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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PULSE

*Dear Readers:*  
 The Villager welcomes everyone's voice sharing ideas, opinions and accounts of life in The Villages in the Pulse column. Please follow the guidelines carefully.  
 Pulse deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday of the week prior to publication. Pulse letters will be published in complete or abridged form at the discretion of the Publisher and in accordance with the editorial policies and rules established by the Club Board of Directors. (See VGCC Rule 1.30.) Opinions expressed by Pulse letter authors do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Villager Publisher, staff, boards of directors or management.  
 All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. 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.  
 1 Pulse letters received this week.  
 0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.  
 1 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.**

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.

The holiday decorative lights strung on and around houses are quite festive. However, they should be shut down overnight to allow neighbors a most restful and undisturbed sleep.  
 —Martin Schlager

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of January are due to the Architectural Committee on or before December 21, 2022. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**  
 Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **December 21, 2022.**

## ENCROACHMENTS

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

- 5360 Cribari Dell—Drain line
- 5390 Cribari Crest—Handrail
- 8489 Grenache Court—Chair lift

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

## Villager deadlines for the final 2022 edition

The Villager will not be published on Thursday, December 22, with the last edition of 2022 being published Thursday, December 29.  
 The editorial deadline for the December 29 edition will be Monday, December 19. For late-breaking articles please contact Associate Editor Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com  
 The Classified ad deadline for the December 29 edition will be Wednesday, December 21.

## 2022/2023 Christmas tree pickup schedule

Christmas tree pickup this year will be on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29
- Tuesday, January 3 and Wednesday, 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 of. If you have any questions, you can call Customer Service at 408-223-4670

## IN MEMORIAM

**Donald Kenneth Willey**  
**August 9, 1940—December 2, 2022**  
 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)  
 Services are pending.

**Caroline Williams Cooper**  
**August 23, 1932—December 7, 2022**  
 (Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)  
 There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, December 30 at Foothill Center. See obituary for more information.

### 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: areed@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 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.  
**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are usually available in The Villager office and in the Library.  
 Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

Publication of advertising in The Villager does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in The Villager are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.  
 All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. The Villager reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee "To inform and connect Villagers" develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channel 26, Fast Lane and the web site. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296, Sue Callahan 408-238-2413, Jeanette Campa 408-661-0203, Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994, Barbara Clurman at 347-451-5309, Jac Fitzenz at 408-223-7749, Thomas Moore at 408-887-5322, and Patricia Reardon at 408-914-2432.

### 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

## Association President's Report— December 13, 2022

Welcome to the December 2022 Villages Association Board Regular Monthly Meeting.

Happy holidays! I hope you all will enjoy this festive season with friends and family! As Villagers, we have much to celebrate in our beautiful, secure, and well-maintained grounds and facilities. We have many people on our management team and staff to thank for their hard work in creating and sustaining that environment. Please join me in wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year!

The Association is in the initial stages of budget preparation for FY23/24. Next year, the Association will be continuing our major initiatives in fire safety and for water usage reductions.

The Association has hired a renowned fire safety expert to investigate and make recommendations for the remaining eleven Villages now that work on Valle Vista has begun. Carol Rice began her first inspections last Friday and will be making recommendations, which will benefit condos, single-family homes, and Club property as well. All three corporations will have the ability to use this information and explore grants and projects both inside The Villages and with our outside neighbors as well.

For water conservation, the Association will be strongly considering hiring a landscape architect to set standards, guidelines, as well as prioritized plans to permanently reduce water use. Projects will include turf reduction, and increased use of hardscape across all the Villages. It is likely that landscape changes will start in those areas designated as Non-Functional Turf and be followed by recovery from drought damages. As we have learned from our Fire Safety consultant, we must also consider defensible space concerns in our landscaping planning.

We already know that the scope of these structural and landscaping changes won't be cheap, but they will greatly benefit the safety and environmental footprint of the Villages, and reduce costs over time. These projects will likely take many years to accomplish, but the planning and budgeting for the work starts now.

Happy holidays and wishing you a wonderful new year!

Best regards,

—David Cook Villages Association President

### Results of the Association CC&Rs Amendment vote

**FOR – 1,011 votes**

**AGAINST – 199 votes**

The vote did not pass as it did not receive the 1,155 approval, or "FOR" votes needed for Membership approval.

## Club Board President's Message—December 13, 2022

Hello, Villagers! Welcome to a cool and rainy December! We have been blessed with a significant amount of rain over the past few weeks and our lovely hillsides are greening up. I'm not sure if the rain we've received is enough to pull us out of the drought situation, yet every raindrop is welcomed! As well, the extremely cool temperatures we are experiencing will likely prove challenging for some of our plantings across the property. If you notice vegetation that is not doing well, please submit a work order so it can be dealt with right away.

This month's Club Board meeting is the final meeting for the calendar year 2022 and is our seventh meeting for FY23. For me, this year has been one of the fastest years I've ever experienced. When I think about the tremendous number of accomplishments achieved this year by The Villages Team and the Three Boards, including the hiring of a new General Manager, I am proud to be a part of this hard-working team.

As I mentioned at last month's meeting, we've entered the FY24 Budget Planning season. The Club Board held a Study Session on December 6, where we were joined by the entire Villages Management Team. Thank you to our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander, for inviting her team to join the discussion. In my estimation, this "joint" Study Session was a watershed moment for the Club Board and Villages Management Team, where information was shared, discussions took place, questions were asked and answered. It was truly a collegial experience. The Club Board looks forward to more positive sharing and working experiences with Theresa and her team as we move through the budget timeline and other planning opportunities.

As we head towards the end of the calendar year, it's also important to recognize and thank the huge number of volunteers who have faithfully executed their roles as a part of the numerous Club Board Standing Committees. Specifically, I would like to thank the members of the Rules Committee, the Communications Advisory Committee, the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Fitness Committee, the Swimming Pool Committee, the Club Architectural Committee, and the Villages Golf Committee. We look forward to reconfirming many of these same volunteers as they continue with their committee work, and to welcome new committee volunteers who will be confirmed during today's meeting agenda. Again, please accept my sincerest thanks for your time, your energy, and your wise counsel to the Club Board!

December is the month where we look back over the current year, and we begin to look forward to what's coming next. Many of us also focus this month on connecting with family and friends, to share memories, and to create new warm and wonderful experiences. May this be a season of fond reflection and keen anticipation of an encouraging future. To brighten your spirits right now, I highly recommend a nighttime tour of The Villages to see the outstanding holiday light displays. Villagers have outdone themselves this year—it's beautiful, heartwarming, and inspiring!

As always, the Club Board appreciates hearing the views and ideas of Villagers and we commit to continue to listen to you and address your questions with our "Ask the CBOD" communications channel. We encourage you to write to us!

Finally, we are very happy to continue our positive engagement with the hard-working Villages Senior Staff, and most importantly with our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander. The Club Board recognizes the heavy workload you're all carrying and appreciates the extra efforts and highest levels of professionalism exhibited by the entire staff. Thank you, Theresa, and Team, for your support of the Club Board and all you do for The Villages!

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

## Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of October 2022

### Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of October 2022

Total revenue was \$37,600 (3.3 percent) favorable to the budget of \$1,147,900. The most significant favorable to budget revenue category was directory income (actual \$30,700 vs. budget of \$4,000), due to timing. Other notable favorable to budget revenue categories were food sales (up 13.4 percent, or \$22,800 compared to budget) and green fees (up 5.9 percent, or \$7,400 compared to budget). The most significant unfavorable to budget revenue category was resident activities, with a negative variance of \$7,800, or 78 percent (actual \$2,200 vs. budget of \$10,000), offset with lower expenses. Also notable unfavorable to budget revenue category was guest room rentals (\$1,100 actual vs. budget of \$6,600), with the guest rooms opening back up mid-month.

Total expenses were \$94,800 favorable to budget, or 8.2 percent less than the budget of \$1,155,100. The most significant favorable to budget expense category was employee expense, with a positive variance of \$60,400, or 8.2 percent (actual \$676,500 vs. budget of \$736,900) with unfilled positions in the Restaurant, Community Activities, Janitorial, Public Safety and Facilities. Other notable favorable to budget expense categories for the month were as follows: 1) water expense (actual \$46,400 vs. budget of \$105,700) with irrigation usage restrictions in force, 2) resident activities expense (actual \$3,400 vs. budget of

\$13,500) offset with lower revenue, 3) Comcast expense (actual \$83,900 vs. budget of \$92,400) due to new contract less than budget, and 4) tree trimming (actual \$3,300 vs. budget of \$10,700) due to timing of work on the golf course. Highlights of unfavorable to budget expense categories were the following: 1) food cost of sales (actual \$61,800 vs. budget of \$51,900) due to higher food sales volume, 2) printing expense (actual \$15,400 vs. budget of \$7,900) due to timing of *Resource Guide* printing, 3) professional fees (actual \$13,700 vs. budget of \$2,600) due to General Manager search related expenses and HR consultant (offset in salaries), and 4) electricity expense (actual \$25,800 vs. budget of \$19,000) mostly at the golf course, Clubhouse and Cribari Center.

**The net positive operating budget variance for the month of October was \$132,400. See table below.**

#### October 2022 Club Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,185,500	\$1,147,900	\$ 37,600
Expenses	\$1,060,300	\$1,155,100	\$ 94,800
Net	\$ 125,200	\$ -7,200	\$132,400

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**Operating Financial Commentary...**

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Year-to-date (four months), revenue is \$97,000 favorable to budget, 2.1 percent higher than the budget of \$4,660,000. Year-to-date, expenses are \$345,000 favorable to budget, 7.2 percent less than the budget of \$4,802,000. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$442,000.**

See table below for results by department. The monthly solar lease payments and contribution to the balloon payment fund (to be paid in September 2023) are being funded from a portion of the FY22 Operating surplus. The year-to-date total for these two items is \$84,000.

**The Villages Golf and Country Club  
Summary Club Operating Budget FY23  
For Four Months ended October 31, 2022**

Department	Revenues (\$)			Expenditures (\$)			FY 23 Net (\$)
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance
<b>G&amp;A</b>	359,000	347,000	26,000	218,000	325,000	107,000	119,000
<b>Maintenance Admin</b>	60,000	59,000	1,000	51,000	54,000	3,000	4,000
<b>Golf Course/Pro Shop</b>	1,031,000	1,026,000	5,000	1,032,000	1,072,000	40,000	45,000
<b>Community Activities</b>	356,000	391,000	-35,000	298,000	370,000	72,000	37,000
<b>Community Centers</b>	266,000	266,000	0	271,000	268,000	-3,000	-3,000
<b>Public Safety</b>	425,000	424,000	1,000	415,000	437,000	22,000	23,000
<b>Pools</b>	78,000	78,000	0	80,000	71,000	-9,000	-9,000
<b>Clubhouse/Restaurant</b>	1,396,000	1,279,000	117,000	1,346,000	1,334,000	-12,000	105,000
<b>All Other</b>	786,000	790,000	-4,000	746,000	871,000	125,000	121,000
<b>Totals</b>	4,757,000	4,660,000	97,000	4,457,000	4,802,000	345,000	442,000

All Other shows a \$121,000 net positive variance due to favorable water expense, Comcast expense, and repair and maintenance. G&A has posted a \$119,000 net positive due to reduced employee expenses with the vacancy in the General Manager position for most of the first four months of the fiscal year. Clubhouse/Restaurant shows a \$105,000 net positive variance due to favorable food and bar sales. Golf Course/Pro Shop shows a \$45,000 net positive variance from favorable green fees, savings in employee expense and tree trimming (timing), offset by more than planned electricity and pest control expenses. Community Activities shows a \$37,000 net positive variance from favorable employee expense. Public Safety has posted a \$23,000 net positive variance due to less than planned employee expenses. Pools have a \$9,000 net negative variance from higher than planned repair and maintenance, gas and electricity expenses.

**Association Operating Statement Review**

For the month of October 2022

Revenue was on budget for the month at \$1,014,200.

Expenses for the month were \$124,800 (11.8 percent) favorable to the budget of \$1,056,500.

Notable **favorable** to budget expense categories for the month were the following:

- Water Expense, \$162,500 (60.5 percent) less than budget (actual \$105,900 vs. budget of \$268,400)
  - Results from two-month water bill for September/October
  - Irrigation water usage restrictions in force
- Planting Expense, \$8,300 (44.4 percent) less than budget (actual \$10,400 vs. budget of \$18,700)
- Electricity Expense, \$3,900 (40.2 percent) less than budget (actual \$5,800 vs. budget of \$9,700) due to California Climate Credit

Significant **unfavorable** to budget expense categories for the month were the following:

- Insurance Expense, \$37,800 (15 percent) more than budget (actual \$290,300 vs. budget of \$252,500) due to impact of 2022 property insurance renewal effective May 30, 2022
- Legal Fees, \$3,300 more than budget (actual \$4,200 vs. budget of \$900) due to timing of receipt of invoice for CC&R amendment work

**The net positive operating budget variance for the month of October was \$124,800. See table below.**

**October 2022 Association Operating Results**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	\$1,014,200	\$1,014,200	\$ 0
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 931,700	\$1,056,500	\$124,800
<b>Net</b>	\$ 82,500	\$ -42,300	\$124,800

Year-to-date (four months of operations), total revenue is \$4,057,900, or .03 percent (\$1,100) more than the budget of \$4,056,800. Year-to-date, operating expenses are \$4,181,700, or 6.1 percent (\$272,400) less than the budget of \$4,454,100. The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in water expense, repair and maintenance, planting expense and irrigation maintenance, offset by more than planned insurance expense and operating supplies. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$273,500.**

