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

By Pamela Pierson

Come and join in! Bring your instrument to an open house for the Villages Concert Band on Tuesday, January 10. Rehearsals run from 7 to 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 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 some-  
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Melson Varsovia  
Photo by Eric Pierson

## Modified Golf Course Walking Notice

Monday, January 16 is a holiday schedule due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The golf course will be open for play at 7 a.m. Pedestrians on the golf course will be limited to before 7 a.m. and after dusk.

Please be safe. Thank you for your cooperation!



### 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.

## Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of November 2022

### Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of November 2022

Total revenue was \$33,200 (2.9 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$1,159,300. The most significant favorable to budget revenue category was Pro Shop merchandise sales (actual \$15,500 vs. budget of \$11,000). Other notable favorable to budget revenue categories were late fee income and other income (citation income, A/V services). The most significant unfavorable to budget revenue category was food/bar sales with a combined negative variance of \$28,900, or 12 percent (actual \$212,100 vs. budget of \$241,000). Other notable unfavorable to budget revenue categories were guest room rentals (\$2,800 actual vs. budget of \$7,000) and resident activities income (\$0 actual vs budget of \$8,000).

Total expenses were \$8,400 favorable to budget, or 0.8 percent less than the budget of \$1,104,800. The most significant favorable to budget expense category was employee expense, with a positive variance of \$64,100, or 8.6 percent (actual \$682,200 vs. budget of \$746,400) with unfilled budgeted positions in the Restaurant, Public Safety, Pro Shop, Community Activities (A/V Techs) and Facilities (Project Manager). Other notable favorable to budget expense categories for the month were as follows: 1) resident activities expense (actual \$2,700 vs. budget of \$11,700) offset with lower revenue, 2) Comcast expense (actual \$83,900 vs. budget of \$92,400) due to new contract less than budget, and 3) operating supplies (actual \$20,000 vs. budget of \$24,400). Highlights of unfavorable to budget expense categories were the following: 1) repair and maintenance (actual \$42,800 vs. budget of \$28,400) due to timing of carpet cleaning, solar panel cleaning and repairs at pools/Corporation Yard, 2) professional fees (actual \$37,500 vs. budget of \$2,800) due to General Manager search related expenses and HR consultant (offset in salaries), 3) electricity expense (actual \$24,100 vs. budget of \$19,000) mostly at the golf course, Clubhouse and Cribari Center, and 4) gas expense (actual \$18,200 vs. budget of \$13,800) mostly at Cribari Center, Vineyard Pool and Clubhouse).

The net negative operating budget variance for The net positive operating budget variance for the month of November was \$24,800. See table below.

### November 2022 Club Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,126,100	\$1,159,300	\$ -33,200
Expenses	\$1,096,400	\$1,104,800	\$ 8,400
Net	\$ 29,700	\$ 54,500	\$ -24,800

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PULSE

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

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

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. 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.

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

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

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.

Some residents believe that Villagers should not be held responsible for traffic violations by relatives/friends. This is contrary to maintaining a safe environment within our community. Guests are permitted access to The Villages by residents who notify Public Safety that a relative or friend is coming to visit. It is our responsibility to caution visitors to maintain safe driving practices in our community. Without holding residents responsible for traffic violations by guests, this practice would continue compromising pedestrian/vehicle safety inside our community. This traffic rule is common in other gated communities.

It should be noted Villagers are not responsible for traffic violations by vendors and personal service providers.

—Howie Blumstein

As a volunteer at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park (HCRSP) I've learned about the amazing longevity and resilience of redwoods. They are true survivors, with regenerative powers even after the worse disasters. Even the redwoods in Big Basin Park that were severely damaged by fire last year are expected to come back.

In walking the golf course I've seen several redwood trees that look somewhat sickly, probably due to drought. But in most cases, there are still green sprouts on branches or at the base of trees. With more rain, I'm confident these magnificent trees will thrive if we give them time.

I don't know who makes the decisions to cut trees, but I've seen many trees suddenly disappear in the past that were very much alive. I'm hoping we won't find these recovering redwoods chopped down before they have a chance to come back. I would be happy to be part of a group that evaluates the trees and could bring in a botanist/ranger from HCRSP to advise.

The many beautiful trees make our golf course unique, and far superior to municipal courses. Let's let the redwoods flourish so we can all enjoy the natural beauty of the Villages.

—Patty Burke

### Publisher's Comment:

Dear Ms. Burke,

I want to thank you for your pulse letter and comments on the Redwood trees specifically on the golf course. We all should pride ourselves in protecting and being exceptional stewards of our natural resources. I wanted to let you know that we had a kickoff meeting with an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist last week to partner with us to review the trees on the golf course and in the community. While I cannot speak to the disappearance of trees from the golf course in the past, I can advise that most recently the team has adhered to the City of San Jose Tree Removal process. Your comments and thoughts on how trees are managed in the community leave me pause to reflect that there is an opportunity to educate the Villages on the process we have most recently and will be adhering to in the future.

—Theresa Ostrander, Villages General Manager

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and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5, 11, 26 & 28

## IN MEMORIAM

**Marlene Wilde**

**August 30, 1932—November 19, 2022**

*(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)*

A memorial gathering will be held at a future date for family and friends.

**Don Willey**

**August 9, 1940—December 2, 2022**

Services will be held at the Clubhouse on January 22, 2023 at 2 p.m. To attend, please email ddwilley@aol.com by January 16.

### 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

## “Ask the ABOD”

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

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



## THE ASSOCIATION

### Water Conservation

I know. It's been raining, so why write about water conservation? Well, unfortunately, California is still in a severe drought situation. Reservoirs are empty, the snowpack is light, and we do still need to save water.

But there's good news! According to the December water billing, our water use is down by 45 percent compared to December of 2020. That's a significant savings, and primarily reflects our efforts to conserve water used on landscaping. Given that water is the largest single expense on your HOA bill, that's saving all of us money.

There are many ways that we can save water in our homes, too. You've all heard about turning the water off when shaving or brushing your teeth, or saving that bucket full of water when warming up the shower. There are quite a few other suggestions at the Valley Water website. Go to [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) for ideas.

Here's one I hadn't heard of. You can't wash your car with a hose in The Villages anymore, because it just wastes water. Valley Water estimates that a commercial car wash uses 35 gallons of water per car. A home car wash with the garden hose uses 140 gallons. Yikes! So, take your car to the commercial car wash, drive a clean car, and save water. "But I used to wash my car once each week and I don't really want to take it to the car wash that often." I looked on [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) for ideas and came up with this:

Evidently, there are a number of 'waterless car wash' products. These are spray on, wipe off applications. The liquid contains a gentle car wash solution that can be used for spot cleaning or for your whole car. These are available at Amazon, Target, Home Depot, and other stores. I also found articles about waterless car wash products in *Car and Driver*, *Autogeeek*, and other online magazines.

### 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)

## Welcome New Residents! New Resident Orientation Scheduled 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.

## The Bulky Bins are back!

Green Team Bulky Bins for disposal of bulky items are scheduled to be delivered from Wednesday, January 18 to Friday, January 20, 2023.

The delivery time is between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. No guaranteed delivery time. Please be patient.

The following materials are **NOT** allowed in these big bulky bins:

No concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators/freezers, medical or hazardous waste.

Garbage is not allowed inside the bulky bins— no exceptions. Contaminated boxes will not be removed from the premises until all garbage has been removed.

Please comply with the above so that we can continue with this free service of the bulky bins again.

The bins will be located at the usual areas:

- Cribari East parking lot
- Cribari West parking lot
- Foothill Center parking lot
- Montgomery Center parking lot

## 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.

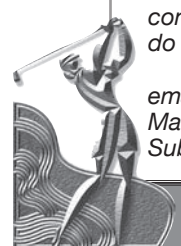
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*The What I Love About The Villages column is a place where you can share your positive comments about The Villages community. (To be in compliance with VGCC Rule 1.30, please do not name businesses or other commercial, religious or political entities.)*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

AHA Auxilio-HomeAide "When You Can't, Together We Can"

Our premier person-centered in-home caregiver and personal concierge services allow people of all ages to live with dignity in the comfort of their home while maintaining their independence.

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**More BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Operating Financial Commentary...**

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Year-to-date (five months), revenue is \$64,000 favorable to budget, 1.1 percent higher than the budget of \$5,820,000. Year-to-date, expenses are \$353,000 favorable to budget, 6 percent less than the budget of \$5,906,000. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$417,000.** See table below for results by department. The monthly solar lease payments and contribution to the balloon payment fund (to be paid in September 2023) are being funded from a portion of the FY22 Operating surplus. The year-to-date total for these two items is \$105,000.

