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New Bocce Court Groundbreaking Ceremony takes place

Last Friday afternoon, January 5, the Bocce Club hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in anticipation of The Villages new third Bocce court coming in 2024. Club president, Jana King was joined front stage by Club Board Vice President, Judy Owen, and Assistant General Manager-Public Works, Ryan Bell. Three community teams, three shovels and three commemorative etches in the ground bring the much-anticipated court closer to reality. Almost 100 attended the groundbreaking, with many staying afterward to enjoy complimentary hot cider, coffee, and refreshments.

An Opportunity to Donate

The event offered residents an opportunity to donate to our Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF)—partnering with the Club to raise extra funds for additional Bocce accoutrements. Under Reserve and Capital funds, the Club Board has approved approximately \$300K for Bocce essentials, with Gazebo Park enhancements planned for approval at CBOD's February and May 2024 scheduled meetings. Donations in check form will continue to be accepted by EVF. EVF is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization which means donations may qualify as charitable contributions (please check with your tax planner/adviser). You can write a check to the Evergreen Villages Foundation and drop it by Bocce Board Vice President Marie Colaizzi's home (see address below). She will track and forward all donations for this project to the EVF treasurer.

Drop your check in Marie's mailbox at 7395 Via Cantares. For more details, email her at mpcolaizzi@gmail.com. Thank you to all who generously give extra financial support!



The ceremonial groundbreaking for The Villages' third Bocce court took place Friday, January 5. Kicking off the construction project are (Shown left to right) Ryan Bell, Jana King and Judy Owen. (See more photos of the event on page 9).

Photo by Frank Langben

Senior Academy to present 'A Folk Music Revival'

Bob Dylan, Peter Paul and Mary, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie, a blast from the past will be brought to you by Zoom via Senior Academy's presentation of Folk Music Revival on **Tuesdays, January 23 and 30, at 2 p.m.**

Fortunately for us, Richie Unterberger is returning with a two-part course on the revival of this special music from our earlier years. He'll also cover the time period in which it was performed. After World War II and peaking in the early 1960s, the folk revival brought traditional roots music and

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Come get your swing on at FootNotes Jazz Band Concert!

The Villages Music Society is happy to sponsor The FootNotes Jazz Band—a newcomer to the Villages concert series. Come join us on **Thursday January 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium for some contemporary swing and a few old favorites. You may purchase open seating tickets at the time of the performance for \$20, or you may purchase tickets ahead of time by going to the Cribari Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, January 20. Your tickets include a 10 percent off benefit at the Villages Restaurant on that day (main dining room only).

The FootNotes Jazz Band, under the direction of Lori Stotko, features trumpets, trombones, saxophones, and a rhythm section of guitar, piano, bass, and drums. They have played at various venues including the San Jose Jazz festival, Jewish Community centers, Redwood city harbor and other venues willing to host 14 horns and a rhythm section!

The group was originally formed by Terry Anderson at Foothill College in the 1970s. Budget cuts forced the college to stop supporting

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com/pulse, or emailed to Villager Managing Editor S. Hinrichs: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

E-mailed letters must include the text within the body of the e-mail and the subject line must read PULSE LETTER.

3 Pulse letters received this week.
0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.
3 Pulse letters published this week.

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

All Pulse letters that are published are retained by the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) for a period of 12 months. Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements are not shared with anyone outside the CAC, management or Club Board and staff liaisons for the reason of confidentiality.

I was appalled to get an email from a resident informing me they saw two women in an older silver Lexus emptying the aluminum recycling cans in our trash enclosures. Fourteen of 15 enclosures were emptied a couple of days before Christmas.

Village Del Lago (and all the villages) collect aluminum cans to benefit the Villages Medical Auxiliary. The idea that someone would steal from VMA is heartbreaking to me. VMA does so much to help our residents in so many ways. All can collectors are identified by orange vests that say "Can Collector" on the back. If you see someone removing cans who is not wearing the appropriate vest, please write down their license plate and notify security.

—Anahid Gregg

Last Sunday evening my wife and I attended the New Year's Eve party at the Clubhouse. It was a splendid affair in all manner. A pleasant surprise was seeing a former Villages couple who moved to another "community" two years ago. They reported their HOAs were \$700, but they have only a par-3 "very hilly" golf course that is walk only. Our friends who are avid golfers reported they were forced to join another expensive course to have something near to what The Villages offers. There is no restaurant in the community. There are recreational and social facilities, but nothing to compare with The Villages. In retrospect, we are happy to pay for the amenities and the great staff that The Villages offer. Happy New Year everyone.