**Association Board Voting Record for December 13, 2022**

Association Voting Record for December 13, 2022										
		Board Members*							Comments	Costs
		DC	DH	RH	JW	GP	MS	SG		
1	Report from Inspectors of Elections on CC&Rs Amendment Vote Ballot Returns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board accepted the vote count of the CC&Rs Amendment as read and presented by Inspectors of Elections. "FOR" votes = 1,011; "AGAINST" votes = 199. The vote did not pass as it did not receive the 1,155 approval, or "FOR", votes needed for Membership approval.	\$0
2	Approval Consideration of Maintenance Response Plan on Ad Hoc Fire Safety Committee Recommendations for Structural Components	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	By consensus the Board referred this item back to the Ad Hoc Fire Safety Committee.	\$0
3	Association Board of Directors Budget Objectives	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	By consensus the Board agreed to schedule a Special Open Meeting to discuss changes to the Association Board of Directors Budget Objectives.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration for Additional Funding for Glen Arden FY2023 Reserve Building Expenditures	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board approved the additional funding for FY2023 Glen Arden Reserve Building expenditures in the amount of \$40,290.	\$40,290
5	Approval Consideration for Additional Funding for Cribari FY2023 Plumbing Reserve	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board approved the additional unplanned FY2023 Cribari Plumbing Reserve Replacement Allowance expenditure in the amount of \$60,577.	\$60,577
6	Discussion on Proposed Correction to Association Rule 2.24 Outside Holiday Decorations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board approved to correct Rule 2.24 by including the word <i>Areas</i> after the word <i>Common</i> for the first sentence following 2. <i>Other Holiday Decorations</i> , and post the corrected rule on The Villages website.	\$0
7	Review to Approve- AC Solar Conditionally Approved Application: 7576 Portree Drive	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board conditionally approved the installation of solar system on common area sloped roof located at 7576 Portree Drive pending alternative proof of receipt of revocable easement recordation, including a copy of the signed and notarized documents and owners submitting required insurance and city permit paperwork including comments to AC prior to starting construction.	\$0
8	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2022 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$2,220,000 used to help pay the 2022 property insurance premium renewal in June 2022, with a balance of \$1,970,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2023.	\$250,000
9	Approval Consideration to Vote to Ratify the Monthly Review of Accounts per Civil Code §5500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	The Board approved to ratify the monthly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
<b>Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting</b>										<b>\$350,867</b>

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

\* DC = David Cook | DH = Diana Hallock | RH = Richard Holmboe | JW = Julie Wash | GP = George Paris | MS = Michael Schwerin | SG = Stephen Gilbert

**Homeowners' Operating Statement Review**  
For the month of October 2022

**October 2022 Non-Estates Operating Results**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$3,900	\$3,902	\$ -2
Expenses	\$3,723	\$3,961	\$ 238
Net	\$ 177	\$ -59	\$ 236

Non-Estates revenue was short of budget by \$2 (rounding) at \$3,900 for the month. October expenses were \$238 favorable to budget, 6 percent less than the budget of \$3,961, due to less than planned legal fees (\$112) and insurance expense (\$126). **The net positive operating budget variance for the month of October was \$236.**

Year-to-date (four months of operations), total revenue is \$15,601, short of budget by \$7 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$14,892, less than budget by \$952 (6 percent). The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in insurance expense and legal fees. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$945.**

**October 2022 Estates Operating Results**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$16,004	\$16,003	\$ 1
Expenses	\$14,491	\$17,485	\$2,994
Net	\$ 1,513	\$ -1,482	\$2,995

Estates revenue for the month tracked budget at \$16,004. October expenses were \$2,994 favorable to budget, 17.1 percent less than the budget of \$17,485, mostly due to less than planned water and planting expenses. **The net positive operating budget variance for the month of October was \$2,995.**

Year-to-date (four months of operations), total revenue is \$64,014, higher than budget by \$2 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$67,568, less than budget by \$8,239 (10.9 percent). The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in water and planting expenses. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$8,241.**

**Club Board Voting Record for December 13, 2022**

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December 13, 2022 Monthly Meeting		Board Members*							Comments	Costs
	Agenda Items	LL	JO	BK	RZ	GA	LK	BW		
1	Status Update on FY 23/24 CBOD Goals and Objectives	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Board provided status updates on the FY23 Club Board Goals and Objectives	\$0
2	Status Update on Club Benchmarking	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Controller Meg Flanagan provided a status update on the Club Benchmarking initiative noting that its in the final stages of providing the information needed.	\$0
3	Approve Formation of a Board Policy Committee to Recommend Updates to the CBOD Policies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved that the Club Board establish a Special Ad Hoc Committee in accordance VGCC Policy CPo 201 and 206 to review and recommend changes, if any, to the Club Policies. This Ad Hoc Committee will begin work on January 1, 2023, and report recommendations to the full Board at the March Board meeting. Committee members will be Directors Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, and Richard Zahner.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration of Committee Appointments and Reappointments to the Villages Golf Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the appointment of Rob Howe as Chair, Mary Wagle and Mike Schwerin as voting members, and Kyle Finley as a non-voting member to the Villages Golf Committee.	\$0
	Approval Consideration of Committee Appointments & Reappointments to the Communications Advisory Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the reappointment of Nick Yannaccone, Susan Callahan, N. Jeanette Campa, Thomas Moore, and Jac Fitzenz as voting members, approved the appointment of Pat Reardon from associate member to voting member, approved the exception to the one-year break requirement and approved the appointment of Debbie Champion from voting member to associate member to the Communications Advisory Committee.	\$0
	Approval Consideration of Committee Appointments & Reappointments to the Rules Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the reappointment of Frank Langben and Debbie Champion to the Rules Committee.	\$0
	Approval Consideration of Committee Appointments & Reappointments to the Fitness Center Advisory Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the appointment of Mallory Kay Hayes, Paul Magruder, and Larry McNary to the Fitness Center Advisory Committee.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration of Villages Golf Committee's Recommendations -Adopt-A-Green Initiative -Two Person Per Cart -Additional Player Assistants (marshals)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board formally acknowledged receipt of the VGC's recommendations. Direction was provided about communicating the Adopt-A-Green Initiative and consideration for the inclusion of an additional Player Assistant. Rules Committee to be requested to propose changes to Rule 1.14 regarding two persons per cart and tournament start times.	\$0
6	Budget Development: Board/Staff to Develop Budget Objectives, Review Schedule of Fees and Discuss Insurance Broker Stewardship Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the FY 24 Budget Protocol dated December 13, 2022, as the CBOD policy and budget objectives directive to Management as they prepare the FY 24 Budget. This action completes the Board submittal in accordance with the Club Budget Development Timeline for FY 23/24.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$0

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass CR  
 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 10 a.m. Line Dance Class MMP  
 10 a.m. Quilters PR  
 1 p.m. Bridge Club at Villages RED  
 1 p.m. Senior Academy Lecture VC  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal CR  
 6 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance FC  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC  
 7 p.m. VAT Production Ticket Sale L  
 7:30 p.m. VAT Performance A

## Saturday, December 17

9 a.m. Open Sewing PR  
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 10 a.m. Ukulele Singing SEQ  
 2 p.m. VAT Performance Ticket Sale L  
 2:30 p.m. VAT Performance A  
 3 p.m. Table Tennis Social MC  
 5 p.m. Montgomery Social CH

## Sunday, December 18

7:15 a.m. Catholic Choir CR  
 8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass A  
 9 a.m. Episcopal Services MC  
 9 a.m. Chapel Choir SEQ  
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 10 a.m. Open Sewing PR  
 10 a.m. Community Chapel Services A  
 11 a.m. Chapel Fellowship CR  
 2 p.m. VAT Show Ticket Sale L  
 2:30 p.m. VAT Performance A  
 7 p.m. Chinese Club Line Dance VC

## Monday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 9:30 a.m. Assoc. Rules Committee F  
 12 p.m. Flower Ladies Arranging Guild VC  
 12 p.m. VAT Clean Up A  
 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP

### EVENT LOCATIONS

A	Auditorium	(Cribari)
AR	Art Room	(Cribari)
BC	Bocce Courts	
CER	Ceramics	(Cribari)
CH	Clubhouse	
CR	Conference Rm.	(Cribari)
F	Forum	(Cribari)
FC	Foothill Center	
FHP	Foothill Pool	
GP	Gazebo	
L	Lobby	(Cribari)
SEQ	Sequoia	(Cribari)
MC	Montgomery Center	
MMP	Montgomery MP Room	
RED	Redwood	(Cribari)
P	Patio	(Cribari)
PC	Pickleball Courts	
PR	Patio Room	(Cribari)
TR	Terrace Room	(Cribari)
TS	Tennis Stand	
VC	Vineyard Center	
VR	Voyage Room	(Montgomery)

5 p.m. Jewish Community Hanukkah CH  
 5:30 p.m. Village Dancers A  
 6 p.m. VAT Cast Party FC  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

## Tuesday, December 20

9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 10 a.m. Ukulele Advanced MC  
 11 a.m. 9 Hole Women Golf Lunch CH  
 11:30 a.m. Live Stronger Longer A  
 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2:30 p.m. Chapel Choir CR  
 7 p.m. Amateur Radio Club VC

## Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 11 a.m. VMA Lunch Buddies CH  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

## Thursday, December 22

9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 12:30 p.m. 18 Hole Women Golf Lunch CH  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 2:30 p.m. Ukulele Club FC  
 6 p.m. Hiking Club VC  
 7 p.m. Folksters CR

## Friday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise A  
 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 9 a.m. Game Day RED, SEQ  
 1 p.m. Bridge Club at Villages RED  
 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

## Saturday, December 24

9 a.m. Open Sewing PR  
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 3 p.m. Catholic Choir CR  
 4 p.m. Catholic Mass A

## Sunday, December 25

9 a.m. Chapel Choir SEQ  
 9 a.m. Table Tennis MMP  
 10 a.m. Open Sewing PR  
 10 a.m. Community Chapel Service A  
 11 a.m. Chapel Fellowship CR  
 7 p.m. Chinese Line Dance Rehearsal CR

## Monday, December 26

9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P  
 10 a.m. Search the Scriptures FC  
 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group CR  
 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP

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Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Service Coordinator:  
408-238-4029

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## January 2023 Programs

**Hearing Screen** – by Hearing Life, Tuesday January 17 in Montgomery Center from 10 a.m.– 12 p.m. Please call 408-238-4230 for an appointment time.

**Your Funeral Your Way** – presented by Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association. Byron Chan will provide information on all aspects of a funeral. Please join us on Thursday, January 19 in the Conference Room at 1 p.m. Please call 408-238-4029 to register.

**Organize Your Medications** – Amy Wang, R.N. of Ready2Nurse presents the first talk of her Longevity Series on Tuesday, January 24 at 1 p.m. at Vineyard Center. Amy will cover the How, When, and What of organizing and taking your medications and supplements. Please call 408-238-4029 to register.

## Support Groups in January

Please note new meeting rooms.

**Grief Support Group:** Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley- Sutter Health will begin a new series starting January 23 in the Sequoia Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

**Caregiver Support Group:** Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on January 19 at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Sequoia Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy London Ph.D. for all 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 on Thursday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Cribari Forum Room.

Thank you to all who participated in our 2022 presentations. We hope you enjoyed them and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Please check out [vmaillages.org](http://vmaillages.org)



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

## Fitness Center

Daily  
12:00 & 6:00

## Fitness

1:00 & 7:00  
Mon – Sat  
15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15  
Mon Wed Fri & Sun  
Chair Fitness  
Tue Thu Sat  
Cardio Fitness

## Earthquake Insurance

Daily  
2:00 & 8:00

## Welcome to Our Website

Daily  
3:15 & 9:15

## Coyote Town Hall

Daily  
4 & 10

## Aerial Views of The Villages

Daily  
5:30 & 11:30



## Club Events & Notices



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

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

- Association Board Special Open Meeting Re: Association Board Guidance for the FY23-24 Budget Development Process is Tuesday, December 20, at 10 a.m. This is a Zoom-only meeting  
Meeting ID: 826 9850 1842; Passcode: 686278; Dial 669-900-6833
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, January 31, at 9:30 a.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom  
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

### Club

- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom  
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 669-900-6833

## A Holiday message from the Homeowners' Corporation Board

We wish you a healthy, happy holiday season and a year of joy in 2023. We look forward to continuing to work with you to make The Villages the best home it can be for all of us.



Rob Kirschbaum, Jeannie Omel, Brooks Fuller, Teddy Morse, Larry Versaw

### Calendar of Events...

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#### Tuesday, December 27

- 10 a.m. Ukulele Advanced PR
- 11 a.m. 9 Hole Women Golf Lunch CH
- 1:30 p.m. Table Tennis MMP

#### Wednesday, December 28

- 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise FC
- 10 a.m. Israeli Folk Dance MMP
- 1 p.m. Table Tennis MMP
- 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

#### Tuesday, December 29

- 12:30 p.m. 18 Hole Women Golf Lunch CH
- 1:30 p.m. Ukulele Club VC

#### Friday, December 30

- 8:30 a.m. Jazzercise FC
- 9 a.m. Chinese Morning Exercise P
- 10 a.m. Quilters PR
- 1 p.m. Bridge Club at Villages MC
- 6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Dominoes MC

## Office closures and Villager Deadlines for the holidays

Villages business offices are closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday with operations back on Wednesday, December 27.

Villages business offices are closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year's holiday with operations back on Tuesday, January 3.

The editorial deadline for the December 29 edition will be Monday, December 19. For late-breaking articles please contact Associate Editor Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com

The Classified ad deadline for the December 29 edition will be Wednesday, December 21.

The staff of *The Villager* wishes you the best of Holidays and a Happy New Year!