**The Villages Golf and Country Club**  
**Summary Club Operating Budget FY23**  
**For Five Months ended November 30, 2022**

Department	Revenues (\$)			Expenditures (\$)			FY 23 Net (\$)	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance		
<b>G&amp;A</b>	442,000	430,000	12,000	311,000	405,000	94,000	106,000	
<b>Maintenance Admin</b>	75,000	74,000	1,000	64,000	67,000	3,000	4,000	
<b>Golf Course/Pro Shop</b>	1,266,000	1,253,000	13,000	1,217,000	1,259,000	42,000	55,000	
<b>Community Activities</b>	435,000	480,000	-45,000	374,000	461,000	87,000	42,000	
<b>Community Centers</b>	334,000	334,000	0	345,000	336,000	-9,000	-9,000	
<b>Public Safety</b>	532,000	530,000	3,000	511,000	540,000	29,000	32,000	
<b>Pools</b>	98,000	98,000	0	107,000	92,000	-15,000	-15,000	
<b>Clubhouse/Restaurant</b>	1,722,000	1,634,000	88,000	1,696,000	1,685,000	-11,000	77,000	
<b>All Other</b>	980,000	987,000	-8,000	928,000	1,061,000	133,000	125,000	
<b>Totals</b>	5,884,000	5,820,000	64,000	5,553,000	5,906,000	353,000	417,000	

All Other shows a \$125,000 net positive variance due to favorable water expense, Comcast expense, and repair and maintenance. G&A has posted a \$106,000 net positive variance due to reduced employee expenses with the vacancy in the General Manager position for most of the first four months of the fiscal year. Clubhouse/Restaurant shows a \$77,000 net positive variance due to favorable food sales. Golf Course/Pro Shop shows a \$55,000 net positive variance from favorable green fees, savings in employee expenses and tree trimming (timing), offset by more than planned electricity and pest control expenses.

Community Activities shows a \$42,000 net positive variance from favorable employee expenses and advertising income. Public Safety has posted a \$32,000 net positive variance due to less than planned employee expenses. Pools have a \$9,000 net negative variance from higher than planned repair and maintenance, gas, and electricity expenses.

**Association Operating Statement Review**

*For the month of November 2022*

Revenue was \$400 (0.04 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$1,014,200 due to less than planned laundry concession fees.

Expenses for the month were \$23,000 (2.5 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$937,500.

Notable **favorable** to budget expense category for the month was the following:

- Planting Expense, \$14,500 (75.5 percent) less than budget (actual \$4,700 vs. budget of \$19,200)

Significant **unfavorable** to budget expense category for the month was the following:

- Insurance Expense, \$37,800 (15 percent) more than budget (actual \$290,300 vs. budget of \$252,500) due to impact of 2022 property insurance renewal effective May 30, 2022

**The net negative operating budget variance for the month of November was \$23,400.** See table below.

**November 2022 Association Operating Results**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	\$1,013,800	\$1,014,200	\$ -400
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 960,500	\$ 937,500	\$ -23,000
<b>Net</b>	\$ 53,300	\$ 76,700	\$ -23,400

Year-to-date (five months of operations), total revenue is \$5,071,800, or .01 percent (\$700) more than the budget of \$5,071,000. Year-to-date, operating expenses are \$5,142,200, or 4.6 percent (\$249,400) less than the budget of \$5,391,600. The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in water expense, repair and maintenance, planting expense and irrigation maintenance, offset by more than planned insurance expense and operating supplies. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$250,100.**

**Homeowners' Operating Statement Review**

*For the month of May 2022*

**November 2022 Non-Estates Operating Results**

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

Non-Estates revenue was short of budget by \$2 (rounding) at \$3,900 for the month. November expenses were \$238 favorable to budget, 6 percent less than the budget of \$3,961, due to less than planned legal fees (\$112) and insurance

expense (\$126). The net positive operating budget variance for the month of November was \$236.

Year-to-date (five months of operations), total revenue is \$19,502, short of budget by \$8 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$18,615, less than budget by \$1,190 (6 percent). The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in insurance expense and legal fees. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$1,182.**

**November 2022 Estates Operating Results**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>	\$16,004	\$ 16,003	\$ 1
<b>Expenses</b>	\$13,592	\$ 13,094	\$ -498
<b>Net</b>	\$ 2,412	\$ 2,909	\$ -497

Estates revenue for the month tracked budget at \$16,004. November expenses were \$498 unfavorable to budget, 3.8 percent more than the budget of \$13,094, mostly due to more than planned irrigation maintenance and planting expenses. The net negative operating budget variance for the month of November was \$497.

Year-to-date (five months of operations), total revenue is \$80,018, higher than budget by \$3 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$81,160, less than budget by \$7,741 (8.7 percent). The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in water and planting expenses. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$7,743.**

**Winter Season Readiness**

The winter season is here and bringing along cold air conditions, rain, and windstorms. (Winter officially began December 21 and will end March 20.)

Maintenance staff takes proactive measures before storms and responds to urgent needs during and after storms. Staff and licensed contractors clear storm drains in the common area and clear streets and gutters, downspouts, and roofs of debris. In addition, to minimize potential flood conditions, staff inspects and removes vegetation and clears drains at the three creek corridors. Furthermore, at Association and Club water features, staff inspects water fill levels and maintains overall conditions.

For safer conditions near your home, it is important to be prepared and to respond to winter related conditions. You can take the following precautions and action to keep your home in a safer condition:

**How May I Prepare for the Winter Season?**

1. Periodically inspect and service your heating mechanical system (using qualified contractor services).
2. 1. Periodically inspect and service your fireplace (using qualified contractor services).
3. Periodically inspect and service your skylight, sun tunnels and sunrooms (using qualified contractor services).
4. As needed, replace weather stripping at entry doors, garage doors and patio doors.
5. Keep exterior windows and doors closed during wind and rain storms.
6. As applicable, secure shade umbrellas and retract all awnings during windy conditions.
7. Periodically inspect and service **owner-maintained** patio covers, gutters and downspouts (using qualified contractor services).
8. For Association condo homes, if there are areas near your home that experience water entry, please contact Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670 or workorder@the-villages.com. Staff will create a work order for inspection and, as needed, take corrective measures. Depending upon the incident, staff will provide and use sandbags.
9. For single-family homes and for Association condo homes, as desired, you may locate and stage sandbags ahead of time. Valley Water and the City of San Jose offer free filled sandbags for residents of Santa Clara County. Several pickup sites are open from late November through April each season. The nearest pickup sites in San Jose are at:

- The City Central Service Yard, 1661 Senter Road at Phelan Ave., San Jose, CA 95122.
- The Valley Water Winfield Warehouse, 5905 Winfield Blvd., between Blossom Hill Rd. and Coleman Ave. Sandbag pickup street access only.

**How to Respond to Winter Weather Incidents?**

1. For Association condo homes, if water enters your home through doors, walls, floors, ceilings or other ways, please contact Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670 or workorder@the-villages.com. After hours, contact Public Safety at 408-223-4665. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner and with appropriate resources.

2. If any significant tree branches or trees fall onto your home or other property, contact Maintenance Services at 408-223-4670. After hours, contact Public Safety at 408-223-4665. We will dispatch crews to safely remove the tree debris and, as needed, perform repairs.

—Maintenance Services



# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### *Hermosa DAC to meet January 26*

The Hermosa DAC will host a social (BYOB) and a DAC meeting at Foothill center on Thursday, January 26, 2023. The social starts 5:30 p.m. and the DAC Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

## 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

### *EPC: New year—some important reminders*

EPC members hope that your holidays were merry and wish all Villagers a very happy, healthy New Year. We hope that your New Year's resolutions include a resolve to prepare your households for the inevitable emergency. It is easy to delay, to ignore, to approach it with apathy, but doing so is at your own peril.



So, like Jiminy Cricket, we are here to repeat these critical reminders:

- The Villages – and the Emergency Preparedness Committee – do not have the resources, space or supplies to support residents for an extended period - **prepare!** Stockpile, have Go-Bags ready. See EPC website for Go-Bag contents at [thevillagesepc.com](http://thevillagesepc.com).
- The Villages – and the Emergency Preparedness Committee

– cannot be counted on to provide food service, ice deliveries, auxiliary power, medication or water delivery, etc. **Be prepared!** Consider what you will do today, not when an emergency hits. That's simply too late!

• The Villages is not an assisted living property. The Emergency Preparedness Committee will communicate and assist to the extent it can, but your welfare is your sole responsibility. **Be prepared, have a plan, stay informed through Nixel**, a free service for Villages notifications. Sign up at [thevillagesepc.com](http://thevillagesepc.com).

