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- Villages Scam Awareness
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- Welcome to Our Website
- 2023 Fire Safety Town Hall
- Fitness Center
- Fitness Videos

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Powerful weekend storm downs several trees

California skies turned gray as Bay Area residents prepared for our first big storm, bringing flooding and 50 mph winds that toppled trees, spread debris and rattled rooftops. The torrential down-pour initiated a flurry of activity—Public Safety worked around the clock Sunday, aiding residents and cleaning roadways, walkways, gutters and storm drains. Public Works sent teams Monday morning to immediately assess the widespread



Photo courtesy of Public Works Department

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Hear dazzling piano at 'Going Places Showcase'

By B. Brown

All aboard! Next stop est Paris. We are on the tracks heading to the "Going Places Showcase" (GPS), which will feature a kaleidoscope of dances, songs and music from around the world on **March 2 and 3 at 2:30 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium.



Larry Broderick will perform "The Last Time I Saw Paris." Photo by Frank Langben

During this imaginary journey to Paris, we will see a live CanCan Performance—"Moulin Rouge," a flashy, high-energy dance, performed by a guest group called Wicked. Ooh lala!

Then Larry Broderick, piano enthusiast, and member of the Piano Open Studio, will perform "The Last Time I Saw Paris." On our way back to the States, we will have a layover in the U.K. where Larry will play "A Foggy Day in London."

The Piano Open Studio had its inception about 20 years ago and currently has seven active members. They take turns playing selections and have access to both grand pianos to accommodate duets. Piano Open Studio meets most Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cribari auditorium. Meetings are open to anyone, including non-performers who merely wish

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Senior Academy: U.S. and Human Rights

By Arlene Versaw

Is the U.S. a human rights disaster? Yes, according to a scathing United Nations Human Rights Committee report, released on November 3, that criticizes the United States for widespread human rights violations, revealing a stark contrast between its self-proclaimed democratic image and the reality of its record.

That's a dramatic statement that is the foundation of this year's Senior Academy Harrington event on **Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m.** in The Fairway Room. And it is one that requires the presenter to be deeply knowledgeable about reasons why the U.N. Human Rights Committee finds our

nation culpable. Among the charges: that the United States is guilty of widespread racial discrimination, discrimination against LGBTQ+ community, the criminalization of homelessness, police brutality and racial profiling and the family separation at borders, to name a few.

Contrast this reality with the record of another country whose human rights status may surprise you—that of Mexico! Mexico has passed a constitutional amendment requiring that all decisions in

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

All Pulse letters must be 200 words or fewer on a single topic relating to life in the Villages. Letter authors are limited to one published Pulse letter per month. Each letter must also include name, address, phone number, date and number of words. Typed or legibly written letters must include your signature and may be hand delivered to the Pulse mailbox in Administration Building B or by mailing to the Communications Advisory Committee, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com. E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the email and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

0 Pulse letters received this week.

EPC moves to strengthen its response

By Arlene Versaw

The Emergency Preparedness Committee's mantra is "improvement." Improvement in how we serve the community—improvement in operations, improvement in ensuring we can function to maximum effectiveness in an emergency.

To that end, the EPC piloted an outreach program in 2023 wherein the Sector Chiefs in several villages surveyed their residents to discern key information about their status to better support them in an emergency. For example, are you immobile? On oxygen? In addition, the Sector Chiefs sought those interested in volunteering for EPC. They followed up by knocking on every door in their respective areas to introduce themselves, encourage residents to register for the Villages Alert System (NIXLE), and to let them know of an upcoming EPC Orientation.

In 2024, EPC is expanding the pilot program to include all emergency sectors and it is encouraging every resident to attend one of these one-hour orientations. Besides learning about emergency preparation, the key component of your personal safety, residents will learn what EPC can and cannot do for them during an emergency and will get an inside view of exactly what EPC does when activated either during the Annual Drill each October or in an actual emergency.

At the orientation, you also will be surveyed about your status and needs; however, information collected on the surveys will only be retained with your permission, and you may opt out at any time by contacting EPC and asking to be removed. In addition, you can determine who receives your information. If you were part of the pilot program, you will be contacted and asked for your permission to retain your information. EPC will honor your request.

ABOVE & BEYOND

On January 28 I discovered a leak in my roof. Our maintenance team responded right away. The crew was proficient in locating the source of the leak. The roof was fixed the next day.

I want to thank Mario, Phillip and the crew for great troubleshooting. And I especially want to thank Victor for doing an amazing job repairing my inside ceiling. A big thanks to our Public Works Department!

— Gayle Goodson

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

DEADLINES

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

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

Classified Ads: Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: areed@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

Display Ads: Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Adrienne at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages website at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.

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POLICIES

Publication of advertising in The Villager does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in The Villager are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.

All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. The Villager reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannacone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

The Villager editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Villager display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.

The Villager is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

Pursuant to California Civil Code §5105(a)(3), The Villages Association Bylaws Section 6.1.2, and The Villages Association Election Rules Section 3.2.1, any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination by completing this "Solicitation of Candidates Form" and submitting this form to the President (Diana Hallock) or Secretary (Patricia Reardon) of the Board before the above posted deadline.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

2024 Election of Directors

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors of The Villages Association.

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The attached statement explains my qualifications to serve as a director and, if elected, my goals for the community. Statements are limited to 250 words. Sample candidate statements and formatting guidelines are available in the General Manager's office or by contacting jmeadows@the-villages.com. Please attach your candidate statement to this form.

Qualified candidates' names and addresses will be included on the Candidate Registration List and statements will be published in the voting materials that accompany the ballots in the election of directors, as well as published in *The Villager* newspaper. Telephone numbers and email addresses are for internal use only and will not be published with the statements.

The deadline for nominations for The Villages Association Board of Director candidates for this year's election is **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

Candidates' statements must be *received* no later than April 26, 2024, in order to be included in the official voting materials. Candidates' statements may be sent to The Villages Association c/o Julia Meadows, Senior AGM—Chief of Staff, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135, or jmeadows@the-villages.com.

NOTICE The Villages Association

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THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS RULES

ARTICLE 3: Candidates for the Board and Nomination Procedures

3.1 Qualification of Candidates.

Candidates for the Board must be Members at the time of their nomination and (i) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in these Election Rules and (ii) must meet any other qualifications or restrictions set forth in the Bylaws so long as they do not conflict with these Election Rules. In the case of a Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporation or other entity), the entity Member shall have the power to appoint a natural person as the "Member" for purposes of director elections. The Association shall disqualify a nominee for the Board for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.

3.1.2 The nominee does not reside within The Villages condominium project.

3.1.3 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as serving on the Board of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

3.1.4 If the nominee, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another owner of the same separate interest and the other person is either properly nominated for the current election or is an incumbent director.

3.1.5 If the nominee, at the time of nomination, is delinquent in the payment of regular and/or special assessments. A nominee shall not be considered "delinquent" if the delinquency relates to the payment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, late charges, or costs levied by a third party and/

or if the nominee: (a) has paid the regular or special assessment under protest; (b) has entered into a payment plan for repayment of the delinquent assessments and is not delinquent in payments due under the plan; or (c) the nominee has requested and has not been provide an opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.

3.1.6 If the nominee has been a member of the Association for less than one year.

3.1.7 If the nominee discloses, or if the Association is aware or becomes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the Member was elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code section 5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.

3.2 Nominations.

3.2.1 Solicitation of Candidates. At least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination, the Association shall provide general notice of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination for the Board. Any Member who satisfies the qualifications and is not otherwise prohibited from running for the Board may place their name in nomination for the Board by submitting the nomination before the published deadline for receiving nominations. In addition, the Board may recruit qualified candidates and/or may appoint a nominating committee to nominate qualified candidates.

3.2.2 No Write-Ins. No "write-in" candidates shall be permitted on the ballots in the election of directors.

MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

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: mhidalgo@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.

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: mhidalgo@the-villages.com to register your cart.

More Storm Damage...

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Photo by Frank Langben



Photo by Frank Langben

damage and prioritize cleanup efforts. While the storm rid The Villages of several Eucalyptus trees, the fallen giants forced a golf course closure. VGCC staff will continue to work for the next several weeks to restore The Villages' beauty.

Expect something new with your FastLane delivery

Now FastLane will show up in your inbox at 8 p.m. —and that's every edition! This time change shifts the release of the Pro Shop edition to Mondays and the Clubhouse edition to Sundays, with no FastLane e-delivery on Tuesdays. While you receive your FastLane at a consistent time every night, these changes also help the FastLane team and content contributors maintain a more uniform editorial schedule.

Now released at 8 p.m. on the following days:

Monday: Pro Shop—*new day*

Tuesday: no delivery

Wednesday: Open (general info, including Board-approved club events, notices, etc.)

Thursday: Community Activities

Friday: Boards, committees, BrightView

Saturday: Public Works notices

Sunday: Clubhouse—*new day*

More Details: For specific questions, please reach out to Ken Patterson at kpatterson@the-villages.com. Sign up for the FastLane to keep up to speed on what's happening at The Villages!