## HFC Irrigation Use—FY 22/23 compared to FY 19/20

FY 22/23 HCF Irrigation Use Compared to FY 19/20 HCF Irrigation Use					
District	FY19/20 Jul19-Oct19	FY20/21 Jul20-Oct20	FY21/22 Jul21-Oct21	FY22/23 Jul22-Oct22	22/23 vs 19/20 Jul-Oct
<b>Cribari</b>					
Residential	7,255	8,581	6,792	6,912	
%	25%	30%	31%	38%	
Irrigation	21,705	19,828	15,397	11,191	-48%
%	75%	70%	69%	62%	
<b>Total Cribari</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>28,409</b>	<b>22,189</b>	<b>18,103</b>	
<b>Montgomery</b>					
<b>Combined</b>	<b>24,578</b>	<b>22,872</b>	<b>16,738</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>-49%</b>
<b>Heights</b>					
Residential	1,015	970	884	882	
%	17%	18%	23%	29%	
Irrigation	4,890	4,415	3,003	2,117	-57%
%	83%	82%	77%	71%	
<b>Total Heights</b>	<b>5,905</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>3,887</b>	<b>2,999</b>	
<b>Hermosa</b>					
Residential	3,004	3,023	2,289	2,127	
%	17%	18%	19%	24%	
Irrigation	14,642	13,941	9,486	6,654	-55%
%	83%	82%	81%	76%	
<b>Total Hermosa</b>	<b>17,646</b>	<b>16,964</b>	<b>11,775</b>	<b>8,781</b>	
<b>Verano</b>					
Residential	2,905	2,902	2,374	2,434	
%	18%	19%	21%	28%	
Irrigation	13,619	11,985	9,070	6,239	-54%
%	82%	81%	79%	72%	
<b>Total Verano</b>	<b>16,524</b>	<b>14,887</b>	<b>11,444</b>	<b>8,673</b>	
<b>Del Lago</b>					
Residential	3,434	3,494	2,734	2,606	
%	39%	35%	32%	38%	
Irrigation	5,360	6,386	5,772	4,199	-22%
%	61%	65%	68%	62%	
<b>Total Del Lago</b>	<b>8,794</b>	<b>9,880</b>	<b>8,506</b>	<b>6,805</b>	
<b>Highland</b>					
Residential	3,942	4,100	3,658	3,298	
%	21%	25%	29%	33%	
Irrigation	14,756	12,477	9,081	6,734	-54%
%	79%	75%	71%	67%	
<b>Total Highland</b>	<b>18,698</b>	<b>16,577</b>	<b>12,739</b>	<b>10,032</b>	
<b>Glen Arden</b>					
Residential	1,643	2,127	1,753	1,680	
%	30%	39%	41%	48%	
Irrigation	3,817	3,297	2,500	1,843	-52%
%	70%	61%	59%	52%	
<b>Total Glen Arden</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>3,523</b>	
<b>Olivas</b>					
Residential	3,923	3,746	2,769	2,823	
%	15%	16%	15%	21%	
Irrigation	22,659	20,110	15,770	10,822	-52%
%	85%	84%	85%	79%	
<b>Total Olivas</b>	<b>26,582</b>	<b>23,856</b>	<b>18,539</b>	<b>13,645</b>	
<b>Fairways</b>					
Residential	581	460	446	442	
%	21%	18%	27%	30%	
Irrigation	2,139	2,143	1,221	1,014	-53%
%	79%	82%	73%	70%	
<b>Total Fairways</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>1,456</b>	
<b>Sonata</b>					
Residential	2,111	1,947	1,655	1,620	
%	22%	26%	33%	38%	
Irrigation	7,543	5,638	3,314	2,594	-66%
%	78%	74%	67%	62%	
<b>Total Sonata</b>	<b>9,654</b>	<b>7,585</b>	<b>4,969</b>	<b>4,214</b>	
<b>Valle Vista</b>					
Residential	1,333	1,339	1,062	1,021	
%	16%	15%	14%	24%	
Irrigation	7,010	7,815	6,719	3,153	-55%
%	84%	85%	86%	76%	
<b>Total Valle Vista</b>	<b>8,343</b>	<b>9,154</b>	<b>7,781</b>	<b>4,174</b>	
<b>Association (Less Montgomery)</b>					
Residential	31,146	32,689	26,416	25,845	
%	21%	23%	25%	31%	
Irrigation	118,140	108,036	81,334	56,560	-52%
%	79%	77%	75%	69%	
Assn less Montg	149,286	140,725	107,750	82,405	-45%
<b>Total Association</b>	<b>173,864</b>	<b>163,597</b>	<b>124,488</b>	<b>94,848</b>	<b>-45%</b>

In following the current irrigation watering restrictions of two days per week, the Villages Association has reduced its water usage by 45%, compared to 2019.  
Complete Spreadsheet at: <https://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/documents/association-water-use/>

# CLUB CALENDARS

## What's Happening in ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) Art Room and Ceramics Room will be closed December 12 through January 13 for maintenance and repairs by The Villages management.

**Tuesdays:** Poetry in Art group. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with following open studio. \$10. No meetings between December 12 and January 20.

**Open Studio in Art Room:** Fridays, beginning at 10 a.m. with Jane Hink. Mondays and Tuesdays with Pat Andrade, 2 – 5 p.m. Closed December 12 – January 13.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members only. Hours posted at [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com)

**January 10:** Free Art Film: Audubon – Drawn from Nature. Tuesday, Cribari Conference Room, 2:30 pm. Host Roz Zinns

**January 25 – March 1:** Watercolor with Doug Canepa. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. \$60. Register early at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

**January 28:** Collage with Julie Cline. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$75, all materials furnished. Art Room. Register at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

**February 6 – March 6:** Oil and Acrylic Painting with Jane Hink. Monday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, \$90. Register early at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)

**Stitchery Group** on Mondays, Patio Room. 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372

## HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layered 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 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. **Every Monday** – at Clubhouse parking lot, meet at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. to walk around golf course with Terri Vivoli and/or Cheryl Allmen.

**Long Hike, December 17:** Wilder Ranch State Park 3A. Meet at the Cribari Bell at 8 a.m. for caravan departure, 8:15 a.m. 11-mile, 900-ft gain. This is a great loop hike, that heads up into the terraced slopes north of Highway 1 for overlook views, before trundling down along the Enchanted Loop to stroll among the lovely second-growth coast redwoods. We will loop back down the slopes to the south side of Highway 1 near Four Mile Beach. We'll eat lunch at the beach. Hikers preferring a 6.5-mile hike can end the hike here, if they plan ahead and park a car at Four Mile in advance of starting the hike at Wilder Ranch. The rest of us will then enjoy a flat 4.5 mile walk along the cliffs back to Wilder Ranch. What to bring: boots, layered clothing and hiking poles if you use them, 1.5 - 2L water, lunch, snacks, sun protection and \$10 vehicle day-use fee (seniors \$9, age 62 or older). There are restrooms at Wilder Ranch State Park. Directions: Highway 17 south to Highway 1 north. The park is "north of Santa Cruz" (really west, by the compass) on the south side (toward the ocean) of Highway One, just a mile or so past the Western Drive stoplight. Round trip estimated at 90 miles. Rain cancels hike. Leader: Kimberly Sandstrom [sandstromkj@gmail.com](mailto:sandstromkj@gmail.com) 650-229-3509 Location: 1401 Coast Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, GPS: 36.961359791931805, - 22.0855489976086

**Rambler Hike, December 21:** Gary and Terry Holmquist (408-531-9779) will lead a hike in Alum Rock Park. We will start in the Eagle Rock picnic area and proceed along the valley floor trail to the creek junction before returning. Total hiking distance is four miles with about a 300-foot elevation gain. This is a paved and gravel trail that stays passable in wet weather. The hike will be followed by an optional lunch at Lee's sandwich shop on Berryessa Road. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Cribari to carpool with an 8:45 departure.

**Rambler Lite Hike, December 21:** Hike around the Heights. Meet at Montgomery center at 9:30 a.m.

**Rambler Hike, December 28:** Pam Thompson (408-531-9521) will lead a hike around Lake Cunningham! Meeting up at Cribari at 9:30 a.m., carpooling over to the park and then getting a bite to eat afterwards. If it rains, this hike will be canceled!

**Rambler Lite Hike, December 28:** Hike around Del Lago lakes. Meet at the Restaurant at 9:30 a.m.

## 2023 Upcoming Community Activities Events

DATE	EVENT/CLASS	IN VILLAGER/FAST LANE	REGISTRATION
1/19/2023	Ramses the Great	11/18	SOLD OUT
1/11 to 2/15	Beginning Yoga	11/18	11/21 to 12/16
1/26/2023	Ramses the Great	12/1	SOLD OUT
2/25	Carmel-By-The-Sea	12/30	1/3/23
1/3 to 2/7	Adv. Beginner: Line Dance	12/19	12/19
1/30 to 3/6	Intermediate: Line Dance	12/19	12/19
2/3 to 3/10	Advanced: Line Dance	12/19	12/19
1/26 to 3/2	Improvers: Line Dance	12/19	12/19

*New Year's Eve* **2023**

Midnight Countdown  
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Saturday December 31, 2022 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

7 p.m. Reception 8 p.m. Dinner  
12 a.m. Champagne Toast

**Reception**  
Imported & Domestic Cheese Display, Assorted Canapes

**Salad**  
Winter Mixed Green Salad  
with Candied Walnuts, Cranberries and Goat Cheese with Raspberry Walnut Dressing

**Entrée Selections**  
Filet Mignon with Mushroom Cap and Green Peppercorn Sauce  
Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail with Garlic Butter Sauce

**Accompaniments**  
Asparagus and Red Peppers  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

**Dessert**  
Chocolate Ganache NY Cheesecake

Dancing to the Sounds of the Jerry Saucedo Band  
Balloon Drop at Midnight  
Midnight Champagne Countdown  
Decorations & Party Favors

\$85 Plus Service Charge & Tax  
Reservations Now Being Taken  
Please call 408-754-1339  
or e-mail [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)  
Please make sure to give your entrée selection

**2023**  
*New Year's Eve*

*Early Bird Dinner*

Saturday December 31, 2022  
Two Seatings 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

**Salad**  
Winter Mixed Green Salad  
with Candied Walnuts, Cranberries and Goat Cheese  
with Raspberry Walnut Dressing

**Entrée Selections**  
Filet Mignon with Mushroom Cap and Green Peppercorn Sauce  
Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail with Garlic Butter Sauce

**Accompaniments**  
Asparagus and Red Peppers  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

**Dessert**  
Chocolate Ganache NY Cheesecake

**Champagne Toast**

\$65.95 Plus Service Charge & Tax

Reservations Now Being Taken  
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Please make sure to give your desired time & entrée selection



### Interested in maintaining the beauty of The Villages?

The Association Architectural Committee needs you! The AC is a valuable and respected Board appointed Committee here at The Villages. Committee members review an average of 25 owner applications for alterations and/or improvements each month. Members are required to review and visit the site of each request to ensure the aesthetic integrity of each Village is maintained. AC members must be a villa owner within the Association and architectural or construction knowledge is a requirement! Being an Architectural Committee member takes time and dedication; however, the contribution each member makes in maintaining the beauty of our community generates an overwhelming sense of pride. Contact Elissa Caruso at the Corporation Yard to obtain an application for membership today! Call 408-754-1344 or email [ecaruso@the-villages.com](mailto:ecaruso@the-villages.com)

## Available now!



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Call Curbside: 408-370-8553  
Or Website:  
[www.clubhouserreservation.com](http://www.clubhouserreservation.com)

Orders Need to Be Placed Early for Evening Pickup

Orders Taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Orders are Picked Up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$14 Plus Service Charge and Tax.



## 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](mailto:Vector.sccgov.org/home). Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

## Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery of your weekly copy of *The Villager*, please call 408-223-4655 after 11:30 a.m. to report it.

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

## 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.



## “Ask the ABOD”

The Association Board of Directors (ABOD) appreciates the need in having your questions answered. The ABOD 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 Maria Elizabeth Hernandez at [MEHernandez@the-villages.com](mailto:MEHernandez@the-villages.com) or drop them 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.



The Clubhouse

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### Appetizer Special! 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Monday through Friday

For a limited time buy one appetizer and receive the second one for free!\*

\*Item must be of equal or lesser value.  
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.  
For dine-in customers only.



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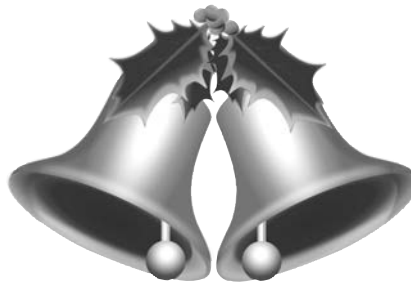
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POSTAL SERVICE®

The Villages Post Office in Cribari Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

We'd like to remind old and new customers of its convenient location in Cribari Center. You can get most services available at the regular post office right here in our own Villages' substation.

Hope to see you soon!  
**Get your stamps for the upcoming holidays—an array of specialty and holiday stamps are available now!**

## 2022 Post Office holiday reminders



The Postal Service recommends that customers mail greeting and gifts no later than December 17 for First Class mail and no later than December 19 for Priority mail.

New Christmas stamps this year are Holiday Elves and Virgin & Child. As a reminder, the cost of a Forever stamp increased in July from 58 cents to 60 cents.

# 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)  
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, call 408-370-8553**

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

*The Clubhouse Curbside service charge is 15 percent. The service charge for the Indoor and Patio Dining is 18 percent.*



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

### 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** reservations for the patio are for 6 or more persons.
- **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.
- 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 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

**ATTENTION CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS: New legislation prohibits "Take-out service" from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to customers unless they are requested. This is in effect now. Our staff will ask if customers need condiments such as ketchup, etc. or plastic utensils such as forks, etc. when taking orders.**

### 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.–8 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m.–8 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Sunday Breakfast:</b> 7 a.m.–2 p.m.
	<b>Dinner Menu:</b> 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Last Seating	<b>Lunch:</b> 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
		<b>Bistro Menu:</b> 2 p.m.–8 p.m. Last Seating
		<b>Dinner:</b> 5 p.m.–8 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 12/19 to 12/25

Monday	December 19	Lentil Soup
Tuesday	December 20	White Bean, Kale and Sausage
Wednesday	December 21	Shiitake Mushroom and Chicken
Thursday	December 22	Vegetable Beef
Friday	December 23	Shrimp Bisque
Saturday	December 24	Chef's Choice
Sunday	December 25	CLOSED

### Bistro Menu

2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Appetizers**

GF **Potato Skins** \$14.00  
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions and Sour Cream

**Wings 6Pc** \$13.95  
Celery and Carrots, Ranch Dressing with BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

V **Villages Nacho** \$12.95  
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green onions Add Beef or Chicken \$4

GF **Curried Chicken Lettuce Cups** \$13.95  
Minced Chicken, Water chestnuts, Mushrooms and Green Onions on Butter Lettuce

**Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce** \$10.95  
Honey Mustard or Ranch

**Fried Green Beans** \$8.95

**Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers** \$13.95  
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime Dipping Sauce

**Angus Beef Sliders** \$12.95  
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

**Southern Crab Cakes** \$13.95  
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

**Calamari** \$13.95  
Lightly Dusted Rings, and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

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**Soup of the Day or Chili** Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50

**Entrée Caesar Salad** \$11.95  
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan, Croutons Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

**Cobb Salad** \$14.25  
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V **Asian Salad** \$14.25  
Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with Sesame Ginger Dressing Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

V **Arugula Pear Cranberries Salad** \$14.75  
with Feta and Candied Walnuts

V **Quesadilla** \$13.95  
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Add Chicken or Beef \$4

**Sweet and Sour Chicken Over Rice** \$14.95  
Pineapples, Red and Green Bell Peppers, Onions

**Fish and Chips** \$14.95  
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

**Street Tacos** \$13.95  
Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantros, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

