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The News this Week

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- **Hobby Rooms; Table Tennis update**
- **Tier restrictions may be lifted in June**
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Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Hot Tickets

Cancelled until further notice

Channels 26 & 27

Community TV channels:

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

- **Candidates' Night**
- **Keep Fit with Mwezo**
- **Keep Fit with Hartmut**

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Hobby Rooms and Table Tennis Update

Santa Clara County is now officially in the Minimal (Yellow) Tier. There will be no changes to any of our current protocols; however, the maximum capacity for our indoor facilities will double. We will update our reservation system to show the increased capacity levels beginning on Monday, May 24, 2021.

What are the new limits?

In addition to the metering observer, the number of residents each Hobby Room can accommodate per reservation will be: Billiards Room (8 residents), Ceramics Room (4 residents) Woodshop (2 residents) and Art Room (6 residents). We are also increasing the maximum reservations per person to two sessions per week for the Billiards Room, the Ceramics Room and the Art Room. The Woodshop reservation limit will remain as one session per week due to the small capacity of the space and the demand that we have experienced.

In addition to the metering observer, Table Tennis can now accommodate 8 players per session allowing for doubles play. We are also increasing the maximum reservations per person to two sessions per week.

How can I make a reservation?

You can reserve times when logged into the Resident Portal or by calling the COVID Reservation Line at 408-223-4636. Time slots for the Hobby Rooms and Table Tennis will be available until 9 a.m. of the date you are trying to reserve. Cancelling online is available up to twelve hours before your appointment time. To cancel by phone please call the number above.

Tier Restrictions may be lifted June 15 – Then what?

The magic date of June 15 is less than a month away. Governor Newsom is expected to lift the public health colored tier restrictions in mid-June. What happens next? After conferring with state and county officials recently, the answer is—we won't know until it happens. At this time there is no information available. It is possible Santa Clara County will once again impose county-wide ordinances of some kind. It is possible the State of California will have some general requirements. It is anticipated that face coverings may be required indoors. It is anticipated that there may be capacity limits at some types of events. Until the new orders are published, it remains an unknown. Once we are aware of the changes, we will begin the process to re-open facilities. This may be a labor-driven decision. Lack of available labor may impede re-opening. Many local businesses are impacted by a labor shortage.

There also has been conflicting information regarding face coverings. Wearing face coverings is still required in most instances by the State of California. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

The CDC may offer a conflicting recommendation. "In deference to local authorities, the CDC said vaccinated Americans must continue to abide by existing state, local, or tribal laws and regulations, and follow local rules for businesses and workplaces."

County's Health Officer's new Order

On May 18, 2021, the Santa Clara County Health Officer issued a new order establishing focused safety measures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many of the previous restrictions are no longer necessary because there is widespread vaccination and fewer cases of COVID-19 in the community. However, it is critical that more people get vaccinated and that unvaccinated people continue to take appropriate safety measures. Therefore, the new Order requires employers to determine who in a workplace has been fully vaccinated in order to comply with current and anticipated County and State rules related to COVID-19 safety in the workplace. The new Order goes into effect on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, when the county enters into the Yellow Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

How this affects The Villages:

- Face coverings continue to be required as they have been in the Orange Tier.
- The Villages needs to determine the vaccination status of employees, contractors and volunteers.
- The State industry guidance determines capacity and if social distancing is required.
- Golf—no change, social distance if not same household, yes to face coverings.
- Food & Beverage—no change—still 50 percent capacity and all other protocols remain the same.
- Swim Pool/Spa—no change, one person per lane, social distance on deck and one household in spa, max two residents—yes to metering employee.
- Bocce—same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households – yes to Designated Participant (DP).
- Tennis—same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households – yes to DP.
- Pickleball—same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households—yes to DP.
- Hobby Rooms—capacity 50 percent, otherwise same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households—yes to metering observer.
- Table Tennis—capacity 50 percent, doubles okay, otherwise same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households—yes to metering observer.
- Gazebo Park—gatherings—at 100 outdoors, two hours—same—face coverings plus social distance when with other households—yes to DP.



Although Santa Clara County has moved into the less restrictive Yellow Tier, it is important that you continue wearing your masks, washing your hands and maintaining social distancing as before.

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.

8 Pulse letters received this week.
2 Pulse letters withdrawn by author
2 Pulse letters deferred.
4 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

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

Both Club fees and Association dues are going down next fiscal year for most Villages. In my case about \$40 per month, yet there is a website involved in our current election which shows my Olivas dues/fees going up by about \$130. I believe this scary misinformation must be called out. I have lived in Olivas for 17+ years. I have been recording in an Excel spreadsheet my HOA fees/dues. Here is my analysis. There are four components of our fees/dues. Club Operating and Reserves and Association Operating and Reserves. Over my 17+ fiscal years, the Club Fees have grown by a compound rate of 4.09 percent even with adding the Bistro, moving and expanding the Fitness Center a lot plus lots more equipment, and the very popular Pickleball Courts, which have all increased the Club operating expenses; Olivas HOA Fees have grown by 3.97 percent. I do not believe those growth rates are outrageous, especially when compared to the growth in Santa Clara County. In my opinion Club fees should go down for the following two fiscal years due to the possible forgiveness of the Government Pandemic (PPP) loan and the payoff of the solar loan.

—Don Fernandez

I loved playing ping-pong (or table-tennis for the millennials among us) at the Montgomery room. The late hours were the preferred time of our top players and quite a few of them were patient enough to help me improve my game. Many folks don't know that ping-pong is a very aerobic exercise, a lot of eye-hand coordination while your feet are literally bouncing around. You break a sweat and often need to sit down to catch your breath. During summer, I'd leave around 9:13 p.m., head to the shower next door, and ready myself for the final delicacy: the hot spa, a 14'x14' steaming square with steps and handlebars in the middle of one side and a max occupancy sign displaying a number that no reasonable sitting arrangement would satisfy. There you have a trick question for candidates to the CBOD. I, and sometimes fellow spa-goers too, stayed there until asked to leave by Security around 10 p.m. As is often the case when writing about happiness, verbs go in the past tense. We're seldom aware we're having it at the very moment it's occurring. When it comes to happiness, our hindsight is 20/20 (and indeed it was 2020).

—Leo Riener

I am responding to recent promotional material delivered regarding the current election of the new CBOD and ABOD. I appreciate the Q&A that is in *The Villager* and also the videos of Candidates' Night, available on "The Villages Portal" as these vehicles provide the residents a good way to hear firsthand the positions and ideas the candidates offer to help us all in governing our community. What I look for in candidates is those that have positive focused ideas and are independent thinkers on solutions to the challenges that face us all living here. What I do not appreciate is the sense of group-think that is represented by the two groups that seem to want to take control of the boards for motivations that may not benefit us all. Managing our community is hugely complex for some reasons I do not agree with, but I accepted upon moving here five years ago. I do not want to live in a controlled environment with an underlying agenda, which seems to be the case currently by these groups.

—George Muller

(More Pulse on next page)

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

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

POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Barbara Clurman at 347-451-5309, Sue Callahan 408-238-2413, Jeanette Campa 408-661-0203, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Jane Derow 408-440-0665, Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432, and Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *The Villager* display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

EPC SEZ..

Did you know that gas stations may not be able to pump gas if there is a widespread power outage? Be prepared by keeping your fuel tank at least half full at all times.

—The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee



The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)

If you have an uplifting comment to share about some aspect of life at The Villages, please email your contribution to Villager Associate Editor Kory Tran: ktran@the-villages.com, Villager Managing Editor Scott Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com or submit it in the Villager Article Submission area on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/villager/artsub/

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES

Pulse letter deadline is Thursday

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

The deadline for Pulse letters is now 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. We hope that this will result in more Pulse letters printed quickly. Any letters received after the deadline will be reviewed for inclusion in the next edition of *The Villager*.

—Communications Advisory Committee

Please submit Pulse letters in digital form only

Since Building B is closed, Pulse letters are only being accepted in digital form.

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

Memorial Day classified ad deadline Candidates' Night posted online and aired on Channel 27

Classified ads for the **June 3** edition of *The Villager* will be due on **Friday, May 28** instead of the usual Monday.

This earlier deadline is because *The Villager* office (as well as the other Villages business offices) will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

Please send classified ads to Adrienne Reed at areed@the-villages.com or Kory Tran at ktran@the-villages.com.

MORE PULSE (Continued from page 2)

I was happy to see that many of the FY22 Club Assessment Components decreased, in my opinion, primarily due to COVID-19 shutdown but was disappointed that the Fitness Center assessment actually increased by 11 percent from \$2.22 to \$2.44. Annually, the Fitness Center budget increases from \$67.6K (\$2.22 X 2536 households X 12 months) to \$74.25K. It is hard to understand this increase since the Fitness Center has been closed to Villagers for more than a year.

—Wayne Weiler

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY
NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 6, 7 & 12
CANDIDATE PAGES 16 to 23

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.

Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

Per an amendment to California Civil Code, homeowner associations are permitted, with owner's written consent, to distribute annual disclosures, (like the pro forma budget summary) and other specified association documents to owners via electronic mail, facsimile, or other electronic means (such as posting on the association's website) instead of sending those documents out by regular mail or personal delivery. This has the potential to provide cost savings to The Villages. Delivery and postage costs for the Villages' annual distribution of the pro forma budget summary alone are close to \$1,000, not to mention the paper and printing costs.

In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are available for viewing.

Consent forms for owners to request delivery of documents have been developed for both The Villages Association and Homeowners Corporations. These forms provide an owner's consent to electronic delivery of documents that are capable, under current laws, of being distributed electronically. Owners have the right to revoke this request and receive "hard copies" of the documents by sending a written revocation signed by the owner, to the applicable corporation.

Forms of owner's written consent are available in Business Administration Buildings A and B, and on The Villages web site, <http://www.thevillagesgcc.com> (Click on *Resident Info* and then Click on *Resource Files*.)

Joe Civello

for

Club Board Director



He will represent the interests of the Members in making decisions.

He will bring an independent and objective view to goal setting and the settling of disagreements.

He will work to control your assessments without cutting services or amenities.

MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

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

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

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

Missed your Villager?

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

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

THANK YOU

Thanks to fellow Villager Michael Harrington for his help over the last two months during my husband's recovery. He has been a blessing to us.

—Pat/Terry Forsea

Report Coyote Activity

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

- Director of Public Safety Steve Norden at snorden@thevillages.com and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home. Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.



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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of June are due to the Architectural Committee on or before May 21, 2021. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for June 3, 2021.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **May 21, 2021.**

ENCROACHMENTS

The following encroachments have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and the Board of Directors:

- 8712 Lomas Azules Place—Staircase

Owners in the area are invited to comment to the General Manager's office.

Save the Date for these important Zoom events

Annual Meetings of Members

Wednesday, June 9,
at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

via Zoom Teleconferences.

More details to follow in future editions of *The Villager*.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tips for preparing for power outages

Extended power outages may be the result of wildfires, earthquakes or other emergencies and may impact the whole community as well as the economy. In the event of such a power outage, you may be able to reduce some of the impact by being prepared. Review the following tips for ways you can ease potential difficulties.

Prepare NOW before the power goes out.

Take an inventory of items you need that run on electricity.

Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines. Find out how long medication can be stored at higher temperatures and get specific guidance for any critical medications.

Have batteries and other alternatives to meet your needs when the power goes out.

Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.

Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home.

Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last.

Review the supplies that are available in case of a power outage. Have flashlights with extra batteries for every household member. Have enough nonperishable food and water.

Put thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer so that you can know the temperature when the power is restored. Throw out food if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher.

Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.

Survive DURING the outage.

Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for a few hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Monitor temperatures with a thermometer.

Maintain food supplies that do not require refrigeration.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.

Check on your neighbors. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme. (Be aware that community shelters may not be available during the coronavirus emergency.)

Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary "surges" or "spikes" that can cause damage.

Be Safe AFTER the outage.

When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise. If a life depends on the refrigerated drugs, consult a doctor or pharmacist and use medicine only until a new supply is available.

Information from: <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

BOARD MEETINGS

Combined Board Meetings

- 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 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

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

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,
and COMMUNITY NOTICES
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Positive ABOD Changes in 2021

Change for the better takes study, careful planning, and advice from experts. In the past three years, your ABOD has already made the following positive and productive changes:



- ◆ 7 of 12 Villages have 0% HOA increases
- ◆ Overall HOA at 0% increase
- ◆ 5 of 12 Villages HOA increase under 4%
- ◆ Independent Reserve Study now underway
- ◆ Pop-offs mean *no sewer spills inside homes*
- ◆ Presidents' Council-Boards *working together*
- ◆ No roof leaks due to delayed maintenance
- ◆ Streamlined the solar application process
- ◆ Increased communication & presentations
- ◆ More data available on the Resident Portal

David Cook

Diana Hallock

Julie Wash

Already making positives changes for YOU!

Proposed Changes to Rule 1.14 Golf Facilities

At the May 4, Special Open Meeting, the Board approved to publish for 30-day notice, proposed changes to Rule 1.14 Golf Facilities prior to formal approval consideration at the June 29, monthly meeting.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to update the rule as written to reflect some possible new protocols that were introduced over the last year and that were found to be very successful and work better than the old protocols. The goal of these changes is to meet demand and to enhance the resident and guest golf experience at The Villages.

Response to the proposed rule changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the May 25, and June 29, 2021, board meetings, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the May 25, and June 29, 2021, board meetings, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meetings.

Deletions are noted in strikethrough font; additions are underlined.

1.14 GOLF FACILITIES

The golf facilities are defined as the golf Pro Shop, golf courses, golf cart paths, practice putting green, driving range, and practice areas. It is the intent of these Golf Rules to ensure the maximum enjoyment and safety of all golfers at The Villages. All residents are encouraged to become familiar with these rules, and while having consideration for fellow residents, help management in the enforcement of these rules. Cooperation, common sense, and communication among golf players, Villagers, and the professional staff are essential.

The Villages has two separate golf courses, the 18-hole golf course, and the 9-hole Par 3 Course. A resident does not have to be a member of one of The Villages golf organizations to play golf, reserve a tee time, or sponsor guests.

The "golf course," as used in this Rule, includes the courses, cart paths, and rough areas, including areas outside the cart paths up to the out of bounds stakes.

Residents are responsible for the behavior and Rules violations of their guests.

1. Rules Enforcement

The Club Board has authorized the General Manager and his or her designees, including the Director of Golf and the golf staff, to issue citations for alleged violations of this Rule. Some Rule violations may be corrected immediately by the Director of Golf or golf staff. Possible consequences to be imposed by the Board, under Rule 1.71 Enforcement of Non-Traffic Rules, include fines and the suspension of a resident's rights and privileges.

2. General Rules

A. The Club Board and Director of Golf establish fees for use of the golf facilities. These fees are listed on the Villages Golf & Country Club Schedule of Fees and Charges available on the website, in Buildings A & B, and in the Pro Shop.

B. The rules of play, tournaments, and membership in Board-recognized golf groups shall be stated in the handbooks and rosters of these organizations.

C. Guests

1) Guests must obey all Rules, including the dress code, when on the golf course or in the Golf Practice Facilities. The sponsoring resident is responsible for the guests' Rule violations.

2) An **Accompanied Guest** is a one-day guest accompanied by a resident. Any resident may sponsor a maximum of three guests at any one time unless prior permission has been granted by the Director of Golf. Regular guest rates will apply.

3) An **Unaccompanied Guest** is defined as a one-day golfing guest who is sponsored by a resident but is not accompanied by a resident. Only a resident may sponsor unaccompanied guests for play.

4) A **Registered Guest** is defined as a frequent golf guest at The Villages who is sponsored by a resident, who has completed the annual "Registered Guest Application," and paid the \$10 annual fee. A Registered Guest may reserve their own tee times up to seven days in advance, and may play golf independently from the resident. A Registered Guest may bring up to three additional guests; any more must be approved by the Pro Shop staff. The Registered Guest must provide the guests' names in advance to the Pro Shop, which will provide them to Public Safety.

A Registered Guest and their group may be admitted to The Villages, and use The Villages golf practice facilities, only on the day of play, and only if their names are on the Play Sheet, unless otherwise approved by the Pro Shop staff.

Unaccompanied guest rates will apply.

