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## Holiday office closures

Villages business offices will be closed Friday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday.

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- Fitness Center
- Fire Safety
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## 2021/2022

## Christmas tree pickup schedule

Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days: Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4

Place the tree at curbside no more than 24 hours before pickup day and note the following before putting out your tree:

1. All tinsel, ornaments, garland, etc. must be removed.
2. All metal/plastic stands or buckets must be removed.
3. Wood stands are acceptable.
4. Trees should be cut to no longer than five-foot lengths.

BrightView Landscape will recycle all trees, except those that are flocked. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, but will be properly disposed. If you have any questions you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670.

## Tabia Ensemble to perform at MLK Day of Service Luncheon



Tabia African American Theater Ensemble

Pre-COVID publicity photo

The Villages' Martin Luther King Society invites you to the first Villages Martin Luther King National Day of Service Luncheon on **January 17, 2022**. The luncheon will celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and will acknowledge the yearlong days of service of many Villages Board-recognized service organizations and clubs. Two of these organizations will receive exclusive awards for exemplary services to the Villages community. The keynote speaker will be Cindy Chavez, the former San Jose Vice Mayor and President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

The special, not-to-be-missed entertainment at the luncheon will be the performances of the Tabia African American Theater Ensemble. Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble consists of a dedicated group of individuals who have been involved in the theatre community for the past 29 years. Tabia, based in San Jose, is in its 36th season of performances in the Bay Area. The name Tabia is a Swahili word for "talented," and represents the creativity, devotion, and diversity of the ensemble's pool of artists. The ensemble has earned a reputation for presenting high quality productions that celebrate and explore the African American experience ranging from touching dramas to clever comedies.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and entertainment will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fairway room. Seating is extremely limited, so make your reservations now. Contact Fred Stern at [sternfj@pacbell.net](mailto:sternfj@pacbell.net) now for tickets, which are \$35 per person by check or billed to a house number account.

## Face coverings still required

Face coverings are still required to be worn, covering the nose and mouth while inside any Club facility.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Order from August 2021 is still in effect and requires wearing a well-fitted mask indoors in public and non-public settings (<https://covid19.sccgov.org/public-health-orders#executive-summary>). This includes while exercising in the Fitness Center, attending a meeting or social event, walking through Cribari Center, the Clubhouse, or other Club facility. Please do your part to keep yourself and others safe.



# 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.

2 Pulse letters received this week.  
1 deferred Pulse letter approved for this week.  
2 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 pandemic in digital form only. You may take a picture of your hand-written letter and e-mail it as a JPEG attachment to: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

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

I am not a golfer. But I really dislike when people try to skew something to make a point. A recent letter bemoaned men not being able to reserve a block of time on a weekend for golf, saying there are two blocks of times reserved for women on Tuesday and Thursday, and not giving a Saturday block of time to men is discriminatory.

There are two blocks for women – but they completely ignored that there are also two blocks of time for men – Wednesday until 11 a.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

There are a lot of Villagers still working. Blocking a weekend and preventing those people from playing seems like a terrible policy. It's bad enough there are so many tournaments on weekends – I hear complaints about that from friends. Don't discriminate against those who still work for a living – both women AND men.

—Anahid Gregg

In 2018 two laws were passed that set a target of 55 gallons of water per person per day for indoor water usage. This will get lowered to 52.5 gallons in 2025 and 50 gallons in 2030. We do not know how much water is used for indoor use and we will not know for some time the impact this will have on us. But I believe it is a good target for the Villages. In my Village we have buildings that are consistently using close to 200 gallons per household per day even in winter when no outside watering should be taking place. Our DAC has asked staff to look into these for several years. If we knew the number of people per household we could calculate the gallons per person per day from the water used by each building from the data Meg Flanagan creates every two months. I have created such a spreadsheet and I recommend that staff do the same thing. They will find there are some buildings that use more than 100 gallons per person per day. If the Rapid Response Team looks for only spikes or heavy usage then they will miss these buildings.

—Ed Logg

Did you notice that over \$200,000 of our landscape died during the recent summer months? I didn't and you probably didn't either. In the November 18th The Villager (page 3), our ABOD estimated that the required reduced watering this summer cost us \$225,000 to \$250,000 in lost plants (including more water to re-establish them). I believe this is a gross overestimate of the plants that were lost and we residents will need to pay for. The ABOD estimated that in Montgomery Village, about 400 plants were lost. No one I've talked to in Montgomery thinks this is anywhere near accurate. Reduced watering in July - October, saved all of us over \$197,000 and over 27 million gallons of water. Hooray for our ABOD! I encourage you to ask your DACs to get a detailed accounting of the plants lost. All of this begs the important question: If most people didn't see a significant plant loss, should we be spending large amounts of money to fix a problem most people don't notice?

—Simon Cintz

## ABOVE & BEYOND

On December 14, the Ladies' Nine-Hole Golf Club (The Swingers) held its holiday luncheon in the Clubhouse. It would not have been the success that it was without the fantastic support of the Clubhouse staff. From set-up to service to food, everything looked nice, went smoothly, and tasted delish! Many thanks to all involved.

—Valerie Dimmick

## 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 Adrienne at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages web site at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

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### 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, Thomas Moore at 408-887-5322, 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

## Notice of Proposed Changes to Association AC Rules D-22 Deck, Balcony, and Patio, Entry Step and Entry Walk Floor Coverings and D-23 Garage Doors—Normal Replacement

At the December 14, 2021, Association Board of Directors monthly meeting, proposed changes to The Villages Association Architectural Rules D-22 Deck, Balcony, and Patio, Entry Step and Entry Walk Floor Covering and D-23 Garage Doors—Normal Replacement were approved for publication and member comments for the required notice and member comment period prior to formal approval consideration at the February 22, 2022, monthly board meeting. Response to the proposed rule changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed changes at the Association Board of Directors board meetings (January 25, and February 22, 2022), or 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Maria Hernandez in the General Manager's office at: mehernandez@the-villages.com.

Deletions are noted in ~~strikethrough font~~; additions are underlined; and the purposes of the changes are in *italics*.

### AC Rule D-22 Deck, Balcony, Patio, Entry Step and Entry Walk Floor Coverings

*The purpose of the change is to update the rule to not allow certain types of materials that are not maintained correctly and become trip hazards and damage existing components to be installed.*

### AC Rule D-23 Garage Doors – Normal Replacement

*The purpose of the change is to update the rule with approved style and color that is in harmony with the village surrounding area and the venting that is required.*

## D-22 Deck, Balcony, and Patio, Entry Step and Entry Walk Floor Coverings

The installation of deck, balcony, and patio, entry step and entry walk floor coverings may be permitted in limited common areas and common areas upon the applicant complying with the following conditions:

a.) An Owner Alteration Request, signed by the owner, including complete plans and specifications, must be submitted to the Committee for approval. The application shall include written comments by the owners of adjoining villas, (within field of view, as applicable and as designated by the Committee). In obtaining comments from adjoining villa owners, the applicant shall provide plans (plan view and/or elevation view as applicable) in sufficient detail to enable those owners to assess the visual and/or aesthetic impact of the modification. Comments from these adjoining villa owners will be given full and careful consideration by the Committee. Final plans shall be drawn to scale upon substantial paper and of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to provisions of this rule.

### b.) For cement patios For on-grade patios and entry walks

1) ~~Pavers, slate, flagstone, painting, etc. are allowed as approved by the AC. If grouting is exposed on edging, it should be covered by an approved facing or compatible deck covering material. All materials shall be exterior grade slip-resistant products.~~

2) Concrete, stained concrete, stamped concrete, unglazed pavers, thin brick pavers, textured porcelain tiles and textured coating, etc. are allowed provided the following conditions are met.

a) A minimum of a 1" Vertical finished clearance/separation between the patio surface and the siding/stucco to protect all wood and stucco surfaces.

1) b) Patios or walkways shall be slopped away from the structure to allow trapped water to drain freely. Soil shall slope away from the structure for a minimum of 3' to restrict ponding.

3) Carpeting is not permitted allowed.

4) Painting of concrete is not allowed, starting in 2022.

2) 5) If grouting is exposed on edging, it should be covered by an approved facing or compatible deck covering material.

3) 6) Alterations to entry steps and staircases are not allowed, starting in 2022.

### c.) For wood deck floors

1. Carpeting is not allowed.

2. Pavers, slate, flagstone, etc. are allowed as approved by the AC. Waterproof sub-base required to protect the wood from moisture.

3. Painting deck is acceptable using approved materials and colors.

### c.) For above grade patios and decks

1) Carpeting, synthetic coating, staining and painting on decks or above grade patios are not allowed.

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## *Estates DAC seeks volunteers*

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board is seeking additional volunteers from the Estates to serve on the Estates District Advisory Committee (DAC). Roles and responsibilities include 1) Review year-to-date and other periodic maintenance and financial reports for the Estates, 2) develop annual operating and replacement reserve budget recommendations, and 3) work with the Homeowners' Corporation Architectural Control Committee on Estates owners' requests.

If you are interested, please contact current Estates DAC member Carol Grady at 408-270-9141 or c.c.grady@gmail.com.

## *Questions for the Club Board?*

The Club Board of Directors (CBOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The CBOD has a column in *The Villager* so that all those interested can see the question and response. If you have any questions, please email them to Julia Meadows at jmeadows@the-villages.com or you can put a written question in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.

The entire Board is interested in communicating the proper information for your understanding of issues and current events.



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

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY  
NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 11, 23 & 26



Happy New Year,  
neighbors.

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# 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 below.

### Report Coyote Activity

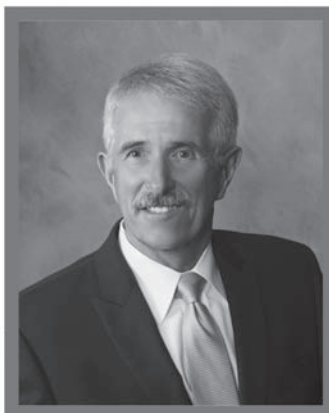
Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the email addresses listed below.

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

### Estate Planning Attorneys

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### Guest Bar Code renewal for 2022

It is that time of year again to renew all guest bar codes. Your current guest bar codes will be automatically renewed, at a cost of \$6 each, in January 2022. No forms required. You will see the billing on your January 2022 statement. If you do not want a guest bar code renewed, please contact Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246, option 2 by December 15, 2021.

As always, your resident bar code does not need to be renewed.

### Important car registration reminder

If you have purchased a new vehicle, or have yet to register your vehicle with Public Safety, please contact Public Safety Administration (Building C) at 408-239-5246, option 2, as soon as possible. You may also email us at: [hbalaoro@the-villages.com](mailto:hbalaoro@the-villages.com)

As a friendly reminder, ALL Villages Residents are REQUIRED to register all vehicles with Public Safety and have a Resident Bar Code Sticker on their vehicle.

### Golf cart registration reminder

If you have purchased a new golf cart, or have yet to register your golf cart with Public Safety, please contact Public Safety Administration (Building C) at 408-239-5246, option 2, as soon as possible. You may also email us at: [hbalaoro@the-villages.com](mailto:hbalaoro@the-villages.com)

As a friendly reminder, ALL Villages Residents are REQUIRED to register all golf carts with Public Safety and have a Villages Golf Cart Decal affixed to their cart.

### Call 911 for medical emergencies

**Public Safety Reminder:** In case of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first. Public Safety monitors all emergency calls through San Jose Fire Dispatch. We will respond at the exact same time as the Fire Department and Paramedics. Calling the front gate can only delay response time by emergency personnel. It is always quicker to call 911. It is the only phone call you will need to make.

### Leash rule for pets

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

An increase in coyote aggression has created problems with small dogs, especially those that are unleashed. **Please always leash your pets. And keep leashes short, the Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.**

Furthermore, accompany your leashed pet at all times while outside. Do not let go of the leash or tie your animal to trees or other objects. An unattended leash not only attracts the attention of coyotes, but is also a tripping hazard to other walkers.



More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
and COMMUNITY NOTICES  
on pages 11, 23 & 26

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### Valle Vista DAC to meet January 4

Valle Vista residents are invited to the Tuesday, January 4, 2022 DAC meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Vineyard Center. Masks must be worn in accordance with the Santa Clara County and Villages guidelines.

### The Estates DAC to meet January 12

There will be an Estates DAC meeting 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 12 in the Foothill Center. Masks must be worn in accordance with the Santa Clara County and Villages guidelines.

### Association Policy Committee meeting

The Villages Association Policy Committee Meeting is Wednesday, January 12 at 1 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference. Meeting ID: 846 1279 3083, Passcode: 013767, Dial: 669-900-9128

[More COMMUNITY NOTICES](#)

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

### ‘Who gets scammed?’

Who is most likely to lose money to a scammer in a fraud? Men? Women? How about old versus young? Does the level of education matter? Low-income folks? Geographic location? Introvert versus extrovert? No, no, no, none of those things are the primary indicator.