Note: Due to content pertaining to all Villagers, Friday and Saturday editions remain automatic opt-in.

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comcast Appointments for 2024

Continuing in 2024 The Villages' Comcast representative Deisy Gomez, will be hosting Virtual Customer Events (one-on-one) to discuss your questions regarding service, your bills and Xfinity products from the comfort of your home.

Sessions will be available on **Fridays** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** For access to online calendar use this link: <https://calendly.com/deisygomez1326/the-villages>

As part of your Villages amenities, you also have access to a dedicated Xfinity Support team when you call Comcast/Xfinity at 855-307-4896.

Also in 2024, onsite **Wednesday** visits from Comcast/Xfinity at The Villages are listed below.

March 6, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

April 10, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

May 8, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

June 5, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

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.



Notify Public Safety after the death of a 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: mhidalgo@the-villages.com .

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Hermosa DAC to meet February 15

The next Hermosa DAC will be at Foothill Center on **Thursday, February 15** at **3 p.m.** There will be dessert and coffee, but the potluck social has been cancelled.

Highland DAC to meet February 15

The Highland DAC will be holding its next meeting on **Thursday, February 15** at Vineyard Center from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** (Please note that this meeting is being held at Vineyard Center, not at the usual location.)

Important topics that will be discussed include turf conversion next steps, fire resistance activities, financials, and responses to concerns brought up at the last meeting, and much, much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Please email any questions or concerns to the Highland DAC at VillageHighlandDAC@outlook.com with any suggested topics so that sufficient background materials can be sourced in preparation for the meeting.

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Can you skip filing a tax return for 2023?

A Villager commented, "I don't have much income. Do I really need to file a tax return for 2023?"

For most people, the need to file a return depends on their gross income. Based on your tax filing status and age, you must file a tax return if your gross income equals or is greater than the amount in the chart below. If your income falls above this range, a return is required even if you are certain there will be no tax due after deductions such as medical expenses, charitable contributions, or home mortgage interest.

For example, if you are filing jointly and both are at least 65, you **must** file a return if your gross income is \$30,700 or more.

Single and under 65.....	\$13,850
Single and 65 or older.....	15,700
Married filing jointly, both spouses under 65.....	27,700
Married filing jointly, one spouse 65 or older.....	29,200
Married filing jointly, both spouses 65 or older.....	30,700

Gross income means all income you received in the form of money, goods, property, and services that is not specifically exempt from tax, including any income from sources outside the United States. Do not include social security benefits unless one-half of your social security benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest is more than \$25,000 (\$32,000 if married filing jointly).

As with all tax laws, there are some exceptions to this general rule. For example, if you have \$400 or more in self-employment income such as commission income, you must file a return to pay the self-employed social security tax.

Even if you are not required to file it may be to your advantage to file to get a tax refund. For example, if you had tax withheld from your pension, you should file a return to request a refund of the withheld tax. The same is true if you paid estimated tax in 2023 and you do not owe any tax.

What if you are unsure of your need to file a return? Luckily for you, SRS has a free tax preparation service for low-income households. Call the Evergreen Community Center at **408-270-2220** to make an appointment. Your appointment will be on a Friday morning at **Foothill Center** (February 16 will be at Vineyard) at The Villages. The IRS-trained volunteers will review your information and prepare your returns if they are necessary.

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 web site is www.thevillagesgcc.com/srs. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional adviser about your individual situation.

SRS Alert:

February 16 tax prep location change

Because of a scheduling conflict, The Villages free income tax preparation on **February 16** will be at the **Vineyard Center** rather than the Foothill Center. If you go to the wrong location, just come back down the hill to Vineyard. You will find the smiling Villagers waiting for you.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Executive Session Re: Legal is **Tuesday, February 13 at 9 a.m.** in Administration Building A.
The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

The Villages Golf & Country Club Homeowners' Corporation Quarterly Meeting is **Thursday, March 14 at 9 a.m.** (More details to be announced)

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of March are due to the Architectural Committee on or before **February 23, 2024**. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **Friday, February 23.**

Missed your Villager?

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

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



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The following events are sponsored by The Villages. Please call 408-223-4643 for additional information.

Second chance to see 'Rose—A Mother's Story'

Back by popular demand! Writer and actress Kathy Estevez-Bates will return to present "Rose – A Mother's Story" on **Saturday, March 9** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Foothill Center. Rose Kennedy was the mother of John F. Kennedy and matriarch of one of America's most extraordinary families. Kathy blends presentation and performance in her portrayal reflecting on her life. A life full of highs and lows – including some events which branched into the American psyche. She has presented this piece many times to rave reviews.

Kathy is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of San Jose State University with a degree in Theater Arts and Music. She grew up in San Jose and spent three decades as a stage and TV actress, writer, teacher, and musician in Southern California. Kathy feels it is a great privilege to share the story of Rose's life and has even written a play, "The Color of Rose" about her.

Activity Level: Light Activity (seated event).

Pre-registration is required to ensure the minimum number of attendees. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, February 5. The deadline is Friday, February 23 or sooner if spots fill up. Walk-ins are not allowed.

Learn Line Dancing with Nanci Pritchard!

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching two different line dancing classes in Cribari Auditorium on **Tuesdays, February 20 to March 26** (six dates). Choose from one of the following:

- **Intro to Line Dancing from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**- These fun line dances to traditional and more popular music will introduce you to basic moves and footwork.

- **Beginners-Plus line dance class from 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.**- These fun line dances will increase your skills with more advanced moves to faster music. Don't be shy, give it a try!

The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for each six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours. The deadline is Friday, February 9 or sooner if the class fills up.

Valentine's Day Craft: Lipstick Kiss Art

The French beauty brand Guerlain made the first lipstick in 1870 and was the first to commercially produce lipsticks in 1884. Modern swivel lipsticks didn't appear until 38 years later in 1922. Please send a picture of your art to recreation@the-villages.com; we would love to see what you come up with. A sample is available for viewing in Building B.

What you will need to make your art:

- Piece of paper - Scissors - At least one lipstick (or an assortment of your favorites)
- Makeup remover (optional) - Glue (optional) - Metallic glitter (optional)
- Metallic paint (optional) - A picture frame

Instructions:



1) Cut a piece of paper slightly larger than your frame or matte size. The paper can be any color, but white will help your lipstick pop the most.

2) Come up with a design concept. Is it minimalist or covered in kisses? Are you making a regular pattern or going wild? Try some practice runs, how you shape your mouth can have a big impact on your result.

3) Put on lipstick and kiss the paper according to your design. Allow lipstick to dry on the page completely to avoid smudging. If using more than one lipstick shade, be sure to remove the previous shade completely.

4) Take things to the next level: Make your art look more luxe by adding a metallic element like glitter or gold paint. You can highlight the areas light would shine or create abstract lines or shapes. When using glitter be careful or it will get everywhere.

5) Frame your art and present it to your significant other or keep it for yourself!

ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

Monday and Fridays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink, beginning at 10 a.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Register for art classes at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

February 13: Free Art Film Tuesday with host Marion Rose. Pablo Picasso: A Primitive Life. 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room. All Villagers and their guests are welcome.

February 20: Playing with Poetry with Leanne Lindelof of SJSJ. Tuesday, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. \$20.

March 6-27: Intermediate Drawing with Ciel Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$120. All materials furnished.

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. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. You can learn knitting here!



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layer clothing appropriate to the current weather. In addition to scheduled hikes, the following hikes occur regularly: **Every Wednesday and Saturday** – Villages hill hike with Russ Glines at 8:30 a.m. from Foothill Center. **Every Monday** – at Clubhouse parking lot, meet at 8:20 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. to walk around golf course with Terri Vivoli.

Rambler Hike February 14: Terri Vivoli will lead a hike starting at the parking lot at Basking Ridge Ave and Knollcrest Avenue going south on Basking Ridge Avenue to Metcalf Rd returning on Coyote Creek trail. Hiking distance is approximately 4.5 miles. Round trip driving distance to the parking lot is approximately 12 miles. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike February 14: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olives and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike February 21: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Hermosa. We'll walk up to Chenin Blanc Lane along the southern border and down through the Winery Ct waterway and back to our cars. Meet at Montgomery Center at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike February 28: Guy Hoover (408-667-9935) will lead a hike to the Silver Creek Community Market (formerly New Seasons). We'll start at the old B of A parking lot, continue down to San Felipe, cross the creek bridge to the park and on to Silver Creek Community Market for coffee and then return. Round trip hiking distance is approximately 4.4 miles. Meet at the old Bank of America parking lot at 9 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike February 28: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Evergreen Community College. We'll walk to the new additions to the college and around the lake. Meet at the parking lot next to the Villages security gate at 9 a.m.