## 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

### Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board Quarterly Meeting is Thursday, March 9, at 9 a.m. via Zoom, location TBA Meeting ID: 975 5873 6401; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 669-900-6833

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### *Postage price increase*

The USPS new rates take effect January 22, 2023. The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 60 cents to 63 cents. This will raise First-Class Mail prices 4.2 percent to offset the rise in inflation.

The price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 48 cents. A one-ounce letter to a foreign destination will increase to \$1.45. There will be no increase to the additional ounce which remains at 24 cents. There are also increases to Special Services and Priority Mail packaging.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Visit our Villages Contract Station for further information.

### *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.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	MC
6 p.m.	Chinese Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, January 7

9 a.m.	Quilters	PR
9 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Dog Club	GP
12 p.m.	VAT Auditions Spring	A
5 p.m.	Republican Club	FC

## Sunday, January 8

6:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Jewish Board Retreat	VC
10 a.m.	Comm. Chapel Services	A
10 a.m.	Open sewing	PR
5 p.m.	Catholic Choir Party	RED
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Line Dance	CR

## Monday, January 9

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Board	F
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Board	FC
10 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	CR
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Comm.	V
1 p.m.	Stitchery	F
2 p.m.	VAT Auditions Spring	VC
4 p.m.	EPC New Sector Chiefs	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

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)

## Tuesday, January 10

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Club Rules Committee	V
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
11 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	CR
11 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	F
2 p.m.	Crafters Club	MC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
2:30 p.m.	Art Film	CR
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	F
5 p.m.	Music Society Board	F
6 p.m.	Concert Band	A
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC

## Wednesday, January 11

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	VMA Executive Board	MC
10 a.m.	Israeli Folk Dance	CR
10 a.m.	VMA Board	MC
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
1 p.m.	VMA Health Fair Team	SEQ
3:30 p.m.	Evergreen Foundation Board	F
4 p.m.	Senior Academy Member Event	CH
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Prep	A

7 p.m. Duplicate Bridge RED

## Thursday, January 12

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Communications Committee	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Villages Golf Orientation	CR
3 p.m.	Korean Book Club	MC
3 p.m.	Chapel Choir	FC
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	CR
3:45 p.m.	Pickleball Board	F
7 p.m.	Folksters	VC

## Friday, January 13

8 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Line Dance Class	A
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 .m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Brandeis World Today	CR



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

## Fitness Center

Daily  
12:00 & 6:00

## Fitness

1:00 & 7:00  
Mon – Sat  
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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

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Daily  
4:30 & 10:30



## Club Events & Notices



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## 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!

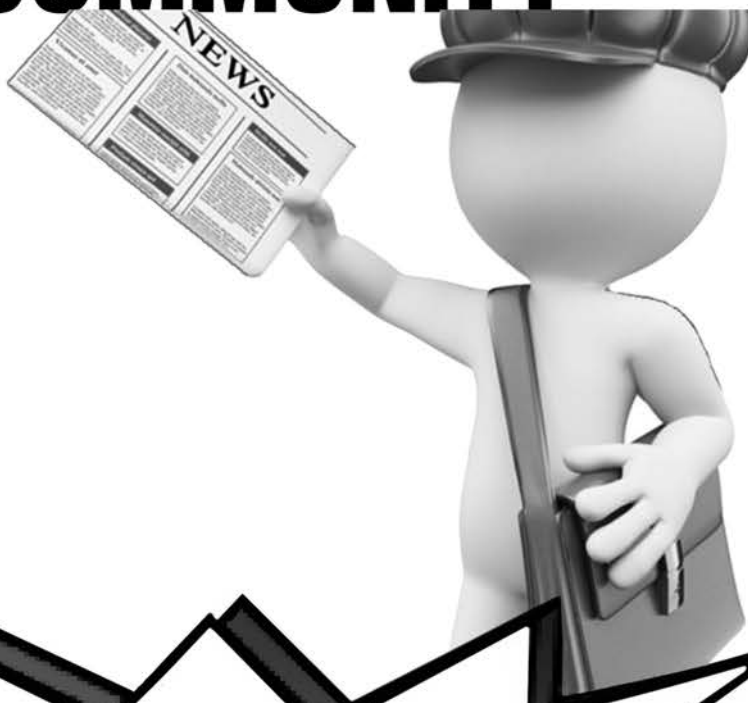
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# CLUB CALENDARS

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## ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at [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 [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com)

**January 10:** Free Art Film: Audubon – Drawn from Nature. Tuesday, Cribari Conference Room, 2:30 p.m. 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 layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday** – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:30 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.

**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 afterward!

**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.

**Ramble 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, call 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 a.m. departure.



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# THE CLUBHOUSE

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

## WHAT'S COOKING?

[theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)  
For **Curbside Grab-and-Go Service**, call in your order at **408-370-8553**. Call again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle.

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

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

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



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

### Clubhouse is open for full service

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

- **Patio and Bistro Dining** reservations for the patio are for 6 or more persons.
- **The Bistro alcove** can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people.
- **The kitchen will still close at 8 p.m.**, last seating at the Bistro, Patio, curbside takeout and Restaurant main dining room is 7:30 p.m.
- **Bistro Bar closes at 9 p.m. Last call is at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dress code for the main dining room will be enforced. During summer months, dress shorts and dress sandals will be allowed.
- Seating capacity will be at 100 percent.
- Visitors do not have to be accompanied by Villagers to use Clubhouse.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.
- Villagers will not have to sign in for indoor seating.

**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.**

#### 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.

### 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 1/9 to 1/15

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 9</b>	Chicken Mulligatawny
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 10</b>	Tomato Basil
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 11</b>	Napa Cabbage and Potstickers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 12</b>	Cream of Mushroom
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 13</b>	Clam Chowder
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 14</b>	Chef's Choice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 15</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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sandwiches**  
Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

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

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

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

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

**Naan Flatbread Pizzas Red Sauce and Mozzarella**  
Gluten Free Crust Sub \$2

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

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

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

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

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

**Breakfast Menu**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Coffee \$1.95**



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

**Starbucks Americano \$2.50**

**Starbucks Latte/Cappuccino \$3.25**

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

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

**Three Egg Omelet \$10.95**  
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$2 each, Bay Shrimp \$3.00, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

**Skillet Scrambler \$10.95**  
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$2 each, Bay Shrimp \$3, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

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

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

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

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

GF Gluten Free Bread Available

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

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

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

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

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

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

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\$4.95

Flavors of the Day

**Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes**

June 22

**Weekly Specials**

For the week of  
1/9 to 1/15

**Lunch Specials:**

Monday 1/9 to Sunday 1/15  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Cheese Tortellini with Gorgonzola and Walnuts:** In Garlic Cream Sauce **\$16.50**

**Grilled Teriyaki Salmon Salad:** Marinated Salmon, Cucumber, Water Chestnuts, Carrots, Edamame and Bean Sprouts over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing. **\$19.95**

**Dinner Specials:**

Tuesday 1/10 to Friday 1/15  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Osso Bucco:** Braised Veal Shank with Garlic Gremolata with Choice of Sides. **Market Price**

**Spaghetti and Meatballs:** With Marinara Sauce. **\$21.50**



### Lunch Menu

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

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

**Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**½ Deli and Soup or Salad \$12.95**

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

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

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

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

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

Gluten Free Pizza Crust Available \$ 2.00

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

## Single Diners' Night

Let's Dine Together!

Every Wednesday at The Clubhouse



Shared Table

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

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

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

no corkage will be charged...

## Wednesdays & Thursdays

Dinner Service Only

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

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

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## Bistro Happy Hour

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16oz

2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday

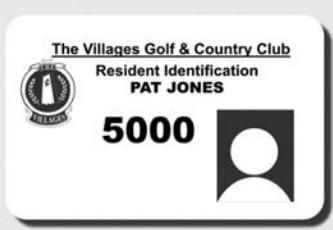
All day on Monday

Prices subject to service charge and tax



**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.



## 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, or on the Villages Resident Portal: 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.



## Available now!



### Clubhouse Whole Rotisserie Chicken is Here!

Call Curbside: 408-370-8553  
Or Website:  
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.



