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What to expect with the opening of Hobby Rooms

The Hobby Rooms will be available for use with a reservation beginning May 3, 2021. You can now make a reservation online through the Resident Portal or over the phone by calling 408-223-4636.

What are the Hobby Rooms?

The Hobby Rooms are the Art Room, Woodshop, Ceramics Room, and Billiards Room located on the eastern side of Cribari Center. Each room will require its own reservations. All safety protocols for using these rooms must be followed.

What times are available for reservation?

In order to accommodate as many people as possible with our current resources the Hobby Rooms will be available for reservation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a two-hour session on the following days.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Billiard Room	-	Open	-	Open	-
Ceramics Room	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Woodshop	Open	-	Open	-	Open
Art Room	Open	-	Open	-	Open

In addition to the metering observer, the number of residents each room can accommodate per reservation is: Billiards Room (4 residents), Ceramics Room (2 residents) Woodshop (1 resident) and Art Room (3)
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Show that you care. Wear!



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

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

Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of March

Club Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2021

Total revenue was \$183,800 unfavorable to budget, or 15.4 percent less than the budget of \$1,195,700. On March 6, the restaurant opened up to indoor dining at 25 percent capacity. This helped boost combined food and bar sales for the month to the highest they have been (\$99,000) since the health orders began in March 2020. This was good news, yet with limited capacity, the negative budget variance in food and bar sales totaled \$148,500 which accounts for 81 percent of the total revenue negative budget variance. With resident activities such as events, trips, classes and lessons cancelled, there was no resident activities income, although the revenue loss was offset by no resident activities expense. For the fourth month in a row, green fee revenue surpassed the budget. March green fees were 2.7 percent higher than budget with actuals of \$97,700 (budget of \$95,200), generated from member play only. Revenue from HOA document fees (refinances/sales), resale administration fees and architectural control fees combined for an \$8,400 favorable to budget posting for the month. There were no other notable favorable to budget revenue categories during the month.

Total expenditures were \$322,600 favorable to budget or 26.7 percent less than the budget of \$1,207,700. Similar to prior months, the two most significant favorable to budget expense categories were employee expense at 22.1 percent (\$171,400) less than budget (\$603,200 actual vs. budget of \$774,600) and total cost of sales (food, bar, Pro Shop merchandise, resident activities and community events expense) with a combined positive budget variance of \$76,200, which is expected with loss of revenue in these areas. Facility closures and reduced restaurant operations continued to produce positive budget variances in the following expense categories: repair and maintenance, operating supplies, utilities, professional fees, laundry service, credit card processing fees, equipment rental, and advertising and promotion. There were no significant unfavorable to budget expense categories for the month. The net positive operating budget variance for the month of March was \$138,800. See table below.

February 2021 Club Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,011,900	\$1,195,700	\$ -183,800
Expenses	\$ 885,100	\$1,207,700	\$ 322,600
Net	\$ 126,800	\$ -12,000	\$ 138,800

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

Pulse deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kudos to a group of stalwarts for keeping The Villages running over the years. Rather than questioning employees' benefits, long-time residents such as I appreciate their loyalty and tenacity in keeping things running smoothly, especially during critical times when we were without a GM, or during this shutdown. Thanks to the Assistant General Manager and her colleagues in the GM's office who oversee Villages' business affairs. That includes our Controller and her diligent Accounting team. No corporation stockholder is granted access to the things that some residents were demanding in an open board meeting. Furthermore, the Community Activities Director takes HUGE amounts of abuse from people who aren't aware of the hours that she and the GM spend coordinating the ever-changing COVID-19 requirements with the various departments. Don't forget The Villager and communications staff for providing critical information via the various media. And don't exclude the Public Safety staff who process new residents and handle our security faithfully. I feel that criticism of this core group is out of order. We're decent folks. Let's restore civility and community spirit, appreciate the employees, and be the family of individuals who smile and wave to our neighbors. Let's not lose that tradition!

— Vera Buescher

Although my husband and I usually pay our bills online or through auto-pay, occasionally we write a check. However, we have had two problems with checks written recently. I paid one bill on March 15 for a bill due April 1. As of yesterday, April 15, this bill was not paid and I received a second billing with a \$25 late fee. I wrote another check on March 28 for a bill due on April 7. It was received and cashed on April 12. I again received a second bill with a late charge for this check. I called my bank and was told to allow seven business days for checks to clear. Since we get our HOA bills so close to the day they are due, I actually hand-delivered my check to the Villages' drop box to make sure my check would not be late. Is anyone else having these difficulties in The Villages? I will no longer write checks if an online option is available.

— Gayle Kludt

My wife and I chose The Villages Golf and Country Club to call home because of its beauty and amenities. We enjoy our home and feel secure in having made a good decision. Most of our neighbors are pleasant and seem to also enjoy their home here.

We are aware that Villagers for Change had a Zoom meeting on March 31, 2021 promoting the idea of cutting assessments by \$200 to \$300 per month. As a community we must be careful to not endorse the idea of being "penny wise and pound foolish" for if there is to be such a drastic reduction, what amenities will be left to rot away or removed? Would such an approach to the budget have the unintended result of lowering the appeal of our beloved Villages G&CC and/or most important value of one of individual residences?

— Jose Betancourt

I have monitored for many months the times the "Villages lights" come on in the evening and stay on in the mornings. They clearly come on when it is still daylight in the evenings and are still on in the mornings when it is day light. I believe they could be adjusted at least an hour p.m. and a.m. to save some energy. These are the lights in the car ports, street lights and some other Villages lights. It is a small step to help curb our high energy costs. Every little bit helps.

— Carolyn Hopkins

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IN MEMORIAM

Jane Ballenger Morse
February 22, 1931 – March 25, 2021
(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ASSOCIATION BOARD

Association President's Report—April 27, 2021

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming, the trees are blossoming, the goslings and ducklings are exploring their new world in a cycle of renewal and new growth. We are so privileged in The Villages to live in a wonderful and beautiful community with so many extraordinary people!

For the Association, spring also brings our annual renewal of budgets and selections of the coming year's leadership. Be sure to vote in the coming elections! Today, the Board will consider the results of months of staff work (with DAC and Board input) in developing the budget for the next fiscal year. We continue to face major challenges in the unyielding external cost increases in the cost of water, labor, and insurance, but by making a number of smart choices over the last three years, management and the Board have begun to bend the cost curves back toward just the normal inflation rates.

And then nature throws us another curve ball—severe drought is predicted for the year and we can anticipate the state and local authorities taking big steps again to control water usage. Our water district is projecting large cost increases beginning this summer and continuing on for many years in the future. We have seen this movie before, and previous Boards and DACs have faced it and left some templates for us to use now. Today I am asking the Board's concurrence to activate the Association's Water Conservation Committee, per Policy APo212. This will mean creating a committee consisting of one member from each village with liaison and guidance from the ABOD, as well as strong involvement from the DAC's Water Usage Sub-Committees. Expect to hear more details over the coming weeks.

Insurance is another major budget factor and there is a major three-board meeting coming up on May 13 to consider alternatives to our current coverages—looking for potential cost savings in areas like increasing wildfire deductibles and earthquake coverage. Insurance is necessary, but how much, and what is a prudent trade-off of risk versus cost is a complex discussion. If you are interested in expressing your views, I encourage you to write to me or any member of the ABOD, and to attend the meeting.

Since we are over three-quarters of the way through this fiscal year, it seems appropriate to give you a quick progress report of the Association's results. Last June I set out the objectives to Re-examine some of the fundamental ways we govern, Renew what has worked best throughout Villages history, and Refresh how we do things to reflect our current circumstances. In the last nine months the ABOD has:

- Performed a cost analysis comparing retaining the Club Board as our Managing Agent vs. an outside company
- Successfully completed the Management Agreement with the Club Board
- Reached mutual agreement with the Club Board and Homeowners' Board on Villages streets maintenance
- Analyzed and made a major update to the Association Reserves Policy
- Engaged an outside reserves planning firm to create an independent reserve plan to compare and contrast to our current plan. This will allow us to confirm or improve best practices and best reserves levels.

- Reduced lifetime ownership costs (and assessments)
 - Added Caulking Policy which extended the time interval between painting cycles
 - Added Preventative Maintenance Program for Flat Roofs and extending the time intervals between roof replacements
- Added a new Safety Policy on Backup Electric Power Systems
- Updated the Association Governing Documents to address the new mandated State of California programs:
 - Limitations on rental caps
 - Association voting procedures
- Created a program to address the new state requirements for inspection and repairs of elevated structures (e.g., decks, balconies, and stairways) \ and associated reserve funding
- Made a number of process improvements to simplify and speed up Solar Panel approvals, and made active use of Presidents' Council to promote cooperation and comity with the other Villages boards
- We have queued up for consideration in the next fiscal year:
 - Simplify approval process for member requests to alter Non-Exclusive Use areas
 - Require new roofs to be able to support solar panels
 - Creation of a concrete repair/replacement policy (with clear guidelines on grinding vs. replacement)
 - Programs for increased communications with members
 - Continue to improve the accessibility of the massive amount of member information on the Resident Portal

This Board is fully aware of the hardships of the increasing costs of living in one of the most expensive areas; in one of the most expensive states in our nation. We are all Villagers just like you. Our management staff provides professional skill and knowledge on how to carry out the Board's policies in the most efficient manner, and in keeping us within the requirements of the law, but it is the Board's policies and decisions that drive our budgets. The Board expects to have ongoing discussions about what our members value about living in The Villages and what areas they might consider changing in order to reduce costs. That is the essence of the Board—to lead and respond to the needs of our members. Many very positive things about The Villages brought us here and we don't want to lose those, but we do want to continue to be smart about how we spend our money.

This Board has made great progress in handling many major issues this year, bringing the physical conditions of our structures up to a high level of repair, and taking steps to reduce the long-term costs of ownership for our members. Outside cost pressures and new state mandates have made that more difficult, but the Board, with the outstanding support, recommendations, and daily actions of our Management Staff, has stepped up to address the challenges and begin bending costs back down toward normal inflation rates.