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Nutrition Class	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Republican Candidate Meet/Greet	CR
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
3 p.m.	Highland DAC	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
6 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Senior Academy Harrington Event	CH

5:30 p.m.	Italian Club Valentines Day	CH
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Tuesday, February 13

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Evergreen Committee	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Poetry in Art	AR
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Club Board	PR
1:30 p.m.	The Quiet Man movie	FC
2 p.m.	Tuesday Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Crafters Club	VC
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
4 p.m.	Episcopal Group Social	MC
5 p.m.	Villages Music Society Board	PR
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amateur Radio Club	FC

Thursday, February 15

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Writing, Pastels	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
10 a.m.	VMA Parkinson's Support	F
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Opera Lovers	MC
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Hermosa DAC & Social	FC
4 p.m.	18 Hole Women's Golf Invitational Committee	PR
6 p.m.	Highland DAC	VC

Saturday, February 10

7:15 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Coffee	CHP
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Saturday Sing Along	SEQ
5 p.m.	Bocce Club Palentine's Dinner	A

Sunday, February 11

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
11 a.m.	Chapel Souper Saturday	SEQ
2 p.m.	Chinese Club Super Bowl	VC
3 p.m.	Table Tennis Super Bowl	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club Karaoke	CR

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Watercolors Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10:30 a.m.	Tennis Club USTA	TS
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
4 p.m.	History of Israel	F

Friday, February 16

9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
2:30 p.m.	VMA Matinee Theatre	A
5 p.m.	Jewish Community Shabbat	FC
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Monday, February 12

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Directors/Section Chiefs	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Villages Jewish Board	MC
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR

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)

Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator:
408-238-4029

www.vmvillages.org



February 2024 Programs

Commit to be Fit: A Primer on Senior Health and Wellness – Stuart Katzman, President and owner of Evergreen Physical Therapy will cover the seven dimensions of wellness and how to use data to our advantage. Join us on **Tuesday, February 20** at 1:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Room. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

February 2024 Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Next sessions are on **February 5, 19 and 26**. **There will be no group on February 12**. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. **Note date change—Thursday, February 22** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **February 15** at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.



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

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

1:00 & 7:00

Mon – Sat

15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15

Mon Wed Fri & Sun

Chair Fitness

Tue Thu Sat

Cardio Fitness

2023 Fire Safety Town Hall

Daily
2:00 & 8:00

Landscape & Functional Turf

Daily
3:45 & 9:45

Villages Scam Awareness

Daily
4:30 & 10:30

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15



Club Events & Notices



Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

More information online at the Villages Resident Portal:
resident.thevillagesgcc.com

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

**To order
Curbside
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Soup of the Day



For the week of 2/12 to 2/18

Monday, February 12

Cream of Tomato

Tuesday, February 13

Chicken Gumbo

Wednesday, February 14

Egg Drop

Thursday, February 15

Roasted Peppers and
Artichoke with Feta Cheese
and Cilantro

Friday, February 16

Clam Chowder

Saturday, February 17

Chef's Choice

Sunday, February 18

Chef's Choice

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

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.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.

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 percent 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.

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.

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.

**To access all Clubhouse
menus, hours of operation,
reservation information,
specials and special offers,
please scan this QR code
with your phone**



**Take your cell phone, press
the camera icon and frame
the QR code to access the
Clubhouse web pages**



**Or see all menus on the Resident Portal:
thevillagesgcc.com**

Weekly Specials

For the week of 2/12 to 2/18

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 2/13 to Sunday 2/18

Denver Omelet: Onion, Bell Peppers, Tomato, Ham and Swiss Cheese with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 2/12 to Sunday 2/18—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Orange Chicken: Crispy Chicken, Peppers and Broccoli in an Orange Sauce served over Rice **\$15.95**

Caprese Salad with Chicken: Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Basil and Chicken over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette **\$14.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 2/13 to Sunday 2/18—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Half Slab St. Louis Style Barbecue Ribs: Served with Coleslaw and French Fries **\$26.95**

Caprese Salad with Prawns: Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Basil and Prawns over Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette **\$20.95**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

Tuesday to Friday

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. (last seating)

Dinner Menu:

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

Saturday and Sunday

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. (last seating)

Dinner Menu:

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2

Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Bistro & Bar

Super Bowl Party

2 PM Close
Happy Hour Drink Prices

Hot Dogs
with all the trimmings
\$4.90++

BIG SCREEN and **FIVE** monitors

Sunday, February 11



Valentine's Special!

Shrimp Scampi topped Petite Filet Mignon
Select 2 Sides
\$52.95++



Clubhouse Special Offers

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. There is a one-bottle limit per two guests.

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

Now Available!

Clubhouse whole Rotisserie Chicken.



Call Curbside 408-370-8553 or on the website: www.clubhouserreservation.com
Orders need to be placed early for evening pickup.
Orders taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Orders can be picked up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
\$12.95 plus Service Charge and Tax.

Single Diners' Night



Let's dine together every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Shared table. Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage!
Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.
Please make reservations and note: "Single Diners' Reservation"



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
* Item must be of equal or lesser value.
Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.
For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour



2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All Day on Monday

\$5 House Cocktails
\$5 House Wines
\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

A fast and convenient way to order meals from the Clubhouse—Phone/Tablet/Desktop



To help streamline the process of ordering, the Clubhouse will now have, in addition to phone orders, an online meal ordering system. The system will be a fast and easy way for guests to choose meals and pickup times for their orders. This will also be a great way for golfers to order a meal from their phones while still on the course.

Tuesday, February 27



Join Ed Knott and the talents of the Villagers
Welcome singers, dancers, comedians, poets or whatever talent you may have, or just come and cheer.

5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

Rolls and Butter, Salad Bar, Lemon Dill Salmon, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Primavera, Vegetables Medley, Assorted Cakes and Pies, Coffee, or Tea

Full Bar Available

6 to 9 p.m. Open Mic

\$28.95 Plus Service charge and Tax

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call **408-754-1339** or email:

Clubhousemanagers@the-villages.com



Bella Montagna Winery Santa Clara County

Villages Wine Maker Dinner

Wednesday March 6

Reception 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Charcuterie and Cheese Display

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

3 Course Dinner and Pairings
(Menu to be announced)

\$69 per person
Plus 18% service charge and tax



Email or call Reservation to:

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CLUBS & EVENTS

Come play with us on Game Night!

Sunday, February 18, Foothill Center, 7 to 9 p.m.
Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community
Bring your friends in the Villages and your favorite games!
Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Mexican Train, Poker, or Board Games.

Enjoy a fun evening with your friends. Please nominate someone from your table to bring a dessert to share.

Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408 440-4940 for reservations and additional details. We welcome all villagers to join us. Space limited, reservations get priority.



Opera Lovers to show 'Don Giovanni'

On **Thursday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Charming but predatory and manipulative, Don Giovanni is a lover so notorious that his reputation precedes him. He is eager to add to the long list of women he has already enticed. But when Don Giovanni forces himself on Donna Anna, his devious antics dig him deeper and deeper into trouble. As the discarded women of his past unite to speak out against their offender, Don Giovanni seems destined to meet his ultimate fiery fate.

How should a society punish a man who functions under his own malevolent moral code? Often considered the greatest opera ever composed, Mozart's masterpiece combines comedy, drama and supernatural elements to capture the downfall of a serial womanizer. From its thrilling overture to its breathtaking final scene, "Don Giovanni" explores the issues of amorality, power and justice that may be as relevant to today as to Mozart's time.

This production from La Scala in Milan is conducted by Riccardo Muti and stars Thomas Allen as Don Giovanni, Edita Gruberova as Donna Anna, Ann Murray as Donna Elvira, Susanne Mentzer as Zerlina, and Claudio Desderi as Don Giovanni's servant, Leporello. It is sung in Italian with English subtitles.

We look forward to welcoming you on February 15. No registration is needed; all Villagers are invited. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. For additional information about VMS events, visit VillagesMusicSociety.org.

If you need a ride to and from this event, please contact The Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 as soon as possible to schedule your transportation. Please tell them that this opera lasts close to three hours.

Learn about Tai Chi at The Villages

By Wesley Tanaka

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese practice that involves slow, gentle, balance-based movements requiring focused attention. Tai Chi was initially developed as a martial art that followed the principle of "subduing the vigorous by the soft." It eventually absorbed ideas of energy (Chi) harmonization and flow that originated from traditional Daoist thought and which form the basis of many Chinese healing arts. Today Tai Chi is one of the most popular and effective mind-body exercises in the world with numerous health benefits.

The origin of modern-day Tai Chi can be traced to 17th century China. Over the centuries various styles of Tai Chi have evolved. The five most popular styles today are: Chen style – oldest style with strongest martial art influence; Yang style – most popular of the five styles; Woo (also known as Hao) style; Wu style; and Sun style.

Despite variations between the different styles they all share some core principles:

1. Mind-body coordination – movement that involves blending of conscious intention with muscle memory.
2. Relaxation and Centering – movements that are rooted in the dantian, the body's energy (Chi) center; proper relaxation harmonizes Chi flow.
3. Continuous flow – movements that flow seamlessly.
4. Proper balance and erect posture – upright posture, open chest, and relaxed shoulders promote coordinated movement, stability, and optimal Chi flow.
5. Roundness and softness – Use of circular movements.
6. Breathing coordinated with movement.

