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All systems go for April VMS Talent Showcase!

By B. Brown

"Everything's coming up sunshine and daffodils!" The Villages Music Society (VMS) eagerly invites you to our "Let Us Entertain You!" extravaganza. All systems go! On April 1 and 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium, it's like the vaudeville lyrics: "Curtain up! Light the lights! You got nothing to hit but the heights!"

A pantheon of talent and performances await, and we are saving your seat. Let us make you smile! Tickets sell for \$20 each and can be purchased 60 minutes before each 2:30 p.m. show in the Cribari Lobby. Doors open 30 minutes before the show. Don't be late! If you arrive after the show begins, an usher will seat you between performances.

The "Let Us Entertain You" showcase includes members from the VMS Villages Concert Band, Ukulele Club, VMS Piano Open Studio, VMS Forever Young Dancers, Sunshine Dancers, Wicked Dolls, and the Villages' resident flamenco dancer. For more information on VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy, President of the Village Dancers is producing this show. For more information on the show or help with purchasing tickets, email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com. Show your ticket at the Clubhouse for a 10 percent discount on performance day. Reservations are suggested. Mention the performance when making your reservation.



Sunshine Dancers—Hawaii Hula. Left to right: Amy Fang, Guangwei Che, Sheree Yang, Ling Yu, Lin Zhang, Lilian Qin.

VAT: Who will win the 'Putnam County Spelling Bee'?

At the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," who will be the Spelling Bee Champion? Come find out!

Can you spell "elanguescence"...Well, she couldn't! Can you spell "chinchilla"...Well, he couldn't! These are two of the words needed to be spelled by the spellers in the Putnam County spelling bee. Some of the spellers had much easier words like "orange." All of this plays out in the fun of this spring musical presented by the Villages Amateur Theater.

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Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of February 2023

Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of February 2023

Total revenue was \$1,600 (0.15 percent) favorable to the budget of \$1,098,300. The most significant favorable to budget revenue category was food sales with a positive budget variance of \$14,100, or 9 percent higher than budget (actual \$174,100 vs. budget of \$160,000). Compared to February 2022, food sales were up 27 percent. Also notable as favorable to budget revenue categories were as follows: 1) Lessons/classes with a positive variance of \$5,800 (actual \$7,800 vs. budget of \$2,000) and 2) Other income with a positive variance of \$4,000 (budget of \$10,000) mostly from HOA document sales. Another rainy month with 11 days of rain put a damper on golf play, down 22 percent from the budget of \$107,200. Pro Shop merchandise sales also suffered from reduced traffic with a negative budget variance of \$3,100 (36 percent).

Total expenses were \$52,500 favorable to budget, or 5 percent less than the budget of \$1,051,100. The most significant favorable to budget expense category was employee expenses, with a positive variance of \$41,600, or 6 percent (actual \$686,800 vs. budget of \$728,400). Open positions for the month were in Human Resources, Accounting, Pro Shop and Restaurant. Other notable favorable to budget expense categories for the month were as follows: 1) water expense (actual \$800 vs. budget of \$23,700 reflecting the two-month water bill for January/February), 2) Comcast expense (actual \$84,000 vs. budget of \$92,400) due to new contract less than budget, and 3) tree trimming (actual \$5,500 vs. budget of \$9,700) due to timing of work on the golf course. Highlights of unfavorable to budget expense categories were the following: 1) trash expense (actual \$13,100 vs. budget of \$7,900) due to debris removal on the golf course, 2) repair and maintenance (actual \$30,700 vs. budget of \$25,400) with higher than planned expenses in the Clubhouse and Pro Shop, and 3) advertising/promotion (actual \$6,500 vs. budget of \$1,600) for BOGO promotion in the Bistro, offset by higher food sales.

The net positive operating budget variance for the month of February was \$54,100. See table below.

February 2023 Club Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,099,900	\$1,098,300	\$ 1,600
Expenses	\$ 998,600	\$1,051,100	\$52,500
Net	\$ 101,300	\$ 47,200	\$54,100

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Summer Golf Course Walking Schedule



In effect through October 2023

Monday: Before 1 p.m. and after dusk

Tuesday: Before 8:45 a.m. and after dusk

Thursday: Before 8:20 a.m. and after dusk

Wednesday & Friday: Before 7 a.m. and after dusk

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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 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.
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 and
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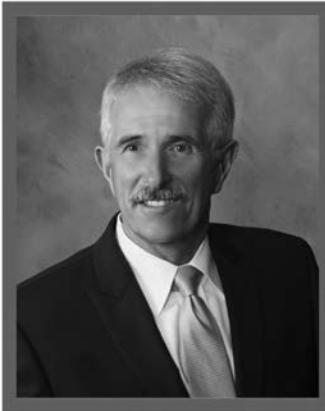
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IN MEMORIAM

Ursula Gibson

September 15, 1932—March 16, 2023

A Celebration of Life for Ursula Gibson will be held at Montgomery Center at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

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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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Club Board President's Message— March 28, 2023

Hello, Villagers! Happy spring! While we've been looking forward to sunny skies and warmer weather, we find ourselves amidst yet another significant weather system bringing rain and wind. Hopefully our precious trees will remain resilient enough to withstand yet another onslaught. More trees have toppled recently, crushing a trash enclosure, hitting the edge of a roof, and one automobile. Luckily, no personal injuries have been reported. Our partners, BrightView and GMS, have done a spectacular job during this prolonged weather season, expending over 1,000 hours clearing the fallen trees and debris. Thank you, too, to our fabulous Villages staff who have been quick to resolve weather-related issues for Villagers. What a great team!

Lots of fun-filled activity going on all over The Villages. Many folks are outside braving the cool and rainy weather to enjoy the Bocce Spring Mixer, the tennis and pickleball courts are regularly filled with Villagers and their guests, all four swimming pools will be open as of April 1, and let's not forget about our championship golf course. While the number of golf rounds are down due to weather conditions, we know that warmer and drier days are just around the corner, and so is tournament season! The Club Board is committed to continually improving the conditions of our golf courses, and this past weekend, our partner, GMS, was able to take advantage of the few sunny days to perform a critical aeration activity on all fairways and greens. The turf reduction project at Hole #8 is also making good progress and I can't wait to see the finished product! The water features at Holes #16 and #17 are being replaced and the pond and stream work at Hole #18 is nearly complete. Stay tuned to hear about more golf course projects being planned for FY24 and beyond.

March and April are always the busiest time of the year for all three Boards and The Villages Management Team, expending many hours working through and collaborating on several iterations of budget planning. All three Boards are receiving their "First Look" preliminary budget packages this month from our General Manager, Theresa Ostrander, and her team. Each of the three Boards will have a few weeks to review our respective operating, reserves, and capital budgets, including the approved project lists for FY24, which commences on July 1, 2023. We will then move to final budget approvals near the end of April. Villagers can feel confident about the many dedicated and highly competent financial analysts and reserve specialists who are burning the midnight oil to create the best possible combination of added value for Villagers while working through the very challenging past few years of the pandemic and unprecedented inflationary periods. As The Villages "gets back to normal," reserves projects which have been on hold, will begin to move forward. We'll see improvements taking shape for several amenities all over The Villages. The three Boards are confident in the teams developing these budgets and know that they will provide us with the best advice and what we can expect regarding assessment fees.

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

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

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

On-site Document Shredding

Sponsored by Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF)
(Formerly sponsored by The Villages High-12 Club)

Saturday, April 15
9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Cribari East Parking Lot
(Woodshop side)

\$10 per box or bag—approximately 20 lbs.
Minimum fee is \$10—Cash or check only

Plus drop off flags needing to be retired as well as old Villages telephone directories

Questions? Contact Greg Stewart at 408-531-1029

Association President's Report— March 28, 2023

Welcome to the March 2023 Villages Association Board Regular Monthly Meeting. Back in July 2022, the Association Board created its goals and objectives for this year.

Last month we reviewed the ABOD's goals for Fire Safety. This month we will focus on Fiscal Management and Water Conservation goals. For Fiscal Management we had three objectives: 1) provide awareness that owners need to consider purchasing their own earthquake insurance because the Association had discontinued its own, very limited, coverage; 2) help owners understand the costs of roofing replacement since it is the largest long-term replacement reserves expense; and 3) compare costs of home ownership within and outside The Villages to show residents the advantages we have in the group buying power of the Association and having a focus on prudent long-term maintenance cost choices. The ABOD covered the earthquake insurance objective by identifying an additional source for insurance in addition to the California Earthquake Authority. The Association recommends owners consider the Association's policy of sharing earthquake damage costs across all members, determine their own sense of the risk and potential for loss. Each owner must make their own decisions to purchase an individual policy or not. Our Fiscal Objectives items two and three are yet to be achieved before June.

Our Water Conservation objectives were to actively manage water usage by following governmental requirements, continuously reviewing our water consumption, educating residents on how they can reduce their water usage, and considering long-term water saving projects and funding plans. The Association Ad Hoc Water Conservation Committee, along with the support of the DACs has done an admirable job of engaging residents in dramatically reducing household water usage. Truly a Villages-wide achievement! Management by BrightView and staff in following mandatory water reduction measures has had an even more dramatic decrease in our irrigation water consumption, though sadly costing us many dead plants. The ABOD is implementing the recommendation of the Committee to hire a Landscaping Expert to develop a long-term plan for refreshing each village to achieve multiple objectives: long-term water use reduction, improved fire safety, and recovery from drought damages. Conclusion—The ABOD has performed well on this critical objective.

In summary, this year the ABOD has set the fire safety and landscaping objectives and hired expert advice. Next year those recommendations will be prioritized into multi-year plans and implementation started.

All The Villages boards and staff are deep into the Budget planning for next year, and you will hear the details next month.

Please join the ABOD in giving thanks to our volunteers—the DACs, Rules Committee members, the Architecture Control Committee, and the Inspectors of Elections, and the directors of all the boards. Without our volunteers The Villages wouldn't be nearly as nice a place to live.

Best regards,

—David Cook, Villages Association President

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is Tuesday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Special Open Meeting Re: Proposed FY23/24 Budget Presentation is Tuesday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference
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, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. at Foothill Center and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 669-900-6833
- The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors April Special Open Hybrid Meeting Re: Budget Presentation is Tuesday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 669-900-6833

Homeowners

- The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board Special Open Meeting/Workshop to Review Proposed Budget is Thursday, April 13, at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center
- The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board Special Open Meeting to Approve Budget and Annual Meeting Materials is Thursday, April 27, at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center

Operating Financial Commentary...

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Year-to-date (eight months), revenue is \$25,000 favorable to budget, 0.3 percent higher than the budget of \$9,114,000. Year-to-date, expenses are \$436,000 favorable to budget, 5 percent less than the budget of \$9,202,000. The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$461,000. 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 \$169,000.

The Villages Golf and Country Club FY23 Club Operating Budget Summary For Eight Months ended February 28, 2023

Department	Revenues (\$)			Expenditures (\$)			FY '23 Net (\$)
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance
G&A	692,000	678,000	14,000	620,000	662,000	42,000	56,000
Maintenance Admin	119,000	119,000	0	111,000	115,000	4,000	4,000
Golf Course/Pro Shop	1,787,000	1,869,000	-82,000	1,703,000	1,831,000	128,000	46,000
Community Activities	692,000	738,000	-46,000	614,000	746,000	132,000	86,000
Community Centers	540,000	534,000	6,000	551,000	538,000	-13,000	-7,000
Public Safety	860,000	858,000	2,000	825,000	853,000	28,000	30,000
Pools	156,000	156,000	0	163,000	146,000	-17,000	-17,000
Clubhouse/Restaurant	2,710,000	2,583,000	127,000	2,714,000	2,697,000	-17,000	110,000
All Other	1,583,000	1,579,000	4,000	1,465,000	1,614,000	149,000	153,000
Totals	9,139,000	9,114,000	25,000	8,766,000	9,202,000	436,000	461,000

All Other shows a \$153,000 net positive variance due to favorable water and Comcast expense. Clubhouse/Restaurant shows a \$110,000 net positive variance due to favorable food sales and employee expenses, offset by higher food costs and promotion expenses. Community Activities shows an \$86,000 net positive variance mostly from favorable employee expenses, printing expense and advertising income. G&A has posted a \$56,000 net positive variance due to favorable employee expenses, offset by higher professional fees (HR consultant). Golf Course/Pro Shop shows a \$46,000 net positive variance from savings in employee expenses, water expense and tree trimming (timing), offset by less than planned green fee revenue and Pro Shop merchandise sales. Public Safety has posted a \$30,000 net positive variance due to less than planned employee expenses. Pools have a \$17,000 net negative variance from higher than planned repair and maintenance, gas, and electricity expenses. Community centers show a \$7,000 net negative variance from higher than planned electricity and insurance

expenses, offset by more than planned rental income.

Association Operating Statement Review

For the month of February 2023

Revenue was \$100 (0.01 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$1,014,200 due to less than planned laundry concession fees, offset by more than planned third party assessments.

Expenses for the month were \$1,000 (0.1 percent) unfavorable to the budget of \$917,000.

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

- Water Expense, \$35,800 (28 percent) less than budget (actual \$91,800 vs. budget of \$127,600)
 - Results from two-month water bill for January/February
 - Rainy weather provided "free" irrigation water
- Planting Expense, \$18,700 (82 percent) less than budget (actual \$4,200 vs. budget of \$22,900)

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

- Insurance Expense, \$37,800 (15 percent) more than budget (actual \$290,300 vs. budget of \$252,500) due to impact of 2022 property insurance renewal effective May 30, 2022
- Irrigation Maintenance, \$10,500 (154 percent) more than budget (actual \$17,300 vs. budget of \$6,800)
- Repair and Maintenance, \$6,400 (29 percent) more than budget (actual \$28,300 vs. budget of \$21,900)

The net **negative operating budget variance for the month of February was \$1,100.** See table below.