We appreciate the support and inputs from our members and the work of our District Advisory Committees. Let us all work together to continue to make The Villages one of the best places in the country to live, play, and thrive. Best regards,

—David Cook, Association Board President

CLUB BOARD

Club Board President's Message—April 2021

So far FY21 has been a very interesting and challenging year for the Boards, staff, contractors and Villagers. The Pandemic, the Management Agreement, Streets repair and maintenance service, a new Club Board, and dealing with coyotes to mention a few of the issues. With two months to go in the fiscal year it seems we will finish the year either having resolved or made good progress on all these issues.

Of all of the issues, the Club's most challenging, even today, is the financial management of the Club business. It is not dissimilar to the challenges seen by many regular businesses. Everything was, and still is, a continually moving target, though it seems that the peaks are smaller and the periods in between changes are growing. There is still uncertainty in our insurance, impacts of the drought, and how rapidly the State and County move to reduce the COVID restrictions toward normalcy. All which impact the Club budget and amenity availability.

Tuesday's meeting was much about finishing this FY and approving next year's budget and the transition from COVID to more normal operations. I would like to thank Tim and the staff for all their dedication and hard work to get us to this point. It always takes a lot of time and energy to develop and manage the

Club activities and budgets. It was worse this year due to the changing Pandemic especially when the Board changes its budget guidelines near the end of the process due to the Governor's mid-June pronouncement.

There is some positive news. We are running a surplus in the Club operations budget going into the last couple months. This surplus exists because of the shutdown of the amenities for COVID. Tim and staff are comfortable that the surplus will carry through as they do not see any significant unforeseen costs, so I have asked Tim to begin spending at the approved Amenity budget levels, which will enable us to start up amenities earlier within the county guidelines. This will have the effect of reducing the surplus. It will be done within the Board-approved budgets. Please understand the start-up operations will probably not be exactly like normal pre-COVID operations. We are adapting to the available resources and current county guidelines. We will be working toward full amenity function as we move into the next budget year starting July 1.

We got to see the total Club budget at the April Board meeting on Tuesday. (operations, reserve and capital). The operations budget was totally reworked over the last couple weeks to integrate the Governor's directive to bring back normal services by mid-June. The outcome is a 2.5-percent reduction in the Club Total assessment for next year. I need to put a bit of a caveat on this as we still do not have any real details on the Governor's COVID plan, nor do we have any definitive reaction to it from the County. The Board did not approve the budget at that meeting. That will happen next Tuesday, May 4. The budget details are posted on the Villages Resident Portal.

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Operating Financial Commentary...

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Year-to-date revenue is \$2,059,000 unfavorable to budget, 18.8 percent less than the budget of \$10,966,000. Year-to-date expenditures are \$2,568,000 favorable to budget, 23.7 percent below the budget of \$10,828,000. Savings generated in many expense categories have more than offset the revenue loss for the first nine months of the fiscal year. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$509,000. See table below for detail by department.

The bottom of the table below shows the financial impact of the monthly solar lease payments and contribution to the balloon payment fund (to be paid in 2023) captured on the Club's balance sheet. The year-to-date total for these two items is \$181,000.

The Villages Golf and Country Club FY21 Club Operating Budget Summary For Nine Months ended March 31, 2021

Department	Revenues (\$)			Expenditures (\$)			FY 21 Net (\$)
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance
G&A	792,000	779,000	13,000	734,000	770,000	36,000	49,000
Maintenance Admin	124,000	121,000	3,000	121,000	119,000	-2,000	1,000
Golf Course/Pro Shop	1,693,000	1,892,000	-199,000	1,561,000	1,872,000	311,000	112,000
Community Activities	627,000	935,000	-308,000	613,000	935,000	322,000	14,000
Community Centers	579,000	592,000	-13,000	473,000	595,000	122,000	109,000
Public Safety	946,000	954,000	-8,000	897,000	945,000	48,000	40,000
Pools	154,000	154,000	0	129,000	156,000	27,000	27,000
Clubhouse/Restaurant	2,021,000	3,553,000	-1,532,000	2,070,000	3,595,000	1,525,000	-7,000
All Other	1,971,000	1,986,000	-15,000	1,662,000	1,841,000	179,000	164,000
Totals	8,907,000	10,966,000	-2,059,000	8,260,000	10,828,000	2,568,000	509,000
Solar Lease—Bal. Sheet	-	-	-	181,000	181,000	-	-
Net Assessment	8,907,000	10,966,000	-2,059,000	8,441,000	11,009,000	2,568,000	509,000
Variance							

The above table shows All Other with a \$164,000 net positive variance from less than planned expenses in the following categories: water, repair and maintenance, Comcast, irrigation supplies and planting expense. Golf Course/Pro Shop has a \$112,000 net positive variance due to favorable water expense, employee expense, cost of sales and tree trimming expense, offset by unfavorable revenues in green fees, Pro Shop merchandise and golf cart rentals. The community centers have a

\$109,000 net positive variance from favorable utilities expense, intra-company cost transfers and repair and maintenance. G&A has a \$49,000 net positive variance due to less than planned employee expense and favorable other income. Public Safety shows a \$40,000 net positive variance mostly from less than planned employee expense. Pools have posted a \$27,000 net positive variance mostly due to favorable utilities expense. Clubhouse/Restaurant has posted a \$7,000 net negative variance due to less than planned food/bar sales, offset by significant favorable expense variances in the following categories: employee expenses, cost of sales, professional fees, laundry service, repair and maintenance, credit card processing fees, advertising/promotions, utilities expense and operating supplies. For the past three months (Jan/Feb/Mar), the Clubhouse/Restaurant has made a significant turnaround in its financial performance by posting a \$264,000 positive budget variance during this three month period. Additionally, part of the Clubhouse/Restaurant negative budget variance is due to keeping additional employees on the payroll as a requirement of the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan.

Association Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2021

Revenue was \$700 unfavorable to the budget of \$892,000 for the month, due to less than planned laundry concession fees and third party assessments.

Expenditures for the month were \$30,400 (3.6 percent) favorable to the budget of \$831,500. The two most significant favorable to budget expense categories were planting (actual \$20,900 vs. budget of \$39,000) and insurance (actual \$184,200 vs. budget of \$201,800). The only notable unfavorable to budget expense category for the month was repair and maintenance (actual \$29,000 vs. budget of \$22,800) mostly in Hermosa (utility door repairs) and Heights (hydro flush drains). The net positive operating budget variance for the month of March was \$29,700.

Year-to-date (nine months of operations), total operating revenue is short of budget by \$2,500 (laundry concession fees and third party assessments) at \$8,025,400. Year-to-date, operating expenditures are \$7,374,100 or 5.6 percent (\$437,400) less than the budget of \$7,811,500. The positive budget variance is mostly attributed to savings in the following expense categories: insurance, water, planting, intra-company cost transfers, irrigation maintenance, and repair and maintenance. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$434,900.

Association Board Voting Record for April 2021

Association Voting Record for April 2021										
	April 27, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting	Board Members*							Comments	Costs
		DC	DH	RH	JW	GA	NL	TM		
1	Approval Consideration for 2021/2022 Operating Budget, Reserve Plan and Fee Schedule	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the proposed operating budget, the reserve funding plan, and schedule of fees and charges for fiscal year 2021/2022.	\$0
2	Approval Consideration of Annual Meeting & Election Material	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, resolution, and election materials.	\$0
3	Inspectors of Election to Random Draw Candidate Placement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Inspector of Elections Judy Bushey randomly drew the director candidate placement on the election ballot as follows: Julie Wash, Diana Omo Hallock, George Paris, David Cook and Linda McChesney.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration for Irrigation Controller 4G or 4G/Radio Upgrade	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the 4G/Radio upgrade option for the Association irrigation controller system in the amount of \$290,777.54 and projected contingency of 5% which is \$14,538.88 for a total project approval of \$305,316.42 to be funded from reserves and allocated to each district.	\$305,316
5	Activation of Association Water Conservation Committee and Association Board of Directors Liaison	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus the Board agreed to activate the Association Water Conservation Committee and the Association Board of Directors Liaison and work with staff to better address water issues.	\$0
6	Discussion on Policy for DAC Social Media Communications	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus the Board agreed to have the Policy Committee come up with a policy on DAC Social Media Communications.	\$0
7	Approval Consideration for FY21 Heights Exterior Coating Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board awarded the FY21 Heights Exterior Coating Project to Flores Painting in the total fixed price of \$136,028 and approved total appropriation of \$168,432 which includes a 15% (\$20,404.20) allowance for unforeseen project needs and \$12,000 for quality assurance inspections. Funding for this project will come from the Heights reserve fund.	\$168,432
8	Approval Consideration for FY21 Olivas Exterior Coating Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board awarded the FY21 Olivas Exterior Coating Project to McLaughlin Painting in the total fixed price of \$490,110 and approved total appropriation of \$611,412 which includes a 15% (\$76,619) allowance for unforeseen project needs and \$24,000 for quality assurance inspections. Funding for this project will come from the Olivas reserve fund.	\$611,412
9	Approval Consideration of Request for Additional Funding for Cribari FY21 Sewer Lateral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved additional unplanned FY21 Cribari Sewer Reserve Replacement Allowance expenditure in the amount of \$34,200.	\$34,200
10	Conditional Approval Consideration for Exclusionary Encroachment request - 6349 Whaley Dr. (Extend Patio Into the Common Area)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the exclusionary encroachment request submitted by the owner of 6349 Whaley Drive to extend the patio into the common area 26'x14' with previously installed fence and patio pavers. Said approval is contingent upon the owner achieving a 75 percent affirmative vote via written ballot from the 58 owners/units comprising Project B-7.	\$0
11	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2020 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$166,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserves Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$506,000 used to help pay the 2020 property insurance premium of March 2020 with balance of \$340,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2021.	\$166,000
12	Vote to Ratify the Monthly Review of Accounts per Civil Code §5500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify the monthly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$1,285,360

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consent | R = Recused

* DC = David Cook | DH = Diana Hallock | RH = Richard Holmboe | JW = Julie Wash | GA = Garry Ashby | NL = Noel Lancot | TM = Thomas McLaughlin

Homeowners' Operating Financial Commentary

For the month of March 2021

Revenue tracked budget at \$3,487 (non-Estates single family homes). Expenditures for the month were \$128 favorable to budget due to less than planned legal fees (\$56) and insurance expense (\$72). The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$593 (mostly in legal fees).

Estates revenue for the month was on budget at \$13,415. Expenditures were \$937 favorable to budget, 7.7 percent less than the budget of \$12,172, mostly due to lower than planned planting expense. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$7,508 (attributed to savings in planting and water expense).