**Sides By Itself : \$5.50**

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

**Sandwiches**

Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

**Hot Dog with Side** \$9.95  
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish. Cheddar Add \$2

**Burger with Side** \$13.95 Or  
**Impossible Burger with Side** \$14.95  
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or Plant Based Meat  
Add Avocado, Bacon \$2.50 or Cheese add \$2

**Roast Beef French Dip Au Jus with Side** \$14.95  
Hoagie Loaf with Provolone and Sauteed Onions

**Shrimp Roll Sandwich with Side** \$16.95  
Bay Shrimp, Celery, Green Onions and Dill Aioli

**Naan Flatbread Pizzas Red Sauce and Mozzarella**

Gluten Free Crust Sub \$2

V **Cheese Pizza** \$11.95 **Pepperoni Pizza** \$12.95

V **Margarita Pizza** \$12.25  
Red Sauce, Mozzarella and Tomatoes

**Combination Pizza** \$14.95  
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers

V **Veggie Pizza** \$14.95  
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers Arugula

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian  
Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

### Breakfast Menu

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

V **French Toast** \$8.25  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V **Short Stack Pancakes** \$8.25  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V **Belgium Waffles** \$8.75  
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruit Berries

**Bagel BLT and Egg** \$9.75  
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

**Breakfast Burrito** \$9.75  
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Salsa Choice of Bacon, or sausage

**Montgomery Muffin** \$9.25  
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheddar Cheese and Fruit

**Lox and Bagels** \$13.95  
Smoke Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

**Avocado Sourdough Toast** \$12.95  
Fried Egg, Bacon, and Tomato

**Sides**  
Egg \$2.25, Breakfast Meats \$4, Hash Browns \$3, Toast \$2

**Coffee** \$1.95



**Starbucks Espresso** \$2.50 **Extra Shot** \$1.50

**Starbucks Americano** \$2.50

**Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino** \$3.25

**Juice, Milk, or Hot Chocolate** \$2.95

**The Villager \$10.50**  
2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast Substitute Breakfast meat with NY Steak Add \$9

**Three Egg Omelet \$10.95**  
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

**Skillet Scrambler \$10.95**  
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

**Huevos Rancheros \$10.50**  
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Black Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

**Eggs Benedict \$11.95**  
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

**Eggs Florentine Benedict \$11.75**  
Two Poached Eggs, & Spinach, Feta and Tomatoes over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce. Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

**Corned Beef Hash and Eggs \$11.95**  
2 Eggs any style with House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

GF Gluten Free Bread Available

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 12/19 to 12/25

**Lunch Specials:**  
Monday 12/19 to Sunday 12/24 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Chicken Salad on Croissant:** Choice of Side **\$16.50**

**Linguini Palermo:** Tomato, Basil and Bay Shrimp in a Garlic Cream Sauce. **\$17.50**

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**Dinner Specials:**  
Tuesday 12/20 to Friday 12/23 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Swordfish Piccata:** Served with Choice of Sides. **\$29.50**

**New York Pepper Steak:** 10-oz. New York Steak, Portobello Mushroom, Bacon and Scallion Garnish with Choice of Sides. **\$32.00**

### Dessert Menu

\$6.50

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

**Chocolate Salted Caramel Soufflé Cake (Warm)**  
Chocolate cake with creamy salted caramel center

**Tiramisu**  
Espresso-soaked lady fingers and Mascarpone cream, dusted with cocoa Powder

**New Orleans Bourbon Bread Pudding (Warm)**  
Caramel Toffee Sauce

**Apple Torte**  
Fresh Apples combined with cinnamon butter & brown sugar in a shortbread crust

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\$4.95

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes

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## Dinner Menu

Tuesday - Sunday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last Order

**Starters**

**Soup of the Day or Chili**  
Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50

**Small Caesar Salad** \$6.75

**Calamari** \$13.95  
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

V **Fried Breaded Green Beans** \$8.95

**Southern Crab Cakes** \$13.95  
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

GF **Curried Chicken Lettuce Cups** \$13.95  
Minced Chestnuts, Mushrooms and Green Onions Butter Lettuce Cups

**Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers** \$13.95  
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime Dipping Sauce

**The Lighter Side**

*Served à la carte*

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

V **Cajun Alfredo Penne Pasta** \$14.95  
Cream Cajun Garlic Sauce, with Sundried tomatoes, Add Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4,

V **Eggplant Parmesan** \$16.95  
Eggplant breaded in Crispy Panko Crumbs, Layered in Marinara Sauce, Parmesan and Provolone

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays**  
**Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$39.95**  
Aged to Perfection with Choice of Sides

**Dinner Entrées**  
Accompanied by 2 Sides  
Mashed Potatoes, Saffron Infused Rice Baked Potato with Sour Cream and Chives Or Daily Vegetables Sides

*Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees*

**Rotisserie Half Chicken and Gravy \$26.95**

**Rotisserie Spice Rubbed Tri Tips \$27.95**

**Rotisserie Pork Roast \$27.95**  
With Granny Smith Apple Salsa

**Grilled New York Steak \$33.95**  
Center Cut with Peppercorn Sauce

**Villager Meat Loaf \$24.95**

**Calf Liver and Onions \$26.95**  
Sautéed Onions and Crispy Bacon Bits

**Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Chicken \$26.95**  
with Spinach, Sundried Tomatoes and Ricotta Topped with Marinara Sauce

**Filet of Sole Piccata \$26.95**  
Flour Dusted with Capers, White Wine, Lemon Butter Sauce

GF **Lemon Saffron Salmon \$27.95**

**Prawns Scampi \$29.95**  
Lemon Butter Sauce Wilton Scallions

### Lunch Menu

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**GF Potato Skins \$14.00**  
Cheddar, Tomatoes, Bacon, Scallions, and Sour Cream

**Wings 6Pc \$13.95**  
With Carrots, Celery, Ranch Dressing  
With BBQ, Teriyaki or Buffalo Sauce

**Breaded Chicken Tenders with Sauce \$10.95**  
Honey Mustard or Ranch

**Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95**

**Pacific Rim Chicken Skewers \$13.95**  
On Grilled Pineapple Wedge with Pineapple Lime Dipping Sauce

**GF Curried Chicken Lettuce Cup \$13.95**  
Minced Chicken, Water chestnuts, Mushrooms and Green Onions on Butter Lettuce

**V Villages Nacho \$12.95**  
Tortilla Chips with Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream, Black Olives Black Beans and Tomatoes Topped with Green onions  
Add Beef or Chicken \$4

**Angus Beef Sliders \$12.95**  
2 Angus Beef with Tomato Relish

**Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95**  
2 Panko Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

**Calamari \$13.95**  
Lightly Dusted Rings and Tentacles with Parmesan Parsley

**Soup of the Day or Chili Cup \$5.50 Bowl \$7.50**

**V Lunch 3 Egg Omelet with Fruit \$10.95**  
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes.  
Choice of Toast  
Ham, Bacon, or Cheese Add \$2, Bay Shrimp \$4

**GF Entrée Caesar Salad \$11.95**  
Romaine, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan and Croutons  
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Salmon \$6, Prawns \$6

**V Asian Salad \$14.25**  
Chopped Cabbage, Carrots, Edamame, Peanuts, Fried Won Ton Skins, Bean Sprouts with a Sesame Ginger Dressing. Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns \$6

**Iceberg Wedge Salad \$12.95**  
Crisp Wedge with Cherry Tomatoes, Bacon Bits, Chives and Blue Cheese and Dressing

**V Arugula Pear Cranberries Salad \$14.75**  
with Feta and Candied Walnuts

**Cobb Salad \$14.25**  
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Hard boil Egg, Olives, Avocado Bacon and Feta Cheese  
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Chicken \$4, Prawns or Salmon \$6

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

**Half Stuffed Avocado with Chicken Salad \$14.95**  
Tomato, Cucumber and Hard Boiled Egg

**V Quesadilla \$13.95**  
Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream Guacamole,  
Add Chicken or Beef \$4

**Sweet and Sour Chicken Over Rice \$14.95**  
Pineapples, Red and Green Bell Peppers, Onions

**V Egg Foo Yung over Rice \$12.95**  
Chinese Omelet with Green Onions, Cabbage, Bean Sprouts  
Add Bay Shrimps or Chicken or Both \$4

**Fish and Chips \$14.95**  
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and Malted Vinegar

**Street Tacos \$13.95**  
Grilled Tofu, Cod, Beef or Chicken with Cilantros, Onions, Cabbage and Radish with Salsa on mini-Corn Tortillas

**V Ralph's Burritos or Bowl (No Tortilla) \$12.95**  
Cilantro Rice, Black Beans, Lettuce, Pico De Gallo, Cheddar, and Guacamole, Topped with Spanish Sauce, and Sour Cream,  
With Grilled Tofu \$3, Steak, or Chicken \$4

**Sandwiches and Such with choice of Sides Included**  
Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

**Sides By Itself \$5.50**  
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries,  
Garlic Fries, Onion Rings, Fresh Fruit, Small Salad, Cup of Soup or Cup of Chili

**Hot Dog \$9.95**  
Toppings: Onions, Tomatoes & Red Onion Relish.  
Cheddar add \$2.50

**Burger with Side \$13.95 Or**  
**Impossible Burger with Side \$14.95**  
Angus Beef with LTO and Side Dish Or  
Plant Based Meat  
Add Avocado, Bacon \$2.50 or Cheese add \$2

**Turkey Brie On Focaccia Bread \$15.95**  
With Cranberry Chutney and Alfalfa Sprout

**Roast Beef French Dip Au Jus \$14.95**  
Hoagie Loaf with Provolone Cheese, and Sautéed Onions

**Melts Tuna Salad or Patty \$14.95**  
Grilled Sourdough, Cheddar Cheese Caramelized Onions

**Chicken Gyro Pita Sandwich \$15.95**  
Tzatziki Sauce Red Onions, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and Lettuce

**Shrimp Roll on Hoagie \$16.95**  
Bay Shrimp, Celery, Green onions and Dill Aioli

**Villages BLT Sandwich \$14.95**  
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato, Turkey and Avocado  
Served on choice of Bread

**Open Faced NY Steak Sandwich \$19.50**  
On Grilled Brioche, Topped with Buttermilk Onion Strings

**Pesto Chicken Sandwich on Focaccia Bread \$15.95**  
Provolone and Tomato with Alfalfa and Arugula  
**Sub Grilled Tofu for Chicken \$14.95**

**Deli Sandwich LTO \$13.50**  
Choice of Bread, Turkey, Ham, Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad

**½ Deli and Soup or Salad \$12.95**

**V Veggie Melt \$15.95**  
Herbed Garlic Aioli, Grilled Veggies, including Bell Pepper, Zucchini, Onions, and Portabella packed into Hoagie Roll with Mozzarella Cheese

**Naan Flatbread Pizzas All with Red Sauce and Mozzarella**

**V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95 V Margarita Tomato Pizza \$12.25**

**Combination Pizza \$14.95**  
Sausage, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Onions, & Peppers,

**V Veggie Pizza \$14.95**  
Onions, Broccoli, Zucchini, Mushrooms, Peppers and Arugula

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian  
Add or Sub Tofu to Menu Items as Marked

## 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.

no corkage will be charged...

## Wednesdays & Thursdays

Dinner Service Only

Bring your favorite bottle of wine\* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse.  
One-bottle limit per two guests

\*No Corkage will be charged with purchase from Dinner Menu, Lighter Side, and Entrée items. One-bottle limit per two guests. Standard size bottles only.

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## Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16oz

2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

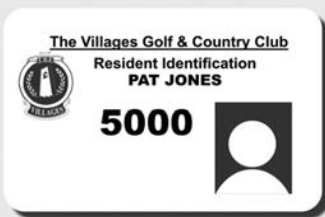
All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax

# December Open Mic Cancelled



Please remember to bring your Villages ID Card with you whenever ordering services at the Clubhouse or Curbside Services. This will help us serve you faster and eliminate inaccurate charges. Thank you.



## Villages Clubhouse Rotisserie Chicken Price comparison

**Safeway:** 30-oz. chicken average priced at \$8.99  
\$9.83 including tax. \$0.32 ounce

**Lucky Supermarket** 32-oz. chicken average priced at \$8.99  
\$9.83 including tax. \$0.307 ounce

**Villages Clubhouse** 64-oz. chicken average priced at \$14  
\$17.60 Including tax and service charge. \$0.275 ounce



Even with the service charge our Villages rotisserie chicken is the best value. Look for other Rotisserie Items to be featured in the future.

## Clubhouse Holiday Schedule:

### Christmas Eve and Christmas

Clubhouse will be open on Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Closed for Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25

### New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Bistro

Open on New Year's Eve—Saturday, December 31 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Main Dining Room

Open for Special New Year's Eve Early Bird Dinner "Reservations Only"  
5 p.m. Seating and 7:30 p.m. Seating

#### Ball Room

7 p.m. Reception  
8 p.m. Dinner  
9 p.m. Dancing  
12 a.m. Champagne Toast

Music by Jerry Saucedo Band

### New Year's Day

Closed



## Attention diners: 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.



More CLUBHOUSE ITEMS on pages 15 & 21



## Christmas Eve Curbside Pick Up

Saturday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

Pick Up time 12 Noon

*Christmas Baked Ham*

*Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze and Gravy*

*Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Pepper Strips*

Or

*Sliced Sirloin of Beef*

*Mushroom Sauce*

*Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Beans and Red Pepper Strips*

*Both Choices Served with Rolls and Butter*

And

*Christmas Yule Log Cake*

\$31.95 plus 18% Service Charge and Tax Per Meal

All charges Made to House Account Number Prior to Event

For reservations Call 408 754 1339 or email [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)

Please provide Full Name, House account Number, Phone Number and the Number of Each Meal

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Happy holidays,  
neighbors.

**Bob Fillhouer, Agent**  
Insurance Lic#: 0786250  
2899 The Villages Parkway  
San Jose, CA 95135  
Bus: 408-558-7771

I wish all my neighbors a safe and happy holiday season and the very best in the New Year. It's a true joy to be part of such a wonderful community.

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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The following events are sponsored by the Community Activities Department. Please telephone 408-223-4643 for additional information.

## Building B walk-in hours

The Community Activities office in Building B is open for walk-ins Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Get a head start on trip registration!