February 2023 Association Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$1,014,100	\$1,014,200	\$ -100
Expenses	\$ 918,000	\$ 917,000	\$-1,000
Net	\$ 96,100	\$ 97,200	\$-1,100

Year-to-date (eight months of operations), total revenue is \$8,114,100, or .006 percent (\$500) more than the budget of \$8,113,600. Year-to-date, operating expenses are \$7,921,000, or 3 percent (\$235,900) less than the budget of \$8,156,900. The **positive** budget variance is attributed to savings in water expense and planting expense, offset by more than planned insurance expense, irrigation maintenance and operating supplies. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$236,400.**

Association Board Voting Record for March 28, 2023

Association Voting Record for March 28, 2023										
		Board Members*							Comments	Costs
		DC	DH	RH	JW	GP	MS	SG		
1	Formal Approval Consideration of Updated Revisions to the CC&Rs (Legal Updates and Correct Typographical Errors)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the Second Amendment to CC&Rs (Legal Updates and Correction of Typographical Errors), specifically, changes to Sections 2.5, 3.2(c), 6.13, 7.1(d), 9.3, 10.12 and 11.5; a copy of the changes shall be attached to the minute of the meeting and the Second Amendment will be posted on The Villages website.	\$0
2	Review Content and Schedule for Proposed Revisions to the Third Amendment to the CC&Rs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	This item was postponed until April (date and venue TBD)	\$0
3	Resolution Honoring Villages' Volunteers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the resolution commending Villages' volunteers	\$0
4	Association Director Candidate Solicitation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	President David Cook announced that the deadline for anyone interested in running for the Association Board is today, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.	\$0
5	Association DAC Draft Budget Recap	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	General Manager Theresa Ostrander presented a verbal report. The next budget milestone is the April 11 presentation of the proposed budget, and this should be close to the final data. The Board will be voting to approve the FY24 budget at the April 25, 2023 regular Board meeting.	\$0
6	District Advisory Committee (DAC) Appointment and Resignations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the following DAC appointment: Valle Vista DAC - Bill DeVincenzi as voting member and approved with appreciation for service the following DAC resignations: Montgomery DAC - Shannon Bergman and Kellen Perry, Sonata DAC - Kathleen Benz.	\$0
7	Approval Consideration of Revised Changes to Association Architectural Committee <u>Rule D-10 Installation of Steppingstones/Walkways and Handrails</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Board discussed the proposed revised changes to Association Architectural Committee <u>Rule D-10 Installation of Steppingstones/Walkways and Handrails</u> . A committee of General Manager Theresa Ostrander, AC Chair Jack McCarthy, President David Cook, Vice President Diana Hallock and Director Michael Schwerin was formed to review the issues and report back to the Association Board at the April 25, 2023, monthly meeting.	\$0
8	Approval Consideration for Additional Funding for Del Lago and The Heights FY2023 Plumbing Reserve	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved additional unplanned FY23 Del Lago Plumbing Reserve Allowance expenditure in the amount of \$15,846. The Board approved additional unplanned FY23 The Heights Plumbing Reserve Allowance expenditures in the amount of \$5,692.	\$21,538
9	Approve Resolution to Record Lien: APN:665-24-XXX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the recording of a lien on unit # 665-24-XXX, for unpaid assessments totaling \$17,283.11	\$0
10	Conditional Approval Consideration of Exclusionary Encroachment Request - 7310 Via Piedra (Extend Patio into the Common Area)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the exclusionary encroachment request submitted by the owner of 7310 Via Piedra to extend the rear patio into the common area 3'x10'6". Said approval is contingent upon the owner achieving affirmative vote per the requirements in the CC&Rs via written ballot from the 48 owners/units comprising Project D-7.	\$0
11	Review to Approve- AC Solar Conditionally Approved Applications: 8442 Chenin Blanc Lane 8715 McCarty Ranch Drive	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board conditionally approved the installation of solar system on common area sloped roofs located at 8442 Chenin Blanc Lane and 8715 McCarty Ranch Drive pending alternative proof of receipt of revocable easement recordation, including a copy of the signed and notarized documents and owners submitting required insurance and city permit paperwork including comments to AC prior to starting construction.	\$0
12	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2022 Property Insurance Premium	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the transfer of \$334,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$1,336,000 used to help pay the 2022 property insurance premium renewal in June 2022, with a balance of \$1,002,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2023.	\$334,000
13	Approval Consideration to Vote to Ratify the Monthly Review of Accounts per Civil Code §5500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved to ratify the monthly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$355,538

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

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

Homeowners' Operating Statement Review

For the month of February 2023

February 2023 Non-Estates Operating Results

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

Non-Estates revenue was short of budget by \$2 (rounding) at \$3,900 for the month. February 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 February was \$236.**

Year-to-date (eight months of operations), total revenue is \$31,203, short of budget by \$13 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$29,784, less than budget by \$1,904 (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 \$1,891.**

February 2023 Estates Operating Results

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$16,004	\$ 16,003	\$ 1
Expenses	\$ 9,746	\$ 12,690	\$ 2,944
Net	\$ 6,258	\$ 3,313	\$ 2,945

Estates revenue for the month tracked budget at \$16,004. February expenses were \$2,944 favorable to budget, 23 percent less than the budget of \$12,690. **The net positive operating budget variance for the month of February was \$2,945.**

Year-to-date (eight months of operations), total revenue is \$128,028, higher than budget by \$4 (rounding). Year-to-date, operating expenses total \$112,475, less than budget by \$13,597 (11 percent). The positive budget variance is attributed to savings in water and planting expenses. **The year-to-date net positive operating budget variance is \$13,601.**

Club Board Voting Record for March 28, 2023

Club Board Voting Record for March 2023

	March 28, 2023 Monthly Meeting	Board Members*							Comments	Costs
	Agenda Items	LL	JO	BK	RZ	GA	LK	BW		
1	Consideration to Postpone Approval of Proposed Changes to <u>Rule 1.14 Golf Facilities</u> to Require two Riders in Each Golf Cart and to Include Golf Tournament Green Fees Policy in the Rule	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Board agreed to table this item at this time to await the Villages Golf Committee's report on the cost impact of not allowing one person per cart.	\$0
2	Consideration to Approve Proposed Revisions to VGCC Policies <u>CPo 204 Rules Committee</u> and <u>CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee</u> to Eliminate Limits on Committee Member Terms	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved proposed changes to VGCC Polices <u>CPo 204 Rules Committee</u> and <u>CPo 207 Communications Advisory Committee</u>	\$0
3	Comments/Discussion for Proposed Changes to <u>Rule 1.10 Clubhouse</u> (Restaurant Dinner Dress Code)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Time was set aside at the meeting to hear comments and discuss proposed changes; no comments were received.	\$0
4	Status of Overview Presentation of Operating Budget, Replacement Reserve and Capital Improvement Plans and Schedule of Fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Management provided an overview presentation of the FY 23/24 Preliminary Budget.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration of Proposed Revision to Management Agreement between Club and Homeowners' Corporation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the revised Management Agreement between The Villages Golf and Country Club and The Villages Homeowners' Corporations, so that Article 11, Section 12 is revised to read, "The Management Agent shall employ a General Manager Reasonably qualified and experienced in the management of large-scale country club/residential communities."	\$0
6	Approval Consideration of Resolution Honoring Villages Volunteers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved resolution commending Villages' volunteers. Special recognition event to be held Friday, April 28, at 3:00 p.m. at The Villages Clubhouse.	\$0
7	Approval Consideration to Publish for 30-Day Notice Proposed Changes to Financial Policies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Board agreed to table this item at this time to provide directors time to provide feedback on the proposed policies.	\$0
8	Auditor Services Proposals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	General Manager Theresa Ostrander reviewed submitted bid proposals for auditor services received to date.	\$0
9	Approval Consideration of Moving Forward with Golf Course Bunker Renovation Project Planning for FY24 and FY25	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved moving forward with golf course bunker renovation project planning in FY24 and FY25.	\$0
Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting										\$0

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* LL = Leslie Lambert | JO = Judy Owen | BK = Bob Krattli | RZ = Richard Zahner | GA = Garry Ashby | LK = Liz Kung | BW = Bob Wilk

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Building B business 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.

Tour Golden Gate Park with Craig Smith

Come along as we tour the beautiful and iconic Golden Gate Park with Craig Smith on Wednesday May 24. The park is home to 680 forested acres, 130 acres of meadows, 15 miles of drives, and 33 acres of lakes plus numerous fields and open spaces. We wish we could take you to them all, but Craig has selected some amazing highlights for us!

We will be visiting gorgeous landmarks such as the Japanese Tea Garden (started as a temporary exhibit in 1894 and still going strong), Huntington Falls, the Dutch Windmill (which helped transform the park from sand dunes to lawns and water features), the National Aids Memorial Garden, the Shakespeare Garden (showcasing plants and trees mentioned in William Shakespeare's works) and more!

The cost per person is \$109 and includes round trip transportation and lunch.

Lunch will be at the popular Presidio Café and includes dessert, and a beverage (coffee, tea, soda, or juice). You will need to select an entrée at registration from these options:

- Cobb Salad (chopped romaine with chicken, bacon, blue cheese, avocado, tomato, with herb vinaigrette dressing)
- Presidio Birdie Special (1/2 presidio club sandwich with sliced turkey, ham, bacon, lettuce, and tomato on a toasted sourdough served with mixed greens)
- Fairway Cheeseburger (1/2 lb beef patty, cheddar cheese, toasted bun, lettuce, and tomato)

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5:30 p.m. Register in Building B during business hours. Registration begins Monday, April 3 and ends Friday, April 21 or until spots are sold out.

Activity Level: Moderate (partial bus and walking tour)

Due to the weather of the Bay, appropriate attire is casual and warm. Gratuity for driver and guide is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Learn Intro to Line Dancing with Nanci



Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a six-week introductory line dance class. The fun line dances to traditional and more popular music will introduce you to basic moves and footwork. Sign up for this class taking place Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. May 2 to June 13 (no class on May 23) in Cribari Auditorium.

The cost is \$25.50 per resident for this six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, April 3 and ending Friday, April 21 or until slots fill up.

Nanci has been dancing for over 30 years and has been teaching country line dance for the last 20 years. She teaches throughout the Bay Area including some of the largest country nightclub and winery venues. She has enjoyed working with all ages of dancers who have varying levels of experience.

New Fitness Trainer introductory special

The Community Activities Department in partnership with Back in Form, Inc. welcomes new Fitness Trainer Virginia deRaddo! Virginia specializes in fitness for older adults, especially those with Parkinson's and other Neuro Degenerative Diseases. Sign up for personal training for one-person (\$121 per session, minimum of 5 sessions) 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 in Building B during business hours; one registration slip per household. Registration for this special offer begins Monday, March 27 and ends Friday, April 28. Training session will take place in the Fitness Center and scheduling will be determined by the trainer and resident trainee's availability. Upon registration you will be provided with contact information for Back in Form to schedule your sessions.

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.

Survey results: Trip Criteria

In the recent Community Activities Survey we asked participants the following: "When choosing to participate in a trip what criteria is important to you? Please indicate your top three criteria." Four possible trip criteria were provided, and participants could also offer a write-in option. Additionally, respondents also had the opportunity to let us know which criterion was most important to them. Respondents who chose more than three answers and gave us permission to contact them regarding the survey were provided with the opportunity to update their answer by February 24. Respondents who chose more than three answers and did not give us permission to contact them or who did not meet the above deadline had their answers for this question excluded; their other survey responses were not affected. Below you will find the breakdown of responses.

Total Respondents: 133 (119 online surveys and 14 paper surveys)

Respondents Who Skipped this Question: 1

Respondents who were excluded: 2

Actual Responses for this Question: 130

Trip Type = 124

Scheduling = 73

Cost = 62

Activity Level = 47

Interest in Destination (write-in option) = 7

Length of Time Away from Home (write-in option) = 2

Friends/Guests Accompanying Them (write-in option) = 2

(Other write-in responses were offered that had less than two responses in common)

Based on these results Trip Type was selected by 95 percent of respondents as one of their top three criteria and 60 percent of respondents indicated it was their most important criteria. If we were to hold another survey like this, we would like to add "Destination" to the available choices and see if the results would be the same as there were multiple responses indicating that it was the destination/subject matter of the trip that was most important.

Now that all the results are in, what is the ideal trip for a Villages resident? It appears that an ideal trip for most Villagers would be a day trip of moderate activity level scheduled later in the week to a destination of either a theater or concert performance or a historical venue.



Red, White and You—volunteers needed

The Villages July 4th Celebration, **Red, White and You**, needs volunteers on Tuesday, July 4. The day will include a Community Breakfast, Freedom Fun Walk, Outdoor Pops Concert and Barbecue and music, and another Barbecue on the Bistro Patio. Would you be willing to volunteer two hours to assist with one or more of these activities? Volunteer opportunities include greeters, registration/check in, information, ushers, runners, setup and cleanup. Please contact Mary Tatum in Community Activities office for more information at 408 223-4643 or mtatum@the-villages.com

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Community Activities office offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of the Villages residents. Community Activities programs are conducted in English unless otherwise noted. *Please check your personal calendars prior to committing to an event, class*

or trip. Once registered for an activity, you are responsible for the cost of the activity. All sales are final.

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.

Our Classes: Behind the Scenes

The Community Activities Department works hard to bring you a variety of quality activities to enjoy. Next week we will be opening the next survey (Classes) to help guide the direction of Community Activities programming, but before you weigh in, we thought you might like a peek behind the scenes. Here are some important facts about our classes:

Instructors—We hire licensed professional instructors in various disciplines. All our instructors have received amazing feedback from our residents, including our newest additions! We are happy to say that The Villages is a place that our instructors enjoy working for.

Minimum/Maximum—Each class has a minimum number of students required to register to ensure we can pay the instructor for their time. Typically, that minimum is 12 persons (less than 1 percent of Villages residents). Each class has a maximum number based on various factors such as the size of the facility, the type of class being held, and instructor preference.

Who Pays for Classes?—Fee-based classes are expected to be self-supporting. This means that the cost of the class is paid for entirely by registered participants. No Club dues are allocated to pay instructors.

Processing Charge?—Out of every class charge the Community Activities Department adds only 10 percent of the subtotal for the administrative costs of coordinating with instructors, publicizing and scheduling classes, registering participants, and processing the billing.

Consistency—All the activities/trips/classes that the Community Activities department offers have the same simple registration process. This makes for easy sign-ups and constant quality of service for all our programs. Exceptions to policy are made on a case-by-case basis, please reach out to us at 408-223-4643 if you have a circumstance where an exception might be needed.

The Community Activities department would like to thank all residents who enjoy the classes offered by our department. Please be sure to check out the survey information that will be published in the Fast Lane and The Villager newspaper next week. If you have questions about a particular class, instructor, or the survey, please let us know by calling the number above.

See Ansel Adams exhibit at De Young Museum in SF

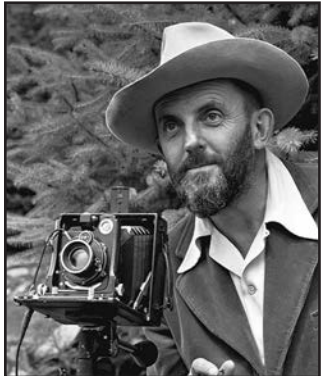
Join us as we explore the legacy of photographer and environmentalist Ansel Adams (1902-1984) at the de Young Museum in San Francisco on **Thursday, May 11!** The exhibit of over 100 works traces Adams's artistic development and features some of his most-loved photographs, including images of Yosemite, San Francisco, and the American Southwest. Adams's works are shown alongside prints by 19th-century landscape photographers as well as contemporary artists. Their work engages anew with the sites and subjects that occupied Adams throughout his life—from national parks to the use and misuse of natural resources. Adams's legacy continues to inspire and provoke, influencing how we envision the landscape and serving as an urgent call to preserve our environment.

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

Activity Level: Considerable walking and standing; benches may or may not be available.