THE DACs

Sonata DAC to meet May 20

The Village Sonata DAC will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 20 at 8:45 a.m. Meeting ID: 812 2824 9590. Passcode: 446952.

To dial in by phone, call 669-900-9128.

Verano DAC to meet May 3

Village Verano will be holding a DAC meeting via Zoom on Monday, May 3 at 4 p.m. The meeting ID is 849 1836 2605 and the password is 033163.

Del Lago DAC to meet May 13

Village Del Lago will hold a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, May 13 at 4 p.m. Meeting ID: 823 1776 1165. Passcode 382707.

Bill DeVincenzi of the Sustainable Villages Club will present "The Climate Crisis and Things We Can Do About It."

BOARD MEETINGS

Combined Board Meetings

- The Villages Golf and Country Club and Association Boards of Directors Combined Meeting Re: Master Property Insurance Status Update is Thursday, May 13, at 10 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

Meeting ID: 939 1711 8402, Passcode: 447131, Dial: 1-669-900-6833

- The Villages Golf and Country Club and Association Boards of Directors Combined Meeting Re: Master Property Insurance Approval is Thursday, May 27, at 10 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

Meeting ID: 996 3076 7680, Passcode: 217222, Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392, Passcode: 223468, Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors Special Open Meeting Re: FY 21/22 Proposed Operating Budget Approval is Tuesday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

Meeting ID: 926 6745 1812, Passcode: 605610, Dial: 1-669-900-6833

- Ballot Count Re: Amended Articles of Incorporation Vote is Monday, May 10 via Zoom Meeting (Time TBD)

- The Villages Golf and Country Club Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740, Passcode: 260616, Dial: 1-669-900-6833

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and
COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 6, 7, 12 & 15

Club Board Voting Record for April 2021

Club Board Voting Record for April 2021

	April 27, 2021 Monthly Meeting	Members*							Comments	Costs
	Agenda Items	MF	HB	MP	BW	BK	EN	LT		
1	Amenities Discussion and FY 21/22 Proposed Operating Budget, Replacement Reserve Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Schedule of Fees Presentation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Director of Community Activities gave a presentation on the status of opening up various amenities and reviewed a plan for some openings beginning the week of May 3 (all in compliance with health order requirements). General Manager Tim Sutherland presented the FY 21/22 Proposed Operating Budget, Replacement Reserve Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Schedule of Fees	\$0
2	Approval Consideration of Irrigation Controller Upgrade	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the 4G/Radio upgrade option for the Club's irrigation controller system in the amount of \$44,740 (includes 5% contingency) to be funded from reserves.	\$44,740
3	Inspectors of Election to Randomly Draw Candidate Placement on Notice, Ballot, Election Materials and The Villager Moving Forward	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Inspector of Elections Claudia Nicolai randomly drew the order of candidate placement for the annual meeting notice and ballot as follows: Ron Steckel, Del Yamaki, Ed Ng, Manji Patel, Jerry Neece, Richard Zahner, Bob Krattli, Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, Mikki Fillhouer, Joe Civello, Howie Blumstein, Wayne Weiler, Frank Houghton, and Rex Hinkle.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration of the 2021 Annual Meeting and Election Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, IRS Resolution, election materials and directed staff to amend such notice should an additional candidate or candidates come forward prior to the end of the day on May 1 and directed the Inspectors of Elections to conduct another random draw to select the order of the candidates for the notice and ballot.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration of the Quarterly Review of Accounts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board accepted the quarterly review of accounts as presented.	\$0

Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting

\$44,740

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consensus | R = Recused

*MF = Mike Falarski | HB = Howie Blumstein | MP = Mike Poellot | BW = Bob Wilk | BK = Bob Krattli | EN = Ed Ng | LT = Lee Thompson

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.

The Club Nominating Committee has announced the following candidates for the Board: Ron Steckel, Del Yamaki, Ed Ng, Manji Patel, Jerry Neece, Richard Zahner, Bob Krattli, Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, Mikki Fillhouer, Joe Civello, Howie Blumstein, Wayne Weiler, Frank Houghton, Rex Hinkle.

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 elected 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, Julie Wash, Diana Omo Hallock, George Paris, David Cook, and Linda McChesney 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 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 Vice President (Rob Kirschbaum) 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 15). To date, Teddy Morse, Jeannie Omel and Brooks Fuller have declared their candidacy.

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.

Club President's Report...

(Continued from page 3)

We also got an update on efforts to restart amenities from Mary Tatum. She is putting in place a four-phase program which will start the week of May 3. Amenities will be added each week going forward so by the end of June most everything will be started within the current county guidelines. I need to caveat this as well in that it is contingent on being able to hire the necessary staff. Mary is working hard to make this happen but the whole valley is trying to restart at the same time. Watch the *Fast Lane* and *Villager* for the details

I would encourage everyone to participate in The Villages governing process over the next few weeks. First by voting in the election to revise the Club Articles of Incorporation to allow the Club to continue to perform the Villages streets repair and maintenance services for all the Villages streets. You should have received your ballot. You have until 8 a.m. on Monday, May 10, to vote. Please vote!!

Next is the election of board directors to the three Villages Corporations (CBOD, ABOD, HBOD). I am not advocating for any candidates. I am advocating for your interest and participation in the process. We need everyone's input through the ballot box. Read the upcoming *Villager* editions for all the candidate resumes and positions on various topics of interest. Be sure to watch the Candidate Night Q&A Zoom presentation beginning May 7. This is the most important action you can take as a Villager to assure the positive future of the Villages. VOTE!

—Mike Falarski, President

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors

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: Julie Wash, Diana Omo Hallock, George Paris, David Cook, Linda McChesney.

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.

Association Members – Request for Annual Notice of Information Updates

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

As you know, The Villages Association is a common interest development subject to California Civil Code Sections 4000-6150 (also known as the Davis-Stirling Act). Civil Code Section 4041(a) requires all owners of condominiums to provide written notice to the Association on an annual basis their contact information for sending Association notices, and to inform the association whether the residence is owner-occupied or rented.

Associations are required to solicit these notices at least 30 days prior to the annual association disclosures. For The Villages Association, that is the Annual Budget Report and Annual Policy Statement distributed in May. If an owner does not annually provide this notification, the association must deem the last address provided in writing by the owner, or if none, the property address, shall be deemed to be the address to which notices are delivered. What this means is that if there are no changes to your contact information, or condominium rental status, then there is no need to send in a form.

To save postage, paper, and copy costs, we are publishing the request for information form in The Villager – see form on this page below.

Completing this form will not discontinue electronic distribution of association documents if you have signed up for that program.

If there are changes, you may either mail the completed document back to:

**The Villages Association
5000 Cribari Lane
San Jose, CA 95135**

or drop it in the box located in the parking lot of Business Office Administration Building A.

Disregard this request if there are no changes to your information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the General Manager's office at 408-223-4430.

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.

The Villages Association

Request for Annual Notice of Address, Representative and Rental Status

Civil Code, Section 4041

Civil Code, Section 4041 requires each owner of a separate interest (condominium) to provide written notice to the Association of all the following information annually. Please provide the information in the form below and return the completed form to the Association no later than Friday, May 31, 2021.

If there are no changes please disregard.

By mail: **The Villages Association
5000 Cribari Lane
San Jose, CA 95135**

Or return to the Drop Box located in the parking lot up the stairs from Business Administration, Building A.

Member Name: _____

Property Address: _____, San Jose, CA 95135

1. The address or addresses to which notices from the Association are to be delivered. Check here if same as property address.

2. If applicable, an alternate or secondary address to which an additional copy of notices from the Association are to be delivered.

3. If applicable, the name and address of your legal representative including any person with power of attorney or other person who can be contacted in the event of your extended absence from the separate interest (condominium).

4. This separate interest (means the condominium unit) is: – (check one)

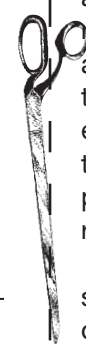
Owner-occupied?

Rented out?

Vacant?

If an owner does not annually provide this notification, the association must deem the last address provided in writing by the owner, or if none, the property address, shall be deemed to be the address to which notices are delivered.

Signature _____ Date _____



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

WHAT'S COOKING?

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

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.

Celebrate Mom at the Clubhouse

(See page 13)



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 click "Book a Reservation," or go to: the website, 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
5/3 to 5/8

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday 5/3 | Lentil |
| Tuesday 5/4 | Chicken Tortellini |
| Wednesday 5/5 | Cream of Broccoli |
| Thursday 5/6 | Beef and Elbow Pasta |
| Friday 5/7 | Clam Chowder |
| Saturday 5/8 | Chef's Choice |
| Sunday 5/9 | 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.

Weekly Specials

For the week of
5/3 to 5/8

Lunch Specials:

Monday 5/3 to Saturday 5/8

Stuffed Avocado Salad

Half an Avocado stuffed with Tuna, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard Boiled Egg over Greens

\$14.50 ++

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 5/3 to Saturday 5/8

Grilled Alaskan Halibut

With Caper and Almond Beurre Blanc Sauce

\$30.50 ++

More CLUBHOUSE
on pages 10, 11 & 15

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

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.

**To order Curbside
Grab-and Go 408-370-8553**
(Breakfast orders only Saturday & Sunday 7 to 11 a.m.)

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.

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 Breakfast in Hollywood
+ The Jack Benny Program

TUE D.O.A.
+ Front Page Detective

WED Great Expectations
+ Croon Crazy

THU The Stranger
+ Front Page Detective

FRI Big News
+ Stolen Jools + Mr. & Mrs. North

SAT The Farmer's Daughter
+ The Loretta Young Show

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

CHANNEL 26 Complimentary **WiFi**
Network: Villages Public
Password: villages
Club Events & Notices

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

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

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

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

Dinner Entrées

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

Soup or Salad Included with Entrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grilled Salmon \$26.95
Lemon Dill Butter Sauce

Salt and Pepper Prawns \$26.95
Lightly Battered and Fried

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

NO CORKAGE HUMP DAY

Bring your favorite bottle of wine and your friends any and every Wednesday at The Clubhouse. No Corkage will be charged with any dinner order. One bottle limit per two guests.
Standard size bottles only.



