olive trees east of the Public Safety building in the landscaped area along Villages Parkway), all of which portions described in this clause (B) constitute "Project Common Area" as defined in the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Power of Attorney of The Villages Association (such items described in this clause (B) being referred to as the "Club-Benefitted Project Common Area"), and located in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California; and (C) the maintenance and repair of the fences that generally surround the perimeter of the VGCC Corporation Property (excluding privacy fences), the Association condominium projects, and the single family residential lots;

(iv) to promote the health, safety, welfare, and interests of all owners of property and residents within The Villages Homeowners' Corporation and The Villages Association, including the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Club-Benefitted Project Common Area; and

This amendment to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of VGCC will not result in a material change to VGCC's budget, as the maintenance and repair costs clarified by the amendment described herein were already being incurred by VGCC.

Ballot packages were distributed April 9, with a ballot return deadline of 8 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021. Please take the time to vote on this very important matter. Thank you.

## *Submit your questions for Candidates' Night*

Each year the Communications Advisory Committee collects questions from Villagers to be answered by candidates for the Club, Association and the Homeowners' vacancies. Some of these questions may be used during Candidate's Night.

This year Candidate's Night will be posted online in the same format as last year. Please submit your candidate questions to Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296 or via email at: nyannac@gmail.com .

## 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.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

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

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

Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the email addresses listed below.

- Director of Public Safety Steve Norden at snorden@the-villages.com and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.

- Contacts for Vector Control are as follows: Aric.Heath@cep.sccgov.org or Miguel.Cardenas@cep.sccgov.org

## 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.

Pursuant to The Villages Association Rule 2.25 Voting and Election Rules, David Cook, Diana Omo Hallock, Julie Wash, Linda McChesney and George Paris are candidates for the annual Election of Directors. (See notice on page 6)

**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 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 7).

**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.

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

## WHAT'S COOKING?

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

**Clubhouse Restaurant opens Indoor and Patio dining—Reservations suggested:** Indoor dining in the Restaurant began in March 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).

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

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

**For Curbside Service:** Call in your order to **408-370-8553** and call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we'll bring it out to your vehicle.

**Curbside Grab-and-Go Menu has expanded:** The Curbside Service is now using the expanded Clubhouse menu. (See menus on pages 9-11.)

**Notice: No entry into foyer without facemask.**

## CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT & THE BISTRO & BAR AND GRAB & GO ORDERS AVAILABLE

### *New Menus for Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup 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: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com) click "Book a Reservation," or go to: the website, [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com) for the link. Limited seating available. 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  
4/19 to 4/25

<b>Monday 4/19</b>	Chicken Quinoa
<b>Tuesday 4/20</b>	Cream of Mushroom
<b>Wednesday 4/21</b>	Lima Beans with Kale and Sausage
<b>Thursday 4/22</b>	French Onion
<b>Friday 4/23</b>	Fishermans Stew
<b>Saturday 4/24</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday 4/25</b>	Chef's Choice

## Indoor and Patio dining or Curbside hours of Operation

### Monday

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

### Tuesday to Friday

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



## Mothers Day Special Schedule Sunday, May 9

### Restaurant:

Mother's Day waitstaff served brunch 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Restaurant and Curbside Closed for breakfast and lunch.**

**Restaurant and Curbside open for Dinner.**

Dinner entrées only. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Family and friends may join Villagers at the Restaurant

On April 13, the Clubhouse began serving family and friends of Villagers at the Clubhouse Restaurant.

Friends and family must be accompanied by a Villager.

All charges must be posted to the house account of the Villager. Credit Card and Cash will not be accepted.

Tables of six diners is maximum.

Villager will sign in for the visitors and be the point person for the party.

All other COVID-19 protocol will apply.

Thank you for your understanding while we continue our efforts to keep Villagers and staff safe.

## New Menus for Curbside Grab-&-Go pickup, Indoor & Patio dining

### All Day Menu

11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last Order

**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 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

V = Vegetarian GF = Gluten Free

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

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

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

**Sides: \$4.95**

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

**Hot Dog with Side 8.95**

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

**Burger with Side 2. \$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, Swiss cheese, 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**

**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**

## Weekly Specials

For the week of  
4/19 to 4/25

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/19 to Sunday 4/25

**Spaghetti and Meatballs**

with Marinara Sauce

**\$13.50 ++**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/20 to Sunday 4/25

**Apple Stuffing Cornish**

**Game Hen**

Dry Cranberry and Orange

Sauce with Choice of Sides

**\$27.50 ++**

More CLUBHOUSE  
on pages 10, 11, 13 & 21

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



### The Villager 2. \$8.50

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

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

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

### 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*

*breakfast  
time*

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

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

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

Next Week **CHANNEL 27** on

**12:00 & 6:00 a/p**  
**Fitness with Mwezo**  
Monday :00 Chair Aerobics  
Friday :24 Bollywood  
Tuesday :00 Tai-Chi 8-Form  
Saturday :24 Dynamic Balance  
Wednesday :00 Chair Yoga  
Sunday :26 Breathing Exercises  
Thursday :00 Aerobics Workout  
:21 Breathing & Meditation

**1:00 & 7:00 a/p**  
**Fitness with Hartmut**  
Mon, Wed & Fri :00 Strength Training  
:13 Chair Fitness  
Tue, Thu & Sat :00 Strength Training  
:13 Cardio Fitness  
Sunday :00 How to Stay Motivated

**2:00 & 8:00 a/p**  
**ABOD Policy Based Reserves Planning, with David Cook**

**3:30 & 9:30 a/p**  
**Classic Television**  
MON Dagnet  
TUE The Lucy Show  
WED Sherlock Holmes  
THU Burns & Allen Show  
FRI Robin Hood  
SAT The Beverly Hillbillies  
SUN You Bet Your Life

**3:30 & 9:30 a/p**  
**Movies+**  
MON Little Big Horn  
+ GE Theater  
TUE Sin of Harold Diddlebock  
+ The Ed Wynn Show  
WED Swing Hi, Swing Low  
+ Pat Boone Show  
THU The Terror  
+ Boris Karloff's The Veil  
FRI The Little Princess  
+ Dora's Dunking Donuts  
SAT Penny Serenade

# Dinner Menu

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

## 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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## 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**  
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**Grilled Filet Mignon 2. \$33.95**  
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**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**  
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4:00/10:00 AM/PM  
Colgate Comedy Hour  
5:00/11:00 AM/PM  
The Dinah Shore Chevy Show

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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## News Junkies to meet this Monday

The next News Junkies meeting is this Monday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Please remember to register in advance this meeting. Find the Registration page on the Senior Academy website at VillagesSA.org and select News Junkies Registration.