5) All guest groups must include at least one player who is 21 years of age or older. An exception would be a High School golf team practice or match.

D. Residents are encouraged to register their house guests in the Registered Guest program, to take advantage of its benefits.

E.D. A non-resident owner may use the golf facilities upon presentation of a valid non-resident identification card (NR) and payment of a regular guest green fee.

F.E. Pets are not permitted on the golf course. Leashed pets are permitted on the golf course cart paths during "Pedestrians on the Golf Course" hours. Control of pets and other animals is governed by Rule 1.51, Animals and Pets.

G.F. Pedestrians are not permitted on the golf course except during "Non-Golfing Pedestrians on the Golf Course" hours. At all times, pedestrians are permitted on the cart paths immediately adjacent to the golf course restrooms, and the cart path between Fairway Drive and the Clubhouse, as long as it's done safely and respectfully. Pedestrians on the golf courses must comply with Rule 1.02, Traffic Within The Villages.

H.G. The Director of Golf, with the Golf Course Superintendent, shall be the judge of whether the course is playable, whether power carts must remain on the cart paths and whether certain holes shall be closed for maintenance.

A colored flag will be flown to advise golfers of course conditions, as follows:

- 1) Green flag - no restrictions unless hole is marked "cart path only."
- 2) Red flag - riding golf carts are restricted to cart paths.
- 3) Yellow flag - frost delay, all facilities are closed.
- 4) Black flag - all facilities are closed.

I.H. Smoking is prohibited on the Driving Range, Practice Putting Green, and all areas within a 300 foot perimeter of the Pro Shop and Bistro Patio.

J.L. Golfers using the driving range are prohibited from hitting balls over the netting or over 225 yards.

3. Rules of Play

A. USGA Rules and Golf Local Rules established by the Director of Golf shall govern all play.

B. Golf Course Etiquette and Safety

- 1) Golf etiquette must always be observed. Golfers must leave the course in the condition they found it - filling divots, raking the bunkers and replacing the rakes, fixing their ball marks on the greens, and obeying cart directional signs
- 2) All non-tournament golfers are required to depart from the golf course fifteen (15) minutes prior to the announced starting time of a scheduled shotgun tournament. Players who have completed their play shall remain on cart paths and exit to the nearest street.
- 3) The Director of Golf and Golf Professional Staff have the authority and responsibility to decide all disputes that interfere with the orderly progress of the scheduled activities on the golf course.
- 4) Practice is prohibited on the golf course ~~during times of heavy play~~.
- 5) Throwing clubs, hitting when unsafe, and any other unbecoming behavior is prohibited on the golf course and practice areas.
- 6) Foursomes have priority and, if maintaining proper speed of play, are not required to give way to faster-playing foursomes, threesomes, or twosomes. The exception to this rule would be any two-ball match sponsored by one of The Villages golf organizations (such as the Men's Club championship).
- 7) A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.
- 8) When appropriate, slower golfers are asked to move aside and allow faster golfers to play through in a safe manner.

C. Dress Code

This dress code applies to all golfers when using the golf course or practice facilities.

- 1) Acceptable golf attire for MALE golfers:
Shorts at Bermuda length (no cut-offs, swim trunks, tennis or basketball/gym shorts).
Slacks or colored jeans (no blue jeans or sweatpants).
Collared, mock t-neck and turtleneck shirts (no tee shirts or tank tops).
Golf shoes with soft spikes and tennis shoes (no bare feet or flip flops).
Caps and visors with bill facing forward; knit caps.
- 2) Acceptable golf attire for FEMALE golfers:
Shorts or skirts no more than 4 inches above the knee (no cut-offs, tennis shorts, or yoga/spandex shorts).
Slacks and Capris (no sweatpants, leggings, or blue jeans).
Collared or collarless shirts (no bare midriff tee shirts or tank tops).
Golf shoes with soft spikes and tennis shoes (no bare feet or flip flops).
Caps and visors with bill facing forward; knit caps.
- 3) Guests under the age of 13 using the golf facilities are encouraged required to follow the above rules. ~~They may wear T-shirts with non-offensive logos and jeans or pants as approved by the golf professional staff.~~

D. Pro Shop

- 1) Hours of Operation
Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The Pro Shop may open later and close earlier during winter months.
- 2) The Pro Shop and practice center are closed on Christmas Day and at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve.
- 3) In the absence of the General Manager, Assistant General Manager and the Director of Golf, the Pro Shop Assistant will act as the M.O.D. (manager on duty) and may autonomously make decisions pertinent to the overall golf operations.

E. Golf Reservations and Registration

- 1) Golfers may reserve tee times by using the on-line reservation system or by phoning the Pro Shop during its hours of operation.
- 2) All residents and guests must register in the Pro Shop prior to play on either golf course.
No golfer shall play either course without having obtained a starting time and having checked in with the Pro Shop.
- 3) No golf play is permitted prior to the first posted tee time (6:28 a.m. during Daylight Savings/7:00 - 7:28 a.m. during winter months).
- 4) ~~After 5:30 p.m. golfers are asked to register for golf by signing in on the play sheet taped to the Pro Shop door via the "honor system." No guest play may initiate after 5:00 p.m. No rental carts will be issued after 5:00-~~

~~p.m. The last tee time is 6:00 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No play will start after 6:00 p.m. No carts will be issued after 6:00 p.m.~~

- 5) Separate daily fees will be charged for the 18-hole and Par 3 Course, subject to availability.
- 6) A separate daily fee will be charged for playing only nine holes of the 18-hole course.
- 7) Only one starting time per day on the 18-hole course may be assigned in advance for each player. Any additional times may be obtained with the consent of the Director of Golf.
- 8) Each golfer is responsible for their starting time. Please cancel your reservation by calling the Pro Shop if you cannot utilize the tee time. Failure to cancel an unused tee time may result in applicable charges.
- 9) Tee-time reservations for days the course is open for regular play are subject to the following order of priority:
 - a. Residents may reserve fourteen (14) days in advance.
 - b. Residents sponsoring unaccompanied guests may reserve seven (7) days in advance.
 - c. ~~Non-resident owners and Registered Guests may call the Pro Shop for may reserve~~ a tee-time seven (7) days in advance.

10) Resident Events

Villages golf and other clubs and resident groups are encouraged to contact the Pro Shop to set up tournaments with a set-aside block of tee times. Approval of tournaments is at the discretion of the Director of Golf.

11) Employee Play

Villages Employees have golf privileges with the following restrictions:

- a. Employees shall be permitted play and practice without charges.
- b. Play shall be on a space-available basis.
- c. No advance tee times shall be given.
- d. All golf rules and dress codes shall be enforced.
- e. Resident and guest privileges shall not be preempted.
- f. Employees are permitted to register up to three (3) guests for play subject to guests being accompanied by sponsoring employee at all times during play. Regular guest rates shall apply. Employee guests are not permitted after 5:00 p.m.

F. Starting Tee

Unless approved by the Pro Shop Staff, players may not start from other than the first tee except during shotgun events.

G. Fivesomes must be approved by the Director of Golf.

H. Driving Range Balls/Baskets

- 1) Golfers using the driving range must not hit or retrieve balls from in front of the teeing mats; please be safe.
- 2) Driving range ball baskets and driving range practice balls may not be taken home or removed from the driving range area for any reason.
- 3) Driving range balls may be used at any golf facility practice area, but must be returned to the driving range on the same day purchased.

I. Speed of Play

- 1) The pace goal at The Villages is 4 hours for 18-holes and 2 hours for 9-holes. ~~The maximum acceptable pace is 4 and one-half hours for 18 holes and 2 hours and 15 minutes for 9 holes.~~
- 2) Slower golf groups must move aside and allow a closely-following faster playing group to play through when practical and safe.
- 3) For pace purposes, unless playing in a major formal golf competition, golfers are asked to: abandon the honor system and play ready golf, limit ball searches to three minutes, putt continuously until holed, after teeing off separate and move to your own ball independently and swiftly, allow for a maximum of five minutes at the turn. Use four carts per group.

4. Golf Carts

A. Passenger Golf Carts

- 1) Carts must stay on cart paths at all times when the red flag is posted, and when any individual hole is deemed "Cart Path Only" due to conditions or maintenance.
- 2) When the green flag is posted, golf carts may be driven off the cart path at a right angle, directly to the ball, and parked either in the rough or on the fairway. As soon as the ball is played, the cart should exit the fairway or rough and proceed to the cart path or to the next ball position, whichever is closer. Golfers are encouraged to use the most direct route, make every effort to reduce golf cart traffic on the fairways and roughs, and to use cart paths whenever possible.

~~2)3) Individual golf carts are suggested and recommended for maximum pace purposes.~~

Golfers may share a cart at their own discretion.

~~3)4) Drivers must follow the following rules:~~

- a. No unlicensed person under 16 shall operate a golf cart/LSV, in accordance with Villages policy.
- b. Do not drive parallel to fairways in the rough.
- c. Obey all instructional signs. The cart signs on either side of the fairways indicate cart EXIT areas. After hitting your approach shots, golf carts should proceed directly to the cart exit signs and exit directly to the cart path. It is OK to drive beyond the cart exit sign to hit a shot, as long as the cart returns to the exit sign and exits from there.
- d. Carts are to be kept on the cart path around all green complexes and teeing grounds.
- e. Carts are not permitted on defined ground under repair
- f. Carts are not permitted within the perimeter of greenside bunkers and within 30 feet of the green apron.

~~4)5) Golfers with blue handicap flags, issued by the Pro Shop, may have more access to green surrounds as directed by the Director of Golf.~~

~~5)6) Carts must be registered in accordance with Rule 1.05, Golf Cart/LSV Vehicle Registration, and must pass all golf course access requirements. Once registered for golf, the cart will be issued a black house number. During non-golf play hours, all golf carts are permitted on the golf course paths but may not leave the paths.~~

~~6)7) Passenger golf carts shall not be driven on the Par-3 Course unless approved by the Director of Golf.~~

~~7)8) Carts must be used in turf mode. Quick starts are prohibited.~~

B. Walking Carts – Pull and Powered

Push and pull carts are not permitted on the teeing grounds and putting greens; please keep in greenside and tee surround rough. Walking carts should never be pushed or pulled through sand bunkers.

5. Golf Course Schedule

A. 18-Hole Long Course

1) Monday

Long Course closed for maintenance until 1:00 p.m. (12:00 p.m. during the winter months).

Open Play Shotgun at 1:00 p.m. (12:00 p.m. during the winter months).

2) Tuesday

~~The Villages Women's 9-Hole Swingers and Men's 9-Hole Pinseekers Clubs have priority to host a morning shotgun at 8:30 a.m. during DST and at 9:00 a.m. during winter months, for use of the long course prior to 12:00 p.m.~~ Open Play Tee Times. Open Play Shotgun at 12:00 p.m. or starting times.

3) Wednesday

- a. Men's Golf Club members have priority for use of the long course until 12:00 p.m. Open Play after 12:00 p.m.
- b. The Director of Golf may allow open play prior to noon if there are starting times available.

4) Thursday

~~The Villages Women's 18-Hole Golf Association has priority for use of the long course until 1:10 p.m. (11:00 a.m. starting times during winter months): to host an 8:00 a.m. shotgun during DST and an 8:30 a.m. shotgun during the winter months.~~

Open Play Shotgun at 1:10 p.m. Tee Times.

5) Friday

The course is open for regular play.

6) Saturday

The golf course is open for regular play, subject to the following exception: The Men's Golf Club may schedule tournament play a maximum of eleven (11) dates in a calendar year, and may reserve a block of tee times with the Director of Golf. Unreserved tee times may be assigned to non-tournament players at the discretion of the Pro Shop Staff.

7) Sunday

- a. The course is open for regular play
- b. The first Sunday of each month is Men's monthly guest day. Guests may play at a reduced rate.

8) Holidays

On state and federal holidays, the course is open for regular play.

9) In the event of under-utilization of the golf course by an organization having a tournament, the Director of Golf may assign non-members of that organization for play.

10) The Director of Golf may extend times or close the golf course for special events such as outside tournaments, invitationals, and guest days.

B. Par 3 Course

1) Monday

Course is open at 12 noon on Monday for regular play.

2) Tuesday

Women's Shonis has priority for use of the course from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

3) Thursday

The Men's Ironmen have the following schedule play times:
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. April through November
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. December through March

6. Guest Play

A. General Rules

- 1) Guest fees will apply for all categories of guests.
- 2) A resident, the Director of Golf, or the General Manager must sponsor each guest. Members of private country clubs with a reciprocal agreement may play without a resident sponsor.
- 3) All decisions regarding guest play not covered by the rules will be made by the Director of Golf.

B. Scheduled Guest Days

- 1) Each of the Board-recognized golf organizations may hold one guest day per month, provided that none shall conflict with any regularly scheduled Villages golf event.
- 2) On any formal Guest Day a resident may invite up to three guests maximum; any more than three guests must be approved by the Director of Golf.

~~2)3) Guest Day rates will apply.~~

C. Resident Guest Tournaments

The Director of Golf must approve scheduling of all resident guest tournament groups.

D. Outside Groups

- 1) The Director of Golf may accept outside group reservations in accordance with the guidelines and rules approved by the Board.
- 2) Outside group tournaments may be scheduled on any day of the week at

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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.



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 diners.



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. **As of May 15, a 15% 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 5/24 to 5/30

Monday	May 24	Chicken Quinoa
Tuesday	May 25	Cream of Mushroom
Wednesday	May 26	Minestrone
Thursday	May 27	Beef Barley
Friday	May 28	Shrimp Bisque
Saturday	May 29	Chef's Choice
Sunday	May 30	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.

Dear Clubhouse Patrons:

Prices on food, especially beef and seafood have taken a dramatic increase.

Our menus will reflect the increase in costs and on daily variables, "Market Price" will be adjusted as noted on the menu.

We are working with our vendors and our purchasing partners to make sure to source products at contracted prices.

Family and friends may join Villagers at the Restaurant

Friends and family must be accompanied by a Villager.

All charges must be posted to the house account of the Villager. Charges to house numbers are preferred over credit card transactions to help Villagers save money on credit card fees—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.

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

The Clubhouse Curbside service charge has increased to 15% from 10%. The service charge for the Indoor and Patio Dining is still 18%.

All-Day Menu

11am. to 7:30 Last Order

Fried Breaded Green Beans 7.50

Calamari \$11.95

Lightly Dusted Rings & Tentacles w/Parmesan Parsley

GF Potato Skins \$15.00

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 \$9.95

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 \$3 Salmon \$4 Prawns \$5.00

V Chinese Salad \$14.95

Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Noodles with a Sesame Ginger Dressing

Add Chicken \$3.00 Add Prawns \$5.00

Cobb Salad \$16.25

Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese

Add chicken \$3, Prawns \$5 or Salmon \$3

Hermosa Wedge Salad \$11.75

Crisp Iceberg Wedge with Bacon, Tomatoes Crumbled Maytag Blue Cheese

V Italian Chop Salad \$14.25

Romaine and Iceberg Tossed with Pepperoncini, Tomatoes, Olives and Cucumbers Topped with Feta Cheese, Italian Vinaigrette Add Salami \$2

Shrimp Louie \$17.25

Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island Dressing

Fish and Chips \$13.95

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 \$3.00

V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$11.75

Vegetables over Rice with Ponzu Sauce

Add Chicken or Beef \$3, Salmon \$4 or Prawns \$5.00

Shanghai Stir Fry Vegetable Chow Mein \$13.95

Add, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

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. 13.95

Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish

Add Avocado, Bacon add \$2

Cheese add \$1.50

V Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95

Plant Based Meat with Lettuce

Tomatoes and Onions with Side Dish

Add Avocado \$2 Cheese \$1.50

BLT Sandwich with Side \$12.50

Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Served on

Sourdough or Wheat Bread

Add Turkey \$3.00 Add Avocado \$2.00

Brie Turkey Sandwich with Side \$13.95

Cranberry Compote and Arugula on Telera Roll

Deli Sandwich \$12.95

Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, or Tuna

Half Deli Sandwich and Soup \$10.95

Grilled Sourdough, Ham & Swiss \$11.95

V Grilled Portabella and Pepper Sandwich \$12.95

With Mozzarella and Basil on a Brioche Bun

Melts:

Grilled Beef Patty 2. or Tuna Swiss Cheese \$13.95

V Impossible Plant Base Meat Melt \$14.95

Reuben \$13.95

Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, 1000 Island, Grilled Rye

Grilled Pesto Chicken Sandwich \$13.95

LTO and Monterey Cheese on Telera Roll

Fisherman Sandwich \$13.95

Panko Breaded Sole, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Tartar Sauce on a Telera Roll

New York Steak Sandwich 2. \$19.95

Cheddar and Bacon LTO

BBQ Sauce on Hoagie Roll

Naan Flatbread Pizzas

V Cheese Pizza \$11.25 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.25

V Margarita Pizza \$11.95

Combination Pizza \$13.95

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

Cobb Pizza \$13.95

Bacon, Chicken, Black Olives, Avocadoes on Alfredo Sauce

Gluten Free Crust Add \$ 2.00

Weekly Specials

For the week of
5/24 to 5/30

Lunch Specials:

Monday 5/24 to Saturday 5/30

Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce: \$13.50

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 5/25 to Saturday 5/30

Trout Amandine:

Grilled Idaho Trout with Lemon Butter and Almonds
Choice of Sides
\$24.50

More CLUBHOUSE
on pages 8 & 9

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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*

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increased to 15% from 10%. The service charge for the
Indoor and Patio Dining is still 18%.*

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.)