—Dr. Jac and Laura Fitzenz

Every day as I drive up Montgomery Lane towards the Heights I see an orange fenced construction site near the Montgomery Pool intersection that has been this way for several months.

Could someone please address a) what this issue is, b) when it is scheduled to be completed and c) why has it been under construction for so long. It is an eye sore especially for how long it has been sitting there without any progress visible.

—Carolyn Hopkins

ABOVE & BEYOND

Thank you to John Yu, Albert Salcedo, and the staff for an amazing New Year's Eve dinner. That was one of the best meals we've ever had at the Clubhouse!

—Anahid Gregg

A huge thank you to all the Villagers who decorated each village for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. When we returned home after a short trip to Arizona, we were greeted with a wonderful variety of greetings and decorations. I know how much time and effort all of this takes. In our more active years, we gladly donated our time, now it is up to us to thank all of you. We wish you all a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

—Love and Hugs, Jean Gillette

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Campa
August 4, 1931—January 5, 2024

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please contact 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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Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee 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 Yannaccone 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

Notice of Proposed Revisions to New Association Architectural Committee (AC) Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Area

At the October 31, 2023, board meeting, the Association Board approved new AC Rule D-32 Area Projects in Common Areas and to publish proposed new rule for the required member comment prior to formal approval consideration at the January 30, 2023 board meeting.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to provide a process for the request of Area Projects that do not fall under existing Association Architectural Committee (AC) rules which are to be constructed or installed on Association Common Areas and are not in conflict with Association Rules.

The proposed new rule was published in the November 16, and 23 editions of *The Villager*, and at the December 12, 2023, board meeting the board approved the following revisions with added text underlined and deleted text shown with ~~strike-through~~ text.

AC Rules

D-32 Common Area Projects

Projects proposed for construction or installation in Association Common Areas that do not align with the existing guidelines set by the Association's Architectural Committee (AC) must receive approval from both the AC and the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). These projects are unique in nature, and their review by the AC and ABOD is essential to ensure they align with the orderly maintenance, preservation, and enjoyment of Common Areas and do not jeopardize the health, safety, convenience, or welfare of all residents (Villagers).

Application Procedure:

A. Project Request Submission

1. Start by submitting a Project Requirements Form to the AC. This document should include the following details: project description and purpose, project location, any necessary alterations to common areas, potential impacts on existing common area elements (like trees, landscaping, hardscape), possible effects on surrounding Villas, and any other relevant information.

B. AC Meeting Attendance

1. Attend the regular monthly AC meeting to review the Project Requirements Form and receive feedback from the AC. If the project is substantial, the AC will provide a list of specific items required for the formal Project Application package.

C. Common Area Alteration Agreement

1. Prepare an Owner a Common Area Alteration Request Form VAgreement and reference the Project Requirements Form, signed by the applicant(s). Include comprehensive plans and specifications. All applicants must be Association members residing in the affected District(s). In some cases, a District Advisory Committee (DAC) may also apply. Plans should be drawn to scale on substantial paper, providing clarity regarding the project's location, nature, extent of work, and maintenance responsibilities. Ensure that the project adheres to this rule's requirements.

D. Document Submission

1. Submit all necessary documents, including estimated costs, to the AC by the monthly submittal deadline, as published in *The Villager*.

E. Approval Process

1. The AC will determine a renewal period (a renewal period defined herein is for all approved D-32 projects.) The AC will determine specific timeframes in a calendar year, which a project's stakeholders evaluate its progress, conditions, modifications and overall success to determine whether to continue or renew the project for another phase or iteration. D-32 approved projects may have a defined lifespan or specific deliverables to correct underperforming standards, and after each period, project compliance will be reviewed by staff. Upon AC approval, with possible conditions, the maintenance and landscape departments must also review and approve the project.

F. ABOD Approval and Member Advisory Vote

1. Following AC and staff approval, the proposal will be presented to the Association Board of Directors (ABOD). If provisionally approved by the ABOD, a confidential member advisory (non-binding) vote will be conducted by the Association Inspectors of Elections. Ballots will be distributed to all members in the affected District(s). These ballots will be color-coded to distinguish between members within 100 feet of or having a line of sight with the project and other members. The results will be counted and reported at the next regular ABOD meeting by the Inspectors of Elections. Owner comments and the outcome of the advisory vote will be carefully considered by the ABOD when deciding whether to approve grant final approval of the project.