The cost per person is \$65 and includes round trip transportation, exhibit tickets, and escort. Optional audio tours of the exhibit are available at registration for the group rate of an additional \$6 each. They can also be purchased individually at the regular rate in the museum, based on availability. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Lunch is purchased individually at the de Young Café after viewing the exhibit. The cafeteria style menu offers a fresh interpretation of American and European classic cuisine. A sample menu is available for review in Building B. Register in Building B during business hours. Registration ends Friday, April 7.



What's Happening in ARTS & CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at villagesart-sandcrafts.org

April 11: Art Film: "A Century of Quilts – American Cloth." 2:30 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room with host Roz Zinns. Free to all Villagers and their guests.

April 11 – May 9: "Acrylic Painting with Brush and Knife" with Jeff Bramschreiber.

Tuesdays, 12 noon – 2 pm. Online via Zoom. \$60. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

April 13 – May 4: Beginning Watercolor with Ciel Duke. Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$110. All materials furnished. Register early at barb.gottesman@gmail.com or sign up for all four of her classes.

April 15: Watercolor on Yupo Workshop with Julie Cline. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. with optional 2 – 4 p.m. guided practice. \$85. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

April 22: Art in the Park, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Gazebo Park. Contact Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com for information or contract.

April 29: Open House in the Art Room and the Ceramics Room during VMA's annual Health Fair. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 1: General Membership Meeting and Artist Presentation, Monday, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room. Guest Artist Sunni Gibbons will discuss her oil and acrylic painting.

Ceramics Room has open studio days for approved members only. For Open Studio hours and new classes, go to villagesceramics.com

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

HIKING CLUB CALENDAR

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

Rambler Hike April 1: Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a hike along Scenic Road in Carmel-By-The Sea. Park at the Mara Beach parking lot (26495 Scenic Rd, Carmel-By-The-Sea). We will walk along the aptly named Scenic Rd to Ocean Ave. The ocean is on one side of the road and some very picturesque homes are on the other side. From there we will walk up Ocean Ave to downtown Carmel to Dolores Street to the Village Corner California Bistro for lunch. After lunch we will walk back to our cars. Driving distance is 70 miles one way. Total hike distance is approximately 4.5 miles. Total elevation is 230 feet. Meet at Cribari Center at 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

Rambler Hike April 5: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike from Oak Meadow Park, 233 Blossom Hill Rd, east along Los Gatos Creek to the Garrett Station restaurant for an early lunch. The round-trip hike will be about 4 miles with some shade along the way. R/T mileage from the Villages is about 36 miles. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen. We will meet at Cribari Center at 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure because of anticipated heavy traffic.

Rambler Lite Hike April 5: 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 Foothills. Meet at Foothill at 9:30.

Rambler Hike April 12: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike around Lake Elizabeth in Fremont. The hike will be easy, level and about 4.4 miles R/T mileage from the Villages is about 50 miles. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen. We will meet at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure. There will be an opportunity to stop for lunch on the way back for those that are interested.

Rambler Lite Hike April 12: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:30.



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Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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

Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

Are all your vehicles registered and bar coded? Just a friendly reminder that all resident vehicles are required to be registered and must have a resident bar code sticker on them. Please contact the Public Safety Administration office at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: vtennon@the-villages.com or hbalaoro@the-villages.com to register your vehicle.

If you registered a vehicle that had a temporary plate at the time of registration, but have not provided the permanent license plate number, please contact Public Safety Administration to update your registration with the current license plate number.

Notify Public Safety after passing of spouse or household member

As a friendly reminder, if you experience the passing of a household member or spouse, please add the Public Safety Administration to the list of places to notify of the passing. You may contact us at 408-239-5246 option 2, or you may email: vtennon@the-villages.com or hbalaoro@the-villages.com

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Real Estate –

I don't like talking about it, but I guess we must.

Despite the high inflation and the local tech banks going under, unusually rescued by the Feds, the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates again. The interest rate they are raising is the banks lending rate, but these rate hikes bleed over to the mortgage interest rates. The end result here is that the average mortgage interest rate at this writing is above 7%. Ouch. Very simply, what this translates to is some buyers will stop their searches for a new home because of the higher interest rate. It can also mean more sellers do not want to sell if they have a nice low 30-year mortgage rate that they would have to give up. The purchases in the Villages lag behind the sales outside the Villages. The slowing of sales outside the Villages may lead to a bit of slowing inside the Village gates, but as I always point out, the Villages are unique. There are a lot of cash buyers coming from large homes sales outside the Villages that helps us Villagers with the whole interest rate scenario.

What is with this weather?

My new neighbors are from Philadelphia and ask me what is up with this weather? Being a local that has never left the area, I am at a loss of words. What a weird winter it has been. The weather is bound to have an influence on real estate sales. In January there were 2 homes on the market and 2 homes off the market each week. Now we have 3 homes on and 1 home off per week. If this ratio continues, we will have price adjustments as home inventory sits on the market longer.

The accent color for 2023 is a version of magenta. We have not seen this color in a while. I purchased a home in Village Verano 8 years ago that had a bedroom and a bathroom cabinet in bright Magenta. As far as I am concerned, magenta accents means a few pillows and maybe a throw. If your not sure of how much pinky purple is too much? Just give me a call.



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Submit your questions for this year's Candidates' Night

This year's Candidates' Night is Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium.

This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask Club and Association director candidates about topics important to you.

Your questions will be curated and may be used at the live event. Please send your questions to the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, Nick Yannaccone, at nyannac@gmail.com or 408-219-9296.



It's about you taking care of you, yours and your neighbors

By Arlene Versaw

It is not time-consuming, but it is important. It is not complicated, but it is critical. It may not be immediate, but you will inevitably need it. What's "it"?

It is emergency preparation. Before you stop reading, consider this: We live on an earthquake fault. We live in fire country. Outside emergency resources will be overwhelmed if a disaster hits. And all you need to do to be ready is:

- Sign up for County text alerts by texting 888777 and providing your zip code (piece of cake). Warnings enable you to navigate emergencies more safely.
- Sign up for NIXLE – the Emergency Preparedness Committee's internal alert system, by opting in. You can do that by texting Villages to 333111, by registering on The Villages Resident Portal, or at nixle.com or thevillagesepc.com. Having Villages-specific information is empowering. And it's free!
- Put together a Go-Bag of essential items to sustain you and yours for 72 hours if you have to evacuate. Contents of a Go-Bag are on the EPC website at thevillagesepc.com.
- Have a "Stay Box" of supplies to sustain you and yours for 72 hours if you are trapped in your home. Information also can be found on the EPC website, thevillagesepc.com.
- Have an emergency plan that ensures the family knows how to communicate and with whom, where to meet up if you are separated, etc. And yes, this information is also readily available on the EPC website, thevillagesepc.com.



Not a complicated, time-consuming to-do list. But think about how reassuring it will be to know it is all in place. Don't put off to tomorrow what you can do today. Act now! Lives may depend on it.

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.

—NOTICE—
The Villages Association
2023 Annual Meeting
Board of Directors Election
IRS Resolution Vote

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
4 p.m.
The Villages Clubhouse
(California Civil Code Section 5115 (b))

Candidate Registration List: As certified by Richard Holmboe, Secretary of The Association Board, the following Candidate Registration List contains a full and complete list of qualified candidate nominations received by the Association on or before March 28, 2023, at 5 p.m., the deadline established by the Board of Directors for receipt of nominations for the annual election of directors of the Association.

- List of Candidates:**
 Michael Schwerin
 Stephen Gilbert
 Patricia Reardon
 John Epperheimer
 Shannon Bergman

Notice of Election Information: The Villages Association will hold a vote this May and June to elect directors and to vote on Association Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members.

Ballots will be sent to all Members indicated on the Voter List on May 12, 2023. Ballots may be mailed or delivered to the following address so long as the ballot is received no later than Monday, June 12, at 8 a.m.

The Villages Association, Bldg. A
 5000 Cribari Lane
 San Jose, CA 95135

The ballots are scheduled to be opened and tabulated at an open Association Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at Vineyard Center, 9100 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135. The results of the vote will be announced at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at The Villages main Clubhouse, 2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

The Villages Association maintains a **Voter List**. Members are permitted to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Voter List (California Civil Code Section 5105(a)(7)). The Voter List is available for review in Business Administration Building A upon request. Please contact the General Manager's office at 408-223-4634.

The Villages
Candidate Statement Guidelines
for the Club, and Homeowners'
Corporation Candidates

As Part of the Election Package

Candidate resumes/biographies will be included as part of the election package. Candidate resumes/biographies are limited to 250 words.

As we must print candidate biographies as submitted please proofread carefully and use the following format:

Paper – 8 ½ x 11" and white in color

Font – Ariel; size 14 with corporation and candidate name in ALL CAPS and corporation and candidate name and address in bold type

Margins – 1" for top, bottom, and side margins

Alignment – Justify

Heading – State corporation on first line followed by Nominee for Director, then candidate name and address

Spacing – Single spacing for text with double spacing between heading and paragraphs

Please contact Julia Meadows at 408-223-4634 if you have any questions or concerns.

'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 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.

Homeowners' Corporation Directors' Election 2023

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board (HBOD) of Directors is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages life.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The Homeowners' Board of Directors manages and regulates the use and enjoyment of the Homeowner Development in accordance with the governing documents and the law, and in a manner that preserves, protects, and enhances homeowner property." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board. With Rob Kirschbaum's term expiring, there will be one director three-year term open on the Board for 2023. Rob Kirschbaum is eligible to serve an additional term.

If you would like to find out more about serving on the Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors, please contact any current board member, President Teddy Morse 408-394-5229, Vice President Jeannie Omel, 408-677-6530; Secretary Brooks Fuller, 630-740-5542; CFO (Treasurer) Rob Kirschbaum, 201-960-4820; and Director Larry Versaw, 408-960-8387.

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 and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
 - Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home . Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

Club Nominating Committee seeks candidates

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and election will be held during May and June for two director positions to serve three-year terms.

The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses and tennis courts.

It's a rewarding experience to participate in the governance of this vibrant community. The Nominating Committee urges all Villages property owners to consider involvement in the community decisions through service on The Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors.

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Andrew Altman at 207-210-8210 or Andy@ASAltman.com; Vivian Brown at 408-274-5850 or vivian-brown1328@comcast.net ; Beverly Poellot at 408-300-1009 or bpoellot@gmail.com ; and Mohan Rao Aiyagari at 408-828-3709 or mvaiyagari@sbcglobal.net .

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at thevillagesgcc.com

WHAT'S COOKING?

theclubhouse@the-villages.com
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**

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, Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

- **Patio 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.*

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.*



Soup of the Day

For the week of 4/3 to 4/9

Monday	April 3	Lentil
Tuesday	April 4	Cream of Tomato
Wednesday	April 5	Chicken Noodle with Mint
Thursday	April 6	French Onion
Friday	April 7	Seafood Chowder
Saturday	April 8	Chef's Choice
Sunday	April 9	Chef's Choice

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday	Tuesday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>	Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>	Saturday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday Breakfast: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bistro Menu: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i> Dinner Menu: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. <i>(last seating)</i>

Main Dining Room Reservations: Call **408-223-4687**

email theclubhouse@the-villages.com

or online clubhouserreservation.com

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

Bistro Menu 2p-8p

Appetizers

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

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

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

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

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

Fried Green Beans \$8.95

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

V. Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

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

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

Sides By Itself : \$5.50

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

Sandwiches
Gluten Free Breads Sub \$1.50

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

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

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

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

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

V Cheese Pizza \$11.95 Pepperoni Pizza \$12.95

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

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

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

GF Gluten Free V Vegetarian

Breakfast Menu

Tuesday to Friday 8am to 11am
Saturdays 7am to 11am, Sundays 7am to 2pm

V French Toast \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V Short Stack Pancakes \$9.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruits Berries

V Belgium Waffles \$10.75
Whipped Butter, Maple Syrup, Seasonal Fruit Berries

Bagel BLT and Egg \$10.75
Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with Cream Cheese

Breakfast Burrito \$10.75
Scrambled Egg, Potatoes, Cheese, Salsa Choice of Bacon or sausage

Montgomery Muffin \$10.25
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheddar Cheese and Fruit

Lox and Bagels \$15.95
Smoke Salmon, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, Egg Whites and Capers

Avocado Sourdough Toast \$12.50
Fried Egg, Bacon, and Tomato

Sides
Egg \$2.75, 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
Non-Dairy Creamer Available Upon Request

The Villager \$12.95
2 Eggs any style with Sausage, Ham or Bacon. With Hash Brown or Fruit, Choice of Toast Substitute Breakfast meat with NY Steak Add \$12

Three Egg Omelet \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4.00, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Skillet Scrambler \$12.95
Choice of Peppers, Mushrooms, Spinach or Tomatoes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, or Cheese, Add. \$3 each, Bay Shrimp \$4, Spanish Sauce Add \$.25 Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

Huevos Rancheros \$12.50
Fried Corn Tortillas Topped with Lettuce Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Blacked Beans, Fried Egg and Salsa, Topped with Cotija Cheese

Eggs Benedict \$14.95
2 Poached Eggs, Canadian Bacon over English Muffins with Hollandaise Sauce Served with Choice of Hash Browns or Fruit

Eggs Florentine Benedict \$14.75
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 \$14.95
2 Eggs any style with House Made Seasoned Hash. Served with Hash Brown or Fruit and Choice of Toast

GF Gluten Free Bread Available \$1.50 Extra

March 1, 2023

Weekly Specials

For the week of
4/3 to 4/9

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 4/4 to Sunday 4/9

Meat Lovers' Omelet: Bacon, Sausage, Ham and Cheddar Cheese with Choice of Breakfast Sides **\$14.50**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/3 to Sunday 4/9
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spaghetti and Meatballs: In Marinara Sauce **\$16.50**

Turkey Melt: Turkey, Ortega Chilis and Pepper Jack Cheese on Sourdough with Choice of Side **\$15.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/4 to Sunday 4/9
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Venison Medallions: Seared Venison Medallions with Caramelized Shallots in a Rosemary Cabernet Reduction with Choice of Sides **\$30.50**

Mermaid Salad: Salmon, Scallops, Bay Shrimp, Tomato, Cucumber and Asparagus over Greens with Choice of Dressing **\$26.95**

Dinner Menu

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

Starters

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

Small Caesar Salad \$6.75

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

V Fried Breaded Green Beans \$8.95

Southern Crab Cakes \$13.95
Crusted with Cayenne Remoulade

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

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

The Lighter Side

Served à la carte

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

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

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

V Vegetarian GF Gluten Free

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

Dinner Entrées

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

Soup or Salad \$3.95 with Entrees

Rotisserie Half Chicken and Gravy \$26.95

Rotisserie Spice Rubbed Tri Tips \$27.95

Rotisserie Pork Roast \$27.95
With Granny Smith Apple Salsa

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

Villager Meat Loaf \$24.95

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

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

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

GF Lemon Saffron Salmon \$27.95

Prawns Scampi \$29.95
Lemon Butter Sauce Wilton Scallions

Lunch Menu

11am to 2pm

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 \$12.95
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 Asian Stir Fry Vegetables Over Rice \$12.95
Vegetables over Jasmine Rice with Ponzu Sauce
Add Grilled Tofu \$3, Beef, Chicken or Bay Shrimp \$4

Fish and Chips \$14.95
Batter Dipped Cod, Tartar Sauce, Fries, Cole Slaw and
Malt 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 Sprouts

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

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

Reuben \$14.95
Grilled Rye, Corned Beef, Sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese,
1000 Island

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

March 2023

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 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.