The answer comes from scammers themselves. Law enforcement agencies report that individuals convicted of fraud have said that they try to get victims emotionally aroused as part of their pitch. In other words, it isn't "Who you are" that matters but "How you are" when the pitch is made.

NORC at the University of Chicago tested this theory and recently released a study of consumers who experienced a financial loss to fraud. What the study found is that indeed, most often it's a person's emotional state at the time of encounter that separates victims from nonvictims in a fraud situation.

The scammers say there are two ways they exploit people in an emotional state. First, they go after people they know are already in an emotionally vulnerable moment. For example, a loved one has died, or they have suffered greatly in a wildfire or earthquake, or they have a serious health condition.

Now this is obviously a limited group of people, so second, the scammers work to manipulate you into becoming emotional in either a positive or negative way. Yes, the study indicates either an emotional high or an emotional low makes you vulnerable to fraud. You won the lottery! You are about to go to jail! Your computer is on the verge of meltdown! Your grandchild is hurt! Your daughter has been kidnapped! You have inherited from your unknown uncle!

Most of us are very good at focusing on getting things done quickly. We jump into action when problems arise. The scammer is hoping to frighten you into doing something immediately, before you can see the holes in the story. For example, your grandson is 12; it's unlikely he's in jail in Mexico. Or wait a minute, I've never heard that the Lottery Commission calls a person to let them know they've won the Lotto.

What can you do? Refuse to respond immediately. Tell the "kidnapper" you need to talk with your partner—whether or not you have a partner. Tell the "attorney" you need to talk with your attorney. Give yourself time to emotionally calm down and then decide what to do.

*Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. The SRS office is in the Cribari Center across from the Post Office. You may also leave a message at 408-239-5253 or e-mail SRS at [villagesrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villagesrs@sbcglobal.net). The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional adviser about your individual situation.*

### **SRS reminder:**

### **Tax preparer list**

An updated list of paid tax preparers is available. All on the list are either CPAs (Certified Public Accountants) or EAs (Enrolled Agents). About half are Villagers; the others are all in San Jose. Stop by the office for a copy or call and leave your e-address and it can be emailed to you.

SRS will have a free tax preparation program sponsored by AARP for basic returns. Watch your Villager as to when and how to make an appointment for this service.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association All DAC

• The All DAC Preliminary Budget Meeting is Thursday, January 6 at 10 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392

Passcode: 223468

Dial: 669-900-6833

### Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. at Foothill Center via hybrid Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392

Password: 223468

Dial: 669-900-6833

### Club

• The Villages Golf and Country Club Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center via hybrid Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740

Password: 260616

Dial: 669-900-6833

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of February are due to the Architectural Committee on or before January 21, 2022. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Foothill Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **January 21, 2022.**

**Correction:** The Club Operating Financial Commentary for the month of October 2021, published in the December 16 *Villager* contained an error in the Club Operating Results table under the "Actual" category of "Expenses." The table below contains the corrected figure.

	Club Operating Results		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,176,300	\$1,156,300	\$ 20,000
Expenses	\$1,008,100	\$1,113,800	\$105,700
Net	\$ 168,200	\$ 42,500	\$125,700



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



all times are a.m. and p.m.

## Coyote Town Hall

Mon Wed Fri Sun  
**2:00 & 8:00**  
 Tue Thu Sat  
**4:30 & 10:30**

## Fitness Center

Tue Thu Sat  
**2:00 & 8:00**  
 Sun  
**1:00 & 7:00**

## Fire Safety at The Villages

Tue Thu Sat  
**3:00 & 9:00**

## Welcome to Our Website

Mon Wed Fri Sun  
**3:30 & 9:30**

## Avoiding Senior Scams

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun  
**4:15 & 10:15**

## Fitness

**12:00 & 6:00**

Mon Wed Fri Sun  
**Chair Aerobics**

Tue Sat

**Tai-Chi 8-Form**

Thu

**Stretch Aerobics**

**12:25 & 6:25**

Mon Fri

**Bollywood**

Tue Sat

**Dynamic Balance**

Wed Sun

**Breathing Exercise**

Thu

**Aerobic Breathing Meditation**

**1:00 & 7:00**

Mon - Sat

**15 Minute Exercise**

**1:15 & 7:15**

Mon Wed Fri

**Chair Fitness**

Tue Thu Sat

**Cardio Fitness**



**Club Events & Notices**

Network:  
 Villages Public  
 Password:  
 villages

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

### Friday, December 31

9 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Quilters PR  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 6:15 p.m. Mex. Train Party MC

### Saturday, January 1

9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 10 a.m. Hiking Club FC

### Sunday, January 2

7:15 a.m. Catholic Choir CR  
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A  
 9 a.m. Episcopal Service MC  
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 10 a.m. Comm. Chapel Service A  
 11 a.m. Chapel Fellowship CR

### Monday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Chinese Club Exercise MMP  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 10 a.m. Line Dance Class MMP  
 10 a.m. Watercolor Class AR  
 10:30 a.m. Fitness Center Comm. F  
 1 p.m. Stitchery PR  
 1:30 p.m. Tech. Explorers Disc. CR  
 1:30 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

### Tuesday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Men's Golf Club MC  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 9:30 a.m. Poetry in Art Class AR  
 10 a.m. Ukulele -Advanced PR  
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 10 a.m. Men's Social Club CH  
 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2 p.m. Veteran' Club FC  
 2:30 p.m. Chapel Choir CR  
 4 p.m. Valle Vista DAC VC  
 6 p.m. Band Rehearsal A  
 7 p.m. Catholic Group MC

### Wednesday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Chinese Club Exercise MMP  
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 10 a.m. Critique, Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Study PR  
 11:30 a.m. Dippy Dolphins MC  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 4 p.m. Chines Line Dance VC  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 7 p.m. Global Village Comm. CR  
 7 p.m. Mex. Trains Dominoes MC

### Thursday, January 6

8 a.m. Association AC FC  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9 a.m. Chapel Music PR  
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 9:30 a.m. Drawing Assemblage AR  
 10 a.m. Line Dance MMP  
 12:30 p.m. Ukulele Club A

1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 1:30 p.m. Opera Lovers VC  
 3 p.m. Homeowners AC CR  
 3 p.m. Sr. Academy Meeting CH  
 5:30 p.m. Hiking Club Potluck FC  
 7 p.m. Chinese Club Karaoke MC  
 7 p.m. Italian Club Board PR

### Friday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Chinese Club Exercise MMP  
 8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass CR  
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Ceramics CER  
 9:30 a.m. Open Studio AR  
 10 a.m. Line Dance Class MMP  
 10 a.m. Quilters PR  
 1 p.m. Bridge Club RED  
 1 p.m. Pinseekers Social VC  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2 p.m. Mat. Theater Auditions A  
 2:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal CR  
 7 p.m. Mex. Trains Dominoes MC

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org)

\*Registration: Barbara Gottesman. [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

\*\* Registration: Diane Finley [dianefinley1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)

\*\*\* Program Chair: Marcy Boyles

**Ceramics Room** has open studio to approved members only please. Monday and Tuesday, noon – 3 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. – noon, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Visit [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com)

**January 15:** Basic Calligraphy Workshop with Francesca Pulis. Sat. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Art Room. \$35 \*

**January 31:** Advisory Board Meeting. 3 p.m. Art Room

**Currently in Session:**

**Stitchery Group** on Mondays in Patio Room 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408 218-8372  
**Tuesdays:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: **Poetry in Art** in the Art Room. All are welcome to bring a poem and create art.

**Wednesdays:** 1:30 – 3 p.m. **Mining Your Memories.**

**Fridays:** Open Studio with Jane Hink. 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Bring your art materials and work on your own creations.

## HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: Every Wednesday and Saturday – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:45 a.m. from Foothill Center. Every Monday – at Clubhouse parking lot at 8:30 a.m. walk around golf course with Terri Vivoli and/or Cheryl Allman.

**Saturday, January 1:** Celebrate the New Year on top of our hill. The Hiking Club will once again celebrate New Year's Day at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,300 ft. The long hikers will start from Foothill Center, leaving at 9:30 a.m. It will take about 90 minutes to make it to the top, so the celebration will start at about 11:30 a.m. at the top of the hill. The Ramblers will hike on the lower hill trails to the picnic tables at the intersection of Sky and Ohlone. They will meet at the parking lot of the upper gardens at 10 a.m.. Please bring snacks and suitable libations to share with friends and fellow hikers. Total hiking distance 4–5-mile round trip, depending on which trails we take. For a more leisurely pace and a slightly shorter distance, hikers can also start at the upper garden parking lot. Time your start to make it to the top by 11:30 a.m. perhaps starting between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 5 ( Rambler Lite Hike):** Bonnie Preston will lead a hike around Cribari. Park at the Restaurant at 9:20 and hike begins at 9:30. We'll walk along the west walkway then up through the parkway and back to our cars. For more info call 408-531 1513.

**Wednesday, January 12 ( Rambler Lite Hike):** Bonnie Preston will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. Park at Foothill at 9:20 and hike begins at 9:30. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothills. For more info call 408-531 1513.

## EVENT LOCATIONS

<b>A</b>	Auditorium	(Cribari)
<b>AR</b>	Art Room	(Cribari)
<b>BC</b>	Bocce Courts	
<b>BGA</b>	Building A	
<b>CER</b>	Ceramics	(Cribari)
<b>CCR</b>	Cribari Club Rm.	
<b>CH</b>	Clubhouse	
<b>CR</b>	Conference Rm.	(Cribari)
<b>CY</b>	Corporation Yard	
<b>F</b>	Forum	(Cribari)
<b>FC</b>	Foothill Center	
<b>FCR</b>	Fitness Center	
<b>FHP</b>	Foothill Pool	
<b>GP</b>	Gazebo	
<b>L</b>	Lobby	(Cribari)
<b>SEQ</b>	Sequoia	(Cribari)
<b>MC</b>	Montgomery Center	
<b>MMP</b>	Montgomery MP Room	
<b>RED</b>	Redwood	(Cribari)
<b>P</b>	Patio	(Cribari)
<b>PR</b>	Patio Room	(Cribari)
<b>PC</b>	Pickleball Courts	
<b>TR</b>	Terrace Room	(Cribari)
<b>VC</b>	Vineyard Center	

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The following events are sponsored by the Community Activities Department. Please telephone 223-4643 for additional information.

## Game Rooms—New Year’s Eve closure

For New Year’s Eve, the Redwood Room, Sequoia Room and Terrace Room Lounge will be unavailable for drop-in game play on Friday, December 31. The regular Game Day drop-in schedule will resume on the following Monday, which is Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are currently tracking usage of these rooms to better understand how Villagers are using these facilities. When you use any of these spaces, please locate the provided clipboards and let us know your name, house number and when you arrived. Thank you to all participants; this information will inform future facility decisions.

## Lifting the Villages liquor license for events

The Villages Golf and Country Club has a liquor license that covers all Club properties. When attendees at a private event, or an event hosted by a Board Recognized Organization or resident, seek to serve/consume alcohol (beer, wine and spirits) in a Club Facility, The Villages must surrender its license for that specific date and time and transfer liability away from the Club. This transfers the liability to the facility reservation holder and protects The Villages’ license.

There is a two-week turnaround period to process the paperwork associated with lifting The Villages’ license. Please plan accordingly. The Villages is required to ensure any license action is on file at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) prior to the event. The original ABC mandated form (not faxed or other electronic copy) is the only format accepted.

If you miss the two-week advance deadline, the Community Activities office will be unable to process the request.

## Face coverings still required

Face coverings are still required to be worn, covering the nose and mouth while inside any Club facility.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Order from August 2021 is still in effect and requires wearing a well-fitted mask indoors in public and non-public settings (<https://covid19.sccgov.org/public-health-orders#executive-summary>). This includes while exercising in the Fitness Center, attending a meeting or social event, walking through Cribari Center, the Clubhouse, or other Club facility. Please do your part to keep yourself and others safe.

## Drop-in areas in Cribari Center Hallway

There are two open small rooms in Cribari Center hallway available for drop-in use. They are located between the SRS office and the Forum room. One room has two red leather chairs great for using the public Wi-Fi, reading or chatting. The other room has a small round table and four chairs, perfect for a small card game, meeting, or chatting. These rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, seven days per week. Water is allowed in the rooms, but please, no food.