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

Dinner Menu

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

Starters

V Baby Lettuce Mix Salad \$5.95

Small Caesar Salad \$7.75

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

Linguini and Clams \$18.95

White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

V Eggplant Parmesan \$16.95

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

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GF = Gluten Free

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Dinner Entrées

Accompanied by 2 Sides

Mashed Potatoes, Cilantro Rice

Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives or Daily Vegetables Sides

Soup or Salad \$2.95 Included with Entrees

Fridays & Saturdays Only

Slow Roasted Prime Rib 2. \$Market Price

21 Days Aged, Hand Selected, Corned Fed

Grilled Filet Mignon 2. \$Market Price

Center Cut with Béarnaise Sauce

Chopped Sirloin Steak with Herbs 2 \$25.95

Topped with Mushroom Gravy

Home Style Pot Roast 2. \$27.95

Braised with Mirepoix and Merlot

Calf Liver and Onions 2. \$25.95

Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

Grilled Spring Lamb Chops \$Market Price

Marinated with Rosemary and Garlic

Served with Mint Sauce

Chicken Marsala \$26.95

Breast Cutlets with mushrooms and Marsala Wine Sauce

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Next Week on **CHANNEL 27**

Candidate's Night Association
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Sunday 12:00 & 6:00
Club, Part 1
Tuesday & Friday 2:00 & 8:00
Sunday 1:00 & 6:00
Club, Part 2
Tuesday & Friday 2:00 & 8:00
Sunday 2:05 & 8:05

12:00 & 6:00 a/p (M-Sa) Fitness with Mwezo

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

1:00 & 7:00 a/p (M-Sa) Fitness with Hartmut

Mon, Wed & Fri :00 Strength Training
:13 Chair Fitness
Tue, Thu & Sat :00 Strength Training
:13 Cardio Fitness

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 The Great Imposter
+ Another Romance of Hollywood

TUE Love Laughs at Andy Hardy
+ The Mickey Rooney Show

WED One of Our Aircraft is Missing
+ Disorder in the Court

THU The Woman in Green
+ All-American Co-Ed

FRI The Incredible Petrified World
+ Murder by Television

SAT Things to Come
+ One Step Beyond

SUNDAY VARIETY

4:00/10:00 AM/PM

Colgate Comedy Hour

5:00/11:00 AM/PM

The Dinah Shore Chevy Show

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Proposed Changes to Rule 1.14...

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any time at the sole discretion of the Director of Golf, except on days/times reserved for one of the six golf

clubs, or by mutual agreement.

E. Golf Practice Facilities and Guests:

- 1) Golf Practice Facilities are defined as the Driving Range, Chipping Greens and Putting Greens adjacent to the Pro Shop and next to the Vineyard Center.
- 2) Guest(s) accompanied by a resident are allowed use of all Golf Practice Facilities.
- 3) Unaccompanied Guests with a reserved tee time may use the Golf Practice Facilities only on the day of play.
- 4) Registered Guests may use any and all practice facilities only on the day of play, with a reserved tee time.
- 5) The golf Dress Code applies to all golf practice areas.

7. Instruction

Only members of the Golf Professional's staff may give lessons for compensation on Club property, unless pre-approved by the Director of Golf.

SRS SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Is this letter really from the IRS?

We have received phone calls from two Villagers who have received a form letter from the IRS. We suspect there may be other Villagers who have received this letter. With all the scams out there, you may be questioning if this is an authentic request.

The letter begins: "Call us so we can verify your identity and process your federal income tax return." Take a good look at the letter: on the top right or bottom right will be numbers and a letter: 4883C or 6330C.

The letter will ask you to call 1-800-830-5084. The phone will be answered: "This is the taxpayer protection hotline."

IRS letter 4883C goes out when the IRS needs more information to be sure the return to process actually came from you. This does not mean someone filed a fake return using your name. Instead, it simply means the IRS does not have all the information it needs to process your return and wants to be positive it actually came from you. You could have forgotten to include essential information, or some data doesn't add up, or the return is different this year from prior years.

During the course of the verification, the IRS should be able to determine the authenticity of your tax return. Please realize this letter doesn't constitute a tax review or audit. It also doesn't mean there has already been identity theft.

Have all of the following available when you call:

- The 4883C or 6330C letter
- The income tax return referenced in the letter
- The prior year income tax return, other than the year in the letter.
- Supporting documents that you filed with each year's income tax return (Form W-2 or Form 1099, Schedules C or F, etc.).

Until the IRS hears from you, it will not process your tax return, issue refunds, or credit any overpayments to your account.

On average, the call lasts for 40 minutes. During the call, the IRS may put you on hold to either take notes or gather more questions. The queries can vary, but they usually focus on the following:

- Full name of the taxpayer
- Social Security number
- Information about the return, such as the date they filed the tax return
- Listed dependents, if there are any
- Other forms filed within the year in question
- Date of birth
- The address listed on the tax return
- Estimated tax payments
- Claimed credits and tax deductions
- Adjusted gross income (AGI)

Usually, one phone call is enough to resolve the issue.

You are more likely to receive a 4883C letter if you prepared your return by hand and filed it by mail. This is because such returns do not leave an electronic footprint and are easier for scammers to file.

You can find more information in Publication 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers and on www.irs.gov/id. **Remember, if you receive this letter and if the phone number to call is 1-800-830-5084, you should respond.**

The California Franchise Tax Board is sending similar letters labeled 4734D or 3904. The phone number that should be on the letter is 1-916-845-7088.

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

SRS announcement:

Medicare and health insurance counseling

Villagers are discovering how fortunate we are to have HICAP volunteers to help us cope with Medicare. HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) is a non-profit volunteer-based counseling program to help senior citizens needing education and assistance with the complexities of Medicare, supplemental health insurance and Health Maintenance Organizations.

To schedule a one-on-one telephone appointment, call HICAP at 408-350-3254. Because most of the employees are working still from home, you will likely need to leave a message for a counselor to call to set up a time for your telephone counseling. The return call will likely be identified as Sourcewise—the modern name for the Office on Aging.

If you are already on Medicare, please have your Medicare number and ID cards of any other health insurance plans available. Also, please have your detailed list of medications including name, strength, and dosage.

CLUBS & EVENTS

Library Donation Event— 2020 & 2021 books only

With the partial opening of the Villages library on June 1, there will be a special donation event held this Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 12-noon and Thursday, May 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Since the library will not be open, there will be volunteers stationed outside to accept donations of **only books published in 2020 and 2021**. We do not have the room to accept all books yet. That will come after some of the restrictions are lifted.

Free Green Home Tour this June!

By Rebecca Barrans, Sustainable Villages Club

The East Bay Green Home Tour is partnering with the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour to bring you loads of inspiration this spring with a free virtual tour of East Bay Homes. Learn what people are doing with their homes to combat climate change, improve air quality, generate clean energy and move toward a safer, healthier, greener future. The tour includes a 10-minute video tour followed by a live 10-minute Q&A with the homeowner or tenant.



Extras include an induction cooking demonstration and expert talk on heat pump, air quality, rebates, and more. The date is June 13, 2021, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unfortunately the June 6 tour has already sold out. The June 10th tour included lots of ideas for going all electric but if you take the June 13th tour, you can get access to a recording on YouTube.

If you are looking to remodel your home, you might want to view a Green Home tour. It is possible to improve upon your home while at the same time have a smaller environmental footprint. One might even save a few bucks.

Save The Date

Document Shredding Event

July 17, 2021, starting at 9 a.m. unless changed by the County. Sponsored by High Twelve Club—Ken Brady

Come join the Friends of SJSU!

Do you have a connection with San Jose State University? Are you alumni, know faculty or staff, follow athletics or theatre, or maybe, you have a family member enrolled? We are the Friends of San Jose State University, an official club of the Villages. Our purpose is to provide a social and supportive outlet for Villagers who have an interest or affiliation with the university.

We do this through social gatherings, dinners, and golf tournaments many times featuring University deans, administrators, staff and coaches. Our last event was a fabulous dinner that featured the coaches of the women's golf team and the executive director of SJSU's Hammer Theatre Center.

There are no dues or initiations and it's open to all residents. Interested? If you're not already on our list, just send your email and address to Richard James at rajames5959@gmail.com. You'll receive notices of upcoming events—nothing more, nothing less—and learn more about the university that has meant so much to our community, and maybe make a few new friends, too. Should you have questions please contact Pat Smith at 408-532-6414.

Brandeis Club: Book Drive for VA Clinic

As their annual Community Service project, the Villages Brandeis Club will be collecting paperback books for donation to the San Jose VA Clinic nearby.

The collection drive runs from May 15 to June 15. Books are being collected at 7679 Helmsdale Drive (Village Highland). Drop-off boxes will be available outside.

Paperbacks only, please; Thrillers, Mysteries and Westerns are in great demand. If you have questions, contact Joey Stern at sternjo@pacbell.net

'Picking Tomatoes when the Sky was in Flames'

On Tuesday, May 25 at 2 p.m., the Senior Academy will be offering a personal insight into life in Germany through the horrors of WWII. Register for this personal account on our website at VillagesSA.org

Ursula Anna Fischer Smith was born in Esen, Germany nine months before World War II began. At the age of 18, speaking no English, she sought a fresh start by purchasing a one-way ticket to Canada. Six years later, she moved to California. She graduated from SJSU in 1986 with a Baccalaureate in Economics. She worked for Lockheed Martin Missile and Space Company until she retired.

Ursula will share with us the story of her early life documented in her book "Picking Tomatoes when the Sky was in Flames." It is an illuminating story of a young girl in a close-knit coal miner's family, growing up in Germany during six years of WWII and the struggle to recover in the years that follow. The struggle for survival comes alive in Essen, a city in the Ruhr Valley known for its steel industry, coal mines and manufacturing plants. The strategic importance of this region for Germany's war effort made it a prime target for the Allied bombers. Ursula and her brothers try to experience the normal adventures of childhood while the world around them is caught up in the flames of war.

Ursula's storytelling skills help us understand the effect of conflict on a civilian population in a war zone and how the human spirit kept them going during the war and in their determination to rebuild their lives when peace returned.

This is a story told in such a personal and vivid way that the experience will leave a lasting impression on all who are privileged to hear it. Join us for this special webinar on May 25 at 2 p.m. Register on our website VillagesSA.org



San Jose Fire Chief to speak to Villagers

By Tony Berg

As the days get longer and the sun hotter, concern over the 2021 fire season starts to build. The Democratic Club has managed to get our Fire Chief Robert Sapien Jr. to visit The Villages and bring us up to date on planning and organizing for the coming season.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 26 at 3 p.m. for a Zoom presentation from Chief Sapien. This is the second visit by the Chief and those of us who were able to hear him last time can affirm how useful his knowledge and experience was to raise awareness of potential impact to Villagers. The Chief will bring us up to date on how climate change is exacerbating problems for all of us living here in the Bay Area.

This presentation will be by Zoom on May 26 at 3 p.m. and registration information is available by emailing thevillagesdemocraticclub@gmail.com.

Toiletries requested for Grateful Garment Project

By Gayle Kludt

Two years ago, I invited Villagers to make donations of small items for the Grateful Garment Project. The GGP works with police to help the victims of sexual assault after they have been given their rape screening. The victim's clothing is taken away for DNA testing. Although they are allowed to take a shower, they have no clothing in which to change. I am asking for the small toiletries you often get from hotels when you visit. These includes shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, small bars of soap, hand cream, tooth paste and brushes, combs, and small hairbrushes. Since men are also assault victims, I am also asking for razors and shaving cream. Donations of **new** clothing are also accepted. Requested items include sweatshirts, leggings, men's and women's underwear, and socks. Donations of gift cards are also encouraged. When I did this drive two years ago, I was hoping for 500 items. Working with the Villages, PEO, my Lions Club, and outside neighbors, we actually collected over 3,000 items. Donations may be left by my front door (you can find me in the phone directory). If you have questions or need me to pick up your items, email me at kludtgayle70@gmail.com or call 408-531-1063. For more information about the GGP, visit gratefulgarment.org

More CLUBS

Correction: Quilters Club

Last week's Villager incorrectly listed the name of the quilter who created the Christmas quilt. The correct quilter's name is Jean Corrigan.



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Coming in June

Caregiver Support Group: a group designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for all caregivers facilitated by Judy London Ph.D. **Thursday, June 3** at 10:30 a.m. If interested in attending via ZOOM please contact Judy at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325

Understanding Dementia - Living in the Moment: Elizabeth Landsverk M.D.-Founder of ElderConsult Geriatric Medicine and board-certified geriatrician, will address the medical and behavioral issues facing older patients and their families on **Thursday, June 10** at 10:30 a.m. To register please contact Bonnie at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029 and please leave your email address.

The Neptune Society: An Alternative to Traditional Burials - via Zoom **Tuesday, June 22** at 10:30 a.m. Neptune Society was founded in California in the 1950s. Terry Nellis will present an alternative to the costly and involved process of traditional burials. Registration required, contact VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim at bgrim@sequoialiving.org or call 408-238-4029 and leave your email address.



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Weekly Sustainability Practices Tip #2

By the Sustainable Villages Club

If food waste were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases, just behind the U.S. and China.

Each week the Sustainability Club will be suggesting one simple behavior that can reduce waste.

This week we ask you to **use your senses**, particularly your sight and smell. Leftovers in the refrigerator can be used if they smell OK and look OK. Related to this, rather than relying on the best-before, sell-by dates stamped onto the packaging, realize that these are suggested dates from the food manufacturer. These best-before dates encourage people to waste food. It is a marketing gimmick. (Information from "Zero Waste Chef" by Anne Marie Bonneau)

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.

The VMA wants your used golf cart!

Do you have a golf cart sitting around that you don't use? The VMA takes donations of gas and electric golf carts (working or not). These carts are sold and the proceeds are used to support the VMA's mission to assist residents and help them lead active, independent, and healthy lives.



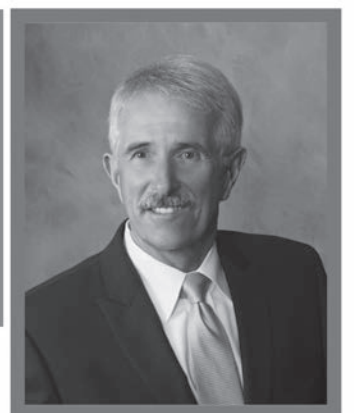
Your golf cart donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). You will receive a receipt that you can use when you are completing your taxes.

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

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RELIGION

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'Stay the Course'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Some years ago, when I used to do a lot of deep-sea fishing, I can remember a very eventful trip. The guys had been advised to take Dramamine the night before and an hour prior to boarding the boat. We had to be at the harbor to board at 5:30 a.m. in order to leave out of Emeryville, California.

The morning was a little windy and we all wondered if the boat would depart to fish that day. It was rough going under the Golden Gate Bridge as we left the bay for open waters. There were very few vessels that went out that day because of the white caps caused by the wind upon the sea. Many aboard the boat expressed concern and the captain assured everyone that it would be OK.

