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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 non-alcoholic 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!

## Bring your instrument to the Concert Band's open house



Photo by Simon Cintz

By Pamela Pierson

Come and join in! Bring your instrument to an open house for the Villages Concert Band on Tuesday, January 3 and 10. Rehearsals run from 7-9 p.m. in Cribari auditorium. You may feel right at home playing with the band. The next concert is on Sunday afternoon, March 12.

According to Vera Hutton, a long-time member, "The Concert Band has a place for all musicians. Melson Varsovia [the band's conductor] provides a secure, supportive environment where all musicians can thrive. This includes those who can only play parts of the music to those seasoned musicians who

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## Senior Academy invites all to annual meeting

Every Villager is welcomed to the Senior Academy meeting on January 11, 2023 at 4 p.m. in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. We will introduce you to our new calendar of upcoming events, present our board, provide live music, offer an awesome display of hor d'oeuvres and beverages and share with you what a great experience awaits you in 2023 with Senior Academy.

This is a free event open to everyone in hopes that if you are not already a member you will become one of us. We are one of the largest organizations in the Villages with the goal of expanding your horizons, keeping you informed with lifelong learning experiences and enjoying the company of others.

Pre-registration is essential. Please contact Jane Carnoy at [SeniorAcademyReg@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorAcademyReg@gmail.com) or 56-252-7934 but best of all, visit our website at [VillagesSA.org](http://VillagesSA.org)

## Golf Cart Yellow Lines Initiative

As part of the Villages continuing Culture of Care initiative for our 18-Hole golf course, in January of 2023 we will begin the installation of yellow ground paint lines in front of the green complexes to clearly define the 30-foot golf cart restriction area at each green as prescribed in Golf Rule 1.14 Section 8-J:

8-J. Carts are to be kept on the cart path around all green complexes and teeing grounds. Carts must be kept a minimum of 30-feet from the green apron and are not permitted within the perimeter of greenside bunkers.

The yellow lines will take the place of stakes and ropes and serve as a visual reference point defining where golf carts can-

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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.

3 Pulse letters received this week.

0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Guidelines.

3 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.

I am beyond disappointed. After my husband and I did so much work for The Evergreen Invitational for the Men's Club, someone took, and did not return, our black and blue cooler on wheels. Then, for the Italian Club Christmas Party, my husband had his jacket folded on top of our \$35 golf umbrella, and when we finished being on the clean-up committee after the party, we found his jacket placed in another location and our golf umbrella gone. This makes me sick that people have done this to us when we've done so much volunteering for The Villages to make this place better for all. Please stop taking our things that do not belong to you. I demand return of our cooler and golf umbrella. We live at 3425 Lake Albano Circle. Return our things to us immediately!

—Mary Wagle

With many fond memories of The Villages, we have moved to Oakmont; just two miles up San Felipe Road from The Villages. We have enjoyed the walking paths, the swimming pools and the wide variety of activities. We made many wonderful friends here and will carry them in our hearts as well as continuing those friendships. We would like to thank the staff for their caring and support over the years we spent at The Villages.

—Annette Mach and Ed Updegraff

VGCC Rule 1.02 TRAFFIC WITHIN THE VILLAGES is written for the safety of Villagers. The fines associated with citations are to discourage speeding/stop sign violations and not to generate revenue. Additionally, the loss of Villages privileges for 30 days is intended to stop excessive violations within a household for our communities safety.

A recent post on NextDoor said that citations for rolling stops are unnecessary because there have not been accidents associated with California stops. Enforcing this violation is a major reason why there have not been accidents. I was almost hit in my golf cart by a vehicle that did a California stop. Fortunately, I was able to stop before we collided. Additionally, I heard from several Villagers that they were almost hit by vehicles doing rolling stops.

—Howie Blumstein

## ABOVE & BEYOND

Putting up this year's Cribari Holiday Decorations was a monumental effort managed by Janelle Marines. Together with her core of experts (Quinton Fitzhugh, Nancy Donnelly, and Deborah Robb) and many others, Janell and the team worked tirelessly around multiple rainy days to deliver a beautiful display down Cribari Lane. Sincere thanks to all who contributed; this was definitely an Above & Beyond effort that is greatly appreciated.

—Deb Gordon, Cribari DAC Chairman

I would like to acknowledge our neighbors Victor and Kate's dedication and creativity in decorating the beautiful enlightening absolutely stunning Christmas Decorations on Via Solana! Every year without fail they put up this Amazing Christmas Display! It brings us joy and smiles and lit up our spirit! Thank you, Victor and Kate Morse! Happy Holidays and Happy 2022! With Love, Your Neighbors

—Farida Fletcher

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

### DEADLINES

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

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

**Classified Ads:** Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 10 a.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. All classified ads must be in writing. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: 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

## Questions for the Club Board?

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



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

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

## Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

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

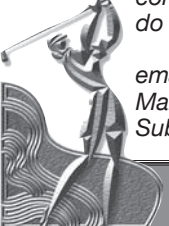
In order to transmit association documents via e-mail or by posting on the homeowners association's website, 1) the homeowners association must first receive the owner's written consent, and 2) the homeowners association sends a separate notice to the owner that the documents have been posted and are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

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

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

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

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



**WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE VILLAGES**

## Call 911 for medical emergencies

Public Safety would like to remind you, in the event of a medical emergency, please remember to dial 911 first.

Public Safety monitors all emergency calls through San Jose Fire Dispatch. We will respond at the exact same time as the Fire Department and Paramedics.

Calling the front gate can only delay response time by emergency personnel. It is always quicker to call 911. It is the only phone call you will need to make.

## Golf Course Winter walking schedule

Here are the days and times that walkers may enjoy walking on the golf course this winter:

Mondays before 12 p.m. and after 4 p.m.

Tuesdays before 9 a.m. and after dusk

Wednesdays before 7 a.m. and after dusk

Thursdays before 8:20 a.m. and after dusk

Fridays-Sundays before 6:50 a.m. and after dusk

Walkers, please enter/exit the golf course at the above mentioned times.

Please be safe. We appreciate your cooperation!



## 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.



## Report Irrigation Issues

Please report broken sprinklers or other irrigation repair issues by calling Maintenance Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or online at: [workorder@the-villages.com](mailto:workorder@the-villages.com)

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

## "Ask the ABOD"

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More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 7 & 27

# MANAGEMENT

## Welcome New Residents! New Resident Orientation Scheduled for Wednesday, January 25

There will be a New Resident Orientation on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 3 p.m. at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. Space is limited and reservations will begin on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, by calling 408-223-4674.

If you are unable to sign up for this orientation please keep your eyes on *The Villager* newspaper and the FastLane email blasts for information about future sessions.

## 2022/2023 Christmas tree pickup schedule

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

- 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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES  
on pages 7 & 27

## 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.

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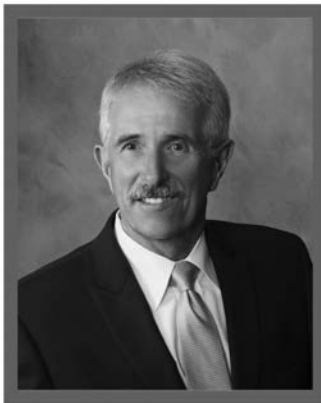


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## Office closures and Villager Deadlines for the New Year's holiday

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

Editorial deadline for the January 3 edition will be Thursday, December 29. For late-breaking articles please contact Associate Editor Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)

The Classified ad deadline for the January 3 edition will be Monday, January 2 by 4 p.m.

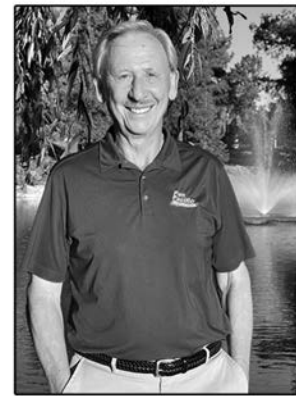
The staff of *The Villager* wishes you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

## 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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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## 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.**

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Owners responsible for cleaning up after pets

The Villages Rules and CC&Rs state that it is the owner's/handler's responsibility for immediately cleaning and disposing of pet excrements in a sealed container. We are finding and hearing that some owners are not immediately cleaning up after their pets and assume that it is the responsibility of the landscaping crew, which it is not.

The pet poop should be picked up immediately and placed into the dumpsters in the trash enclosure near your home or in the designated pet poop stations in the center parking lots. Please do not place any pet poop in any restrooms or other containers at any of the various centers.

## **[SRS]** SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### 'Mr. Independent'

His neighbors called him Mr. Independent. He had a few friends but allowed no one to help him. Several weeks ago, he suffered a major heart attack and was able to call 911 and tell the fire medic the name of his doctor. There was no Vial of Life in his refrigerator because "it's only my doctor's business which medications I take."

He came back home from the hospital with a hospice nurse. When he died a few weeks later, the hospice nurse stayed until the authorities left. She then carefully locked the front door.

And then the problems began for The Villages.