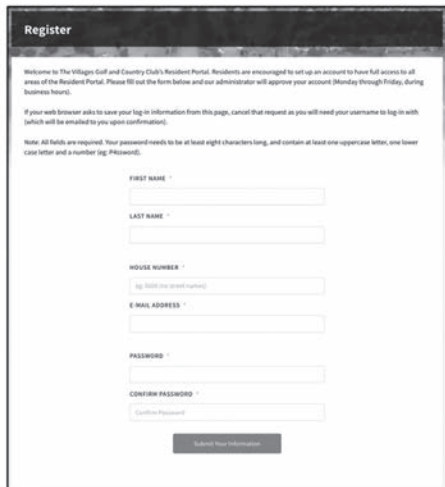
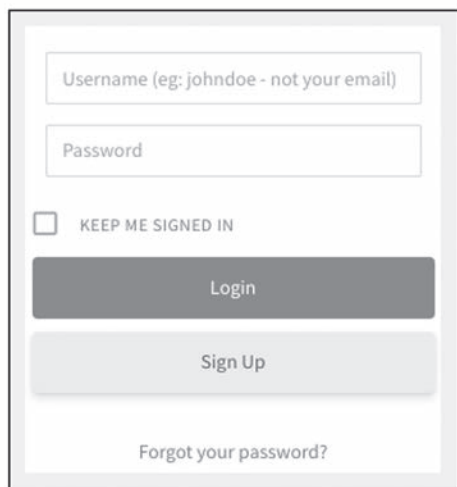
## How to Create an Account on the Resident Portal:

The Villages Resident Portal is a password protected website for resident exclusive information and resources. We are asking residents who wish to access the secured areas of the Portal to create an account. Please see below for instructions on how to create an account.

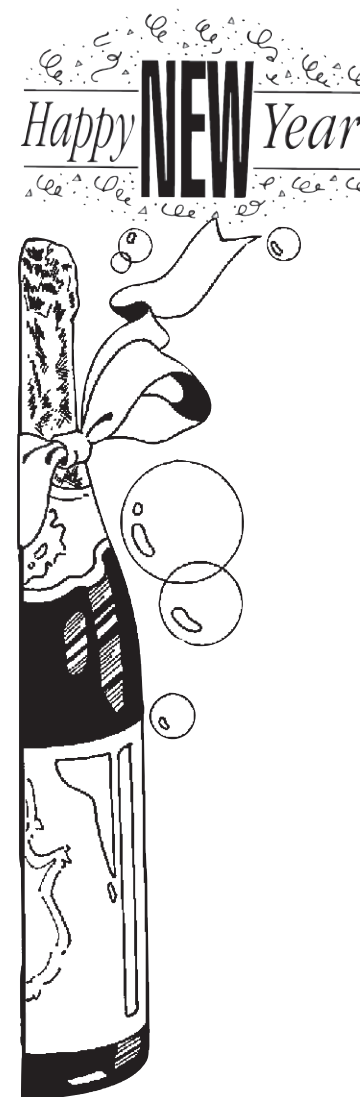
Please note: if you currently have an account for the GateAccess, PayLease, or Chelsea Tee Time systems, your account information for these services will work only for these services and not for accessing the Portal.

### How do I create an account?

From the Portal homepage locate the “Login” box below the green Menu on the left side of your screen (see below left image). New users can click “Sign Up” to be taken to the the Account Registration Page (see image below).



Enter your information and choose your password using the provided criteria. Once you are done click “Submit Your Information” to send your registration for approval. Accounts will be approved as they are received during business hours, Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Once approved you will receive a confirmation email with your User Name. You can then use your User Name and the password you chose to log into the Portal.



### Will all areas of the Portal be password protected?

No, some areas of the Portal will remain accessible to the public and to users when logged off, such as the Golf, The Villages Clubhouse, and The Villager Newspaper options on the Menu. Public accessibility to content will be determined on a case by case basis and may change.

### Will all users be able to see the same information?

No, at present there are separate user types for Residents and Non-Resident Owners. Non-Resident Owners will not be able to access any functions that require residency.

If you encounter issues following the steps, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at [KPatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:KPatterson@the-villages.com) or via phone at 408-223-4681.

## RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Community Activities office offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. As an active adult community, many meetings, events and appointments vie for your time. *Please check your personal calendars*

*prior to committing to an event, class or trip. Once registered for an activity, you are responsible for the cost of the activity. All sales are final.*

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant’s ability to participate based on each individual’s physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

Employees are not permitted to provide physical assistance to participants. If personal assistance or a wheelchair is needed, the participant must arrange for a caregiver with paid reservation to accompany him/her.

Employees, residents and their guests represent the Villages Golf and Country Club off site. It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a dignified, cooperative and congenial manner.

# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

## WHAT'S COOKING?

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

**Clubhouse Restaurant open for full service along with Patio dining—Reservations suggested:** Indoor dining in the Restaurant is available at 100-percent capacity. The Clubhouse suggests that you please make dining reservations. The Clubhouse still offers food to go with Curbside Grab-and-Go service.

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

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

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

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

**New Menus:** See the new Clubhouse Restaurant and Bistro menus on pages 9 & 10. The new menus were introduced September 25.



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

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

### Clubhouse is open for full service

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

**Restaurant Main Dining Room:** Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation. Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://clubhouserreservation.com)

- **Patio and Bistro Dining** will be on a first-come, first-served basis and is strictly for walk-in guests.
- **The Bistro alcove** can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people.
- **The kitchen will still close at 8 p.m.**, last seating at the Bistro, Patio, curbside takeout and Restaurant main dining room is 7:30 p.m.
- **Bistro Bar closes at 9 p.m. Last call is at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dress code for the main dining room will be enforced. During summer months, dress shorts and dress sandals will be allowed.
- Restrictions on number of guests per table will be lifted.
- Masks are required for all employees indoors.
- Seating capacity will be at 100 percent.
- Visitors do not have to be accompanied by Villagers to use Clubhouse.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.
- Villagers will not have to sign in for indoor seating.

#### Hours of Operation will be as follows:

**Breakfast/Brunch:** Saturdays 7 a.m. to 11a.m. Sundays 7a.m. to 2 p.m.

**All-Day Menu:** 7 Days 11a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Dinner Menu:** Tuesdays through Sundays 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

First, call in your order at 408-370-8553. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 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.

## Indoor and Patio dining or Curbside hours of Operation

Monday	Tuesday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
<b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	<b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	<b>Saturday Breakfast:</b> 7 a.m.–11 a.m.
<b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Sunday Breakfast:</b> 7 a.m.–2 p.m.
	<b>Dinner Menu:</b> 5 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
		<b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
		<b>Dinner:</b> 5 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Last Seating

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner indoor dining now available as well as Patio Dining and Curbside Grab-and-Go pickup.



## Soup of the Day

For the week of 1/3 to 1/9

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	Split Pea
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	Chicken Noodle with Mint
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	Cream of Spinach
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	French Onion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	Clam Chowder
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	Chef's Choice



**Bistro Menu**

2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Starters**

GF **Potato Skins \$13.00**  
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

**Wings 6Pc \$9 12Pc \$17.00**  
Celery and Carrots, Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

**Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$9.95**  
Honey Mustard or Ranch

V. **Caprese Salad bites on Skewers \$8.00**  
Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Roasted Meatballs \$8.95**  
BBQ Sauce, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

**Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95**  
Or **Pulled BBQ Pork Sliders**  
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish or BBQ Pulled Pork on soft Potato Buns

**Southern Crab Cakes \$11.95**  
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

**Calamari \$11.95**  
Lightly Dusted Rings, and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

**Soup of the Day**  
Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95

**Main**

**Entrée Caesar Salad \$10.50**  
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan, Croutons  
Add Chicken \$3 Salmon \$6 Prawns \$6

**Cobb Salad \$14.25**  
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese  
Add chicken \$3 Prawns \$6 Salmon \$6

**Shrimp Louie \$16.25**  
Mixed Greens, with Avocados, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Hard Boiled Egg with 1,000 Island

V **Quesadilla \$11.95**  
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole,  
Add Chicken or Beef \$3

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.  
GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

V. **Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95**  
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce  
Add Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$3

**Fish and Chips \$13.95**  
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

**Street Tacos \$12.95**  
Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantro, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini Corn Tortillas

**Sides: \$4.95**

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

**Sandwiches**

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

**Burger with Side 2. \$12.95**  
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish  
Or

V **Impossible Burger with Side \$13.95**  
Plant Based Meat with Lettuce, Add Avocado, Bacon or Cheese add \$2

**BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Side \$13.95**  
Slow Braised Pork shoulders, Shredded Cabbage and Carrots on Egg Bun

**Philly Cheese Steak or Philly Chicken Sandwich with Side \$13.95**

**Fisherman's Sandwich with Side \$13.50**  
Panko Breaded Sole. LTO Tartar Sauce on Hoagie Loaf

**Breaded Chicken Sandwich with Side \$13.95**  
with Coleslaw on Potato Bun

**Naan Flatbread Pizzas**

V **Cheese Pizza \$9.75** **Pepperoni Pizza \$10.75**  
V **Margarita Pizza \$10.25**

**Combination Pizza \$12.95**  
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

**BBQ Chicken Pizza \$12.95**  
Bacon, Chicken, Red Onion with Tangy BBQ Sauce  
**Gluten Free Crust Add \$ 1.50**

**Breakfast Menu**

Saturdays 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sundays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**French Toast \$6.95**  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

**Short Stack Pancakes \$6.95**  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

**Belgium Waffles \$7.25**  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruit Berries

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

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

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

**Lox and Bagels \$12.95**  
Smoke Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

**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**

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2. **The Villager \$8.50**  
2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon.  
With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast

2. **Three Egg Omelet \$9.75**  
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes  
Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$2 each,  
Bay Shrimp \$3.00, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25  
Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

2. **Skillet Scrambler \$8.50**  
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes  
Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$2 each, Bay Shrimp \$3, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25  
Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

2. **Huevos Rancheros \$9.75**  
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Blacked Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

2. **Eggs Benedict \$9.95**  
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce  
Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

2. **Eggs Florentine Benedict \$9.25**  
2 Poached Eggs, & Spinach, Feta and Tomatoes over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce.  
Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

2. **Corned Beef Hash And Eggs \$9.75**  
2 Eggs any style with House Made Seasoned Hash.  
Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

**Dinner Menu**

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

**Starters**

**Soup of the Day Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$6.95**

V **Baby Lettuce Mix Salad \$5.95**

**Small Caesar Salad \$6.75**

**Calamari \$11.95**  
Lightly Dusted Rings, and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

V **Fried Breaded Green Beans \$7.50**

**Southern Crab Cakes \$11.95**  
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

V **Caprese Salad Bites on Skewer \$8.00**  
Mozzerella, Basil, Cherry Tomatoe, Balsamic Drizzle

**The Lighter Side**

**Served à la carte**

**Linguini and Clams \$16.95**  
White Wine, Butter, Olive Oil, Lemon Juice Parsley

V **Fettucine Alfredo \$14.95**  
Creamy Parmesan Garlic Sauce  
Add Chicken Or Bay Shrimp \$3,

V **Eggplant Parmesan \$15.95**  
Eggplant breaded in Crispy Panko Crumbs, Layered in Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and Provolone

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays**

2. **Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$34.95**  
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

V **Vegetarian**

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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 with Entrees**

2. **Grilled New York Steak \$29.95**  
Center Cut with Peppercorn Sauce

2. **Grilled Filet Tip \$28.95**  
Topped with Mushroom Veloute Sauce

**Chef Ralph's Meat Loaf \$23.95**  
Ketchup BBQ Glaze

2. **Calf Liver and Onions \$24.95**  
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

**Braised Lamb Shank \$ 31.95**  
Rosemary Red Wine Jardiniere Sauce

**Chicken Cordon Blue \$24.95**  
Breaded and Stuffed with Ham and Cheese  
Topped with Dijon Cream Sauce

**Country Fried Chicken \$23.95**  
2pc Thigh and Breast with Country Gravy

2. **Grilled Bone In Pork Chops \$25.95**  
Honey Garlic Sauce

**Filet of Sole Piccata \$26.75**  
Flour Dusted with Capers, White Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

**Grilled Salmon \$26.95**  
Lemon Dill Butter Sauce

**Garlic Prawns \$26.95**  
Bordelaise White Wine Sauce

**Weekly Specials**

For the week of  
1/3 to 1/9

**Lunch Specials:**

Monday 1/3 to Sunday 1/9

**Stuffed Avocado Tuna Salad:**

Half Avocado, Tuna Salad, Tomato, Cucumber and Eggs over Greens  
**\$15.50**

**Dinner Specials:**

Tuesday 1/4 to Sunday 1/9

**Marinated Flank Steak:**

Ginger Ponzu Sauce with Choice of Sides  
**\$28.95**

**Fettucini Salmon Asparagus:**

In a Garlic Cream Sauce  
**\$26.75**

**Dessert Menu**

**\$6.25**

**Vanilla Crème Brulee with Berries**  
Creamy Custard Topped with Glazed Caramelized Sugar

**Warm Chocolate Fondant Lava Cake**  
Melt in your mouth chocolate center

**Black Forest Cake**  
Chocolate Sponge Cake with Cherries and Whipped Meringue  
Chocolate Shavings

**New Orleans Bourbon Bread Pudding**  
Caramel Toffee Sauce

**\$4.95**

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet

Milk Shakes

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
A reservation is requested for the main dining room  
A reservation is requested for parties of 6 or more for the Bistro Patio

## Lunch Menu

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**GF Potato Skins \$13.00**

Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

**Wings 6Pc \$9 12Pc \$17.00**

with Carrots, Celery Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

**Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$9.95**

Honey Mustard or Ranch

**Fried Breaded Green Beans \$7.50**

**V Caprese Salad bites on Skewers \$8.00**  
Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Sides: \$4.95**

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

**V Lunch 3 Egg Omelet with Fruit \$9.75**

Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes. Choice of Toast  
Ham, Bacon, or Cheese Add \$2, Bay Shrimp \$3