I had made a practice of going to the rear of the boat facing the coast where we departed, rather than the front or side of the boat. A few aboard had become seasick and had lost the desire to fish. Someone asked the captain if he would turn around but he said, "No, we are staying on course."

After several hours, we arrived at our location and the sea was very calm and clear as glass. Within hours those who had fished caught their limits and we returned to shore around 2 p.m.

Sometimes in life we make plans but situations can arise to thwart our trajectory and we can become tempted to change our course because of fear. It is easy to do, especially if we don't know what will await us at the end of our quest. One lesson that I have learned in life is that faith is a necessity to accomplish the simplest of tasks.

We had begun with a group of guys who had made plans with shared dreams of going fishing and bringing home a catch to brag about to others. When contrary winds begin to blow and fear grip our hearts, it is best to trust the Captain who knows about our journey.

For all of us who desire Heaven as our final destination, trust the Captain to get you there!

John 14:6 NLT Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

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

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

JEWISH GROUP

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:15 p.m. on **May 21, 2021** as a Zoom meeting (Meeting ID: 985 6418 8088, Passcode: vZjQ3e). Rabbi Jaymee Alpert from Congregation Beth David will lead our services, followed by a discussion about unique gifts, which is related to the week's Torah portion, Naso. All Villagers are welcome. If you are interested in membership in the Villages Jewish Group, please contact Joyce Mendel at 408-238-7316.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Reflection on Sunday's Readings by Robert A. Dolci, M.Div., M.A.: On this Solemnity of Pentecost we relive the fact that as members of the Church we are Jesus' disciples and are called by him to share our faith with others. The Holy Spirit we received at our Baptism enables and empowers us to be a force for unity by the good works we demonstrate. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the Apostles were filled with the Spirit of Christ and immediately responded by sharing what Jesus had taught them. All who heard them were amazed and astounded! That same godly Spirit inspires and moves us to act as well. Powerful change is possible in our lives and through our faith-filled action.

St. Paul tells the people of Corinth how their gifts, bestowed on them by the Spirit, are to be used for the common good of others. Such selfless generosity strengthens and builds up the members of the Body of Christ. Clearly, the actions of all of us in this same manner affect the other parts of the body, the Church.

In the Gospel, St. John shared how the Disciples received the peace of Christ because of the Spirit the risen Christ bestowed on them. Like the Disciples, as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection we are to respond to Jesus' call to demonstrate the Spirit's presence in our lives by our good works for the benefit of others.

So, today let us examine how we can be Christ to others: Is there someone who needs my forgiveness? Do I know someone who needs my support? Have I prayed for another as I said I would? Can I possibly participate in a ministry that I have not yet shared? Can I share a talent I have with a group that could enrich them? These and other heartfelt thoughts can open us up to the workings of the Spirit in ways we might not have previously considered. Peace!

New Priest Appointments: As of July 1, Rev. Michael Syjuco will be the pastor of St. Joseph of Cupertino, and Rev. Athanasius Kikoba will be the parochial vicar at SFOA.

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses: Reservations required. Masses will be on Saturday at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vietnamese). Sunday Masses are at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. (Spanish), and 4 p.m. (Vietnamese). Check the parish website, sfoasj.com, or daily emails, for locations, which may change with short notice.

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.

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

EPISCOPAL

'Mothers and Fathers'

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Sometime midway between Mother's Day and Father's Day—as we are this week—I find myself moved to give thanks for the blessing of having and being parents. And also for those of us who play the guiding roles of parents, whether or not we have biological or adoptive children. It is through these deep bonds of affection and encouragement that we practice and grow in the love that God modeled for us: from creation until now. "As a mother comforts her child, so will I [God] comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." (Isaiah 66:13) Let us consider mothers: our own, ourselves or our children and grandchildren who may be mothers. All doing the best we can. Imperfectly—sometimes strikingly so—but still accountable to reflect the compassion of God.

Consider also the fathers. God is always in the business of healing and strengthening our familial relationships. "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers." (Malachi 4:6) And remember that these bonds need not be exclusively biological. Consider who has played a fatherly role to you, and whom you have had the privilege of surrogate fathering. In these bright spring days, when the generality of the earth itself teaches us anew about the importance of intergenerational care and wisdom, why not take a moment to write or call the people whom you have parented, or those who are parents? As we emerge from pandemic, those who have cared for children at home for a year can use a little pat on the back, and a reminder that they have done—and are doing—God's work.



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Association Board Candidates

Julie Wash

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My husband, Roy and I moved to the Villages 6 years ago in 2015 after living in Silver Creek Valley Country Club for 21 years. We have one son, two daughters, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

In 2012 I served as a Director for the Silver Creek Valley Country Club Homeowners Association. I was a member of the Architectural Committee.

When we moved to The Villages, I joined the Valle Vista DAC as Landscape Chair. I served as the Valle Vista DAC Chair in 2016-2017.

I practiced as a Physician Assistant for 30 years after graduating for Stanford University Physician Assistant Program in 1990. As a practicing clinician, I divided my time between Internal Medicine, Pain Management and Orthopedic Surgery. Additionally, I had the opportunity to write a medical policy manual and as team member in opening a patient-centered medical library.

My social activities include the Camera Club, Hiking Club, Bocce Club and the Italian Club.

As an ABOD Director, I have served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as on the Policy committee, and Ad-Hoc Reserves Accumulation committee.

In running for a new term as an Association Board member, my focus will be on fiscally managing budgets in operations and reserves in order to maintain our community with high standards for today as well as in the future. I see this as being transparent and fiscally responsible. Maintaining our shared assets benefits all Villagers.

Diana Omo Hallock

7352 Via Laguna



Diana Hallock is a multi-generational California native and attended Branham High School, San Jose State and Santa Clara University, earning advanced degrees in librarianship, instructional technology, and school administration. Diana completed her 40-year educational career as an elementary school principal.

Since moving to The Villages in 2011 with her husband, Hal, Diana has served in many capacities including: 2020 ABOD Vice President, 2018-19 ABOD Treasurer, Chairman of the Verano DAC, Evergreen Villages Foundation Vice President, and the 18 Hole Women's Golf 2020-21 Co-Captain. Her service to the Villages and her commitment to volunteerism led Diana to seek a second term on the Association Board.

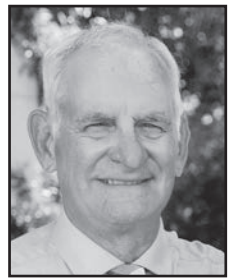
As the ABOD Vice President, Diana has consistently voted for initiatives that reduce *current* costs while maintaining our safe, beautiful community. Diana has also voted for preventative measures to save money in the *future* like aggressively repairing dry rot, caulking gaps more frequently, and sealing our flat roofs.

Diana currently serves on the President's Council which ensures Villages Boards work together in an informed, cooperative way. Diana has also communicated ABOD information to residents through concise, clear presentations including "Villages Roads" and the "Role of DACs."

Diana's priorities will be to balance a fiscally conservative budget with the desires of residents, to ensure the safety of our homes, and to address the concerns of individual residents while serving the collective needs of our entire community. Diana's continued approach will be to collect accurate data, consider multiple points of view, and support transparency in all decision making.

George Paris

8759 McCarty Ranch Drive



My wife and I have been residents of Olivas since 2015 and we're hoping this is our forever home. We love the amenities and have become avid golfers and bocce ball players. I'm on the Board of Directors and Tournament Director for bocce ball. Before moving to the Villages, I was a director for our previous homeowners' association in Fremont and served as an elder in our church.

I grew up in San Francisco and graduated from S.F. State University with a degree in Marketing, I then served 2 years in the Philippines in the Peace Corps. My assignment was to utilize my business and communications skills to create business case studies for emerging companies in that country.

When I returned home I began a 25-year career in sales management in high-tech where I honed my problem-solving and listening skills. Wanting to try something more entrepreneurial, I opened a successful specialty foot care center that required innovative solutions and unwavering customer service and support.

I believe in volunteerism and service. I want to join the Association Board because I think the Villages is at a crossroads and a lot of positive change can be made with some out-of-the-box thinking. We have to have the courage to modify our current structure to be more fiscally responsible while maintaining the high quality of our landscaping and amenities. I'm excited about the possibilities before us.

David Cook

6304 Blauer Lane



Evonne and I have lived in the Villages 8 years, and our home was just a mile away the previous 32 years – we know the area well! We selected the Evergreen area for the quiet country atmosphere and good schools for our kids, never imagining we'd find the wonderful quality of life here in the Villages after retirement. Evonne and I have been married 49 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

Work Experience & Training – 47 years in Information Technology Engineering Management, Director Corporate Alliances, and Mergers & Acquisitions, extensive worldwide business travel; trained Santa Clara County Mediator.

Leadership – Santa Clara County Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors (Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver), IT Chair for Pickleball, Pinseekers, and Bocce Clubs, Villages Association Board Secretary and President.

Education – BS Electrical Engineering and BS Chemistry from UC Davis; MSEE from Stanford University. Club memberships – Tennis, Bocce, Pickleball, Ironmen, Pinseekers, Men's Golf Club, Home & Home Golf team.

As an Engineer, I focused on results and efficient management. As a Financial Director I focused on evaluating and enhancing company financial strengths. As a volunteer in the County, and the Villages, I'm focused on service and adding value to my community.

As an Association Board member, I will continue to be focused and vigilant at carrying out the Mission of the Villages Association – to Protect, Maintain, and to Enhance our collective assets - in a way that continues our high standards and enjoyable living environment in a financially responsible fashion.

Linda McChesney

6092 Montgomery Court



Linda McChesney is all about family life and the hard work of making a community thrive. She is running for ABOD because she senses the frustration of many Villagers who don't think the Boards listen to them. She vows to listen, gather information, work with her colleagues and always try to reach consensus in her work as a director. She strongly believes that the boards would benefit from having new people onboard.

She and her husband Ron raised 5 children in addition to doing foster care in the small town of Corralitos near Watsonville. During the years she was raising kids she volunteered for several community organizations that were focused on advocating for children and the elderly. She helped found the Little League in Watsonville, working with local leaders and the national Little League Baseball organization.

Her professional background includes teaching elementary school and, later, creating a real estate business with her husband. As a realtor and as a resident she worries about how rising HOA fees are affecting satisfaction and housing prices in the Villages.

Linda currently serves on the Montgomery DAC, is active in all Montgomery issues and activities and is a member of EPC.

She feels she'll be an asset on ABOD because of her experience in collaborative work and because she passionately wants to be part of the solution in identifying problem areas and finding solutions that satisfy the majority of our community.

Help Us Keep Your Vote a Secret

By Claudia Evans Nicolai

Do you wonder if your vote is really a secret? If so, you're not alone. Some Villagers do not fully understand our two-envelope secret ballot system, so here are some answers.

Three Election Inspectors, Judy Bushey, Jeanne Filice and Claudia Nicolai, have been appointed by The Villages Association, Homeowners and Club Boards of Directors.

Once your ballot is placed in a locked ballot box, it is kept under lock-and-key at all times.

The Inspectors remove and sort the ballot envelopes according to color (blue for Association, green for Homeowners, and tan for Club).

The bar codes are scanned, which registers and validates that the envelope was received from a member who is eligible to vote. The bar code must remain intact for the ballot to be valid.

Following registration, the barcoded envelope is opened and the secret envelope is removed. Bar-coded envelopes are sent to storage while secret envelopes are bundled for counting.

On counting day, only the secret envelopes are given to the Tellers for counting. These envelopes contain no names, bar codes or other identifying marks. They remain sealed and under lock-and-key until the Inspectors and Tellers meet at an open Board of Directors meeting to begin the counting process.

This entire process is in accordance with California Civil Code.

The counting process is closely directed and monitored by the Election Inspectors. All ballots are counted by two different Teller teams to ensure accuracy.

The Inspectors present the election results to the Boards of Directors at the annual membership meeting on June 9. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend via Zoom!

Villagers can rest assured that the Election Inspectors follow Civil Code and the election rules for every election so your vote remains a secret. You can help us keep your vote valid and a secret by carefully following the instructions included with your ballot package.

If you have further questions or if you'd like to witness the entire process, please contact one of the Election Inspectors. And please...cast your vote before the deadline!

Question 3: How do you, as an Association Board candidate, envision improving The Villages administrative services and communications to Association members going forward?

Julie Wash

The Villages offers several ways to receive communication. Weekly Villager newspaper delivered to your home, Fast Lane, a six-day week email blast with in-depth Village information, Community television stations 26 and 27 offering updates on community news, and lastly, the Villages Website where you will find the Resident Portal. You may choose to look at one or all of these, and you will find a wealth of information pertaining to the Association Board.

Each Director is assigned to two DAC each year. Open communication flows from the ABOD to the DAC. Members may contact their DAC with questions or bring them to their respective DAC meeting. Directors work closely with the DAC in solving issues either directly or with communication with Staff. Encouraging residents to bring their question and concern to Directors is vital part of a Directors responsibility. Emailing or a phone call with a Director is also always available.

Zoom meetings during the pandemic have increased the number of participants at each ABOD monthly, and special meetings. I hope that once we can have meetings in person, we will see this continue.

Communicating in person is vital to a healthy Association-Resident experience.

I'm recommending the ABOD have an increased presence in The Villager and Fast Lane by having more articles on important topics, and a Q and A column. I'm a

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Diana Omo Hallock

With a degree in instructional technology, I am comfortable with current communication technology including websites, texting, blogs and emails. I am a frequent user of Fast Lane, the Resident Portal and competent hosting Zoom meetings. At the same time, I am fortunate to have healthy, independent parents that are well into their 90's who prefer a phone call, a handwritten note or a face-to-face conversation. For this reason, I would advocate frequent communication via technology for its convenience and low cost balanced with printed information plus frequent meetings at various times of the day/evening to provide every Villager clear, current information through the method that they prefer. I believe the ABOD needs a Communication Director that can take complex issues and, in a few paragraphs or a few slides, explain the pros and cons to our residents. I have already begun this task. (See "Outside Management Considerations" (4/15/21, p.3) and the "Roads Presentation," October, 2020) I have volunteered to continue this critical work with the current ABOD. I have also worked with our webmaster to make the Resident Portal more accessible, improving the search terms, and clarifying the categories. This project is an ongoing effort. As a teacher, I know that understanding the responsibility of the presenter, not the students! We need communication that meets the needs of residents in ways that ensures all can participate in critical discussions and decision making.

George Paris

Communication is one of the major problems in the Villages. The first thing that needs to be changed is an attitude shift. Residents with opinions and point of views differing from the Boards or management are basically ignored. During Board meetings residents are only given two minutes to speak. Differing opinions fall on deaf ears, not even getting a response.

The moderator moves on to the next speaker without any discussion. In the Villages newspaper differing opinions are censored and not printed while board members and residents with similar opinions are allowed to state their positions justifying board and personal decisions. The only vehicle that residents can be heard is through Next Door. That is not right!

A group called VFC has been expressing other opinions for the last ten months. Rather than listening to what they say, a Board member stated that "He did not know who they were and would ignore them".

This is the attitude that needs to change. To improve you need to listen to different ideas. No one can be totally right all the time. All Board members must have their eyes and ears wide open listening to various ideas and opinions from residents. All viewpoints must be heard. Sometimes we forget who the real owners of the Villages are!

David Cook

Clear, accurate, and precise communication is the hallmark of all efficient and well managed organizations. Members understand what is going on around them and why, and staff have clear policies and practices to guide their creativity in problem solving. I will continue to support all methods to achieve this goal.

The Villages has made tremendous strides in recent years to organize virtually all its information online on the Resident Portal, and through the FastLane. It is amazing what a difference these tools have made for transparency and access in just a few short years. The Communications department at the Villages should truly win awards for their compelling content and attractive presentation of the news. Not everyone uses these online tools, so all of our traditional methods like The Villager and our internal cable channels need to continue so that no one is left behind.

Yet some people still feel they don't have enough information. I think this is more likely a question about how to access the information, and more background about the decisions. The actual decisions and financials are all well documented both in The Villager and online. But the "why" and alternatives needs more visibility.

One downside to the rich amount of information on the Resident Portal is it has gotten harder to find what you want. The search engine is much improved, but how do you search if you don't even know where to start? Guides and curated search examples are needed to provide simple starting points.