Golfer's Delight Lunch Box

Jumbo Hot Dog
with choice of beverage

\$10.95 plus 10% service charge and tax



The Clubhouse

408-223-4687
theclubhouse@the-villages.com
Reservations, Menus and Online Ordering at:
www.clubhouserreservation.com

Prime Rib

Served at The Clubhouse
Every Friday and Saturday Nights



(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

When to tap your Social Security

One of the most consequential decisions in retirement is when to start collecting Social Security (SS). This complicated decision has been simplified by online calculators.

The conventional wisdom says that you should wait as long as possible (up to age 70) to claim benefits to maximize payments. But one size doesn't fit all, and people's circumstances might be different from the standard assumptions.

There are a number of online calculators. Some are free and some charge a fee. An article in The Wall Street Journal suggested using a free calculator—Open Social Security (opensocialsecurity.com). The brief summary below describes three family situations using Open Social Security.

Couple Number 1: Both plan to retire at age 62. Each will get \$36,000 in SS if they wait until their full retirement age of 67 to start benefits. But they plan to start now at age 62 so each will receive \$25,350 a year for a total of \$50,700.

The calculator recommends one spouse should file for benefits at age 65 and 5 months and get \$32,200 a year. The other should wait until 70 to file and receive \$44,640 a year. If one dies, the survivor will receive the higher of the two checks or \$44,640 a year.

They decided to go ahead and start SS for one at age 62 but wait for age 70 for the other spouse.

Couple Number 2: One spouse is age 63 and the other is age 38. The older spouse plans to start SS when the full retirement age of 66 and 6 months is reached and will receive \$30,000 a year. If her work status doesn't change, the younger spouse is projected to receive \$12,000 a year in SS at age 67.

The calculator recommends the older spouse should wait until 70 when SS will be \$38,400. The younger spouse should begin at age 62 and 1 month to receive \$10,413. After one spouse dies, the survivor gets \$38,400.

They decided age 70 was too long to wait but delayed SS until the older spouse was 68 and 6 months increasing the SS benefit to \$34,800 from \$30,000.

Couple Number 3: Working spouse age 60 and just retired; benefit at full retirement age of 67 will be \$24,000. Non-working spouse is 64 and cares full-time for their disabled 40-year-old son. This spouse has not worked enough to qualify for SS.

The calculator recommends the working spouse should file for SS at 62 and 1 month. The other spouse should file for child-in-care spousal benefit at that time and son should file for a benefit because he is disabled. The working spouse will receive \$16,900 and both the non-working spouse and the son will each receive \$9,761. The couple didn't even know these additional benefits were available.

The program is easy to use. You can easily change assumptions. This is a great tool.

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 Reminder:

Answer the question on page one of form 1040

Page one of form 1040 has an important question on the 2020 return. "At any time during 2020, did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency?" Do you own any virtual currency such as Bitcoin? Tell your tax preparer if you had any virtual currency transactions in 2020.

MORE PULSE

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"The Villages Financial Budget" *The Villager* 3/11, 4/1 & 4/8/2021

I thank all three Villagers' Boards and everyone who has the desires to serve our Villagers. I appreciate their time and commitments. We had a very difficult time and hope things get better soon. The Boards are working hard on our budget. The hourly pay for different categories of work as published in *The Villager*, starts at \$20/hour. Janitorial Services, \$30 and more. These rates include other fees such as taxes and benefits to employees that were not clarified. The minimum wage set by San Jose city for 2021 is \$15.45/hour. As one Board member stated, "We all live here and our goal is the same." We are a retired community and most are on fixed income. Financial burden is tiresome. We must work together to achieve that goal. I believe the budget is on the high end. Our goal is the Villagers' well-being! In my opinion, a new group, Villagers for Change, staffed with competent caring individuals, is here to help. Hear its voices! More ways may emerge to benefit all of us including our employees. Together we will make a huge difference.

—Barbara Hing

Coyote Watch Networks

By Laurie Truman

Over the past year we have seen more coyote sightings, brazen behavior, and sadly some damage and injury. Everyone needs to be part of the solution.

Safety first: So that we can help reverse the attraction, and learn of new networks below to support all of us, please:

Do NOT feed the wildlife. It is a State law, and also a CCR rule.

Please do not use any birdseed if you have feeders until we can get a better handle and reverse the situation. At minimum, please consider placing your birdfeeder in your garage at night. Birdseed attracts the rodents, who attract coyotes. Do not leave food or water outside. Clean up any fruit that has fallen on the ground.

Do not leave your pets unattended outside. Keep your dogs on a short leash and never let your dog walk behind you. Coyotes look for this to ambush.

To learn more, and if you want to join a new safety support network here at the villages, please go the website at www.villagersforsafety.com. There you will also see forms and how to write a proper report of incidences to our U.S. Protection Agencies. Also new this month, please add your sightings and incidents onto our Villages map link at: <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/coyote-sightings/>

If you wish to add your coyote sightings to the UC Davis research department, you can go to [www. https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/coyote-sightings](http://www.https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/coyote-sightings)

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to my dear Bridge Group. It was nice seeing you. Thank you for all the years I spent with you. Good wishes.

—Marilyn Ribardo

EVF FOCUS

EVF support helped bring pickleball to Villages

As the largest Villages amenity addition since The Bistro in 2013, the new pickleball courts faced a long, collaborative, and impressive five-year journey to completion. The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) was there to support the project every step of the way.

Pickleball seemed a perfect match for The Villages when first proposed to the Club Board. Its popularity with seniors has made it one of the fastest growing participant sports in the United States. Pickleball offers active exercise with less movement and more social involvement than tennis.

A recent study in the International Journal of Research in Exercise Physiology found middle-aged and older adults who played one hour of pickleball three days per week for six weeks improved their blood pressure, cholesterol, and cardiorespiratory fitness levels. Studies have shown that playing Pickleball also reduces the risk of depression and helps people to reduce loneliness by socializing more. These are important mental health benefits during this Covid-stressed time. And this is supported by many of our neighbors who play:

"I began playing Pickleball shortly after I moved to the Villages. The health benefits were immediate—I lost weight, my endurance improved, and my eye-hand coordination improved," said Villager Anahid Gregg.

"What I didn't expect were the mental benefits. After a busy day at work, I noticed stress and anxiety reduction when I played—the release of those endorphins really makes a difference!"

Projects such as the pickleball courts are consistent with the Evergreen Villages Foundation's mission to enhance Village amenities for the benefit and comfort of the community. If you would like to work with the EVF and help to provide enhancements to the Villages lifestyle by contributing to the General Fund go to its website at evfsj.org and become a Sustaining Member. You can do this for as little as \$5 per month.



CLUBS & EVENTS

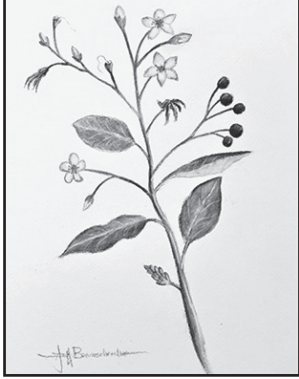
New 'Simple Things' online drawing class

Jeff Bramschreiber is offering a new online drawing class to members and Villagers who want to learn a new skill with very inexpensive materials. Drawing "The Simple Things" requires ordinary pencils, charcoal, watercolor pencils and pastel pencils, along with a drawing pad.

Jeff will provide instruction and critique online via Zoom for this six-week class, on Tuesdays, from 12-noon to 2:30 p.m., May 4 – June 8.

The fee is \$60 and registration is at barb.gottesman@gmail.com. Class is limited to eight participants.

The subjects include fruit, tree branches, succulents and cacti, roses, peppers and shells or twigs such as this "Winter Hawthorne." Participants may also choose their own "simple things."



Senior Academy: Current

African American Writers

On May 11 and 18, at 2 p.m., Senior Academy will host a Zoom discussion on some of the most current African American writers. Current events and issues are forcing us to face the painful realization that, at least regarding racial equality in America, we still have a long way to go. As always, the literature of a country measures its temperature and its struggles. The civil rights issue is at the forefront.

Please join us to examine the works of some of the most prominent African American writers in the beginning decades of the 21st Century.

The discussion will center on the themes and questions that have grown out of the Black Lives Matter movement in the works of writers such as Colson Whitehead, Roxanne Gay, James McBride, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Jesmyn Ward and Paul Beatty.

Nancy Wambach, English Professor Emerita at Evergreen Valley College, served as Chair of the Women's Studies Department and Director of the Campus Writing Center. She also was Coordinator of the Writing Skill Test, a required examination for all SJSU grads.

Pre-registration for this two-session course is required and can be completed at VillagesSA.org. The fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

By Judy Frey and The Swingers

It is estimated there are more than 1 million people in the US dealing with Parkinson's disease. It is more common in men over 50, but can affect both genders and at younger ages. It is estimated that someone is diagnosed every 9 minutes. There are a variety of symptoms, and if you talk to any of us that are dealing with it, there are no two cases alike. You may think that a tremor is a classic symptom, however, some never have a tremor. Balance problems, sleep problems, constipation, voice problems, disturbance with sense of smell are just a few of many symptoms of Parkinson's.

I am a member of the Swingers Nine Hole Women's Golf Group, and my husband and I deal with this disease on a daily basis. We are planning a Walk-A-Thon on Monday, October 18, 2021 to raise money to support ongoing research for a cure. There will be future reminders of this date, but as the pandemic winds down, we are starting our planning for a wonderful walk on our golf course to support those with this disease. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Arts & Crafts Profile: Michael Sunzeri

By Barbara Gottesman

Michael Sunzeri is serving a two-year term as President of Arts & Crafts, with a steady hand on operations during this pandemic.

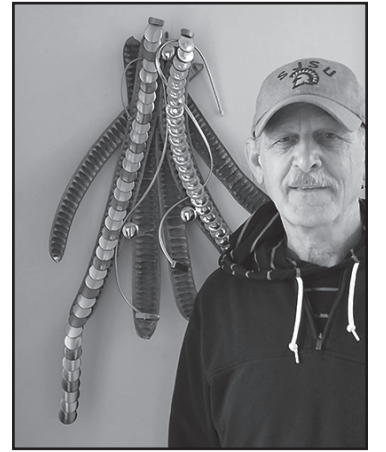
He was raised in Santa Clara, always having his fingers in something to do with Art. Why? No rules. He started assembling model cars at age 8. He sold his first artwork at age 12, a design on a bass drum. In high school he became interested in Drafting. After a stint in the Navy, he landed work as a draftsman and later in design, mainly in Circuit Board Technology.