We are working on the Agenda but there is room for more. Bring your topics and let's talk about current events.

Proposed Agenda: Major League Baseball's and major corporations' reaction to Georgia's new voting laws plus Texas proposed voting laws, Amazon defeating Alabama union efforts, and whether some states are ending lockdown too soon.

## VMFC: Dispelling Reverse Mortgage Misconceptions



Amanda Keith

On Tuesday, April 20, the very first meeting of the new Villages Men's Fun Club, Amanda Keith, a licensed Mortgage Loan Originator specializing in the HUD-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), and the new Jumbo and Flex Jumbo Reverse Mortgages, will speak via Zoom about how we and our friends may be misinformed about today's reverse mortgages. Tired of making monthly mortgage payments while on a fixed income? Unsure how to pay for unexpected expenses during retirement? The truth is that the average retiree holds 70 percent of their net worth in home equity. A federally-insured reverse mortgage allows us to tap into that wealth.

In this talk Amanda will educate us on how a reverse mortgage can eliminate monthly mortgage payments, eliminate credit card or tax debts, pay for in-home care or home improvements, fund that dream vacation, and more.

Financial professionals, realtors, and retirees consider Amanda a trusted resource. She has provided industry updates and training to various PFAC fiduciary groups, NAPFA financial advisor teams, CalCPA groups, OBAR, and other realtor associations throughout the country. She has also spoken as a guest lecturer to Merritt College's Real Estate Finance class.

Amanda enjoys hiking, exploring the West coast, participating in Oakland Rotary, and is involved in various financial literacy programs for Bay Area youth.

Members should log in at 12-noon. Non-Members can log in at 12:15 p.m.

For Zoom meeting ID, passcode, and local phone number for audio only, contact Stephen Gilbert, Big SIR of SIR 38.

## Senior Academy: 'Bringing Better Health'

The Senior Academy will be hosting a lecture on "Bringing Better Health to Underserved Teens in Our Community" on Thursday April 22 at 2 p.m. Here in the Bay Area there are many adolescents and young adults who lack access to adequate health care. For the past 20 years the Stanford Children's Health Teen Van has provided free, comprehensive health care services to some of the most medically underserved young people in the Bay Area. Jasan Zimmerman will present how the program serves the community and how this van became a renowned model replicated across the country. For the young people served by the Teen Van, COVID-19 has brought a one-two punch of new health risks and increased housing and food insecurity for their families. Come and learn how the Teen Van meets the challenge of health inequities in our community and has stepped into a new role on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight.



Jasan Zimmerman is Director of Foundation Relations at the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. He has been with the foundation for six years and partners with faculty to find foundation funding opportunities that match their maternal and child health program priorities. Previously he was a Program Associate in the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Science Program.

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

## VMA offers free incontinence supplies

The VMA now has a **large** supply of donated incontinence supplies and has no room to store any more. Spread the word to those you know who might need these items. The sizes range from small to extra-large. If you are in need of these please call the VMA office (408-238-4230) and let them know what you need. Leave your name, phone number, address, and the size you would like. A volunteer will call you back, let you know if the size you require is available, and will deliver the supplies to your home.

## VMA: Sleep Disorders workshop

Are you having trouble sleeping? Do you wonder if you have sleep apnea? These topics and many others will be covered by Dr. Thomas Dailey in the Zoom Sleep Disorders Workshop offered by the VMA on Tuesday, April 20 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dr. Dailey is a board certified internal, pulmonary, and critical care physician. He is currently the Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at Kaiser Santa Clara Medical Center and is the Medical Director of the Sleep Apnea Evaluation and Management Program. For those that will participate, Dr. Dailey strongly encourages attendees to send in questions they have before the workshop so he will be able to address them during the event. If you would like to attend and have questions please contact Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029 or e-mail her at bgrim@sequoialiving.org.

## A special request for hikers and cyclists using hill lands

The Villages' 550 acres of open space, otherwise known as our hill lands, are becoming more and more popular with both Hiking Club members and Villagers in general. Because of this, the small parking lot next to the "Upper Gardens" can get quite full at any time of day.

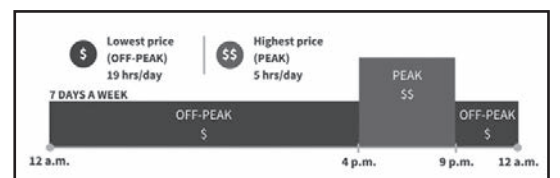
Gardeners, many of whom are the most senior of seniors and are frequently hauling equipment and supplies, often find no place to park in the lot next to the gardens. Because of this, the Garden Club is requesting that hikers park in the circle (cul-de-sac) at the end of Village View Drive. It would add only a short distance to your hike and the gardeners would be most grateful.

Thank you from the Garden Club Committee.

## Your electricity rate plan is changing

By Rita Marcojohn, Sustainable Villages Club

Have you read the recent notices from PG&E or San Jose Clean Energy? PG&E has begun to notify customers



of their plan to transition all customers to a Time-of-Use (TOU) Rate Plan. We wanted you to be aware of this planned, automatic transition coming to Santa Clara county in June of 2021. You may be able to save energy and money with an informed decision. While you can opt out of the change, you will have to respond before the deadline of May 18, 2021. For some of us, the new TOU rate plan may offer more opportunities to manage our use and get a reduced bill each month. Here are some tips we hope will help.

Most PG&E customers are currently on a tiered rate plan. The more you use, the more you pay. Your baseline allowance is tier 1 pricing. Energy consumed above your baseline allowance will cost more and will be billed based on tier 2 pricing. A high usage surcharge kicks in when you exceed 4 times your baseline allowance.