A hospice truck came to take away the hospital bed that had been loaned to him. Public Safety (PS) could not let them into the condo because Mr. Independent had loudly refused to let PS have a key. In addition, PS had never received a name and phone number to call in case of an emergency. A neighbor knew he had a son in Ohio. Fortunately, the hospice office was able to contact the son.

It's good to want to be as independent as possible, but foolish to believe we will never need help or will never die.

Through the years SRS has encouraged Villagers to have proper legal documents such as a Will, Living Trust, Power of Attorney, and Advance Medical Directive. We have never mentioned the good fortune we have by having Public Safety to be the first line of assistance in a personal emergency. Does PS have the current key to your front door? If you have a garage keypad, does PS have the code? Does PS know who to call in an emergency?

To be sure PS has your key, keypad numbers, and your emergency contact, you can call PS Administration at 408-239-5246 option 2. SRS has copies of the Vial of Life form if you wish to update your information. We also have the Individual Resident form which is where your emergency contact information is listed.

Remember, if you have lived here many or a few years, the information you originally gave PS might have changed. For example, your daughter who lived in Evergreen when you moved to The Villages, may now live in New York or your sister who lived nearby has died. A relative or close friend who is closer geographically might be a better name to give PS.

*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. 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 Notice:

## CA REAL ID extension

The federal government has extended the deadline to get your Real ID yet again. You now have until May 7, 2025 before you'll need a REAL ID if you wish to continue to use your driver's license or identification card to board domestic flights within the U.S. Alternatively you may use your passport, military ID or another form of Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) approved identification.

Prior to this extension, the start date for the REAL ID requirement had been May 3, 2023.

For information about obtaining a REAL ID go to [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov) and click on "Get your REAL ID today."

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

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

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

## EVF helps put new spin on Clubhouse fare

Word is getting out about the great new rotisserie chicken, tri-tip and roast pork dinner offerings at the Villages Clubhouse. Residents are already talking about the mouth-watering selections that are steadily increasing in popularity and have dramatically enhanced the already great quality, selection, and taste of roasted treats on the dinner menu.

After Peggie Romanow sampled one of the new additions, she said "A friend and I had dinner recently and decided to try the Rotisserie Spice Rubbed Tri Tips. It was moist, absolutely delicious, and cooked to perfection."

"With 'Extra Service and Quality' to the Villagers in mind, EVF has generously donated the high-tech Alto Sham oven to improve not only the quality of food but also a healthy alternative to other entrée items," said Food and Beverage Director John Yu. "Combined with the Curbside Delivery Concept, we provide fast, affordable, and healthy alternatives to our regular items."

Projects such as the Clubhouse rotisserie oven are consistent with the Evergreen Villages Foundation's mission to enhance Village amenities for the benefit and comfort of residents. If you would like to work with the EVF and help to provide enhancements to the Villages lifestyle by contributing to the General Fund go to its website, [evfsj.org](http://evfsj.org) and become a Sustaining Member. You can do this for as little as \$5 per month. Or single one-time donations to the EVF via the website are welcome at any time.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, December 30

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

## Saturday, December 31

9 a.m.	Open Sewing	PR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
7 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Sunday, January 1

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Service	A
10 a.m.	Hiking Club Event	FC
10 a.m.	Open Sewing	PR
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	CR

## Monday, January 2

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
6:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	VC

## Tuesday, January 3

8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Ukulele Intermediate	PR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
11 a.m.	Men's Social Club	CH
11 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
1:45 p.m.	Veteran's Club	FC
2 p.m.	Brandeis American History	PR
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
11 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	MC

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)

6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Concert Prep	A
6:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	VC

## Wednesday, January 4

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
11 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	MC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Prep	A
6:45 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	VC

## Thursday, January 5


9 a.m.	Assoc. Architectural Control	MC
9 a.m.	Men's Golf Member Meeting	PR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
1:30 p.m.	Opera Lovers	FC
3 p.m.	Homeowners AC	MC
7 P.M.	Catholic Choir	VC
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR

## Friday, January 6

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Senior Academy	FC
11 a.m.	Brandeis Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	MC
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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 The Villages Medical Auxiliary

## Happy New Year!

### 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 [vmavillages.org](http://vmavillages.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

## Avoiding Senior Scams

Daily  
2:00 & 8:00

## Welcome to Our Website

Daily  
3:45 & 9:45

## Living with Wildfires in Santa Clara County

Daily  
4:30 & 10:30



## Club Events & Notices



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Password: villages

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

# 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 through January 13 for maintenance and repairs by The Villages management.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members only. Hours posted at [villageceramics.com](http://villageceramics.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, next meetings: January 2 in the Patio Room, January 9 and 16 in the Forum Room from 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.

**January 1:** Celebrate the New Year on Top of our hill. The Hiking Club will once again celebrate New Year's Day at the top of our tallest hill, at 2,300 ft. The long hikers will start from Foothill Center, leaving at 9:30 a.m. It will take about 90 minutes to make it to the top, so the celebration will start at about 11:30 AM 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!

**Rambler Hike January 4:** Coyote Creek South. Rich (408-499-1789) and Wendy will lead a hike on a paved trail along Coyote Creek going south from Silver Creek Road. We will hike until the pavement stops or we get tired! We will meet at 9 a.m. at Cribari for a 9:15 a.m. departure. Optional coffee stop after the hike at Starbucks or New Seasons Market

**Rambler Lite Hike January 4:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Larkspur Hill. We'll walk through the Villages' gate to San Felipe Road where we'll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the slow long hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite the security gate at 9:30.

**Rambler Hike January 11:** Pam Thompson will hike inside Eastridge mall! Meet at Cribari to carpool at 9:30 a.m., hike mall before the stores open then get a bite to eat afterwards!

**Rambler Lite Hike January 11:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Aden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Foothill at 9:30.

**Rambler Hike January 18:** Johanna and Wate Bakker will lead a hike in Coyote Lake Park. We will park at the boat launching site, go up the Calaveras trail to Harvey Bear trail, go back on Coyote Ridge trail. This is a 5.4-mile loop with nice views. Bring water, a snack, poles and suitable jackets etc. We will meet at Cribari at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. departure. For inquiries, phone 408-223-2190. Hope to see you there!

**Rambler Lite Hike January 18:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:30.

**Rambler Hike January 25:** Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a r/t hike to Evergreen Village Square. The hike is easy and about 5.5 miles. We will stop for coffee and treats(?) while there. Meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 for an 8:45 departure.

## 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	12/29	1/3/23

## Time to renew your Guest Bar Code for 2023

It is that time of year again to renew all guest bar codes. Your current guest bar codes will be automatically renewed, at a cost of \$6.00 each, in January 2023. No forms required. You will see the billing on your January 2023 statement. If you do not want a guest bar code renewed, please contact Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246, option 2 by December 16, 2022. As always, your resident bar code does not need to be renewed.

## Golf Cart Registration Reminder

Have you recently purchased a golf cart? Just a friendly reminder that all Golf Carts must be registered no matter if they are for leisure use or golf course use. Please contact the Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: [vtennon@the-villages.com](mailto:vtennon@the-villages.com) or [hbalaoro@the-villages.com](mailto:hbalaoro@the-villages.com) to register your cart.

## Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

Are all your vehicles registered and bar coded? Just a friendly reminder that all resident vehicles are required to be registered and must have a resident bar code sticker on them. Please contact the Public Safety Administration at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: [vtennon@the-villages.com](mailto:vtennon@the-villages.com) or [hbalaoro@the-villages.com](mailto:hbalaoro@the-villages.com) to register your vehicle. If you registered a vehicle that had a temporary plate at the time of registration, but have not provided a Permanent License plate number, please contact Public Safety Administration to update your registration with the current license plate number.

## Electric Vehicles

## Public Safety Reminder

Electric Vehicle owners must be in compliance with Association rule AC D-27 for charging their cars. **EVs cannot be plugged into carport electrical outlets.** Electric Vehicle charging stations in common areas require an Owner Alteration Request, signed by the owner, including complete plans and specifications, submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval. Please refer to the rule for further details. Public Safety will be checking carports for compliance.

Non-compliant charging can be a fire hazard as well as theft of electrical service. Please report any violators to Public Safety.

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## 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  
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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 1/2 to 1/8

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 2</b>	Cream of Broccoli
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 3</b>	Chicken, Vegetable and Quinoa
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	Cream of Tomato
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	French Onion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	Seafood Chowder
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 7</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 8</b>	Chef's Choice



### 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

**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 Cilantro, 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

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

**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

### 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

### Dessert Menu

\$6.50

**Vanilla Crème Brulée 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

\$4.95

Flavors of the Day

Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes

June 22

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 1/2 to 1/8

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 1/2 to Sunday 1/8 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Chile Verde:** Braised Pork in Tomatillo Sauce with Spanish Rice and Black Beans **\$16.95**

**Turkey Melt:** Turkey Breast, Ortega Chile and Pepper Jack Cheese on Sourdough Bread with Choice of Side. **\$15.50**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 1/3 to Friday 8 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Caprese Salad with Prawns:** Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Basil and Prawns over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette. **\$27.95**

**Grilled Filet Mignon:** Center Cut 8-oz. Filet Mignon with A Bearnaise Sauce with Choice of Sides. **Market Price**

### 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 Sauteed  
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

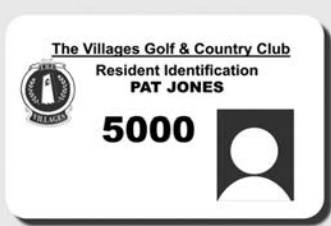
2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax

**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.

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:

### 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.



## Available now!



### Clubhouse Whole Rotisserie Chicken is Here!

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.