**Entrée Caesar Salad \$10.50**

Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons Add Chicken \$3 Salmon \$6 Prawns \$6

**V Chinese Salad \$14.25**

Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Noodles with a Sesame Ginger Dressing  
Add Chicken \$3 Add Prawns \$6

**Cobb Salad \$14.25**

Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese  
Add chicken \$3, Prawns \$6 or Salmon \$6

**Shrimp Louie \$16.25**

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

**Roasted Meatballs \$8.95**

BBQ Sauce, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

**Angus Beef Sliders \$11.95**

**Or Pulled BBQ Pork Sliders**  
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish or BBQ Pulled Pork Cole Slaw on soft Potato Buns

**Southern Crab Cakes \$11.95**

2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

**Calamari \$11.95**

Lightly Dusted Rings, and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

**V Southwestern Salad \$11.25**

Corn, Black Beans, Avocado, Sour Cream, Cilantro, Cheese, Tortilla Strips with Mixed Greens and Salsa Add Beef or Chicken \$3

**V Quesadilla \$11.95**

Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole, Add Chicken or Beef \$3

**V Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95**

Vegetables over Rice with Ponzu Sauce, Add Chicken \$3, Salmon \$6 or Prawns \$6

**V Vegetarian Tika Masala over Rice \$12.95**

Add Chicken \$3

**Fish and Chips \$13.95**

Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

**Street Tacos \$12.95**

Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantros, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini Corn Tortillas

**Fried Chicken and Waffles \$12.95**

Wing and Drumette with Maple syrup and Fruit

### Sandwiches and Such

**Hot Dog with Side \$8.95**

Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Cheddar add \$2

**Burger with Side 2. \$12.95**

Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish  
Or

**V Impossible Burger with Side \$13.95**

Plant Based Meat with Lettuce, Add Avocado, Bacon, or Cheese \$2

**BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Side \$13.95**

Slow Braised Pork Shoulders, Shredded Cabbage and Carrots on Egg Bun

**Philly Cheese Steak or**

**Philly Chicken Sandwich with Side \$13.95**

Hoagie Loaf with Provolone Cheese, Peppers and Onions

**Reuben \$13.95**

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

**Fisherman's Sandwich with Side \$13.50**

Panko Breaded Sole. LTO Tartar Sauce on Hoagie Loaf

**BLT Sandwich with Side \$9.25**

Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Served on Choice of Bread, Add Turkey or Avocado \$2.00

**Brie Turkey Sandwich with Side \$12.95**

Cranberry Compote and Arugula on Telera Roll

**Breaded Chicken Sandwich with Side \$13.95**

with Coleslaw on Potato Bun

**Deli Sandwich with Side \$12.95**

Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, or Tuna Salad

**½ Deli and Soup or Salad \$10.95**

**V. Grilled Portabella and**

**Pepper Sandwich with Side \$12.95**

Mozzarella, Basil on an Egg Bun

### Naan Flatbread Pizzas

**V Cheese Pizza \$9.75 Pepperoni Pizza \$10.75 V Margarita Pizza \$10.25**

**Combination Pizza \$12.95**

Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

**BBQ Chicken Pizza \$12.95**

Bacon, Chicken, Red Onion with Tangy BBQ Sauce

**Gluten-Free Crust Add \$ 1.50**

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.

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

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## Bistro Happy Hour

**\$5 House Cocktails**

**\$5 House Wines**

**\$5 Draft Beers 16oz**

**2pm to 5pm**

**7 Days a week**

Prices subject to service charge and tax

## NO CORKAGE HUMP DAY

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

Standard size bottles only.



Free Corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrees from the Dinner Menu.

For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

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

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

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

**Proposed Changes AC Rules D-22 and D-23...**

*(Continued from page 3)*



## Clubhouse Holiday Schedule

**New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31**

• **Regular Business, Clubhouse, Bistro and Curbside Service**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Clubhouse, Bistro and Curbside**

Closed from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Dinner.

• **Special New year's Eve Dinner**

Two seatings at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**New Year's Day—Closed**



## Single Diners' Night

*Let's Dine Together!*

**Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse**

*Shared Table*

*Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage! Free Corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrees from the Dinner Menu.*



**Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"**

**Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.**



**We want your opinion!**

Have you seen the comment cards in the Bistro and Clubhouse? They are available in the main entrance or in your bill folder. The Food and Beverage staff use them to recognize excellence in their employees, to make adjustments to the menu, and to help patrons when things aren't perfect. Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think! Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

2) Overlaying existing wood or composite waterproof surfaces with pavers, slate, flagstone, tiles etc. is not allowed starting in 2022.

3) The decking materials may be wood, Trex or other composite materials. The support members shall be wood floor joists as approved by the AC. Prior to installation of the new decking material, any existing structural elements such as floor joists, beams and posts supporting the deck that show deterioration must be repaired or replaced. Any damage to the deck or the structural support members after the project has received final approval by the AC will be repaired or replaced at the owner's expense.

4) Villages staff may inspect all components of the altered structure at any time and require the owner to preform required maintenance in a timely manner.

d.) Applicant is responsible for maintaining the deck and patio coverings and any other required maintenance of basic deck and patio that result from the alteration. All alterations shall be done by an insured licensed contractor. All Maintenance and repairs after the alteration is completed is the responsibility and at the expense of the owner.

e.) All alterations shall be done by an insured licensed contractor.

f.) By signing the OWNER ALTERATION REQUEST to which this rule is attached, the applicant agrees that if the alteration is damaged by fire or other casualty, and the Association rebuilds the damaged portions, the rebuilding must be done in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents and Policies of the Board and insurance currently in place. If the alteration is rebuilt for any other reason, it must be done at the owner's expense.

### **D-23 Garage Doors—Normal Replacement**

Replacement of garage doors may be permitted upon the applicant complying with the following conditions:

a.) An OWNER ALTERATION REQUEST, signed by the Owner, including complete plans and specifications, must be submitted to the Committee for approval. The application shall include written comments by Owners of adjoining Villas (above, below, and on either side, as applicable, and as designated by the Committee). Comments from these adjoining Villa Owners will be given full and careful consideration by the Committee, but any unreasonable suggestion or objection may be disregarded.

b.) The external physical appearance both physical and color, must be attractive and shall be in harmony (both the panel style and any glass) with the basic building as well as the general area. In addition, non-glare materials or paint must be used the installed doors in the surrounding area.

c.) The color shall match the color of the existing Village painted doors in the surrounding area. (If your Village paint cycle is due to start within 6 months of the door installation, painting can be postponed with the approval of the AC.)

d.) The paint sheen shall match the doors in the surrounding area.

e.) The following options are not be approvable by the AC. (1) Powder coated door panels. (2) Bevel, stained or similar glass options.

e-)f.) All doors are to have 2 metal ventilation vents (6"x16" nominal) located on the outside corners of the lowest door panel.

d-)g.) No alteration shall be undertaken until after the applicant has received final approval of the Committee, and filed with the Committee any required building permits. All work shall be done by an insured licensed contractor.

e-)h.) Periodic repainting of the alteration shall be done by the Association or its agent at the same time the building is repainted. If the alteration is an addition, or requires special maintenance, the repainting shall be done at the owner's expense.

f.) The installation of the replacement door must provide for adequate ventilation of the garage.

g-)i.) By signing the OWNER ALTERATION REQUEST to which this rule is attached, the applicant agrees that if the building, including the alteration is damaged by fire or other casualty, and the Association rebuilds the damaged portions of the building, the rebuilding must be done in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Documents and Policies of the Board and insurance currently in place. If the alteration is rebuilt for any other reason, it must be done at the Owner's expense.


## EPC SEZ..

Keep a portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries with your emergency supplies. Electrical power, including phone service may not be available.

Store a 3-day supply of dry or canned food, water, clothes, and essential medical supplies for each person in the household.

Locate your Aid Station and know your Sector Chief and Area Reps. These are the folks who will help you after an earthquake or widespread disaster. For more information contact: [updates@thevillagesepc.org](mailto:updates@thevillagesepc.org)

*—The Villages Emergency Preparedness Committee*



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More COMMUNITY NOTICES

## *EVF completes a space mission*

Conference room space has always been at a premium at The Villages. Zoom has helped free up some of our meeting rooms as groups transition to online conferences. But as we come out of the pandemic, meeting rooms like those in Building A or the Patio Room in Cribari that seat 12 people around a conference table are rare. Fortunately, a new meeting room has just been completed.

When Voyage Auto ceased operations at The Villages earlier this year, the room at Montgomery Center that once housed a Camera Club darkroom became vacant. Thanks to a generous donation from the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF), the room is now furnished with a beautiful conference table and 12 meeting chairs. This inviting conference space will become available for Villagers to use for meetings after January 1, 2022.



Projects such as the new Montgomery conference room furniture are consistent with the Evergreen Villages Foundation's mission to enhance Village amenities for the benefit and comfort of residents. If you would like to work with the EVF and help to provide enhancements to the Villages lifestyle by contributing to the General Fund, go to its website, evfsj.org and become a Sustaining Member. You can do this for as little as \$5 per month. And single one-time donations to the EVF via the website are welcome at any time.

## *EPC: From A Volunteer's Perspective*

Emergency Preparedness Committee Sector Chief Melissa Aronoff has lived in Montgomery for about 11 years and has been an EPC volunteer for about eight of them. Here's her response to an inquiry about why she volunteers with EPC in her own words: "I'm an EPC volunteer because it's **important** and **easy**."

It's **important** because in a disaster, we need to check on our neighbors and see if they are OK. If they're not OK, the EPC has medical and emotional support professionals who can provide assistance, but first we need to know who needs help, where they are, and what type of help they need. This needs to be done in a systematic way so that we don't miss people in need. During a major disaster, 911 lines and emergency responders are likely to be overwhelmed and Villagers will need to depend on themselves and their neighbors.

Being an EPC volunteer is **easy** because all we ask the majority of EPC volunteers to do is check on their neighbors. You do *not* need to provide medical assistance, do CPR, or put out fires. All you need to do is knock on your neighbors' doors and ask if they are OK. If not OK, you just report the need to the EPC Operations Center and they will send help to the person you identified and you've done your part. If you can walk, talk, and use paper and pencil you are qualified to be a EPC volunteer. However, if you do have special skills in emergency response, the EPC can also use you in providing additional aid to residents as needed.

I encourage everyone interested to contact Vera Buescher at (408) 531-9758 and learn more about becoming an EPC volunteer in your neighborhood. It's **easy** and **important**."



## *VMA: Bed rails/bed assists recall notice*

The VMA has been notified by Amazon that one of the bed rails/assists that we have been purchasing has been recalled by the manufacturer, Drive Medical and should not be used. The VMA has purchased 11 of these in the last few years and delivered some to Villagers. Villagers may have also purchased this bed rail themselves.

If you are using such a bed rail/bed assist, please call the VMA Office at 408-238-4230 and provide your phone number and address and we will provide you with a replacement.

# CLUBS & EVENTS

## *Celebrate New Year on top of the hill*

On January 1, celebrate the New Year on top of our hill. The Hiking Club will once again celebrate New Year's Day at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,300 ft. The long hikers will start from Foothill Center, leaving at 9:30 a.m. It will take about 90 minutes to make it to the top, so the celebration will start at about 11:30 a.m. at the top of the hill. The Ramblers will hike on the lower hill trails to the picnic tables at the intersection of Sky and Ohlone. They will meet at the parking lot of the upper gardens at 10 a.m.. Please bring snacks and suitable libations to share with friends and fellow hikers. Total hiking distance 4–5-mile round trip, depending on which trails we take. For a more leisurely pace and a slightly shorter distance, hikers can also start at the upper garden parking lot. Time your start to make it to the top by 11:30 a.m. perhaps starting between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

## *Hiking Club to hold Gift Exchange and Soup Supper*

The Hiking Club will hold the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange and "Crock Pot" Soup Supper on Thursday January 6 at 5:30 pm, Foothill Center. Please call or email Bernice Capitano (408-425-2077 or bcapit@aol.com or vgcc.hiking.club.social@gmail.com) if you have a favorite soup you would like to share. Otherwise bring an appetizer, salad or desert for about 8 people. Bring your own place settings, and several mugs to sample a variety of the soups. Don't forget a favorite beverage as this event is BYOB.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place after the supper. A perfect White Elephant gift is something you want to re-gift, is inexpensive, humorous, or just plain peculiar. So, look around the house, wrap something up and join in the fun! A gift or participation in the White Elephant is not required. Hope to see you there!

## *Genealogy Club: Organizing Family History Research*

"Why should I use a Research Binder? Research Logs - Paper vs. Online. What is a Family History Database and why should I use one? What do I do with all this paper and stuff?"