Did you know there are a few ways that you can be an early bird and learn about trip registrations before other residents? Typically, registration for trips is held on the Monday after the article appears in The Villager newspaper or Fast Lane email blast, but occasionally we switch it up to accommodate a holiday or other timing issue. If you have missed out on the opportunity to join us for a trip, please consider the following options:



1) Sign up for the Community Activities edition of the Fast Lane which is sent out every Thursday at 5 p.m. This dedicated email will inform you of the trips, classes and on-site events sponsored by Community Activities. New users can sign up for the Fast Lane online when logged into the Resident Portal by scrolling all the way down to the bottom of the Home Page and clicking on the link under “Get in the Fast Lane”. You can also contact our Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson to sign up or add the Thursday edition to your existing subscription by emailing [kpatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com). The Resident Portal website is [resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)

2) Peruse The Villager newspaper early. You can grab the latest copies of the newspaper in the news bin outside Building B starting every Thursday at 5 p.m., or you can view the electronic version of the latest The Villager newspaper when it becomes available on the Resident Portal every Thursday at 6 p.m. You do not need to have a Portal account to view it, simply choose the “The Villager Newspaper” menu option and then select “The Villager Online.” You can also see past editions of the newspaper this way.

3) Check out the “Look What’s Coming” list of upcoming trips which is posted in Building B at the Community Resource Desk. This list may also be published in the newspaper as space allows.

If you are interested in a particular trip, class, or on-site event that is sponsored by Community Activities we recommend that you register as early as possible. Some trips have sold out within a few hours on the first day of registration. If you have questions about upcoming trips, how to register, or our registration policies, please reach out to us at 408-223-4643.

## Coming soon: Carmel trip

Coming soon, join us for a European-style shopping experience right here in California. Explore the unique boutiques, art galleries, and hidden passageways that are just part of the reason Carmel-by-the-Sea is such a popular destination. More information will be contained in the Fast Lane and The Villager the week of December 30.

## Sign up for Line Dance classes

Community Activities is accepting registration for the next session of line dancing with instructor Deana Megginson. Classes are designed for those who have had considerable line dance experience. For questions regarding specific dance levels, please contact Deana at 408-238-1180.

### Dates/Times:

**Advanced Beginners** - Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. January 3 to February 7 (six classes)

**Intermediate** – Mondays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. January 30 to March 6 (six classes)

**Improvers** – Thursdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. January 26 to March 2 (six classes)

**Advanced** – Fridays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. February 3 to March 10 (six classes)

**Location:** Intermediate and Improvers— Conference Room

Advanced Beginners and Advanced— Auditorium

The cost is \$15 per person. Registration starts Monday, December 19

Registration Deadlines: Advanced Beginner – December 30, Intermediate and Improvers – January 20, Advanced – January 27.



## Yoga and Total Body class updates

Community Activities would like to update you regarding our popular fitness instructors. You may know Mariko Dugay, our Beginning Yoga instructor who will be teaching the class sessions from January 11 to February 15. We have been informed that due to family priorities she may not be available to teach the six-week class series that follows February 15. Our fitness vendor is looking for a different instructor and we are hopeful that the same timeslot of 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays will work, but that may have to change based on instructor availability. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding future Beginning Yoga classes.

Additionally, our Total Body Conditioning instructor Terri Brown’s return has been delayed for personal reasons and we are hopeful that we can begin offering this class again in early February for another six-week session. The class will be at the usual date and time, Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding future Total Body Conditioning classes.

## Woodshop access now keyless

Woodshop users are no longer able to access the woodshop with their key. Access is by resident ID card, just like the Fitness Center. If you wish to continue to use the woodshop, please make the necessary arrangements to take an online equipment safety review, take an in-person quiz, read, and sign new paperwork and provide proof of ownership of safety glasses, hearing protection, and a dust mask.

The online safety videos are located on The Villages resident portal. Please watch them carefully and review Club Rule 1.20 regarding the Woodshop. You may access them both at [resident.thevillagesgcc.com/facilities/wood-shop-safety-videos](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com/facilities/wood-shop-safety-videos)

When finished, please make an appointment with Mary Tatum in Community Activities to complete processing. She can be reached at 408 223-4643 or [mtatum@the-villages.com](mailto:mtatum@the-villages.com).



## Fitness Center safety demo holiday schedule

There will be no Fitness Center Safety Demonstration on Thursday, December 22 due to the Christmas holiday. Demos will be offered for the rest of December at the regularly scheduled times: Thursday nights at 7 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Each session is 90 minutes long and led by a personal trainer at the Fitness Center. Reservations are required.

For more information or to sign up for a demo, please visit the Fitness Center Demonstration page under the Reservations menu option when logged into the Resident Portal or contact the Community Resource Center

at 408-754-1336. Instructions on how to locate and create an account on the Resident Portal are available upon request.



## RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Community Activities office offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. *Please check your personal calendars prior to committing to an event, class or trip. Once registered for an activity, you are respon-*

*sible for the cost of the activity. All sales are final.*

Registration is limited to residents only for the first two weeks.

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.

# CLUBS & EVENTS



## Crimson Charmers Red Hat group holds holiday meeting

By Kathleen Benz

The December meeting of the Crimson Charmers Red Hat Society was held on Friday, December 9. In addition to a short business meeting there was a white elephant gift exchange and a great assortment of treats and eats for everyone. If you are interested in joining the Crimson Charmers, contact Linda Hackel at 408-921-5619 or Shirley Harms at 209-480-4242.

## VAT crew works behind the scenes to put on 'Office Hours'

By Nancy Keane

Yes, it does indeed take a Village to make things happen around here. You have seen pictures of the author of the play "Office Hours," the cast of "Office Hours," and now we present those behind the scenes.

These dedicated people spend a lot of time in rehearsal with the cast but you never see them performing. But without the help of these people, the performance would be quite lacking. Many thanks to all of them!

Friday night December 16, 7:30 p.m. is opening night for Norm Foster's "Office Hours" in Cribari Auditorium.

It's not too late to get a ticket

and join the fun. Now that the two Saturday ticket sales are over, those who wish to buy tickets before the performances may call the ticket hotline at (408) 228-3246 or e-mail tickets@the-vat.org through Wednesday night. After that, Villagers can buy tickets at the door Friday night and also for Saturday and Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. Don't miss this riotous show with some of your favorite Villagers actors...lots of laughs!



Left to right: Bob Wilk and Geri Wilk (crew members), Alice Pratte (costume person), Reine Fedor (set designer), Mandy Book (crew person), Liz Adams (stage manager) and Shirley Roberts (prompter)

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# Celebrate New Year with the Hiking Club 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.

In the event of rain, the Foothill Center will be open to hikers to enjoy their snacks and suitable libations. No RSVP required. Members and non-members welcome!



# Olivas/Estates holds Holiday Brunch

By Nenetie Gallaway

Olivas/Estates Village held a Holiday Brunch at Foothill Center. It was a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to get together for the holidays.



Photos by Judy Hecht



# VMA—2022 in Review and What's Ahead in 2023!

By Mitzi Macon, Villages Medical Auxiliary President

I'm grateful to live in The Villages that generously supports those in need! On behalf of the VMA, thank you...

The Villages Medical Auxiliary mission is to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives.

The VMA receives no monetary support from the Villages, so with resident giving, gifting of golf carts/cars and internal fund raising, we are able to hire a services resident coordinator position. Along with resident services, the VMA is able to provide a quality speaker program, an annual Flu Clinic, medical equipment and even some fun Bingo events. In addition, we have wonderful volunteers, who give of their time to drive residents to appointments, deliver medical equipment and host Lunch Buddies for those who may need more personal interaction.

What can you do? See a neighbor who may benefit from our service? Know a friend who needs equipment after a surgery? Want to get involved? Want to know more? An amazing Helpdesk team is available to take your call, at 408-238-4230.

What's ahead? In support of our mission, the VMA has begun discussions with Villages management, to fund and automate all doors at the Clubhouse. You'll hear more about this project, as planning for implementation is completed. Also coming soon, is a VMA sponsored Health Festival for all residents. You'll start to see more information in the Villager soon.

I'm honored to be President of the VMA...As I reflect on 2022, I have enormous appreciation of our past President Mattie Alesi, and all who are willing to serve on Boards/Organizations. Let 2023 be the year you consider getting involved to support this amazing community.



Mitzi Macon

# HOLIDAYS

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## Women's 18 Hole Golf Association honors Diana Hallock as 2022 Outstanding Woman of the Year

Diana Hallock has devoted most of her life in service to others. There is no job too little or task too large that she will not tackle and "no" is not in her vocabulary.

Our Outstanding Service recipient has served on the 18 Hole Women's golf board as Captain, Tournament Chair ensuring that tournaments were well run, as well as Co-Captain, where her chair of the Invitational committee was brilliant, with fundraising that was unmatched. As Captain she was instrumental in taking the Silver Creek Girls golf team under her wing to spread access and the love of golf to another generation.

New to golf when she arrived here and still in the working world, she realized there was a problem getting working women involved in our group. She worked tirelessly to search for a solution and the result was the inclusion of working women in playdays, access to our invitational and a desire to serve on committees and our board.

Her passion for service does not stop with golf, as she has given her time to the Evergreen Foundation, the Association Board of Directors, Fairway Golf, the Chapel, and Mahjong. These are all avenues that help make living here in The Villages desirable. This year's Outstanding Service award winner is a friend to us all, a woman of devotion and an untiring spirit who makes all our lives better because she is in it.



## Join Villages Republican Club 2023 Kickoff!

By Cathy Pope

Welcome the New Year by joining the Villages Republican Club for our first 2023 General Meeting on January 7, 2023, Foothill Center, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Meat and cheese platters, rolls and water provided. Please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. BYOB.



We wish you and your loved ones' good health, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a joyous holiday season. We look forward to getting together again in friendship and purpose.

RSVP no later than January 2, 2023, to Jean Corrigan at 408-223-8676 or email [jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com)

## Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) notice



There will be **no** VMUG meeting in December. We will have a "hybrid" meeting by Zoom and in person in January in the Cribari Conference Room. On your January HOA 2023 billing you will see a \$15 charge per household for our yearly dues. If you wish to be removed from membership, you need to contact Larry Roben ASAP. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and his email is [larryroben21@gmail.com](mailto:larryroben21@gmail.com).

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## Hiking Club to hold Holiday Lights Walk

Join the Hiking Club on Thursday, December 22 at 6 p.m. for this year's Holiday Lights Walk to view and enjoy the festive holiday decorations throughout The Villages. We will meet at Vineyard Center. After the walk we will gather for coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Participants are asked to bring cookies and/or an appetizer to share. All Villagers are welcome. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Breslin at (408) 221-4851.



## Opera Lovers to present 'Die Fledermaus'

On the first Thursday of the month—January 5 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center (note change of venue for all of 2023)—Opera Lovers, a part of The Villages Music Society, Inc. will present "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss. This presentation is free and open to all Villagers. For information, call Bonnie Preston (408-531-1513) or Mary Stradner (408-887-3293). See VillagesMusicSociety.org for more information on the Opera Lovers.



Let us join the celebrations in Belle Époque Vienna, as we enjoy this glorious New Year's Eve performance of "Die Fledermaus" from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Kiri Te Kanawa leads the comic cast with her celebrated portrayal of Rosalinde, Hermann Prey as Eisenstein, Hildegard Heichele as Adele, and Benjamin Luxon as Falke. Placido Domingo conducts.

Please be sure to note our change of venue for 2023 to Foothill Center. We look forward to seeing you on January 5.

*Lisa and Geoff Gault*

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## A Merry Coincidence



A number of the 18 Hole Women bought shirts in the Pro Shop and came to the Holiday Tournament coincidentally wearing the same shirt. Left to right: Lyn, Chris, Kay, Millie Anne, Janet, Pam, Diana, Judy, Kathy. Photo submitted by Diana Hallock

## Holiday Greetings

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## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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By Linda Schlageter

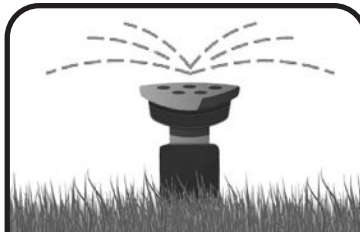
**“No Plan B” by Lee Child and Andrew Child:** In Gerrardsville, Colorado a woman dies under the wheels of a moving bus. The death is ruled a suicide. But Jack Reacher saw what really happened. A man in a gray hoodie and jeans, moving stealthily, pushed the woman to her death—before swiftly grabbing the woman’s purse and strolling away. When another homicide is ruled an accident, Reacher knows this is no coincidence. With a killer on the loose, Reacher has no time to waste to track down those responsible. But Reacher is unaware that these crimes are part of something

more far reaching: an arsonist out for revenge, a foster kid on the run, a cabal of powerful people involved in a secret conspiracy with many moving parts. There is no room for error, but they made a grave one. They don’t consider Reacher a threat. “There’s too much at stake to run from shadows.” But Reacher isn’t a shadow. He is flesh and blood, and relentless when it comes to making things right. For when the threat is Reacher, there is No Plan B. *Mystery 2022*

**“Shattered” by James Patterson:** NYPD master homicide investigator Michael Bennett and top FBI abduction specialist Emily Parker have a history. Working case after case, each can predict the other’s next move. When she fails to show at FBI headquarters in Washington, DC, Bennett risks venturing far outside his jurisdiction. The investigation he undertakes is the most brilliant detective work of his career...and the most intensely personal. A portrait begins to emerge of a woman as adept at keeping secrets as she is at forging powerful connections. A woman whose enemies have both the means and the motives to silence the real Emily Parker—and her protectors. *Mystery 2022 Large Print*

**“Zero Hour-Tom Clancy” by Don Bently:** When the leader of North Korea is catastrophically injured, his incapacitation inadvertently triggers a dead-man’s switch, activating an army of sleeper agents in South Korea and precipitating a struggle for succession. Jack Ryan, Jr., is in Seoul to interview a potential addition to The Campus. But his benign trip takes a deadly turn when a wave of violence perpetrated by North Korean operatives grips the capital. As war threatens to engulf the peninsula, Jack races to discover the meaning behind an ominous one-word text sent by a mysterious North Korean contact. *Fiction 2022 Large Print*