The Clubhouse

**BUY ONE APPETIZER  
GET ONE FREE**



**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.



**A GREAT DEAL! Villager Business Card Ads \$43 per week! Call Adrienne at 408-223-4657**

# 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.

## ***Sequoia Room to be reservation-only***

Beginning January 1, 2023, the Sequoia Room will no longer be a drop-in space. The room will become a reservable meeting room seven days a week to accommodate the growing need for meeting spaces. The Redwood Room and Terrace Room Lounge will still be available for drop-in-use Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please contact Community Activities at 408-223-4643 with any questions.

## ***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.

## ***Notice regarding Line Dance classes***

Community Activities is regretfully announcing that Deana Megginson has resigned from her position as our line dance instructor effective after the current classes finish.

Deana has been an instructor here for over a decade, teaching four levels of line dance classes simultaneously! She has been a valued contributor to health, fitness, and fun at The Villages. We have enjoyed working with her and wish her the best going forward.

Registration for the new sessions previously advertised in The Villager and the Fast Lane have been cancelled. We will explore options for future line dance instruction. Please keep an eye out in the paper and Fast Lane for any future announcements.

## ***Community Activities and Back in Form wishes you a Happy, Healthy New Year!***

Let's turn New Year's resolutions into results with a "Back in Form 2-for-1 Personal Fitness Training Special." Sign up for personal training for one person (\$121 per session) and add a spouse, friend, or neighbor to workout with you for free! This is a savings of \$44! All trainees must register at the same time, one registration slip per household. Training session scheduling will be determined by the trainer and trainee's availability.

Register in the Community Activities office, Building B during office hours. The registration deadline for this special offer is Tuesday, January 31.

Note: Fitness Center (all trainees should already be authorized to access)

Back-in-Form has provided Villagers, in partnership with Community Activities, with customized personal training at the Fitness Center for many years. For more information about registering or enabling access to the Fitness Center contact the Community Resource Center at 408-754-1336.

## ***Let's go shopping in Carmel!***

On **Saturday, February 25**, join us for a European-style shopping experience in beautiful Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. Carmel is a premier luxury shopping and dining destination with an amazing number of restaurants, boutiques, and art galleries to choose from, all set among tree-lined streets, charming courtyards, and secret passageways.

If shopping is not your cup of tea you might consider wandering down to Carmel's famous beach to see if you can spot migrating humpback whales among the huge winter waves, make your way to the Carmel Mission for a tour, sample some new flavors at a wine tasting, or stroll the quaint neighborhoods looking for unique architecture.

The bus will let us off and pick us up conveniently next to the Carmel Visitors Center where you can get maps and ask for recommendations, additionally you can visit [carmelcalifornia.com](http://carmelcalifornia.com) for more information on local restaurants, shops, and galleries or check out their activity suggestions.

Activity Level: Variable depending on resident preference.

The cost per person is \$50.50 and includes round trip transportation.

Register in Building B during office hours. **Registration begins Tuesday, January 3** and ends Friday, January 20.

## ***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 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.

## **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

## Audition for 'Spelling Bee' musical



Can you act, sing and s-p-e-l-l all at the same time? Then, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is for you! Have some fun playing one of nine characters in this 2005 musical!

All you have to do is come to auditions on one of the dates listed below and see what happens. The script is unavailable, so if you are curious about the musical, check out Brown University's version on youtube.

**Audition dates:** Saturday, January 7 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Auditorium and Monday, January 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Vineyard Center.

## Take Beginning Ceramics class with Diane Finley

Sign up for a fun class to learn the basics of hand-building and slab work with clay. No experience necessary! Four-week class for beginners starting Wednesday, January 18 – February 8 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Ceramic's Room in Cribari Center. All materials are supplied; just register and we'll make some clay projects for you to take home. Make sure you can attend all classes, as there are no make-up dates.

Total cost is \$95 for Arts & Crafts members and \$100 for non-members. Class is limited to six students, so register today and reserve your place. For more information, visit [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com) or register with Diane at [dianefinley1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)



## Thank you & Happy Holidays from Crafters Club Boutique

By Diane Goodrich

The Crafters Club Boutique members would like to thank you all for your amazing support on Saturday, December 10. Even as the rain poured on and off throughout the day, the cold stormy weather did not deter so many of you—and we really appreciate how you came out to support us.

We look forward to seeing you again next year; so, save the dates for March 25, September 16 and our 2023 Holiday boutique will be on November 25.

Once again you have many choices to shop and we are so grateful you chose to do so with us. We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2023.



## Democratic Club: New Year, Big Plans

By Arlene Versaw

And here we are—2023! The Democratic Club is set to launch into the new year with plans for regularly monthly meetings and a whole host of attendance-worthy speakers. We invite you to join us as we resettle after the 2022 mid-terms and look forward to next year's Presidential primaries!

We'll be meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. beginning January 26. Our first two meetings will be via Zoom, but we expect to hold in-person, and possibly hybrid, meetings beginning in March.

A committee of club members is hard at work lining up a slate of speakers sure to engage you – among them our previous Congresswoman and member of the January 6 committee Zoe Lofgren; our new Representative Jimmy Panetta; Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee Chair Bill James; Assemblyman Ash Kalra; State Senator Dave Cortese; Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen; and the always-entertaining San Jose State Professor Emeritus Larry Gerston, an expert on public policy and current political trends.

To join the Democratic Club, please email us at [TheVillagesDemocraticClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheVillagesDemocraticClub@gmail.com). And Happy New Year from us all!

## Tai Chi Club moves indoors!

The Tai Chi Club has been practicing regularly at the Cribari patio. We are currently on our holiday break through January 5. However, we are very pleased to announce that starting Tuesday, January 10 we will be moving indoors to the Cribari Conference Room. Practice will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please join us then to see the benefits you can get from this relaxed and graceful exercise. If you have any questions, please text 408-712-3470.

## 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](http://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.



## Reminder: Join 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)



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More CLUBS



***Cribari crew braves rain to put up decorations***

**By Janelle Marines**

Rainstorms didn't stop the Cribari decoration setup this year. Over a five-day period we had some dedicated volunteers. Joanne Bennett assisted with the pre-light check, Jeanette Campa contributed to planning and ideas, Felece Wilson contributed to planning, inspirational ideas, purchasing decorations, decoration repairs and with Richard Schramm wrapped the trees with lights. Joining us was our DAC Chair Deb Gordon "the problem solver" who hung bows.

With the help of Santa's four special elves, Quintin Fitzhugh, Deborah Robb, Nancy Donnelly, and Ruth Keiser they created a wonderful Cribari Lane holiday display. These elves volunteered at a moment's notice: tirelessly creating with a can do attitude, always finished their task, asking "What's Next?", and all with a great sense of humor.



Special thanks to Quintin who hauled the decorations from our storage shed, set up the electrical connections and various decorations.

Quintin always brought his creative ideas and his crazy sense of humor was very welcomed.



Janelle Marines, Nancy Donnelly and Deborah Robb



***Ukulele Club celebrates Christmas***



The Ukulele Club met on December 22 to celebrate with Christmas music, hula, lunch, and a white elephant gift exchange.



Sandy Rosenblum and Marty Hutchison

***Villages resident gifts Menorah to each Village***

**By Barbara Tommaney**

Hanukkah is an eight-day festival of lights. It is celebrated with the nightly lighting of the Menorah. The holiday commemorates the Jews defeating the Syrian-Greek oppressors who tried forcing them to abandon their religion. Led by Judah Maccabee, the Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies of their time. Then they turned their attention to reclaiming the holy temple in Jerusalem. But when they tried to light the Temple Menorah, they found only enough oil for one night. Miraculously they lit the Menorah and the oil lasted a full eight days.

This year the Villages Jewish Community has another reason for celebration. Due to the generosity of Marty Hutchinson we have 13 new Menorahs, enabling each Village to include the Menorah in their holiday displays. Marty constructed all the Menorahs and donated all the materials and labor to the community. The gift is in memory of his wife Marcie Pais Hutchinson who passed away on February 6, 2021.

Several Villagers volunteered their time to transport and store the Menorahs, and to assist in the setup of the displays. So thank you to Shel and Sandy Rosenblum, and Rob Kirschbaum. They say it takes a Village.