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

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.

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

\$4.95

Flavors of the Day
Sherbet, Ice Cream, Sorbet, Milk Shakes

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WANTED!

\$500 REWARD

Information on female(?) driver of white car that sideswiped my car parked on Cribari Lane and fled scene Friday noon March 17.

Pls. help, my insurance will not cover \$2,500 of est. repair.

White car will evidence damage on passenger side.

Contact: Security or Len Silverfine, 5341 Cribari Dell, (917) 225-5500

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Villages Library Book Sale is open for business all year long on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. to noon.

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.

\$12 Plus Service Charge and Tax.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 31

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	SRS Income Tax Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
1 p.m.	Health Festival Meeting	VC
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A

Saturday, April 1

9 a.m.	Ukulele Singing	SEQ
	<i>(event at 10 a.m.)</i>	
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Dog Club Lunch	FC
2:30 p.m.	Talent Show	A

Sunday, April 2

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.	Community Chapel Service	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Chapel Fellowship	CR
2:30 p.m.	Talent Show	A
5 p.m.	Fairweather Friend Potluck	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	RED

Monday, April 3

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.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	9 Hole Women Golf Board	FC
10 a.m.	Drawing Class	AR
10 a.m.	Pilates Class	A

10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Committee	F
10:30 a.m.	Grief Support	SEQ
11:30 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A
3:45 p.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Senior Academy G. Decisions	VC

Tuesday, April 4

6:50 a.m.	Bandini Coffee & Donuts	GP
8:30 a.m.	Mens Golf Club Ex Comm.	MC
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Poetry in Art & Pastel	AR
10 a.m.	Ukulele – Intermediate	PR
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club	CH
11 a.m.	Live Stringer Longer	CR
12 p.m.	Live Stronger Longer	CR
1:45 p.m.	Veteran's Club	VC
2 p.m.	Brandeis American History	PR
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Class	FC
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
7 p.m.	Astronomy Club	VC

Wednesday, April 5

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.	Ceramics Open studio	CER
10 a.m.	Watercolor Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga Class	A
11:30 a.m.	Dippy Dolphins	MC
3:30 p.m.	VMA Bingo	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Thursday, April 6

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Assoc. Architectural Control	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Acrylic Classes	AR
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	CR
10 a.m.	Live Longer Stronger	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
12 p.m.	Game Day	RED
1 p.m.	Chapel Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
1:30 p.m.	Opera Lovers	FC
3 p.m.	Homeowners AC	MC
7 p.m.	Chapel Services	A
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR

Friday, April 7

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	SRS Income Tax Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ceramics Open Studio	CER
9:30 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
1 p.m.	Catholic Services	A
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbells	CR
6 p.m.	Chinese Club Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Theater Rehearsal – Spring	A



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Coming in April

VMA Health Festival – Thrive~Together! Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Cribari Center. Join us this day in learning about many options that let us thrive and flourish together! Presentations, demonstrations, blood pressure, hearing and bone density screenings and exhibitors from all facets of living your best life.

Support Groups March and April

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health will meet on Mondays, April 3 and 10 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 Thursday, April 20 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@sbc-global.net or call 408-784-3325. **Note room change!**

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers of those with Parkinson's on Thursday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Forum Room.

Please check out v mavillages.org

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)

CLUBS & EVENTS

SATE: Putting Artificial Intelligence to work

Join Senior Academy Technology Explorers' next meeting on Zoom, April 3 at 1:30 p.m.

In the March SATE meeting, Barry Sardis gave us a broad overview of how AI (Artificial Intelligence) is starting to be used to complement our current Internet management tools.



The response to this introduction was to raise curiosity among participants about exactly how it might be of value to Villagers.

In this follow-up presentation we will focus on how to set up your own account and get started on letting AI become your right-hand person.

We will look at: How and where AI can be useful, how to best interface with the new tool, where caution in using the results is a good idea too!

And we will feed our bot live questions in areas of interest from our audience. Possible areas we might explore: Drafting emails, letters, or social media posts where ChatGPT can provide suggestions and assistance with grammar, syntax, and word choice; Help plan trips by providing information on destinations, accommodations, transportation, and activities; Suggest travel itineraries based on user preferences and budget, provide maps and directions, and help book reservations for flights, hotels, and other travel services.

Join us for a down to earth look into this new tool and see how you might be able to exploit it at our regular monthly Zoom meeting on April 3 at 1:30 p.m. Register for this Zoom event on our website VillagesSA.org.

Tennis Club Open House is April 4

The Tennis Club Open House has been rescheduled to this Tuesday, April 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Brett Forman, Tennis Pro, will provide tips and drills to improve your game. Tennis Anywhere will bring the newest racquets to demo. Jump Start kicks off for "Rusties." Delicious strawberry shortcake for all.



Tennis racquets will be available. Non-marking shoes required on the court.

This event is free and open to all Villagers. For more information, contact Nancy Spisar at Nancy.spisar@gmail.com or Harry Soin at Harrysoin@gmail.com

Play Bingo this Wednesday!

When was the last time you played afternoon bingo? What do you mean you've never played before? You are missing out on so much fun and all of the possible winnings. This is a certifiable hoot for sure!

All money paid to purchase cards is returned to the players. Cards are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Daytime bingo is one of the many free services provided to residents by the VMA. The fun, the festivities and the winning will commence at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at the Cribari Auditorium. Doors open at 3 p.m. with free coffee, tea, and treats.

This will be more entertaining than watching Judge Judy. Be there on April 5 and have some really big fun!



VMA President to speak at VMFSC meeting

On Tuesday, April 4, Mitzi Macon, President of the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) will be the speaker at the Villages Men's Fun Social Club.



Mitzi became a part of VMA eight years ago because of a golf game with the prior President, Matti Alesi. Matti was so passionate about the organization and Mitzi was glad to join VMA. Over time, Mitzi has learned there are so many amazing volunteers that give so much of their time, skills, and energy to help fellow neighbors.

The VMA assists Villages residents to live independent lives as long as possible. The organization helps residents and their families with referral services for individual care needs and concerns.

VMA was formed in 1976 and at first offered monthly blood pressure checks. Through the years, medical equipment has been accumulated through donations and is loaned free to Villagers. A professional social services coordinator is contracted and works in the Cribari office to link Villagers and their families with community services. Annually, this service coordinator handles more than 600 Villagers, providing over 1500 services.

The many scheduled free services VMA provides Villagers include transportation to medical/dental appointments, grocery shopping/meal delivery, blood pressure checks, medical equipment loan program, unneeded medication disposal, educational health and wellness programs, senior resource services, and charitable outreach. In addition to medical equipment donations, VMA accepts both golf carts and cars. The golf cart donations have been very successful here in the Villages.

Plan on attending this presentation and hear Mitzi tell us more about this excellent Villages organization. Lunch reservations are required per the computer system referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter.

Guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse about 12:30 p.m.



Mitzi Macon

Global Village to host Holi presentation and potluck this Wednesday

By Pradeep Sonowala, Global Village Club Chair

The Global Village Club will welcome Pushita Prasad, a well-known Bay Area storyteller, on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Vineyard Center. This time she will share with our members and all interested residents, a power point presentation on the festival of Holi and the fascinating mythology behind the Indian Festival of Colors. Her ability to paint a picture with her words makes this festival come alive.

In addition to Pushita's presentation, the Global Village Club invites you to participate in a potluck dinner as a continuing celebration of Holi, the Festival of Colors. Please bring a healthy dish to share (to serve 4-6 people). Paper plates, napkins, and plasticware will be available. Sharing a meal together creates a sense of community, something the Global Village Club strongly values. Please contact Pradeep Sonowala so that we know you will be there (sonowala@comcast.com or by text message at 650 336-3310).

Holi is known as the "Festival of Colors, Joy and Equity." Holi is celebrated on a full moon night, in the fifth month of the Hindu Lunar calendar called "Phalgun" which usually lines up around late February or early March. It is also the time when spring comes to end the winter, welcoming the beginning of the harvest. Holi symbolizes the triumph of good over evil by burning Holika, the demon, and on the next day, the Festival of Colors begins. Old and young men and women, boys and girls all spray bright colored powders on each other to demolish the societal barriers, in the memory of Lord Krishna throwing colors on Radha and the whole community to show his eternal and divine love for humanity.

Learn more about the Hindu history and traditions around this joyous and distinctive festival with Pushita in person on Wednesday, April 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Vineyard Center. This event is brought to you by the Global Village Club, welcoming its members and all interested residents. There is no fee to attend and wearing a face mask is encouraged.

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New Yupo on Watercolor Workshop with Julie Cline

By Barbara Gottesman

Using Yupo for Watercolor is a very different experience that can lead to some interesting paintings! Julie Cline is offering a “Yupo on Watercolor” workshop to Villagers on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Art Room in Cribari Center. The fee is \$85 with a \$10 discount for VACA and EVA members.

Yupo is a waterproof, synthetic “paper.” Therefore, watercolor paint sits on Yupo’s smooth surface rather than soaking into it. Realistic depictions take on a wavy, impressionistic aura like this frog by Barb. Abstract designs are easily created by placing found objects in flowing paths of liquid watercolors applied using spray bottles or creating dams with strings or drawing water away from pigment using substances like cat litter.



Loss is minimal because a trip to the sink is all it takes to wash away an unsuccessful experiment and begin again with the same sheet of Yupo.

In a more permanent process, layers of color can be created using a clear sealer to create a second or third waterproof layer on top of the paint applied to the original Yupo base. Lifting pigment to create spaces for a more traditional painting within a loosely painted background is also possible.

Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com for this interesting workshop!

Art Film: ‘A Century of Quilts, America in Cloth’

By Roz Zinns

On Tuesday, April 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room, The Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present “A Century of Quilts, America in Cloth.” This rich and beautifully crafted documentary celebrates the art of quilting by featuring selections from the best 100 quilts of the 20th century, the stories behind their creation and the quilters as they work.



The program visits the 1999 International Quilt Festival in Houston where many of these quilts were featured together exclusively, and for the very first time. It also travels America to capture the artists at work in their studios and homes, telling the stories behind the creation of these magnificent treasures.

These quilts are in a myriad of colors, textures and fabrics that reflect the diversity of American life and the continuing tradition of quilting in new and

different ways,

Running time is approximately 77 minutes. All Villagers and guests are welcome to this free showing.

Domingo Candelas visits The Villages

By Tony Berg

Domingo Candelas, the new council member for District 8, introduced himself and discussed his background, family, and values last Thursday, March 23. In an event sponsored by the Villages Democratic Club, he expressed his excitement to be on the council and work collaboratively with his colleagues to get things done. Candelas attended local schools in District 8 and earned an undergraduate degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from San Jose State. He began his professional career with former state senator Jim Beall and later worked at Valley Water, formerly known as the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

As a first-generation college graduate, he learned the value of education and the importance of being diligent with one’s earnings. Candelas explained the local government structure of San Jose, which includes a mayor with an equal responsibility as 10 other city council members. The city manager is responsible for hiring and firing, and different department heads report up to the city manager. The city attorney and independent police auditor are other appointed positions.

Candelas emphasized the importance of collaboration in local government and building coalitions with colleagues to get things done. He sees his role on the council as being able to interact and work with others to achieve results. During the Q&A session, Candelas answered a diverse range of questions from the engaged audience with knowledge and care. In conclusion, Candelas expressed his excitement to serve as the council member for District 8 and work collaboratively with his colleagues to improve the community.



Updates from the Villages Democratic Club

By Howie Blumstein

The Democratic Club has planned monthly membership meetings featuring interesting speakers on the fourth Thursday of each month.

While Zoom meetings were held in January and February, in-person meetings will now be the norm starting this month at 7 p.m. at the Foothill Center with a few exceptions.

So far this year, the Club has hosted Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James and Santa Clara County Registrar Shannon Bushey as speakers.

Here’s a rundown on future scheduled speakers and events:

April - Indivisible West Coast Senior Regional Organizer Dennessa Atilas (Zoom meeting at 3 p.m.)

May - California State Senator Dave Cortese

June - Former San Jose mayor Sam Liccardo

August - Congressman Jimmy Panetta

September - Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez

October - Mayor Matt Mahan

We invite you to join us at these upcoming meetings to hear these guests discuss key topics of interest and answer your questions.

Enjoy spring and Art in Gazebo Park

I can’t think of a better way to enjoy a sunny spring day in The Villages than Art in the Park.

What could be better than a stroll through Gazebo Park where dozens of Artisans display unique, hand-made creations representing their life’s experiences, interests, and love for their craft?

Some highlights of the items on display include wood and ceramics, jewelry and scarves, paintings, jewelry and much more. All these items are available for sale and we’ll also be selling homemade cookies! Do you need any more reason to *Save the Date* for this **free event** – April 22.

If you make things, create works of art, please join us to show and sell your items. We will be accepting registrations until April 10. For more information about how to sell your items, contact Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com. We make it easy and fun!

Join us at Art in the Park, sponsored by the Villages Arts and Crafts Association, on Saturday April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See you there.



Village Dancers: Charleston spills over into April

Dance before the music is over! And it’s not too late to learn the Charleston! March just flew by—so let’s finish the Charleston choreography in April. Join Bernice and the Village Dancers on Monday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. Questions? Send email to Bernice Toy at Bernice.Toy@gmail.com.

Members of the Village Dancers, a club within the Villages Music Society (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. Learning choreography is not only fun—it exercises the mind, spirit and body.

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

See 'Eat to Thrive' cooking demo featured at VMA Health Festival

Join 30+ exhibitors and 20 Villages Clubs at the VMA's Thrive~Together! Health Festival, on April 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cribari Center. Learn from speakers on Brain Health, Golf for Life, Create to Thrive, Breathe Away Stress and more. Cribari Center—inside and out—will pulse with zest. While exploring Thrive~Together!, check your blood pressure, measure your bone density, and gauge your overall health with Tongue and Pulse Assessment, as practiced in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Plus—savor a chair massage. Thrive~Together! Is free. At the festival's end, you might even walk away with the \$500 drawing prize. Simply show up and talk to exhibitors in designated areas. Then enter your name in the drawing.