G. Ongoing Monitoring

1. After approval and project construction, the staff will continue to monitor the project at the end of each renewal period to ensure compliance with initial requirements and any new safety or building code requirements in effect. The Villages Staff will provide quarterly reports on the projects status and make recommendations to the AC as to the current conditions. If the project is not in compliance, the AC may recommend remediation or removal to the ABOD.

Response to the proposed new rule may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the proposed new rule at the Association Board of Directors at the January 30, 2023, board meetings, or 2) via written comments delivered to the Board through Liz Ramos in the General Manager's office at LRamos@the-villages.com.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and
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Association/Homeowners documents available via e-mail

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

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

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

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

Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



'Ask the ABOD'

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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.

AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of February are due to the Architectural Committee (AC) on or before January 19, 2024. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **January 19, 2024.**

Welcome New Residents!

New Resident Orientation Scheduled for January 24

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, January 24 at 3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

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

Note: For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-223-4674 to confirm attendance.

Steve Norden—A Celebration of Life

Steve's wife, Carol, and the VGCC Team invite you to attend Steve's Celebration of Life. As a 28-year resident and almost 30-year team member, Steve fulfilled his dual roles—generously assisting neighbors in need and dutifully keeping our community safe around the clock. If Steve has touched you in some way, we look forward to seeing you. Carol will be joined by Steve's immediate family and close friends.



When: **Friday, January 19**

Where: The Clubhouse

Time: **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

* The 2-hour Celebration of Life is an informal drop-in event.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Sending a heartfelt thank you to the Men's Golf Club for the wonderful tribute to my husband, Dick.

He also enjoyed working with the Highland DAC and the Highland EPC.

A big thank you as well to my Villages friends during this difficult time and loss. Your kind words, flowers, cards, and donations filled my heart and made me realize what a special community I am surrounded by.

With much gratitude,

—Maggie Fisher and Family

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.

January 17, noon to 2 p.m.

February 7, noon to 2 p.m.

March 6, noon to 2 p.m.

April 10, noon to 2 p.m.

May 8, noon to 2 p.m.

June 5, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

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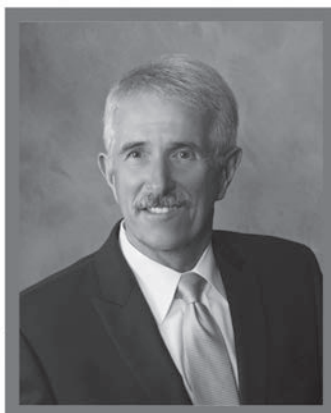
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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Highland DAC to meet January 11

The Highland DAC will be holding its first meeting of the new year on **Thursday, January 11** at the Foothill Center from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Important topics that will be discussed include turf conversion next steps, budget inputs and the budget process schedule, CC&R election results, communication methods and what works best for you, holiday decorations, and much, much more. Light refreshments will be served.

Please email any additional 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.

Olivas DAC to meet February 5

There will be an Olivas DAC meeting from **4 to 5 p.m.** on **Monday, February 5** at Foothill Center.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Tax appointments for 2023 tax returns

To make an appointment call the Evergreen Community Center at 408-270-2220.

Your appointment will be on a **Friday morning starting February 2** at Foothill Center. Appointments will be at Foothill except February 16 and March 15 will be at Vineyard Center. Appointments made for 9, 10 and 11 a.m. will be for "in person" completion of the tax return. Appointments made for 12-noon will be for "drop off" only, with the completed returns to be picked up the following week.

When you arrive for your appointment, a volunteer will review your documents and help you complete a check-in form, which you will sign. A tax counselor will then complete your returns and a second counselor will conduct a quality review before the returns are printed. A volunteer will give you your completed returns and, if you approve them, you will sign giving us permission to electronically file your returns.

Remember to bring your photo ID and all pertinent tax papers i.e., forms 1099, 1098, W-2, social security income statements, and medical, charitable donations, and other itemized deduction information as well as your 2022 tax returns.

Please note it is the intent of AARP and the IRS to assist seniors and people with basic returns. Villagers with high income or complex returns are encouraged to use a professional service rather than take an appointment which could be used by seniors on lower income. This IRS sponsored program does not allow us to prepare returns with complex sole proprietorships, rentals with depreciation, or returns with alternative minimum tax.