***Art Film: 'John James Audubon: Drawn From Nature'***

**By Roz Zinns**

On Tuesday, January 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present "John James Audubon: Drawn From Nature." Audubon's story is dramatic and surprising. He was not born in America, but saw more of the North American continent than virtually anyone alive. His growing apprehension about the destruction of nature became his prophecy. As an artist and naturalist his achievements were monumental. He was famous for "The Birds of America"—an astonishing collection of 435 life-size portraits of every bird known in the United States that took him 18 years to complete. You will be amazed by the way he transformed his captured specimens into his magnificent paintings.



The film also depicts his early life and the culture in which he was raised.

The film is approximately 60 minutes. All Villagers and guests are welcome to this free showing.



Back row (left to right): Wendy Werner, Barbara Moore, Gina Chew, Barbara Brown, Jane Chen, Luisa Zhang. Front row: Sandy Rice, Jan Trusso, Lynda McKinney, Carol Barikmo, Vilma Velarde.

## Village Dancers get funky in January!

Start 2023 with a fun and funky jazz choreography to Earth, Wind and Fire's "Let's Groove." Join the Village Dancers on Monday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. Questions? Send email to Bernice Toy at Bernice.Toy@gmail.com.

Members of the Village Dancers, a club within The Villages Music Society, Inc. (VMS), learn a new choreography each month. Dance styles include jazz, Broadway, Latin, Hawaiian and '60s/'70s. The Village Dancers offers a performing group and a just-for-fun Monday dancing group.

For more information, check the Village Dancers page on the Music Society website: Villages-MusicSociety.org/Village-Dancers. Beginning in 2023, the Village Dancers will charge a one-time \$20 annual membership due to participants to support the club. Donations to the Dancers and to the Villages Music Society are always welcomed.

## Save date now for VMA Health Festival 2023—Mind, Body & Spirit—Flourishing!

By Barbara Zahner, VMA Health Programs

Thriving. Vibrant. Healthy. Whole. Engaged. Strong. Balanced. Well-being. What life-giving images for 2023! How do you live those words? Join your neighbors and friends on Saturday, April 29 at Cribari Center for the VMA Health Festival 2023! Visit with 50 exhibitors, learn from intriguing speakers, participate in quick checks of hearing, vision, bone density, balance, and memory. Learn how to be healthy and balanced in mind, body, and spirit. Mark your calendar now—April 29, Cribari Center, VMA Health Festival 2023!

Alice Pratt will be one of the exhibitors at the VMA Health Festival 2023. A retired RN, Alice facilitates a monthly support group for those affected by Parkinson's. In 2015, at the VMA Health Festival, Alice challenged fairgoers to a quick check of hand tremors to indicate Parkinson's by asking if they could lift a cup. This year, Alice will exhibit another intriguing challenge. She will also offer new research on living well with Parkinson's.

Do you know an exhibitor or speaker that you would like to be present? Contact Bonnie Grim, VMA Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029 or BGrim@sequoialiving.org



Alice Pratt at the 2015 VMA Health Festival, asking Villagers, "Can you lift this cup?"

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## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

By Linda Schlageter

**“The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell:** Florence, the 1550s. Lucrezia, the third daughter of the grand duke, is comfortable with her obscure place in the palazzo: free to wonder at its treasures, observe its clandestine workings, and devote herself to her own artistic pursuits. But when her older sister dies on the eve of her wedding to the ruler of Ferrera, Modena and Reggio, Lucrezia is thrust into the limelight: the duke is quick to request her hand in marriage, and her father just as quick to accept on her behalf. Having barely left girlhood behind, Lucrezia must now make her way in a troubled court whose traditions and customs are opaque and where her arrival is not universally welcomed. Perhaps most mystifying of all is her new husband, Alfonso. Is he the playful sophisticate he appeared to be before their wedding, the aesthete, happiest in the company of artists and musicians, or the ruthless politician before whom even his formidable sisters seem to tremble? As Lucretia sits in finery for a painting intended to preserve her image for centuries to come, one thing becomes worryingly clear. In the eyes of the court, she has one duty: to provide an heir. Until then, for all her rank and nobility, the new duchess’s future hangs in the balance. Full of drama and verve, O’Farrell brings the world of Renaissance Italy to life and offers an unforgettable portrait of a resilient young woman’s battle for her very survival. Fiction 2022 Regular & Large Print

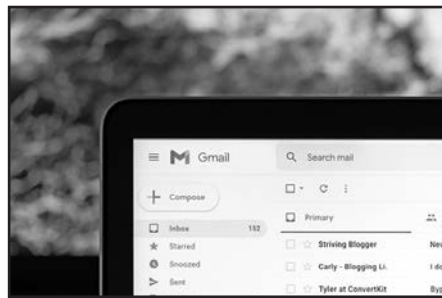
**“Afterlives” by Abdulrazak Gurnah:** When he was just a boy, Ilyas was stolen from his parents on the coast of East Africa by German colonial troops. After years away, fighting against his own people, he returns home to find his parents gone and his sister, Afiya, little more than a slave to another family. Hamza too returns home from the war, scarred in body and soul and with nothing but the clothes on his back—until he meets the beautiful, undaunted Afiya. As these young people live and work and fall in love, their fates knotted ever more tightly together, the shadow of a new war on another continent falls over them, threatening once again to carry them away. Spanning from the end of the nineteenth century, when colonizers carved up Africa, on through the tumultuous decades of revolt and suppression that followed, *Afterlives* is an astonishingly moving portrait of survivors refusing to sacrifice their humanity to the violent forces that assail them. Fiction 2020

**“The Foundling” by Ann Leary:** Mary Engle has landed a rare job opportunity for a young woman in 1927: a coveted secretarial position with room and board at a highly esteemed Pennsylvania institution—the Nettleton State Village for Feebleminded Women of Childbearing Age. Mary is immediately in awe of her employer—brilliant, charming Dr. Agnes Vogel. She had been the only woman in her class at medical school. As a young psychiatrist she was an outspoken crusader for women’s suffrage. Now Dr. Vogel runs one of the largest and self-sufficient public asylums for women in the country. Mary admires how dedicated the doctor is to the poor and vulnerable women under her care. Soon after she’s hired, Mary learns that a girl from her childhood orphanage is one of the inmates. Mary remembers Lillian as a beautiful free spirit with a sometimes fiery and unpredictable temperament, but she’d never considered her “feebleminded.” Quite the opposite—Lillian had devised wonderful schemes that eluded the strictest nuns at the orphanage. Now Lillian begs Mary to help her escape, claiming the asylum is not what it seems—leaving Mary with a terrible choice. Should she trust her troubled friend with whom she shares a dark childhood secret? Or the wise benevolent Dr. Vogel, who has high hopes for Mary’s future? Mary’s decision triggers a hair-raising sequence of events with life-altering consequences for all. Inspired by a true story about the author’s grandmother, *The Foundling* offers a rare look at a shocking chapter of American history. This gripping page-turner will have readers on the edge of their seats. Fiction 2022

**“Unless First a Dream” by Len Silverfine:** The story of the Great American Flag started as all stories do, in the mind of its creator. In the case of the Great American Flag, the man was Len Silverfine, a marketing professor at the University of Vermont. In 1976, Len was struck with the idea of creating the world’s largest American flag to celebrate the nation’s bicentennial. But an idea is not enough. Over the next few years, Len would have to rely on the patriotism and support of countless individuals, companies and organizations that donated their time, resources, and talents to make the great American Flag a reality. Non-fiction Villages resident author

## Tech Explorers: ‘Gmail—Friend or Foe?’

Most of us cannot live without it these days, but if you have ever just had an email miraculously disappear just as you finished composing it or cannot find one that you *know* you kept in your Inbox, you can also find it frustrating as all get-out.



But the more you know, the better your relationship with this miraculous tool will be and the fewer love-it-or-hate moments you will have. So join Senior Academy Technology Explorers for a brush-up session on the most popular email system in use today. With a little planning and organizing, the plea “I can’t find that message” might become a thing of the past.

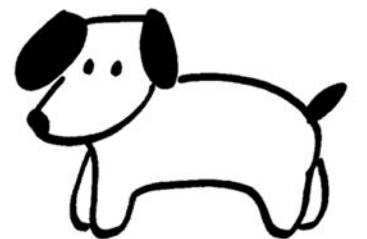
Join us on Zoom, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. to learn how to make better use of this powerful technology that the smart people at Google have made available in its popular Gmail package.

Register for this event at VillagesSA.org.

## Canine Companions representatives to speak at Dog Club meeting

By Barbara Sunseri

The Villages Dog Club invites everyone to come and join them on January 7, 2023, 10 a.m. at the Gazebo. The guest speaker is Canine Companions Independence, a non-profit that is considered the most highly acclaimed and accredited service dog organization. Canine Companions enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs, free of charge. Representatives will talk about the many ways Villagers can get involved with this organization including becoming an official community supporter, a volunteer puppy raiser, or volunteer. Animal lovers are known to be a passionate audience, so let’s see everyone there.