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Linda McChesney

Excellent communication is the key to success. To that end, I believe we should use simple surveys to find out what our residents want and to determine their priorities. Surveys are a great start to better communication. And I believe that all the Boards should view communications as an important part of their work, both with each other and with the residents.

Any resident should be able to obtain information about budgets and operations easily, quickly and with respect from information holders (administrative staff, Board members, committees). All Villagers employees and Board members should consider information requests a routine activity and not an implication of criticism.

I would like to see a reinstatement of resident committees to improve, investigate and get feedback in areas such as water usage, equipment that optimizes water distribution, possible savings in utilities and optimum maintenance schedules for painting and recoating roads.

In many instances administration and employees at the Villages have a lot of room for improvement in their communications with residents, who are actually customers. Too often there is a lack of customer respect and it simply should not be tolerated in our community. I'd like to see all our paid staff receive training in communications and customer satisfaction.

Voting Tips:

Want Your Vote To Count?

Use both envelopes and keep the barcode intact!

Why Use Two Envelopes to Vote?

The inner one keeps your vote a secret!
The outer one registers you as a member in good standing who is eligible to vote!

Is My Ballot Secret?

Yes, if you seal both matching colored envelopes!

Why Are Ballots in Different Colors?

- Blue is for the Association election.
 - Tan is for the Club election.
 - Green is for the Homeowners' election.
- Don't get them mixed up!

Don't Mix Up Ballot and Envelope Colors

The colors have to match for your vote to be valid!

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Club Board Candidates

Del Yamaki

3235 Lake Albano Circle

I am running for Director, Club Board because I see great opportunity to improve cost management and communications with residents. Like many of my neighbors, I am concerned about significant HOA increases without communicating potential options for cost reductions.



I pledge to diligently work towards reducing HOA fees by scrutinizing unnecessary expenditures while keeping the quality of our amenities and lifestyle.

My wife and I moved here because we wanted to spend our retirement years in a great community with many amenities and friendly neighbors; we found the Villages and hope to be here a long time.

My career in information technology management for major financial institutions, like Visa International and Citibank, and my experience co-founding two successful startup companies, has given me the experience and perspective I think is necessary to be a board director.

I am an Associate member of the Del Lago DAC and a member of its Budget Subcommittee. As a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reserve Accumulation I have valuable knowledge about establishing and maintaining reserves for HOA communities. I am a VP of the Chinese Club, a member of the Table Tennis Club and a core member of Villagers for Change.

My recent deep dives into Village's water usage/costs, past and present, club reserves, the Village's HOA fee history, street assessment issues and the bid documents disclosure process, has prepared me to start working for you immediately.

Edward (Ed) Ng

7654 Falkirk Drive

I currently serve as Director on the Club Board. The insight and experience I gained from working with Board members, the GM and residents inspired me to run for another term.



I hold a M.S. in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science from the University of California, Berkeley. I began my career in the Bay Area as a product development engineer, eventually advanced to executive engineering management positions in multiple Fortune 500 companies. I had international assignments in Japan and China to manage key customer relationships. I was one of the founding members of a non-profit Chinese School, largest in the Bay Area. I had served as Board member on United Way Santa Clara, and San Jose Chamber of Commerce. Currently volunteer for the County in contact tracing COVID cases.

My wife and I moved into the Villages in 2015. We were attracted by the Villages' serene beauty and its kindred spirit of community. I am member of Men's and Table Tennis Clubs. I had served as president of The Villages Chinese Club.

My top priority is to run our country club "more" like a business. I see immense opportunity for the Villages to innovate and modernize quality of life while achieving fiscally responsible management. I am not a rubber-stamper. I will improve our amenities and streamline Villages Management for operational efficiency. To earn the trust of residents, I will listen for inputs and respond in my continue work to increase customer satisfaction. A successful Board member truly represents the voice of Villagers.

Manji Patel

5464 Cribari Green

I have lived in the Villages for over 9 years. I was born in Kenya, earned a bachelor's in computer science while working fulltime in the United Kingdom. In 1987, I moved to the United States to pursue business opportunities as business and technical advisor in various companies, including GE and Oracle, with project budgets of \$5M-\$10M. These opportunities have provided me with sound experience in accounting, supply management solutions including complex contract negotiations and the ability to assess risk management, cost containment and efficiency. After early retirement, I advised small hospitality businesses for improvements in marketing and customer satisfaction.



While my primary reason for moving here was its nearby location to family, I enjoy the natural beauty and scenic surroundings. I love my home and lifestyle here. I would like this to continue and help others here to do the same. I feel the Club Board would benefit from my experience, enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to solving the problems facing our community. Expense management needs a full review. I am a great listener and capable of handling diverse sets of views in a fair and respectful manner.

Villages life for me is playing casual golf, an occasional game of tennis, long walks, various book group discussions and practicing sustainable living as a member of the Sustainable Villages Club. I enjoy family and friend's events at the Gazebo and other facilities and hope life will return to normalcy soon.

Question 3: How do you, as a Club Board candidate, envision improving The Villages administrative services and communications to residents going forward?

Del Yamaki

The Club uses many communication channels to reach the residents—e.g., Resident Portal, Fast Lane, TV Channel, weekly newspaper, etc. One important area to improve is to create more two-way communication instead of just one way. Follow-up responses are needed from staff/Board addressing each issue raised by residents in Pulse letters, emails, and during the 20-minute question during each Board meeting. Otherwise, residents will feel their voices/opinions are not heard,

In my opinion, the Board fails its job if, in order to extract a correct response from the Board, residents have to resort to circulating a petition or creating an explosion of comments on NextDoor. CBOD should always recognize that responding and considering resident comments are a critical part of customer service.

The Club Board can improve communication by being proactive rather than reactive. To be proactive means to communicate issues to residents, solicit their solutions, announce the solutions and execute them. To be reactive means being forced to defend the Board's or Management's decision after residents' loud complaints because they were unaware or because the decisions were not good.

Ed Ng

Transparency is a simple word; the key is to practice it in every aspect of administration and communication.

First off, I would like to see our Board meetings are a lot more open that allows Board member to carry on a meaningful and constructive discussion on the key topics. Private discussions engaging all Board members behind the scenes may be an efficient way of solving an issue, but lively discussion of pros and cons, points and counterpoints should be heard by everyone.

One of the objectives of Board meetings is to attract more attendance. We should increase time allowance for residents' input by reducing the time it takes to approve business as usual topics.

Regular town hall meetings should be considered to facilitate participation of residents in Club matters and improve communication between all Board member and the residents. We should make more use of resident surveys more often to gain inputs on key changes on directions.

Given the resident portal is now a secure site, staff's work on projects, budget and spending should be made accessible to all residents. This information is extremely useful to the DACs. It will significantly reduce staff's time in responding to data requests.

Manji Patel

Improvements in automated billing, document delivery, and online reservations have been made but more could be added like **tracking maintenance orders**.

Videoconferencing: Pandemic forced us to use Zoom; it is here for use – zoom or other, but it cannot replace in-person meetings!

Management/Board Communication: 20 minutes allowed for resident questions during monthly meetings is not enough; minutes never record serious resident concerns. An option to post resident Q&A on a website, with advanced search capability, should be available; it would minimize questions being asked repeatedly and lengthy chain emails. Each board member/key staff, under a secured site, could keep residents informed on key decisions or votes. This may address the current dilemma where residents resort to **social media for their discussions**.

The Villager: It is adequate as a community newspaper but needs to allow option for online vs. paper delivery. I propose a **'Villagers Grandparent'** rule where long term residents can keep the paper delivery; current/newcomers should be charged a delivery fee. This will **save cost** and require **less paper recycling**.

Resident Portal/Fastlane: While adequate, further improvements could be made by succinct messaging with less marketing information. Outdated information should be deleted/archived.

Jerry Neece

7755 Beltane Drive

Amidst these challenging times, now, more than ever it is extremely important to elect qualified CBOD directors who will work to maintain and improve our home values through managing and enhancing our beautiful and unique Villages amenities in a fiscally prudent manner. I have a proven track record in understanding and governing the Villages complex operation.



I moved to Glen Arden 10 years ago and since then I have been actively involved in many Villages activities and affairs including serving on the Club Board from 2014-2016 where I both built revenue and reduced expenses. I am on the board of the Evergreen Villages Foundation, have served on the Glen Arden DAC, and have formed, or been a member of, almost two dozen board committees and clubs.

Experienced in governance, over the years I have served on 18 for-profit and non-profit boards. I work collaboratively with residents, other board members, management and staff. A California-born veteran and a second-generation Villager, my 40-year career in high tech and business academia are important, especially in the upcoming Comcast negotiations.

The Villages is a wonderfully active, amenity-rich community. Let's keep it that way.

Richard Zahner

7140 Via Solana

I welcome the opportunity to serve our community on the Club Board of Directors. My goal will be to foster Good Governance practices that support the Club Board's mission of a safe attractive community and enriching lifestyle for us all.



Barbara and I raised our family in nearby Almaden Valley. Almost three years ago we moved to Verano. We enjoy life here and hope to contribute to the community by maintaining and enhancing the quality of life at The Villages and to maintain the value our investment in our home. I am a member of the Men's Golf Club, Veteran's Club and Hiking Club.

I currently serve on the City of San Jose's Clean Energy Advisory Commission, and the St. Francis of Assisi's Finance Committee and Mental Health Ministry. In recent years I served on Presentation High School's Board of Directors, Santa Clara Valley Water District's Resources and Environment Commission and on the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury.

Professionally, I spent over 40 years in the electric power business with the Bechtel Company and Calpine Corporation, developing, building and operating nuclear, gas-fired and solar power plants. Subsequently I consulted to power and industrial clients on energy efficiency projects and renewable power development. I also served as President of Gilroy's Economic Development Corporation and 24 years on active and reserve duty with the Navy—Captain USNR-R.

Robert Krattli

3206 Lake Garda Drive

My fellow residents of this wonderful community—The Villages Golf and Country Club, I am submitting my name for consideration as a replacement member of the Club Board of Directors. I provide the following broad information supporting my qualifications:



- Moved into The Villages Golf and Country Club in September 2015
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Operations Management
- Master's Degree in Financial Analysis
- 20 year Naval Office career retiring as a Commander. My last four years as the Comptroller and Executive officer at Naval Air Station Moffett Field managing a \$20 Million budget.
- 26 years at high tech companies in Silicon Valley as a Cost Accounting and FP&A manager. My last 5 years were at a multi-billion dollar fiber optic manufacturer as Business Manager for the Facilities, Health, and Security Division.
- My family and I were some of the first 50 residents at Silver Creek Valley Country Club. In support of my community, I was a member of the HOA Board and was HOA Board President helping to manage the transition from Developer Management to resident control for the 1,650 home complex.
- Participated in numerous Club Board Committees including the Green's Committee responsible for the analysis and coordination for golf course maintenance and operations.
- Joined the Club Board of Directors as the Board Treasurer for 3 years.

My focus will be to provide our residents with efficient, safe, and effective services responsive to the needs and desires of our bosses – the residents of our wonderful community. I promise to be open, welcoming, patient, diligent and responsible. I will be a good steward of the trust placed upon the Board. I want this community to be just as desirable in 20 years as the community was when my wife and I moved here.

Question 3: How do you, as a Club Board candidate, envision improving The Villages administrative services and communications to residents going forward?

Jerry Neece

As someone who taught over 10,000 salespeople in my career, I taught them that the key to a successful sales engagement was to listen 70 percent of the time. I feel that is true at The Villages as well.

When residents feel they need to resort to Nextdoor to be heard, this is a problem, and the key, I feel, is to provide more opportunities for Villagers to state their concerns and opinions.

In a post-pandemic Villages, I would support more town hall meetings to get Villager feedback, as I did when, as a former CBOD director, I spearheaded bringing in the Voyage self-driving car operation. We held a Cribari town hall to listen to resident's concerns before ever signing the agreement.

Since the technology is readily available, I would also propose doing on-line surveys to assess resident satisfaction and opinions on issues, since a growing number of Villagers are computer literate. More data yields better decisions.

Finally, I would support a resumption of the regularly scheduled open meetings with the CBOD president and General Manager listening to resident concerns.

Richard Zahner

As a Club Board Director, I will strive for continuous improvement in Club operations. The Villages community is fortunate to have a management team that provides essential administrative services. We also have a well-developed communication program through *The Villager* and *Fast Lane*. However, both administrative and communications services need evaluation and updating. Improvements in services must be guided by identified needs of our community. We can also benefit from evolving technology. Our goals must be to routinely update our programs and systems to meet the needs of all residents.

I support an Annual Satisfaction Survey that will document the successes and shortcomings of administrative and communications services. The survey might include questions on customer service, landscape and building maintenance, restaurant and bistro, and use and condition of each amenity. Not only will the information guide the Board in establishing annual objectives for management and the budget, it will also show progress year to year.

We need innovative communications methods to ensure that everyone is able to make their needs and opinions known. I will support a new more compelling format for *Fast Lane*, an on-line Club Board Q&A forum and ensure resident comments receive priority at board meetings.

Robert Krattli

The Board has made major strides with the *Fast Lane* series and *Pulse*. We should also have every other month Open Forums to ensure our residents are heard. When COVID finally moves into the background, such in person communication will help keep residents informed. We must provide hard copy, in person, and social media communications due to the wide range of electronic familiarity among our residents.

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Club Board Candidates

Leslie Lambert

7592 Tayside Court



I moved to The Villages nearly 7 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed my time living here, meeting new friends and enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. With more time on my hands as a recently retired CEO for Lambert Advanced Security and Privacy, LLC, a woman-owned small business focused on delivering consulting services for information security, privacy, audit and risk management, I am interested in becoming even more actively involved in our Community.

I'm currently a Board Member of the Highland DAC and a Board Member for the Fitness Center Advisory Committee, and also a member of the Network Services Committee. I'm a member of The Villages Hiking Club. I have enjoyed contributing my energies and skills to work with management and relish the wonderful outdoor areas we are privileged to have.

I have spent the last few years attending nearly all of the meetings of the Club and Association Boards which has helped me appreciate and understand the scope and depth of the various board's responsibilities as well as the critical issues before The Villages at this current time. This is a time to heal open wounds and I'm ready to help lead that healing process.

I have more than 40 years-experience in high technology businesses, with deep knowledge of IT and financial operations. Industry roles have included executive positions as Chief Information Officer for iPlanet, Chief Information Security Officer for both Juniper Networks and Sun Microsystems and Chief Security and Strategy Officer for GuruCul Solutions.

I hold an MBA in Finance and Marketing from Santa Clara University, and an MA and BA in Experimental Psychology, plus industry certifications in security, privacy, audit and risk management.

Judy Owen

8445 Chenin Blanc Lane



Our Villages is a unique community of beautiful surroundings and caring, active neighbors who truly care for their environment and each other. Moving here from San Jose's Rose Garden, May 2018, it is the place I have chosen to call home. The decision to move here was reaffirmed during Covid era when I observed efforts of residents and staff alike to remain safe yet active and engaged.

Born and raised in Oregon, I earned my MBA from Oregon State then moved to San Jose. Over my 35 year career I worked for five companies, last 25 for HP and Agilent Technologies as Federal Contracts Manager. Demonstrated ability to work across organizations to successfully implement changes. Negotiated complex contracts with Aerospace and Defense companies and government agencies.

Golf drew me here and the Women's 18 Hole Club welcomed me. I have been the Rules Director since 2019, formerly serving on boards of two other golf clubs. I currently am the secretary and on "Tech Team" of Senior Academy Board, volunteer as a VMA driver and Hermosa EPC, and am a member of the Bocce and Pickleball club.

It became apparent to me that The Board faces many challenges balancing increasing costs and the need to maintain the overall environment to keep The Villages a special place. I believe it is important to maintain the level of amenities to attract future residents while satisfying current residents. In making decisions all voices should be heard and the process must be transparent and inclusive.

Mikki Fillhouer

7359 Via Laguna



I was born in Brooklyn and moved to Silicon Valley in 1972 when I was a single woman with three children to support. I started my career in high tech with a job in electronics on the assembly line and worked my way up the ladder to management positions. I went back to school and graduated from Gavilan College with a Business Management degree. My last job in high tech was Logistics Manager at JDS Uniphase.