If you are not sure whether your return is classified as complex, call Alan at 408-238-3435. SRS has a list of paid tax preparers. Stop by the SRS office or call for the list to be e-mailed to you.

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

SRS Reminder:

Estimated tax due January 16

If you file forms 1040ES and 540ES, the fourth payment for tax year 2023 estimated tax is due Tuesday, January 16.

Rather than mailing a check to the IRS, you may use the online Direct Pay Service. Go to www.irs.gov and click on the box labeled "Make a Payment." There is no fee to use the online Direct Pay service.

There is also no fee to use the online Web Pay service to pay your Franchise Tax Board California tax. Go to www.ftb.ca.gov. At the top of the screen click on the "Pay" button.

You may also pay your taxes with a credit or debit card. There will be a fee. And of course, you may always pay your tax with a paper check. Just be sure your envelope is postmarked by January 16.

Warning: If you should make estimated tax payments but fail to do so, you will be charged interest on the underpayment. Beginning October 1, 2023, the interest rate changed from 3 percent to 8 percent. In 2022, the IRS assessed more than \$1.8 billion in penalties for under-paying estimated taxes.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

- The ALL-DAC Meeting is **Tuesday, January 16** at **9 a.m.** in Foothill Center.
- The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, January 30 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 Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Cribari DAC to meet January 22

The Cribari DAC's quarterly meeting will be held **Monday, January 22**, from **6:30 to 8 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room (across from Cribari Auditorium).

Garage doors: Know how to roll 'em

By Arlene Versaw

It's the rainy season. The power goes off in your home. You've signed up for the Villages Alert System (NIXLE) and you are advised to evacuate, or you simply must leave your house. But your car is in the garage and without power, the garage door will not open. What do you do? Open it manually. Here's how.

Step 1: Unplug the garage door opener. It may seem unnecessary, but if the power comes on while the garage door is disengaged, it can damage the assembly. To avoid the potential for this to happen, simply unplug it.

Step 2: Pull the emergency release cord. This cord hangs down from the garage track and has a red handle. Pull straight down until you hear a click.

Step 3: Lift the garage door. Most have a handle inside the door to assist with this task, but if yours does not, lift from the bottom of the door, using your legs instead of your back. If the garage door springs are in good condition, it should roll up easily. If you are unable to lift it, find someone who can help you.

Step 4: Pull the garage door down to close it. Not mandatory, but a good idea. However, the weight of the door will increase as it lowers, so maintain your grip as it lowers.

Step 5: Reconnect the garage door opener when power is restored.

Don't be stuck unnecessarily. Give it a try to avoid finding yourself in a difficult situation. For more great emergency preparation information, visit thevillagesepc.com.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Building B business hours

The Recreation Services office in Building B is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up for Back in Form’s new year personal training special

The Villages in partnership with Back in Form, Inc. wishes you a Happy New Year!

Let’s turn New Year’s resolutions into results with a “Back in Form 2-for-1 Personal Fitness Training Special.” Sign up for personal training for one person (\$127 per session) and add a spouse, friend, or neighbor to work out with you for free! This is a savings of \$33! All trainees should already be authorized to access the Fitness Center. The dates/times for the sessions will be determined by the trainer and trainee(s).

Register in Building B during business hours. The **promotion ends January 31** or when the trainers are at capacity, whichever comes first!

All trainees must register at the same time, one registration slip per household. A minimum of five sessions is required; training session scheduling will be determined by the trainer and trainee’s availability. Please allow processing time before reaching out to Back in Form for scheduling. If you wish to continue training after the special promotion, you will arrange future sessions with Back in Form at their regular rate.

For more information about registering or enabling access to the Fitness Center contact us at 408-223-4643.

Sign up for new year cooking class with Dayna!

Join us for a cooking class with Chef Dayna Pawlowski of SimpleCIOUS! No experience required. The class will be offered **Monday January 29** from **2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at Montgomery Center. Dayna will provide the ingredients and materials needed to prepare your delicious dishes. The menu for this class will be:

- Shrimp and mango-salsa stuffed avocados
- Tomato and grilled zucchini puff pastry with apple, fennel, gorgonzola slaw
- Andouille sausage with dirty rice

Once the appetizer is complete you can nosh on it while continuing cooking; the rest of the meal is enjoyed family style by participants while clean up takes place. At the end of the class, you will be given the recipes you learned to practice more at home for your friends and neighbors. Please note this class is four hours long, but time flies when you are having fun!