## VMA to present ‘Your Funeral Your Way’

By Barbara Zahner, VMA Health Programs

“This year I’ll get things in order!” Generally, our year’s goal includes choosing our funeral and burial plans. Somehow another year passes....and the folder labeled “Funeral” remains empty. Byron Chan, a former high school counselor and science teacher, knows well our perennial tendencies to procrastinate—particularly in finalizing our end game plans. Byron volunteers with the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association ([www.bafca.org](http://www.bafca.org)), a non-profit serving this area since 1952. With affability, humor, and knowledge, Byron will cover:



Byron Chan

- Funeral and Cemetery Services including price lists and planning ahead “to save a few bucks.”
- Family Meeting to “everyone on board” to decrease loved ones’ fear, conflict, and burdens.
- Body disposition including burial, cremation, aquamation, body donation, freezing, fungus suit, and composting.

You will leave refreshed with a practical plan, relief for facing reality, and a sense of joy in living life well—your life is in order! Attend “Your Funeral Your Way” on **Thursday, January 19**, in Cribari Conference Room, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Seating is limited. Kindly let VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim know you plan to attend at 408-238-4029 or [BGrim@sequoialiving.org](mailto:BGrim@sequoialiving.org)

## Make Jazzercise your New Year’s Resolution

Many of us make a New Year’s Resolution to improve our health, get fit, and exercise. But often by February our resolution falters. If you select Jazzercise as your exercise program, you will find the motivation to stick to your resolution. In a perfect environment, exercise should be fun, it should have regularity and should be done with people you enjoy being with. All of the above will be found in a Jazzercise class. In addition to boosting your energy, reversing the symptoms of aging, and improving your mind and memory, Jazzercise is *fun*. We offer a 60-minute workout, three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, tailored to your individual needs. The class starts with a gradual warmup, followed by an aerobic segment, resistance training, stretching and range of motion routines, and a gradual cool down. If you are wondering if Jazzercise is right for you, why not come for a free session and see for yourself. We meet in the Cribari auditorium from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A full month of classes costs only \$45. Any questions, email Kathy Schlosser at [Km\\_Schlosser@gmail.com](mailto:Km_Schlosser@gmail.com).





# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### ‘Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God’ (January 1)

By Fr. Matthew Stanley, Pastor

#### Why do we call Mary the Mother of God?

The controversy over Mary’s title as “Mother of God” was addressed in 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus—a moment for the infant Church where there was more at stake than simply defending Mary’s title as Theotokos (God bearer). The Christian teaching about Christ’s two natures was the real issue. The Church wanted to settle one question: Was Jesus one person or two? Rejecting the teaching of the heretic Nestorius, the Church declared that Jesus is one divine person, with two natures—his mother’s human nature and his Father’s divine nature.

Mary did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the Only Begotten Son of the Father. However, Mary did not only give Jesus His flesh, she gave birth to Jesus Christ, both God and man. This is what we confess every time we say the Apostles’ Creed.

Every January 1, the Catholic Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We have heard it said, “Jesus is the reason for the season.” Indeed, this is true—and it is well worth remembering that Jesus does not come into this world without the hard labor of his mother. Mary said a brave “yes” to the angel’s extraordinary request to bear God’s son.

After months of pregnancy, a joyful visitation, an arduous journey, and the crisis of a “no vacancy” sign on the night of her deliverance, Mary can now wrap the fruits of her faith in swaddling clothes and lay him in a manger. Our world will never be the same.

As we begin this new year of 2023, let us ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as Mother of God, to intercede always for us by leading us closer to her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Cribari Masses: Sundays** – 8:15 a.m. **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.

**Mary’s words to St. Juan Diego:** (From Nican Mopohua, the first-hand account of St. Juan Diego’s encounter with “Our Lady of Guadalupe” in 1531 outside today’s Mexico City. Read full account here: [sancta.org/nican.html](http://sancta.org/nican.html)).

“Know this, littlest of my sons, that I am the perfect ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God from whom all life comes... I shall give you my personal love, my compassion, my help, my protection, for truly I am your compassionate mother, yours and of all men who dwell as one in this land... Am I not here, I who am your mother? Are you not beneath my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your happiness? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything else? Do not let any other thing afflict or worry you...”

## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

By Rabbi Marvin Schwab

There is an old joke about Jewish Holidays: They can be condensed into a three-part statement. They tried to kill us. We won. Let’s eat. The festival of Chanukah certainly falls under that umbrella. After the death of Alexander the Great (who granted Jews religious freedom), his empire split into four parts. The Land of Israel, and the Jews there, came under the rule of the Selucids, also known as the Greco-Assyrians. Ultimately they tried to eliminate Judaism from their kingdom. We revolted and fought back, against all odds, for our religious freedom. Miraculously, we won. We rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem, rekindled the “Eternal Light” which burned for eight days (until more oil could be prepared for it), and declared that we should remember these events every year.

And we have, for over 2000 years. Even in the Nazi concentration camps Jews managed to hold onto the symbol of light, hope, and dedication that is Chanukah.

At the darkest time of the year, we light the Chanukah Menorah and celebrate the miracles of our victory, the rededication of the Temple and our survival. Among other things, Chanukah is supposed to be a beacon of hope and joy. Brightness will return to the world, but of course it is not that simple. We have a part to play in all of this. Yes, after December 21 the days will begin to get longer again, but what about the light in our souls? Will we let that shine into the world more brightly as well? Will we make it a point to smile more often? To offer a kind word more often? To help others in need a little more often, and to call and visit friends who are alone a little more often?

If we do, then oh yes, by all means, we should celebrate and eat. Potato pancakes (latkes fried in oil) and jelly donuts (also deep fried) to remind of the oil lamp (the Eternal Light) burning in the Temple and of sweetness that is to be found in life. When we do these things, the sacrifices made by those who came before us to ensure our survival and our freedom will not have been in vain.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘How Are You?’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

When people haven’t seen or heard from you in a while they ask the question, “How are you?” Most of us respond by simply saying, “Fine... Great!” even if it’s not the case. We may not feel comfortable sharing what really is happening in our lives. Some of us are good at deflecting when we think that they may know a little something about our struggles. In the same manner, we ask, “Well how are you doing?”

We have had some very challenging times in the past several years and there doesn’t seem to be a resolve on the horizon. For those of us who have put our hope in leaders to bring solutions, we have discovered that they don’t have the answers. We are all broken people who live in a fallen world grasping with the hope of better days to come.

The world that we live in is filled with broken people who in some way disappoint us. Corruption and injustice are commonplace throughout the world. Every day we face temptations and must decide whether we will do right or wrong. Our physical bodies are growing older and weaker. The weather and climate changes complicate our lives globally. War, strife and greed pit nations against nations and prejudice divides us.

Christmas came to remind me and the world that in place of the sentence of death for sins, God presented the gift of eternal life for all through His Son, Jesus Christ. I no longer look for hope horizontally from a world under condemnation but vertically from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. I have been freed from the worldly search for hope because the powerful grace of God has connected me to the one person of Hope. He died that I might know Life... real Life in Him. He is present with me and I am guaranteed everything I need. He forgave me of all my sins and empowered me to be a witness for Him. His love isn’t conditional and His grace is never temporary.

Over three years ago, I was at death’s door and received a heart transplant. How am I? Each day and during this Holiday season... I am living my Best Life!

**John 1:11-12 ESV 11** *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

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

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Old Long Since’

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

Welcome, 2023, but let’s not forget the old! I’m of Scottish descent—through and through—but I only recently learned that the traditional new year’s ballad “Auld Lang Syne” is adapted from a poem by Robert Burns written in 1788. The well-known title comes from the Scots language, and evokes an old friendship that should not be forgotten. Of course that language is actually forgotten by most of us English speakers, but we still understand the gist of it. It’s a song of reminiscence, and sharing a pint to drink to old days and fond memories. Old long since though that they be.

It’s not necessarily a spiritual ballad—at least not in contemporary use for New Year’s Eve revelry—but in another sense it calls us to thankfulness for years and the fidelity of friends, which is always a holy thing. The ballad also has an indirect religious significance: in the 17th century the Calvinist theology of Scotland had little room for what was perceived as the Pagan excess of Christmas. So New Year’s Eve (and Hogmanay, the Scottish express thereof) became the principal winter festival. How will you celebrate the passing year? With parties or with prayer? For people of faith, there are worse ways of honoring midwinter than in giving thanks for the blessing of friends.

Happy New Year, Villagers! Episcopal Services at Montgomery Center will resume on January 8 at 9 a.m. See you then.

# SPORTS NEWS

## SHONIS

By Fran Schumaker

The Shonis closed out their regular playing season on Tuesday, December 13, by having their annual festive Holiday Luncheon. Head elf, Meg Rogers, and her crew of Shoni elves made sure everything was warm and inviting as guests began to arrive at 11:30 for some fun and socialization. We even had a special guest stop by to say hello (and no it wasn't Santa). Our new General Manager, Theresa Ostrander, spent a few minutes with us on her way to somewhere else. It was nice for everyone to meet her. Theresa shared with us what she really likes about The Villages. She finds it a warm and welcoming community. She and her mom came to the Crafters' Boutique this past weekend and are looking forward to riding through The Villages to see all the Christmas lights. Welcome to The Villages, Theresa. It's good to have you here.