Please join the Genealogy Club for our monthly meeting on Thursday, January 6 at 10 a.m. via Zoom to discuss these questions and learn about this key research tool for genealogists. If you are not already a member of our club, please contact Linda McMullen at lindavillage8392@gmail.com to request the Zoom link. We meet monthly to learn and share our family history. Please join us and start your search for your ancestors!

## *VMA: Support group for those experiencing loss*

**By Don Mulford, Leader of Grief Support Group**

Our grief support group has been meeting regularly now at 10:30 a.m. every other Monday with the next meeting on January 10, 2022. The feeling of mutual support and encouragement grows in every meeting.

I wanted to invite all of you who are presently grieving some important loss. The group serves everyone who is struggling with grief for whatever reason. It is not for a certain type of loss. Rather losses connected with death, family, relationship, divorce, career, health, home, pet, etc. etc., all cause grieving. Our group exists to help us through any of these kinds of losses.

Grief takes time to leave. It arises because of a painful loss. Such losses affect us deeply, to the core of our being. So recovering from these losses has no time table. Sometimes the healing happens relatively soon. But usually it takes longer, perhaps even several years. We never get to the place of forgetting. But we can get to the place of peace, where we continue our life's journey with anticipation, having processed our loss enough that the "big pain" subsides.

Sometimes we struggle with loneliness. This is not necessarily a permanent condition and aloneness does not have to cause loneliness. This is where the group helps by coming alongside us to find that our pain is not unique to us, that we can find hope for our futures, and that sharing with another opens our hearts to healing. Please come.

## *SATE: Healthcare, the Pandemic and Technology*

**By Tony Berg**

Join the Senior Academy Technology Explorers (SATE) on January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in a Zoom meeting (register on our website VillagesSA.org)

Technology we know is changing rapidly, but for healthcare the impact has been quite dramatic. In the year before the pandemic shut down life as we knew it, there were about 50 million telehealth doctor visits per year. Whilst this is already an impressively large number, in the year of the pandemic it jumped to over a billion. But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

The Senior Academy Technology Explorers (SATE) will be sharing some areas of explosive growth that are set to totally change our approach and attitude to healthcare.

We are all exposed to the impact of AI (Artificial Intelligence) bombarding us with ads carefully matched to our current interests. Those same algorithm skills are now looking globally at vast amounts of anonymous patient medical data to identify trends, learning how to identify potential health problems before they manifest themselves as illness. The impact on quality of life, and health in general, of catching issues at a very early stage is seen by many as the next breakthrough in medical care.

Come join us on Zoom to hear from some leaders in this field followed by an open discussion on how we might all benefit from these changes. Register on our website (VillagesSA.org) for our meeting on January 10 at 1:30 p.m.

## *Opera Lovers to present 'Carmen'*

**By Bonnie Preston**

Bizet's "Carmen" is the most popular opera performed throughout the world today. This Metropolitan Opera production stars Elina Garanca as Carmen whose beautiful voice and great acting skills and her complex and controlled interpretation of this difficult role, combines tenderness with viciousness and vulnerability. Joined by Roberto Alagna as Don Jose, his fine voice and acting contributed to a superb performance. Their acting in the final scene was more intense than previous performances have been. He actually had tears streaming down his face in the final act. It is difficult to imagine how hard it was for these two to go through both the action and sing at the same time.

We will be showing the opera on the large screen from now on. And remember to bring a sweater. Opera Lovers invite you to join us to hear this memorable opera on Thursday January 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center. The meeting is open to all so if you enjoy great music, plan to come and bring a friend to share the joy of music. For more info, call Bonnie at 408-531-1513.

## *Auditions for Matinee Theatre's 'Carol Burnett Show' cancelled*

Matinee Theatre auditions scheduled for Friday, January 7, in the Cribari Auditorium have been cancelled.

Please contact Susan Pastorini (susanpasta54@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## *Acrylics from the Beginning*

**By Barbara Gottesman**

Do you want to learn a new skill in Art during these cold and rainy winter days? Join Dorothy Douquet for her in-person class in the warm and bright Art Room in Cribari Center. Her six-week class is "Painting Acrylics from the Beginning." Dorothy is offering Villagers the chance to learn basic realistic acrylic landscape painting on Mondays, beginning January 10 and ending on February 14. The time is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and all materials are furnished—except for an apron! The fee for this class is \$75.

Dorothy will furnish canvas panels, three brushes and nine acrylic paints for all class members. She will also furnish gloves (if you don't want to get acrylic paint on your hands) and paper palettes. The Art Room has water containers and paper towels, so all you need to bring is yourself and your apron and a mask.

Register a.s.a.p. by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com





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## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

By Linda Schlageter

**“Blind Tiger” by Sandra Brown:** The year 1920 comes in with a roar in this rousing and suspenseful novel by #1 New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown. Prohibition is the new law of the land, but murder, mayhem, lust, and greed are already institutions in the Moonshine Capital of Texas. Thatcher Hutton, a war-weary soldier on the way back to his cowboy life, jumps from a moving freight train to avoid trouble—and lands in more than he bargained for. On the day he arrives in Foley, Texas, a local woman goes missing. Thatcher, the only stranger in town, is suspected of her abduction, and worse. Standing between him and exoneration are a corrupt mayor, a crooked sheriff, a notorious cighthouse madam, a sly bootlegger, feuding moonshiners...and a young widow whose soft features conceal an iron will. What was supposed to be a fresh start for Laurel Plummer turns to tragedy. Left destitute but determined to dictate her own future, Laurel plunges into the lucrative regional industry, much to the dislike of the good ol’ boys who have ruled supreme. Her success quickly makes her a target for cutthroat competitors, whose only code of law is reprisal. As violence erupts, Laurel and—now deputy—Thatcher find themselves on opposite sides of a moonshine war, where blood flows as freely as whiskey. Fiction 2021

**“The Searcher” by Tana French:** A spellbinding, propulsive new novel from the bestselling mystery writer who is in a class by herself. Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a remote Irish village would be the perfect escape. After 25 years in the Chicago police force, and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But then a local kid comes looking for his help. Trey Reddy’s brother has gone missing, and no one, least of all the police, seems to care. Cal wants nothing to do with any kind of investigation, but somehow he can’t make himself walk away. Against his will, he discovers that even in the most idyllic small town, secrets lie hidden, people aren’t always what they seem, and trouble can come calling at his door. Tana French weaves a masterful atmospheric tale of suspense, asking how we decide what’s right, and what’s wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we stake on that decision. MYS 2020 Large Print

**“Genetic Engineering” by Walter Isaacson:** When Jennifer Doudna was in sixth grade, she came home one day to find that her dad had left a paperback titled “The Double Helix,” on her bed. She put it aside, thinking it was one of those detective tales she loved. When she read it on a rainy Saturday, she discovered she was right, in a way. As she sped through the pages, she became enthralled by the intense drama behind the competition to discover the building blocks of life. Even though her high school counselor told her girls didn’t become scientists, she decided she would. Driven by a passion to understand how nature works and to turn discoveries into inventions. She would help to make what the book’s author, James Watson, told her was the most important biological advance since his co-discovery of the structure of DNA. She and her collaborators turned their curiosity into an invention that will transform the human race: an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions. The development of CRISPR and the race to create vaccines for COVID-19 will hasten our transition to the next great innovation revolution. The past half-century has been a digital age based on the microchip, computer, and internet. Now we are entering a life-science revolution: children who study digital coding will be joined by those who study the code of life. Should we use our new evolution-hacking powers to make us less susceptible to viruses? Should we allow parents, if they can afford it, to enhance the height or muscles or IQ of their kids? After helping to discover CRISPR, Doudna became a leader in wrestling with these moral issues, and with her collaborator Emmanuelle Charpentier, won the Noble Prize in 2020. Her story is a thrilling detective tale that involves the most profound wonders of nature, from the origins of life to the future of our species. 920 Jennifer Doudna 2021

## Global Village: Explore Karma Theory with Professor Girish Vasavada



By Pradeep Sonawala

Join the Global Village Community Club meeting with Dr. Girish Vasavada, to explore the concept of **Karma, Karma Theory and Karma Yoga**. The event will take place in the Cribari Conference Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022. There is no fee to attend. Attendees must wear a face mask and follow VGCC and County guidelines. This is not a hybrid meeting.

The speaker has addressed us several times earlier in the Global Village Community (GVC) Club. He is highly educated and has 25 years of teaching experience in University in India and USA. He worked as Educational Psychologist for “learning disability” and emotionally disturbed children. As a teacher of philosophy, Girish will explain the idea of Karma and its theory which first appeared in Hindu text, the “Rigveda” {1500 BCE}.

The theory attempts to explain unpredictable events, pain and sufferings in a rational, “Cause and Effect” terms. The word Karma became popular in English language in 1960. Its true meaning, as used and implied in ancient literature needs explanation. Simplistically stated it means that future consequences are inevitably shaped by present actions.

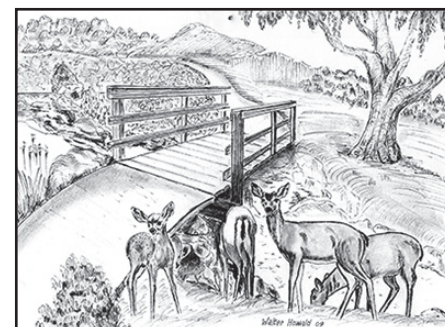
It will be interesting to see the implications of karma theory in terms of freedom of choice and personal responsibility, and ethical and moral conflict we face in life. It is in contrast with “fate,” which means events, are beyond our control, like supernatural phenomena. We will also get a brief understanding of “Karma Yoga” which deals with difficult choices and how it translates to spirituality in day-to-day life.

## Vote for your favorite art

All Villagers are invited to vote for your favorite art works from our online exhibits Art Challenges 19, 20, and 21. You will find a wide variety of paintings, photos, ceramics, assemblages and other art on our website at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) on the Art Challenges webpages. We do have artists of remarkable talent among our friends and neighbors in The Villages, in these monthly Art Challenges: Hallowe’en, Thankful and Celebrations.

To vote, review the art on webpages Art Challenges 19, 20 and 21 for October, November and December on our website. In each category, choose a favorite. Send in your votes by naming the art works and the artists, along with your name, in an e mail message to our Webmaster at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) You can vote for one favorite in each category. Voting ends on January 10.

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



## Hiking Club donates tables and benches

In December 2021, a large picnic table was added to The Villages Open Space in the Upper Trails at the northeast corner of the hill lands, the intersection of Boundary and Tower. The Villages Hiking Club donated the table (fitting 6 to 8 people) and The Villages maintenance staff installed it. The addition of the table resulted from their Hill Land Standing Committee’s strategic plan and past fundraising projects. Earlier in the year, two convertible bench/tables were added to the hills; one in the Lower Trails on Buffalo and the other in the Upper Trails on Meadow. All three are at natural stopping points and have terrific views of the valley and surrounding hills. All tables and benches in The Villages Open Space are available for ad hoc use by The Villages residents and their guests. Hikers of all abilities are invited to participate in Hiking Club activities and join the 300+ member club.



## Jazzercise for a Happy New Year

By Barbara Tommaney

It's hard to believe that 2021 is over and we face a new year and a new start. How many promises we made to ourselves last year were kept? Nationally, less than 30 percent of us keep our resolve. Fortunately, this is a clean slate and we can make a resolution to improve our health, get fit, and exercise. In a perfect environment exercise should be fun, it should have regularity and it should be done with people we enjoy.

Jazzercise provides that environment. We meet three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, on the Cribari patio. Covid has not slowed us down. Rather than give up our class, we moved it outdoors. Modern music accompanies our efforts and makes the hard work fun. And we make lots of new friends, as evidenced by our Holiday celebration picture attached. The workout is tailored to each participants needs. With Jazzercise you will boost your energy, improve your memory, your mood, and your health. The class is 60 minutes long, starting with a warmup, an aerobic routine, strength and balance routines, and ending with a cool down. We meet on the Cribari Patio from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The class will cost you \$45 per month, but you can also try us out for free. If you have questions, email Kathy at Km-Schlosser@yahoo.com.

## Villages Red Hats enjoy night out on the town

On Saturday, December 18, ten Red Hats and friends were treated to a fabulous Christmas show at the Tabard Theater. The band was a 15-piece band that was so fun to listen to and watch the band members swing. We later found out that the band is called "19" because they have 19 members and they are all teachers or retired teachers of music. In addition, the singers were exceptional. It was definitely a holiday treat. Thanks to Cheryl Allmen for arranging this fun outing.

After the show we walked out the door of the Tabard theater and into the Britannia Arms restaurant. We sat at a long table for 10 and had fun sharing stories.

Continuing our Red Hat charity program, Queen Betty collected donations for the Marine Toys for Tots Christmas program to be submitted to our local fire station as they collect for the Marines.

Our January meeting will be lunch at the Clubhouse on Thursday, January 20 to plan our 2022 calendar.