Register in Building B during office hours. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 19** or sooner if spots fill up. The cost per attendee is \$128 (ingredients and other materials included).

Dayna began simpleCIOUS in 2008 as a catering business and expanded not long after to provide cooking instruction to all ages. Be sure to sign up early as space is very limited!

Sign up for ‘Heart Healthy Eating’ class

Join Natsuko Tsuji for the “Heart Healthy Eating” nutrition class on **Friday, February 9** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Sequoia Room. This class will cover steps to prevent heart diseases, differences between healthy fat and unhealthy fat, how to choose heart-friendly food when you go out to eat, easy ways to incorporate plant-based foods, and meal planning tips. At the end of the class, Natsuko will share her favorite heart-healthy recipes.

The cost is \$41 per person. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 8. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 26.**

Natsuko Tsuji, MS, RDN is a registered dietitian nutritionist and holds a master’s degree in Nutritional Science. You may know her as our current Pilates instructor. She also currently teaches nutrition classes at San Jose State University and has experience in providing nutritional assessments and counseling. Natsuko is also a certified chef and yoga teacher.

New TV and remote upgrades

We’re pleased to share the improvements to our facility televisions and checkout remotes we made this year:

1. New Equipment: Enjoy a brand new TV in the Cribari Conference Room, and a new TV monitor in the Forum Room.
2. New Instructions: We’ve updated the television instructions for the Cribari Conference Room, Montgomery Center, Vineyard Center, and Foothill Center. These instructions are included with the TV remote when you check it out from Building B. Our goal was for the TV options to be more similar, making it easier for users familiar with one TV to use the others. If you would like to schedule time at one of these spaces to review the new instructions, please reach out to us.
3. HDMI Upgrades: We’ve added new HDMI cables with convenient hooks near the TVs for easier connecting. Please remember to turn on your device and connect it to the TV via the HDMI cord before you turn on the television.
4. Extra remotes for the Forum Room and Sequoia Room are now available. These remotes have no instructions, as those televisions are for display purposes only.

A special shoutout to our Audio-Visual Technician, John Trudeau, for his hard work and dedication in making these updates possible.

Some Friendly Reminders: Please handle all equipment (whether a facility fixture or a checked-out item) with care. Once you finish with the equipment, please return it to the original setting before leaving. If you use your own streaming account, please make sure to log out of it before leaving the facility. These practices help keep our community spaces enjoyable for everyone.

Guest Room reminders

Each of our four guest rooms includes a bathroom, TV, mini fridge, and coffee pot. For you and your future guests here are a few reminders:

- You can reserve up to six months in advance.
- After hours key pickup at the Front Gate is available by request.
- **Pets are not allowed**

Please call 408-223-4643 for more information or to reserve. Additional information can also be found in Club Rule 1.22.

Other trips and classes — updates

Description	Date	Status
Mat Pilates class in Cribari Conf. Room	Jan. 9 - Feb. 17	Sold out
Doox of Yale concert at Cribari	Jan. 13	Registration closed
Yoga class in Cribari Auditorium	Jan. 17 - Feb. 21	Sold out
“The Wiz” musical in San Francisco	Jan. 31	Sold out
Botticelli exhibit in San Francisco	Feb. 1	Cancelled

RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Villages 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.

Drop off or mail your certification NOW!—URGENT! Villages-Wide Biennial Age Certification Survey

State and Federal law requires at least 80% of households at The Villages submit an age certification in order for us to retain status as a 55+ senior community. So far only 77% have done so. This is critical because we're quickly approaching a non-compliance situation.

To continue our community's status as a senior community, The Villages **must** comply with the state and federal laws that govern senior housing developments that mandate both The Villages Association, and also The Villages Homeowners' Corporation must conduct periodic surveys (every other year) to verify and document that the community is in compliance. Failure to satisfy the legal requirements may result in a determination that The Villages is not a lawful senior community and therefore mean that we must allow persons of all ages to live here.

In order to fulfill the requirements imposed upon the corporations, one resident of your condominium or home must complete and sign the Age Certification form (under penalty of perjury). In addition, Please note that if you are an offsite owner, you must have one of the tenant(s)/resident(s) complete and sign the Certification. Offsite owners are responsible for ensuring completion and return of the Certification form by one of their tenant(s)/resident(s).