Fran Schumaker with new Villages General Manager Theresa Ostrander

Part of the festivities of the luncheon is handing out the yearly awards and installing the New Board for the coming year.

**The New Board for 2023 is: Captain** - Betty Hall, **Co-Captains** - Bonnie Evans and Marty Blinde, **Secretary** - Teddy Morse, **Treasurer** - Peggy White

**The Yearly Awards were given to: Club Champion** – Jini Kang, **Most Improved Player** – Meg Rogers, **Most Captain's Trophy Winner** – Peggy White, **Most Birdies** – Marty Blinde.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

**This is the Shoni Ode to 2023:**

A Shoni Wish For All Village Golfers in 2023

May you have your first hole in one, or 2nd or 3rd.

May you have at least 2 birdies per round of play.

May you hit par on every hole.

And may all your putts run true.

And may you have that one "perfect shot" each round

That reminds you of why we play this off times, frustrating and annoying game.

**Happy New Year, Everyone**

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



Jeanne Duce and Judy Frey



Monica Saneholtz and Ann Bassford

By Barbara Nilsen

On December 15, 32 brave golfers showed up for "Casual Shotgun" golf. No sweeps today, it was very cold to start—check out these photos as proof. Note the earmuffs on Ann Bassford.

Monica Saneholtz had three birdies, no chip-in today, so the Jar gets fuller! **Reminder: Open play** for the rest of the year.

Looking for last minute gifts? Check out the Pro Shop! Hope to improve your golf next year, now is the time to book lessons with one of our Pros.

I opened my new 2023 Handbook. Thank you, Cindy Fuller for a great job!

A look ahead to January finds Captain's Trophy on January 5, Casual Shotgun (No Sweeps) January 12 and regular play the rest of January.

Another USGA rule change for 2023: "When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty and you must replace it."

Remember...No matter how bad you play, it's always possible to get worse!

Golf can be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.

Happy Holidays everyone!



### "BOOT CAMP"

Starting in February 2023, the Villages Bocce Club will have classes for all beginners and non-members living in the Villages. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to learn how to play bocce.

Boot Camp Coordinator Helen Paris is preparing your introduction to the social and competitive game of bocce. The sessions are free, sign up on "YourCourts" and be assigned to a qualified instructor for a 90-minute class.

You can also sign up on the list in the kiosk marked "Boot Camp", at the bocce courts. Remember you can attend one or all the classes.

#### Dates & Times

Mondays, February 6, 13 & 20 11-12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 1, 8 & 15 11-12:30 p.m.

Beginner's Tournament Wednesday, February 22 Time: TBD

Awards/lunch immediately after tournament game at the Gazebo.

#### Please arrive for check-in a few minutes early before your class begins.

Signup questions can be directed to Helen at [helentaitparis@gmail.com](mailto:helentaitparis@gmail.com).

All boot camp attendees will also be given the opportunity to experience playing in an actual tournament, designed just for them. To participate and play, you must become a member of the Bocce Club and make a commitment to a team. All the rest will be taken care of for you, by a qualified Captain.

All participants who play in the Beginner's Tournament, will enjoy a lunch provided by the Bocce Club, immediately after the game on Wednesday, February 22.



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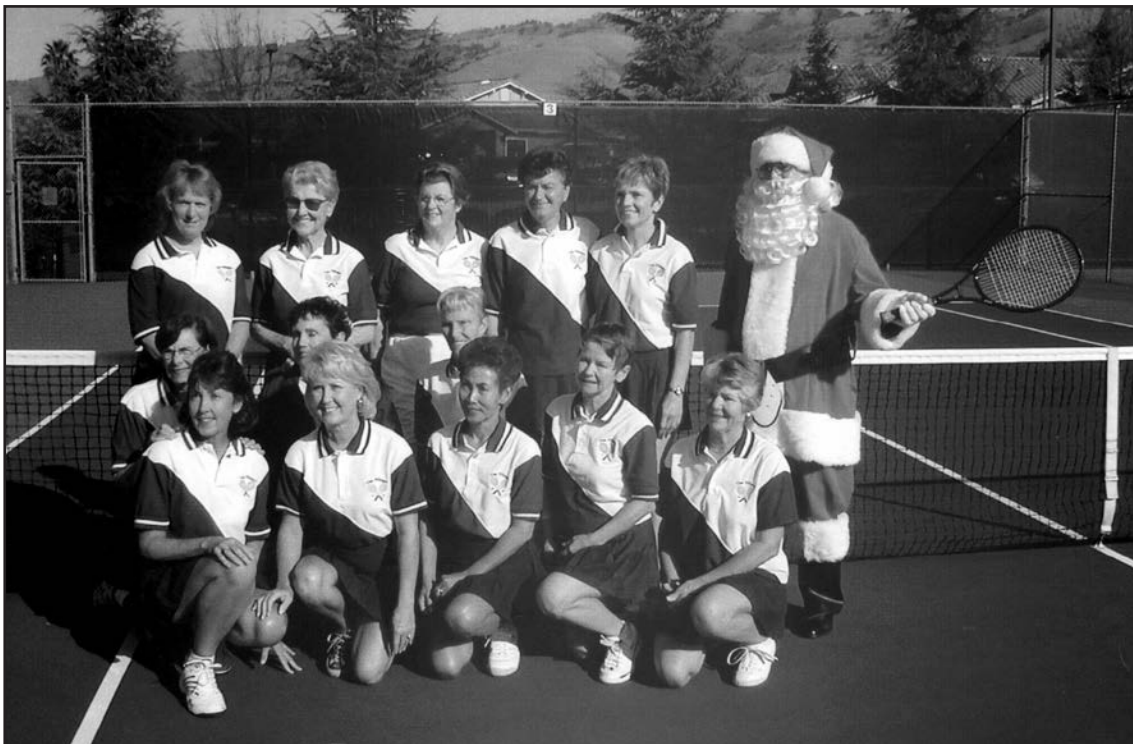
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## TENNIS SANTA



### *Santa visits The Villages*

By Phyllis Mueller

Hey Santa, tell me about a favorite visit of yours?  
 “Sure Virginia, that is easy. There is a very special community called The Villages in San Jose, California, that is the perfect pit stop for my reindeers. They love to chat with their deer cousins while I distribute gifts. This retirement gated community was started in 1967 on 1200 acres with over 4000 residents over 55. They all seem so happy and wave to each other all the time. They have a ton of activities like Pickleball, Bocce, Swimming, Dancing, Singing, Exercise Groups, Hiking, and the one group that I met that day, Tennis Ladies.

The Villages Tennis Club was organized in 1972 and only had two ladies that could play on their 2 courts, so they taught two more how to play and had their first foursome! They now have 6 courts available for all Villagers. I found some tennis ladies in uniforms having their picture taken. They were celebrating their USTA League win and planning to have their playoffs in Fresno. I told them to be sure and eat some raisins there! They invited me to be in their photo and I was delighted even though I did not have on tennis shoes! They explained how active this Villages Tennis Club is and even give Scholarships to a local High School tennis team!

Many close friendships are made while hitting that little yellow ball. This club even helps rusty players return to the game with lessons called, Jump Start.

What a great visit I had several years ago and my Reindeer insist I make this a regular pit stop! So you might see me again and I wish you and yours many Happy Holidays.”

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon

I believe I can say we are all glad to enjoy the “winter” starting times. So far no frost delays but early tee time would be below chilly. Yes, I’m back, filling in for Jim White who is taking some time off. He will be back after the first of the year so bear with me.

Our winners for December 16 are...none other than Mister Consistency, Martin Hoak, in first place for the second week in a row at a net 36 giving him another \$4 in sweeps and 4 championship points. Second place we have a tie between Patrick McMordie and Jim Keane, both with net 37 giving them \$3 and 3 points. Third place we have another tie between Leighton Horio and Jack Bindon, both with net 39 and good for \$2 and 2 points. In fourth place, another tie between Mario Silva and Don Lee, both with a net 40 giving them \$1 and 1 point. We have another tie for the low putts of the day between Jim Keane and myself at 17 putts. Sorry, Jim but the tie-breaker brings the wooden putter back home to me for having the fewest putts on the most difficult hole, #12. Whoever has custody of the “trophy” would you please return it to me...Thanks. It has been a few weeks where the putting was neglected due to too few cards, rain out, etc.

As Treasurer of this group I’m looking at the current policy of paying all ties. Each player pays a dollar into sweeps whenever he plays. In several cases the total outflow in sweeps exceeds the input causing a shortfall in the account. This I cover with accounting whenever they notify me that we have a negative balance. A committee has been formed to review that policy, amount of dues we collect and the potential for a two-flight system. The committee members are myself, Mike Falarski, Doug Canepa and Leighton Horio.

Per the notice in the December 15th Villager there was no publication on the 22nd for delivery on the 23rd. This is why this article is appearing in the December 29th edition.

Note: the 23rd will be the last sweeps day of the year. The article about that play day will appear in next week’s Villager.