## Sign up for Basic Calligraphy Class

Have you always wanted to learn calligraphy in order to write your own special invitations or to sign your cards? Francesca Pulis, a Villager who knows how, will offer an introductory workshop in basic calligraphy on Saturday, January 15, 2022, in the Cribari Center Art Room. The times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fee to Francesca is \$35. She will furnish all materials



necessary, including paper, ink and pens. Arts & Crafts will furnish pencils, rulers and erasers.

She will teach a basic alphabet which contains only majuscules. This basic workshop will spark an interest, she hopes, in students learning more about this fascinating art form. At the end of the workshop, each person should be able to write his or her own name, a greeting and a thank you note.

Register for this workshop with Arts & Crafts Class Scheduler Barbara Gottesman at barb.gottesman@gmail.com by January 4 or as soon as possible because Francesca's workshop fill up rapidly.

## Reminder to Arts and Crafts members

By the Arts and Crafts Board

Good day, Arts and Crafts Members. The year 2022 is quickly approaching. We are reminding you that on your January or February HOA 2022 billing you will see a charge for \$10 per member person for your yearly club dues. These dues help further our ability to provide you with classes, events, demonstrations, equipment upgrades, art supplies and a host of other needs. Thank you for continuing your membership for another year. 2021 was good year for us after all.

If you plan to forego your membership in our club, please contact either Barbara Gottesman, barb.gottesman@gmail.com or Michael Sunzeri, twosunzeris@comcast.net and we will remove your name from our roster. You can find information on [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org). Best of the New Year to all of our members!

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## Republican Club January meeting cancelled

The Republican Club at The Villages has cancelled its General Meeting scheduled for January 13, at Foothill Center. The Republican Club board members made a decision to cancel this meeting due to the highly contagious Omicron variant. For questions, contact Jean Corrigan at 408-223-8676 or email her at [jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com).

## EPC's language assistance team seeks your support

By Vera Buescher, EPC Recruiting Team

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is an organization within The Villages whose volunteers are prepared to provide neighbor-to-neighbor assistance in case of an emergency, such as an earthquake, fire, or other emergency.

Residents of The Villages come from a variety of countries, and for some people English may be their second language. In dealing with individuals in an emergency it could be critically helpful to utilize the skills of those residents who speak other languages should interpretations/translations be necessary for clarification of information. Nothing could be more frightening than to be unable to communicate with anyone in an emergency situation.

EPC is establishing a Language Assistance Team and will appreciate your help. The goal is to compile and maintain a list of individuals who are fluent in any other language(s) and who are willing to share their language proficiency to provide interpretation/translation assistance in an emergency as needed. These individuals would be working with other personnel (EPC, Public Safety, etc.) when interpretation/translation is needed. Language Assistance at all levels could be helpful, whether individuals are fluent in reading, writing and/or speaking other languages.

If you are fluent in other languages, we hope you will lend your support to this new team. A sign-up form is available. Should you have questions, please contact me at 408-531-9758 or [verabEPC@gmail.com](mailto:verabEPC@gmail.com)

**The VMA Wishes You All  
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**Coming in January 2022**

**High Blood Pressure – Lifestyle Modification and Med Management:** Amy Wang, PA-C, FNP, CEO and founder of Ready2Nurse will offer some new ideas on effective ways to manage high blood pressure. The event takes place January 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at Cribari Center. To register, please contact Bonnie at 408-238-4029 or [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org)

**Support Groups – January 2022**

**Hearing Life: Screenings:** Provided by Hearing Life Tuesday, January 18, 10 a.m. to Noon. Registration required. Please call 408-238-4230.

**Caregiver Support Group:** Thursday, January 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in person in the Patio Room and on Zoom. Please contact Judy London Ph.D. for meeting specifics at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

**Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group:** Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's. Thursday, December 16 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Montgomery Center.

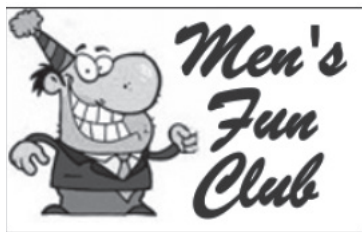
**Grief Support Group:** Don Mulford a grief counselor from With Grace Hospice will lead this bi-monthly grief group. Mondays, January 10 and 24 in the Conference Room 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

If you have any questions or need information regarding our upcoming programs or the services we provide, please contact the VMA Service Coordinator, Bonnie Grim, [bgrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:bgrim@sequoialiving.org), 408-238-4029.

More CLUBS

## Men's Luncheon Clubs at The Villages— a brief history

By Ed Updegraff



Men's Luncheon Clubs at The Villages had their origin in 1956, before The Villages even existed. Founders of a new organization called Sons in Retirement (SIR) were having monthly luncheons together in San Mateo. They incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1959, and eventually 172 branches were chartered in cities throughout Northern California.

Dr. James Woodruff, pastor of The Villages Community Chapel and Perc Bliss, a Villages resident, were both members of the San Jose SIR Branch that met in the Elks Lodge on Alma Street. These two men urged their Branch to sponsor a new branch in the Evergreen area, and in 1972, SIR Branch 38 was chartered with these two men as President and VP. First year board meetings were held alternately in The Villages and in Magic Sands mobile home park.

First monthly Luncheon Meetings of the new branch were held in Eastridge Mall at Liberty House Restaurant. Luncheon

speakers were varied; some of the first were a former State Assemblyman, a former head of the California Chamber of Commerce, the past chairman of the Air Transport Association Public Affairs Committee, a Ford representative who explained features of their new Pinto, and the founder of Bumbleberry Pie outlets. Golf and bowling were favorite activities of club members, and tour opportunities were made available. The first SIR Ladies Christmas Luncheon was held in The Villages Auditorium on December 11, 1972; it cost \$3.50 a plate and was a sellout.

Membership expanded rapidly. Liberty House Restaurant soon proved too small, and the permanent venue was changed to The Villages Auditorium in 1975. After seven years meeting there, the Auditorium also proved too small, and the Fire Marshall set its capacity limit at 230. To accommodate the growing membership at luncheons in the Auditorium, SIR 38 split itself in half and sponsored new SIR Branch 114 in 1983. Each branch had about 150 members.

The first annual SIR 38 vs. SIR 114 Golf Tournament was held in 1986, and a friendly competition between the two groups continued over the years. Bowling ended. As before, the two groups joined together to hold combined dinner dances, picnics, golf, and tours.

In September 1996, the Villages Clubhouse opened, and the luncheon venue changed to the Clubhouse Restaurant. The Restaurant could hold more people. But the two branches continued to exist as separate clubs, holding separate men's monthly luncheons, even though the reason for splitting back in 1983 no longer existed. Both clubs offered (and continue today to offer) fellowship hour at monthly luncheons with featured speakers on a wide range of interests, such subjects as sports, personal adventures, health, science, Villages' updates, city and county issues, etc. The clubs continued to hold combined picnics, dances, dinners, and Annual Golf Tournaments. Tours and cruises were conducted under SIR Branch sponsorship. Bocce competition between the two at their joint picnics began in 2017.

Talk about combining the two groups occurred intermittently over the past 20 years, and a joint committee was created in 2019 to explore merger. However, the Covid-19 pandemic intervened, making smaller groups seem less contagious. Will a merger happen? Stay tuned!

In 2020, both branches decided to leave the SIR organization and were accepted by The Villages as new recognized clubs in 2021. SIR 38 members formed the Villages Men's Fun Club, and SIR 114 members formed the Villages Men's Social Club. Each club meets monthly for lunch; visitors and potential members are always welcome to come hear club speakers. Watch for articles in The Villager for dates and times of luncheons and special events.

(Note: Early information in this article is from SIR History written by Perc Bliss in 1988.)

## Interested in rooftop solar? Get help with process

By Maxine Amundson

The Sustainable Villages Club (SVC) is dedicated to the health of our planet by promoting the reduction of greenhouse gases and pollution. Our intention is to encourage healthier and sustainable lifestyles within the Villages, in our larger community, and beyond. (Visit [thesustainablevillagesclub.org](http://thesustainablevillagesclub.org))

Our SVC Solar Energy Team is available to help you begin your thinking on Roof Top Solar to determine if this may be a project you would like to pursue. Association members have a lengthier process than Single Family Homeowners and our team can assist you in navigating the process.

A 26 percent federal tax credit is available for solar panel installation and wall storage for 2021 and 2022. This is an incentive that is attractive considering this is \$5,200 on a \$20,000 install as an example. If you would like more information on installing solar panels, contact Maxine Amundson at 408-425-0614 or [drmaxa@comcast.net](mailto:drmaxa@comcast.net)



Welcome to another edition of Hi Neighbor!

This week we introduce you to more Villagers who moved here this year.

Give a warm greeting to **Manuel Atienza and Jean Conrad-Atienza**, who moved to Cribari Village in June. Manuel is a San Francisco native who studied culinary arts at Newbury College in Massachusetts and works as an executive chef. Jean is originally from Massachusetts and works as a senior director in pharmaceutical sales. During their free time, Manuel enjoys food, exercise (Tai Chi) and golf while Jean like gardening, reading and sitting by the pool. They both love traveling and aim to be bi-coastal within two years.

Help us say hi to **David Bruce**, who moved to Hermosa in August from Atlanta, Georgia. David is originally from Los Angeles, and attended the University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan before becoming a college professor. His interests include politics, music and skiing.

Say hello to **Sarah and Kevyn Clark**, who moved to Cribari this past October. Sarah is from New Jersey and loves spending time with family and volunteering at the Humane Society. Her interests include dogs, other animals, reading, and French wine. Kevyn is a Milwaukee native and is a disabled Army veteran. In his spare time, he enjoys baking, cooking and also French wine.

Wave hi to **Joan Kompolt**, who moved to Village Olivas this past May. Joan is a secretary who studied English and business at Sarah Lawrence University and sociology at Manhattanville College. She spent her entire life on the East Coast (New York state and Connecticut) before moving to California. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, swimming, traveling, music, art and the stock market.

Give a warm hello to **Alan Lipton**, a new Heights resident as of June. Originally from Chicago, Alan is an attorney who studied at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the University of Chicago and University of the Pacific. His primary hobby is photography.

Give a greeting to **Christine K**, who moved to Village Montgomery last July. Christine is a retired medical professional who attended Santa Clara University, Evergreen Valley College, and San Jose State University. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing, hiking, traveling and attending musical events and art and wine festivals. She is also thinking of starting a dog sitting care service.

Say hello to **Caroline Nguyen**, who moved to Village Montgomery last August from Campbell. Originally from Vietnam where she worked as a teacher in Saigon, she now works part-time at a salon. Caroline has a B.A. in education and her interests include hiking, Korean dramas, and going to the gym. She is expecting her first grandchild this January.

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# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### 'Prayerful, Practical, Prophetic'

By Barbara Zahner, BCC

Add puzzling. And provocative. Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12) captures an evocative tale of Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star arising and have come to do him homage?"

Fr. Benedict Thomas Viviano, commentator on Matthew in "The New Jerome Biblical Commentary," notes that Scripture does not ascribe a number, gender, or royal status to the *magoi* (one word, non-gendered). Based upon literary connections to the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), Fr. Viviano argues there were female magoi. "The main reason to think of the presence of one or more women among the Magi is the background story of the Queen of Sheba, with her quest for Israelite royal wisdom, her reverent awe, and her three gifts fit for a king. 1 Kings (10:1-29) recounts the Queen's visit to King Solomon with gifts of gold and spices, such as frankincense and myrrh." Moreover, Israelite tradition personifies Wisdom as female (Prov. 8:22-30, 9:1-6 & Sirach 24.) In addition, Middle Eastern custom that men would be in the presence of a woman (Mary) only with the presence of other women. Matthew leaves Joseph out his narrative. Does this mean that women *magoi* were part of the caravan? Maybe.

Some Christmas cards wryly note: "Three Wise Women would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, swept the stable, made a casserole, and brought practical gifts." While speculation intrigues, the heart resonates: Stay awake! Divine Light beckons! In 2022, how about practicing Contemplation in Action shown by the Magi. Worship in awe and act with hands, feet, and heart to manifest the Divine Light in your every encounter.

**Come to Mass at Cribari: Sundays - 8:15 a.m. First three Fridays** each month: Rosary at Cribari 8:30 a.m., Mass at Cribari 9 a.m. Sunday Masses St. Francis of Assisi: 1-408-223-1770 or parish website (sfoasj.com) for times. **Communion for the homebound:** Marilyn Rodman 408-274-4521. **Mass intentions:** Jean Gillette 408-270-5723.

**Preview and Pray Sunday's Scriptures:** Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Eph 3: 2-6, Mt 2: 1-12

## EPISCOPAL

### 'Ring in the New'

By The Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

The Judeo-Christian tradition distinguishes itself from most other world religions not just in its theology but also in its understanding of time. Our contemporary understanding of time as linear and directional is deeply embedded in our culture, so that it's easy to forget that most ancient cultures (and many contemporary ones as well) understand time as cyclical. It's observable: seasons change, but return in similar fashion year after year. So too the stars that guided ancient wise men. However, the understanding of time that the Bible narrates represents a profound break with the thinking of the ancients. Bible time is unidirectional and sequential, and points toward an ultimate fulfillment: in Greek, the *telos*. God is sovereign over time, and even if seasons repeat, God is always doing a new thing.