The benefit of a consistent, disciplined exercise regimen is a key element to any wellness program. The Villages Tai Chi Club offers members an opportunity to learn the various forms, to take advantage of a practice in a group setting, and to develop an increased awareness of Chi.

The Villages Tai Chi club practices on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and **Saturday morning** from 9 to 10 a.m. All practices are held in the Cribari conference room. Beginners are welcome. For more information, text Ling Yu at 408-712-3470.

Have you learned to play Mah Jongg yet?

Make new friends as you play Mah Jongg, one of the world's greatest tile-based games. If you are interested in learning to play this delightful game, contact Judy Rogers at Judy.rogers488@gmail.com who will be forming a new learner group starting **Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m.** Lessons are 90 minutes for eight weeks.



Parkinson's Group to present 'Renewed Hope'

Salima Brillman, M.D., will join the Parkinson's Group on February 15 at 10 a.m. in the Cribari Forum Room to present "New Drugs, Renewed Hope." Dr. Brillman will focus new adjunct drugs in treating Parkinson's Disease. A board-certified neurologist, Dr. Brillman completed a fellowship in movement disorders, which includes Parkinson's Disease. She said that she believes in educating, empowering, and supporting patients and their families, and encouraging them to be involved in all aspects of healing. Limited to 15 attendees. For information, email Alice Pratt at alijoy1@sbcglobal.net



Dr. Salima Brillman

VMA needs you!

Do you find that there are certain days of the week or certain times of the day that you do not have a constructive activity? Maybe those could be hours that you devote to driving fellow residents to doctor's appointments, deliver equipment to their home or take them grocery shopping. Your schedule counts, so share with VMA the times you are available to help out.

Would you be willing to answer the phones one day a week or on a relief basis? How about helping with the planning for an event or actually working an event? There are so many opportunities to give back to the community.

Go to VMAvillages.vgcc.club and fill out a Volunteer application. You won't be sorry.



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Join new 'Playing with Poetry' class



Leanne Lindelof

Sign up for "Playing with Poetry," a group class for anyone who wants to explore and write poetry. During the hour we're together, we'll read and discuss a published poem by a respected poet, then choose a theme to guide us through the composition of our own poems. To end the hour, those who would like to share can read their work to the group!

Instructor Leanne Lindelof loves writing, teaching, and language. She's a fiction writer and poet who has taught creative writing at SJSU and French at West Valley College. She has published work in various small literary journals and continues to write new poems and stories for publication. She has three children—who study science rather than humanities—and lives in San Jose.

This one-day poetry workshop is **Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m.** in the Art Room. The fee is \$20. Fees are due one week before the workshop. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Macintosh Users Group to meet Feb. 21

The Macintosh Users Group will have a Zoom meeting at 3 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 21**. We will be meeting by Zoom for at least six months when possible. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, at 408-218-0851 or larryroben21@gmail.com if you wish to be given the link to join our meetings. Provide Larry your address, phone number and email address.



Interested in playing chess?

You all are probably familiar with the Chess game. It is fun to play, does not involve any luck and it keeps your brain active. We would like to start a Chess group for all skill levels—people that want to learn the game, those that played a bit, and the chess masters among us.

If you are interested, please contact Israel Littman at 201-573-0747 or irl856@gmail.com

Tips to celebrate Valentine's Day sustainably



Valentine's Day is about celebrating love. It's a wonderful time to let people know you care about them. There are many ways to do this sustainably, ethically and with love for the Earth. Here are some sustainable ideas for Valentine's Day gifts:

- **Buy Fair Trade Chocolate.** Look for chocolate with the Fair Trade logo to buy ethically sourced chocolate.
- **Buy a long-lasting present.** Buy a durable present that the receiver will keep for a long time, such as a mug, piece of art or much needed items such as a pair of gloves.

• **Buy jewelry responsibly and sustainably.** Although it's almost impossible to ensure that the jewelry company has completely sustainable practices, but make sure that you're buying from jewelry companies that do their best to have ethical and transparent sourcing and production practices. Consider buying secondhand!

- **Get fair-trade and recyclable cards or make your own.**
- **Gift a living plant.** You can even choose a plant that will help to clear out pollutants in the home. Check out clean-air plants.
- **Bake some goods.**
- **Give an intangible gift.** Plan some quality time with your loved one, such as cooking their favorite meal, watch their favorite movie with them and so forth.

Ultimately, support sustainability by focusing less on consumerism and more on celebrating love this Valentine's Day.

For more information, visit sustainablevillages.vgcc.club



Join Global Village in group meditation



The Global Village Community Club's mission is to promote spirituality, wellness, and cultural diversity among Villages residents. Every Wednesday, except the first Wednesday of each month, we will have group meditation from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. Meditation may significantly reduce stress and anxiety and bring peace of mind. We look forward to you joining us on Wednesdays (except the first Wednesday of each month).

Senior Academy: 'Quiet Man— A Movie For The Ages'

Rarely does a Hollywood-made movie make a sufficient impact to deserve attention beyond the two or three hours it takes to view it. But occasionally, there comes along a film that begs to be studied and discussed decades after its release.



"The Quiet Man" is one such film. Directed by John Ford and starring Maureen O'Hara and John Wayne, this 1952 movie remains the subject of wide-ranging research on its direction, roots and themes. Is it stereotypical, sexist, sentimental? Is there an anti-McCarthy element? How did famous directors Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese borrow from the film for their own endeavors?

Join a Senior Academy favorite speaker, Susan McGough, for answers to these questions and a discussion

on other impacts of this film. Her course will be presented on **Thursdays, February 22 and 29, at 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center. Please register at villagesa.org or by calling Diane Taylor at (408) 912-5594 for assistance in registering.

Viewing the movie in advance will give you the best perspective for the course. Senior Academy will be showing the film on **Tuesday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill for your convenience, or you can find it on Netflix, Prime Video, YouTube and other providers. It is also available at many libraries. And after registering, you will receive a pre-course packing that includes a short story by Maurice Walsh on which the movie was based, along with other resources.

VMA to present 'Commit to be Fit' workshop

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Coordinator

Six weeks into 2024 and counting. Are you exercising more? Researchers say 48 percent of us set "moving more" as our top New Year's resolution. Yet, most folks quit before the end of January. Only 9 percent of us see our resolution through. Sigh.

Stuart Katzman, DPT, owner of Evergreen PT recommends: "Be gentle with yourself. Begin again. You can experience being more fit by April 1." No fooling! An expert on fitness for those 55+, Stuart will present "**Commit to be Fit: A Primer on Senior Health & Wellness,**" on **Tuesday, February 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Katzman will cover topics such: What wellness is; Exploring the seven dimensions of wellness; Data, Data, Data - how to use it to your advantage; and Aging: it's not for sissies.

Wear loose clothing. See a demonstration of balance exercises. Cut yourself some slack while you tighten your quads and open your chest. Commit to be fit and have fun.

Reserve today at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call Bonnie Grim, VMA Resident Services Coordinator at 408-238-4029.



Stuart Katzman, DPT

Adam Schiff visit draws nearly 300 Villagers



By Arlene Versaw

It's a rare occasion when Senate candidates on the campaign trail visit The Villages. Thanks to the efforts of Howie Blumstein, we have been honored by two such events in the last week, the second on January 28 drawing nearly 300 Villagers to the Fairway Room for time with U.S. Representative Adam Schiff—despite a conflict with a major NFL playoff game!

Schiff displayed a thorough knowledge of a vast number of issues and displayed an active sense of humor. He answered questions that covered international affairs, the future of the Supreme Court, his stand on Presidential age limits, and his support for specific legislation to name a few. In the process, the Villages Democratic Club reaped a number of new members, bringing the Club's membership to 320. The Club Board members heard a lot of positive feedback about how the event was handled, made possible by solid teamwork and the cooperation of attendees.



Villagers fill the Clubhouse to capacity.



Schiff receives a warm reception.



Left to right: Barbara Tomanney, Nalini Aiyagari, Adam Schiff and Mohan-Rao Aiyagari.

Photos by Frank Langben



Schiff greets Villagers as Howie Blumstein looks on.

Save the date for next Cat Club meeting



Mark your calendars for the Cat Club meeting at Foothill Center **Monday, February 26** from 2 to 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be a pet groomer who comes to people's homes. There is limited seating, so register at villagescatclub5@gmail.com.

Bingo is coming back!

Mark your calendars! The VMA afternoon and evening Bingo will return in March. The first Afternoon Bingo is **Wednesday, March 6**. Cribari Auditorium doors will open at 3 p.m. and the games begin at 3:30!

VMA sponsors Bingo as a service. All the money spent to purchase cards is returned to that day's winners. There is no profit to the organization. Best of all, it's free to attend. Just purchase cards at the door and you're all set. Cards are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. There's free coffee and cookies.

VMA Afternoon Bingo is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. After March 6, the scheduled Bingos are: April 3, May 8, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4 and October 2.

Come join the fun! Nighttime Bingo will start April 17. More information to follow!