## 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.**

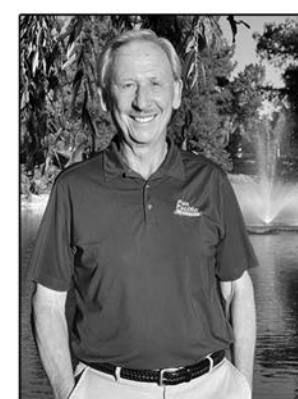
Furthermore, accompany your leashed pet at all times while outside. Do not let go of the leash or tie your animal to trees or other objects. An unattended leash not only attracts the attention of coyotes, but is also a tripping hazard to other walkers.

## 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.



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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.





# 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 is now reservation-only***

Beginning January 1, 2023, the Sequoia Room is no longer a drop-in space. The room is now a reservable meeting room seven days a week to accommodate the growing need for meeting spaces. The Redwood Room and Terrace Room Lounge are still 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.

## ***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

## ***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 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

## Canine Companions reps to speak at Dog Club meeting — note location change

By Barbara Sunseri

The Villages Dog Club invites everyone to come and join them on January 7, 2023, 10 a.m. in the **Conference Room**, across from the Auditorium. Please note the location change because of rain. 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.



## Tai Chi Club moves indoors!

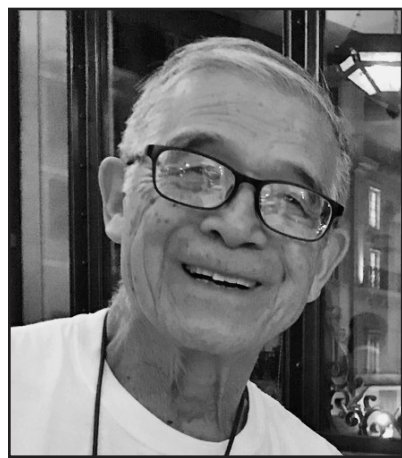
The Tai Chi Club has been practicing regularly at the Cribari patio. We are currently on our holiday break through January 5. However, we are very pleased to announce that starting Tuesday, January 10 we will be moving indoors to the Cribari Conference Room. Practice will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.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

## 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

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:

- 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)

## 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)



## 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.

## Senior Academy invites all to annual meeting

Every Villager is welcomed to the Senior Academy meeting on January 11, 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 hope 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)

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More CLUBS

## Join Republican Club 2023 Kickoff this Saturday

By Cathy Pope

Welcome the New Year by joining the Villages Republican Club for our first 2023 General Meeting this Saturday, 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 Hannukah, and a joyous holiday season. We look forward to getting together again in friendship and purpose.

RSVP to Jean Corrigan at 408-223-8676 or jeanmcorrigan36@gmail.com. The deadline has been extended to Friday, January 6.



## Arts and Crafts to host 2023 Juried Art Show

By Michael Sunzeri

The Arts and Crafts Association is once again announcing their upcoming Annual Members Juried Show. Get your best work ready to enter this popular show with a history dating back to 2007. On Wednesday, February 22 between 1 – 1:30 p.m. we will be accepting works of art in the Art Room. The five categories are: 1. Watercolor. 2. Oil or Acrylic. 3. Mixed Media, Collage. 4. Dry Media of Pen, Pencil, Pastels & Charcoal. 5. 3D, Sculpture including Ceramics.

Artists will find an entry form on our website at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) or in our Cribari Mail slot by mid-January. Our Exhibit Display and Artists Reception are both in the Cribari Conference Room. The display is assembled on Thursday, February 23 at 11 a.m. Our Artists Reception, open to friends and neighbors, is also February 23 from 1 – 3 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee for artists' works and the artist may enter two works but they must be in different categories. The artist must be an Arts & Crafts Member. If you are not a member, please submit \$10 and the Membership application to our Treasurer. Submit the Juried Show Entry form with \$5 to Michael Sunzeri. The deadline to enter the show is February 17, 2023.



## Learn tips and tricks for taking top-notch wildlife photos

By Pamela Pierson

Photographer and adventurer Alyce Bender shares her tips and tricks in a free Zoom presentation “Wildlife Photography” on Monday, January 16 from 7-9 p.m. for Villagers and the Villages Camera Club (VCC). Non-Villagers can get a Zoom link by contacting Ray Blinde at 408-406-6054 or [rwblinde@earthlink.net](mailto:rwblinde@earthlink.net).

Alyce Bender inspires photographers to capture portfolio-worthy wildlife images while connecting with nature. Topics in the presentation include finding wildlife, dressing for the occasion, in-field techniques, thoughts on composition, suggested gear, and maintaining ethical wildlife photography practices. Her goal is to give participants a “broad base of understanding for wildlife photography” to capture images of animals that draw attention to nature. Sharing both visual art and in-field experiences, she promotes conservation and creativity to connect others with wildlife, the natural environment and ethical photography. Her work has been recognized nationally and internationally, such as in “Journal of Wildlife Photography.” Find examples of her work at [abenderphotography.com](http://abenderphotography.com)



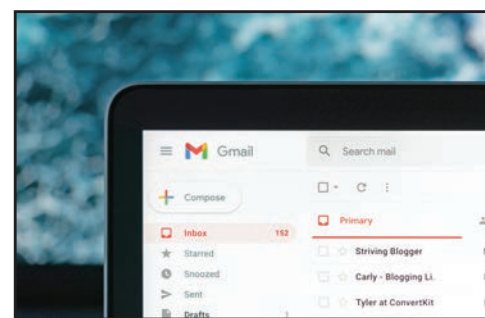
Alyce Bender

The VCC program committee includes Linda Koski, Kathy Baechle, Richard James, and Ernie Murata. Camera Club members can participate in monthly competitions. Go to [villagescameraclub.com](http://villagescameraclub.com) for a slideshow of the latest winners and honorable mentions. The Camera Club is a member of the Northern California Council of Camera Clubs (N4C) and The Photographic Society of America (PSA). You can join the VCC for \$30, which supports competitions and programs.

Beginner through advanced photographers can join Bender's photography adventures in California, in the United States, and around the world. Through providing group travel adventures and courses, she promotes conservation, creativity, and ethical photography. Respect for your subjects and their environments should always be a photographer's first consideration, she believes.

## 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](http://VillagesSA.org).

## Village Readers: Do you want to join a book group?

A meeting of The Village Readers Club will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at Montgomery Center. Any Villager who would like to join an existing group or to form a new group is invited to attend. There are currently 13 book groups, each with eight to 10 members. Each book group is managed independently and functions differently, from the genre of books read to the snacks provided. Groups usually meet once a month in members' homes. If you love to read, want to make new friends, and enjoy interesting book discussions, please attend. Please contact Trudy Nicholls at [trudy\\_nicholls@hotmail.com](mailto:trudy_nicholls@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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## Sign up for Deconstructed Watercolor class



Winter doldrums and rain got you down? Enliven your days with learning a new skill or honing a previously learned skill! Doug Canepa has a different approach to watercolor painting. Instead of plunging in with a whole landscape or seascape, Doug takes apart the scene by deconstructing it. He leads you into painting the separate elements—a tree, a rock, a sky, a mountain—on small pieces of paper. Then he helps you put them together in a whole scene. This is an easy way to approach watercolor.

Doug's Watercolor Class is on Wednesdays, January 25 – March 1, from 10 am until 12:30 pm in the Cribari Center Art Room. Price is \$60, and the materials list is on our website, [villegesartsandcrafts.org](http://villegesartsandcrafts.org)

Register at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) before January 18.

## Long term solutions for utility increases? Try solar

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Club



In light of the recent PG&E notification that not only are electricity prices increasing, gas will be as well, for the New Year you may want to consider roof-top solar. April 15 is the deadline for grandfathering those who have roof-top solar (NEM.2) not to be subject to the decrease of credit

in NEM.3 (net energy metering) payback.

If you are considering roof-top solar, the Solar Energy Team within The Sustainable Villages Club is here to assist you through the application process with The Villages. Single Family Home-owners can receive more immediate approval because they own their roof and Association members have a three to four month process (most likely will not meet the deadline). If you do not meet the April 15th deadline for install for PG&E billing (to be part of NEM.2), you still have the 30 percent federal tax credit until 2032.

Whatever steps you may take, you can resolve in 2023 New Year to reduce the carbon footprint and improve sustainable practices for a better tomorrow.

If roof-top solar is not for you, consider Solar Choice—for a small monthly fee to PG&E (less than \$5) you can choose to have your energy supplied to you from renewable energy. For more information from our Solar Energy Team, email [drmaxa@comcast.net](mailto:drmaxa@comcast.net).

## VMA: Organizing meds for your peace of mind

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Programs

Keeping medications in order can tax the most detailed-oriented person. “Oh my, did I take that pill or not?” “I can’t believe I forgot to call in my prescription!” “Do I take this medication in the morning or evening?”