The Time of Use or TOU plan rate is based on **when you use energy**. Energy will cost more from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day but will be cheaper at all other times of the day. You will benefit from lower electricity pricing during most of the day when overall energy demand is lower and when renewable resources are most plentiful. Energy prices will be higher during the five peak use hours in late afternoon and evening when demand for electricity is generally higher.

There is much more information available on the PG&E website on rate plans and the transition schedule. PG&E will help you with a personalized rate comparison and send the results to you by mail. Visit [www.pge.com/TOUchoice](http://www.pge.com/TOUchoice). Feel free to call me, Rita Marcojohn, if you would like more information or visit the Sustainable Villages Club website at [sustainablevillagesclub.org](http://sustainablevillagesclub.org).

## Join women's walking group

Monday and Wednesday women walkers wanted for a moderate 3-4 mile twice weekly walk. We would meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Vineyard Pool. **(Mask and 6 feet social distancing protocol are required)**. All members welcome, however, due to Covid restrictions, three households maximum for Villages events. If interested, please call Catalina at 408-685-4025.

## Join couples' activities group!

Calling all fun Village Couples in their 50s and 60s! If you have interest in bi-weekly dinner outings, happy hours, wine tastings or most any fun activity, please call Catalina at 408-685-4025. **(All Villagers welcome, though events are limited to three households at this time Due to COVID restrictions)**. Kevin and I look forward to planning and enjoying fun activities with our fellow Villagers.

## Missed your Villager?

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

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

## Please submit Pulse letters in digital form only

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

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

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



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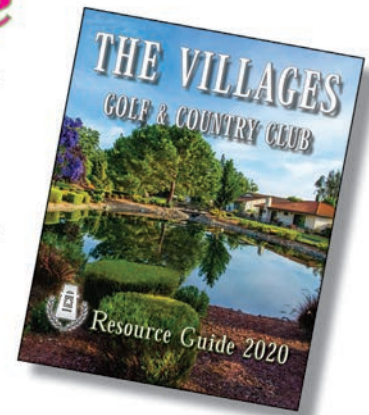
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Reserve your place in The Villages RESOURCE GUIDE by calling Adrienne at: **223-4657**



## MOTHER'S DAY SERVED CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH BUFFET

Clubhouse, Sunday May 09, 2021

TWO SEATINGS – 10am and 1pm

### Menu

#### Breakfast Pastries

Croissants, Danish, Fruit & Nut Loaves, Mini Muffin and Scones

#### Salads

Mixed Greens and Romaine Leaves  
Assorted Cherry Tomatoes, Assorted Radishes, Cucumbers, Blanched Almonds

Baby Spinach, Red Onions, Herbed Croutons, Feta Cheese and Shaved Romano Cheese

Fruit Kebabs and

#### Seafood

Bay Shrimp Chimichurri and Avocado Shooters and Prawns on Ice

#### Under the Chafers

Scrambled Eggs and Country Fried Potatoes  
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon

Eggs Benedict  
Cheese Blintzes

Grilled Salmon with Mango Fruit Salsa

Sliced Roast Beef In Porcini Mushroom Sauce

Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

#### Desserts Display

Assorted Cakes, Mom's Apple Pie, Fruit Tarts, Assorted Cupcakes,

#### Beverage

Orange, Cranberry and Apple Juice, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea  
Includes Champagne and Mimosa

\$39.95++ per person

Children 5-12 - \$19.95++ Children 4 and under are free  
18% Service Charge and Tax Applies

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – call 408-754-1337  
or Email [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)**

**Final Reservation Changes or Cancellations are due on May 4th.  
Any cancellations, changes or no-shows after May 4th will be billed in full.**

**Maximum 6 Guests Per Table**

**Social Distancing and Masks Required**

**Maximum 100 Guests per each seating**

More CLUBS

# Arts & Crafts Profile: *Barbara Gottesman*

By Michael Sunzeri

Our biggest mainstay and most knowledgeable board member for Arts and Crafts is Barbara Gottesman. Without her we would not exist today. Enjoy the following snapshot.

Barbara grew up in North Carolina where oil paintings were difficult to dry. So after a 40-year hiatus, she turned to other art mediums.

She retired in 2007 as Educational Leadership Department Chair at San Jose State University and immediately plunged into watercolor, Chinese Brush Painting, Chinese calligraphy, acrylics and drawing. Life Drawing with Karen La Roche was the most intensive art learning, but collage, charcoal and pastels classes at The Villages enlarged her skill. Barbara's favorite artwork is this charcoal drawing she did of her son Kevin.

Her favorite class was with Jim Paradis who gathered six advanced students to study Abstract Expressionism with him. Jim explored artists such as Picasso and Matisse with his students, critiqued their work and assigned students to produce a work in the style of Matisse, Picasso, Dali and others. It was an exhilarating experience for all those who participated!

Barbara moved to The Villages in 2005, two years before she retired from her academic career. She served as Arts & Crafts secretary and then as president for eight years. She has co-chaired and assisted with many Arts & Craft events: Art in the Park, Sidewalk Art Sale, Home Studio Art Tour, New Members Reception, Juried Show and Holiday Faire. She is currently the club's Webmaster and manages the online Art Challenges. Her job as Class Scheduler is sparse right now with only two online classes going, but the normal 53 classes a year is her goal as soon the pandemic is contained.



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

## In April

**Obstructive Sleep Apnea and other Sleep Disorders** presented by Dr. Thomas Dailey, Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at the Santa Clara Medical Center and Medical Director of the Sleep Apnea Evaluation and Management Program at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara on Tuesday, April 20 at 2 p.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 22 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 May

**Caregiver Support Group:** a group designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Judy London Ph.D. Thursday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via Zoom please contact Judy at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325

**Cannabis Basics:** Sara Payan – Educator/Public Policy Advocate/Writer will speak on cannabis and how it works in our bodies as we age Tuesday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. To register email Bonnie at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.





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## SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### IRS rules on unemployment tax law change

In March 2021, Congress passed a tax law change retroactively to January 2020.

The legislation allows taxpayers who earned less than \$150,000 in modified adjusted gross income in 2020 to exclude unemployment compensation up to \$20,400 if married filing jointly and an exclusion up to \$10,200 for single taxpayers. The legislation excludes only 2020 unemployment benefits from taxes.