Walking/Chair dancing to enhance healthy lifestyle

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JANUARY SALES REPORT FOR ALL HOMES IN THE VILLAGES 2024 — SUZANNE RODDA

Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	Sale \$	\$/Per. SqFt	Close Date
Active	7781 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$988,000	14		\$547.67	
Active	3328 Lake Albano Circle	1,679	2	2 0	\$925,000	4		\$550.92	
Active	8441 Sauvignon Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$899,950	87		\$572.85	
Active	2033 Folle Blanche Drive	1,629	2	2 0	\$899,000	7		\$551.87	
Active	8671 French Oak Drive	1,415	2	2 0	\$899,000	17		\$635.34	
Active	7783 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$850,000	21		\$471.18	
Active	8405 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,370	2	2 0	\$849,000	19		\$619.71	
Active	7635 Buckhaven Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$825,000	15		\$546.72	
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$765,000	70		\$486.95	
Active	8463 Traminer	1,646	2	2 0	\$700,000	14		\$425.27	
Active	8371 Riesling Way	1,370	2	2 0	\$698,888	129		\$510.14	
Active	8451 Traminer Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$639,900	268		\$407.32	
Active	5141 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$599,000	76		\$483.06	
Active	5556 Cribari Circle	947	1	1 0	\$499,000	120		\$526.93	
Contingent	8759 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,205	2	2 1	\$1,249,989	33		\$566.89	4/1/2024
Contingent	2058 Folle Blanche Drive	1,969	3	3 0	\$1,200,000	25		\$609.45	3/4/2024
Contingent	8099 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$938,000	121		\$520.24	3/1/2024
Contingent	6060 Montgomery Bend	1,127	2	1 0	\$665,000	22		\$590.06	3/8/2024
Contingent	5364 Cribari Crst	1,223	2	2 0	\$515,000	87		\$421.10	
Contingent	5322 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	127		\$404.74	3/1/2024
Contingent	5567 Cribari Circle	947	1	1 0	\$475,000	4		\$501.58	2/20/2024
Pending	7690 Galloway Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$829,900	112		\$549.97	3/5/2024
Pending	6301 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$748,950	16		\$558.92	2/22/2024
Sold	5337 Cribari Glen	947	1	1 0	\$459,950	83	\$461,500	\$487.33	1/24/2024
Sold	8452 Traminer Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$650,000	91	\$650,000	\$413.75	1/5/2024
Sold	7651 Falkirk Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$869,900	18	\$830,000	\$550.03	1/4/2024
Sold	7351 Via Laguna	1,568	2	2 0	\$998,000	75	\$980,000	\$625.00	1/3/2024
Sold	8609 Vineyard Ridge Place	1,675	2	2 1	\$975,000	4	\$985,000	\$588.06	1/4/2024
Sold	8804 Grape Wagon Circle	1,675	2	2 1	\$975,000	4	\$1,050,000	\$626.87	1/5/2024

	AVERAGES NUMBER OF SALES	TOTAL SQ. FT. AVERAGES	LIST PRICE AVERAGES	DOM AVERAGES	SALE \$ AVERAGES	\$/PER SQ.FT. AVERAGES
Active	15 ↓ from 19	1,525	\$804,116	62 ↓		\$528 ↑
Cont/Pend	9 ↑ from 3	1,483	\$790,760	61 ↑		\$525 ↓
Sold	6 ↓ from 12	1,491	\$821,308	46 ↓	\$826,083	\$549 ↑

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FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY


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

“Out of Nowhere” by Sandra Brown. At a Texas county fair, amidst carousels and a bustling midway, children’s book author Elle Portman is enjoying a rare night out with her favorite cowboy: her 2-year-old son, Charlie. Suddenly, a shooter opens fire into the crowd, causing widespread panic. Also caught in the melee was corporate consultant Calder Hudson. Arrogant, self-centered, and high off his latest career win, he’s frustrated and confused when he wakes up in the hospital after undergoing emergency surgery on his arm. He was lucky; others weren’t. The doctor tells him that he was lucky—that as far as gunshot wounds go, he pulled through remarkably well. Elle and Calder partner to find the shooter, but they can’t help but wonder if the unimaginable tragedy that brought them together is too painful and too complicated to sustain—especially while the shooter remains at large. Fiction, 2003.

“Canary Girls” by Jennifer Chiaverini. Early in the Great War, men left Britain’s factories to enlist. Struggling to keep up production, arsenals hired women to build the weapons the military urgently needed. “Be the Girl Behind the Man Behind the Gun,” the recruitment posters beckoned. These “munitionettes” worked grueling shifts often seven days a week, handling TNT and other explosives with little protective gear. Among them is 19-year-old former housemaid April Tipton, filling shells in the Danger Building—difficult, dangerous, and absolutely essential work. Joining them is Lucy Dempsey, wife of

Daniel Dempsey, Olympic gold medalist and star forward of Tottenham Hotspur. The arsenal ladies’ football club, the Thornshire Canaries acquire an unexpected fan in the boss’s wife, Helen Purcell, who is deeply troubled by reports that Danger Building workers suffer from serious, unexplained illnesses. One common symptom, the lurid yellow hue of their skin, earns them the nickname “canary girls.” As the war grinds on and tragedy takes its toll, the Canary Girls persist despite the dangers, proud to serve, determined to outlive the war and rejoice in victory and peace. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

“King: A Life” by Jonathan Eig. Vividly written and exhaustively researched, this is the first major biography in decades of the civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr., and the first to include recently declassified FBI files. This revelatory new portrait of the preacher and activist who shook the world gives us an intimate view of the courageous and often emotionally troubled human being who demanded peaceful protest for his movement but was rarely at peace with himself. 920, Biography, 2023.



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.

Global Village Community: ‘The Healing Room’

The Global Village Community Club is hosting another Healing Room event. This month’s topic is “Releasing the Resistance to Loving Yourself.” Why is it often easier to love others than to love ourselves? Often people don’t feel safe to opening up to the emotion of love. Perhaps they have been heart-broken or disappointed?



In conjunction with the month of Valentine’s Day, we are going to let go of that resistance and open our hearts to love ourselves.

This next Healing Room event will be on **Thursday, February 29** from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Montgomery Center. You must pre-register for this event. You can register by texting or calling 408-827-8860 or emailing kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com. Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis.

There is no cost to attend this event.

The purpose of the Healing Room is to learn how to let go of unwanted emotions, release debilitating thoughts, return our bodies to health and wellness, and establish a direct link to our higher soul-self.

The healing room is led by intuitive healer, Kim Silverman, a Certified Quantum Energy Master and Certified Life Coach. She will combine guided meditations and educational moments that allow you to return to a more centered and balanced state of well-being.

For more information about the Global Villages Community Club, visit the GVC Club website at sites.google.com/view/gvclub/home or email globalvclub@gmail.com.

Valentine’s Season at The Villages

Valentine’s Fun

In the weeks of **February 2, 9, and 16**, check out The Villager and the Activities edition of the FastLane for fun crafts and activities to try!

Proclaim Your Love

See Villagers’ Valentine’s Day proclamation of love on the back page of this week’s Villager—page 24!

Get Heart Healthy

Friday, February 9 at 10 a.m.
This event is sold out!

Treat Them Special

Wednesday, February 14 — Dinner Service

Enjoy select Valentines Dinner Specials with your sweetheart or great friends! See information in The Villager newspaper or the Clubhouse edition of the FastLane for more information.

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Senior Academy: Human Rights...

(Continued from front page)

the electoral process and others must be considered through international human rights treaties and declarations. Sadly, the U.S. has signed onto a couple of such treaties—and generally has not enforced any.

Presenter Ann Ravel has an incredibly robust resume. She has served on the Federal Elections Commission as an Obama nominee, as the chair of the California Political Practices Commission, Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the United States Department of Justice and as an attorney in the Santa Clara County Counsel’s Office, and as a member of the Comite Scientifico of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal on Global Electoral Judicial Justice.

Come to Senior Academy’s annual Harrington event in honor of Richard Harrington, who launched Senior Academy. **This event is free to Villagers.** Register on our website at villagesSA.org.

RELIGION

EPISCOPAL

‘End of Epiphany’

By The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith,

Dean of Trinity Cathedral

The illuminating Christian season of Epiphany comes to an end this week, as we prepare for the inward light of Lent. We’ll be carrying forward many of the lessons of Christmas and Epiphany, however: principally the assurance that God is with us right here on earth, and that we humans have light (and sight) enough to recognize God’s holy presence. But as we turn from the kind of outer illumination that Epiphany invites us to contemplate, toward an inward spiritual disposition, what are you looking for?

My son, the amateur astronomer, is always chasing starlight. He knows a lot about stars too, as he’s a physics teacher. But despite our best tools of observation and theoretical speculation, the heavens always retain their fundamental mystery. Which is surely what makes the night sky so compelling to look at and ponder! I think the shift in church seasons invites a similar shift in focus. We are creatures with God-given capacity to observe and learn from visible things. And we are also mysteries of God, each one of us. It takes a quieter season—perhaps a springtime season when seeds quietly germinate out of sight—to quietly await for the insight that grows in the dark of what cannot be comprehended intellectually.