On Tuesday, January 24 at 1 p.m. at Vineyard Center, learn a peace-of-mind way to organize medications. Join Amy Wang RN, FNP, PA-C for an informative, interactive VMA workshop “Organize Your Meds for Peace of Mind.”

A popular speaker with VMA on Longevity and Vibrant Health, Amy will cover how to:

- How—Organization methods and timing suggestions for safety and compliance
- Where—Best place to keep your organized box recommendations
- When—Recommendation for common drugs, such as Statins for cholesterol, Hormones such as thyroid supplements, and Blood Pressure medications

• What—What ought to be on your medications sheet and to be with you at all times in case of an emergency and/or doctor’s appointment.

Amy invites participants to bring their current pill container or medication system to the presentation. She will evaluate them for effectiveness and possible improvements. Amy also invites all to bring their questions about medication management to the talk.

Amy is founder of Ready2 Nurse, a Home Health Care agency. Her professional focus is to help seniors stay in their homes. Amy holds an MS in Primary Care Medicine from Stanford School of Medicine. She is also board certified as a Nurse Practitioner. Since 2007, Amy has served in Senior Care.

Reservations requested as space is limited. Call VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029.



Amy Wang



## Join ukulele players at Vineyard

Attention: Ukulele players and wannabe ukulele players! Come join us every Thursday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Vineyard Center for playing the ukulele, singing and treats. Questions? Contact Bill Rodman at 408-274-4521.

### SNAPSHOT OF THE VILLAGES REAL ESTATE MARKET COMPARISON 2021 TO 2022

This snapshot covers both condominiums and single-family homes for the period of 12/1/2022 to 12/31/2022 and the period of 12/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

PROPERTY TYPE	ACTIVE	IN CONTRACT	SOLD 2022	SOLD 2021
<b>CONDOMINIUM</b>	11	4	12	12
<b>\$ Range</b>	\$500,000 to \$1,060,000	\$480,000 to \$1,050,000	\$475,000 to \$1,200,000	\$410,000 To \$930,000
	ACTIVE	IN CONTRACT	SOLD 2022	SOLD 2021
<b>SINGLE FAMILY</b>	0	2	0	1
<b>\$ Range</b>	-	\$1,099,000 To \$1,175,000	\$-	\$1,150,000

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## FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

The Villages Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By Sherle Frost

**“The New Neighbor” by Karen Cleveland:** Idyllic neighborhood, perfect family, meaningful career. CIA analyst Beth Bradford has it all. Until she doesn’t. Now, facing an empty nest and a broken marriage, Beth is moving from the cul-de-sac she’s long called home, and the CIA is removing her from the case that’s long been hers: tracking an elusive Iranian intelligence agent known as The Neighbor. Madeline Sterling moves into Beth’s old house. She has what Beth once had: an adoring husband, three beautiful young children, and the close-knit group of neighbors on the cul-de-sac. Now she has it all. And Beth—who can’t stop watching the woman stepping into her old life—thinks the new neighbor has something else, too—ties to Iranian intelligence. Is Beth just jealous? Paranoid? Or is something more at play? After all, most of the families on the cul-de-sac have some tie to the CIA. They’re all keeping secrets. And they all know more about their neighbors than they should. It would be the perfect place to insert a spy—unless one was there all along. Large Print, 2022.

**“Woman of Light” by Kali Fajardo-Anstine:** Luz “Little Light” Lopez, a tea leaf reader and laundress, is left to fend for herself after her older brother, Diego, a snake charmer and factory worker, is run out of town by a violent white mob. As Luz navigates 1930s Denver on her own, she begins to have visions that transport her to her Indigenous homeland in the nearby Lost Territory. Luz recollects her ancestors’ origins, how her family flourished and how they were threatened. She bears witness to the sinister forces that have devastated her people and their homelands for generations. In the end, it is up to Luz to save her family stories from disappearing into oblivion. Fiction, 2022.

**“Daisy Darker” by Alice Feeney:** After years of avoiding each other, Daisy Darker’s entire family is assembling for Nana’s 80th birthday party in Nana’s crumbling gothic house on a tiny tidal island. Finally, back together one last time, when the tide comes in, they will be cut off from the rest of the world for eight hours. The family arrives, each of them harboring secrets. Then at the stroke of midnight, as a storm rages, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows...Trapped on an island where someone is killing them one by one, the Darkers must reckon with their present mystery as well as their past secrets, before the tide comes in and all is revealed. Fiction, 2022.

**“The Many Daughters of Afong Moy” by Jamie Ford:** As Washington’s former poet laureate, that’s how she describes channeling her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. But when her 5-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has truly come to haunt her. Fearing that her child is predestined to endure the same debilitating depression that has marked her own life, Dorothy seeks radical help. Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy intimately connects with past generations of women in her family: Faye Moy, a nurse in China serving with the Flying Tigers; Zoe Moy, a student in England at a famous school with no rules; Lai King Moy, a girl quarantined in San Francisco during a plague epidemic; Greta Moy, a tech executive with a unique dating app; and Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set foot in America. As painful recollections affect her present life, Dorothy discovers that trauma isn’t the only thing she’s inherited. A stranger is searching for her in each time period. A stranger who’s loved her through all of her genetic memories. Dorothy endeavors to break the cycle of pain and abandonment, to finally find peace for her daughter, and gain the love that has long been waiting, knowing she may pay the ultimate price. Fiction, 2022.

## 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.



**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.**

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.

## 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.



## Ordering Mah Jongg cards—price correction

By Barbara Smith

In the first two weeks Mah Jongg players ordered 58 new cards for 2023. Now that each of us have figured out how we are going to deal with the triple pandemics, we are on our way to regaining players who stopped playing during the Covid pandemic.

Oops! As you know Meril, my husband, helps me each year to prepare articles, collect checks, and prepare the final order at the last week of January. A few of you know that Meril has had several health issues these past few months. When he set up the orders for 2023, he was not at his best and did not see the change in prices for the 2023 Mah Jongg cards. For this, he deeply apologizes.

The actual cost of the large card has gone up from \$10 for the past few years to \$15 for the 2023 cards. The standard card has gone up for \$9 to \$14. We realize this is quite a price hike.

There are two ways we can help solve the problem:

1. Write a second check for \$5 per card and mail it to Barbara or drop it in the mailbox tube at 2067 Folle Blanche Drive by January 22.

Meril will clip the two checks together so we can process each order, deposit the checks, and send in the final order by February 1, so it will arrive in New York by February 4.

2. Call and leave a message for Meril at 408-624-6992 and tell him you want to cancel your order for the 2023 card. Let Meril know if you want him to mail your check back to you or drop it by your home.

I enjoy providing this service to our community each year. Thank you for your support.

## VMA: Volunteer drivers needed

If you like to drive, like the open road, the wind in your hair, your favorite podcast coming through all 12 speakers, but most importantly the satisfaction of helping others...we really need you.

If you could spend some of your extra time to offer fellow Villagers rides to their scheduled medical appointments, or just to get them from point A to B, you would be greatly appreciated and valued.

Please fill out an application; it is available on the VMA Website at vmavillages.org or in the office. Once completed, please drop it off in the office. And thank you in advance.





# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### 'Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord'

By Sr. Patricia Galli, RSM

What is celebrated at the feast of the Epiphany is the revelation of the Incarnation (i.e., God becoming a human being) as a reality that impacts the wideness of all human experience. At Christmas, we see the birth of Jesus in a remote town in an obscure province of the Roman Empire. "What Child is this?" one of the Christmas songs asks.

Slowly, the Gospels, the collective writings of the community that shares this story, reveal what this birth means. Emmanuel, God is with us, is a concrete reality here and now. God is with each of us as we allow His Light to bring us from our own dark places. Even more amazing, this revelation of God with us is a communal, wide reaching experience.

There are three Gospel stories that are used to show the great reality that God is present in us, in others and in the world.

The Coming of the Magi (Matt 2:1-12) shows the little town of Bethlehem visited by those wisdom seekers from afar (the East). The awareness of God with us is beginning to expand!

The Baptism of Jesus occurs (Lk 3:23) when Jesus, as an adult, is called by the Holy Spirit to know himself as "beloved" (Luke 3:22). After a period of self-reflection in the desert, he returns to his home province of Galilee where news of him had spread through out the area. He then begins teaching in synagogues and was welcomed by the larger community. (Luke 4:14).

The Miracle at Cana in John's Gospel (Jn 2: 1-11) tells us the story of Jesus' reluctant miracle that begins his public ministry. You might want to take some time to be with this experience in each of these stories during the time we celebrate the Epiphany, God's manifestation of Himself to the world.