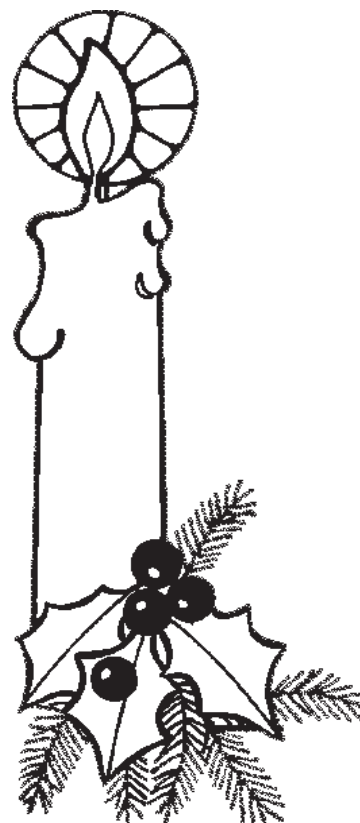
**“The 6:20 Man” by David Baldacci:** Every day without fail, Travis Devine puts on a cheap suit, grabs his faux-leather briefcase, and boards the 6:20 a.m. commuter train to Manhattan, where he works as an entry-level analyst at the city’s most prestigious investment firm. In the mornings, he gazes out the train window at the lavish homes of the uberwealthy, dreaming about joining their ranks. In the evenings, he listens to the fiscal news on his phone, already preparing for the next grueling day in the cutthroat realm of finance. Then one morning Devine’s tedious routine is shattered by an anonymous email: she is dead. Sara Ewes, Devine’s coworker and former girlfriend, has been found hanging in a storage room of his office building—presumably a suicide, at least for now—prompting the NYPD to come calling on him. If that wasn’t enough, before the day is out, Devine receives another ominous visit, a confrontation that threatens to drag up grim secrets from his past in the army unless he participates in a clandestine investigation into his firm. This treacherous role will take him from the impossibly glittering lives he once saw only through a train window, to the darkest corners of the country’s economic halls of power...where something rotten lurks. And apart from this high-stakes conspiracy, there’s a killer out there with their own agenda, and Devine is the bull’s-eye. *Fiction 2022 Large Print*



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For after hours or on holidays, contact Public Safety at 408-223-4665



### 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)

### Pedestrian Safety Reminder:

Rain or shine pedestrians in The Villages should be aware of the traffic in their surroundings. Please walk on the correct side of the road when getting some fresh air, and walk toward oncoming traffic. The arrows are painted on the main roads. You should also remain in single file when in groups to keep within the white lines as well as social distancing. When walking pets, be sure they, too, remain within the white lines, on a short leash away from traffic.



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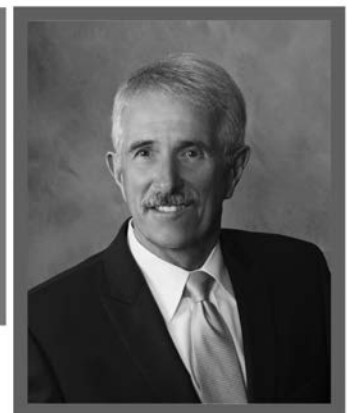
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## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'Take The Opportunity'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Each day is a gift that we have been given to be a blessing to each other. Through Life lessons, I have learned how precious the time that we share with each another is. Sometimes we never appreciate the people who love, encourage, support and correct us with all of our imperfections, until they are gone from our lives.

There aren't many people who come into your life, that you can truly say, "That's my friend, who I would give the shirt off of my back." In some cases, people might say that "he or she is my friend as long as they don't ask for the shirt off of my back." Have you ever had a friend willing to be selfless in loving and accepting you with all your idiosyncrasies?

The older I become, the more grateful I am to realize how important it is to develop friendships in the brevity of life. Is there someone who needs your friendship that comes to mind as you read this article today? Then reach out to them, while you still have the ability, because time will not wait for a more perfect opportunity. You may not be close in the beginning but tell them how grateful you are that they are in your life. You will be surprised at what happens.

The day may come when they are no longer with us and you may live with regret, because there was an opportunity to tell them that you appreciated them and you didn't. Let's not allow time to pass us by.

There are people living with grief... wishing they could have the opportunity to tell that special person how much they really loved and appreciated them. So, while you can, take the opportunity to show your friends that you care and there will be no need to ask for forgiveness for not showing it.

Philippians 2:3-4 *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Come join us** in the Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m. when Pastor Bill will deliver his Sunday Morning Sermon Message to you, then enjoy fellowship afterwards with some coffee, cookies with friends. You can view sermons on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose.

### Community Chapel to present a musical Christmas story

You are invited to attend a musical presentation of the Christmas story on Sunday morning, December 18 at 10 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium. The Chapel Choir will be enhanced by other dedicated musicians to tell the beautiful Christmas story with songs and narration. All are welcome to attend. Come and bring your neighbors and family to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through music.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures meeting at **10 a.m., December 26, at Foothill Center.** We usually meet 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.



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### 'Fourth Sunday of Advent'

By Msgr. Stephen Perata

We make decisions every day. Some are simple and routine like setting the alarm clock or choosing what to wear. As the day progresses, some decisions may be simple, while others may require more thought and deliberation. On occasion we may face decisions that challenge our core values. What then?

In Sunday's first reading (Is 7:10-14) and Gospel (Mt 1:18-24) we have two examples of men facing life-altering decisions. One was a king, the other a carpenter, both of the line of David. Ahaz, the King of Judah, was being threatened by nearby rulers. God sent Isaiah to counsel Ahaz, reminding him that God had not abandoned his people, telling him, "The Lord Himself will give you this sign: The virgin shall be with child and bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. Ahaz heard the message from God's prophet but chose to ignore it and decided to form an alliance with Assyria.

The carpenter in today's reading is Joseph. When he heard the very same words of promise and reassurance in a dream, Joseph trusted the message given and acted upon it.

Does God message us today? Yes. He does so today, as He always has. Sometimes it's through the people He sends into our lives. At other times, it may be a word we hear, an event that touches us that we endure, or a failure we own.

The words of promise and reassurance of old are given to us today to let us know that God is with us in His guidance and love if like St. Joseph, we pray for it and act upon it.

**Cribari Masses: Sundays** - 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, No Christmas day Mass at Cribari. **First three Fridays** each month; Rosary 8:30 a.m., Mass 9 a.m. **St. Francis of Assisi Masses:** 1-408-223-1770 or parish website (sfoasj.com) for times. **Homebound communions:** Marilyn Rodman 408-274-4521. **Mass intentions:** Jean Gillette 408-270-5723. **Confessions:** St. Francis of Assisi, Saturdays 11-12 a.m.

**Nativity Scenes:** To arrange a time between December 1 and January 6 to see Jean Gillette's international collection of 80 enchanting nativity scenes, call her at 408-270-5723.

**Feeling Stressed?** Amidst the often frantic race to get ready for Christmas, here's some timeless advice for maintaining your peace of mind: "Cast aside, now, your heavy responsibilities and put off your burdensome business momentarily. Make a little space free for God; and rest for a short time in Him. Free yourself for a bit from your disturbing thoughts. Yield some room for thoughts of God, and rest in Him. Enter the inner chamber of your mind; shut out all thoughts save those of Him, and such as can help you find Him. Say with your whole heart, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek' (Ps 27:8)." (St. Anselm 1093-1109 A.D.)

Since there will be no edition of the Villager published during the week of Christmas, the Villages Catholic community now wishes each of you a very **Merry Christmas** and prays: "O God, who has made this most holy night to shine forth with the brightness of the true light, grant, we beseech You, that we who have known the mystery of His light on earth, may attain the enjoyment of His happiness in heaven. Amen."



### Christmas Eve Mass

Join us for Christmas Eve Mass at Cribari 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24  
(Note: No Christmas Day Mass at Cribari.)

## EPISCOPAL

### 'Welcome Even The Unwanted'

By The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Dean of Trinity Cathedral

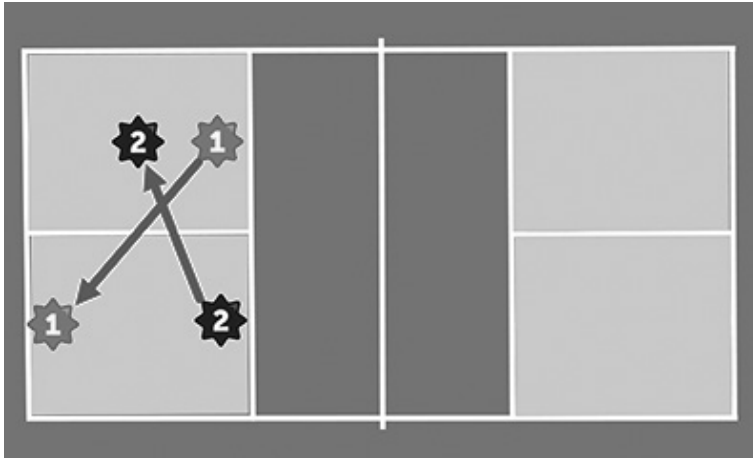
However we receive the Good News of Christmas, we can be pretty confident that the original one didn't seem like a good idea to everyone. Consider Joseph, Mary's hapless husband whose wife was with child by means he didn't understand. At least the Angel Gabriel did Mary the kindness of giving her a choice in the matter! And of course King Herod the Great, defending his ill-gotten power, did his best to exterminate all Hebrew babies who might have been born under a wild star.

As much as I enjoy the lights and music and sweets and treats of the holiday season, I value these reminders that the best gifts from God often come in a form we don't recognize... or possibly don't even want. I think back on the times in my life when something truly unwelcome came my way—a job change, an illness, a loss—and am struck how often they eventually became occasions for grace. Of course I'd prefer that new things happen in familiar and welcome ways—and also in ways that I choose for myself—but I confess that I rarely know what I really need. And God surprises me by giving it anyway! Unwanted or wanted, love comes down at Christmas. And when we recognize it, we will be transformed by it.

There will be no Episcopal service at Montgomery Center on Christmas Day; however, please join us at Trinity Cathedral, 81 N. Second St., for services on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. (family service), 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Services on Christmas Day will be at 9 a.m. Merry Christmas!

# SPORTS NEWS

## PICKLEBALL



### How to handle lobs

By Anahid Gregg

There are two very avoidable reasons most Pickleball injuries occur:

1. Not wearing court shoes (see website story for more info).
2. Running backward. Take a tip from Nike – Just don't do it!

One of the best tips for successful Pickleball play is partner communication. Do not hog the ball by running onto your partners side of the court unless they call "Yours" or "Switch", and never, ever, run backward! Get into the habit of calling your balls even when it's obvious, it will only make your partnership stronger. That's what Camille & Phyllis did in the Battle of the Paddle – and they won.

Having said that, what about lobs? First rule? **Never, ever, run backward!** Running backward can lead to a very bad fall by hitting your head. See our website version of this story for a short but excellent video demonstrating how to handle switching lob balls.

This is the process to followed:

A lob is hit to Player #2. If 2 can hit the ball by raising their paddle, that's fine. But if the ball is going over their head, they should call "**yours.**" Then following should occur:

- **Never** run backward!
- Player #1 pivots, turns sideways, then runs to the back of the court to return the lob – **facing** the baseline.
- Player #2 pivots and goes mid-court.
- After returning the ball, Player #1 begins to return to the no-volley line, with both players moving back into position together.

No matter what – **never run backward!** If you (or your partner) cannot get the ball, simply say "Great shot!". It's never worth an injury to make a shot.

**Note:** It's OK to let it go too, 60 to 70 percent of attempted lobs either will go too long or too short.

If it goes in, say great shot!

## TENNIS TALK

### Tennis Club Holiday Party

By Tatiana Pierce

We have been good all year. We played when the sun burnt our skin, when it rained, when our muscles cried out in protest to all the abuse. We persevered and won tournaments. We deserved a good Holiday Party, and we got one!

The "Jingle Jingle It's Time to Mingle" Committee worked relentlessly, planning, organizing, wrapping tons of gift boxes to put under the tree. You might think it is impossible to wrap a gift



Having fun at the Tennis Club Holiday party: Don Clarke, Mila Gines, Tat Pierce, Nancy Domingo, Vince Alvarez, Marianne Wojcik, Andrea Alvarez, Linda Alejandro-Dumont (event chairperson)

like joy, good spirit, holiday cheer. Not for them. The centerpieces on the tables were works of art worthy of display at De Young!

Many thanks to Linda Alejandro-DuMont, Tina Parsley, Barbara Moore, Liz Kung, Andrea Alvarez, Mary Ringel and all the others who pitched in. You set the mood and the tone and we, being good team players, followed through. We mingled, we ate like champions and drank to the point we felt confident that we looked graceful on the dance floor.



Dessert creation by Villager and Master Baker, Walter Howald

The party gave us a chance to see old friends and to make new ones. We shared memories of glorious moments on the courts in 2022. Putting on the wall slides of all the heroics was a brilliant idea. Our lovely President, Peggy Seidel, enlightened us with the exciting plans for 2023. We learned that there are better things ahead and another chance for some of us to get it right: new website, tennis lessons, new tennis teams.

The party was definitely a memorable success full of glitter, laughter and fun.

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

**Upcoming Events—The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament—**January 14, 2023  
**Hole In Ones for November—**There is no one to congratulate for an HIO for November. We got the middle of a doughnut... a frozen turkey.

**Eagle Shooters for November—**When the weather gets colder the ball doesn't travel as far, but that factor did not deter these gentlemen from recording Eagles in November.

**Bob Dolci** is becoming a regular in this section. He did it again on November 26 on Hole #2. You're amazing, Bob!

But wait just a minute, we have one more Bob recording an eagle on the same hole, same day. Way to go, **Bob Fillhouer!** That is no easy feat.

**Age Shooters for November—**You have seen all these names before, because they did it again. **Bill Johnston** shot his age again on 11/7/2022. He shot a 78. You da man!

**Mr. "Pres" Miranda** is once again being recognized for his accomplishments. He managed to record an 82 on 11/23, and then he backed it up with an 83 on the last day of November.

**Mike Singleton** is becoming a regular in this section by posting an 84 on the 19th. Great job, Mike! And very special congratulations to **Harry Davis** for shooting his age at Spring Valley on 11/14. #9 and #18 will get your heart rate up there for sure.

**Golf Thoughts: 10 Rules We Choose to Ignore in Everyday Golf:**

**2. The Anderson Leaf Rule** — Especially in fall golf, if you lose your ball in the leaves, no penalty, just drop one where you think it should be. You can tie but can't win the hole. Named after the esteemed Dave Anderson, the late New York Times sports columnist who had a great waggle.

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be January 3, 2023. (Wow what happened to 2022?)