Church is a reminder that we never travel these inward journeys alone. We go in the company of each other, we go in the company of God, and we go with the reminders of outward light that Epiphany gave us as gifts.

Trinity Chapel will be holding an Ash Wednesday service at 10 a.m. on February 14 at Montgomery Center. Please join us as we start the Lenten Season. Services are also held each Sunday at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center. All are invited and welcome to join us.

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:15 p.m. on February 16 at Foothill Center. We will have Chuck Dietz lead our services, followed by a discussion led by Kim Silverman who also lives in the Villages and is an excellent speaker. The title of her talk is: “Shedding the Label to Reveal our True Essence.” All Villagers are welcome. We will have our usual Oneg following service with time for socializing.

If you are interested in membership in the Villages Jewish Group, please contact Bob Lapidus at 408-693-9498.

Jewish Community February Upcoming Events



12 - Board Meeting at Montgomery 10 a.m.
16 - Shabbat Services at Foothill 7:15 p.m.
18 - Game Night at Foothill 7 to 9 p.m.
 For more information, please contact
 Janbuff13@yahoo.com

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., February 12 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Lent: Springtime of the Soul’

By Kathy Schlosser

I have a friend who calls Lent the Springtime of the Soul! She relates it to gardening in the spring. It is the time to address the weeds that have arrived uninvited and are in some cases taking over the flower bed, and the time to fertilize the smaller plants and seeds that have been planted intentionally, giving them space to spread out and grow.



Lent began in the 3rd and 4th centuries as a 40-day retreat for those making final preparations for Baptism and a new life, at the Easter Vigil. It was a time of self-examination.

Continuing through the years, Lent has become a 40-day retreat for us. We are given the opportunity to focus on what is right, and what needs to be changed in our relationship with God and with one another. Just as my friend suggests, we can take some time to find and pull out any bad habits or “weeds” which have crept into our lives.

There are three component parts to Lent, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Prayer is probably the easiest part because we have many opportunities to pray. Almsgiving is also not too difficult as there are many charities and organizations that need help and it is easy to write a check.

The hard one is Fasting! Most of us immediately think about having to give up something we really like; candy, dessert or bingeing on the latest series on Netflix. It is the part of Lent that is probably the least successful because change is hard.

Fasting though, should be transformative. Not just a sacrifice for you but also a benefit for someone else. For example, you could give up an hour of two of TV and use that time to write letters or emails to distant friends or family. Write and send cards to those you know are lonely. Visit the homebound, and take a flower, offer a caregiver a respite. It is finding a way in which the sacrifice of your TV time can be a benefit for someone in need.

We have some time before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday to reflect on which weeds need to be pulled and which plants nurtured. The challenge to keep before us is that Lent is not just a 40-day retreat and after Easter return to old habits. It is a time to nurture the new habits and let them grow. Let Lent be the time to nourish your garden!

Kathy Schlosser is President of the Catholic Community Council.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘What’s Your Availability?’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

It is interesting that people may have wonderful aspirations to achieve some great accomplishment in life but never seem to find the time. An opportunity crosses your path to pursue your heart’s desire and you hesitate because of the timing. You say to yourself, “This would be perfect if I wasn’t committed to _____.” Months go by and suddenly you realize that your commitment to hold on to the present is no longer adding value to your life’s goal. You think about the opportunity that you passed up because you were not willing to make the sacrifice and trust God.

The world is filled with... “Could have been” people! There would be teachers, artists, musicians, inventors, designers, doctors, lawyers, you name it... had they persevered in their pursuit. In conversations, you hear individuals say, “I could have been a doctor if I had completed my residency.” Some of those “could have been” are brilliant individuals trying to compensate for missed opportunities. It’s always in their minds, what could have been if they had been willing to take the time and make the sacrifice to fulfill their destiny.

The blessing and the curse that we have been given by our Creator is “Free will.” In this life, we are presented, for the most part, opportunities that are achievable with sacrifice, dedication, and determination.

There is a story in the Bible of a young man who was very wealthy and morally righteous who desired eternal life. He asked Jesus, what good thing he could do to live forever, and Jesus told him to keep the commandments... to which he replied, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “Do not commit murder, adultery, steal, give false witness, to honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man replied, “I’ve kept all these; so, what else do I lack?” Jesus told him to, “Sell your possessions, give to the poor to have treasures in heaven, and follow me.” {Matthew 19:16-26 NASB} The young man walked away grieved because he viewed his possessions as his life and he was unwilling to see Jesus as the way to eternal life. He treasured life in the here and now without a view of eternity.

Many times, people make requests to the Lord at their convenience and are not willing to act when the real opportunity is made available to them. Do you want to live forever with a perfect body? What’s your availability?

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life, 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

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

I won't be surprised if we get a rain out this week. But last week was a great golf day. Last Tuesday of January so it was our monthly last Tuesday birthday game. If you had a birthday in January and golfed last week, you got to drop your worst score. As usual, it helped all the birthday Shonis grab some sweeps money. Happy birthday, Shonis: Bonnie, Jan and Schinae.

Every week before our golf round, we try to do a mini putting contest. We call it Putting for Pesos because if you're a winner, you get to add a dollar to your sweeps envelope. And putting practice never hurts. Last week, Manoli Kelly, Teddy Morse, and Jonna Robinson showed off their putting skills. And then Teddy put it into practice with her birdie on Hole 5 while Judy Rogers dropped one on hole 4. Congratulations Shonis.

We are planning a social pre-Valentines breakfast next week along with a special game, It Takes Two, where a low handicapper will be paired with a high handicapper for some just for fun golf. Hope the weather cooperates.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024, the Ironmen were rained out, so no results, but we will be back at it next week, weather permitting.

The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and play basically pressure-free golf. And the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283.

Deep Thoughts:

"When the path ahead of you is uphill, surrounded by rough spots, hazards and obstacles: use a pitching wedge." - Joseph Lee Bracken (Brack), two-time Governor of Utah

"My butterflies are still going strong. I just hope they are flying in formation." - Larry Mize, winner of the 1987 Masters Championship

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Last week Mary Ringle listed the professional tennis calendar for 2024, and on Tuesday, January 30, Ruth Lui held her first meeting with new Board members to discuss our upcoming tennis events for 2024.

On **Thursday, February 8**, Villages Women's 65 7.0 USTA team will begin with an away game at Sunnyvale. On **Wednesday, February 14 (Valentine's Day)** we will play here at 10:45. Please come down to cheer.


The men did not have enough players to field a USTA 65 7.0 team, but there is now a chance to field either a 55 7.0 team or a 55 6.0 team. First you need to register a team with a captain. Registration for a team is open from **January 22-February 20**. You need 12-14 players and each player needs to join USTA and then register for the team. The registration fee is \$33. USTA league play is from **March 18-May 26**.

Roy Pennington, Peggy Seidel and Jim Murphy are planning a spring Village Tennis League starting mid-March. If you would like to participate, please email either Roy at rpenn1700@aol.com or Peggy at peggy@theseidels.net or Jim at eandjmurphy@msn.com to participate.

And our first club tournament is the Prescott on **Saturday, March 16**. This is a charity tournament in honor of Phil Prescott who donated \$30,000 in 1998 to help build courts 5 and 6. The charity is our very own VMA, so all around participation is a win/win situation. Joy Rem and Cheryl Diltz are in charge so watch for information coming in next week's Tennis Talk, club emails and Fast Lane, but put it on your calendar *now*.



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2024 - USAPA Pickleball Rules

By Anahid Gregg

Visit our website for more information at villagespickleball.vgcc.club

Did you know that every year the USA Pickleball Association updates their rulebook? Since Pickleball is growing so quickly, there are more new rules and rule changes than other sports. As time goes by, this will decline. We always have the most recent USAPA rulebook posted on our website under Club Information, and update it when the new rules are published.

The first section highlights changes for the upcoming year. These are the significant rules in 2024, for full details visit our website under "The Game".

- There are no longer Faults for incorrect server, incorrect receiver and player position errors.
- When a ball goes over the net and hits a net that is draped on the ground (except on a serve), there is a replay. Let serves are still good (rule 4.A.3)
- Catching or carrying a ball on the paddle is a fault.
- There is a replay when a player overrules to their detriment a line judge's "out" call as "in."
- There is a replay when the referee overturns a line judge's out call as in.
- Players can have a 15-minute medical timeout before conceding a match.
- Paddle specifications have been updated to address new and emerging paddle technology and features and to clarify the alterations that players are allowed to make to certified paddles.

Note: You can still only use paddles on the Approved list at The Villages.