For those taxpayers who already have filed for 2020 and figured their tax based on the full amount of unemployment compensation, the IRS will determine the correct taxable amount of unemployment compensation and tax. Any resulting overpayment of tax will be either refunded or applied to other outstanding taxes owed.

For those who have already filed, the IRS will do these recalculations in two phases, starting with those taxpayers eligible for the up to \$10,200 exclusion. The IRS will then adjust returns for those married filing jointly taxpayers who are eligible for the up to \$20,400 exclusion and others with more complex returns.

There is no need for taxpayers to file an amended return unless the calculations make the taxpayer newly eligible for additional federal credits and deductions not already included on the original tax return.

California does not tax unemployment income so there is no change to your California 2020 return.

The IRS has worked with the tax return preparation software industry to reflect these updates so people who choose to file electronically simply need to respond to the related questions when electronically preparing their tax returns.

Please note at this time the unemployment income exclusion is only for year 2020. If you are currently receiving unemployment, it will be taxable on your Federal 2021 return.

*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 alert:

### Still time to fund your 2020 IRA

The IRS has confirmed that the IRA/HSA contribution deadline has been extended from April 15 to May 17, 2021, the extended date for filing individual tax returns.



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### Notice of Proposed New Homeowners' Corporation Architectural Rule and Guidelines Backup Generator Devices

At the Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors March 18, 2021, Quarterly Meeting, the Board approved for publication proposed new ACC rule and guidelines for backup generator devices prior to formal approval consideration at the April 28, 2021, special open meeting. The purpose of the proposed new rule is to provide a process for the installation of backup power systems.

The Board will consider oral and written comments regarding the proposed new rule and guidelines prior to formal approval. Response to the proposed new rule and guidelines may be made by written comments delivered to the Board through Julia Meadows in the General Manager's office at [jmeadows@the-villages.com](mailto:jmeadows@the-villages.com) or deposited in the drop deposit box in the parking lot of Building A before Friday, April 16, 2021.

#### **J. Backup Generator Devices:**

ACC approval is required. (Exception: portable systems for emergency use only.) See AC Administrator located at the Corporation Yard for Backup Generator Devices Guideline.

1. The units must be professionally installed by State of California licensed contractors and inspected by the City of San Jose Building Department.

2. Installation is only permitted within property limits or interior garage area.

3. A City of San Jose Building Department permit must be issued and evidence of final inspection by the city delivered to the AC Administrator prior to final inspection by the ACC.

4. The Alteration Request must include complete plans and specifications drawn to scale to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to provisions of this rule and its pertinent guidelines.

**NOTE:** Guidelines to help expedite your project are available from the AC Administrator at the Corporation Yard, and residents must adhere to instructions outlined in the Guidelines associated with their application and project.

#### **Guidelines for – Installation of Backup Generator Devices**

These Guidelines are intended to provide residents with additional information about the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) application and approval process and help expedite projects. Please reach out to the AC Administrator, located at the Corporation Yard, who can provide further assistance and direct you to an ACC member if needed.

#### **Current Homeowners' Corporation Board Approved Rule:**

ACC approval is always required. See Corporation Yard for Backup Generator Devices Guideline.

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#### **Overview**

This rule is intended to cover approval of professionally designed, permanently installed and testing laboratory approved systems designed to switch power from utility fed electrical lines to backup battery systems using either solar energy or a natural gas permanently installed backup generator. The rule is not intended to impact homeowner emergency outage use of a portable dedicated single-use battery backup system. A rechargeable portable backup battery that powers a refrigerator, medical device, etc., does not require ACC approval.

#### **Procedure**

1. The homeowner must prepare an Alteration Request that includes complete plans and specifications. Final plan shall be drawn to scale to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to provisions of this rule.

2. Include in the Alteration Request manufactures' specification sheet, brochure and testing laboratory approval that shows the installation details and its rated dB (dBA) information for the unit.

3. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to obtain the necessary City of San Jose Building Permit prior to starting the alteration. The homeowner shall provide a copy of the application approved by the ACC when applying for the Building Permit. If the city requires modification of the plan, the homeowner must resubmit the plan for approval to the AC prior to starting construction.

4. The measurement of sound level at the property line generated by the backup generator when in operation must meet the City of San Jose Building Code for residential use.

5. If the system is connected to the houses' electrical panel, the panel must be of sufficient capacity to handle the system connections or be upgraded.

6. If the system is connected to the houses' gas meter, verify that the gas meter is adequately sized or will require upgrading.

7. Gas fuel generators must be installed on a concrete pad per City of San Jose Code. The application must show the size and location of the concrete pad, which must be installed within the homeowner's property line.

8. If the unit is installed in interior spaces, it must meet the code requirement for clearance to any operable doors or windows.

9. The backup generator, its plumbing and electrical connections, must be installed within the surveyed boundary of the owner's dwelling unit and must not block any adjacent view sight lines.

10. Final inspection of the project and sign-off by the ACC requires an approved City of San Jose Building Permit, which will be kept on file by the AC Administrator.

# RELIGION

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Laugh in Astonishment’

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Perhaps you, like me, find companionship in the words of poet Mary Oliver. If not, you have a treat awaiting you! And her verses seem to take on a special clarity in Easter season, when we dwell so fully in the “already, but not yet” of God’s reign. In a poem entitled “Mysteries, Yes” she writes—

Let me keep my distance, always, from those  
who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say  
“Look!” and laugh in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.

There is so much yet unknown about how we people of faith will begin to gather again. I long for a return to normal, but maybe not to the exact same old. We’ve learned a lot about being a people of care and compassion in hard times. We’ve been vulnerable, adaptive and courageous. I trust that we’ll continue to use those skills in new ways. But most of all, I hope we’ll appreciate the gift of holy mystery. Which sometimes comes in the guise of uncertainty that can make us anxious. But in these Eastertide days, bursting with the fullness of spring, I invite you to let the unknown invite you into a spiritual unknowing, open to the surprise that makes us laugh with delight, bow our heads in prayer, and give thanks for all that God has done.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**From Acting President of Villages Catholic Community:**

It’s beginning to look a lot like we might be able to have Mass return to the Villages in possibly July. According to the Governor, we are leaving the tiers after June 15, and there is talk at the CDC that we can soon do away with the cleaning procedures. Of course, all of this is very tentative at this moment as things are changing every time you turn around.