He spent 35 years in that field, leaving as a manager shortly after 9/11. Then, having maintained 4 acres in Boulder Creek for 31 years, he and his wife Susan started a home maintenance business, before finally retiring to The Villages.

He attended almost every local college in Santa Clara County, graduating from San Jose State with two Art related degrees. Michael was tutored by some of the best local artists—Robert Strini, Dave Ogle, Clayton Bailey, and Kathy McBride, to name a few. Michael's biggest inspiration is Dali; like Dali, he has a minimalist and asymmetrical mindset, straying from both at times.

Trained in Pottery, Painting, Photography, Calligraphy and Sign Painting, his concentration now is Assemblage, spending an inordinate amount of time thinking about his next piece. After they moved to The Villages, Michael joined the Arts & Crafts and the Advisory Board at the encouragement of Barbara Gottesman.

He was amazed at how many artists we have, let alone the great work they turn out. He is happy to support our art club and appreciates all the opportunities to showcase our work here.



Cribari residents – drop off your used batteries

Cribari Village residents are invited to drop off their used household batteries this week, in a program similar to recent efforts hosted by other villages. Manji Patel will be collecting used single use and rechargeable batteries for safe disposal.

The only battery sizes accepted at this time are A, AA, AAA, C, D. Please separate rechargeable batteries from single use batteries. Santa Clara county recommends sealing both terminals on your used rechargeable batteries or put them in zip-lock bags while storing until disposal. For single use 9V batteries, seal positive end if possible.

You can leave your batteries in a collection container at **5464 Cribari Green** from Friday, April 23 to Friday, April 30 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (650) 339-0320 or email manji_patel@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Notes: A few retailers that currently accept used household batteries include

- Payless ACE hardware on 927 S. King Rd; hand in at cash register.
- Target on Cottle Street; place in bin at entrance and they accept all types without being sorted or need for any sealing or plastic bagged.

For others, check out Santa Clara County Household Waste Program, 1555 Berger Dr.

This pilot program has been approved by Cribari DAC and the maintenance department has been informed.

5G—Hype or Revolution in the making?

By Tony Berg

Senior Academy Technology Explorers (SATE) is offering an overview of the first year of 5G on Monday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.

5G is being heavily promoted and even offered in the latest generation of smartphones. So... exactly what is 5G? Why is it coming? Who will benefit? Do we need it?

SATE will be showing a video with Anne Chiao, CEO of AT&T Business and Alex Holcum, VP of Qualcomm, discussing 5G and explaining how it will (or will not) affect us all.

The video clarifies exactly why 5G is happening and who it will really benefit (apart from the telecom companies!)

Discover what Latency is and why it is important and learn about "Edge" computing (I am old enough now to feel a little Déjà vu with this concept!)

At the end of the video we will open up the floor for discussion.

Do join us on Monday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. to explore and better understand 5G technology. Register in advance for this program on our website, VillagesSA.org under the **Technology** tab.

Genealogy Club: Searching Church Records

What types of information can you find for your ancestors in church records? Which churches kept records? How do you find the denomination and church your ancestor attended? Where can you find these church records today to tell your ancestor's story?

Please join us on Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m., on Zoom for our monthly meeting. We will discuss church records, one of the most important genealogy tools. If you are not already a member, please contact Linda McMullen at lindavillage8392@gmail.com and she will send you a link for the meeting. Our group meets monthly to learn and share our research on family history. Come join us and start the search for your ancestors!

Hobby rooms... (Continued from front page)

residents). You will be limited to one session per week.

What are Special Requirements for the Ceramics Room and the Woodshop?

The Ceramics Room is only available to those residents who have completed the ceramics safety training. This training is not available to new users at this time.

The Woodshop is only available to those residents who have completed the Woodshop Safety Training course. This course is not available to new users at this time; please keep an eye out for future updates.

If you meet these criteria and already have Portal access you will be able to see their respective reservation pages online when logged in; if you cannot access the page please call us for assistance. For new Portal users our registration page now includes a box to check if you have previously completed either training. Our staff will verify this before enabling you to see the reservation pages. This process should be completed the same day or by the next business day. You can also call 408-223-4636 to request access if you have completed the training.

How do I make a reservation?

You can reserve times on the Resident Portal or by calling the COVID Reservation Line at 408-223-4636. Once you are logged into the Portal, hover your mouse over the Reservations option on the Menu and select the reservation page for your desired facility. Devices with smaller screens will have a Menu button that expands to show this option. As a reminder, each individual will need their own Portal login credentials to make reservations.

Time slots will be available to reserve until 9 a.m. of the same day. Cancelling online is available up to 12 hours before your appointment time. To cancel by phone during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) please call the number above.

If you require a caregiver to be in these facilities with you while using them, the caregiver must pass a health screening and be manually entered into our system by staff. This option is not available for the Woodshop due to capacity limits. Please call the number above to start this process or if you have any questions.

What do I need to do after my reservation is made?

- Familiarize yourself with the Re-opening Safety Guidelines for this facility available on the Resident Portal or upon request from Community Activities.

- Keep an eye on your health. If you develop COVID-like symptoms or come in contact with someone who has COVID-19 please cancel your appointment right away and consult with a medical professional.

- On the day of your appointment wear a mask and show your Villages ID to the designated room metering observer to check-in. Masks are required at all times unless you are exempt per health department guidelines.

What to expect with the availability of Table Tennis

Table Tennis will be available in the Montgomery Multi-Purpose Room for singles play with a reservation beginning Wednesday, May 5. You can now make a reservation online through the Resident Portal or over the phone by calling 408-223-4636. Please see below for information on what to expect for this activity:

Who can play Table Tennis?

At present only residents who have completed a "Table Tennis Use of Montgomery Multi-Purpose Room Agreement" waiver can make a reservation. If you are unsure if you have already completed the waiver please call 408-223-4636 for assistance. The facility is not available to new users at this time.

What times are available for reservation?

In order to accommodate as many people as possible with our current resources Table Tennis will be available Wednesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Each session will be one hour long can accommodate 4 players. You will be limited to one (1) session per week.

How do I get started online?

If you meet the above criteria and already have Portal access you will be able to see the Table Tennis reservation page online when logged in; if you cannot access the page please call us for assistance. For new Portal users our registration page now

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More CLUBS

The Village Quilters Front Porch Quilt Show

On **May 8 and 9**, the Village Quilters would like to display some of our art to brighten your day. There are 20 homes signed up to participate, weather permitting. Look around, some members are using creative ways to display their quilts. They may use their fence, tree, bench or nearby wall. We hope you enjoy it. See our members quilts shown in your neighborhood.

SONATA

2008 Carignan Way
2101 Mataro Way

GLEN ARDEN

7811 Prestwick Circle

CRIBARI

5122 Cribari Place
5186 Cribari Hills

5476 Cribari Green

HERMOSA

8054 Chardonay Co
8237 Claret Court (Sunday only)

8352 Charbono Court

8361 Riesling Way

HIGHLAND

7504 Deveron Court

MONTGOMERY

6238 Gerts Drive
6255 Blauer Lane

6279 Blauer Lane

THE HEIGHTS

8470 Grenache Court

VERANO

7019 Via Cielo

7048 Via Belmonde

7342 Via Laguna

OLIVAS

8676 French Oak Drive

8730 McCarty Ranch Drive

8765 McCarty Ranch Drive

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Circle
\$420,000

9043 Village
View Loop
\$1,170,000

5429
Cribari Hills
\$505,000

5417 Cribari
Court
\$430,000

6239
Gerds Dr
\$700,000

3343 Lake
Albano Circle
\$725,000

7370 Via
Montecitos
\$798,900

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Anna Hewitt
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anna@hewitt.net

VILLAGES GOLF COMMITTEE

VGC to meet May 13 on Zoom

The next meeting of the Villages Golf Committee (VGC) will be on Thursday, May 13, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 776 8913 0177, and the passcode is 0FTah5. Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting. Please keep in mind that audience comments and questions will be addressed toward the end of the meeting, as the committee must work through the entire agenda without interruption. For those of you who are unable to attend the VGC meeting, any matters for the committee should go through your respective club's captain, who will then forward the information to any of the VGC members.

Calling young golfers— granddaughters, nieces or friends for Corena Green Jr. girl's golf tournament

It is that time again when the Villages Women's Long 9-Hole Golf Club begins its search for young women golfers between the ages of 8 and 17 to play in this year's 31st annual Corena Green Jr. Girls Golf Classic. It will be held this year on July 26 at Valley Hi Country Club in Elk Grove, California. There are two age groups, 8-13 and 14-17. They do not have to be terrific players but must have played enough to know the rules and proper etiquette of the course. Prizes are awarded and the 14-17 age group girls compete for \$8,755 in college gift certificates.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Villages, if you know a young lady—granddaughters, nieces, friends—who would like the experience of playing in a 9 hole golf tournament, application packets are now available and the 9-hole ladies would be happy to sponsor them. Spots do fill up quickly, particularly in the 14-17 age group, so if you know someone who is interested, please contact Mary Stowers at (408) 440-2856 for application packets. Entry deadline is June 26 or capacity.



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.

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.



Specials 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Clubhouse Patio or Indoor Dining

Wednesday, May 5th

\$5 'Cinco Dolares' Margarita de Casa

\$5 'Cinco Dolares' Chicken Pollo Taco 1 piece

Soft Tortillas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Cheese with Salsa

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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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RELIGION

EPISCOPAL

‘Fed to Feed Others’

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

For the many Christian churches that observe the Revised Common Lectionary (the same seasonal Sunday readings, that is) we’re hearing a lot of the Gospel of John these days. And that’s a blessing in Easter season: as the last of the four Gospels to be written, John’s represents a mature theology informed by a lot of prayer and reflection on the life and witness of Jesus. Including the famous seven “I am” statements, of which we recently heard “I am the Good Shepherd” and “I am the True Vine.” They’re rich metaphors rooted in an ancient pastoral and agricultural culture, but still entirely understandable to us. Through Jesus, God (the shepherd) cares for us and expects us to bear fruit (the vine).