To give you a taste of the VMA-sponsored Health Festival, you are invited to Natsuko Tsuji's workshop, Eat to Thrive. Here you will sample a mouth-watering, few-ingredients-needed main dish prepared by Natsuko, a Registered Dietician Nutritionist. Natsuko holds a Master's Degree in Nutritional Science and teaches at San Jose State University. As you watch, Natsuko will cook and share a simple dish, rich in health-boosting nutrients. While slicing, dicing, and stirring, Natsuko will present in small bites information on Good, Healthy, and Simple food. Natsuko says, "I will focus on the importance of nutrients as we age, especially for our brains, heart, and sense of overall well-being."

Following her interactive presentation, Natsuko will provide recipes and handouts on nutrition. After her one-hour cooking demo, check with Natsuko on nutritional assessments and counseling.

Add it now to your calendar—Thrive~Together! At Cribari Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More information regarding the registration process will be available very soon.

Thrive~Together! updates are available at vmavillages.org.



Nutritionist Natsuko Tsuji will present an hour-long cooking demo.

Republican Club holds St. Patrick's Day Celebration

By Cathy Pope

On March 17, in the beautiful Clubhouse Fairway Room, 60 Republican Club members and guests shared fabulous food, friendship, and a sing along to "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

Christopher Escher, Co-Founder of Opportunity Now SV gave an enlightening presentation on the free market perspectives for Silicon Valley policymakers. As California residents, we must take it upon ourselves to be informed by engaging at the highest level; respond with verve; keep at it; build a coalition; and, have fun!

A big thank you to Ed Knott for the Irish tunes, and kudos to Albert Salcedo and his wonderful Clubhouse staff for their excellent service.

Celebrate Passover with Villages Jewish Community

By Michelle Selincourt

The Villages Jewish Community will be celebrating Passover with a Communal Seder on Tuesday, April 11. The event will start with the Service led by Rabbi Annette Koch at 5:30 p.m. followed by a four-course dinner. The cost is \$45 per adult including family and friends and \$25 for children.

We hope you will join as we share the Story of Passover and a wonderful meal with each other. Please contact Edie Herbst at edie.h214@gmail.com to reserve your place. Reservations are required and close on April 5.

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By Sherle Frost

“Sentence: Ten Years and a Thousand Books in Prison” by Daniel Genis: A memoir of a decade in prison by a well-educated young addict known as the “Apologetic Bandit.” In 2003 Daniel Genis, the son of a famous Soviet émigré writer, broadcaster, and culture critic, was fresh out of NYU when he faced a serious heroin addiction that led him into debt and ultimately crime. After he was arrested for robbing people at knifepoint, he was nicknamed the “apologetic bandit” in the press, given his habit of expressing his regret to his victims as he took their cash. He was sentenced to 12 years—10 with good behavior, a decade he survived by reading 1,046 books, taking up weightlifting, having philosophical discussions with his fellow inmates, working at a series of prison jobs, and in general observing an existence for which nothing in his life had prepared him. Genis describes in unsparing and vivid detail the realities of daily life in the New York penal system. In his journey from Rikers Island and through a series of upstate institutions he encounters violence on an almost daily basis, while learning about the social strata of gangs, the “court” system that sets geographic boundaries in prison yards, how sex was obtained, the workings of the black market in drugs and more practical goods, the inventiveness required for everyday tasks such as cooking, and how debilitating solitary confinement actually is—all while trying to preserve his relationship with his recently married wife. 920, Biography, 2022.

“Mercy Street” by Jennifer Haigh: Translated by Robert Bononno. For almost a decade, Claudia has counseled patients at Mercy Street, a clinic in the heart of the city. The work is consuming, the unending dramas of women in crisis. For its patients, Mercy Street offers more than health care; for many, it is a second chance. But outside the clinic, the reality is different. Anonymous threats are frequent. A small, determined group of anti-abortion demonstrators appears each morning at its door. As the protests intensify, fear creeps into Claudia’s days, a humming anxiety she manages with frequent visits to Timmy, an affable pot dealer in the

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VAT: Spelling Bee...

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The play will be performed on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. and April 22 and 23 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and go on sale Saturdays, April 8 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Redwood/Terrace rooms at Cribari Center.

(And for those of you who have seen Spelling Bee elsewhere, please note that the language in our version has been modified to meet the “Grandma Standard.” So, yes, you can bring your grandkids.)



“Spelling Bee” cast (left to right). Front row: Sally Otten, Madeline Yannaccone, Connie Hendrickson, Sherle Frost. Back row: Liz Adams, Nick Yannaccone, Nelson Frick, Nancy Keane, Larry Miller. Not pictured: Kathryn Nymoan.



Join Walking/Chair Dancing for strength and endurance

Attending the LSAL Fitness Club’s Walking/Chair Dancing class two times a week can help improve your strength, flexibility, endurance, and cardiovascular fitness. Joining LSAL Fitness Club is a great way to start if you last exercised a while ago. Our Walking Chair Dance class will allow you to start slowly to let your muscles and joints have the time to build up gradually. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. Our club features three great classes to help you strengthen your bones. Two classes on Tuesdays and one on Thursdays. Tuesday Classes are for **members only** and feature two sessions. The first session, held in the Cribari Conference Room 11 am. – 11:45 a.m., is a progressive, Higher Energy, moderate intensity class. Participants should be able to walk and move freely without mobility aids. The Second class, held in the Cribari Conference Room 12 – 12:45 p.m., is an intermediate, high energy, variable intensity class appropriate for all fitness levels, including those who need to walk slower due to balance challenges. Thursday’s class is held in the Cribari Auditorium 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. and is suitable for all fitness levels. **All visitors are invited to attend our Thursday class.**

Senior Academy: Jefferson’s Grand Tour

Thomas Jefferson, our third President, was the drafter of the Declaration of Independence, our nation’s first Secretary of State, and founder of the University of Virginia.

One of America’s most colorful Presidents, Jefferson enjoyed exploring. He savored new experiences: food, wine, architecture, inventions, and, most of all, speaking with the people who produced them. From 1784 to 1789, Thomas Jefferson, succeeding Benjamin Franklin, was the American ambassador to France. During his tenure, he made a series of business and pleasure trips through France, the Netherlands, England (with John Adams), and to what is now Germany and Italy. Experience Mr. Jefferson’s travels, how he prepared for them and recorded them, and learn about his advice to other Americans abroad.



One of Senior Academy’s favorite lecturers, Susan McGough, will lead us on Jefferson’s Grand Tour in a two-part course on April 4 and 18 at 2 p.m. at Foothill Center. Susan McGough received her master’s degree in American Studies from the University of Hawaii. She has taught both American history and literature at the college level, for retirement communities, and for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in California and Ohio.

For the first time, Senior Academy is providing a zoom option for participating in this course. You may register to view both sessions on zoom if you prefer to watch remotely. There is a zoom registration link at VillagesSA.org.

Please register at VillagesSA.org, or by calling Karen Kosmala at 408-223-2620. Be prepared to leave your first and last name, email address, the name and date of the event and your house number. Also state if registration is for in person or via zoom.

Senior Academy: Have It Your Way

By Arlene Versaw

In-person? Zoom? With Senior Academy the choice is yours! Villager residents spoke and Senior Academy listened—and then went to work. Some residents are eager and ready to go “live” and return to courses and lectures in our great community centers. Others either are unable to or chose not to attend in person. To ensure that any Villager who wants to take advantage of the fascinating topics offered in our presentations, Senior Academy pulled together a team to sort out the details of how the organization could provide simultaneous in-person and on-line access. After several weeks of effort, voila! Most of Senior Academy’s future offerings will be accessible either way.

Join us for the next one: Thomas Jefferson’ Grand Tour, on April 4 and 18 at 2 p.m. at the Foothill Center (if you opt for in-person). You can register for either Zoom or in-person at the Senior Academy web site VillagesSA.org.



Village Voices to present 'Seasons of Love'

Our lives are filled with different expressions of love: the yearning to be home, the desire to be connected, the giddiness of romance. The Village Voices' spring concert "Season of Love" will bring out memories of these times through our songs. Performances will be in Cribari Auditorium on Friday, May 5 and Sunday, May 7 (both matinees at 2:30 p.m.)

Get ready for a touch of Motown music, a three-piece Beatles medley, some popular sentimental tunes like "I'll Be Seeing You" and Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love" as well as a few classical pieces and our theme song from the musical "Rent."

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April 15 (Cribari Lobby) and April 22 (Terrace Room – adjacent to Cribari Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and at the door the days of the concert.

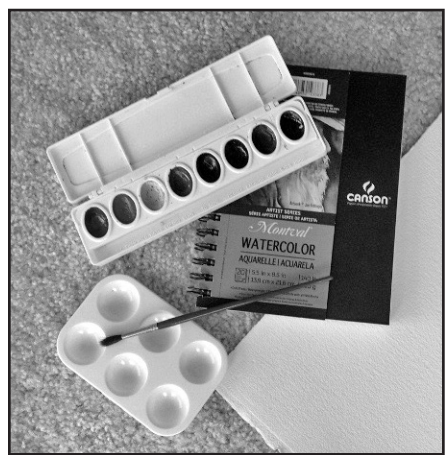
(\$20 each plus a 10 percent discount for dinner at the Clubhouse with reservations required.)

Mark your calendars and prepare to be inspired by The Village Voices "Seasons of Love."



Learn Beginning Watercolor with Ciel Duke

"Watercolor has an undeserved reputation for being very difficult," said Ciel Duke, watercolorist. "Not so", she continued. "It's all about learning the tricks to control the medium. Water, after all, wants to do its own thing!"



Sign up for this four-session series of classes that begins at the very beginning: discussing paper, paint, and brushes. From there, participants will create at least one painting per class, exploring watercolor tricks and techniques to produce the wonderful fresh and spontaneous look of a true watercolor.

Starting with a discussion of basic materials and vocabulary, participants will continue with projects designed to gradually familiarize them with watercolor. Various techniques such as wet-on-wet, dry brush, and dragging color, along with the all-important aspect of timing, will result in a finished painting each session. This class is designed for

absolute beginners as well as those who are struggling to make watercolor work.

The sessions are in the Art Room, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 13, April 20, April 27 and May 4. The fee is \$110. All materials (watercolor set with brush, palette, foam brush, and paper) are included. Participants who already work in watercolor are welcome to bring their own supplies, such as a favorite brush.

Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Karen Amicarelli art exhibit coming April 14

By Michael Sunzeri

The Arts and Crafts Association is featuring a watercolor exhibit for you by artist Karen Amicarelli. The hanging exhibit in the Cribari conference room will take place on April 14. These watercolors are a well-chosen compilation of her work. The exhibit covers a colorful, eclectic, and thoughtful selection. We did a feature bio on Karen a few months ago when she was submitting one of her paintings for the members juried show.

To summarize that bio, when Karen moved here three years ago, she immersed herself in our Arts and Crafts Club and has been helping and assisting our club the entire time. She is quite an accomplished watercolor artist. Some of her painting techniques are the result of guidance from Jane Hink in open studios and other classes she has taken dating back to the '90s. She is skillful, deliberate, and professional. If the mood strikes Karen, she may take inspiration from her own photos or from her favorite artist, Georgia O'Keefe.

You will not be disappointed in your viewing experience for this exhibit. Bright floral is complemented with subdued floral. The landscape work is as real as can be. Also featured, animal and still life round out the 12 hangings she is showing, all of which are beautifully framed.

This exhibit will be available for viewing until August 11. There will be many events and other chances to walk into the Cribari Conference room to see these excellent watercolors. Don't miss this opportunity over the next few months to see her inviting watercolors.



Opera Lovers: 'Cavalleria Rusticana' and 'Pagliacci'

On the first Thursday of the month—April 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Foothill Center—Opera Lovers will present two operas: "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo. This presentation is free and open to all Villagers.

The great Italian stage and screen director Franco Zeffirelli made these widely acclaimed movies, both starring Placido Domingo, with Georges Prêtre conducting the Orchestra and Chorus of La Scala. These two operas are often performed on the same program. "Cavalleria" was filmed on location in Sicily, which adds immeasurably to the power and atmosphere of this timeless story of love, honor, justice and violence. Elena Obraztsova sings Santuzza and Renato Bruson is Alfio. "Pagliacci," which costars the great singing actress Teresa Stratas, brought Zeffirelli the coveted Emmy as Best Director of Classical Music Programming. Juan Pons sings Tonio and Alberto Rinaldi is Silvio. "Cavalleria" contains the glorious Easter hymn "Inneggiamo, il Signor non è morto" and "Pagliacci" the heartbreaking "Vesti la giubba." Both unforgettable!

For more information, call Mary Stradner at 408-887-3293 or visit VillagesMusicSociety.org. The runtime is two hours 20 minutes. The room temperature tends to be cool, so bring a sweater or even a small blanket for comfort.

Astronomy Club to meet this Tuesday

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Astronomy Club, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 at Vineyard Center. The club will discuss Part 4 of the young universe to its present size through collision of small galaxies to make a big one. These structures will highlight the April presentation.

Masks are optional. Questions? E-mail Barry Stein at b.stein200@gmail.com



VMA Bingo & Dinner Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Reservations Now Being Taken

No Host Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Two Course Served Dinner:
Assorted Rolls & Butter
Chicken Piccata
Rice & Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert:
Brownie A la Mode

\$24.94 Plus Service Charge & Tax per guest
An additional \$1 is then added for the VMA

Come join us for Bingo & Dinner
at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, April 19.
Reservations can be made by calling The Clubhouse Special Event Line at 408-754-1339 or e-mail at theclubhouse@the-villages.com. Reservations for all size parties are accepted with a maximum of 8 guests per table. If you wish to organize a table of friends, only one person needs to call but must furnish the guest names and house numbers for all players. Bingo cards will be sold (three for \$5 or \$2 each) in the reception area starting at 5:30 p.m.

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	Contact: Linda Schlageter	408-528-7494
Sunday	9 a.m. Episcopal Service	Montgomery
	Contact: Leslie Bailey	408-270-9022
Sunday	10 a.m. Community Chapel	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Linda Schlageter	408-528-7494
Friday	7:15 p.m. Jewish Shabbat	Foothill
	Next date: May 19	
	Contact: Marilyn Goldsmith	732-672-8601

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord’

By Rev. Matthew D. Stanley, Pastor

As we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, Jesus, our humble and merciful King, goes before us. His way is our way to eternal life; his passion is a remedy for sin. He lays down his life for us that we might share in the glory of the divine life.

Matthew’s passion story stretches from the plot of Judas to the stone placed before Jesus’ tomb, offering a wealth of details in its portrait of Jesus during this crucial sacrificial act. In spite of his human fears, Jesus, the Suffering Servant, is unyielding in his obedience to the Father.

No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as Palm Sunday. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into the remembrance of the Lord’s passion. His royal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem was also an entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection.