However, there are a couple of issues. In order to remain an organization here at The Villages, we need to have a President. While I am acting President (we do not have a VP at this time and our elected President has moved away), my term will be over soon. It is imperative that we find someone to step forward.

The Catholic Community Board runs like a well-oiled machine. The heads of the committees do a fantastic job, thus the position is not difficult. Please consider volunteering. If you have served in the past on the Board or as a VP or President, consider returning to the Board for another year. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please encourage them to offer their services. This would be an ideal time to take on the position of Vice president as you would see what the job entails.

For information, please call Karen Kosmala at 408 223-2620.

**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.

**Reservations for Masses:** Reservations may be made through the link on the parish website at sfoasj.com or by calling the parish office at 408-223-1562.

**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 a message.

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

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

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘Can you hear it?’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Each day that we awaken there are the familiar sounds in life, other than the popping of our joints. We may hear the pacing of our pet on the floor awaiting their morning relief outside. For some, we hear the sound of lawn equipment at work on the golf course. The trash collectors are busy starting and stopping to pick up garbage and recyclables. On occasions a fire truck or an EMT vehicle rolls by to check on a neighbor. There are reoccurring airplanes or helicopters flying overhead to remind us to exercise our necks and look up.

There are other sounds that we wake up to as well, especially during this season of Spring. It is a time that all nature sings to Heaven above for the beauty of life. The birds are chirping and pairing up to gather items to build their nests. Ducks are quacking, frogs are croaking and bees are buzzing in celebration of the new season of life. The trees are beginning to burst forth with new buds reaching up and out to the skies.

For many of us who have come through a difficult season in our lives, it is time for us to make our voices heard in celebration of God’s continual blessings in life. When we are grateful, singing and making melody in our hearts draws comfort and the presence of God. When we enter the day with a song, especially a song that speaks to our soul, it continues to have a ripple effect, as pebbles cast upon many waters. In the course of our day, as people encounter our presence, they will experience the ripple of our song of adoration to God.

When God is present in our hearts, the melody of heaven reaches the depths of our weary soul. All nature sings reverberating in the air waves with an encouraging symphony to live each day to its fullest. The main purpose of our songs is to reach the heart of God and to move the spirit of man to give thanks to Him for His faithfulness.

**Psalms 96:1 ESV** “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

I can hear it; can you hear it?

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

## JEWISH GROUP

**Friday night Shabbat Services** will be held at 7:15 p.m. on April 16 as a Zoom meeting. Join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81331791620> or with **Meeting ID: 813 3179 1620**. One tap mobile 16699006833. Rabbi Laurie Matzkin will lead our services, followed by our annual Show and Tell where five members of our group will tell a story or show a piece of memorabilia from their family. For more information, see article below.

By Arnold Pinck

Welcome to the Villages’ Jewish Group! We invite everyone who is interested to become part of a vibrant Jewish community. The Villages Jewish Group was organized in the late 1970s by a few Jewish couples who believed that it was important to provide Shabbat services at the Villages for residents who were unaffiliated with local synagogues and looking for a Jewish presence in the Villages. It has expanded to be a cultural and spiritual center of fellowship and support for all Jewish denominations. **Sabbath services** are held on the **third Friday night of most months at 7:15 p.m.** with members’ participation. After the service, there is an invited speaker from the community or a professional organization who presents on a variety of stimulating topics that range from issues the Jewish community faces to keeping your brain in tip-top shape. The evening is concluded as members and guests socialize while eating coffee and dessert at the Oneg Shabbat.

High Holiday services are held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, with a community “Break the Fast” following Yiskor and the afternoon service on Yom Kippur. The Chanukah Party, Passover Seder and Membership Brunch are festive and fun, filled with good food and laughter. Rabbi Laurie Matzkin currently leading our services. We also have two local Rabbis who will lead two services. Rabbi Matzkin also leads our High Holidays and Passover services. Currently we are conducting services via Zoom. Let’s hope that future services will be held in person.

If you are a new resident or considering moving to the Villages, please come to our next Shabbat service. Our Oneg Shabbats are a good time to schmooze with our members. This is a good opportunity to get to know each other.

At our **Shabbat service 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. The last time we did this, a lot of us learned things about the presenters that we did not know. This should be an interesting service. Let us hope we will be able to do this in person.

There is a great need of funds to help people, in our community, with food and lodging. If you are able, please donate. For information about Jewish Family Service (JFS), contact Dee Garfinkle, 954-806-5493 and for the Second Harvest Food Bank, Joyce Mendel 408-238-7316. When you donate put The Village Jewish Group in the memo portion of the check

If you would like more information about the Villages Jewish Group, contact Joyce Mendel at emendel2@gmail.com.

I would like to thank Don Fernandez for giving me the VJG history used in this article.



# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Virginia Myatt

April 6 turned out to be a nice day.

Congratulations to Mitzi Macon for her Birdie on hole #1

Nancy Carson is the first Captain Trophy winner this year. Give her a thumbs up!

I promised you the answers to the word scramble so here goes: shot, caddie, fairway, divot, bunker, swing, bogey, driver, chip, putter, slice, green, course, fore, hole in one, cart, grip, eagle, iron, wedge, hazard, hook, clubs, stroke, birdie.

**Important from our captain:** Per standing rule #6, a member must post all regular scores each time they play on a regulation course at home and away. Failure to post your golf scores over a three-month period will result in penalties for non-compliance including ineligibility to participate in Captain Trophy and Club Challenge Tournaments and for requalifying for membership. Also we're going to hold off on sweeps until everyone has at least three months of posted rounds to ensure the playing field is level.

If you've held on to your scorecards and need help posting please contact Wendy or Sheryl for assistance.

The weather report is looking good. Get out there and don't forget to **"post those scorecards."**

## BOCCE NEWS



By Marcy Boyles

**Message to All Our Bocce Club Members from Bocce Club President Barbara Orlando:**

We've all been confined and quarantined for over a year and now we're ready for some fun.