On these two poles—God as the one who feeds us and keeps us safe, and God as the one who expects us to be fruitful for the good of others—hang all of our lives as people of faith. We are human and vulnerable, so we need assurance that we are loved and cared for. But we also need meaning, which we achieve by doing God’s work in the world. Consider for a moment how you have been cared for this day, this week, this peculiar year. Why not take a moment this Easter season to thank and encourage the people—family and friends and even complete strangers—who make it possible for us to eat and rest and enjoy public health and safety within our communities? They are, after all, the ones who labor to bring God’s abundant fruit to us. And what if we all did that, every day? I suspect the mutuality of thanksgiving would become like a feast, and we’d recognize that the one who said “I am the Bread of Life” is alive in our midst.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Reflection on Sunday’s Readings (John: 15:1-8), by Barbara Zahner, BCC.

Before my Dad died in 2006, he spoke about his dream of a vine. Later, I spoke of Dad’s words to a priest. He responded, “Beautiful! “I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit.” What consolation! Another time, I read that the word “remain” occurs eight times in these eight lines. The commentator added that “remain” also means abide, suffer, and endure. I experimented reading the passage aloud substituting abide, suffer or endure for the word remain. Abide offered comfort. Suffer birthed resolution. Endure provided peace. Regardless of word choice, I experienced interior joy.

The first reading from Acts 9 26-31, speaks of Paul remaining in the Lord despite persecution. His suffering bore good fruit. St Luke writes, “The church... with the consolation of the Holy Spirit, grew.” The second reading (1 John 3:18-24) returns to the word remain: “Those who keep His commandments remain in Him and He in them, and the way we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit he gives us.” How does the Spirit manifest itself? St. Paul answered, listing the fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we be open to pruning to bear good fruit.

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 p.m.; Sunday at 8 am, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Mass in Vietnamese will be on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Indoor Masses will be held at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Mass in Spanish at 2 p.m. Sunday, indoors.

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.

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Village Muslims celebrate Ramadan

By Villager Hasan Z. Rahim

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk (no food or drink, not even water) to learn humility, compassion, and gratitude for God’s blessings, deserved and undeserved—began on April 12 this year and ends on May 12. The Evergreen Islamic Center, about a mile from The Villages, is the mosque that Muslims in the Evergreen Area attend (in limited numbers, masked and maintaining social distance due to Covid-19) to pray and reflect on their lives in order to serve God and their fellow Americans.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘Providence’

By Chapel Lay Board President, Doug Canepa

“Providence” is a word that is not frequently used. Providence is defined as, “God’s foreseeing care and guidance, omnisciently directing the universe and the affairs of humankind with wise benevolence; the manifestation of divine care.” Simply put, embedded in “Providence” is the word “provide.” However, this unique provision is accomplished by divine means. What a wonderful comfort to be assured of God’s providence in our life and He is our provider!

I recall memories of the past when God showed up in my life and showed off His divine care. He brought back to remembrance things in the past that seemed so inconsequential at the moment, but there was no doubt that God’s hand was present.

The Bible speaks about listening to the still small voice. For me, that voice came through a broken garage door handle that was frustratingly inoperable for months. Then suddenly, for no apparent reason, the internal mechanism of the doorknob just started working again! How can that be? I supposed that the God of the universe, who knows what hairs that I still have left on my head, could probably also fix a broken doorknob! Now each time I go through the door, and it closes, I say thank you Jesus! If this had been an isolated incident then it could arguably be dismissed as just mere coincidence but God’s Providence has been overwhelming revealed by His wise benevolence and loving care, to me over, and over again.

At Easter Services, pastor Tim (EVC church), spoke of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The women who came to the tomb that Easter morning, unknowingly spoke with the risen Christ. He told the women to let the disciples know, “and Peter,” that the tomb was empty. Pastor Tim referred to these two words, “and Peter,” as profound words of grace, spoken in the garden to comfort Peter. Providence could have been easily exchanged, because Jesus manifested His divine care toward Peter, who had denied even knowing Jesus. Through the voice of these women Jesus lovingly comforted Peter’s guilty heart.

If we listen to the voice of the risen Christ, we will know that His providence is far greater than anything we can ever imagine.

Thank you, Jesus, while yet I am a sinner, that you died to pay the price for my sin to provide eternal life through your providential care.

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

By Arnold Pinck

President Marilyn Goldsmith received the following email:

“You just *have* to join the Villages Jewish Group,” said my friend when she heard we were moving to The Villages.

Even though I am not orthodox or deeply observant I have always embraced and been proud of being Jewish. Will they want me?

“Of course,” she said, “It’s not all about that, it’s so much more.”

She was right. I checked out the Villages Jewish Group and found myself being welcomed to a wonderful group of people. Everyone has a different level of observance but we all share a common bond. The monthly Friday night services, with our amazing Rabbi are open to all, even though since we moved here last year they have been on zoom, they still make me feel part of the group.

We moved in two weeks before lockdown but were still recipients of the welcoming shabbat challah given to all new members on their first shabbat. What a lovely and welcoming idea.

But there is so much more, of course some of the events are on hold until lockdown lets us open up more. They have Good and Welfare, one of my favorites, where members ensure that any member in the group who needs comfort due to illness, bereavement or just wants someone to talk to can receive it, phone calls to check in on people, rides for shopping or doctor visits, and so it goes on. Education events where topics of Jewish interest are discussed and learnt from. Giving back to our community, donating to charities such as Second Harvest and others.

And of course, food, what is a Jewish Group without food. Brunches, dinners, lunches and parties. Being able to join together to celebrate special holidays, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukah and more.

Why am I telling you all of this, because there is so much to the Jewish Group that you have to find out for yourself, we would love to have more members and if you are interested please join us at one of our services or events or contact If you would like more information about the Villages Jewish Group, contact Joyce Mendel at emendel2@gmail.com.

Our next service is on May 21. It will be led by Rabbi Jaymee Alper of, Beth David.

SPORTS NEWS

SWINGERS

By Virginia Myatt

April 20 was as we expected sunny but windy. We are waiting for the wind to stop.

It was pretty as usual and course was in great shape thanks to our Bandini Group.

We have seven new members already in 2021 They are: Lois Hayes, Paulette Wrightson, Carol Quakenbush, Ruth Orlandi, Barbara Sunseri, Teddy Morse, and Marge Pritchard. Welcome them.

Which brings us to the great news that starting July 1 we will return to standard operations with tournaments permitted and weekly sweeps.

We will have normal holes, sand seed mix, benches, ball washers and shoe cleaners.

The Swingers shotgun will resume July 6 at 8:30 a.m. Single rider golf carts are encouraged. The next Swingers BOD meeting will be held via zoom on May 3. Call Wendy for call-in details.

Upcoming exchanges, Open days, and Invitationals:

May 13 Elk Grove Valley Hi Invitational

May 19 El Macero CC Open Day

May 20 Yolo Fliers GCC Open Day

Sign up on our website at [HTTP://swingers9.org/away-games-registration-form/](http://swingers9.org/away-games-registration-form/)

Along with Spring comes geese families. So cute marching along.

SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

Last week, on Tuesday, we had 26 Shonis come out to play. The following are our flight winners for the day.

First flight: Pauline Robertson, Betty Stednitz, Marty Blinde.

Second flight: Sally Nichols, Julianna Wahlgren, Andrea Alvarez, Delma Juarez, Kacy Walden.

Third flight: Kathy Tanaka, Fran Schumaker, Tahera Khalil.

Congratulations to all of you.

The Shonis have added a new chairperson to our list of club chairs. Please meet our new membership chairperson, Bonnie Evans. As the Shoni Captain last year, she navigated 11 new Shonis into our membership during the COVID-19 lockdown. It certainly was no easy task given all the state and county restrictions. I think we can all agree that she is eminently qualified for the job. Welcome aboard to your new position, Bonnie.

The Shonis enjoy meeting new ladies and playing with them on the Par 3 course. Whether you are a beginner, a rusty golfer just returning or a working woman, there is a place for you.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Shonis, give Bonnie Evans a call at 408-504-7958 or Fran Schumaker at 408-355-3270. Everyone, have a great week. Take care and stay safe.

BOCCE NEWS



By Marcy Boyles

Well, Bocce players, *finally* something we can celebrate. By now, you have signed up for a team to play in the Break Away Tournament starting May 17. George Paris will be hosting a zoom captain meeting soon. Just be aware, no spectators may come. Maybe, soon.

Michael Sunzeri will be announcing a referee training soon. Look for that announcement.

Bocce Bash still not back. Hopeful that it will be soon, also.

As of now, we have 448 members. Our court benches will be sanded and stained soon.

More history: It was Giusseppe Garibaldi, who while unifying and nationalizing Italy, popularized the sport as it is known today. Bocce frequently lost and gained popularity throughout the ages. In 1896, during a resurgence of popularity, the first Bocce Olympiad was held in Athens, Greece. Bocce has been a part of international sports ever since.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Barbara Weisend

Correction: On April 15, Kathy Apgar won the putting contest with 29 putts.

We had a tournament! The theme was Earth Day and tie dye was worn by some; Cha Cha Cha was the game. The winners were:

Flight One: 1st = Leisy, Bell, Krattli, Wilk

2nd = Varenkamp, Hallock, Gonzales, Apgar

3rd = Doughty, MCGowan, Besmehn, Rube

Flight Two: 1st = Davies-White, Rozewicz, Herdman, Crosslin

2nd = Nielsen, Kiernan, Zaccheo, Gallegos

3rd = Miller, Harsany, Bindon, Blind draw

Things are slowly getting back to normal. Our first major championship tournament—the Handicap Tournament—is scheduled to begin on May 6. The deadline to sign up is April 30. If you have not yet signed up, e-mail Judy Owen at judyowen@gmail.com. Questions? Call Judy at (408)839-7466.

Some good news: Shotguns are scheduled to return July 1.

Some dates are being adjusted. The Past Captain's Appreciation Day will be moved to the fall. Beat the Pro has been re-scheduled for July 29. Currently we are planning our Gourmet Invitational Tournament for August 12 and 13.

Hole-in-One: Geri Wilk at Spring Valley

Eagle: Helen Varenkamp (#16)

Amazing—Asako Nakamura shot her age—93. Congratulations!