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ’s Paschal Mystery is the culmination of the liturgical year. We invite you to undertake a journey of preparation with the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ is a priceless gift of God’s mercy. We invite every parishioner to walk with us on the road to the Empty Tomb— right here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

HOLY THURSDAY – April 6

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7 p.m. (St. Francis Chapel)
Altar of Repose until 11 p.m. - Solemn Adoration & Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY – April 7

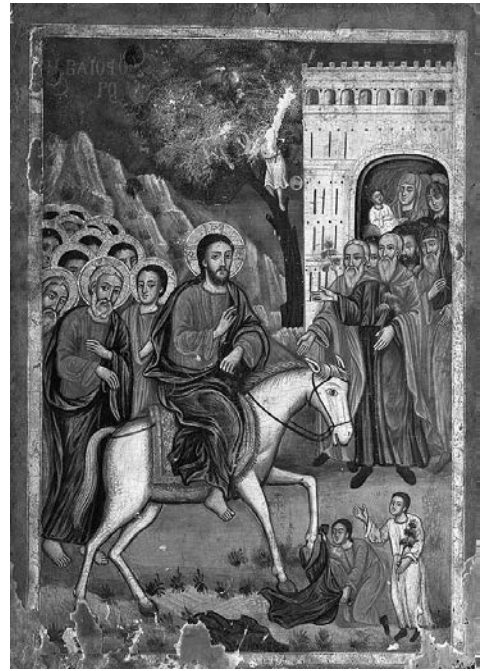
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy Communion
2 p.m. (Villages)

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - April 9

8:15 a.m. (Villages)

See St. Francis of Assisi 1-408-223-1770 or parish website (sfoasj.com) for other times



EPISCOPAL

‘Donne with Poetry’

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

He was something of a melancholy man, English priest and poet John Donne. Having squandered the relative wealth of his youth and married against the wishes of his wife’s family, he fathered 12 children, seven of whom survived childhood. His wife died in labor with their last child, a stillborn. In his 17th Holy Sonnet, he wrote “Since she whom I loved hath paid her last debt/ To Nature, and to hers, and my good is dead/ And her soul early into heaven ravished/ Wholly on heavenly things my mind is set.” And indeed it was: he took holy orders at the insistence of King James 1, and became renowned for his devotional poetry and preaching.

In a manner somewhat alien to the mannered English poetry of the Elizabethan era, Donne wrote in a baroque style, fearlessly engaging themes of death and loss and passionate love. He died on March 31, which is also the day when The Episcopal Church honors him as a saint. His feast day also almost always falls during Lent, a reminder that Christian life fully embraces both love and loss. As he lay dying in 1631, Donne rose from his sickbed and delivered what he describes as his funeral sermon. “Death’s Duel” portrays life as a descent to suffering; in which the ‘winding sheet’ of the womb is the same as that of the grave. But hope, as Donne never failed to observe, comes in embracing the Resurrection.

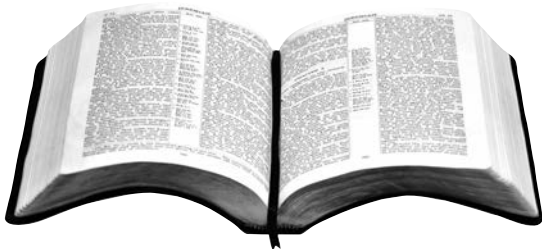
Please join us for services at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m. each Sunday. All are welcome at the Lord’s table.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

We missed you! Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., April 13 at Vineyard Center.**

We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025



COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘A Standing Ovation’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

There are times when you attend an event that speaks to your heart and soul which causes you to respond with a full range of emotions. You might yell, clap your hands, jump into the air or cry with a grateful heart because it touched the core of your spirit! Those experiences leave us feeling as though we have been cleansed from within.

I have seen individuals, including myself, have a moment like that while attending a concert, a sporting event, a dramatic play and even a worship celebration. Sometimes there are so many things that bombard our lives which can cause us to suppress how we really feel emotionally. So, we compartmentalize our feelings because we don’t want others to think negative of us. Overtime we stand and judge others who can freely express their joy.

Luke 19:36-40 TLB 36-37. *Then the crowds spread out their robes along the road ahead of him, and as they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, the whole procession began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles Jesus had done. 38. “God has given us a King!” they exulted. “Long live the King! Let all heaven rejoice! Glory to God in the highest heavens!” 39. But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Sir, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” 40. He replied, “If they keep quiet, the stones along the road will burst into cheers!”*

Come and experience the joy, for a time of refreshing and renewal of spirit as we rejoice in giving our Lord a Standing Ovation for our victory in Him.

There will be songs and shouts of joy as many come together on Palm Sunday the 2nd, Maundy Thursday the 6th at 7 pm and Easter Sunday on the 9th at the Cribari Auditorium.

If you need friendship, you can find it in our Chapel. Please join us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word and enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies with friends. *The chapel is a place for needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and new friends to embrace.*

You can view our worship services on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.

SPORTS NEWS

PICKLEBALL



Participants and support staff for the Villages vs. Silver Creek Paddle Battle

By Anahid Gregg

It's hard to say which was the harder fought battle – Tournament Director Michelle McQuay wrestling the trophy from visiting Director Phyllis Seeger or the play on the courts for the Pickleball Paddle Battle vs Silver Creek Country Club! Unfortunately, co-Director Sherry Benz was out of town for the event, but still put in a lot of work.

Michelle had her team working to provide an amazing spread of food that was prepared by the VGCC team, and provided well balanced teams and competition between our two Clubs. While VGCC took possession of the trophy (we now lead 2-1), many matches were decided by close scores or determined by extra points. Each team played four games, and only two teams were undefeated.

Villager Team 5, comprised of Kevin Prest and Rick McKee and Villager Team 7, comprised of Reggie Smith and Michael Actman were the two undefeated teams – kudos to them for pulling through for the Club! The overall resulting score of Villagers 23 – SCVCC 9 does not reflect the quality of play. Rick was heard to comment he had to play his best to win against well-matched teams.

We look forward to returning to Silver Creek in the fall and continuing the competition!



Phyllis Seeger tries to hold onto the Paddle Battle plaque, but Michelle McQuay takes it away!

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are now in afternoon play currently gathering every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

On Thursday, March 23, 2023, it was a crisp spring day and only eight of us showed up to play, so the only awards were a fun round of golf and birdies.

Because there were fewer than 10 players there were no rewards for first, second and third places, however those who achieved those auspicious accomplishments were: **third place** went to Bob Lapidus with a net 30, **second place** was a three-way tie between Al Bruno, Jerry Juracich and Lee Thompson with net 29s, and **first place** went to Roger Pyle with a net 27.

The only **birdie** was a long put from off the green by Lee Thompson.

Al Bruno got **low gross** with a 3 over par 30.

So, Al Bruno and Lee Thompson shared **golfer of the day** honors: Al with his low gross and second place finish, and Lee Thompson with his birdie and second place finish. Way to go, Al and Lee!

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and don't put much emphasis on being great golfers. And, the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283.

Deep Thoughts:

"Because golf exposes the flaws of the human swing, a basically simple maneuver, it causes more self-torture than any game short of Russian roulette." - Grantland Rice, sportswriter

"If I've got a swing, I've got a shot." - Bubba Watson, two-time winner of The Masters

Play The Par 3 Course Tuesday, April 18

3 p.m. shotgun start
Contact Mary Wagle to sign up marylwagle@gmail.com or 408-829-4021 call or text

Play the Par 3 Course and **improve your short game!** Sign up individually or with a foursome. This is open to all Villagers and their families and/or friends.

Cocktail time after golf in the Bistro.



18-HOLE WOMEN

By Chris Leisy

Where is our Spring? We had another very cold and windy day of golf. So cold that only 22 brave and strong women came out and played and all 22 very cold women finished.

There were no chip ins but there were two birdies, Kay Gray on #15 and Shirin Sirhaz on #18. Congratulations.

March 30 was supposed to be our first guest day. It was canceled due to rain and the course was aerated. Guest day, Spring Fling, has been rescheduled to April 13. You now have plenty of time to find your four-

some. You can invite any woman that has an 18 hole handicap. Invite another Villager, Swinger, friend or a fellow 18 hole member. There will be a member/member and member/guest flights.

It is time to sign up for this year's invitation-al, Camp Wanna-Win-It. Applications must be handed in to Diana Hallock by April 1st, April fools? This is our biggest event of the year and you don't want to miss it.

We have another new member, Delma Juarez. She has lived here in The Villages for five years. She started with the Shonis and then joined the Swingers where she is now the treasurer. Her goal was to join the 18 hole women and now she has accomplished that. We welcome her and look forward to playing with her.

Next week is now a no sweeps day due to aeration. Our next play day is Captain's Trophy day on April 6.



New member Delma Juarez



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TENNIS TALK



Spectators at the Prescott Tournament

By Betty Olsen

It was a beautiful day for The Prescott Tournament, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We had lots of spectators in the viewing stands watching the tennis and enjoying the fantastic spread of breakfast items Linda Dumont, hospitality chairman, provided. Nobody went home hungry.

We used the courts 1-4 with 32 players. The players were divided into two groups (group Red, group White.) First round players played 12 games, four games with each person on the court. Players played second round with three different players using the same format, finishing around 1 p.m.

At the conclusion, because everyone kept their individual total games won, totals for the Red and White groups were added by Karen Hillis (retired high school math teacher) and prizes awarded to both men and women.

Mitzi Macon, our tournament chair, who was leaving early that morning for Florida left a basket of prizes for winners to choose from such as a certificate for a golf lesson, several certificates for messages, several certificates for the clubhouse, as well as Starbucks certificates. Mitzi even left an envelope labeled "VMA Donations - Mitzi will match all donations!"

Many thanks to those responsible for organizing and running this event: Mitzi, Gerhard Ringel, Jay Desai, Karen Hillis, Betty Olsen, Linda Dumont and her hospitality crew.

Red Group Men: #1 Roy Pennington, #2 Brett Foreman. **Women:** #1 Suzi Hathaway, #2 Cheryl Diltz

White Group Men: #1 Sandy Fernandez, #2 (three-way tie) Mike Actman, Bob Semple, Bong Chan. **Women:** #1 Sharon Bartels, #2 Gloria Fernandez



Marty Funcell (serving) and Joy Rem (at net) playing in the tournament

SWINGERS

By Bev Murphy

Tuesday, March 21, was another rainy day for the Swingers—golf and sweeps were cancelled. Let's hope by the time we play again; we remember how to swing a club. Maybe next week we can play golf and there will be some birdies and chip-ins to record. Due to the forecasted rain, aeration has been postponed for a week.



Flo Southland, March Captain's Trophy Winner

Congratulations to Flo Southland for winning the March Captain's trophy for the back nine. Way to go, Flo!

There's an opportunity to work on your short game at the Shoni/Swinger Mixer on Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 shotgun. The \$25 entry fee includes lunch and prizes. Sign up at the Shoni table Tuesdays or contact Betty Hall: eahall49@yahoo.com or 562-477-3016.

Tuesday, April 25, is The Villages Women's Nine Hole Golf Club Exchange - "Swing into Spring." Almaden, Peninsula, Saratoga, San Jose CC and Stanford will be invited to join us. The cost for Swingers is \$34 and includes a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch. Watch for more information; online registration opens soon.

Tuesday, June 13, 9:00am, The Villages Women's Nine Hole Golf Club Invitational - "Plaids & Pars in the Highlands" with luncheon and awards. The tournament format is "Two Best Balls." Dress in a colorful plaid and enjoy golf, Gaelic music, bagpipes, and a visit to the Pub. The Invitational Committee has put a lot of effort into making the 2023 Invitational a special day for all of us. Entry fee is \$110 which includes breakfast, golf, cart, lunch, mulligan bag, cash prizes and, a wonderful time spent with friends and meeting new golfers from other clubs. Online registration will open soon!

The Villages Golf and Country Club Women's Nine Hole Golf Club



Plaids & Pars in the Highlands

BOCCE NEWS



Guests enjoying the afternoon with old and new friends.

By Barbara Orlando

The Bocce Club's first themed Bash had a great turnout, with guests wearing green and enjoying food and drink which reflected the St Patrick's Day theme. Nearly 70 members and non-members came and enjoyed the afternoon playing bocce, eating, and just having fun.

Thank you to our Bash Host, Ken Colaizzi and his wife Marie for their warm hospitality and keeping with the theme for this bash. Our tables overflowed with snacks and goodies and our bash hosts provided Irish coffees to share with attendees.

We also said goodbye to Patrick and Thelma McMordie, who are leaving The Villages and moving to Ocala, Florida. We will miss them, but wish them the best in their brand new home, as they both begin a new life adventure.

If you or your group would like to host a Friday Bash and have some fun, email Barbara at orlmuh2@comcast.net or phone 408-300-1230.

Our club's next Potluck event will be on Wednesday, April 26, at Gazebo Park starting at 11:30 a.m., right after the Spring Mixer Championship Game. Next week there will be more information about this event and how to reserve your spots. **So, save the date!**


Note: Our website address has changed, it is now villagesbocce.vgcc.club.

Our club is looking for volunteers who have a background in working with PA system equipment and websites. Contact Barbara, if interested at orlmuh2@comcast.net.

Did You Know: During play, absolutely *no* balls are allowed outside the bocce courts. When finished playing, balls are placed back in their color coordinated containers, inside the player box area of the courts and then placed in the kiosk cabinet.



St. Patrick's Day Bash Hosts Ken and Marie Colaizzi



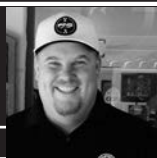
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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Spring Aerification—Rescheduled due to Wet Weather

Wednesday, April 5 – Par-3 Course closed all day for greens aerification

Taylor Made Fitting/Demo Day—Friday, April 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Introducing the all-new Stealth 2 HD, combining the elements of speed and forgiveness to unlock **fargiveness**. It was already fast. Now, they made it even more forgiving. Building on the speed producing success of the original 60X Carbon Twist Face, the new design features an enhanced version of Inverted Cone Technology to help maintain ball speed on off-center strikes and increase forgiveness. Compared to the original Carbonwood, Stealth 2 HD features nearly twice the amount of carbon. It is constructed using a new Carbon Reinforced Composite Ring and collectively utilizes more of the lightweight material than any driver in TaylorMade history. Their advanced application of carbon allows for the redistribution of mass for more forgiveness and stability. **Call the Pro Shop to book an appointment** – this will be the only way to guarantee that the Callaway fitter will work with you personally.

April Golf Scheduled Events

Saturday, April 8 – Men’s Club Spring Open 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Thursday, April 13 – 18-Hole Women 8:20 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Home & Home Shotgun – Course closed

Tuesday, April 18 – Play the Par-3 Course Tournament and Social Event – Par-3 Course closed 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24 – Charity Outside Tournament 12 p.m. – Golf course closed – Range closed until 12:30 p.m.

Golf Cart Fairway Entrance and Exit

The 90-Degree Rule is Always an Option When Entering the Fairway

For those golfers who enter the fairway early, just after the tee box, we stress that you should please use the Cart Enter Gates located at the start of each fairway. Then proceed down the fairway from shot to shot avoiding driving in the rough as much as possible.