## SWINGERS

By Sheryl Driskell

Tuesday December 13 brought a very chilly start to the day but even with the wet and cold conditions 38 women played golf before our Christmas luncheon. After we finished and warmed up we were able to enjoy a lovely luncheon in the clubhouse. The room and table were beautifully decorated by Linda Lamanno, Debbie Moore and their elves.

We were able to acknowledge many of our members for all the work they have done during the year to keep the Swingers golf group running. We thanked our outgoing Captain Mary Wagle and board for all they had done for the Swingers golf club. We also welcomed our new Captain Jeannie Omel and the new board for 2023. Jeannie is looking forward to a great year and many golf events.

Here are the end of year awards for the 2022:

- Most birdies for the year – Joyce Mukuno
- Hole in One – Pam Leonard
- Captain Trophy Playoff Winner - Sherry Benz
- Most Improved for 2022 – Gisele Barber
- 2022 Club Champion – Renee Woolard

Cheers to all and wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2023!

## BOCCE NEWS



### “Happy New Year”

From the Villages Bocce Club



## 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 15, 2022, was partly cloudy with mild temperatures. Another great day for some golf. We had a good turnout, and the results are listed below.

First place went to Lee Thompson with a net score of 21.

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

Third place there was a two-way tie between Al Bruno and Roger Pyle, each with a net score of 28.

**Lowest Gross Score:** Lee Thompson with a low gross score of one over par 28! Great round Lee!

**There were seven birdies:** Al Bruno had two of them, on holes 3 & 5; David Hathaway on hole 7; Doug Herring had two, on holes 2 & 5; Roger Pyle on hole 5; and Lee Thompson on hole 8.

**Closest to the Pin on Hole 7:** Dave Hathaway at 17’7” from the pin.

**Deep thoughts:**

“Don’t just play your way around the course, think your way around the course.” - Sam Snead, winner of seven major championships

“If you worry about the ones you missed, you are going to keep on missing them.” - Walter Hagen, winner of 11 major championships

More SPORTS

# MEN'S CLUB

By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

All of the New and Old members of the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club, hope you and yours had the best Holidays ever, and wish you nothing but the best in 2023.

### Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Executive Committee 2023

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Evergreen Chairman: **Bill Morefield**

Home & Home Chairman: **Mike Tuft**

Publicity/Communications Chairman: **Doug Moore**

### Upcoming Events—The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament—January 14, 2023

#### Golf Thoughts: 2023 Golf Resolutions

"To actually *practice* between rounds (as opposed to *claiming* I practiced, like I do now)."

"To have a bogie-free round."

"To be honest with my wife about what time I'll be home."

**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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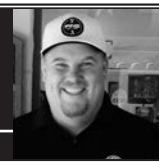
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# FROM THE PRO



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*

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Selected men's & women's apparel 20%-25% off

50% off Table of assorted Items

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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 two carts per group and two riders per cart to reduce overall cart traffic and resultant stresses to the turf.

### Upcoming Golf Schedule

**Saturday, January 14** - Men's Club Frost Bite Open – 8:30 a.m. Shotgun. 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

**Monday, January 16** - Martin Luther King Day. Holiday Schedule – Open tee Times 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Driving Range Open All Day

### Pedestrians on the golf course will be limited to before 7 a.m. and after dusk

**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—Line up for success...

One of the modern trends in golf is to use a line on your golf ball to help in aiming when putting. Although I personally do not use this method, many golfers at the highest level of the game do...and it is an idea with much merit. If you are having trouble lining up your putts, I highly recommend using a line on your ball. You can simply use the logo line already imprinted on the ball or you can use one of many stencil type ball markers to draw a straight line on your ball. Then when you putt, place the ball so the line on the ball is on top of the ball and visible and pointed where you want the ball to start. This will give you the added confidence that your putter is lined up square to your intended target. And we all know how important confidence is when putting. This will also allow you to focus more on speed, which is the most important aspect of good putting. So, if you are having trouble seeing the line when you stand over your putts, try this method of using a line on your ball, and see if it helps. Let us know how it works for you. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)

# SCOREBOARD

## Adopt A Green Initiative

At The Villages we pride ourselves in maintaining excellent golf course playing conditions. And the greens are a major focus of course conditions.

Toward that end, in January we are starting an "Adopt a Green" initiative for all resident golfers as a part of our continuing Culture of Care initiative.

The premise is simple – each resident golfer will be assigned a green(s) according to the first letter of their surname. Whenever you play, you will be asked to repair as many ball marks as possible on the green(s) to which you are assigned.

*And remember to always repair your personal ball marks on every green played as well.*

**We encourage you to start repairing your assigned green(s) as soon as possible.** We thank you for your efforts... This will make golf at The Villages more enjoyable for all!

Surname	Hole #	Surname	Hole #
A	1 & 4	L	12
B	2	M-Mc	9 & 17
C	3 & 15	N	8 & 11
D	1 & 4	O	8 & 11
F	5 & 6	P	12
G	5 & 6	Q	13 & 16
H	7	R	14
I	1 & 4	S	13 & 16
J	8 & 11	T	14
K	10	U	15
		V,W,X,Y,Z	18



## TABLE TENNIS

### Results of three-person team match December 17:

The Albert-Peter-Art team won 5-3 over Ali-Kevin-Haibo.

Kevin Prest (previously #9) beat Albert Chan to move up to #4 briefly, and also beat Art Lind.

Ali Goksel also beat Albert to move above him.

Peter Groot (previously #7) went 3-0, beating Ali, Haibo Wang and Kevin Prest, and taking #4.

Kevin is now #5 and Ali is #6 while Albert fell to #7.

Albert and Art Lind both beat Haibo.

Paul Spisar and Jimmy Zhang did not play and fell to #8 and #9 below Albert.

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

### Friday, December 14

Maribeth Berlie	133
Joanne Cooke	216
Sylvia Rozewicz	235
Shirley Bellavance	256

### Friday, December 16

Maribeth Berlie	203
Berta Escamilla	225
Shirley Bellavance	295
Bev Wharton	301

## BRIDGE

### Monday, December 12:

1. Alan and Maureen Waltho
2. Jane Michaels – Guest
3. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

### Monday, December 19:

1. Selma Chastaine - Guest
2. Sumi Minami - Maureen Waltho
3. Art Lind - Stan Davies



## SWINGERS

### Tuesday, December 20

#### FRONT NINE

**Low Gross:**  
Woolard Renee 47

#### Flight One:

1. Moore Debbie Net 35
2. Duce Jeanne Net 36
3. Woolard Renee Net 37
4. Mukuno Joyce Net 39

#### Flight Two:

1. Ledamun Wendy Net 35
2. Warren Kathy Net 36
3. Hoek Anka Net 37
4. Benz Sherry Net 40

#### BACK NINE

**Low Gross:**  
Swenson Laura 51  
Chan Josephine 51

#### Flight One:

1. Pritchard Marge Net 38
2. Sin Aejung Net 38
3. Glazer Alice Net 38
4. Driskell Sheryl Net 38

#### Flight Two:

1. Chan Josephine Net 33
2. Noce Nikki Net 38
3. Carson Nancy Net 39
4. Waugh Charlotte Net 40

## Golf Cart Yellow Lines Initiative...

(Continued from front page)

not advance any closer to the green apron according to the 30-foot perimeter mandate in Rule 1.14, Section 8-J.

The former use of stakes and ropes for this purpose proved to be a challenge due to the following factors: Visually and aesthetically unappealing - Unsightly

Physical hindrance to golf shots – Formed an obstruction for advancing golf balls

Labor intensive – stakes and ropes were constantly moved, removed, and knocked down

Expense – the cost of attaining enough stakes and rope for each hole is very high

**The yellow ground lines will serve as a better option than stakes and roping for the following reasons:** Less Obtrusive – yellow ground lines will not create an

above ground obstruction to golf shots approaching the green

Aesthetically Subtle – yellow ground lines will be more visually appealing than above ground stakes and roping

Permanence – yellow ground lines cannot be moved, knocked over or completely removed

**It is important for the condition of the green complexes and associated turf to keep cart traffic a minimum of 30-feet from each green apron and outside the perimeter of the greenside bunkers. Cart traffic allowed too close to the greens damages turf, creates unsightly tire ruts and results in unfavorable playing conditions as the turf becomes thin, compacted, compressed and, in some cases, permanently damaged.**



The golf course yellow lines



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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

5452—Dry rot repairs in progress.

5124 and 5125—Interior 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 planning.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/6-2/10.

### 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 in progress.

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

7780—Live camphor tree removal in progress due to property damages, etc.

7792, 7794, 7863, 7865 and 7867—Painting project in progress.

### Heights

8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

Montgomery Lane—Dead pine tree removals, in progress.

8474-8475—Repairs to leaking house meter in planning.

### Hermosa

8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

8348-8370—Utility door repairs in progress.

### Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/30-2/3. Portree Drive—Replacing three street light poles in planning.

Lighting replacement project in progress throughout the district.