Our New Year's Eve traditions have elements that are cyclical—we engage in the same rituals year after year—but are fundamentally teleological. New year's resolutions—whether we keep them for a week or a year, reveal a deep faith in our capacity to change (and in God's capacity to work through us for change). Why not make them holy resolutions? New Year's Day, falling smack in the middle of the 12 days of Christmas, represents another opportunity for us to enter into the greatest "newness" of all: the human birth of God in Jesus Christ. Might the New Year's holiday be an opportunity to give birth—metaphorically speaking—to something new God longs to do in the world through us?

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Our next meeting is **10 a.m., January 10 at Foothill Center.**

**Note:** We are now meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'Unexpected Joy'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The other week my son and I went to buy a pizza for our extended family from Las Vegas who were visiting in the area for the week. It had to be a very large pizza that would satisfy six pizza lovers and then some. So, we went to purchase a King Kong, size 29-inch round combination pizza for all to enjoy.

When we arrived at the Pizza Box there were people leaving with the same size box heading to their cars. There were a couple sitting at a table waiting for their order as we entered and I addressed the man saying, "Hello Brother, how are you?" He said, "I'm blessed by God." My son said, "We are too!" My son introduced himself and I turned to tell them my name and went to the counter to place my order.


My first look at him indicated that he could have been involved with gangs because of his specific tattoos. He looked as if he had just come from work because of the type of clothing that he wore. What was more interesting to me was a tear drop tattooed under each eye which could represent a death for each tear drop. From an initial view he had the look of intimidation but his smile revealed a different story. While waiting for their order, he shared a little with us about his transformed life, relationship with Christ and helping youth to discover their purpose. He also said that he didn't know that his life could be this joyful by having a relationship with God.

I placed my hand upon his shoulder, prayed blessings over their lives. I especially encouraged him to tell his story and pour himself into the lives of the young people. They were overjoyed and encouraged to continue to share their lives with their Samoan Church and community.

In many Church Communities on Advent Sunday, a third, purple candle is lighted to represent the Joy that Jesus brought at His birth to the world. This candle offers a bright light during a time of despair, when people are feeling an all-time high of depression and hopelessness. The joy that comes from Christ is eternal. God has given us the joy of the presence of Christ that no one can take away. No matter what happens in this dark world, we can still experience light. It is His joy each time we meet a brother or sister who has established a relationship with God through His Son.

Do you need joy in your life? **JOHN 16:24 ESV** "Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Join us for Chapel each Sunday Morning at 10 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium for worship, fellowship and refreshments. Also visit our Website at [villagescommunitychapel.org](http://villagescommunitychapel.org) or on YouTube for Sermon series.



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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

While December 14 decided to bring us more rain, that did not stop one group of ours from getting in a round of golf! The rest of us—well, we had an extra cup of coffee and got ready for our Christmas luncheon at the Clubhouse. We send a big “thank you” to Valerie Dimmick and Victoria Nourian who did a great job arranging this event with absolutely beautiful table decorations and such a yummy meal!

At the luncheon, Wendy gave an overview of our last year; it was a year full of accomplishments along with some humorous events as well. Wendy has done a great job keeping the Swingers moving forward over the past two years during some very difficult circumstances. Let’s hope that Mary Wagle has a smoother year next year as Captain of the Swingers. We all thank Wendy for all she has done and we wish Mary the best as Captain for 2022.

Awards that were presented at the luncheon were “Most Improved,” “Captains Trophy Winner,” and the “Hole in One” plaque. The “Captains Trophy Winner” was Marilyn Unger, who had a net 32. We had a total of nine competitors and they played the front nine. The “Most Improved” winner was Connie Fortner, who had a 27.8 beginning handicap and ended with a 21.2! Marcy Boyles was presented with her “Hole in One” plaque from WGNA.

As we round out this year, I leave you all with these parting words of wisdom: in the new year, avoid making any plans—instead, just make lots of options! I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope everyone stays healthy and we are all able to play lots of golf!

## SCOREBOARD

### BRIDGE

**Monday, December 13:** 1. Lorrie Scott - Mary LeGrand 2/3. Art Lind - Stan Davies 2/3. Louann Partridge - Jonna Robinson

**Wednesday, December 15:** 1. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho 2. Mary LeGrand - Lorries Scott 3. Louann Partridge - Jonna Robinson

**Friday, December 17:** 1. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho 2. Mary LeGrand - Jan Kiernan 3. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson

**Monday, December 20:** 1. Chris Corpus - Joe Henry 2. Margaret McNelly - Sylvia Rozewicz 3. Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott

### MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Friday, December 17**

Shirley Bellavance	174
Audrey Osuna	212
Sylvia Rozewicz	248

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## 18-HOLE WOMEN

By Reine Fedor

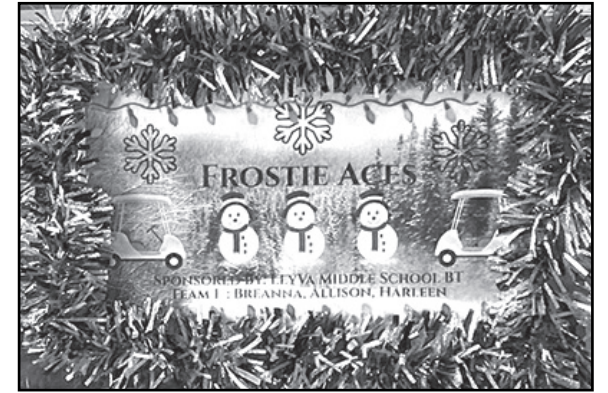
The photos of our end of the year Holiday Golf game and luncheon last week show the fun and the enthusiasm of our golfers that day. The end of the year awards show off the skills these golfers have.

Winners in first flight of the Shamble were Patti Bell, Donna Quartaro, Kathy Apgar and Vicki Krattli. Taking first place in the second flight were Maxine Amundson, Pat Sear, Laura Swenson and Jane Smith.

Bonnie Hagen won Low Putts for 2021. Carol Zaccheo won the Captains Trophy and Helen Varenkamp won the award for the Most Birdies.

Congratulations to Karen Harseny who is the “Most Improved Player” of 2021. She Began the year with a handicap of 27.8 and ended with a 19.3. Very impressive and inspirational.

Wishing you all a Happy, healthy holiday and looking forward to beginning another golf season together in 2022.



Golf cart sign made by LeyVa School Students for the Holiday Shamble

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES GOLF COMMITTEE

At its December 9 meeting the Villages Golf Committee (VGC) presented certificates of appreciation to Bev Poellot and Mary Wagle.

Bev served on the committee for six years from 2016-2021. She is an 11-year member of the 18-Hole Women’s Club having served in various board positions, including club captain. Bev is a champion for women’s golf in The Villages and the golfing community in general. She leads the Six Clubs Committee for the VGC. This committee brings representatives of all six clubs together to share information for the purpose of making golf a better experience for all.

Mary served on the committee for five years from 2017-2021. She is a force of nature when it comes to volunteering in the golfing community. Her position on the VGC was recording secretary requiring the recording of accurate meeting meetings and maintaining the committee’s records for public review. She began her Villages’ golfing experience on the Par 3 Course with the Shonis, moved up to the Long 9 Swingers and is also a member of the 18-Hole Women’s Club. Mary is the 2022 Swingers captain.

Both of these women have, and continue to, contribute to the golfing experience for all golfers in The Villages, helping all clubs, including the men’s clubs when assistance is needed.

With Bev and Mary leaving the committee, the VGC and the Club Board of Directors approved the appointment of Teddy Morse, recording secretary, and Janis LeCompte as voting members. The other committee voting members are: Committee Chair Bill Johnston, Ray Blinde, Ron Burke, Robert Howe, and Mike Poellot.

## TABLE TENNIS

### *Rekindling camaraderie with Rossmoor*

By Albert Chan

On Saturday, December 11 a group of Table Tennis Club members set off to Rossmoor for our first competition in three long years. Always the underdog, we played a total of 20 doubles and 54 singles matches and despite valiant efforts from all involved lost 43 to 31—closest we have ever achieved, and gave our team renewed hope and motivation to prepare harder for the next time.

But our loss at the tables was made up for by the gourmet dinner hosted by the Rossmoor Team after the tournament. A banquet style dinner was arranged by the Rossmoor Team at Smooth Season in Martinez. The chef is a long-term friend of the team. Everything was bought fresh for the occasion and, being a lover of good Chinese food I can say that this was the best, most authentic meal I have had in the Bay Area. From crispy duck to clay-pot cured meat rice it was a delightful end to a most enjoyable day.

Why not join us next time? Even if you only watch the competition, you can still enjoy the company and the banquet!



## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

### Upcoming Events:

**Frost Bite Open:** Four-man teams, Scramble format. Shotgun 8:30 a.m.

**The 2022 Evergreen Invitational Tournament:** Looking to play more of a role in your Men's Club? The Evergreen Invitational Tournament is scheduled for July 2022 and the planning committee is looking for a few new members who can lend their talent and time to the event. The committee meets just once a month starting in February. If interested (or just want more information) contact our committee chairman, **Rich James** at rajames5959@gmail.com, he'd love to hear from you!

**Holiday Thoughts From The Men's Golf Club:** Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year for 2022 from all the members of the 2021 and 2022 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee, including David "Baci" Bacigalupi, Richard James, Jorge Breton, George Welch, Jim Seymour, Leo Ruth, Mike Tuft, Larry Dorsey, Ken Peters, and Tom Morse.

And my special message to Santa... Can you please keep my 3 putts to a minimum? To have them totally eradicated would be perfect!

If you're not a **Men's Club Member**, why not? You should be. Don't miss out on any of the upcoming tournaments and all of the fun.

## TENNIS TALK

By Phyllis and John Mueller

As 2021 ends, we can reflect on a new and different way of living with shots, masks, distancing and avoidance! Gladly, the Villages Tennis Club has been able to keep a semblance of normalcy due to its' outdoors activities! Some tournaments have been put on hold, but most of the planned activities went on without a hitch. Thanks to Jump Start and new interested players, the courts are active and full!

As tradition speaks, these vintage writers cannot help but reflect on our 28 years living in the Villages and being members of the Tennis Club.

Having come from San Jose Swim and Racquet Club, we immediately joined with other tennis players in the Villages and never looked back. The friendships made, competitions won and lost, USTA travels together are memories we will treasure forever. Beyond playing with the "little yellow ball," dear friends have stayed with us but too many have left us.

Memories of Team Tennis will be the subject today. Twenty or so years ago, Team Tennis was a great Springtime event for the Club. Committees drafted teams of equal numbers who then met, elected a Captain and theme and the fun began! Since this event usually covered 4 to 6 weeks, outfits were selected, signs made and music, noise and yelling encouraged. Friday afternoons were saved and the courts decorated. Some themes remembered: Wate's Walking Wounded, Mamas and the Papas, Misfits, Mal Occhio, Herbie and the Seven Dwarfs, Ninja Turtles, Die Wurst, Beggars, Muell Team, Oh Shirts.

The featured picture this time will be of a team who are in their pajamas and we can't remember their name which fits with our memories in the Villages. Teams played each other each week and mathematicians kept close watch on scores until we ended up with finals of two teams. Wagers were common if Herbie Holt was around and stands were filled with this final competition. We may actually have had a cheerleader or two with pom-poms! The end always culminated with a party in our outfits of course!

2022 will mark our 55th year as a Tennis Club in the Villages and let's keep the memories and traditions alive!



**Blast from the Past from two decades ago: Jim Ferguson, Skip Slick, Roland Attebery, Ruth Gomes, Judy Volm, Captain Adele Ratcliff, Lorna Mountz, Susie and Bill Crill, John Mueller.**

## IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are currently playing every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

This Thursday, December 16, 2021, was chilly and windy, so no sweeps or closest to the pin. However, eight Ironmen did play today and there were some good scores:

Roger Pyle had a net score of 28.

Chuck Benjamin, Dave Cook, and Dave Hathaway each had a net score of 30.

Mario Silva had a net score of 31.

John Eige, Patrick McMordie, and Jim Schlosser also braved the elements to play today.

There was one birdie: Dave Cook on hole 2.

**Closest to the pin:** Not in play today.

**Deep thoughts:** "As far as swing and techniques are concerned, I don't know diddly squat. When I'm playing well, I don't even take aim." - Fred Couples, winner of the 1992 Masters.

"That does look like very good exercise. But what is the little white ball for?" - Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States.

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

I believe I will no longer refer to Martin as Mr. Consistency unless this is the new Martin Hoek. For the second time in just a few weeks Martin has turned in another great sup-par round. As a result his net 31, no that's not a typo, won first place garnering him \$4 and 4 points. (are you sure you haven't been practicing?). Second place was achieved by Don Lee, for his net 34. That was good for \$3 and 3 points. Coming in Third was Jim White with a net 36, good for \$2 and 2 points. Fourth place was won by Richard Petroski for his net 38 and \$1 and 1 point.