**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.

**Social Justice:** The Catholic Community has resumed its weekly food and clothing drive for the needy. Bring food and gently used personal items like clothes to the 8:15 a.m. Sunday Mass in Cribari. Canned goods with pull tabs are especially needed for the homeless, and don't forget canned fruit. If you don't attend the 8:15 a.m. Mass but want to donate, contact Leona Karayan at 408-223-2325 or travelwithleona@gmail.com

**Planning to entertain children?** Jean Gillette's international collection of 80 enchanting nativity scenes is still available for viewing between now and Jan. 31. Children love them. Call Jean at 408-270-5723 to arrange a time to view them.

**St. Francis of Assisi Sunday Mass times:**

Saturday.	4 p.m.	Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Chapel (Vietnamese)
Sunday.	8 a.m.	Chapel
Sunday.	8:15 a.m.	Villages
	9 a.m.	Gathering Hall
	10 a.m.	Chapel
	11 a.m.	Gathering Hall
	12 p.m.	Chapel
	2 p.m.	Chapel (Spanish)
	4 p.m.	Chapel (Vietnamese)
	6 p.m.	Chapel



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'A Promise of New Beginnings'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Another year has come with its opportunities and challenges to make a difference in our lives. We make promises to others and ourselves with the best of intentions to fulfill them.

There are countless times that people have made New Year's resolutions fueled by a hope of immediate and significant personal development. Those unhealthy habits of overindulgence or the lack of commitment to follow through are at the top of the list to address.

The reality is that some of us take a deep breath and plunge into the task with a fervor, at most, for twenty days (before it becomes a habit). Then something comes up that changes our direction and focus. It's a fact that few smokers quit because of a single moment of resolve. Few obese people have become slim and healthy because of one dramatic moment of commitment. Few people who were deeply in debt have changed their financial lifestyle because they resolved to do so as the old year gave way. Few marriages have been changed because of one dramatic resolution without continual efforts to improve and stay to the task.

People say, "If it isn't broken... why fix it?" Is change important? Yes, it is important for all of us. From the womb until we leave this life, change happens. Is commitment to change essential? Commitment is critical and essential to any personal change we attempt to make. We can make a list of all the changes in our lives that have occurred because of commitments.

When it comes to breaking those deep habitual and unproductive habits, change must originate within the soul of a person. The transforming grace of God allows a person to recognize the greatest results for personal change which comes through Him. There are many people who want to change but lack the heart to make the sacrifice and discipline to change.

I think about my life as a young person desiring not to repeat my father's legacy, which was to run away from commitment when changes happened and things became difficult. As much as I wanted to be different to him, I developed some unhealthy habits that took me away from what I desired in my soul. It was easier to just give into the weakness of my will than to resist and pursue what my heart desired.

It wasn't until I humbly asked God to help me break free of the things that were holding me back and apply the discipline, before real change happened. There can be no change without the discipline of mind, spirit and body to achieve your goals.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP** *Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].*

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

## EPISCOPAL

### 'Made Manifest'

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

"Clear or obvious to the eye or mind." That's the definition of "manifest," which in turn is the definition of the less familiar word "epiphany." Anglican priest and bishop Christopher Wordsworth, nephew of poet William Wordsworth, used the word to poetic advantage in his lovely hymn: "Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the Magi from afar, branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest."

Of course, he was writing about the ancient Christian holiday of Epiphany, commemorating God, made clear and obvious in the Christ child, to the wise men from the East (Matthew 2:1-12). Much additional lore about stars and gifts and even little drummer boys has accrued to this legendary event, but the underlying message remains the same for us in every generation. When that which (or who) is sacred becomes clear and obvious to us, it's worth dropping our other priorities for a moment and following the light we can see. Maybe we're not wise men (perhaps astronomers or astrologers in their time) but we still have journeys to make and gifts to give. Who has made the abiding compassion of God clear or obvious to you in recent days? Do they deserve a visit and a gift from you? Or perhaps even more simply (but no less meaningful), an email or phone call to let them know that they manifest good in your life.

Please join us for Episcopal Services at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Everyone is welcome.



# SPORTS NEWS



## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

The Shonis have returned from our holiday hiatus after closing out 2022 with our holiday/awards luncheon. Our 2022 Club Champion was Jini Kang. Meg Rogers was the most improved. Marty Blinde won for most birdies and Peggy White had the most Captain's trophies (she won a play-off with three other Shonis).

What is a Shoni, you might ask? We are a women's par 3 golf group that plays on Tuesday mornings. You didn't know there was a par 3 course? Yes, you can find it in between the 18 hole courses' holes 1 and 4. Nine challenging greens with lakes, bunkers and small fairways. The longest hole is 135 yards; the shortest, 72 yards.

If you're new to golf, did you get a set of clubs for Christmas or a lesson with a Villages pro? Perhaps you're returning after being away from golf or an injury; or just looking to work on your short game. We welcome all golfers.

Come check us out on the bistro patio near the fountain Tuesday mornings with a shotgun sign in from 9:30 a.m.-10:10 a.m. with tee off at 10:30 a.m. (during the winter months). All guests are welcome. For more information, please contact our membership chair, Fran Schumaker, at ftschumaker@gmail.com or Captain, Betty Hall, at eahall49@yahoo.com.

## PINSEEKERS

By Jack Bindon (Subbing for Jim White)

December 23—One last time in 2022. This is the last Sweeps report for the year and it was a fair weather day before the rain set in. Here are your winners:

First place goes to Don Lee for his net 34, giving him \$4 and 4 points. In second place we have Martin Hoek with a net 35, which was good for \$3 and 3 points. In third place we have a tie between Lee Thompson and Jim White, both with even par 36 giving them \$2 and 2 points each. In fourth place at a net 37 we have another tie between John Mueller and Patrick McMordie. Each receives \$1 and 1 point.

The putter "trophy" will remain in my custody since I had the low putts at 16. We have one more "opportunity" for the month of December on the 30th. The weatherman may not cooperate since there is some rain predicted (90 percent). We shall see if that happens. By the way it is a no sweeps day so no Pinseeker card will be prepared. If you play, prepare your own card and clearly note the number of putts taken...It could mean a bottle of wine. The contest will only be in play if we have a minimum of 10 players braving the elements. Be sure that you post your own score after the round. James will not be doing that.

As a PS to this article, the Tee Sheet on December 30 showed only four players signed up for our regular tee times and one at an earlier tee time. As a result there will be no putting contest involved even if any of those rounds were completed. We need at least 10 players involved and at least three play days; neither were recorded. Sorry Guys, hope for better weather in 2023.

## BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando

Captains are important and necessary in having a successful and organized team.

Jean Corrigan is one of many who have been a captain for eight-plus years and a good example of being a bocce captain.

Loyal and dedicated members of Jean's team, the Ladybugs & Bullfrogs, for the 2022 bocce season are in the above photo. Jean also volunteers as a captain for a Mixer team every year as well as the "Pink Ladies" an all-women's team. Having returning players on her team each year, Jean is always in the mix for winning any given tournament and has won first place several times over the years. Friends and team members report that Jean makes tournaments not only competitive but fun with everyone bringing goodies, shared after practice once a week and "damnit dolls" she has made for each team member for venting during tournament play. Fun, friendship and having a good time is always present when a member on her team. The board and club salute you, Jean, and other veteran captains, for their commitment and dedication to the sport of bocce.



Ladybugs & Bullfrogs 2022 team members, Noel Lanctot, Suzie Cortese, Kit Hultquist, Tony Orlando, Captain Jean Corrigan, Robert Bianchi, Loretta Carter, and Freda Salois

Interested in becoming a bocce captain? Look for a Skilz class just for Captains coming in the new year. Tournament Director George Paris will cover the following goals of Captain training: how to organize practices; strategy for who plays where; understanding and executing the rules; as well as administrative aspects of what is involved as a captain. Date and time to be determined.

Don't forget to sign up for the bocce club's Installation, "Happy Palentine" Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Cribari Center. Plan on celebrating with your favorite pals. Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 for guests charged to your house number. Reservations can be made by contacting Wendy Ledamun at 408-960-8335 or email wledamun49@gmail.com.

## BOCCE

### "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.

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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## 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:



The golf course yellow lines

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 cannot 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.**

## TENNIS TALK

### What is VTL?

By Roy Pennington

VTL is the Villages Tennis League. So what is that?

The Villages Tennis Club Board of Directors has recently decided to form a tennis league that will function within The Villages to include participation of all levels of tennis (except absolute beginners\*\*) with individual teams of 10-12 members. The VTL will provide an avenue for more members to play tennis and be part of a team and where they can mingle with other tennis players they might not otherwise come to know.