After JDSU moved to China I went back to school to study Accounting, and I married Bob Fillhouer. I wanted to help him sell insurance so I got my insurance license and sold enough to qualify the agency for travel awards five years in a row. It was then I learned to love travel so I took classes and got my CTA license.

I am now an independent travel advisor. I also do free Notary work for residents.

Coming from a poor family I learned that if you want something, you have to go out and earn it on your own. I have been guided by that philosophy throughout my life. I have a deep respect for money and what it can do and I am distressed at some of the things I see in the Villages. I want to bring my business and accounting expertise—and my common sense—to the CBOD, to work with other directors to find sensible reductions in costs that will take pressure off of raising HOA fees.

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Leslie Lambert

The quality of the communications activities within an organization as large as The Villages cannot be underestimated, nor under-invested in. The Villages is the size of a small city where a 360-degree model of communications ensures that no matter the age, the style, the propensities, all residents must feel that they are being listened to and engaged.

Today, The Villages has a cornucopia of communication activities available to residents, most notably the weekly Villager newspaper, near daily reports via FastLane emails, Channel 26/27, the Resident Portal, regularly scheduled district DAC meetings, monthly Villages Board meetings, and others. Yet, all of these existing "outbound" forms of communications have little to no option for Villagers to communicate "inbound" to both the Club Board and Management Staff. We must establish new forms of interpersonal communications to facilitate substantive engagement between residents, Boards and Management teams.

Let's host regular town hall meetings, posted office hours for drop-in conversations, and regularly scheduled satisfaction surveys which facilitate more informal information sharing in both directions, "inbound" and "outbound". The most critical outcome of interpersonal communications is that everyone is

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Judy Owen

The Villages is a \$34 million operation that requires the professional, experienced management and staff we have in place. COBD needs to support they have the tools to efficiently deliver services to the residents. One tool is the Village Resident Portal that provides a platform for residents to go on line to do many tasks, e.g. submit work orders, and access most current information. Finding additional functions that can use the portal to deliver services should be investigated. Implementing two levels of data housed on the portal, current data (current and prior year) and data in an archive (over two years old) would enhance the search capability.

Improving Communication is a high priority for the next board. CBOD should look at implementing a Town Hall forum via zoom providing a two way communication between residents and board. In the Town Hall the Board could provide updates on projects, e.g. Comcast replacement or Coyotes, and open forum for Q&A between CBOD and residents. Fast Lane has grown in use and many types of communications have been added to daily editions. An evaluation of what is included in the different editions and reformatting to make it easier for residents to find information they are seeking is needed. The goal would be to make Fast Lane a more effective communication tool.

Mikki Fillhouer

The Villages residents have a right to full information about all management/board decisions. Because residents pay all the bills I think we should also have access to staffing information including duties and salaries. This is what some other HOA communities do in the interest of full disclosure.

Information should be easily obtained on our Resident Portal website. Right now this website is not well organized and lots of important information is deeply buried or not there at all. It is not user friendly. This situation is totally unnecessary as we have many IT expert residents who could overhaul and simplify the navigation of our website.

FastLane should be marketed to residents and include timely information and news every time it is published. It would benefit all if everyone with access signed up to receive FastLane. This would make it far more valuable in case of an emergency. I also feel that there should be a plan in place to make the Villager paper available online only to save significant money is printing and distribution of paper copies.

I would also want to set up ways that CBOD solicits and gets way more information from residents before certain decisions are made.

Joe Civello

8737 McCarty Ranch Drive

Maria and I moved to the Villages in November of 2006 and have enjoyed almost every minute in this beautiful, friendly and supportive community. We have been blessed with a daughter, two sons and doubly blessed with eight grandchildren, who visit



I hold a BS in Mathematics from the University of New York City, Hunter College and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

I spent most of my business career in Software Development Management and Product Marketing and Planning with large corporations and have held positions of Vice President of both Engineering and Marketing. With up to \$16 million budgets and personnel of more than 100, I have successfully delivered products to market; that were needed, and that exceeded sales goals. As an executive I served on Boards of Directors for both public and private companies.

At the Villages, I have served on the boards of the: Villages Club; VMA: Italian Club and Bocce Club. I also worked on: Olivas DAC; ABOD Nominating; CBOD Rules; CBOD Policy and CBOD Finance Committees. I volunteer at the VMA and serve as a Villages Ambassador. I am member of: SIR 114; the Men's Club; Pinseekers; Ironmen; Bocce Club; the OWLs and the Italian Club. I enjoy golf, bocce, poker, all red wines and someone else's expensive white wines.

I am a financially conservative, problem solver and planner, who listens, asks questions and manages people and assets to accomplish the appropriate goals an projects. I will use these skills to work for all Villagers by satisfying their needs, controlling costs, and increasing the value of the Club's assets. Your vote for me, will add new discipline, leadership and responsiveness to the Board.

Howie Blumstein

9045 Village View Loop

This year's Club Board election is one of the most important since you have been living in The Villages Golf and Country Club. We are a residential community with numerous amenities (golf courses, restaurant/bistro, pools, etc.). The continuation of the life experiences you have enjoyed are at stake. Maintaining amenities, their availability and providing services as we know them are dependent on the directors elected.



Villagers for Change (VFC) assembled a slate of six candidates whose positions are aligned with VFC's. The following restaurant/bistro recommendations presented at their March 2021 meeting illustrates VFC's philosophies.

- No food service on Mondays. Offer packaged bar snacks only
- Limit Clubhouse dining to dinner Friday/Saturday evenings, and Sunday brunch
- Look into alternative restaurant models that exclude traditional table service

These recommendations and conceivably others such as eliminate the par 3 golf course, close one or two pools, permit the public to play golf, eat at the restaurant/bistro to increase revenues will diminish your experiences and The Villages culture.

Understand all our positions on making decisions. Watch the Zoom Candidate's Night and read the responses to four questions published in The Villager. Particularly the fourth question: "... Given that there probably will be increases in insurance, water and other costs in the coming years, how do you recommend keeping our assessments as low as possible? Do you propose to cut services and/or amenities?"

- Platform
- Board transparency
 - Town Hall meetings
 - Reestablish the finance committee
 - Promote the welfare and interests of all Members and residents

This year it is especially important to vote for six candidates.

Wayne Weiler

8241 Claret Court

Barb and I have lived in The Villages for 19 years. I retired from Lockheed (30 years) and built homes in Santa Clara County (12 years). I enjoy playing tennis, golf, and bocce. In joining the Marketing Committee my mission was to encourage more people to move here. This Marketing Committee was my first experience becoming involved with the Club Board of Directors. In 2009 we purchased a single family home in Hermosa and made some major modifications. After becoming a single family homeowner, I was elected to the Villages Homeowners Board of Directors (for a 3 year term) where I learned how The Villages is governed. Subsequently, I was elected to the Club Board of Directors and continued there for a total of 6 years (2 terms). I want to be elected again because I am concerned about the following:



- HOA fee increases have been excessive for the past 3 years.
- More attention needs to be paid to cost control.
- More attention needs to be paid to revenue generation.

While I was on the Club Board, we contracted for the solar system located in the RV lot (zero cost to Villagers). This is beneficial for the environment as well as helping lower our PG&E costs. I believe my 6 years as an active member of the Club Board of Directors has enhanced my working knowledge of The Villages and the ability to see all sides of many issues.

My Education: BS Engineering UCLA, MBA Santa Clara University, California Contractors License

Question 3: How do you, as a Club Board candidate, envision improving The Villages administrative services and communications to residents going forward?

Joe Civello

I envision asking the Board to do its job and direct the General Manager to rescind the restriction of members and/or customers from meeting with or communicating with staff.

Howie Blumstein

The Villages administrative services and communications systems provide online resident access for maintenance work orders, restaurant reservations, pulse letters submissions, etc. resulting in cost savings and reduced staff time.

The Villager, FastLane and the Resident Portal (resident.thevillagesgcc.com) are media utilized to provide information and communicate with Villagers. FastLane is an enhanced communication approach as information can be communicated quickly.

Looking to the future these Villages administrative services and communications systems will improve significantly as a result of technological advances such as artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT). AI smarter products will eliminate repetitive tedious administrative routine work freeing staff for complex tasks. IoT products will enable remote control of apparatus such as thermostats in community facilities such as Cribari Center.

A committee of Villagers with technical expertise should be formed to review staff's needs, the administrative services and communications systems currently being utilized and recommend options to consider for implementation.

In addition, Villages management should determine what services and systems other communities utilize and what the best practices are being utilized by communities similar to ours.

I appreciate your VOTE of support to serve another term as a Club Board Director.

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Wayne Weiler

VILAGES ADMINISTRATION

The General Manager (GM) is an employee of The Villages and reports to the Club Board of Directors and the Association Board of Directors. The rest of our employees report to the GM, which constitutes The Villages administration. As a Board member, I will be interacting with the GM and the GM's staff to understand the operational aspects of directives. The maintenance of and improvements to our amenities is a significant factor in Villagers satisfaction with administration actions. The Board is responsible to Villagers for assuring that our amenities are cared for and improved when required.

COMMUNICATION

The Board of Directors have several methods for communicating with Villagers: Board Meetings, Villager Newspaper articles, Channels 26 & 27, and Fast Lane. I would suggest that more use of Villager articles and Fast Lane be used to communicate key elements of Board meeting discussions and decisions. Possibly assign one Board member to be responsible for drafting the articles on a monthly basis.

The Club is responsible for the operation and maintenance of non-residential common area

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Club Board Candidates

Frank A. Houghton

7733 Kilmarnok Drive



I, Frank Houghton am well known around the Villages for my sense of humor, my energy and my keen observations of what is happening around us. After much thought, I decided I wanted to bring these attributes, and so much more, to the Club Board.

Retired for 11 years, I can be seen on the golf course, the pickleball court, in the ping pong and billiards rooms, playing in the Ukulele Club and riding my new electric bike around the Villages. I am making the most of my retirement.

I believe strongly that residents should also help the Villages as well as enjoy its amenities. From a Club Board position, I feel I could bring all my experience and talents to bear on the challenges our community faces to keep costs in check, to get the highest quality of work from vendors, and to keep residents informed and part of the process.

I was born and raised in Detroit where I received an MSME, MBA and a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit. Work eventually brought my wife, Joyce, and our four daughters to San Jose where I worked as a senior mechanical engineer for noted companies like Western Digital Corporation, ASML, Nvidia and Quantum Corporation. My career gave me the ability to manage complex projects from primary design through manufacturing and to market. In short, I know how to get things done.

Rex Hinkle

8343 Riesling Way



Kathy and I fell in love with the Villages on our very first visit and made an offer for our home in Hermosa on the second visit. We moved here 3 1/2 years ago after having spent almost 50 years in Mountain View and Hollister. We have three children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

I grew up in Illinois and graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Illinois. During college I discovered my interests tended toward business rather than engineering. After starting my career with Philco Ford in Palo Alto (later acquired by Lockheed Martin), I attended Golden Gate University part time and obtained my MBA.

My career in planning and project management included budget, implementation and cost control responsibilities.

Kathy and I volunteered for over 15 years with the Mountain View School District. Due to my business experience, participation on facilities advisory group, and having attended most Board meetings for several years, the Board unanimously appointed me to serve the remaining year and a half of the term of a Board member who resigned. My Board experience taught me how to objectively listen to competing views from administration, staff, parents and taxpayers. That, plus my experience in the workplace and managing residential and commercial properties, provide a good background for the challenges facing the Villages. I bring a fresh perspective—I ask for your vote and support to help find realistic solutions.

Question 3: How do you, as a Club Board candidate, envision improving The Villages administrative services and communications to residents going forward?

Frank A. Houghton

I'm an open and honest person. My style is to treat everyone fairly and with respect. And, of course, I will bring these character traits to all my dealings on the board and with residents.

With respect to the Villages administration, I believe that CBOD should be responsible for and regulate management decisions. Many of these decisions will lead to large expenditures of the Villagers' money, and as such should be judiciously reviewed by the board. The HOA money belongs to the Villagers and should only be spent in their best interest.

The board should regularly review the cost structure and operation of each of five operating functions: golf, food and beverage, public safety, maintenance and administration. I believe that these functions need some study to ensure that money we spend on them is money well spent. After all, it is our money, and we need to be in control of it.

As for communications, I believe our boards and management can increase transparency of their communications to and from Villagers. Too often residents are confused by information that is provided about projects and why things are being done the way they are. This kind of situation can lead to distrust.

Rex Hinkle

The posting of materials on the Resident Portal has been a big improvement. That should be a continuing priority as well as seeking ways to make it easier for residents to quickly find the information they are seeking among the multitude of documents. We also need to stay aware that not all residents are computer savvy and not ignore them.

This question is about communications TO residents. Input FROM residents needs higher attention at this point. We need to work on building confidence in residents that their concerns are being heard.

We have had extra COVID restrictions because we are an "over 55" community and have a large number of those most in danger of dying from the virus. Even after vaccinations were opened to all adults and a site opened in at least one religious facility, no vaccination site was set up in The Villages. By not being more proactive in setting up a vaccination site here, CBOD and management missed an opportunity to obtain a valuable service at no additional cost to residents. The CBOD needs to be aware that we are an "over 55" community as well as a golfing community and try to represent ALL residents.

Voting Tips:

Want Your Vote To Count?

Use both envelopes and keep the barcode intact!

Why Use Two Envelopes to Vote?

The inner one keeps your vote a secret!

The outer one registers you as a member in good standing who is eligible to vote!

Is My Ballot Secret?

Yes, if you seal both matching colored envelopes!

Why Are Ballots in Different Colors?

- Blue is for the Association election.
 - Tan is for the Club election.
 - Green is for the Homeowners' election.
- Don't get them mixed up!

Don't Mix Up Ballot and Envelope Colors

The colors have to match for your vote to be valid!

Julie Wash

answer to Question #3

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problem solver, and enjoy working with the DAC and, I encourage one on one communication with residents.

Improved communication goes a long to increase transparency. I will continue, as I have since becoming involved in Villager governance to encourage residents to be a part of the big picture, and value their input.

Moving forward information technology will continue to be a part of ABOD communication, especially as we expand by adding more documents to the Resident Portal.

Conversations, one-on-one, will continue to be an import part of my role as an Association Director.

I would appreciate your vote for me as Director for the Association Board.

David Cook

answer to Question #3

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Social media has great capacity to increase communication, but also tremendous opportunities for harm and spreading misinformation. As ABOD President, I have commissioned an effort by the Association Policy committee to examine and determine how social media fits into our communication strategy and the legal constraints of a Davis-Stirling HOA corporation.

Leslie Lambert

answer to Question #3

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heard, their concerns are documented and attended to in the appropriate manner, and relationships are built and maintained with the addition of interpersonal communications activities.

As for administration services, The Villages has employed a highly skilled management staff of dedicated professionals who regularly go beyond the scope of their roles to do the right thing for The Villages. Any organization should regularly examine their administrative activities and work toward continuous improvement and cost cutting, wherever possible, and that's no different here at The Villages.

I sincerely appreciate your VOTE of support to serve as a Club Board Director.

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Wayne Weiler

answer to Question #3

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property, including the golf courses, tennis courts, other recreational amenities, clubhouse centers, the Clubhouse and restaurant, undeveloped open space, and major streets. The Club provides member services including Business Office administration, Community Activities and Public Safety. Maintenance of our amenities is an ongoing expense and the Board is responsible to Villagers to communicate this cost. Possibly a monthly accounting article with just the summary elements would be helpful.

Homeowners' Board Candidates

Teddy Morse

8063 Chardonay Court



My husband Tom and I moved to The Villages in August 2013. Since then I've had the opportunity to serve in rewarding volunteer positions including: serving on the boards of The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA), the Shonis Women's Par 3 Golf Club, and the Homeowners' Corporation. In 2017 I chaired the search committee to recruit The Villages' general manager. In 2020 I led the effort to create a Presidents' Council to facilitate communication between the governing boards. Currently, I am an at-large member of the Homeowners' Architectural Control Committee.

I served on the Homeowners' Corporation Board from 2014 to 2019. In my first year, I worked with the board to establish yearly goals and objectives, thus providing board accountability. We completed an update of the governing documents, which wrapped up while I was president of the board. This involved board work study sessions and community meetings to better align the documents with the Association's and Club's documents for more efficient management.