For those who hit it longer off the tee and who do not enter the fairway early, remember that it is always okay to use the cart path until you are parallel with your ball, and then enter the fairway using the 90-degree rule staying on the cart path until you reach your drive. Then proceed down the fairway from shot to shot avoiding driving in the rough as much as possible.

At the green, please remember to not drive your cart past the 30-foot Yellow Lines in front of each green, and to never drive inside the perimeter of the greenside bunkers or on the greenside slopes.

When exiting the hole, please use the Exit Gates located at the end of each hole and stay on the cart path until you reach the next tee box. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation!

New in the Pro Shop—Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression golf balls in the World – 40 compression perfect for low swing speeds. Taylor Made Stealth 2 woods featuring “Fargiveness” carbon technology – maximum forgiveness and distance combined. Callaway Paradym woods with an expanded carbon crown – providing the best Distance, Forgiveness, and Adjustability. Titleist ProV1 and ProV1x golf balls – new larger high gradient core for higher speeds, optimal trajectory and spin. Titleist ProV1x Left Dash golf balls – The in between ProV1 and ProV1x – firmer feel than ProV1x, high speed low spin. Titleist Q-Mark leather gloves for men and women featuring the removable Villages Logo Ball Mark. Cobra Golf Aerojet Woods with their new Power-Bridge technology providing faster ball speeds-Demos available. Taylor Made TP5 and TP5X balls now available in optic yellow.

Pro Shop Sale Items—Srixon Soft Feel Balls – Buy 2 dozen get 1 dozen free. Villages logo golf bags – Buy a logo bag and receive one Free Round of Golf.

Summer Golf Schedule Changes: In Effect through October 2023

Monday: Open Shotgun 1 p.m. - Driving Range open until 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Swingers – 8:45 a.m. Shotgun – Shonis – Par-3 Course 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: Ironmen Par-3 Course 10 a.m.

Tuesday-Sunday: Last tee Time 5 p.m. for the month of March

Pro Shop – Closes at 5 p.m. through March

Tips from the Pro—The Shortest Distance Between Two Points...

When you set up, be sure you are properly aligned...Not just your feet but also your knees, hips, shoulders and most importantly the clubface. Remember that only the clubface aims to the target, and the body aims parallel left of the target. The best way to set up is to set the clubface first, and then build your stance parallel left of your target or perpendicular to the clubface. Most right-handed golfers aim too far to the right but this doesn’t always mean the ball will go right as their swing will compensate for poor alignment. So here is how to check your alignment every practice session for the rest of your life. The best way to do so is to lay down a club (or alignment stick) pointed to the target and another club parallel to the first club at your feet (Copy the image below to set up your practice area). Make sure your feet, hips and shoulders are all square to the shafts. This is called a “stacked” position when your feet, hips and shoulders are all parallel left of the target line. Then make swings through this parallel “channel”. You should see less side spin in your ball flight. So remember to set up square and you will straighten out your ball flight...let us know how it works.

Tips from the Pro—Level the Playing Field

A few things to remember when playing uneven lies:

Downhill lie—The ball will come out low so take a club with more loft, especially if you have a hill or tree to traverse. Choke down on the grip 1-2 inches. Play the ball back in your stance so you strike the ball before the ground. Feel like you are swinging down the slope not lifting above the slope.

Uphill lie—The ball will come out higher and fly shorter so take a club with less loft. Choke down on the grip 1 inch. Lean into the hill so you don’t fall back when swinging. Tilt your shoulders with the slope, right shoulder down and left shoulder up. Feel like you are swinging up the slope not into the slope. Ball below your feet. Take 1-2 more clubs and grip at the end of the handle. Bend your knees more like a squatting position (like sitting in a bar stool). Maintain knee flex and keep your body still. Lean back into hill for stability-weight on heels.

Ball above your feet—Choke down on the handle 1-2 inches. Play 1 more club. Aim a bit to the right. Lean into the hill for stability-weight on balls of feet.

On all uneven lies, strive to stay still as the more you move, the more your swing radius moves and it’s harder to predict the bottom of the arc. Tour professionals always strike the ball first because they stay very still and let things rotate around a stable head and core.

On uphill greenside and bunker shots it’s easy to come up short, so rotate the club to the left or closed as you pass through impact and the ball should come out with more forward force and will roll more.

To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com



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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.



Clubhouse – Sunday, April 9th, 2023
Two Seating's – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Happy
Easter

MENU

Breakfast Pastries Station

Croissants, Danish, Fruit & Nut Loaves
Mini Muffins

Display Stations

Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display
Easter Egg Candies

Salad Stations

-Baby Spring Mix, Baby Arugula, Romaine Leaves and Baby Spinach
-Assorted Cherry Tomatoes, Assorted Radishes, Cucumbers, Sprouts
Beets, Red Onions, Herbed Croutons,
Feta Goat Cheese, Shaved Romano Cheese and Tri Color Peppers

Seafood Display

-Smoked Salmon with Capers, Cream Cheese, Bermuda Onions,
Egg Whites and Mini Bagels.
Bay Shrimp Gazpacho Shooters, Peel and Eat Prawns

Carving Stations Featuring

Bone-In Virginia Ham and New York Sirloin

Under the Chafers

Scrambled Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon
Eggs Benedict and Cheese Blintz
Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce
Rosemary and Thyme Braised Leg of Lamb
Wild and Herb Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley

Desserts Display

Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macaroons, Mini Beignets
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More SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore, douglas.moore865@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

2023 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Member/ Member has been rescheduled for May 12 through 14 (due to the Pineapple Express earlier this month). Signups started up again with the Pro Shop on March 25. Three-Day Match Play and Horserace among two-man teams. Catered lunch at Foothill Center Coffee/Donuts (three days).

April 8 - Spring Open - Team Play, Stableford, four-man, 2BB, Flighted. Signups will start up again with the Pro Shop on March 25 and run through April 6. You must sign up with the Pro Shop. As of this morning you only have 6 days left to sign up. So "Git er Done!" Let them know if you need a playing partner(s) and they will help arrange a foursome.

May 13 - Memorial Day Tournament has been cancelled. We will reengage again next year.

2023 Evergreen Invitational - This year's Evergreen Invitational scheduled for July 13-15. This is a MGC Major, so plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! All of the planning and preparation for this event is coming along really well, and this promises to be one of the best ever! Also, should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to Bill Morefield, the Evergreen Chairman at bill_morefield@yahoo.com. Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.

Just a Refresher: We know you have seen this before, but we are going to keep repeating it until it registers and becomes second nature. One of the simplest ways to keep our course looking green and pristine for years to come is to use "the gates" to enter and exit the fairways. Also one of the best rules to follow, the "90 Degree Rule."

For those who hit it longer off the tee and who do not enter the fairway early, remember that it is always okay to use the cart path until you are parallel with your ball, and then enter the fairway using the 90-degree rule –staying on the cart path until you reach your drive – then proceed down the fairway, from shot to shot, avoiding driving in the rough as much as possible.

And when you take a plot of turf with that mighty short iron you love so much, please make sure to fill that void you left with sand. Buckets are found at the #1 and #10 tee box, as well as the tee boxes throughout the course. Let's keep it green!

Golf Thoughts

- Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- A ball that you can see in the rough from 50 yards is never yours.

MGC E-mails—Are you receiving notification emails from the Men's 18 Hole Golf Club? If not, there is a simple fix. You may have accidentally **unsubscribed** from the scheduled emails. Please just let me know if you think you are one of those and I will send you an email to reconfirm you and get you back on track.

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 April 4, 2023.

Also, remember to visit our website at 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 Club 2023 Member/Member 2-Man Match Play Tournament May 12-14

Flights consist of Six 2-Man Teams – Format - 4-Ball Match Play - 1 Net Best Ball.
Each team will play 9-hole matches with the other five teams in your flight.

- 2 nine-hole matches on Friday, Day 1
- 2 nine-hole matches on Saturday, Day 2
- 1 nine-hole match on Sunday morning of Day 3 to determine the Flight Champion
- All Flight Champions will then compete in the Championship Horserace after the 9-hole matches of Sunday, Day 3.

Added Bonus: If your Flight Champion finishes in the top position, everyone in that Flight will be paid! On Sunday, after the Horserace, a **Catered Taco Bar Lunch** will be served at Foothill Center to celebrate all the winners and Virgilio's Door Prize drawings included in entry fee - Coffee and Donuts served each day – Snacks & Beverages in between matches – Taco Bar Lunch and Awards at Foothill Center on Sunday after the Horserace.

Tee Prize: Member/Member logo golf cap

Entry Fee: \$90 per player plus green fees (3rd day is 9-hole rate)

Prizes: - Match Play - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each flight
- Championship Horserace Day 3: "One for all, All for One !!"
- Pays - Win/Place/Show

Registration: Starts March 25. Sign up at Pro Shop **in person**, no phone tee time reservation, so get your partner **now!** **Deadline is Tuesday, May 9. Field limited to first 48 teams.**



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 began the installation of yellow ground paint lines in front of the green complexes to clearly define the 30-foot golf cart restriction area at each green as prescribed in Golf Rule 1.14 Section 8-J:

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



The golf course yellow lines

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.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

On March 17, we hit the back nine for our second straight week of sunshine and wind. Sixteen Pinseekers joined the fun and played on mostly dry course.

In the continuing battle for Championship points and Sweeps, the top of the score sheet this day had Martin Hoek, continuing his “domination,” at net 3, earning four Championship Points and \$4 in sweeps; Don Lee, finished the day at net 36 good for three Champion points and \$3 in sweeps; third place at net 37 found Lee Thompson, Lawrence Chin and Larry Milligan each gaining two Champion points and \$2 in sweeps; in the fourth position, at net 38, Jim White and Chris Corpus both grabbed one Champion point and \$1 in Sweeps.

A correction to my article from last week, our weekly tee times will revert to **Friday** mornings with the first group off the tee at 8 a.m. We begin on May 5 with a course wide Shotgun start for all players at 8 a.m. and continue with the morning tee times through the end of October. We will still, on May 5, celebrate the return to our “normal” tee times, with a “no host” lunch at the clubhouse following the conclusion of our round. We should be getting back to the clubhouse around 10 a.m. and have some time to turn in our score cards, clean our clubs and socialize before it’s time to eat.

It has been a tumultuous winter, let’s hope for many Fridays of clear skies and comfortable weather as we wrap up this season and prepare for the new season beginning on July 7.

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Well, the Shonis got rained out again last week for the fifth time this year. And even though it was the day after spring officially began, we had our 12th or 14th atmospheric river event this year... but who’s counting? It does make it hard for our newcomers to get their five qualifying games in. However, even if Tuesdays have been wet, they’ve been golfing other days of the week with our “unofficial “ get them qualified golf group, organized by Teddy Morse. Thank you, Teddy. This week we are moving to Monday, March 27, as the course is being aerated. Since it’s not a Tuesday, maybe we’ll get to golf.

We are getting excited as we have two special events coming in April. I hope Mother Nature gives us a break. April 11 is the Annual Shonis/Swinger Mixer, hosted by the Shonis this year. All our foursomes are full. Prizes are in hand, entry fee cash being collected to pay out to the lucky low gross winners, and lunch arranged for the 36 golfers and helpers.

Then April 18 starts our Eclectic Tournament, eight games where everyone gets a chance to better each hole’s score and maybe be the low gross and/or low net winner. And remember, if you win, you get to coordinate the game next year. But it’s always challenging and fun. Good luck to everyone.

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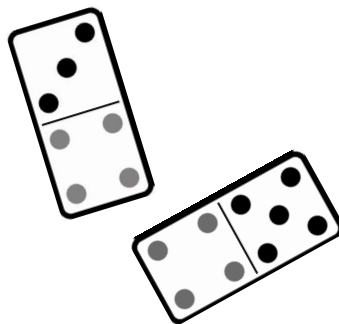
MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, March 22

Maribeth Berlie	181
Sandra Gardiner	213
Sylvia Rozewicz	213
Shirley Bellavance	296

Friday, March 24

Gjo Bennett	108
Berta Escamilla	243
Shirley Bellavance	302



18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, March 23

Flight One:

Low Gross -	Millie-Anne Schwerin 89
Low Net -	Holly Magowan 73
2nd Low Net -	Jay Lee 74

Flight Two:

Low Gross -	Mazie Belle Rice 103
Low Net -	Joyce Mukuno 79
2nd Low Net -	Judy Rodriguez 81

2 Tee Flight:

Low Gross -	Sue Daughtrey 104
Low Net -	Kay Gray 75

BOCCE

Spring Mixer Tournament 2023 Week #2

Monday, March 20

10 a.m.	FiFo 3-1	Bocce Boomers 1-3
	Your Friendly Bankers 2-2	Bocce Seniors 2-2
12:30 p.m.	Bocce Stars 2-2	Bocce Bombers 4-0
	The Bocce Brigade 0-4	The Palominos Two 2-2
3 p.m.	MVPS 2-2	Rolling Rock 1-3
	Easy Rollers 3-1	Beginners Choice 2-2

Wednesday, March 22

10 a.m.	New Beginnings 3-1	Best Bocce 1-3
	Bocci Busters 2-2	Rock and Roll 2-2
12:30 p.m.	Turn the Paddle 3-1	Bocce Bollards 2-2
	Joy of Bocce 0-4	OOP! I Did It Again 3-1
3 p.m.	Eager Rollers 3-1	The Village People 1-3
	Bocce Brawlers 1-3	Magnificent 7 3-1

Thursday, March 23

10 a.m.	Here We Roll Again 3-1	Bocce Blazers 2-2
	Hope For the Best 2-2	Bocce Boot Campers 1-3
3 p.m.	Spring Chickens 4-0	Bocce Beatles 0-4
	Crunchy Rollers 0-4	Heart Warmers 4-0

BRIDGE

Monday, March 20:

- Suzanne Fazzio – Susan Fitts
- Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott
- Louann Partridge – guest

Wednesday, March 22:

- Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai
- Joe Henry – Lorrie Scott
- Mary LeGrand - Louann Partridge

Friday, March 24:

- Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
- Mary LeGrand – Guest
- Sumi Minami - Lorrie Scott



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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

Cribari Heights and Cribari Corners—Shrub beds drip installation, except ivy ground cover area, in progress.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 4/3.

Cribari Green—Dry rot repairs in progress prior to painting project.

5320-5339 and 5340-5363—Power washing scheduled to start 3/31, painting scheduled to follow on 4/3, weather permitting.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/8-5/12.

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

8876—2 Irrigation controllers pedestal cabinet replacement in progress.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 4/3.

Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd) – Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/17-4/21.

7732, 7753, 7756, 7757, 7759, 7769, 7781, 7787, 7791, 7799, 7806, 7817, 7822, 7824, 7833, 7835, 7837, 7839, 7843, 7849 and 7863—Front door painting project in progress, weather permitting.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/10-4/14.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

8497—Stucco wall replacement, in progress.

8503—Storm drain repairs, in planning.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/17-4/21.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

8423—Utility door repairs in progress.