Teams will consist of men and women of all skill levels, but matches will be organized so that play will be between players of similar abilities. There will be men's, women's, and mixed doubles matches at each bi-weekly session. League activities will be conducted around midday to avoid messing with the popular morning court reservation times, and one of the two days of each week's play will be held on a weekend day to make it easier to participate for those who are not yet retired.

The VTL will provide an alternative for team play other than what the USTA offers. The VTL will also eliminate the extensive travel and expense associated with participating on a USTA team. Following a registration period, teams will be drafted and play will commence by early spring. It is expected that well more than 50 people will participate this spring in the first 10-week session!! Based on its probable success, the VTL will be held again in the fall.

Registration is simple and will remain open through much of January. For information or to register, contact one of the committee members (Peggy Seidel, Jim Murphy, and Roy Pennington).

\*\*Villagers who have not played very much over the years, or not at all, are encouraged to come to the Tennis Club's Open House on March 28, 2023 and sign up for a 10-week Jumpstart program of tennis lessons provided free, starting right after the Open House, by experienced TC tennis players (and held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons). After the 10 weeks of Jumpstart, we offer not only a professional (Brett Foreman) to help you improve, but also twice a week drop-in tennis on Monday and Friday afternoons where experienced members offer supervised practice, practice, practice (called Open Play) with a guarantee of improvement to get you into the VTL fast!

## MEN'S GOLF 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.

### Upcoming Events

We have so many fun **MGC Tournaments** on the horizon for 2023 thanks to the efforts of the Tournament Co-Chairs, **Tom Morse and Clayton Krinard**.

The 2023 Evergreen Invitational should once again be the calendar event of the year under the watchful supervision of **Bill Morefield**, 2023 Evergreen Chairman.

And there will be some new and exciting venues for the Home and Home members to experience and enjoy, thanks to the diligent efforts of **Mike Tuft**, 2023 Home & Home Chairman.

This has the makings of being one of the best years for MGC Members ever!

**The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament**—January 14, 2023

There will be **A Celebration of the Life of Ron Burke**, to honor and remember our long-time MGC member and dear friend. The service will be held on January 8 at 3 p.m. in the Villages Clubhouse, and all are welcome to attend.

### Golf Thoughts: The Circle of Life

The stages of golf are: sudden collapse, radical change, complete frustration, slow improvement, brief mastery, and sudden collapse. — from Mike Bailey's book "I wish I Could Play my Normal Game - Just Once."

**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 February 7, 2023.

Also, remember to visit our website at [villagesgolfers.com](http://villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information. **Kyle Finley** does a great job with the website, keeping us up to date with all of the latest information we need to know regarding the club.

## Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament



**When:** Sunday, January 14.

**What:** 6, 6, 6 Tournament open to all Men's Club 18-hole members. This is a fun, non-postable golf tournament.

**Format:** Two men 6, 6, 6...6 holes best ball, 6 holes alternate shot, 6 holes scramble.

**Sign-up:** December 31 through January 12. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team,

or individually and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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



## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### Pro Shop Sale Items

Srixon Soft Feel Balls – Buy 2 Dozen Get 1 Dozen *free*

Villages logo golf bags – Buy a bag, receive one free round of golf

50% off Table of assorted Items

50% off Men's & Women's Clothing Racks

**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!

### Tips from the Pro—Cold Weather Golfing Tips...

**Tip #1: Walk instead of ride...**If you have the option, choose to walk rather than ride. Or take turns walking. You'll be surprised how much walking will warm up your body. You'll stay looser and your swing won't suffer.

**Tip #2: Keep your hands warm...** Put hand warmers in your pockets. Consider wearing two gloves. You'll want to be sure your hands stay warm so you don't lose any feel, control or finesse over the golf club.

**Tip #3: Keep your golf ball warm...**Golf balls don't travel as far in cold weather. In fact, you'll lose about 3-5 yards, depending on air density, for every 10 degrees drop in temperature. So, keep that ball in your pocket between holes. And don't be afraid to hit an extra club – chances are you'll need it.

**Tip #4: Layer your clothing...**This is as important as anything – what you wear. You don't want to bundle up so much that you can't even make a good, full swing. Consider wearing multiple layers. I personally prefer wearing a long sleeve thermal or mock tee under a fleece. Down vests are also a great option as they keep your core warm and at the same time your arms are free. Don't forget to wear a hat or beanie of some sort; keeping your head and ears warm is essential.

**Tip #5: Have realistic expectations...** Chances are you're scoring average will slightly increase during the cold weather months: golf balls don't go as far, it's cold and your body is stiffer, etc. What's important is that you're still playing golf. Consider playing from one tee forward since you won't be hitting the ball as far. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)



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## More SPORTS

**Happy Palentine's Day!**

Join the **2023 Bocce Club Board** for "Palentine's Day" - a day to celebrate your Bocce friends and boost the "happiness chemicals" in your brain and body!

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**, Cribari Auditorium, from 5 – 9 p.m.  
Members \$35, Guests \$45 billed to your home

Wine Reception • Assorted Wines and Appetizers • Buffet Dinner • Baby Spring Mix w/candied Pecans & Goat Cheese tossed in a Balsamic Vinaigrette • Chicken Alfredo w/Broccoli • Spiralized Baked Ham • Long Grain and Wild Rice • Oven-Roasted Carrots • Bread/Rolls • Assorted Sweets for Dessert

**Reservations** can be made by contacting Wendy Ledamun at wledamun49@gmail.com or 408-960-8335. Deadline and no refunds after February 7. Assigned seating for tables of eight. Please have your table pals and house numbers organized before reserving.

**PICKLEBALL****Pickleball Rule Changes in 2023**

By Joyce Kludt

Welcome to a new year, Pickleballers! Let's make 2023 a joyful one...for you and others in your life!

Every year, the New Year brings rule changes by the USA Pickleball committee. Here are a few new rules/revisions:

**1. No More Spin Serve.** Sorry, Spin Servers. The spin serve is no longer legal. If you spin the ball as you release it from your hand, it's a replay/re-serve. You can still hit the ball with topspin or slice as long as you follow the other serve rules. The only new restriction is spinning it upon release.

**2. Avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color**, as this could be a safety or distraction issue.

**3. Wrong Score called.** Last year, if you called the wrong score, players had to wait until the end of the rally to draw attention to it. In 2023, we may now stop play until the return of serve to correct the score.

**4. Who's at fault when a player is hit by the ball?** Wording got clarified on this rule. When a player is hit by a ball, it's a fault on that player (the one who got hit), even during the serve.

**5. You can now ask "Am I good?"** Rule 4.B.8 now allows a player to ask a question like "Am I good?" The opponent or ref may then answer whether or not they're in the correct position and the correct server/receiver.

I will continue with new PB rules next week. Happy Pickleballing, Pickleballers!

**IRONMEN**

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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 22, 2022, was partly cloudy with mild temperatures. Another great day for some golf.

Thirteen Ironmen played, and the results are as follows:

It was **Mike Schwerin** day! Mike took first place with a net score of 25 and a low gross score of par 27. Additionally, he had a birdie on hole 1 and a **hole-in-one** on hole 2. This was Ironmen's first hole-in-one since 2019. Way to go Mike!

Victor Hong and Patrick McMordie tied for second place with net scores of 26. Third place was shared by Al Bruno and Jim White with net 30s.

For the second week in a row we had 7 birdies: In addition to Mike Schwerin's birdie, Al Bruno had 2 on holes 2 & 7, Victor Hong on hole 5, Patrick McMordie on holes 3 & 5, and Roger Pyle on hole 5.

Al Bruno had closest to the pin at 6' 6" on hole #8.

Our play on December 29 was essentially cancelled because of the weather conditions, so no results to report there. However, four intrepid Ironmen, Patrick McMordie, Bob Lapidus, Victor Hong, and Lee Thompson, did play a two-man scramble and, by all reports, it was very competitive, and they had a fun day doing so.

**Deep thoughts:**

"There are no absolutes in golf. Golf is such an individual game, and no two people swing alike." - Kathy Whitworth, winner of eighty-eight LPGA tournaments, the most ever, and six LPGA major championships. She is also a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

"There's an old saying, 'It's a poor craftsman who blames his tools.' It's usually the person who misses those three footers, not the putter." - Kathy Whitworth.

**18 HOLE WOMEN**

By Barbara Nilsen

According to the Tee Sheet, 30 of our brave member golfers signed up for "Open play day" golf. Guess what, it appears no one played as it was cold, windy, and the red flag was flying. Love the rain, but not on Thursday!