Great news! Starting in May, we will begin a modified Doubles Tournament. We are excited to be back at the bocce courts competing. Signup information will be coming in the next few days. So, anyone wanting to participate, can prepare by choosing a doubles partner. Remember to compete in any tournament sponsored by the Bocce Club, you must be a member.

Prize money will be awarded for first, second and third places.

## PICKLEBALL

By Joyce Kludt

Did you know that pickleball is America's fastest-growing sport? Yes, in 2020 pickleball grew to 4.2 million players in the U.S., an incredible growth rate of 21.3 percent from 2019. In our Villages, it grew in membership by 33 percent in the past year!

You might be wondering why it is such a popular sport? Here are a few reasons:

1. It is ideal for all skill levels. Whether you're a beginner who just wants to learn a new sport for fun, or you're a seasoned player who craves the thrill of more competitive play, pickleball offers something for everyone.

By the way, The Villages is very lucky to have our wonderful and talented Michael Walias, who demonstrates for beginners how to play the game. Email him at [mjw0275@yahoo.com](mailto:mjw0275@yahoo.com)

2. Pickleball is a social activity. Its smaller court allows players to be close enough to one another to hold conversations. It is a good bonding activity for family and friends of all ages.

3. Playing pickleball is healthy! If you're looking for some good exercise for your mind and body, pickleball can't be beat. This game allows you to work on your balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination.

**No wonder pickleball is so popular!** Hopefully you'll soon come out and give it a try on our beautiful new courts!

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Barbara Weisend

There was a competition for low putts today: The big winner was Bonnie Hagen with only 26 putts. She won \$7.50. The lady with the most putts (43) "won" \$3.25. Never give up.

The new VGC met on April 8. I attended the meeting and was very impressed. Let me assure you that you are very well represented by Bev Poellot and Mary Wagle. Some comments from that meeting:

There are three volunteer groups: The Bandini Patrol fills in divots on Monday mornings. The Green Team repairs ball marks on the greens. The Goose Busters count geese—275 with the last count. You, too, can become a volunteer.

We have new mats on the practice area. You can use a regular tee on them. Yea!

This week all the stalls will be available because play will be expanded to accommodate **limited** play for family and friends.

Member golf utilization is way up, which is remarkable with no guest play.

Reminder: We have tee times on Saturday. Most of the times are around 8 o'clock so we can get in front of the slower players and free up the rest of the day for family and chores. We do not pay sweeps, but you can earn birdie pins. Check the tee sheet and if you see an opening, call the Pro Shop or Diana Hallock to join a group.

Birdies: Nancy Keane (#18), Auralie Citrigno (#4) Janet Gonzales (#8), Maize Rice (#18), Patti Hayes (#4 & #6), Carol Zaccheo (#18), Karen Harsany (#15), Kathleen Holt (#18), Suzanne Fazio (#11), Gloria Landry (#6)

Chip-ins: Sumi Minami (#1), Patti Hayes (#4), Patti Bell (#13), Karen Harsany (#13)

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

The weather is still holding and more of our players are coming out of hibernation. By direction from the Pro Shop we are back into "Summer" Rules—no more lift, clean and place. The ball must be played down just like Augusta National. That also means no more two-putt rule. Sharpen up your putting guys. We had 18 players on the 9th so some money will drain from the treasury once again. Are you watching our Bank balance John?

Our winners for this week are:

First place, with a net 32 was John Mueller for 10 points.

Second place, was Jack Bindon with a net 33 for 8 points.

Third place, we had a tie between Richard Patroski and Tak Okabe, both with a net 34 for 6 points.

Mario Silva, our President, provided an invitation to his back deck, after play was concluded for beer and wine. This was the first opportunity to get some of our group together and it was much appreciated.

**Take note:** the driving range has new matting and I understand it is **much better** than the prior surface. Add that to your practice routine together with some needed putting practice.

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are currently playing every Thursday and, pursuant to its schedule, have reverted to Spring morning tee times beginning at 10 a.m. or thereabouts 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, April 8, 2021, turned out to be sunny and warm. Another beautiful day. We had a great turnout and the results are as follows:

First place there was a two-way tie between Al Bruno and Dave Hathaway, each with a net score of 25.

Second place there was a three-way tie among Chuck Benjamin, Bob Lapidus, and Patrick McMordie, each with a net score of 27.

Third place there was a two-way tie between Floyd Boyer and Herb Rogers, each with a net score of 28.

**There were four birdies today:** Al Bruno had two on holes 1 and 9; Floyd Boyer had one on hole 4; and Dave Hathaway had one on hole 3.

**Closest to the pin:** Not in play today but hopefully soon once the COVID rules have been relaxed.

**Deep thoughts:** "While, on the whole, playing through the green is the part most trying to the temper, putting is that most trying to the nerves. There is always the hope that a bad drive may be redeemed by a fine approach shot, or that a 'foozle' (a bad shot) with the brassie (an old wood) may be balanced by some brilliant performance with the iron. But when the stage of putting out has been reached, no further illusions are possible." - AJ Balfour, British prime minister.

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

**Hole-In-Ones for March:** Congratulations to **Jess Martinez** for throwing a dart on 3/3/2021 at Santa Teresa on hole #16, and recording a **Hole In One!** Way to go, Jess!

It's just like fishing, once you catch one you can't wait until you catch another, and I hope you do soon.

**Eagles for March:** Congratulations to all of these marksmen: **Willie Weisend** for his Eagle 3 on hole #2, 3/6/21

**Brad Baldinger** for recording his monthly Eagle, this time on #5, 3/7/21

**Gary Chappell** for dropping a 2 on #18, 3/10/21

**Gary Sharps** for holing a 3 on #16 on 3/27/21

Great shooting guys! We'll probably see your names again next month.

**Congratulations to the Age Shooters!**

**Tom Nedney** did it once again, shot his age! Tom shot a 75 on 3/1/21.

**Pres Miranda** is 81 and posted a sizzling 81 on 3/20. But he had more in the tank and impressively shot another 81, one week later on 3/27/21. Wow!