I spent 25 years with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. As the water district's public information officer (communications manager) my duties included: water district spokesperson with the news media and the community, production of community publications, and organization of community meetings.

I've taken a few months off from volunteering to rest and focus on improving my golf game. However, I'm ready to contribute again to the community by using my experience from past service to support the current Homeowners' Corporation directors.

Jeannie Omel

7946 Caledonia Drive



I thoroughly enjoy being part of this wonderful community. I have been involved as a committee member and a board member over the past six years within The Villages management structure and actively participate with the 9-Hole and 18-Hole ladies golf leagues. I am also a member of The Evergreen Villages Foundation.

There have been many changes over the past year and, no doubt, there will be more to come. As single-family homeowners, we have a unique position in The Villages. I want to be part of the Homeowners' Corporation Board to help assure that those unique rights are always considered and protected.

For 10 years, I was the General Manager of Gilroy Premium Outlets, a 55-acre retail property with the responsibility for fiscal management, maintenance, landscape, construction, security and marketing.

Previous positions held include Business Manager of the Bakersfield Symphony, Communications Director of the Idaho State Bar and Director of the Boise City Arts Commission. My professional positions have required a myriad of skills including budget management, union negotiations and media relations. These positions have afforded me the opportunity to work successfully with diverse groups within government, the legal community, healthcare and the arts community.

With my professional experience and degree in Communication from Boise State University, I feel that I can represent the single-family homeowners while helping to maintain The Villages as a beautiful and very special place to live.

Brooks Fuller

8061 Chardonay Court



Upon retirement, Cindy and I moved to The Villages 9 years ago to be near our grandchildren after living on the East Coast. We were attracted to the Villages for its beauty and amenities. Initially, we settled in Sonata and within the past 2 years we moved to a single family home in Hermosa.

After graduating from Ohio University, my career has been in the financial services sector with the last 23 years working for GE Capital as a Senior Risk Manager.

Since moving to The Villages, I have served as DAC chair of Sonata, the chair of the Club Finance Committee and the president of the Association Board. During this time, I worked closely with management to develop annual budgets, outsource our golf course maintenance, investigate outside management companies, and renew our landscaping contract.

We are committed to the excellence of the Villages and both Cindy and I have been active in various Villages activities. We have served in volunteer positions with the 18 hole golf groups, the Villages Chapel, and the VMA.

Last year I was appointed to the Homeowner's Board to fill a vacancy and was elected Secretary. Now, I am running for the Homeowner's Board to continue the good work of past Directors and to ensure that the Homeowner's governance remains relevant and continues to respond to both the ever changing environment and the needs of the members.

Question 3: One of the responsibilities of the Homeowners' Board is overseeing exterior changes to single-family homes through its Architectural Control Committee (ACC). What is your opinion regarding managing the overall look of the various Villages through the ACC process?

Teddy Morse

I served on the Homeowners' Corporation's Architectural Control Committee in 2014 and rejoined the committee in 2021. I also served as Homeowners' Corporation Board liaison to the committee for a year.

In our managed community it's important to have requirements that keep the single-family homes in harmony with the individual Villages. The Villages properties are well maintained and individual homes need to reflect the same level of maintenance. One of the advantages of a managed community is owners have a certain level of assurance that properties are going to be maintained.

Having said this, single-family homeowners expect to have individual choice in some of the decisions related to their property. The Architectural Control Committee is here to make sure that the balance between personal choice and a house fitting in with its surroundings is maintained.

Jeannie Omel

As a board member, I want to protect the rights of homeowners to landscape their yard as they see fit and paint their house the color they choose as long as these choices do not negate the rules or interfere with the integrity of the neighborhood. This does not mean exclusively holding steadfast to the status quo but also includes being open to new exterior remodeling plans and ideas as long as the new concepts benefit the overall community.

The Architectural Control Committee is vital to maintaining the integrity and style of the different villages within our community. This committee is also an important element in protecting our property values. As a former committee member, the ultimate goal is to allow the homeowners to remodel the property as they choose as long as it does not negatively impact the character and architecture of the neighborhood. We need to assure that architectural features and landscape are compatible with our community.

Balancing the architectural character of the neighborhood with the individual tastes of the homeowner is tricky, but in the end this is a managed community and the architectural character of each neighborhood is a priority.

Brooks Fuller

Each District was constructed at different times and with different architectural themes. I think it is important to maintain the originality and themes of the homes while balancing individual design desires. Continuity of design supports home values and curb appeal. The ACC should continue to work with Homeowners using existing ACC rules/guidelines. The ACC also needs to update and amend rules when situations dictate.

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SPORTS NEWS

SWINGERS

Made a bad shot? Forgive yourself and move on

By Jeannie Omel

It was already sunny and warm early Tuesday morning when about 70 enthusiastic Swingers took to the course. Kay Gray had a great finish to her round with a 20-foot chip in from behind the green on #18. The only birdie reported this week was at #7 on Sunday by me. Please remember to report your birdies and chip ins to Wendy each week so we can share the good news.

PGA Tour Instructor and author of "Zen Golf," Dr. Joseph Parent asks the question, "Do you talk to yourself on the golf course?" Most of us do. If you think or say "I don't have a chance at that shot," you are unlikely to do well.

According to Doctor Parent, what we say to ourselves impacts our game. He suggests we look at the negative thoughts that we have as if they were comments coming from our caddie. Would you want a caddie talking to you with phrases like "That was terrible, try not to slice it into the trees like you always do or don't hit it into the sand?" Of course, you wouldn't.

The objective is to be positive. Doctor Parent says, "If we hit a bad shot, isn't where we have to play it from punishment enough?" Perhaps we should be as nice to ourselves as we are to our friends when they hit a bad shot. It seems reasonable, doesn't it?

Don't forget to vote on change to standing rule 1—it's important

- Ballots were delivered to all Swingers members May 16 and 17.

- Voting is open from May 18 - 25.

- Drop your completed ballot in the Swingers Ballot Box located outside of the Pro Shop no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25.

- If you did not receive a ballot, please let Wendy know immediately at Wledamun49@gmail.com or (408) 712-7908.

SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

For the 24 of us who played on Tuesday, May 11, we were greeted by short-sleeve weather and quickly rising temperatures. We were able to have two flights. Recognition in the first flight goes to Doris Bates, Betty Stednitz, Lil Yamada, Delma Juarez, Sally Nichols and Lorrie Scott.

Second flight recognition goes to Uina Kubota, Julianna Wahlgren, Tahera Khalil, Kathleen Benz and Kathy Tanaka. Congratulations to all of you ladies.

Here is the second half of the Clyne Soley story and the role he played here at The Villages. Dr. Soley and his wife Bertha were the 29th and 30th residents of the Villages in 1967. He had a long involvement with golf at The Villages. He was also a key developer of the USGA golf handicapping system. He played hundreds of rounds on the Villages courses, but his favorite was our Par 3 course. He had a total of 86 holes-in-one on the short course. His top advice was to play the Par 3 course as much as possible to improve your overall golf game. Clyne Soley had a long relationship with the "Short Swingers", now known as the "Shonis." The Shonis held an annual "Beat Clyne Soley Day" event. Dr. Soley's gross score was matched against the ladies' net score. Not many of the women beat him. For those who did, they got a golf ball. Sadly, Clyne Soley passed away in 1992, leaving behind a rich legacy for the game of golf here at The Villages and for the game of golf around the world.

Thank you to David Cook for doing all the research regarding Clyne Soley. I again confess to lifting most of the article on Dr. Soley from David's articles.

If you are interested in learning more about the Shonis and playing the Par 3 course Clyne Soley so dearly loved, give membership chairperson Bonnie Evans at 408-504-7958 or Fran Schumaker, Shoni captain a call at 408-355-3270.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Vivian Brown

Some exciting things are beginning to happen, yes, there is some light at the end of the tunnel. The CDC says masks may not be required indoors if you are fully vaccinated (though we will still have to abide by local laws and regulations). Santa Clara County is expected to be in the yellow next week. Yeah! We may soon be able to ride in carts and have lunch with our friends. Won't that be a wonderful day?

Our Handicap tournament is in full swing today. It's been so long since we've played "match" play we had to be re-educated on procedures.

Congrats to the following Ladies: Birdies: Annie Bassford #2, Inge McQuiddy #4, Lyn Strong #6 and Judy Owens on #11. Chip-Ins: Annie Bassford #2, Nancy Miller #11, Janet Gonzales #4, Mary Ann Diridon #10.

We are in suspense about who will be the 2021 Handicap Champion.

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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

Upcoming Events: The Spring Open is going to take place on Saturday, May 22. Four man teams; net stroke play; 3 Best Balls on 1st hole; 2 BB on 2nd hole; 1BB on third hole; then repeat sequence. We hope you were able to get your team together and that you contacted the Pro Shop in time to ensure that you were registered to play in this event. This is sure to be epic!

Restrictions are slowly being lifted and 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 as soon as it becomes available, so we can all plan accordingly.

Hole In One: Oh yes he did! **Mark Garcia**, on May 12, got his tee shot to successfully navigate the hideously slippery slope and break of hole #11, and to drop for a **Hole In One**. Very well done, sir! If you see Mark on the course, make sure to congratulate him.

2021 Home & Home Team: The latest H&H was sponsored at Blackhorse in Seaside, CA. on Thursday, May 13. Teams from Blackhorse, San Jose Country Club and the Villages participated in this outing, and proudly represented their clubs. Dinner and cocktails completed the event and all enjoyed a great time.

This is a great program, gentlemen, and if you have not signed up for it before, you may seriously want to consider it for next year. You play with other clubs and are hosted at different venues, that you normally don't have a chance to play or visit. These events really are a lot of fun.

Golf Thoughts: "A leading difficulty with the average player is that he totally misunderstands what is meant by concentration. He may think he is concentrating hard when he is merely worrying." - Bobby Jones

PICKLEBALL

By Joyce Kludt

"Oh no! I have the yips!" "Yikes! You have the yips?!"

Relax, it's not a disease; it's just a temporary problem!

"I lost my serve...it disappeared. I can't get it in. Is it mental or physical?" It is *both!*

Losing your serve is so frustrating! I've lost mine and other Villagers have as well, even Advanced Players. The rest of your game suffers with the stress and worry of knowing it might happen again.

When I had the Yips, I realized that I have 150 square feet to get the ball in! I've done it plenty of times. Why can't I get it in anymore?

When you just can't get your serve in, you've acquired a state called the Yips. The Yips affect your mechanics and motor skills, and slowly seep into your confidence, creating stress. The term originated in golf, but is now widespread in most sports.

But there are suggestions to help you if you get the yips.

1. Try and relax. Take as many deep breaths as you can before you serve. This is easier said than done, like telling you *not* to think about a purple hippo that just flew into the court. *It's* not that simple to find your "happy place." When your mind tenses, your body tenses, your muscles tighten...leading to unforced errors.

2. So, if the mental aspect doesn't resolve your yips, there is a physical solution: Since your paddle wobbles when you're tense, put an extra finger behind your paddle. (pointer or middle or both) when you serve. This limits the ability to wobble, because it loosens the grip.

3. When your serve improves, go back to your former serve. It is best to not have fingers up on your paddle for the long term.

Well, good luck if you ever get the Yips! And remember that many players get them, even Professionals... *they will go away!* Happy playing!

Contact Mike Walias at mjw0275@yahoo.com for lessons.



IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are currently playing every Thursday and, pursuant to its schedule, have reverted to Spring morning tee times beginning at 10 a.m. or thereabouts and every 15 minutes thereafter until all that wish to play have reserved a tee time. No sweeps as yet, but championship points are being awarded. As always, we're paying attention to the new COVID rules regarding masks and social gathering.

This Thursday, May 13, 2021, was another great day for golf; sunny and warm. We had a great turnout and the results are as follows: First place was a two-way tie between Patrick McMordie and Jerry Weltzin, each with a net score of 25. Second place went to Rob Boyles with a net score of 26. Third place went to Mario Silva with a net score of 28.

There were 2 birdies today: David Cook on hole 7; and Jerry Weltzin on hole 2.

Deep thoughts:

"As a child, the family that I had and the love I had from my two parents allowed me to go ahead and be more aggressive, to search and to take risks knowing that, if I failed, I could always come home to a family of love and support." – Tiger Woods

"The game is getting younger and the game is getting better. It has to do with Tiger and Phil, largely, inspiring everybody and brought a lot more youth into the game of golf." - Jordan Spieth

PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

The weather is *still* holding on the good side! The scores for this week show a definite improvement. Especially our First place winner!

Our winners are... **Drum Roll Please:** First place, with a sparking gross 39, net 27, Tak Okabe for 10 points. (A great birdie on #12.) There goes the handicap, Tak. Second place, with a fine net 31 goes to Don Lee for 8 points. Third place, with a net 33, goes to David Cook for 6 points.

All of our winners are sub-par net this week. We all need to sharpen our games to compete for the prizes that are available. We are consistently fielding more than the required 10 players each week, 16 this week!

The Pinseeker Board will be making plans for a year end meeting to be held after the first of June so **watch this space for details.**

BOCCIE NEWS



By Marcy Boyles

I am putting the spotlight on Reta Boyles, who turns 93 tomorrow. She and her husband moved here in 1984. Yes, you read that correctly. They traveled four months of the year in their motorhome so she couldn't commit to being on the Bocce Board but has been Captain for tournaments many times. For our Break Away, she is captain of the Pallino Pursuit. Reta never had played Bocce but saw all the fun as she was playing golf and joined in. The best part of the game for her is socializing and she can't wait for the Bashes to start again, of which she will be a part. She has seen a lot of improvements to our courts since she began playing. When you see her, wish her a happy birthday and many more.



Reta Boyles

New Golf Course Walking Hours

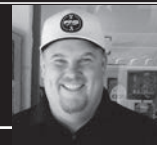
Monday – Before Noon and after Dusk *only*

Tuesday-Sunday and Holidays – Before 7 a.m. and after

Dusk *only*

All other hours are busy golfing hours and unsafe for walkers. Thank you for your cooperation!

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Memorial Day Holiday—On Monday, May 31, both golf course and the driving range will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. for your enjoyment. Come out on Memorial Day and enjoy a great day of golf with you family and friends!

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

-Guests may take a golf lesson only when accompanied by a resident

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

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

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. We have a limited supply of golf carts, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding!

We now have plastic dividers for our golf carts. So if two guests or a resident and a guest want to ride together in a rental cart, they can. The cost to rent a divider is \$5. Please let us know at the time of reservation if you would like a plastic cart divider.

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

Tips from the Pro – Gear Up Properly – Play the Right Equipment

One thing that is often overlooked when trying to improve one's golf game is your equipment itself. The equipment you use to play – meaning your clubs and your ball – can make a huge difference in your performance. Here are some examples:

Driver Head - If you have a driver that is more than 6 years old you are at a disadvantage – today's model drivers are all 460 cubic centimeters which is the maximum allowable size that produces the most speed and trampoline effect – today's driver has adjustable weight distribution to optimize your ball flight and trajectory – today's driver has a center of gravity that has been pulled back away from the clubface so as to reduce spin – and lastly today's driver has a hotter clubface on heel and toe shots, meaning it performs better on miss hits. I use a Cobra Rad Speed 460 cc driver – it is a 10.5 degree but I set it at 1 degree less and at the "draw" setting. This helps bring my ball flight down and reduces my right to left side spin and so I hit it lower, I hit it further and I hit it straighter.

Driver Shaft - If the shaft in your driver does not match your stature and swing you will always be at a disadvantage. Everyone knows about the flex of the shaft being important – stiff, regular, senior or women's flex – but what most people overlook is the length and weight of the shaft. Does it really make sense that everyone should hit the same length driver? Not really. The length of the shaft in your driver is an often overlooked but key facet to performance. If you are tall, you should try and extended length shaft – and if you are short you should try a shortened shaft. If your shaft is too long, you will stand up too much and swing around the body on a flat plane, making it easy to miss right – if your shaft is too short, you will need to flex too much at the knee which will inhibit body motion and freedom to shift and this will cause tops and pop ups. So get fitted and make sure your shaft is the right length. The weight of the driver shaft is also a key component to performance. Today they now have 40 gram super light shafts that allow golfers with limited speed to increase their club speed because of the lighter weight. I use a 1 inch under 44" driver shaft that is 70 grams...25 grams lighter than my iron shafts.