Also, remember to visit our website at [villagesgolfers.com](http://villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

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# BOCCE NEWS



FROM THE VILLAGES BOCCE CLUB

By Barbara Orlando

Introducing the newly elected officers to the Bocce Board of Directors. On November 6, 2022, the membership elected Marie Colaizzi and Roger King, along with several other new board members to serve a two-year term on the Bocce Club Board of Directors. Marie Colaizzi was appointed Secretary and Roger King was appointed Treasurer. The board welcomes them and looks forward to working with both in 2023.

Watch for more reports on additional board members, who will begin serving the club in 2023.

**Winter Play!** Each Wednesday, from noon to 3 p.m. (weather permitting) the bocce courts are reserved for open play for members and friends. Winter play continues through the last Wednesday in January. No signup is required, all the work has been done for you. Just show up and play!



Roger King

Our bocce season will begin in February, starting with Boot Camp. This is open to all new players wishing to learn how to play the game of bocce. You don't need to be a member to attend. More information will be coming in the new year, so watch this column.

More news and information on our club's website at [villagesbocceclub.com](http://villagesbocceclub.com).



Marie Colaizzi

# 18 HOLE WOMEN



2023 18 Hole Women Board

By Barbara Nilsen

Today, December 8, at our annual Holiday luncheon, the new officers of our club for 2023 were installed. The new officers are Gloria Landry, Captain, Patti Bell, Co-Captain, Helen Varenkamp, Secretary, Cheryl Heusser, Treasurer, Donna Quartaro and Camille Giuliodibari, Tournaments Co-directors, Mazie Rice and Kerry Besmehn, Thursday Play Days Co-Directors, Janet Gonzales, Handicap, Pam Schramm, Membership, Gail Tuft, Rules and Vivian Brown, Mediation Director.



Flight 1 winners, Millie Ann Schwerin, Holly Magowan, Camille Giuliodibari, Janet Gonzales

Named this year as the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" for 2022, Diana Hallock (see article in the Clubs section).

**Special Annual Awards:**

**Most Improved:** Suzi Hathaway, **Most Birdies:** Helen Varenkamp, **Overall, Captain's**

**Trophy:** Laura Swenson, **Overall Low putts:** Sachiko Coleman and Jay Lee, **Holes in One:** Donna Quartaro, Barbara Weisend and Jay Lee.

Today's Golf Tournament, "Step A Side" was enjoyed all. **First Flight Winners:** #1 Millie Anne Schwerin, Holly Magowan, Camille Giuliodibari, Janet Gonzales, #2 Judy Rodriguez, Auralie Citrigno, Gail Tuft, Maxine Amundson.

**Chip Ins:** Loanne Rube, Pam Schramm, Janet Gonzales, Deb-



Flight 2 winners, Judy Rodriguez, Auralie Citrigno, Gail Tuft and Maxine Amundson

bie Moore

The Fairway Room tables were beautifully decorated today (Thank you, Karen Harseny and Laura Lee Pixton). Everyone looked great in their holiday attire, enjoying the great food prepared for us.

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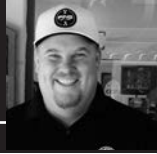


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# FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

**Pro Shop Holiday Sale continues—Limited items still discounted!**

- Srixon Soft Feel Balls – Buy 2 Dozen Get 1 Dozen *free*
- Villages logo golf bags 10% off plus a free round of golf
- Selected men's & women's apparel 20%-25% off
- 50% off Table of assorted Items
- 50% off Men's & Women's Clothing Racks
- 20% off all men's and women's Skechers and Adidas Golf Shoes

**Golf Carts – Golf Course Conditions—A few things to remember regarding golf cart policies on the golf course. Please follow these standards to help maintain our course conditions and the quality of the turf that we play on. Thank you for your cooperation!**

1. If there are holes that are labeled as cart path only due to recent inclement weather – please do not drive your carts on the turf on those holes to avoid turf damage and cart tire ruts on playable areas. The Pro Shop will provide you a list of cart path only holes when applicable so that you can remember which holes are restricted as you play your round.
2. If your tee shot comes to rest in the first 1/3 of the hole, please enter the hole through the entrance gates.
3. If your tee shot comes to rest in the second 2/3 of the hole, please enter the hole using the 90-degree rule...drive on the cart path until you are parallel to your ball, then drive to your ball at a 90-degree angle.
4. Once you hit your second shot, please stay in the fairway and proceed from shot to shot driving in the fairway, avoiding driving in the rough.
5. Please keep your golf cart a minimum of 30-feet from the green fringe and never drive inside the bunkers or on greenside mounding.
6. Please exit every hole through the exit gates and stay on the cart path as you transition from hole to hole.
7. Please consider consolidating to 2 carts per group and 2 riders per cart to reduce overall cart traffic and resultant stresses to the turf.

**Upcoming Golf Schedule**

**Saturday, December 24**—Christmas Eve, Holiday Schedule – Tee Times available 7 a.m. -1 p.m. Pro Shop and Driving Range *closed* at 1 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25**—Christmas Day. All golf facilities and Clubhouse *closed* all day. Golf Courses, Pro Shop and Driving Range *closed*.

**Maintenance Hotline and Daily Flag System**— It's a good idea to stay informed now that the weather is more unpredictable. The Golf Course Maintenance Hotline and our colored Flag system is available for just that purpose. Each morning golf course maintenance will update the Maintenance Hotline to let you know about course conditions, cart access status and any maintenance going on that day. Please call 408-223-4663 to access the daily Maintenance Hotline.

Also, each day the colored flag at the driving range will be updated to reflect each day's course conditions according to the following color codes:

- Green Flag** – carts are permitted on the golf course as normal
- Red Flag** – carts are restricted to the cart paths only
- Yellow Flag** – frost delay – golf play suspended until further notice
- Black Flag** – all golf facilities closed due to dangerous conditions

**Winter Rules**— We are now playing Winter Rules until further notice. Winter Rules is defined as 6-inch relief, pick, clean and place, no nearer the hole, through the green (includes the rough). Let us know if you have any questions.

**Roped Off Areas on Golf Course**—The large fairway areas that are currently roped off on Holes #1, #5, #8 and #9 are **no carts** areas. They are not ground under repair; so you must play your ball from where it lies within those roped off areas. But please do not drive your carts in those areas. Thank you!

**2023 Golf Calendar of Events**—The 2023 golf calendar of events is now posted on the Villages website for your review. Remember that this is a live document and can and will be updated as events are added or changed.

**Tips from the Pro—Wedge it close!**

There's nothing better than watching a wedge shot drop and stop close to the hole. It's about accuracy and distance control. Solid ball contact is the key to both accuracy and distance control. Steve Stricker and Zack Johnson are master wedge players who have a very similar and simple technique you should try to help make more solid contact. They take it back and through with very few moving parts. Their bodies stay centered over the ball and their wrists are really quiet.

Staying centered over the ball allows you to make solid contact time and time again which equals consistency. The more you start swaying and moving over the ball is when things start to go awry. Start by keeping your head still. Think about keeping your head even with the ball. Then focus on minimizing leg action, keeping your lower body quiet. Try to set up with a little more weight on your left leg than normal and keep it there.

Keeping your wrists quiet stops you from giving it that extra little "hit" on the ball or that flip to get it into the air, neither of which you need. Quiet wrists help with distance control as the swing length will dictate distance not the amount of "hit" at impact. To keep the wrists quiet think about ¾ thumbs up at the top of the swing and finishing the swing with full body and shoulder rotation.

**So staying centered and keeping your wrists quiet will give you a consistent strike and easier distance control.** Try it and see if it helps! To sign up for a lesson with me, email [sssteel@the-villages.com](mailto:sssteel@the-villages.com)

# IRONMEN

By Bill Travis

The Ironmen are now in afternoon play currently gathering every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin. This past Thursday, December 8, 2022, was cloudy and cool but turned out to be a very pleasant day for some golf. **We had a good turnout, and the results are as follows:**

First place went to Roger Pyle with a net score of 24.

Second place there was a two-way tie between Dave Hathaway and Bob Lapidus, each with a net score of 28.

Third place there was a two-way tie between Doug Herring and Bill Travis, each with a net score of 30.

**Lowest Gross Score:** Dave Hathaway with a low gross score of 32.

**There were five birdies:** Dave Hathaway on hole 5; Doug Herring on hole 9, Dave Cook on hole 9; Lee Thompson on hole 3; and Bill Travis on hole 7.

**Closest to the Pin on Hole 6:** Jim White at 10'7" from the pin.

Thursday was our last Turkey Shoot for the year. Gift cards went to the five top scorers: Dave Hathaway; Doug Herring; Bob Lapidus; Roger Pyle; and Bill Travis.

**Deep thoughts:**

Sport is a wonderful metaphor for life. Of all the sports that I played - skiing, baseball, fishing - there is no greater example than golf, because you're playing against yourself and nature. Robert Redford, American actor

A golf course is the epitome of all that is purely transitory in the universe; a space not to dwell in, but to get over as quickly as possible. Jean Giraudoux, French writer and diplomat

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## Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament



**When:** Sunday, January 14  
**What:** 6, 6, 6 Tournament open to all Men's Club 18-hole members. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament.  
**Format:** Two men 6, 6, 6...6 holes best ball, 6 holes alternate shot, 6 holes scramble.

**Sign-up:** December 31 through January 12. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

**Handicaps:** 100 percent of January 12 handicap

**Flights:** Flighted, depending on number of players

**Tees:** #4/3 Combo or #3 based on Flight

**Tee Times:** 8:30 a.m. Shotgun

**Cost:** \$47—This includes green fees and sweeps. Coffee and donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

## SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

The first Tuesday of the month is Captain's Trophy play for the Shonis. Our winners for December are Kathy Tanaka and Sue Park. Kathy had the low net of 23, and Sue Park had the low gross of 38. Congratulations to you both.

We also had two birdies during play. Leslie Ingham, one of our newly minted Shonis, had a birdie on hole #5. Julianna



Kathy Tanaka



Sue Park

Wahlgren, one of our veteran Shonis, had a birdie on hole #2. Well done ladies.

Other sweeps winners for the day were:

Flight One: Sue Park – net 27, Julianna Wahlgren – net 27

Flight Two: Kathy Tanaka – net 23, Leslie Ingham – net 24

Please note: The Shonis will be taking a two-week holiday hiatus starting December 20, 2022. We will be returning to our regular Tuesday morning play on January 3, 2023. It will again be our Winter Hours. Check in will be from 9:30-10:10 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:30.

**Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season!**

## SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

Only four individuals braved the weather on Tuesday to play. Since there were not enough women playing there were no sweeps this week. As those four were out in the elements we had other ladies in the bistro enjoying Baileys and Kahlua coffees smart ladies!

My thought for the week is that although we share a lot of insights, remember, golf can help create the foundation for strong friendships. Golf is about getting to know, like, and trust the character of the people you play with. You don't have to be good at golf to benefit from the game. You just have to know proper etiquette and pace of play—isn't this true in life?

## TABLE TENNIS

### Table Tennis Ranking News

By Peter Groot

**Results of three-person team match October 23:**

The Paul-Peter-Bobby team won 5-4 over Jianxin-Jimmy-Sheng; each player played three singles matches.

Paul Spisar went 3-0, beat Jianxin Zhang to move up to #2, also beat Jimmy Zhang and Sheng Chen.

Albert Chan did not play and stayed at #1.

Jianxin Zhang dropped to #3, beat Peter Groot and Bobby Farhat.

Ali Goksel did not play and stayed #4.

Jimmy Zhang beat Peter Groot and moved up to #5, and beat Bobby Farhat.

Peter Groot and Bobby Farhat beat Sheng Chen, who is new on the list.

**Results of four-person team match November 19:**

There were eight singles matches and 4 doubles matches.

Jianxin Zhang beat Albert Chan to take #1 ranking, and also beat Gary Margoles.

Ken Lee beat Albert Chan in deuce to briefly claim #2.

Gary Margoles beat Ken Lee to take #2 ranking, Ken Lee now #3 and Albert Chan down to #4.

Paul Spisar did not play, and dropped to #5 below Albert.

Ali Goksel is now at #6; he beat Kevin Prest and Jimmy Zhang.

Peter Groot is now #7 and also beat Kevin Prest and Jimmy Zhang.

Jimmy is now #8 and Kevin #9.

**Doubles matches** went 3-1 with Jianxin and Jimmy winning both their matches, while Peter and Ali won one, making the team result a 6-6 tie.

**Ladies winners:** Ling Lu Yamaki 3-0

**Men Intermediate:** Simon Ip 2-0, Art Lind 2-0.



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# PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

A note, from actor/comedian, Jack Lemmon, sharing his ideas about golf; "If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong ball."

The Pinseekers welcome the new members who have joined us – Allen Rubin and Choo Kim.

With November 25 being a no sweeps day and December 2 being a cold and wet day with marginal players, we posted no results for the Pinseekers play.

The Board reviewed our playing rules and determined that there was, indeed, a quorum on December 2, the results were as follows: Lee Thompson, scoring a Net 36 claimed top honors and 4 championship points and \$4 in sweeps. Second Place was a tie between Chris Corpus and Jim White at Net 37, Jim, and Chris each earned three champ points and \$3 in sweeps. Third place was grabbed by Mike Filarski, carding a Net 38, good for two champ points and \$2 in sweeps. Wrapping up the victory stand was Mario Silva with a Net 41 snatching one point and \$1 in sweeps.

December 9 was a more pleasant day and 16 Pinseekers hit the got to the course and played in fair weather. At the top of the leader board was Martin Hoek with a Net 33. Martin earned 4 championship points and \$4 in sweeps. Mike Falarski was hard on the tail of Martin shooting a Net 34, good for 3 championship points and \$3 in sweeps. Third place was a tie between Jim Keane and John Mueller at Net 36, even par. Both claimed 2 champ points and \$2 in sweeps. The final podium spot, 4th place, goes to John Bindon, Jack shot a net 37 and scored 1 championship point and \$1 in sweeps. The putting champ for December 9 is John Mueller with 13 putts including a zero putt on hole #6.

As winter approaches, the Pinseekers will be starting play every Friday at Noon until March 31. We invite all Villagers to join us for a nine-hole round on the main course. See our website, pinseekers.vgcc.club pull down menu tab "join" and get the information, or you may contact one of the Officers.