Low Putts: Chris Leisy with 26 putts

Birdies: Saturday, April 17 = Holly Magowan (#18), Diana Hallock (#1) Thursday, April 22 = Janet Gonzales (#2 & #4), Monica Saneholtz (#2), Kathy Kyne (#2), Patti Hayes (#4), Bette Samdahl (#4), Lyn Strong (#9), Karen Davidsen (#11)

Chip-ins: Edie Herbst (#9), Loanne Rube (#12), Monica Saneholtz (#13), Judy Rodriguez (#15)



Earth day tournament, golfers wore tie-dye. Left to right: Kerry Besmehn, Loanne Rube, Dianne Doughty.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Strategies

By Joyce Kludt

Hello Village Pickleballers! I just learned that the average number of reservations on our courts per week is 60! It is exciting that our brand new courts are getting so much use by our energetic pickleballers! Please give pickleball a try if you haven't! Contact Mike Walias at mjw0275@yahoo.com for a demo to see if you like it.

Would you like to improve your strategy while playing your favorite game? Here are just a few tips to get you started:

1. Never run backward to get a ball, as it is easy to get injured. Turn and run back or shuffle sideways to avoid trips or falls.

2. Warm up before playing. Pickleball is active, so stretch for a few minutes before play.

3. Get your serve in. It's better to have a soft serve and develop lobs or fast serves later. If you practice trickier serves during a game and miss the serve, you lose the opportunity to score points.

4. Keep the volley going. Yes, it's fun to slam a ball, but if you hit the net, you lose the point. Be patient...the perfect opportunity will arise.

5. Try to get to the net. The most effective place to stand is close to the kitchen line. You can volley, smash, and dink from here. Standing far back (except on the initial volley) encourages your opponent to dink it over the net, hitting a shot you can't reach (unless you're an Olympic sprinter!)

6. Keep your eye on the ball, in order to hit more accurately.

7. Communicate with your partner. They might not realize a shot is going out of bounds.

8. Learn to dink. Being able to tap the ball over the net when a hot volley is going is fun strategy!

9. Everyone makes bad shots...don't dwell on them!

10. Stay calm and **have fun!**

The good old days of pickleball are yesterday, today, and tomorrow!



Clouds and chilly morning weather can't keep diehard Villages Pickleball fans off the court!

Bocce Club Breakout Tournament



“Modified, One Time Only”

Six weeks—Monday, May 17 through Thursday, July 1

Four Member Team, including Captain. Must be a club member to participate.

6 ft. distance must be maintained and mask worn at all times. **No spectators allowed.**

One 50-minute game, played each week. Clean all equipment used and leave immediately.

Sign up for team members with designated Captain (please include contact info for each team member and name of team). Individuals can sign up also, please include your contact information and you will be assigned to a team.

Last day to sign up is Wednesday, April 28. Please indicate first, second and third choice for day/time. Go to villagesbocceclub.com for forms!

Days for Tournament games are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Time choices for each day 10 to 10:50 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. 3 to 3:50 p.m.

Captains Meeting will be held via Zoom on May 3 at 1 p.m. (Info will be sent to each Captain regarding ID for meeting.)

Friday morning times are reserved for makeup games.

Referees will be appointed for each game by the Tournament Director. Questions can be directed to Tournament Director, George Paris, email geonio68@gmail.com or phone at 510-396-2925 or Jeanne Anne Whitacre, email jawhitacre@live.com or phone 650-493-3638.

Updated Golf Course Walking Hours

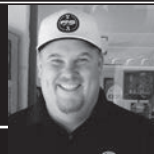
Monday before 12 p.m. and at dusk

Tuesday-Sunday before 7 a.m. and after dusk

Please remember that golfers have the right of way at all times on the golf course.

If you are walking during golfing hours than you will be asked to leave the golf course for safety purposes. Please be safe.

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 through June 30, 2021

-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

-No Unaccompanied Guests permitted, and One Guest per Residence maximum

-No Outside Tournaments permitted

-Resident Guests only permitted after 12 p.m. daily

-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**

*** A Guest may ride with a Resident if the cart has a partition between riders**

New Driving Range Mats – Old Range Mats for Sale—On behalf of the Pro Shop Staff and all Villages golfers, we would like to thank the Evergreen Villages Foundation – EVF – for donating half of the cost of the fifteen new Driving Range mats. They have a very nice grass-like feel to them, and they are easier on the body's joints. The feedback from all of the golfers is that they really enjoy and appreciate the new Driving Range mats. The generosity of the EVF has enhanced the golfer experience at The Villages!

For anyone interested, we are selling the old driving range mats. Their dimensions are 5'x5'. If interested, please contact the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220, extension #1 for details. We will help you load up your range mat upon purchase.

Summer Rules—We are currently playing Summer Rules, please play the ball as it lies.

Golf instruction is back! Both instructor and student wear face coverings and maintain a safe social distance throughout the lesson.

Golf Lesson Contact Information: Call or email **PGA Instructor Tim Flanagan** at flanagolf@aol.com or 408-209-4653. Call or email **PGA Director of Golf Scott Steele** at ssteele@the-villages.com or 408-274-3220.

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!

Golf Carts—If you are in need of a golf cart, please call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension #1 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!

New Pro Shop Merchandise + Great Buys—New COBRA RAD SPEED, New CALLAWAY EPC SPEED & EPIC MAX, COBRA & CALLAWAY DEMOS Available Now – Inquire at the Pro Shop, New Puma shoes and clothing for men and women.

SALE – All Titleist Headwear \$16.99 (Regularly \$29.99)

Tips from the Pro – Experimentation Leads to Results

A round of golf is very dynamic and will throw many different scenarios at you. Your ball might be stuck behind a tree, on a steep uphill lie, or catch an awkward lie in the greenside rough. This is exactly why you need to make experimentation a part of every practice session. Do you ever practice recovery shots? Well you should... You see, golf is the only sport in which you do not practice and play on the same field. In baseball, you practice on the same diamond you play games on, in swimming you practice in the same pool that you swim meets in, and in football you practice on the same field on which you play the games. But in golf, we practice at a driving range off fake grass, and we chip and putt on a green with a dozen holes cut into it. And we usually have many, many golf balls when we practice, which we all know is not the reality of golf. Therefore in order to make golf practice truly useful, we need to experiment a bit. So try different things when you practice to simulate those scenarios you will ultimately have to face on the course. Tap in to that experimental and creative side that you have. And although we do not practice golf on the golf course that we play on, experimenting will go a long way.

Here are some examples of things you can try:

1. Try hitting low punch shots with your 4-iron (like hitting from under a tree), or try hitting hooks or slices with your 6-iron (like hitting around a tree), or try hitting a very high shot with your 9-iron (like hitting over a tree).

2. Throw some balls in the deepest part of the rough around the practice green and try to dig them out and chip them close.

3. Bury a ball in the face of a bunker and climb in and hit it out onto the green.

Figuring out how to alter your technique and adapt to difficult scenarios will prove invaluable during your rounds! And you can accomplish this by practicing and experimenting on them first. Most golf tips don't discuss what happens when things go wrong on the course, but all great golfers know how to deal with all kinds of adversity. So the next time you practice, experiment a little, think outside the box, and practice things you can actually use on the golf course to help you score better.



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MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

We received some long awaited and very good news last week regarding The Villages Golf Parameters, permitting family and friends to play golf at The Villages. Four household groups –foursomes of any kind are again permitted.

This does mean tournaments! The tournament committee members are currently meeting and are in the planning stages to finalize the upcoming events for the remainder of the 2021 season. We will be posting a lot more exciting news very soon, so we can all plan accordingly.

Upcoming Events:

Home & Home: There are still openings for the next **Home & Home to be hosted at Blackhorse** on Thursday, May 13, 2021. We will tee off at 1 p.m. (check-in 11:30-12:30) Allow time for range and putting green. The bar area is open for breakfast/lunch prior, for purchase.

Format: Best 2 of 4 balls (4 places paid). Dinner & Drink to follow after play is completed.

Cost: \$95 per player. Price includes golf, range, individual carts, full sit down, socially distanced plate dinner/drink/dessert, and prizes

All Covid-19 protocol must be adhered to (masks and social distancing). Allotment: 20 players per club. This is a great track and a lot of fun, so please reach out to Mike Tuft as soon as possible to get your name on the roster.

Spring Open: The Spring Open is going to take place on Saturday, May 22. All the scheduling and format information will be posted after May 1. You're going to want to be a part of this.

Eagles and Age Shooters: To all of you who are fortunate enough to record an **Eagle or to be an Age Shooter**, you will be prominently recognized in the Villager, right after the monthly VGMC meeting is held.

HIOs will be posted in the Villager at time they occur.

We have had several eagles and age shooters this month, so stay tuned.

And if you're lucky enough to witness one of the occurrences, please notify **Ken Peters**, or the **Pro Shop**. The Pro shop knows to forward the information to Ken.

Golf Thoughts: "It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. It took one afternoon on the golf course." — Hank Aaron, owner of 755 home runs and one amazing golf quote.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Unanticipated fallout of the pandemic has been a gain for the Villages. As life throws you lemons, Gerhard and Mary Ringel made lemonade. As the coronavirus was surging last year, Mary and Gerhard thought it best to close their eight treatment room day spa in Capitola where their guests could lounge the day away. The pandemic put a stop to that. At the same time, the real estate market was favorable for sellers and buyers so they sold their house in Santa Cruz near the beach and semi-retired to The Villages seven months ago.

Mary is a certified Massage Therapist specializing in therapeutic sports massage and Gerhard found his new calling as a highly skilled handyman for the past six years. He loves his new occupation.

The Ringels are no strangers to the Villages. They bought a condo in the Cribari Village in 2002 for Mary's mom to live in so she could be close to them while they lived in Evergreen. They had both worked in the high tech industry over 20 years when Gerhard was suddenly laid off and Mary's mom passed away. So they decided to rent the condo out and eventually sold it when they moved to Santa Cruz. Being empty nesters after their two daughters and son went off to college and married, they decided to move to Los Gatos near Mary's work. That was in 2007, and that is when Mary's tennis life began.

Mary decided she needed to take up a sport since her tech job was so sedentary. She joined the courtside club and was pulled into their tennis program, even setting her up as a team captain. She then fell in love with tennis! But with so much tennis, Mary developed tennis elbow, and the medical profession didn't seem to have the answer. So Mary decided to try and solve the problem herself and learned about trigger point therapy. To learn more about muscles and sport injury, Mary became a certified massage therapist! She is hoping to find a place nearby where she can practice again as she knows many of her clients are hoping to once again receive the benefit of her therapeutic massage.