**George Southland** at 88 years young recorded a fabulous 87 on 3/24/21.

Now that's pretty cool! Please congratulate all these gentlemen when you see them.

**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, April 30 and May 1. Make sure your pairings are together and if you did not call the Pro Shop last week to sign up, please do it immediately. We don't want you to miss out on the fun.

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

**Golf Thoughts:** The greatest sound in golf is the "Whoosh, Whoosh, Whoosh" of your opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway.



## TENNIS TALK

By Wendy Ferguson

I hope you enjoyed the NCAA finals—the speed on the basketball court just blows me away. And the three-point shots look so easy. That's 23 feet, 9 inches. And then the Masters is upon us—ah, beautiful Augusta National. What I marvel at is that the athletes make shots look so effortless. You'll have to wait until mid-May, however, for the French Open (oh those dirty reddish socks) and until the end of June for Wimbledon. But you don't have to wait to bid on the items up for grabs to fund the TC Scholarships. As Ms. Nike says, "Just Do It." The Scholarship Committee hopes you will. All of the money raised goes directly to the scholarships, and the Scholarship Committee greatly appreciates those who participate.

Another person who is appreciative is Kristin Nguyen, a 2020 Scholarship winner. Kristin goes to UC Irvine and plans to major in Education or English. She wrote, "The school year was definitely not how I expected it to be due to the situation that the world is currently in, but I hope to still make the best out of my first year of college. The scholarship that I won last year honestly helped me a lot as I was struggling to balance between working, school, and other community service projects. With the scholarship, I was able to better focus on my education without having to stress about costs. I am forever grateful for The Tennis Club's help."

Help is also on the way for courts 5 and 6; have you noticed they are not available for play? The good guys are going to take care of those unsightly pickleball lines now that the nice weather is here.

And by the way and thanks to Adrien, check out the spiffy looking TC website at [villagestennisclub.net](http://villagestennisclub.net). You can now read the TC Board minutes and update your membership information as well as make court reservations. The site also displays email blasts and the winners of the previous week's auction.

I leave you with some words to the wise: Are kindly tennis players generous to a fault? We hope so.

## SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

Spring is in the air and April has begun for the Shonis awarding their Captain's Trophies for Low Net and Low Gross on the first Tuesday of the month, April 6. The winners for the month are Lil Yamada and Jan Ehrhardt. Lil had a low net of 19, and Jan had a low gross of 34.

Congratulations, ladies. It should be noted that the Par 3 greens had been aerated and sanded only a few days before. So well played ladies, well played indeed.

Other top players for the day included Nanci Newell, Joan Wiseman, Tricia Hardt, Uina Kubota, Andrea Alvarez, Betty Lanctot, Nancy Canepa, Michelle Prest and Fran Schumaker.

For more information about playing with the Shonis, please contact Fran Schumaker at 408-355-3270. We are a welcoming group of women and look forward to hearing from you.

Everyone, have a great week. Take care and stay safe.

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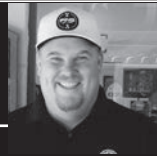
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# FROM THE PRO



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

**Villages Family & Friends Program**—We are happy to announce that we are permitting family and friends to play golf at The Villages!

**Program Parameters**

- All current Covid-19 golf protocols are to be followed by any Resident Guest
- It is the Resident's responsibility to ensure guest compliance to all Villages Rules
- Program runs Monday, April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021
- No Unaccompanied Guests permitted
- No Outside Tournaments permitted
- Resident Guests only permitted after 12 p.m. daily
- One Guest per Residence maximum
- All Guest charges will be billed to the resident house number
- Guests may use the Driving Range and Practice Greens on the day of play only

**\* All Rental Carts must be reserved 1-day in advance**

**\* Rental Cart availability is limited to 10 cart rentals per day maximum**

**Summer Rules**—Until further notice, we are now playing Summer Rules, please play the ball as it lies.

**New Driving Range Mats**—On behalf of all Villagers and the Pro Shop staff, we would like to thank the EVF for donating one-half of the cost of the new driving range mats. This generous act has enhanced and upgraded the practice experience here at The Villages. The new mats better simulate real turf, and are also much easier on the body's joints. Enjoy your new range mats and please thank the EVF when you have a chance.

**Golf instruction is back!** Both instructor and student wear face coverings and maintain a safe social distance throughout the lesson. **2-Household Special**—two for the price of one 45-minute lesson with Tim or Scott for \$50! Join a friend and sign up now!

Contact **PGA Instructor Tim Flanagan** at [flanagolf@aol.com](mailto:flanagolf@aol.com) or 408-209-4653

Contact **PGA Director of Golf Scott Steele** at [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com) or 408-274-3220

**Golf Carts**—If you are in need of a golf cart, please call the Pro Shop to reserve a cart 1 day in advance. If you cannot call us 1 day in advance, please phone us the day you will need a cart at least 2 hours prior to your tee time reservation. We need to sanitize each cart before it goes out, so we require advanced notice in order to rent a golf cart. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Tips from the Pro – Chip Away at It**

In order to be a good chipper and pitcher of the golf ball, you need to learn how to control the club-head and clubface. Different shots require different techniques, and what I usually see is that everyone mostly uses the same technique when they chip and pitch, regardless of the circumstance. I certainly DO NOT play that way, some things are constants, and other things are variables. I like to work those variables so that I become a more efficient chipper and pitcher.

So here are some new techniques that you can use to control the club-head when you chip and pitch which in turn will better the outcome:

**20-40 Yard Pitch off the Tight Fairway Cut (for instance like the approach to #2 green from the fairway)** — Many people fear this shot because they see no room under the golf ball like when you're in the rough. That's why most people prefer to pitch out of the rough, because it's easier. The most common flaw I see is the leading edge digging and the result is a chunk shot that goes nowhere. Then the next time the golfer tries to scoop it and ends up sculling it on the ground or over the green. The variable here is the clubface and how it interacts with the turf. Set up with the clubface open so that the leading edge no longer touches, but only the bounce on the sole bottom of the club touches. When you swing back open the clubface and expose even more bounce on the sole by rotating your hands to the right as you swing back (lefties rotate left) turning your palm to the sky. Then swing through and the club should just skim/clip the fairway turf and not create a large and deep divot.