### Montgomery

6246-6336—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

6354—Dry rot repairs in progress.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district scheduled to start 1/2.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.

8702—Irrigation mainline leak repair in progress.

8600-8692—Lighting replacement project in progress.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district in progress.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.

### Valle Vista

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 in progress throughout the Villages.

General fallen leaves cleanup in progress throughout the Villages.

Turf aeration throughout the districts in progress.

Turf fertilization throughout the districts in progress.

Annual crape myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the Villages.

### Club Centers

Buildings A, B, C and D—Landscape maintenance and weed control in progress.

Clubhouse, Tennis Courts and Driving Range—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/2-1/6.

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.

## Your Weekly Words of Wisdom



*An individual is the basic element of a family*

*A family is the basic element of a community*

*A community is the basic element of a state*

*A state is the basic element of a nation*

*A nation together represents the family of man.*

## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2022-2023

**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)

## Maintenance Services

### Customer Service Line:

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## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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*We welcome back a popular column that was shut down through the pandemic!*



Rob and Marcy Boyles took a trip in October and November to the arctic tundra and Europe. They flew to Winnipeg, Canada and then to Churchill at the Arctic Circle by charter plane to begin their excursion with a company called Natural Habitat. And what a trip it was! Although it was cold, they were outfitted very well by NatHab. They traveled in a large above-ground Tundra Buggy with a viewing platform in the back with 16 other passengers. They enjoyed some of their meals on the buggy. The highlights included seeing more than 20 polar bears (coming very close to a mother and her cubs). They went dog sledding on the tundra and were lucky enough to see the Northern Lights. In addition, they flew to Munich in late November and embarked on a river cruise on the Danube with Viking from Regensburg, Germany to Budapest. The attractions included the Christmas Markets in the cities of Regensburg, Passau, Vienna and Budapest. They'd seen these places before but during Christmas, it proved to be an entirely different and magical experience. The markets were decorated to the nines, with many special one-of-a-kind items made by local artists. The fragrances of sausages, hot mulled wine and gingerbread that hung in the air was irresistible. These markets are a must-see for travelers.

## Slice of Humor



My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

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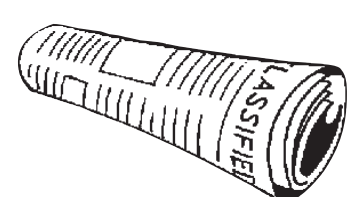
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**SENIOR IN-HOME CARE**

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**Golf Cart For Sale**  
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Newer batteries and wheels,  
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**Volunteer and read with kids at MPESD!**

No experience needed!  
Contact: Dina Chung  
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# WANTED

**A Ukrainian family is looking for a used car.**

This Christmas is special for you, and you deserve a new car and sell/donate your existing car.

If you have one, please contact Mira:  
408-710-4733

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## The Villages Lost & Found

Located in the Community Resource Center (Building B).

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

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

## Planning an estate, moving or garage sale?

**Residents, or those working on the behalf of residents, are advised to call the Public Safety Administration office at 239-5246 before planning or opening a sale at the Villages. All sales on Villages property are subject to Association Rule 2.02 Residence Use and Occupancy Restrictions.**

Homeowner Rule 3.2.10, Estate and Garage Sales states:

3.2.10 Estate and garage sales are permitted subject to the following:

A. A permit for the sale shall be obtained from the Public Safety Office prior to holding the sale and placement of advertising.

Also, effective July 1, 2012, all estate and garage sales in the Association will require a permit. The owner of the property must request the permit from Public Safety Administration in Building C.

The Villages Association Rule 2.02. 5., Residence Use and Occupancy Restrictions applies:

5. Estate and garage sales are permitted subject to the following:

A. Public Safety will not allow entry to anyone who is not authorized by name in advance (Club Rule 1.01, Access to the Villages).

B. All sales activity and sale items must be contained within the residence or garage.

C. Sales maybe held only between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

D. Sales period may not exceed two days.

E. Only one sale per resident household per year will be permitted. In the event of the death of a resident of the unit, a subsequent estate sale will be permitted. A permit is required and can be obtained from Public Safety.

F. Residents may not use public media to invite members of the general public to attend estate or garage sales at The Villages.

In this context, "public media" includes the internet, social media such as Facebook and Twitter which will be seen by non-residents, and publications which circulate outside The Villages such as the Evergreen Times and Spotlight. Residents may post activities and notices on Next Door but must use the "Choose Neighbors: The Villages [only]" option.

**Note:** When placing classified ads for estate or garage sales in The Villager, you will need to attach proof of the permit to your Classified Advertising form.



# The Villager Classified Ad Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Category:

- REAL ESTATE
- NOTICES
- PERSONALS
- CARS & CARTS
- HELP WANTED
- WANTED
- ITEMS FOR SALE
- FREE STUFF
- OBITUARIES
- LOST & FOUND
- SERVICES
  - Appliances
  - Automotive Repair
  - Senior Care Facilities
  - Senior In-Home Care
  - Computers
  - Electrical
  - Landscape
  - Errands/Odd Jobs
  - Health & Beauty
  - Heating & A/C
  - Flooring
  - Remodeling

- OTHER CATEGORY  
*(Please specify)*
- VILLAGES BUSINESS DIRECTORY  
*(Must fit in two lines)*

### Additional Options:

- Single Line Box  
(\$15 in addition to ad)
- Premium Box  
(\$20 in addition to ad)
- Housecleaning
- Legal/Professional
- Plumbing
- Moving/Storage
- Painting
- Pet Care
- Repair/Handyperson
- Window Cleaning
- Tax/Finance/Insurance
- Transportation

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*(Other suggested custom heading)*

Fill out your ad here. Be sure to include contact information. Phone numbers, email addresses, websites, and symbols (&, +, @, etc.) are counted as one word. Hyphenated words are counted as two words. Please print clearly. See other side for pricing information and specific details for your ad. For more information, please contact Adrienne at Areed@the-villages.com or 408-223-4657.

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Amount per week: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of weeks: \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

## Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

**Reminder to all small pet owners:** A recent rise in coyote aggression has been seen with small dogs, most unleashed. **Please always leash your pets. Keep leashes short.** Coyotes will try to get between you and your pet if the leash is extended far enough. Coyotes are known to attack leashed dogs when the owner gets distracted. Please stay cautious and aware of your surroundings when cleaning up after your pet, talking to a neighbor, checking the mail, etc. Coyotes are opportunists and may make their attacks when you are not paying attention.

Carry a noise maker and always be alert. Use caution when walking past wooded areas, hiding spots between homes, and the golf course. They are widespread in The Villages and can truly be anywhere.

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

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

## Report Coyote Activity

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

## Concert Band...

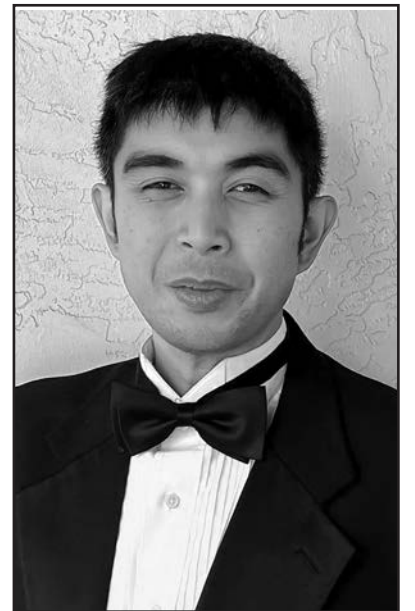
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play every note.” Conductor Melson Varsovia plays the bassoon, sings tenor, and also conducts. He performs with several groups in the South Bay, Los Angeles, San Jose, and in other states. The Concert Band with about 25 members includes Villagers, non-Villagers, and students who receive Band Fellowship Awards from the Villages Music Society. For more information on the band, see [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) or email Pam Pierson at [pierson@gmail.com](mailto:pierson@gmail.com).

Phil Renteria, new to the band, remarked, “I constantly feel I am part of something special. The fellow musicians welcome newcomers. They are very helpful. You meet new people and establish friendships. Our conductor makes playing music fun, and brings the best out of everyone. As a member of The Villages Concert Band, I help create music and have fun doing it.”

Christy Reid, a member of 22 years, sees providing a concert to the Villages as a “positive way to volunteer!”

Perhaps your experience is similar to Vic Clifford’s: “It was over 30 years since I had last played and a friend got me interested in picking up the clarinet again.” A flood of memories made him realize the void in his life being filled by playing for an audience with other talented people. “It’s a great mental exercise,” he emphasized. Members of the band invite you to come and meet them some Tuesday evening.



Melson Varsovia  
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# Happy New Year

Geoff and I hope that you have had the most wonderful Holiday season and we hope to hear from you in 2023. It is our New Years resolution to help many residents make their move in 2023. *Lisa & Geoff Gault*



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**408-202-1959**

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Here are some of your neighbors homes that we have sold. We wish them all the best as they move into a new chapter of their lives.

Welcome to the new Villagers that are here in their new homes, making new friends.

*Hope to see you all in 2023!*