And I say, welcome to the Villages Tennis Club Mary and Gerhard!



Mary Ringel

PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

The weather was holding fine on the 23rd so the game was on. (It's sprinkling now as I write this article). We had a total of 14 players so the treasury is due for a hit.

Our weekly winners are:

First place goes to John Mueller with another fine net 32.

Second place goes to Frank Garcia with a net 36.

Third place produced a tie between Jack Bindon, Larry Milligan, Tak Okabe and Don Lee, all with a net 38.

Since the next play-day will occur on the 30th, the first day of the Member-Member tournament, I checked with Scott and found that the morning is blocked off for the tournament but the afternoon **Pinseeker** tee time block after 12 p.m. will still be available. Word to the wise, there will be no play prior to 12 p.m. noon, **and get that tee time on Chelsea if you want to play.**

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 fifteen 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 22, 2021, began sunny but with a pretty cold breeze. But the weather warmed and it turned into another great day for golf. We had another good turnout and the results are as follows:

First place there was a two-way tie between Prakash Deshmukh and Bill Travis, each with a net score of 25.

Second place there was a two-way tie between Al Bruno and Dave Hathaway, each with a net score of 27.

Third place there was another two-way tie between Chuck Benjamin and Rob Boyles, each with a net score of 28.

There were 5 birdies today: Dave Hathaway had two, one on hole 3 and another on hole 5. Jack Bindon on hole 9. Marion Silva on hole 9. Al Bruno on hole 2.

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

Deep thoughts:

"I'd like to see the fairways more narrow. Then everybody would have to play from the rough, not just me." Seve Ballesteros, winner of three British Opens and two Masters

"A ball will always come to rest half-way down a hill, unless there is sand or water at the bottom." - Henry Beard, Humorist

Culture of Care – Message from the VGC

#leavethecourseinbettershapethanyoufoundit – this is the motto of our Culture of Care for our golf courses. The Villages has begun a program of allowing one outside player per household to play golf accompanied by a Villager. Management is striving toward full re-opening with a projected date of July 1. With outside players starting to come back, we want to begin a program of educating both Villager golfers, and those from the outside, about taking care of our beautiful assets. This is accomplished by first learning the basics of care:

- Carry and use bandini mix on divots.
- Repair ball marks on the greens properly by working around the rim of the divot with your tool, then push the grass towards the center, and gently tamp down the repaired ball mark with your putter).
- Fix *any* unrepaired ball mark if you have time before putting (as the previous player obviously didn't see the mark, right?)
- When rakes are back, properly repair the sand trap after hitting your shot. Knock the sand off your shoes and club before going to the green.
- Don't drive carts near the traps, greens or tee boxes. Keep carts on paths as much as possible.
- Use the 90-degree rule to go to your ball, as this keeps carts on the path and off the turf.

Please help keep The Villages golf courses in good shape by doing your part, and we are asking that you remind your guests about our Culture of Care, too. After all, members are responsible for their guests' behavior. #leavethecourseinbettershapethanyoufoundit



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/3-5/7.

5551—Utility room repairs in progress.

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

5384-5387 C. Crest—Replacement of water main in progress.

Del Lago

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

Estates

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

Fairways

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

Glen Arden

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/14-6/18.

7724—Interior repairs in progress.

Heights

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/7-6/11.

8454—Dry rot repairs in planning.

Hermosa

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/7-6/11.

8067—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Highland

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

Dead missing plant replacements in progress at various locations.

7676-7679—Main water line replacement in progress.

Montgomery

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/31-6/4.

6282—Sewer line replacement in progress.

Olivas

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

Dead/missing plant replacement in progress at various locations.

Lomas Azules—Jet mulch installation in progress.

8713-8716—Sewer line repairs in progress.

Sonata

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

Valle Vista

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

Dry Creek Area—Repair 3 benches in common area in progress.

Verano

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

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Sur Verano—Jet mulch installation in progress.

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.

Seasonal flowers bed replacement in progress throughout the districts.

Turf fertilization in progress throughout the districts.

Club Centers

Clubhouse, Tennis Courts and Driving Range—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

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.

Turf fertilization in progress throughout the Club Properties.

Vineyard, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Pool Shower Etiquette Reminder

Due to current health department guidelines the only shower available at the pool is the sole outdoor shower; and it is for rinsing only. We are asking pool and spa patrons to keep their use of this shower brief so more people can use it. Any additional cleaning routine or other shower behavior beyond rinsing should be done at home. Also, please ensure your swimwear is properly covering you while rinsing to avoid accidental exposure. Thank you for being courteous to your fellow residents and staff.

Table tennis...

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includes a box to check if you have previously completed the waiver. Our staff will verify this before enabling you to see the reservation page. This process should be completed the same day or by the next business day. You can also call 408-223-4636 to request access if you have previously completed the waiver.

How do I make a reservation?

You can reserve times on the Resident Portal or by calling the COVID Reservation Line at (408) 223-4636. When logged into the Resident Portal hover your mouse over the Reservations option on the Menu and select "Table Tennis Reservations" to access the webpage. Devices with smaller screens will have a Menu button that expands to show this option. As a reminder, each individual will need their own Portal login credentials to make reservations.

Time slots will be available to reserve until 9 a.m. of the same day. Cancelling online is available up to twelve hours before your appointment time. To cancel by phone during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) please call the number above.

What do I need to do after my reservation is made?

- Familiarize yourself with the Re-opening Safety Guidelines for this facility available on the Resident Portal or upon request from Community Activities.

- Keep an eye on your health. If you develop COVID-like symptoms or come in contact with someone who has COVID-19 please cancel your appointment right away and consult with a medical professional.

- On the day of your appointment wear a mask and show your Villages ID to the designated room metering observer to check-in. Masks are required at all times unless you are exempt per health department guidelines.

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OBITUARY

Jane Ballenger Morse

February 22, 1931 – March 25, 2021



Jane Ballenger Morse passed away peacefully in her home on March 25, 2021, surrounded by her family. Janie was born in Southern California where her parents, Joe Ballenger and Ferol Valentine Ballenger, raised her along with her brothers, Joe and Patrick.

Janie's parents owned a 3-acre nursery in Huntington Beach, CA specializing in philodendrons and this is where Janie's passion for plants developed. This love of nurturing plants later inspired her to start The Plant People in Newport Beach, CA. Janie successfully ran this business until she retired and relocated to San Jose, CA in 2000 to be close to family.

Janie met and married Gene Allen McNeil, aka "The Love of her Life" in 1950. They had two children, Jody McNeil and Timothy Gene McNeil. Janie and Gene adored their daughter and son, and raised them in Malibu, CA. Janie and Gene subsequently divorced, but remained lifelong dear friends. Janie later remarried Arthur Harold Morse in 1974. Janie and "Hal" were married until his passing in 2005.

Janie was an avid tennis player, loved the beach and any outdoor activity. Janie loved to volunteer and was active with Meals On Wheels, the Red Cross, the Library and the Medical Auxiliary. She was also a member of many clubs at The Villages where she lived.

Janie will always be remembered for her infectious smile, quick-witted humor and joyful heart. She was fiercely loyal to her family and friends, and her ability to always see life from a positive perspective was truly beautiful.

Janie is survived by her son Timothy McNeil of Los Gatos; grandson Ethan (Wendy) Ramirez, great-grandchildren: Ceana and Kaimana Ramirez of San Jose.

BRIDGE HAND

By J.M.K.

NORTH

♠ K 8 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ K 6 3

EAST

♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ Q 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 9 7 5 2

WEST

♠ Q 9 3
♥ A 10 7 5 3
♦ K 8 2
♣ 8 4

SOUTH

♠ A J 5
♥ K J 9
♦ A 9 5 4
♣ A Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerability: Both sides

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

Contract: 3 NoTrump by South
Opening lead: 5 of Hearts

Dealer has a has 2 Spade winners, maybe a Heart winner, 1 or more Diamonds, and 3 Club winners.
Strategy: The lead really helps the dealer. He needs to set up the Diamonds and not allow East to have the lead. He must finesse the Diamonds through East. If West has the King of Diamonds, he can't set up the Hearts without giving South another Heart trick.

West leads the 5 of Hearts, East, the Queen, South the King, switches to the Jack of Clubs, overtakes it with the King on the board, plays the Queen of Diamonds, and West takes the trick with the King. He leads a Club, South takes the trick with the Queen, switches to the Ace of Diamonds, continues with a Diamond to the Jack on the board, follows with the 10 of Diamonds, then plays the King of Spades. He now leads a Spade to the Ace in his hand, next leads the Ace of Clubs, then the Jack of Spades, and West wins with the Queen. He now has two cards left, the Ace and 10 of Hearts, and plays the Ace, then the 10, and South takes the trick with the Jack. Great! The contract is made with one overtrick.

* South has 20 HCP with a flat hand and opens 2 NoTrump. North knows that his partner has an evenly distributed hand with 20 or 21 HCP and bids game since he has no 4 card major and enough points to bid game and not enough points to suggest something more than game.

Catholic Community

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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 408-274-4521. 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.

Newcomers to the Villages: If you are a newcomer, and Catholic, please register at the St. Francis of Assisi office, or online at sfoasj.com

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

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.

PUZ-LER

This week's PUZ-LER: Here in The Villages we have a lot of very educated people so this puzzle should be a breeze. If you were an English teacher you will have an edge. And here we go.

There is three errors in this sentence. You are a winner if you can tell me all three and you will do that by emailing me, Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com. Remember to include your name and to put the word "puzzle" in the subject line.

A couple weeks ago we went from difficult to a little easier. The two men who played checkers and each won the same number of games were not playing each other. There are no draws in checkers. The winners were Tom Moore, Fred Mathis, Harriet Fernandez, Don Fernandez, Claude A, Phyllis A, Larry Broderick, Peter Groot and Janet (ah ha) Mize. Good job!

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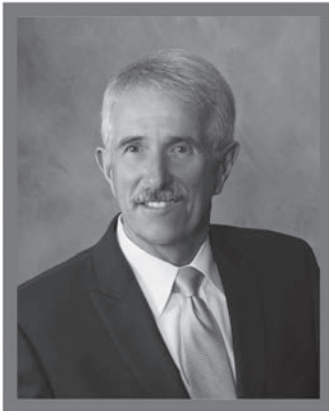
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