• Mini-singles is currently an approved format. The specific rules governing mini-singles are now incorporated in the Rulebook

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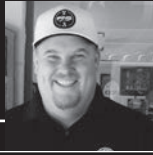


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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

Saturday, February 10 – Men's Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Monday, February 19 – President's Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play Tee Times 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 9 – Men's Club 8 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Play Shotgun

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time starts

New Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps – Starting Sunday, March 17 and one Sunday per month we will be hosting a Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps game. Four-somes can consist of two couples, or any mix of residents who want to participate. All players must have a valid USGA Handicap Index in order to participate. Registration is simple – just tell us when you check in on Sunday that your group wants to play in the Sweeps game and you are in. You will take a standard scorecard and complete it with each player's gross scores on each hole, and turn the scorecard in when you are finished. The entry fee is \$5 per person for the Sweeps prizes. The format will always be 2 Net Best Balls. We will pay out the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams each Sunday. We hope you will enjoy this fun and casual addition to the golf events at The Villages! Let us know if you have any questions.

Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf – Starting Wednesday, April 3, we will be hosting the Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf events. These will be open to anyone who wants to play. Golf will be a 4 p.m. shotgun and will be informal and casual. Enjoy the opportunity to play golf with your friends and partake in the camaraderie and some drinks after golf. These events promise to be great fun for all! If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Wagle at marylwagle@gmail.com or 408-829-4021.

It's here – TaylorMade Qi10 – The TaylorMade Qi10 Driver is designed with a brand-new, slightly larger address shape that combined with the clean look of the Infinity Carbon Crown inspires confidence for all levels of golfers. Qi10 has been strategically engineered to help players optimize distance and enhance forgiveness, wrapped in a clean, confident package. Lower CG projection and higher MOI than Stealth 2 creates a driver aimed at golfers seeking the ultimate blend of distance and forgiveness. **Come and try a demo today!**

TaylorMade Fitting Day – Friday, February 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

Cobra Dark Speed – Now available in the Pro Shop – the new Cobra Darkspeed and Darkspeed Max drivers. Demos available in men's stiff, regular and light flex and women's light weight.

Cobra Fitting Day – Sunday, February 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and try firsthand the newest technology that Cobra has to offer!

PING is Back! Now available in the Pro Shop, the PING G430 Drivers, Fairways Woods and Hybrids. PING is now the #2 Driver on the PGA Tour and will help you hit it longer and straighter without a doubt. Stop by the Pro Shop now and be the first to *demo* the **PING G430!**

Ping Fitting Day – Friday, March 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and get professionally fitted for your new Ping G430 clubs!

New in the Pro Shop – Odyssey AI-ONE Putters – All golfers, even the Tour players miss the center of the face from time to time, and this can cause a loss of speed relative to the center hit, so your ball doesn't roll as far as you intended, making that next putt even longer. With the new Odyssey AI-ONE, they have leveraged Callaway's industry leading Artificial Intelligence design and super computing capabilities to create the most advanced insert in golf. The insert has unique contours on the back of the face that minimize ball speed losses on off center hits, and greatly increase the size of the sweet spot. The revolutionary AI-ONE urethane insert delivers more consistent ball speeds, even on off center hits, leaving putts an average of 21 percent closer to the hole.

High School Golf – February through May, the Evergreen High School boys golf team will be holding golf practices and matches here at The Villages. As part of our giving back to the community, we permit Evergreen High School the privilege of using our golf facilities for their team practices and matches. Their practices will be Mondays-Thursdays after school hours between 3:30-4 p.m. until dusk. They will primarily use the Driving Range, practice putting green, chipping green, and the Par-3 Course on Mondays, because the range closes early on Mondays. Their competitive matches will start at the end of February and run through May; and all matches will be played on Wednesdays at 3:30-4 p.m. using the first tee and the front nine. Once determined, we will provide you with a list of match dates so that you can plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and support of local high school junior golf!

Roped-off areas on golf course – Please remember to avoid driving on the roped off newly seeded areas on the golf course. We had some surplus seed from the fall overseeding process, and while the weather is still cooperative, we are using this surplus seed to fill in some bare areas on the golf course. While the seed is germinating, please keep cart traffic away from these roped-off areas. And please do not remove any ropes or stakes from their position. We appreciate your cooperation!

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From The Pro...

(Continued from previous column)

Tips from the Pro – Strike 'em down

Some quick tips to help you with your iron ball striking...

1. Lean the club toward the target at impact. This is called a "forward shaft lean" and helps promote a downward strike in which the club hits the ball first and the ground second. Accomplish this by aggressively shifting your weight and your core into the front leg on the downswing. Your back heel should be off the ground at impact resultant from a good weight transfer into your front foot and leg. If you do this the club shaft will automatically lean forward at impact.

2. Try to return your left shoulder to its address position at impact. People who return their left shoulder to a higher position at impact tend to "hang back" and hit it fat or thin. This high left shoulder tilt at impact also causes hooks and slices with woods. So be cognizant of **level** shoulders at address and then try to return your left shoulder to the same position at impact...I guarantee this will help your ball striking!

3. Imagine a 4-6 inch channel or divot or scrape on the ground that starts just **after** the ball and exits the turf about 4-6 inches after the club enters the turf. This should be your divot pattern with all iron shots. A good drill is to put a tee in the ground even with the front of your golf ball and another 4-6 inches in front of the first tee and imagine that as your striking point and divot pattern through impact. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Diana Hallock

Well, we started the first day of February with glorious rain! The sunshine appeared about noon but by then, it was only our lunch ladies and bridge players that graced the Clubhouse. In lieu of today's event, let me share the exciting things happening for the rest of the month:

February 8 - Captain's Trophy

February 15 - Past Captain's Golf and Luncheon hosted by Cindy Fuller Yes, the date has changed but we hope to fill the room and honor our past Captains.

February 22 - Nine Hole Eighteen Hole Mixer hosted by the Swingers. Create your team and sign up with Mary Wagle asap!

February 29 - Captain's Trophy and General Meeting - Hosted by Captain Patti Bell, you will meet our new Board, vote on any current issues, and be the first to hear of the Invitational Theme, revealed by Co-Captain Helen and committee.

March promises to be equally exciting with two important tournaments along with all the wonderful playdays and recurring events:

March 14 - The Charity Tournament supporting Hospice of the Valley hosted by Holly Magowan and Diana Hallock. At a time when all families need some extra support, Hospice of the Valley brings comfort, care and understanding. The regional director will be sharing a short update and the golf tournament will feature our beloved James Rogers driving for you on Hole 2! Be thinking about your team members and mark that date on your calendar!

March 16 - Our inaugural Saturday Tournament hosted by Lo Rube and Kerry Bushmen. We have 10 tee times reserved for the first 40 players to sign up. Times will start at 8 a.m. and I heard a rumor that leprechauns are on the loose plus Lo and Kerry might be having a party at their house that afternoon! Stay tuned! Wear your green! Come play!



MEN'S GOLF CLUB



IRONMEN

By Kurt Pagnini kurt.pagnini@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming events:

Hey guys, this is tomorrow! **Men's 18 Hole Golf Club President's Day Tournament** on Saturday, February 10. Two-Man Teams. Tournament open to all Men's Club 18- hole members. Chapman/Pinehurst. Best of luck to all, and play well!

2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Evergreen Tournament—The first meeting for The Evergreen will be next Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. at Montgomery Center. This is open to all members interested in the Evergreen. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please come to the meeting to support the Evergreen committee and make this a great event.

Executive Committee Meeting: The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be March 5, 2024.

Golf Thoughts:

"I went to play golf and tried to shoot my age, but I shot my weight instead." - Bob Hope

"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." - Jack Lemmon

"The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie." - Mickey Mantle

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.

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024, the Ironmen were rained out, so no results, but we will be back at it next week, weather permitting.


The Ironmen 9 hole, par 3 group would love to add new members. We are a very sociable group, and play basically pressure-free golf. And the first round is on us. Just call Jerry Juracich at 408-440-8283.

Deep Thoughts:

"When the path ahead of you is uphill, surrounded by rough spots, hazards and obstacles: use a pitching wedge." - Joseph Lee Bracken (Brack), two-time Governor of Utah

"My butterflies are still going strong. I just hope they are flying in formation." - Larry Mize, winner of the 1987 Masters Championship





Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Presidents Day Tournament

When: Saturday, February 10, 2024

What: Chapman/Pinehurst – A great non-postable tournament. **MGC members only.** No guest or spouses.

Format: Chapman/Pinehurst – 2-Man Teams. Blends in regular golf (the tee shot), a scramble (second shot, and alternate shot (third and succeeding shots).

Handicaps: 100 percent of February 8 Handicap.


Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players.

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

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

Scorecard: Turn in signed and attested scorecards to the Pro Shop. This is a non-postable tournament.

Cost: \$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps. Coffee and Donuts from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m.



WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

We were blessed with a brief bit of spring weather this week and many ladies enjoyed the golf and some great comradery on the patio. The golf was great, the conversation and food were enjoyable as well.

One thing I noticed playing the last few weeks was the confusion many of our members have about asking for information while playing. As a brief review here is the definition of advice.

Advice is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. Any information on the Rules, distance or location of hazards or the flag stick is not advice. The penalty for asking for or giving advice is 2 strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play. Keep your conversation away from these areas and you will be fine.