Fairway Wood vs Hybrid - What good is a nice drive if you cannot follow it up with a solid fairway shot? Many people just do what everyone else does, but in golf, you should tailor your set to your game. For instance the choice between using fairway woods or hybrids...which is better for you? If you tend to swing on a steep angle and you tend to make a divot, then a hybrid will perform better for you. Conversely if you have a shallow swing path and you barely scrape the ground or do not hit the ground, than a fairway wood might be better for you. A fairway wood is longer and will go farther – but the longer shaft makes it harder to hit solid and get up in the air. A hybrid has a shorter shaft and a lower center of gravity so it is easier to hit in the air. For most amateur golfers, a hybrid is a better choice off the fairway – it will give you more solid contact and better control and it will spin more and therefore go higher.

Golf Ball - How do you choose your golf ball? Is it based on price, or look, or performance? I base my decision on performance alone. I recently switched from the ProV1 to the Srixon Z-Star because I found with the ProV1 the ball had too much spin for me and so my driver went further off line on miss hits, and my wedges were spinning too much around the green. The Srixon ball has flattened out my ball flight so I hit it further, and it has improved my short game because of less spin and more roll. So when choosing a ball, don't be fixated with distance alone, but consider how the ball reacts off the wedges and putter around the greens, this is where you score. If you tend to have a steep swing that imparts a lot of side spin on the ball, you should try a ball that spins less. If you tend to leave all of your chips short, try a ball that spins less. If you have trouble getting your ball in the air, try a ball that spins more. If you always hit your chips and putts too hard, try a ball that spins more.

To sign up for a lesson with PGA Head Professional Scott Steele, call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 or email him at ssteele@the-villages.com. See you at the course!

TABLE TENNIS

By Kevin Prest

Good news! The Montgomery Multi-Purpose Room is now open for table tennis play for nine 1-hour sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. Each session can support up to four players. Here's how to sign up to play:

1) We suggest that you pair up with a known playing partner for the time slot you would like to play in. Each of you will need to sign in individually either online at the Villages Resident Portal or call (408) 223-4636 to register for the desired time.

2) If you sign up by yourself then you can be paired up with another singleton player or possibly the monitor. Monitors are allowed to play as needed. Most of them are good players you will either enjoy playing with or learning from.

Current limitations and restrictions:

1) Only players who have already signed a liability waiver can play for now.

2) Singles play only (two players per table on each of two tables).

3) You may only sign up for one session per week.

4) Each player must be pre-registered for the session and sign in with the on-duty monitor.

5) Please bring your own balls as none are currently provided by the Table Tennis Club.

6) Likewise, paddles cannot be provided.

7) A mask must be worn when inside the MMR (yes, even during play).

8) Restrooms in the facility are not open.

Yes, the process to play is a little cumbersome and there is some inertia to overcome. However, it feels great once you start playing. The Table Tennis club encourages you to take advantage of this opportunity.

TENNIS TALK

By Wendy Ferguson

Here's an update on the Tennis Club Scholarships. Seniors from Silver Creek High School applied for the scholarship by writing an essay that explains the skills/traits they learned while playing tennis that will assist then and or enhance their future. Other requirements include a 3.0 GPA and two years on the tennis team. This year, we have three winners, so the Scholarship Committee voted to give \$4,000 to each student.

The following excerpts are from the student's essays:

Raj Sheth has a 4.52 GPA and plans to major in biology at UCLA. After being "bageled" in his first match, Raj gradually developed a "let's do it" attitude. With time, he learned he could "take the solo Bassoon part, express my opinion during debates, or even learn something outside my comfort zone." Raj wrote that as he played tournaments at Silver Creek he gained more confidence in his game and learned that he can approach any problem with passion and resolution. Confidence allowed him to "intuitively embrace risk in the face of opportunity. I determined that to grow as a person, athlete, and student, I need to adopt this 'Let's do it!' attitude."

Benny Le has a GPA of 3.8 and plans to study Computer Science at San Jose State University. In his essay, Benny wrote "I learned how to think like a tennis player... and that I should be playing to have fun. I might compare coding and tennis in the way where it basically makes me want to pull my own hair out. However, I don't have to throw my laptop or tennis racket into the ground. I only need to step back, play around a bit, and then see what went wrong. It's as simple as that."

Juliana Abuan has a 3.78 GPA and plans to major in psychology at UC Davis. When she first began to play tennis, she thought the only person she could rely on was herself. She wrote, "To ask for help and depend on someone else was a weakness." Juliana learned "to rely on other people... so you can support them. They rely on you as much as you rely on them. Being a leader means working together with everyone. And I'm truly glad that tennis has helped me realize that. This kind of mindset is really, really important for the real world, and I'm thankful that I learned to accept it before I go off to college."

The three scholarships are in honor and memory of M. A. Sridhar, Bob Peters, and in honor of Dee Ramirez and her Realty team. We congratulate our three winners and wish them success in their endeavors.

More LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance For requests to change garbage, Emergencies recycle and green waste for and/or Advice Single Family Homes

For Single Family Homes, residents may contact the following for service changes (including cart size changes if available)

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Garbage - Garden City Sanitation

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(black or dark green cart)

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In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to EVF

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

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

If a maintenance emergency occurs outside of the general work hours or during a holiday, please call Public Safety at 408-223-4665. The Public Safety Department will contact the Maintenance Area Supervisor and/or the appropriate contractor. Together, they will all help to resolve your maintenance emergency.

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5500-5576—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5001-5076 —Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/24-5/28.

5288, 5328, 5335—Dead/Dying pine tree removals in planning.

Roof inspections and repairs on composition roofs throughout the district, in progress.

5212—Re-plumb in progress.

Light post and fixtures cleaning throughout the district in progress.

Cribari Hills—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Del Lago

3316-3366 and 3401-3431 —Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

3101-3134 and 3201-3243 —Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/24-5/28.

Roof tile preventative maintenance scheduled for 5/24-6/2.

Estates

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

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/28-7/2.

Glen Arden

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

Heights

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

8486-8517—Flat roof preventative maintenance scheduled to start 6/1.

Hermosa

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

8374-8397—Flat roof preventative maintenance scheduled to start 6/1.

Highland

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

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

Helmsdale Ct. and Tayside Ct. —Jet mulch installation in progress.

Roof tile preventative maintenance scheduled for 6/28-7/9.

Montgomery

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

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/24-5/28.

Dead/missing plant replacement in progress at various locations.

Lomas Azules—Jet mulch installation in progress.

8625—Sewer line replacement scheduled for 5/24-5/28.

Sonata

2025-2031 and 2065-2101 —Landscape maintenance and weed control, 7/5-7/9.

Roof tile preventative maintenance scheduled for 6/3-6/9.

Valle Vista

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 5/24-5/28.

9022-9024—Sewer line repairs in progress, with concrete repairs to follow.

9028-9030—Sewer line repairs scheduled for next week, with concrete repairs to follow.

Bridge next to 9069—Repairs in planning.

Verano

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 6/28-7/2.

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

Sur Verano—Jet mulch installation, in progress.

7300-7351—Flat roof preventative maintenance scheduled for 5/17-5/25.

FROM BRIGHTVIEW

Yearly white grub preventative application happening soon at The Villages

As many of you have seen in the past, we have had several critters terrorizing many of our lawns around the property. This is caused by a white grub infestation in many districts throughout The Villages. Turkeys, crows, raccoons and skunks love tearing up the lawns looking to get at these grubs. Here is a quick breakdown of what we are dealing with and how we plan to attack the problem.



Description of the Pests: Masked chafer beetle larvae that feed on roots of turf grass and plants. These grubs are white, up to 1 inch in length, with dark translucent dorsal stripes, brown head capsules and legs, and a characteristic pattern of bristles on the underside of the posterior end of the abdomen. These grubs are common throughout California and the west coast.

Damage: Masked chafer grubs feed on roots, resulting in irregular dead patches. Symptoms resemble drought stress on lawns and persist even where there is sufficient irrigation. Grub activity can cause the ground to feel spongy; extensive root feeding sometimes allows the turf to be rolled back like a carpet. Most damage usually takes place in late summer or early fall. Digging by predators such as turkeys, crows, raccoons, skunks, and coyotes, is a common indication of high grub populations.



Grub damage to a lawn

Action Plan: We will regularly apply insecticide property-wide in May and June this year to help prevent the spread of these grubs. This application will start soon and you will see signs and flags posted in areas that have been treated. The insecticide we use comes in a liquid form and takes approx. 10mins to dry once applied. Once the insecticide has dried, it will be watered in at night during normal irrigation for the lawns. As the chemical makes its way into the soil, it is absorbed by the root system. Once it has been absorbed by the root system, any grub feeding on these roots will ingest the insecticide and die in 2-10 days. We recommend that residents and pets stay off turf areas that have been treated for at least an hour after application. While the insecticide poses no threat to residents or pets, contact with a still wet application can lead to skin irritation. If this happens, a simple wash with soap will remove any of the insecticide.

Signs and flags will be posted on all treated turf areas.

Thank You,

Ryan Bolich, Associate Branch Manager
BrightView Landscape Services



7352-7404—Flat roof preventative maintenance scheduled for 5/24-5/31.

Association

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

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

Spring turf aeration program in progress throughout the districts.

Turf white grub merit preventative treatment control in progress throughout the districts.

Fire fuel management weed/brush clearing and tree work in progress in selected areas around the property.

Irrigation controller's communication upgrade in Radio Survey in progress.

Club Centers

Weed spraying in progress throughout the Villages.

Irrigation controller's communication upgrade in Radio Survey, in progress.

Turf white grub merit preventative treatment control in progress throughout the districts.

Fire fuel management weed/brush clearing and tree work in progress in selected areas around the property.

Chardonay Lake—Dead/dying pine tree removal in planning.

Vineyard, Cribari and Montgomery pool and spa—Closed.

Hill Lands—Clearing of vegetation in progress.

4th Tee golf course restroom re-roof in progress.



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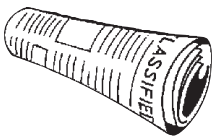
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Hi-Neighbor!

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

Please say hi to **Lorna and Matthew Pierce**, who moved to Village Olivas last December from Orlando, FL. The Pierces relocated to San Jose for Lorna's job and said they were looking forward to the beautiful scenery and mild California weather. Lorna is an Indiana native and is a senior tax manager with AMD, having graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa. Matthew is a 3D designer with a computer animation degree from the University of Central Florida. He previously owned a kitchen remodeling franchise in Orlando. In their free time, Lorna enjoys photography and Matthew likes wood carving, and they have a shared love for kayaking.

Jinhee "Jini" Kang and Sungho "Steve" Kang are two of Village Olivas' newest residents, having moved here last October from elsewhere in San Jose. Originally from South Korea, the Kangs are both insurance agents specializing in Medicare insurance. Jini holds a B.S. in math, and Steve has an M.S. in electronic engineering. Jini's interests include cooking, golf and dogs, while Steve enjoys history and religion. The two also have a shared love for traveling, movies, hiking and table tennis.

Give a warm greeting to **Donald Hammons and Rita Sair**, who are celebrating their one-year anniversary of moving to Village Montgomery from Fremont. Donald was born in Arkansas and is a U.S. Navy veteran and Legionnaire, and also a tech entrepreneur and consultant. He holds an MBA from Texas. Rita came to the U.S. at age 18 from Hong Kong. She graduated from Cal State East Bay and has spent two decades working in tech. In their spare time, Donald and Rita enjoy traveling the world and trying new cuisine. Donald also likes motorcycling, golf and the arts and Rita enjoys attending live concerts.

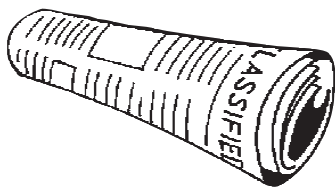
Wave hello to **Elke and Jorge Borbolla** who moved to Fairway Village all the way from Mexico City last July. Elke, originally from Germany, is a homemaker who enjoys golf and bridge. Jorge was born in Mexico, where he studied law at Sinaloa University. He also attended Yale University and Heidelberg University in Germany. Jorge practiced law in Mexico, serving as the senior partner at Barbolla y Asociados. In their spare, he enjoys golf and reading. The Borbollas have one son and three grandchildren.

Help us greet **Carmelita and Josefino Rivera**, who moved to Cribari Village last September from elsewhere in San Jose. Born in the Philippines, they both retired from the United States Postal Service, where Carmelita worked as a supervisor and Josefino worked as a mail carrier. They are both college grads, with Carmelita holding an M.A. in organizational management. In his free time, Josefino enjoys sports, and walking and biking. Carmelita also likes walking and biking, as well as hiking, dancing, reading, music and poetry.

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 ♥ J 7 5 2 6 3
 ♦ 9 5 4 9
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

EAST
 ♠ K J 9 7 4
 ♥ A K Q 10
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ A 7

Dealer: East
 Vulnerability: None

Bidding: East South West North
 Pass 1 Spade Pass 2 Spades
 Pass 4 Spades* All Pass*

Contract: 4 Spades
 Opening Lead: Queen of Clubs

Dealer has maybe a Spade loser, 1 in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds, and a Club loser.
 Strategy: Take out trumps and hope East has the Queen.

West leads the Queen of Clubs, South, the Ace, plays a Spade to the Ace on the board, finesses the 10, switches to a Diamond, East ducks, and South wins with the King. He then leads the King of Spades and captures the Queen, next plays the Ace of Hearts, continues with the King, and then leads a Club. West wins with the 9, leads the Jack of Clubs, and South trumps, now plays a Diamond, Queen from the board, and East takes the trick with the Ace. He continues with the Jack of Diamonds, South trumps, plays the Queen of Hearts, and then leads his last card, the 10 of Hearts, and West takes the trick with the Jack. Great! The contract is made exactly. As it turns out South loses 3 tricks, a Diamond, Heart, and a Club.

* South does have enough HCP to open 2 NoTrump, but his hand is too distributional and is better off in a suit contract. It turns out 3 NoTrump can also be made. When North gives a weak response showing 6-9 HCP, South jumps to game knowing he has 20 HCP and can handle a weak hand and doesn't even offer North an invitation to accept game by bidding 3 Spades.

PUZ-LER

Here is the new PUZ_LER for you.

That couple that we talked about last week had such a great romance they decided to get married. And as such, their conversation has changed and I would like you to translate for me.

She Said: 4sssssrusssss?

He said: No I am not but I will

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ttttttttttttttt

She said" getit getit getit

You out smarted me last week and if you can do it again send your translation to Mike Bailey at michsp@aol.com. Remmember to include your name and "puzzle" in the subject line.

Last week she said "come over for dinner between 5 and 6". He said "I'm in for better, for worse" And she said "me too." And the winners were Alicia Harris, Peter Groot, Fred Mathis, Phyllis A., Harriet Fernandez, Bob Bauman and Lee Thompson. It is clear you know more about relationships than you are letting on!

Bridge Players Wanted

The duplicate bridge group is looking for new players. All party bridge players should give duplicate a try. In party bridge the players dealt the best cards usually win, so it's often based on luck. In duplicate, all tables play the same cards so whoever plays them best wins, so it's mostly based on skill. The play is the same. We have a very friendly group and will be glad to help new players, so come and join us, probably in July when the card rooms open up. Meanwhile, let me know you are interested. Contact me, Lorrie Scott at lorriescott23@gmail.com or 408-223-1405.

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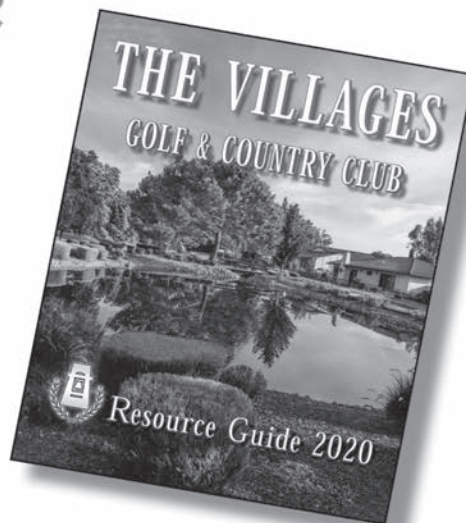
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