When the rain comes, get on your computer or laptop and read about the new rules changes that go in effect for 2023. Also, it is a good time to reread the entire "Rules of Golf" on USGA.org.

Remember we are all responsible to call a violation of rules on ourselves and others. If you violate a rule, call it on yourself (remember you will forgive yourself sooner than if someone else calls it on you). Reading the rules is a lot more fun than cleaning out a closet on a wet day!

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. Our first General Meeting March 2.

"A gimme can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers neither of whom can putt very well."

"Why does the pro tell you to keep your head down during a lesson? So, you can't see the laughing!"

Happy New Year everyone!

**SCOREBOARD****BRIDGE**

Friday, December 30:

1. Lorrie Scott/Selma Chastaine
2. Mary Legrand and guest

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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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

Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/9-1/13.

5452—Dry rot repairs in progress.

**Del Lago**

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/16-1/20.

Meter Rooms—Cleaning, dry rot repairs and hardware replacement in planning.

Gutter cleaning scheduled to start 1/9.

**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**

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

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/20-2/24.

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

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

**Heights**

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

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/13-2/17.

Montgomery Lane—Dead pine tree removals in progress.

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

**Hermosa**

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

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Lower Chardonay Lake—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/13-2/17.

8350-8357—Utility door repairs in progress.

**Highland**

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 1/30-2/3.

Lighting replacement project in progress throughout the district.

**Montgomery**

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

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance and weed control, 2/6-2/10.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district in progress.

**Olivas**

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

8600-8692—Lighting replacement project in progress.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district 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.

**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 clean up throughout the Villages in progress.

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**

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

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.

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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.



### Report Irrigation Issues

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

### Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule for 2022-2023

**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)



# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE VILLAGER?



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Sally Otton was in Japan for nearly six months from July to December 2022. She participated in a Japanese language study program at the Yamasa Institute in Okazaki, Aichi. (About 30 minutes by train from Nagoya). In addition to attending language and culture classes five days a week (conducted entirely in Japanese), she was able to travel to some amazing places including Hokkaido (northernmost island), Tokyo, Kyoto, Amanohashodate, Osaka, etc. (on Honshu, the main island), and Fukuoka (on Kyushu island). She met old friends and made new friends, attended concerts, and just had a great time. Sally summed it up as a totally amazing experience.



Sally at a temple in Okazaki



The iconic Mt. Fuji taken from the window of the Bullet Train



Sally having a bit of fun in front of a display during a fall festival held at the school she was attending in Okazaki.

## Your Weekly Words of Wisdom



*Face every task no matter how difficult with courage and persistence. It is the only way to be certain of seizing the opportunities when they come, whether they have been proclaimed with fanfare or are hiding, as they often do, beneath a mantle of dust.*

## Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to EVF

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### Real Estate –

#### Happy 2023!

2022 was very exciting for Real Estate. Highest ever sale prices occurred throughout the US as well as in the Villages. After the peak in May, the market has seen a slight loss of value. There was and is no "bubble" to burst in Real Estate. There is however, the loss in funds in the Stock market and an increase of mortgage interest rates suppressing house prices. Offsetting this is the lack of housing inventory. The Fed has purposely raised interest rates (inflation management) with the idea that the high cost to purchase anything will stop us from buying and slow down the inflation. The spending bill, though helpful to many, adds more money into the market. A financial Contradiction?

**Inflation:** Lots of money chasing few goods. Buyers will now pay more for the homes since homes are in the "lack of goods" category. So, it is most likely that the lack of inventory is what is keeping our home prices high. At least right now, the inventory of Village homes for sale is very low. There are only 11 active listings in the Villages at this time however, inventory is always low January 1st. We will see what February and beyond bring! I have a Valle Vista home coming up soon.

#### Lots of different predictions by the experts.

Uncertain financial markets and economy has the experts going in different directions, but the consensus is that the market will not "crash". A market expert from Realtor.com has the rare analysis that home prices will increase this year due to the lack of inventory. I hope she is right!

**Welcome to our new neighbors.** Two new ladies have joined us in the Villages. Linda and Maggie. Linda is joining her sister here in the Villages and found a place close by. Maggie has a sister in the Bay Area. I am happy for them both and wish them the best of life in the Villages.



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## Slice of Humor



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## LOST & FOUND

**LOST—Our beloved cat  
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Ran out of home on Beltane  
Drive on 12/26. Solid grey,  
stout, 17 years old.

If you see him, please call:  
Don/Laura: 408-313-7624.  
Thank you!

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## Concert Band open house...

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thing 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.

## Contacting PG&E during a power outage

You can report or get more information about power outages during a heat wave (and under regular conditions, too) through some of the following ways:

PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service number 1-800-743-5000.

To report or get more information about an outage call PG&E's 24-hour Outage Information Center at 1-800-743-5002.

You can report an outage, learn about future planned outages, get outage updates and take a look at the outage map for your locality on the PG&E website at: pge.com

For those who don't have computers, advanced phones or may be technologically challenged, PG&E customer service suggests calling the Customer Service number at 1-800-743-5000 to update your contact information so you can receive critical information when necessary. PG&E requests the following updates: Your primary home/landline number, your cell phone number, your email address and secondary contact information such as friends or family members who can receive alerts in the event contact cannot be made.

If you experience a power outage, do not be hesitant to contact PG&E and report it or to get more information about outages in your vicinity.

## OBITUARY

### Marlene Wilde

August 30, 1932 – November 19, 2022



Marlene Ann Wilde passed away peacefully at home on November 19, 2022, at the age of 90.

She is survived by her children Donald Wilde Jr. (Sandi), Scott Wilde (Dawn), and (Richard Kirby). Grandchildren Elizabeth Lutus, Jake, Logan, and Madalyn Wilde. Great-grandchildren Colton and Vance Peeples.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Edna Frates, husband Donald Wilde, sister Alberta Talley, and daughter Michele Wilde Kirby.

Marlene always saw the positive and good in people and loved life.

She loved to golf and attend the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with her friends meeting many entertainers and pro athletes. In addition, she loved painting and was very artistic, and she traveled the world with her sister and best friend, Alberta Talley.

Take comfort that she is now at peace and reunited with everyone we have loved and lost.

A memorial gathering will be held at a future date for family and friends.



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

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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.





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

### *Co-sign on the mortgage?*

A Villager contracted the SRS office to get information about co-signing a mortgage for their daughter. Their daughter and her husband were trying to buy a house and this option was mentioned. With rising interest rates, first-time home buyers are finding it more difficult to qualify for a loan. One option to improve home purchase affordability, especially for those who lack good credit: Have mom and dad or the grandparents co-sign the mortgage.

This sounds like a reasonable option, but the Villagers need to understand that co-signing means they are totally liable for the loan if the child or grandchild does not pay.

As a co-signer, our Villager will have to go through the same application process as the child or grandchild. The loan will then appear on the Villagers' credit report and be calculated in their credit score.

If you are approaching retirement or are retired, it might be scary to co-sign a loan. Lending-Tree reports that 45 percent of parents who co-sign a mortgage for their child later regret doing so.

There are other options. Rather than co-signing for the mortgage, perhaps you can make a gift to help with the down payment. A person can give a gift to another person of up to \$17,000 a year in 2023 without having to report it on a gift tax return. This means mom and dad could give \$34,000 in 2023 to their daughter and another \$34,000 a year to their son-in-law for a total of \$68,000.

Or if you have the assets, you could lend them the money as a mortgage with their home as security. You may charge the same interest as a bank or lower if you wish. Be aware that the IRS requires that you must charge some interest.

If it's a loan, document it as a business transaction and be prepared to follow the terms.

Always consult with your financial professional before moving forward with one of these options.

Be sure that you are not getting the young adults into financial trouble by enabling them to have a lifestyle they can't really afford. Don't set them up for failure.

But the most important concern for any Villager is that you do not jeopardize your own financial security in your senior years.

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

### SRS Announcement:

### *Free vaccines under Medicare*

Starting on January 1, 2023, Medicare enrollees won't have any out-of-pocket costs for vaccines that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends for adults.

Medicare Part B, which applies to doctor visits, diagnostic tests, and other outpatient services, already fully covers some vaccines, including flu shots, pneumonia vaccines, hepatitis B inoculations and coronavirus vaccines (initial shots as well as boosters).

But other vaccines, most notably the expensive vaccine for shingles, are covered under the Part D prescription drug plans, and many of those plans currently require enrollees to share the cost of those shots. The new law eliminates that cost-sharing.

### *In Memoriam and Obituary Notices*

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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