The putting competition was closed out for the month of December with David Hathaway a runaway leader with 48 total putts for 3 rounds. He already had the "trophy" so a bottle of wine was delivered promptly on Saturday morning. The trophy was retrieved since David indicated that he would not compete in January, thus giving the rest of a chance. Thank you, David.

As a result of a meeting with James and Scott Steel attended by Mario Silva and Jack Bindon, a consolidating policy was developed whereby Sweeps and Championship points will only be awarded to those playing within the **Pinseeker** allotted tee times. In addition, a possible scramble tournament might be offered once during the month. Teams will be organized by the Pro Shop based upon balanced team handicaps. **Watch this space!** Pace of play seems to be improving; that's good news. In this regard, make sure that you know your tee time, allow 40 minutes for warm-up/putting drill and be ready when your group is called to the tee... **Don't show up 5 minutes ahead of time and expect to hit the driving range and putt.** If you start behind, you will remain behind. Oh by the way, practice, practice, practice.

## BOCCE NEWS



By Marcy Boyles

Happy New Year to all. Now that the holiday season is behind us, let's look ahead to some Bocce fun. FYI, the February 12 Installation of officers and dinner/dance has been cancelled due to our latest non-friend: Omicron. We just don't want to take any chances as I am sure you can understand. Boot camp is coming in February. Watch for more info and sign ups in January. We also will start a new item called "Did you know?" It will be rules and procedures and we can all use refreshers at our age (sorry, I speak only for myself). George Paris is our rules guy and we will be highlighting his ideas. We have a new board member in a new position. Judy Leonard will head up fundraising for specific items and events. I will interview her soon and you will see her in a January issue. Just a reminder, you can go to our website (Villagesbocceclub.com) and find the 2022 calendar and it is chock full of fun (if Omicron doesn't spoil it). So please log on and see the latest and greatest. See you on the courts.

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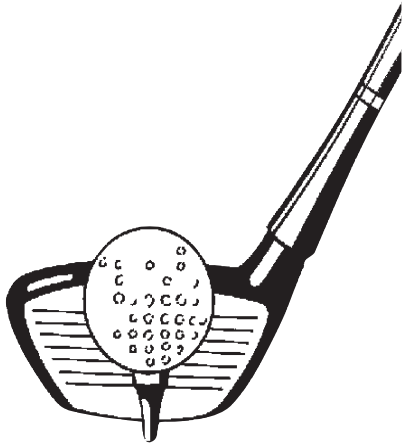
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# FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### Holiday Golf Schedule

Friday, December 31 – Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m.

Saturday, January 1 – Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m.

**Driving Range Requests for Cooperation**—We would like to ask for your cooperation regarding 4 things when using the Villages driving range:

1. Please do not take our baskets home with you. We are running out of baskets for range use. If you must take range balls home with you (not encouraged either), please do not do so in one of our baskets, those must stay at the range please.

2. Please do not take the white rubber tees home with you. We have been missing many of the white rubber tees lately. Remember that those white rubber tees are not to be removed from the driving range property for any reason. And if you remove the white rubber tee to insert your own tee, please put the rubber tee back.

3. Please do not go out on the grass to retrieve or hit balls. It's unsafe and not permitted to hit off the grass. Also all range balls hit must be purchased from the ball machine and not retrieved from the landing area.

4. Please do not hit your personal balls at the driving range. All balls hit at the driving range must be Villages range balls purchased from our ball machine. We literally weed out hundreds of foreign range balls from the range picks every week, and those are coming from people who hit their own balls or balls from another range at our range which is not permitted. We appreciate your compliance and cooperation!

**Dress Code**—We see two Dress Code violations quite often day to day: 1. Blue Jeans. 2. Sweat Pants (Men) – Spandex Pants (Women). Please keep in mind that we are a private country club and our Dress Code mandates country club attire at all times when playing golf, practice putting or chipping and when hitting balls at the driving range. If you are seen wearing blue jeans or sweat pants or spandex leggings, you will be reminded of the Villages Dress Code and possibly asked to change your clothes before using the golf facilities. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Playing Golf After 3:30 p.m.**—Let's please be aware of the rules of conduct and all do our best to cooperate accordingly. A reminder of the rules:

1. The last tee time each day is 3:30 p.m. Once that group or golfer tees off, nobody else is permitted to golf on the front-nine after 3:30 p.m.

2. Anyone who does not pay a green fee is not permitted to play golf at any time.

3. Any golfer that pays for nine-holes is restricted to nine-holes only. That means after their ninth hole, they must exit the golf course...no exceptions. Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to these simple rules of conduct!

**Cart Path Only Days**—Golf course management was very dismayed to see that many of you who played golf over the last two weeks chose to disregard the cart path only restrictions on those holes labeled as such due to wet and/or frosty conditions. The cart path only information is made available each day on the maintenance hotline, and with signs at the Pro Shop and also signs at the #1 and #10 tees. There are even individual signs posted at every tee box on a hole that is designated cart path only. Your help and cooperation is needed to help keep the golf course in its great condition, and driving off the cart paths on holes marked as cart path only is detrimental toward this objective. It is disappointing when golfers choose to ignore the posted rules for the day. All of you can do much better. Thank you for your understanding.

**Driving Range Basket Price Increase - January 1, 2022**—Starting on January 1, 2022 the price for a large basket of range balls will increase from \$5 to \$6. The price of a warm up basket will remain the same at \$3. Please plan accordingly.

**2022 Golf Calendar of Events**—The 2022 golf calendar of events has been completed. 2022 promises to be a banner year at The Villages. The 2022 golf calendar is now available on the website for your review.

**Villages Golf Committee**—The next VGC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13 at 3 p.m. at the Montgomery Center. Any resident is welcome to attend.

### Tips from the Pro—Club-face vs Club Path

**3 is the magic number...here are 3 things to remember that will help you score better**

**1. Aiming at nothing.** Nobody wants to admit that the reason why one of their shots failed was because they simply forgot to pick a target. But let's be honest. Do you take *dead aim* on every single shot that you hit? For most amateur golfers the answer is no, and the results show it. So choose a specific target every time you hit a shot or putt. For longer shots, pick a tree or chimney in the distance; for pitches pick your landing spot; and for putts pick your breaking spot.

**2. Align your mind for the right results.** Often, golfers step onto the tee box thinking about where they *don't* want their ball to go. Your mind is the most important thing in your "bag". So if you think, "don't hit it in the lake" the only thing your subconscious hears is, "hit it in the lake." To avoid this problem, focus on the outcome you *want* instead of the one you don't. Positive thoughts, tend to lead to positive results.

**3. Play golf not swing.** When you step into your swing or putt, make sure you are focused on advancing your ball to your target first and foremost; do not let your mind become mired in swing thoughts and technique thoughts. The best time to think about swing thoughts is behind the ball while taking a practice swing or two...then think about target only. To sign up for a lesson with Scott, email him at [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)



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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, 1/3-1/7.

Glen—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Cleaning of flat roof drains throughout the district 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 1/3-1/7.

Del Lago Entrance—Turf conversion project in planning.

Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/10-1/14.

### Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/7-2/11.

### Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/24-1/28.

7816—Turf conversion in progress.

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/17-1/21.

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonnay Lake area—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/17-1/21.

8121—Stucco wall repair, ongoing paint to follow, weather permitting.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/3-1/7.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/10-1/14.

Gutter cleaning scheduled to start 1/3.

6050—Sewer line repair in progress.

Montgomery Corner—Sewer lateral repair, 1/3-1/7.

### Olivas

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

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/3-1/7.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/7-2/11.

### Valle Vista

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

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/3-1/7.

### Verano

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

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/7-2/11.

### Association

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

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

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

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages in progress.

Crape Myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the Villages.

Small dead/missing plant replacement and lawn repairs in progress throughout the Villages at various locations.

### Club Centers

Weed spraying throughout the Villages in progress.

Upper garden—Herbicide weed spraying in progress for poison hemlock, star thistles, etc.

Behind Corporation Yard and creek—Fire Fuel Management weed/brush clearing and tree work in progress.

Cribari, Montgomery and Foothill Pool and Spa—Closed for winter.

## Maintenance Project Notice:

All work scheduling is subject to weather, delays and availability of contractor labor and materials. Contractor may start several days ahead or behind plan schedule, pending field and weather conditions. As needed, we update schedules accordingly via FastLane. For your safety, please be aware of and stay clear of project and staging areas. Access is typically restricted in the work areas. Look out for cautionary signage and other measures. Parking facilities and street frontage may be in use on a temporary basis for vehicle, material and equipment staging. Debris, dust, noise, odor and visual inconveniences may result from a project. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Customer Service Line:

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## FROM THE HOMEOWNERS' BOARD

### Selecting a licensed contractor is important

Regardless of the size and nature of your remodel project, it's always wise to obtain at least two estimates before you choose a contractor.

When considering a contractor, it's important to know that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Rules require that your contractor be licensed by the state of California. This requirement is essential to enable approval of your application by the committee.

Rule 3.7.4 states

"When contractors are used, they must be licensed, bonded and carry workman's compensation insurance." This rule is in compliance with state guidelines, which require all individuals who construct or alter any building to be licensed by the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) if the total cost (labor and materials) of the project is \$500 or more.

It's important to do your homework and find the licensed contractor that best fits your needs. To help homeowners complete the application process as quickly as possible, the ACC will review and take action on all Alteration Requests within 15 days.

To learn more about the alteration request process or obtain the appropriate forms, contact AC Administrator Elissa Caruso at the Corporation Yard, [ecaruso@the-villages.com](mailto:ecaruso@the-villages.com) or call 408-754-1344.



# What do I do with this?

Do you have an item you want to get rid of but you are not quite sure what to do with it? Often wonder if it should be donated, recycled or thrown away and how or where to do that? Each week we will highlight a particular item and give you suggestions for the best way of recycling or disposal.

If you have any questions about what to do with an item, please call Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670.



Type of Plastic	
	<b>PET</b> polyethylene terephthalate <i>It's tough and shatterproof.</i>
	<b>HDPE</b> high density polyethylene <i>It's flexible and often translucent.</i>
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	<b>LDPE</b> low density polyethylene <i>It's flexible and tough.</i>
	<b>PP</b> polypropylene <i>It's chemical and heat resistant.</i>
	<b>PS</b> polystyrene <i>It's brittle and see-through OR soft opaque foam.</i>
	<b>OTHER</b> other plastics

## Plastics for Recycle container

\*No plastic bags may be placed in the recycle container. Clear plastic bags may be used only to hold shredded paper or textiles (for easier recycling purposes).

- Plastic items labeled 1-7 inside chasing arrows, baby wipe containers, beverage bottles, bleach and detergent bottles, buckets (remove handle), flower pots, food containers (i.e. cottage cheese and margarine tubs, yogurt cups), household cleaner bottles, prescription bottles, shampoo bottles, plastic take out and food containers and compact disc cases.

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- Plastic bags (all types), bubble wrap, credit cards, disposable razors, hoses, ointment and toothpaste tubes, plastic without numbers 1-7, PVC piping, shoes, straws, tarps, toys, utensils, cellophane food bags (i.e. pasta, bagged salad, candy, etc.), polystyrene/foam take-out, egg and food containers, frozen food bags or pouches, plastic or wax liners from food packaging and plastic wrap.

\* Return plastic bags to grocery store for recycling.

# HOLIDAY HUMOR



## I resolve...

- My New Year's resolution was to read more, so I turned on the subtitles on my TV.
- I'm going to stay up late this New Year's Eve—not to ring in the New Year, but to make sure this one leaves.
- My New Year's resolution is to procrastinate. I'll start tomorrow.
- I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.
- Not to brag, but I already have a date for New Year's Eve—it's December 31.
- At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 15 pounds. Only 20 more to go!

## Stroke is an emergency!

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The signs of a stroke:

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

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

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

If something looks or seems unusual, trust your instincts.

Call 911 or go to the hospital immediately if you or a loved one is showing any of these signs. Every second counts—know the signs and save a life!

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

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Items are held for 30 days. Items remaining unclaimed after 30 days are donated to a charity.

Please call 274-4400 if you have recently lost an item.

## *In Memoriam and Obituary Notices*

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

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

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



## *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](http://www.evfsj.org)

## *Don't feed the 'critters'*

The Villages is known for its wide variety of wildlife. Many Villagers feel that being a good host necessitates feeding our four-legged or winged guests on a routine basis, which can be quite detrimental to our wild friends. Most wild animals naturally fear humans and keep their distance. When animals have access to food and garbage left out by residents they keep coming back for more. When this happens, they often lose their natural fear of humans and can become aggressive. To prevent that, residents should not leave out any food, including canned food, in a manner that may become accessible to our furry friends. Please comply with Villages Golf & County Club Rule 1.51.4, which states: "Feeding of waterfowl and other wild animals on a routine basis is prohibited for the protection of both residents and the animals."

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

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

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



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