**30-50 Foot Uphill Chip & Run (for instance like short on #6 to a back hole location)**

Most people play this the same as any other chip and run, and the ball gets half-way to the hole and it always takes 3-4 to get it in the hole. My objective is to get the very long or uphill chip close enough so that I can make the putt. The variable here is the angle of the clubface at impact. Play the long or uphill chip the same as a standard chip, but to make it roll out longer, close the clubface when you swing back by turning the right palm down (left palm for lefties) toward the ground so that it shuts the clubface down. When you move through impact with this shut clubface, the ball will come out lower with more forward force, less spin and it will run out all the way to the hole.

**Long Greenside Bunker Shot (for instance from left greenside bunker on #8 to a back hole location)** — This is without a doubt one of the hardest shots in golf. It is so hard to hit the long bunker shot close to the hole without sculling it completely over the green in an effort to hit it hard. The variable here is the "open" clubface that you are always told to employ. Set up with the clubface open, but then through impact roll the clubface closed by rotating your right hand over (left hand over for lefties) so your palm faces down. This will also rotate the clubface closed and help send the ball out with more forward energy and less upward energy, and it should roll out more. Also experiment hitting long bunker shots using your gap wedge, this will also help get it to the hole.

**Chip with a Steep Uphill Lie (for instance right of the green on the upslope on Hole #13)**

It's very easy to leave this shot short as on the uphill slope the ball wants to ride up the clubface of the wedge more and causes it come off too softly, and you come up short all the time. The variable here is the clubface at address. Make sure that you set up with the toe of the clubface turned in, i.e. close the clubface. Then hit your normal chip shot and because of the closed clubface the ball will come off with more momentum and roll.

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](mailto:sssteele@the-villages.com). See you at the course!



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## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

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

5364-5383, 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

5551—Utility room repairs in progress.

C. Knolls and C. Hills—Dry rot repairs in progress.

5454-555 C. Green—Installation of metal handrails in progress.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/10-5/14.

### Estates

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

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/31-6/4.

Water feature landscape planting renovation at upper areas in progress.

### Fairways

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

### Glen Arden

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

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

### Hermosa

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

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and around Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

8071 and 8072—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Highland

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

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/24-5/28.

7676-7679—Main water line replacement in progress.

Dead missing plant replacements at various locations in progress.

### Montgomery

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

6246-6336—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

6135—Concrete driveway installation, in progress.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7.

Dead/Missing plant replacement at various locations, in progress.

Lomas Azules—Jet mulch installation in progress.

8713-8716—Sewer line repairs scheduled for 4/19-4/23.

### Sonata

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

### Valle Vista

9001-9014, 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7.

Dry Creek Area—Repair 3 benches in common area, in planning.

### Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7.

Dead missing plant replacement in progress at various locations.

Sur Verano—Jet mulch installation in progress.

## 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.



## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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### Association

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

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

Irrigation system checks and clearing up sprinkler heads in progress throughout the districts.

Spring turf aeration program in progress throughout the districts.

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

Seasonal flowers bed replacement in progress throughout the districts.

Turf fertilization in progress throughout the districts.

### Club Centers

Buildings A-D—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 4/19-4/23.

Weed spraying in progress throughout the Villages.

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

Seasonal flowers bed replacement in progress throughout the districts.

Foothill, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Tennis Courts 5 and 6—Re-striping scheduled for 4/19-4/21.

Turf fertilization in progress throughout the Club properties.

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# BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

<b>WEST</b>		<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ 9 7 5		♠ 10 4 2	♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 8 6 5		♥ K 10 3 2	♥ Q J 9 4
♦ Q 10 5		♦ K J 9 4 3	♦ 7 2
♣ K 6 4 3		♣ A	♣ 9 7 5
	<b>SOUTH</b>		
	♠ K J 3		
	♥ A 7		
	♦ A 8 6		
	♣ Q J 10 8 2		

Dealer: South  
Vulnerability: North/South

Bidding: South	West	North	East
1 NoTrump	Pass	1 Clubs	Pass
2 Diamonds	Pass	3 NoTrump*	All Pass

Contract: 3 NoTrump by South  
Opening lead: 9 of Spades

Dealer has 2 Heart winners, 2 in Diamonds, and 1 or more Club winners.  
Strategy: Make the opponents play the King of Clubs and set up the Diamonds.

West leads the 9 of Spades, 10 from the board, East, the Ace, switches to a Club, and South takes the trick with the Ace in dummy. He then leads a Diamond, Ace from his hand, continues with the Queen of Clubs, West ducks, next plays the Jack of Clubs, and West takes the trick with the King. He next leads a Heart, East, the Jack, and South wins with the Ace. Now he leads the last two good Clubs, the 10 and the 8. He then finesses the Jack of Diamonds, West ducks and continues with a Diamond; West, the Queen; and South covers with the King in dummy. He next leads the last Diamond, then the King of Hearts, and finally leads the last card from the board, a Spade, and takes the trick with the King in his hand. Great! The contract is made with two extra tricks. By the way, 6 Diamonds could also be made but that is a difficult slam to find.

\* North has a nice hand but knew the point range of his partner and decided 3 NoTrump would be a good place to be.

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



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



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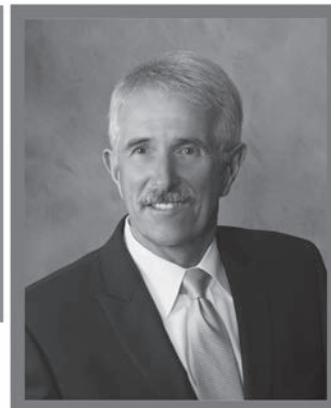
If you were one of the men then you will know. If not then send me your answer via email to Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com. Please include your name and the word "puzzle" in the subject line.

**Last week** was a huge GOTCHA! 1,945 dollar bills is worth more than 1,941 dollar bills because it is more. Four dollars more. And the best of the best that showed amazing intellect were Walt Fox and Fred Mathis. Good going guys, you are at the head of the class!

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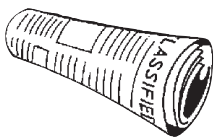
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