8429—Sewer lateral repairs in planning.

8077 and 8122—Driveway replacements scheduled to start the week of 4/3.

Chardonay Lake—Walkway repairs in planning, weather permitting.

Highland

7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

Shrub beds, street cracks and weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.REG.N0.524-579), in progress.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

Dead/dying tree removals at various locations, in planning.

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.REG.N0.524-579), in progress.

Mowing down ivy ground cover beds in progress throughout the district.

8769-8795—Lighting replacement project in progress, weather permitting.

8736—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Valle Vista

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/3-4/7.

9019-9027 and 9051-9060—Fire fuel management 5 foot zone, vegetation clearing behind patios and between units in progress, weather permitting.

Turf, shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.524-579), in progress, weather permitting.

9019-9020, 9028 and 9050—Roof repairs in progress, weather permitting.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 5/1-5/5.

Dead/dying tree removals at various locations, in planning.

Verano West Entrance, 7204, 7208, hillside by 7300 Via Granja and Via Laguna—Turf conversion projects, in progress.

Turf, shrub beds, street cracks weed herbicide spray throughout the district (Roundup Pro Max EPA.524-579), in progress, weather permitting.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and ground squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 4/3.

Association

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), every Monday.

Irrigation repairs in progress throughout the Villages.

General fallen tree debris clean up in progress throughout the Villages.

Club Centers

Foothill, Montgomery and Cribari Pool—Scheduled to open 4/1.

Public Safety Plaza—Lighting repairs under review.

Gutter cleaning in progress.

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

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

Maintenance Services

Customer Service Line:

408-223-4670

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

PG&E Gas Safety Inspections

In the coming months, PG&E will perform routine gas safety inspections throughout the Villages. This will occur at residential buildings and Club facilities. PG&E employees or contractors will be in common areas accessing utility enclosures and cabinets. PG&E employees and contractors always carry identification cards.

In advance of the inspections, please remove any personal items that may obstruct access.

PG&E partners closely with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure that these important safety inspections get completed in a timely manner.

For more information on gas meter safety, visit: gas meter safety inspections.

Thank you for your review, understanding and cooperation on this important matter.

Villages Maintenance Services

Dear Valued PG&E Customer,

We are notifying you that we will be performing upcoming routine gas safety inspections in your community, which may require our employees or contractors to access the gas meter located at your premise.

Why we need access

We partner closely with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure that these important safety inspections get completed in a timely manner.

Gas safety appointments

If we are unable to safely inspect the gas meter, we will contact you and schedule an appointment at a later date. In advance of our inspection, we ask that you:

- Allow physical access to the meter on your property
- Remove any obstructions such as locked gates and unrestrained dogs
- Our employees and contractors always carry identification cards and are happy to provide them to you upon request.

For more information on gas meter safety, visit: pge.com, gas meter safety inspections.

Thank you, we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Gas Meter Safety Team

Shown above is PG&E's notice to customers

Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE
The Villages Library Book Sale is open for business all year long on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. to noon.

From the Villages Library...

(Continued from page 18)

midst of his own existential crisis. At Timmy's, she encounters a random assortment of customers, including Anthony, a lost soul who spends most of his life online, chatting with the mysterious Excelsior11—the screenname of Victor Prine, an anti-abortion crusader who has set his sights on Mercy Street and is ready to risk it all for his beliefs. *Mystery*, 2022.

"The Last Chairlift" by John Irving: In Aspen, Colorado, in 1941, Rachel Brewster is a slalom skier at the National Downhill and Slalom Championships. Little Ray, as she is called, finishes nowhere near the podium, but she manages to get pregnant. Back home, in New England, Little Ray becomes a ski instructor. Her son, Adam, grows up in a family that defies conventions and evades questions concerning the eventful past. Years later, looking for answers, Adam will go to Aspen. In the Hotel Jerome,

where he was conceived, Adam will meet some ghosts; but they aren't the first or the last ghosts he sees. *Mystery*, 2022.

"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver: Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities. Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote "David Copperfield" from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. *Fiction*, 2022.

FROM BRIGHTVIEW

News From BrightView Landscape:

BrightView Landscape (our landscape partner) is rolling out beta testing of an innovative new robot that provides lawn mowing services. The launch of this project began on Monday, February 20, 2023. The innovative NEXMOW wireless robot lawn mowers are healthy for our environment, extremely quiet, safe and secure. The robots mulch the cut grass creating an organic fertilizer. Ultra-sensors stop the mower operation if it detects people and pets, and the wireless GPS system creates the navigation and live tracking if the mowers are stolen. The NEXMOW mowers operate on batteries to provide an extremely quiet experience. The NEXMOW mowers are also accompanied and monitored by trained technicians. The reception has been very positive by many homeowners. The plan is to continue operating the mowers through the end of May.



Map of the NEXMOW deployment areas. 3.3 acres mowed.



The lawn robots undergoing beta testing on the lawn area near the entry gate.



One of the NEXMOW robots

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The VMA lends all types medical equipment for *free, free, free*, to any Villager who may need it? Did you say free? Yes!

The VMA has all types of equipment, including walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and knee scooters. Some equipment that you may not realize we have are over-the-bed tables, ice therapy machines and hand/foot exercisers. Come on, you didn't know we had those, did you?

Don't hesitate any longer; simply call The VMA office at 408-238-4230 and one of our more than 50 trained drivers will deliver it to you. (Yes, delivered to your house.) You may keep the equipment as long as you need and when you are done with it, we will pick it up – it's easy and there is no paperwork involved.

If you would like to pick out your own equipment, we can easily make arrangements for you to meet one of our outstanding volunteers at our storage shed in the RV lot. We will get you loaded up and on your way.

There are certain items that we have too many of – right now, we have an excess of two-wheel walkers. You are welcome to take any extra ones to give to friends and relatives that may need them.

Please check with the VMA desk for what is available and we will gladly deliver what you need.

We have way too many different items to list here, so to see a complete list of what is available for loan, check out the updated Equipment Catalog on the VMA website at vmavillages.org/services or visit the VMA Office to look at it.

OBITUARY

Ursula Gibson

September 15, 1932 – March 16, 2023



Ursula Elisabeth Martha Gibson passed away at the age of 90 on March 16, 2023, in San Jose, California. Ursula was born in Hamburg, Germany on September 15, 1932 to Irma & Alfred Kladt. As a young girl she witnessed the ravages of World War Two. Although Ursula was born in Germany, her family's citizenship was Brazilian and in 1947 they caught a small steamer to Brazil, arriving with almost nothing. Ursula returned to Germany in her early twenties, where one day she helped an American attempting to buy a used automobile. That man, Earl Gibson, became her husband and she followed him back to the United States. One of Ursula's regrets was that her childhood circumstances only allowed for a 9th grade education. So, while raising four small children she resolved to continue her schooling, eventually earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Microbiology. She spent most of her career as a scientist in the biotech industry, including thirteen years at Genentech where she co-authored many scientific papers, including one cited thousands of times.

After retirement Ursula made one of the best life decisions as she and her husband Earl moved to The Villages. She made many wonderful friends there who supported her when Earl passed away in 2005 and helped her continue

to lead a rewarding life. Together they traveled the world, hiked in the hills, met for kaffee klatsches and played golf, bocce ball and Mexican Train. Her loss is felt deeply, and she will be sorely missed. She is survived by her children, Gary (& wife Michele) Gibson, Irene Aborn, Sue Gibson, and Thomas (& wife Rebecca Chuha) Gibson, by her grandchildren Cyndi Aborn, William Aborn, Catherine Aborn, Andrew Gibson, and Kate Gibson and by her sisters Ingrid Szabo, Helga Bauer, Baerbel Kladt.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Montgomery Center at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

VMA offers free safety reflective vests

You know what we would like to see most while driving through The Villages at night—you wearing a brightly reflective yellow vest. We hear stories all the time like "I didn't see that person until the very last second. Their clothes were so dark, I just missed them."

Please don't let this be you. When walking at night, make sure you're visible to oncoming drivers so you don't become a statistic. Wearing bright or reflective clothing will help tremendously, or you could go to the VMA office and pick up a reflective Safety Vest. We can arrange to have a supply on hand during office hours from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday -Thursday.

One size fits all, and there is no charge. (Please one vest per household member.) Go get a vest!

When you can, take some time to visit the VMA website at vmavillages.org. You'll be amazed at all of the helpful information that you possibly may not have been aware of.

In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

Remember your loved one with a memorial gift to EVF

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

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

Traffic Safety Reminder

Villagers please keep in mind that the maximum speed within the Villages is 25 MPH. Some streets are slower than that. Please remind your visitors as well.

We continue to find drivers traveling far too fast. It's for everyone's safety, especially in inclement weather. Please obey all stop signs as well.

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Individual Depreciation Account?

A woman complained to the SRS assistant that she used to have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA); the financial market decline has made it into an "Individual Depreciation Account" She had substantial losses in her IRA in 2022 and is hoping to deduct the losses on her income tax return.

The SRS team member explained the losses are most likely not deductible. The Villager confirmed she had taken income tax deductions for her contributions into her IRA. Consequently, the funds in the IRA have never been taxed. In tax jargon this means the assets in the account have no tax basis. (Basis is the value deducted from the sale price to determine a tax loss or gain.) Anything taken from her IRA will be taxable because it has never been taxed before.

For example, assume she has invested \$20,000 in a traditional IRA that is now worth only \$5,000. The \$20,000 contributed is from before-tax dollars so it has a tax basis in the IRA of zero. If she closes the account and withdraws the remaining \$5,000, she will not have a tax loss of \$15,000 on her return. Rather, she will have income of \$5,000 because the amount she withdrew from her IRA has never been taxed. \$5,000 minus a tax basis of zero leaves \$5,000 income.

Yes, we realize this is like falling down at the beach and then having sand kicked in your face. The Villager insisted the tax law was not logical because she had a \$15,000 loss. While tax law is not always logical, we believe this one actually is. Originally, she had earned \$20,000. She never paid tax on her \$20,000 of earnings because she put the earnings in an IRA account. Now she would receive \$5,000 of the \$20,000 and it is finally taxable income to her.

It might be better to keep the \$5,000 in her IRA and not have to recognize the income. An investment decision could be whether the IRA should sell the asset and the IRA invest in a different asset. This is a question for her financial advisor.

SRS Reminder:

Property tax due April 10

Don't forget that Monday, April 10 is the last date for paying your second installment of your Santa Clara County real estate tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

You may pay online at payments.sccgov.org/propertytax. There is no fee for paying electronically. Just have your check book in front of you so you can record the routing and account number. Paying this way means you don't have to worry about your check getting lost in the mail. You will quickly receive a payment receipt by e-mail if you give them your e-address.

There is a 2.25 percent fee for paying with a credit or debit card rather than from your bank account.

If you pay with a paper check, your payment envelope needs to be postmarked by April 10 and you need to hope the mail goes through efficiently.

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. 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 advisor about your individual situation.



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Active	7942 Caledonia Drive	2,034	2	2 0	\$1,250,000	23		\$614.55	
Active	8687 Lomas Azules Place	2,043	2	2 1	\$1,199,888	16		\$587.32	
Active	2049 Folle Blanche Drive	1,969	3	3 0	\$1,199,000	21		\$608.94	
Active	8325 Pinotage Court	1,671	2	2 0	\$1,128,888	1		\$675.58	
Active	3405 Lake Garda Drive	1,776	2	2 1	\$898,000	156		\$505.63	
Active	7699 Galloway Drive	1,751	2	2 1	\$879,950	5		\$502.54	
Active	7553 Morevern Circle	1,751	2	2 1	\$879,000	26		\$502.00	
Active	8386 Riesling Way	1,497	2	2 0	\$819,900	3		\$547.70	
Active	8358 Riesling Way	1,571	2	2 0	\$779,900	128		\$496.44	
Active	7732 Kilmarnok Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$759,000	47		\$509.40	
Active	6305 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$748,000	12		\$558.21	
Active	7774 Beltane Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$725,000	54		\$486.58	
Active	6197 Gerdts Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$599,000	156		\$500.42	
Active	5403 Cribari Court	1,223	2	2 0	\$525,000	27		\$429.27	
Active	5304 Cribari Heights	1,223	2	2 0	\$514,000	33		\$420.28	
Contingent	9071 Village View Loop	2,025	3	2 0	\$1,175,000	15		\$580.25	3/24/2023
Contingent	5063 Cribari Bluff	1,223	2	2 0	\$525,000	88		\$429.27	3/10/2023
Pending	2084 Mataro Way	1,969	3	3 0	\$1,288,888	6		\$654.59	3/15/2023
Pending	8202 Claret Court	1,650	3	2 0	\$1,125,000	24		\$681.82	3/17/2023
Pending	8670 French Oak Drive	1,675	2	2 1	\$999,000	175		\$596.42	3/17/2023
Pending	7700 Galloway Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$799,000	59		\$536.24	3/3/2023
Pending	8403 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,646	2	2 0	\$779,000	0		\$473.27	3/10/2023
Sold	6189 Gerdts Drive	953	1	1 0	\$425,000	2	\$450,000	\$472.19	2/21/2023
Sold	5154 Cribari Knolls	1,240	2	2 0	\$545,000	7	\$518,000	\$417.74	2/28/2023
Sold	5360 Cribari Dell	1,240	2	2 0	\$539,000	63	\$519,000	\$418.55	2/8/2023
Sold	5384 Cribari Crest	1,348	2	2 0	\$620,000	3	\$625,000	\$463.65	2/28/2023
Sold	7012 Via Valverde	1,588	2	2 0	\$775,000	14	\$770,000	\$484.89	2/21/2023
Sold	6140 Montgomery Place	1,740	3	2 0	\$789,000	119	\$779,000	\$447.70	2/22/2023
Sold	6325 Whaley Drive	1,496	2	2 0	\$777,000	14	\$780,000	\$521.39	2/21/2023
Sold	7677 Helmsdale Drive	1,307	2	2 0	\$810,000	8	\$810,000	\$619.74	2/14/2023
Sold	6298 Blauer Ln	1,340	2	2 0	\$845,000	0	\$845,000	\$630.60	2/28/2023
Sold	7554 Morevern Circle	1,572	2	2 0	\$889,000	16	\$869,000	\$552.80	2/17/2023
Sold	8082 Winery Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$868,000	18	\$880,000	\$488.08	2/28/2023
Sold	7680 Galloway Drive	1,751	2	2 1	\$899,000	7	\$900,000	\$513.99	2/8/2023
Sold	2076 Mataro Way Way	1,746	3	2 0	\$979,990	14	\$970,000	\$555.56	2/17/2023
Sold	9013 Village View Drive	2,248	2	2 1	\$1,250,800	8	\$1,250,800	\$556.41	2/17/2023

	NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	15	1,602	\$860,302	47		\$529.66
Cont/Pend	7	1,668	\$955,841	53		\$564.55
Sold	14	1,527	\$786,556	21	\$783,271	\$510.00

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