Our winners this week played very well. On the front 9 flight 1, Donna Quartaro won \$8 shooting a net 32, followed by Gisele Barber and Bev Poellot with net 34. Flight 2 had three ladies tying with net 36 and after the scorecard playoff Delma Juarez took home the \$8 with Nancy Dawn and Sylvia Rozewicz winning \$7 and \$6.

The back 9 must have been a bit harder. Flight 1 winner was Carol Zaccheo with a net 35 followed by Joyce Mukuno and Sheryl Driskell. Flight 2 winners were Anka Hoek, net 37, Madeline Naftzger and Cynthia Jackson.

Four ladies shared the chip in money, Mazie Rice #14, Carol Zaccheo #17 and Joyce Mukuno #14 and #18. I guess the front nine was harder. The Lone birdie as Bev Poellot on #2.

The weatherman is threatening an atmospheric river next week. The rain is needed but the sun was awesome.

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SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE BRIDGE

Front Nine

Flight One Net

- 1. Quartaro, Donna 32
- 2. Barber, Gisele 34
- 3. Poellot, Beverly 34
- 4. Krattli, Vicki 35

Flight Two Net

- 1. Juarez, Delma 36
- 2. Dawn, Nancy 36
- 3. Rozewicz, Sylvia 36
- 4. Waugh, Charlotte 37

Back Nine

Flight One Net

- 1. Zaccheo, Carol 35
- 2. Mukuno, Joyce 37
- 3. Driskell, Sheryl 40
- 4. Corsello, Carleen 40

Flight Two Net

- 1. Hoek, Anka 37
- 2. Naftzger, Madeline 39
- 3. Brown, Emmy 39
- 4. Jackson, Cynthia 41

Monday, January 29:

- 1. Mary LeGrand - Hank Koransky
- 2. Jane Michaels – Guest
- 3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho

Wednesday, January 31:

- 1. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
- 2. Ed Logg – Guest
- 3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho

Friday, February 2:

- 1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
- 2. Selma Chastaine - George Welch
- 3. Carol Reid - Bosh Singh

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Tuesday, January 30

All Nets

Flight One:

- 1. Tied – Bonnie Evans and Teddy Morse 24
- 2. Tied – Joyce Baptiste and Marty Blinde 27
- 3. Manoli Kelly 28

Flight Two:

- 1. Judy Rogers 21
- 2. Meg Rogers 24
- 3. Tahera Khalil 26

Flight Three:

- 1. Schinae Ogihara 16
- 2. Tied – Sabrina Malcolmson and Fran Schumaker 19
- 3. Jan Trusso 20

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 31

- Dennis Webb 200
- Bev Waller-Wharton 204
- Suzanne Fazzio 222
- Sylvia Rozewicz 225

Friday, February 2

- Bev Waller-Wharton 208
- Audrey Osuna 212
- Sylvia Rozewicz 234
- Carol Souza 283

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari
Cribari Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
5320-5363, 5400-5432, and 5489-5499—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16
5052 Cribari Vale—Fallen willow tree removal, in progress.

Del Lago
3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Fallen tree removal and debris cleaning in progress throughout district.
E1 Lake—Jet circulator pumps off, service for replacements in planning.
Gutter cleaning throughout the district is scheduled to start 2/12.

Estates
8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

Fallen plum tree removal in progress at various locations.

Fairways
4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

General fallen tree and debris cleaning in progress throughout district.

Glen Arden
7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/18-3/22.

General fallen tree and debris cleaning in progress throughout district.
Roof repairs throughout the district, in planning.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/12.

Heights
8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.

General fallen tree and debris cleaning in progress throughout district.
8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa
8005-8032, 8100-8121 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Highland
7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/12.
7636—Sewer main repairs in progress.

Montgomery
6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Waiting for permits prior to scheduling repairs.
Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Olivas
8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
8713-8738 and 8753-8768—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Trash enclosure light installations in progress throughout the district.
8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata
2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

2025-2031 and 2065-2101—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Valle Vista
9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

9015-9033—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/12.

Verano
7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7314-7394—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

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 throughout the Villages, ongoing.

Shrub beds, cement cracks, random (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the districts, ongoing.

Annual crape myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the districts.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

Landscape drainage repairs in progress in various districts.

Club Centers
Shrub beds, cement cracks, (Roundup Pro Max EPA-524-579), spot weed herbicide spray throughout Club Centers, ongoing.

Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

Fallen tree removals and debris cleaning in progress at various locations throughout the district.

For Pesticide information on pest control or landscape, please contact Customer Service at 408-223-4670 or visit the Corporation Yard at 3401 The Villages Fairway Drive. San Jose, CA 95135 or visit the Resident Portal and click on the Pesticides button for pest control or landscape.

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

Montgomery	January 29 through February 10
Del Lago	February 12 through February 24
Glen Arden	February 26 through March 2
Heights	March 4 through March 9
Fairways	March 11 through March 13
Verano	March 11 through March 23
Highland	March 25 through April 6

Gutters for Club facilities to be cleaned April 6 to April 13.

Maintenance Services
Customer Service Line:
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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.



Report Irrigation Issues

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Niners fans Kay and Garry Gray at the NFC Championship Game—We WON! Niners are going to Las Vegas to play in the Super Bowl! GO NINERS!

More COMMUNITY NOTICES



Welcome to another edition of Hi Neighbor! This week we introduce you to more Villagers who moved here in the past year.

Please say "Hi!" to **Laurie Merta Aknin**, who moved to Village Olivas last August from Los Altos. A Palo Alto native, Laurie has bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Liberal Studies and a Master's in Educational Leadership. She has worked as an assistant superintendent, school principal, and as a teacher at Mt. Pleasant High School. In her spare time, she enjoys Mah Jong, cards, puzzles, and reading. Her interests include travel, art, and music. She loves animals and has a dog named Roxie and a cat named Remy.

Help us welcome to **Sarbjit Singh Johal**, one of Cribari Village's newest residents, having moved here in January from Fresno. Originally from India, Sarbjit is a semi-retired professor and has a Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara and a M.A. from the University of British Columbia. Sarbjit's interests include fitness, volunteering, swimming, hiking, writing, gardening and films.

Give a warm greeting to **Nancy Duran**, who moved to Verano last October from elsewhere in San Jose. A Tampa, Florida native, Nancy is an optician who enjoys spending time with her family including her four children and two grandchildren.

Help us greet **Charles (Chuck) Williams**, who moved to Sonata Village last August. Originally from Chula Vista, CA, Chuck is a retired engineering director with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. In his free time, he enjoys reading, woodworking, writing, hiking, and traveling internationally. His interests also include electronics, ceramics and keeping up with current events.

Wave hi to **Erica Wu**, who moved to Village Verano last November. Born in Taiwan, Erica has an MBA and works as a senior wealth advisor. Her hobbies/interests include investments and the financial market, and in her free time she enjoys reading, traveling music and playing with her dogs.

Help us say hello to **Fernando Zaragosa**, one of Montgomery's newest residents. A San Jose native, Fernando is a carpenter by trade and his interest include RVing, cooking and, of course, carpentry.

Give a warm welcome to **David Kroeger**, who moved to Verano Village last October. Born on Ft. Ord, CA, David works as a general contractor. He enjoys golf, travel, woodwork, puzzles and games.

Say hello to **Sheila Robinson**, a computer programmer who moved to Cribari Village last October from Houston, TX. Originally from Ft. Worth, TX, Sheila has a bachelor's degree from University of Texas - Austin. In her spare time, she enjoys arts and crafts such as knitting, crocheting, soapmaking, and greeting cards.

Piano Showcase...

(Continued from front page)

to enjoy listening.

The GPS performing groups will include: The VMS Dancers, Trilium, VMS Piano Open Studio, Wicked, and the VMS Village Voices.

"The Going Places performers range in size, shape, and competency. And will offer the audience a genuine pleasure in their pursuit of greatness," said Villager Sabrina Malcolmson. "This will be a time to embrace the love of contemporary dance as you witnessed excellent pieces. The settings and staging of last year's performance were exceptionally well-conceived and included a performance by a great pianist and outstanding strong vocalist singers. You will have a lovely time at the upcoming talent showcase."

Please see ticket sales information in next week's edition. Merci!

For more information on the Going Places Showcase, email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com.

To learn more about VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy, President of the Village Dancers, is the producer of this show.



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Love is in the Air

Let's share the Love!



Come join me for a glass of Champagne and Chocolates in The Bistro on Sunday, February 11th from 5.30pm - 6.30pm to celebrate St. Valentine.



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGES FROM VILLAGERS

To the best husband, Mickey Wagle,
Happy Valentine's Day/Happy 26th Anniversary.
You are the most amazing man I have ever known. We will continue on, hand in hand, side by side making more good memories with our family and friends.
I will love you forever.
Mary



Dear Israel,
The happiest I've ever felt was the moment I discovered you loved me too.
Love,
Jeff

Joe...always in my heart...
Francesca

**MORE THAN YESTERDAY,
LESS THAN TOMORROW**
~anonymous~

Happy Valentines Day, Rita
You are the love of my life.

Howie