# SCOREBOARD

## 18 HOLE WOMEN

### Holiday Tournament Thursday, December 8

#### Flight One - Net

1. Camille Giuliobari, Janet Gonzales, Holly Magowan, Millie Anne Schwerin 63
2. Ann Bassford, Monica Saneholtz, Helen Varenkamp, Renee Woolard 64
3. Sachiko Coleman, Diana Hallock, Marky Olsen, Lyn Strong 64

#### Flight Two - Net

1. Maxine Amundson, Auralie Citrigno, Judy Rodriguez, Gail Tuft 62
2. Chris Leisy, Debbie Moore, Laura Swenson, Mary Wagle 64
3. Jeanne Duce, Bev Poellot, Mazie Rice, Pam Schramm 64

## BRIDGE

### Monday, December 5:

1. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
2. Louann Partridge – Guest
3. Alan & Maureen Waltho
4. Stan Davies - Art Lind

### Wednesday, December 7:

- 1/2: Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami; Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
- 3/4: Ed Logg - Guest; Alan & Maureen Waltho

### Friday, December 9:

1. Roy Tsai - George Welch
2. Cathy & Ray Struck
3. Selma Chastaine - Louann Partridge

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

### Wednesday, December 7

- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Sylvia Rozewicz | 280 |
| Aloma Lazetera  | 304 |
| Beverly Wharton | 310 |
| Kit Hultquist   | 356 |

### Friday, December 9

- |                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Remy Pessah    | 180 |
| Kyle Hultquist | 248 |
| Joanne Bennett | 266 |



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## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.  
5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.  
5169—Interior repairs in progress.  
5452—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/16-1/20.  
Meter Rooms—Cleaning, dry rot repairs and hardware replacement in progress.  
3104 and 3425—Main sewer line repairs in progress.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.  
8876-8897—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.

### Fairway

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.

### Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/26-12/30.  
7778, 7780, 7797, 7799 and 7801—Painting project in progress, weather permitting.

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.  
Montgomery Lane—Dead pine tree removals in planning.  
8474-8475—Repairs to leaking house meter in planning.

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Chardonnay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.  
Gutter cleaning throughout the district in progress.  
8341—Rear stucco wall replacement in progress.  
8340-8343—Utility door repairs in progress.

### Highland

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.  
7574-7598, 7661-7701 and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.  
Portree Drive—Replacing three street light poles in planning.  
Lighting replacement project in progress throughout the district.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.  
6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 12/19-12/23.  
6354—Dry rot repairs in progress.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.  
8600-8692—Lighting replacement project in progress.  
Gutter cleaning throughout the district scheduled to start 12/19.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.  
2049—Main sewer line repairs in progress.

### Valle Vista

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance and weed control, in progress.

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.

### Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.  
7331—Sewer repairs in progress.

### 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.

General fallen leaves clean up in progress throughout the Villages.

Turf aeration throughout the districts in progress.

Turf fertilization throughout the districts in progress.

### Club Centers

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

**For Pesticide information on pest control or landscape, please contact Customer Service at (408) 223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 9201 The Village Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal and click on the Pesticides button for pest control or landscape.**

## 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.

## Maintenance Services

### Customer Service Line:

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## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2022-2023

**Hermosa:** December 1 to December 17, 2022 – Completion (weather permitting)

**Olivas:** December 19 to December 31, 2022 – Completion (weather permitting)

**Montgomery:** January 02 to January 08, 2023– Completion (weather permitting)

**Del Lago:** January 09 to January 21, 2023 – Completion (weather permitting)

**Glen Arden:** January 23 to January 28, 2023 – Completion (weather permitting)

**Heights:** January 30 to February 04, 2023 – Completion (weather permitting)

**Fairway:** February 06 to February 08, 2023 - Completion (weather permitting)

**Cribari:** February 09 to February 11, 2023, February 27 to March 04, 2023, March 20 to March 25, 2023 - Completion (weather permitting)

**Verano:** February 13 to February 18, 2023, March 06 to March 11, 2023—Completion (weather permitting)

**Highland:** February 20 to February 25, 2023, March 13 to March 18, 2023—Completion (weather permitting)

**Club Buildings:** March 27 to March 31, 2023—Completion (weather permitting)

# **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

## *Real estate Proposition 19*

Recently, SRS has received questions about property tax. It appears that some realtors who do not normally work with seniors do not alert their clients to important property tax laws. Californians recently approved Proposition 19 which makes sweeping changes to a property owner's ability to transfer their Proposition 13 Assessed Value (Prop. 13 limits the annual increase in your property's assessed value to 2 percent annually.) Those changes include broad provisions that superseded prior laws for transferring the assessed value to another home (e.g., Prop. 60 and 90.) Both Proposition 60 and 90 expired on March 31, 2021.

Effective April 1, 2021, Proposition 19 permits eligible seniors (defined as over 55) to transfer their primary residence's property tax base value to a newly purchased or constructed replacement residence of any value, anywhere in the state. Eligible seniors can transfer the tax value of their homes up to three times rather than only once (as under the old Prop 60.) The base year value may be transferred to a home of equal or lesser value. However, if the value of the replacement home is greater than the value of the original property, the difference in market values is to be added to the transferred base year value.

For instance, you sold your original home of 20 years that you purchased for \$200,000 years ago to retire at The Villages. Even though the fair market value of your old home when you sold it was \$900,000, your property tax had been calculated on an assessed value of about \$297,000; your original cost increased by 2 percent annually for 20 years. Your condo in The Villages cost \$800,000. Because you were age 55 or older, Prop. 60 allowed you to transfer your old principal residence's Prop. 13 tax base to your newly purchased condo.

Now you want to move to Palm Springs to be near your family. If you sell your condo for \$900,000 with a property tax base of \$300,000 and buy a new home in Palm Springs for 1,000,000, the tax value base of your new home would be \$400,000—the old tax Prop 13 base of \$300,000 plus the \$100,000 increase between the sale of the old and the purchase of the new. This new provision applies to transfers starting April 1, 2021. Existing law and old Prop 19 both give eligible homeowners two years to sell the old home and buy the new one or vice versa.

Proposition 19 was hastily passed, and portions of the approved language changes are ambiguous, unclear and/or conflicting. A committee appointed by the California Assessor's Association was formed to help bring clarity to how Prop. 19 is to be implemented uniformly by Assessors statewide. You would be well advised to talk with your tax professional or financial advisor as to whether this new Prop. 19 might be applicable in your case.

One Villager helped by SRS recently received word that their property tax has been reduced by \$5,700 for the year 2022-2023. And remember, they will receive this savings every property tax year.

*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 [villagessrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villagessrs@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:

## *Middle Class Tax refund*

We have heard from Villagers who are concerned because they have not yet received their MCTR. The Franchise Tax Board states it will be sending refunds through January 14, 2023.

Remember the refund will be on a Money Network Debit Card. The return address on the envelope is Omaha, NE. Don't treat it as junk mail.

Go to [mctrpayment.com](http://mctrpayment.com) for ATM locations and other helpful information.

## *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.

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# OBITUARY

## Donald Kenneth Willey

August 9, 1940 – December 2, 2022



Donald Kenneth Willey passed away on December 2, 2022 after a brief illness. He was born August 9, 1940 in Oakland, California to Bernice de Pasquale Cruzan and John Cruzan. He was later adopted by his mother's second husband, Harvey Willey, and had a sister, Sandra Willey Wilkes, who preceded him in death.

He married his high school sweetheart, Deanna (Dee) Munson in November of 1960. Together, they had two sons.

He joined the Navy in 1957, where he studied to be a jet engine mechanic. Upon leaving the Navy in 1961, he went to Northrop School of Technology achieving his A&P license. After his graduation from Northrop, he hired on with TWA (Trans World Airlines). He was close to 40 years of service with TWA, when American Airlines bought out TWA. He retired from American Airlines in 2001.

Don loved his family and enjoyed his life immensely. He was full of life and always had a smile. He was known for his quick wit and distinctive laugh. He delighted in his life with the family, early years involved with his sons in Indian Guides, Scouts, Little League and Youth Football. During that same time, camping, boating, water

skiing and snow skiing were the activities the family enjoyed. Boating and water skiing continued after grandchildren. Yearly, a cabin was rented and the family spent a vacation week on the Delta.

Shortly before retirement, Don and Dee moved from Los Altos to The Villages Golf and Country Club, where many new friends were met. They went on numerous trips with family and friends, both abroad and in the U. S. He started to play golf at the Villages and was on the Ironman Golf Group. Don also joined The Bocce Club, Villages Veterans Club, the Men's Social Club and was active with the Villages EPC. He started attending The Village Community Chapel, then joined in 2012. He was active at church, joined in a few Bible Studies, was on the chapel board. Did many things for the church, altar, usher and greeter, head usher, communion and many things behind the scenes. A faithful servant of the Lord, to his community and neighbors. Always there to lend a helping hand!

He is survived by his wife, Deanna (Dee) of 62 years of marriage, his two sons, Todd Willey and Troy Willey, both of Sunnyvale. Three grandchildren, Danielle Willey, of San Jose, Kaelynn Willey Hamilton, her husband, Steven Hamilton and a soon to be born great granddaughter, of Plano, Texas, and Brett Willey of Spokane Valley, Washington. Two ex-daughter-in-laws, Denise Murray of San Jose, and Debbie McGowan of Spokane Valley, Washington who are still adored. Nephews, Jeffery Wilkes and David Wilkes of St. Louis, Missouri. And many special friends and neighbors!

Services pending.

# OBITUARY

## Caroline Williams Cooper

August 23, 1932 – December 7, 2022



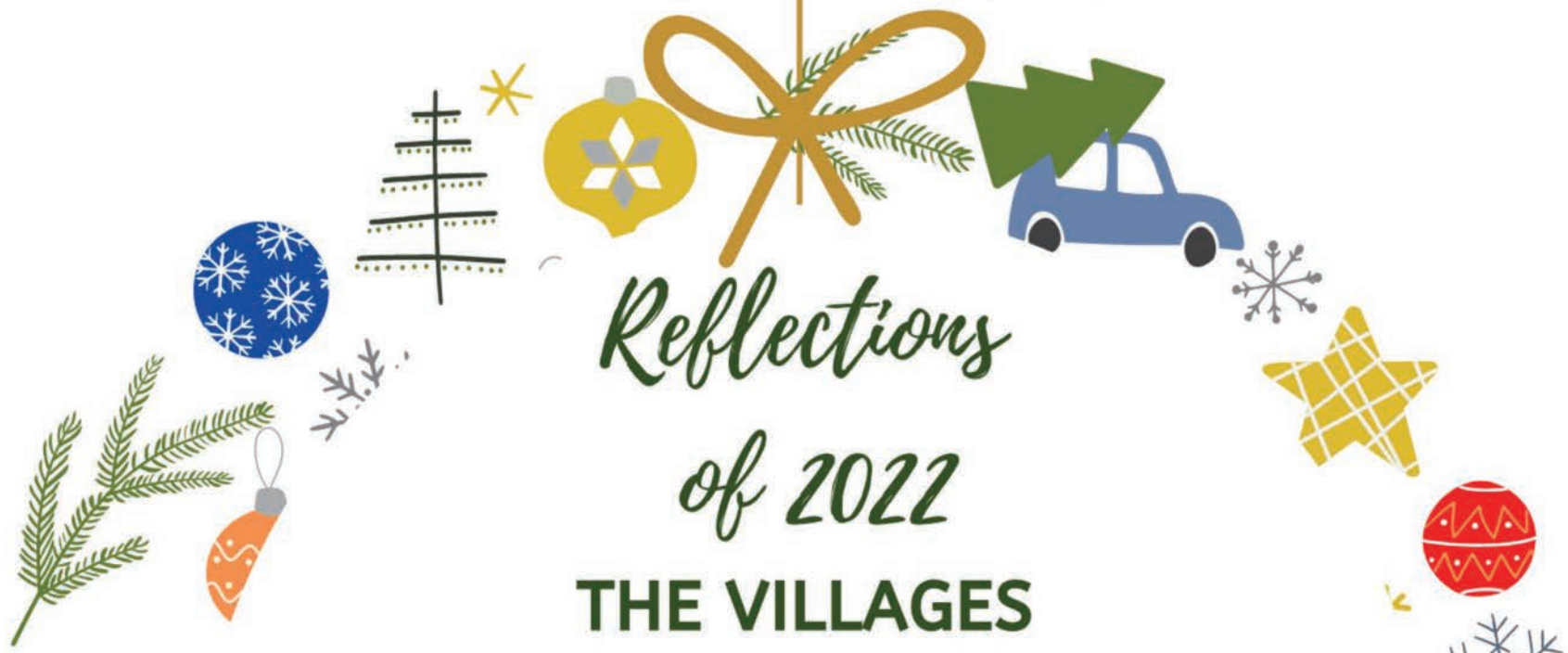
Caroline W. Cooper passed away peacefully December 7, 2022. Survived by children Bill, Craig (Sandy), David (Graciela), Sally Freimuth (Peter); grandchildren Sarah and Brian Freimuth; and brother Swift Williams of Richmond, Virginia. Caroline was born August 23, 1932 to Martha and Swift Williams in Augusta, Georgia. She started playing piano at age five; studied music at University of Texas, Austin, graduating with an MA in music from Vassar College. She played piano her entire life, enjoying playing as a member of Piano Open Studio at the Villages Golf & Country Club.

A devoted mother, grandmother and loyal friend, Caroline stayed connected throughout grade school, college and every place called home: Augusta, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Austin, Poughkeepsie, Portsmouth, Oakland, La Jolla, Taipei, Boston, Richmond, Columbus and finally, the Valley of Heart's Delight. A certified teacher in Virginia and Ohio, she brought energy to her third and fourth grade classrooms, inspiring students to learn the most about the world around them. At times her classroom lessons conflicted with school curricula, but she persevered, especially disappointed Darwin's theory could not be mentioned in rural Virginia classrooms circa 1969/1970.

Caroline returned to the Bay Area in 1976 when ex-husband Bill's career landed at Syntex Labs in Palo Alto. She applied for a California teaching credential but found the Committee of Credentials mired in archaic teacher qualifications. Instead, she started a new career outside the classroom. She was hired as an administrative clerk at Homestead High, progressing to computer systems entry at Regional Educational Center for Automated Processing (RECAP) where she retired in 1997. Her work family remained close over the years meeting for reunions, excursions and life events, the same connectedness she had with all her family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2022, at Foothill Center in The Villages Golf & Country Club. Please RSVP by December 22nd to carolinecelebrationoflife@gmail.com so we can provide names to the gatehouse staff. You can request further details in your RSVP. In lieu of flowers, please support a local charity, community organization, art & music program or any non-profit of your choice.





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