Please, either drop it in the deposit box located in the parking lot just outside of Building A or mail the completed document and any attachments back to us—**ASAP**—at:

The Villages
Attention: Age Certification
5000 Cribari Lane
San Jose, CA 95135

We appreciate you taking the time to complete and return this important form. Please be assured that the information that you provide is used strictly for the Corporation's records and to document our community's compliance with applicable laws. A summary of the age survey results (not including names or addresses) will be made available following completion of the survey.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.



THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION
THE VILLAGES HOMEOWNERS' CORPORATION
AGE CERTIFICATION
2023

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury that:

1. He/she is _____ years of age.
(insert age)
2. He/she is a member of the household that resides at the unit described below, which is located within The Villages Association, San Jose, California.
3. He/she has personal knowledge of the ages of the occupants of the home, and:

Check either "A" or "B" below, whichever applies, but do not check both:

-
- A. At least one occupant of home is 55 years of age or older.
-
- B. None of the occupants of the home are 55 years of age or older.

Signature

Printed Name

Address within The Villages

Date

Please provide names of all people residing in the dwelling:

THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION
Please return as soon as possible!



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 and Taf Tafarrodi, beginning at 10 a.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Mondays and Tuesdays: Open Studio in the Art Room with Pat Andrade, beginning at 2 p.m. All Villagers and all media welcome!

Tuesdays: Poetry in Art with Colleen Mirassou and Barb Gottesman beginning at 10:30 a.m.

January 18 – February 8: Mining Your Memories – Writing Seminar with Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman. Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

January 26: Advisory Board, Friday, 1 p.m. Art Room.

February 2: Making Greeting Cards with Mandy Book. Friday, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$10. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

February 5: Monthly Membership Meeting with Guest Artist Margot Paoli, 1:45 p.m. Cribari Conference Room. Mandy Book, President, presiding.

Ceramics Room has open studio days for approved members. For Open Studio hours and 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. 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 January 17: Gary Lohr (408-912-5124), will lead a hike at Lake Almaden. The hike along Los Alamitos Creek is about 3 1/2 miles round trip and is mostly sunny and flat. Meet at Cribari at 9am for a 9:15 departure. Round trip is about 18 miles.

Rambler Lite Hike January 17: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler/Long Hike January 24: Bob Bogdanoff (408-834-9657) will lead a hike at the newly opened Mayyan Ooyakma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve. The hike will be a 5.1 mile circular trail which consists of the Serpentine Spring Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet), Tule Elk Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change less than 50 feet) and the Bay Checkerspot Trail (2.5 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet). You will experience stunning views of the Santa Clara Valley. One Butterfly Pass is required for each group of hikers. If you only want to do a portion of the hike, you will need to obtain your own, free Butterfly Pass at openspaceauthority.org/preserves/coyoteridge.html

Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Cribari Bell for a 9 a.m. departure. The address is 9611 Malech Rd, Morgan Hill. Drive south on Hwy 101, exit Bailey Avenue and head east crossing over the Hwy. Continue a short distance on Malech Road and the parking lot with a restroom is on the right.

Rambler Lite Hike January 24: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 am.

Rambler Lite Hike January 31: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to **Larkspur Hill**. We'll walk through the Villages gate to San Felipe Road where we'll take a left and walk for about 100 feet to a path on your right which will take us up the slow long hill to the park which overlooks the Villages and the Diablo Range. Meet at the parking lot opposite the public safety at 9 a.m.

January 31: Wate and Johanna Bakker (408-223-2190) will lead a 3-5 mile hike in the Almaden-Quicksilver county park, starting at the Mockingbird hill entrance. Overall elevation gain on the new Almaden, Randolph and Hacienda trails will be less than 1000 feet, but there are a few short, steep sections. Long hikers are welcome to join and extend their hike on the Mine hill and Casallero trails for a look at Mount Umunum. Dress seasonable, bring water and a lunch. We will gather at Cribari at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure.

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
Grab and Go,
call
408-370-8553**

Soup of the Day



For the week of 1/15 to 1/21

Monday, January 15

Lentil

Tuesday, January 16

Potato Leek

Wednesday, January 17

French Onion

Thursday, January 18

Chicken Fiesta

Friday, January 19

Clam Chowder

Saturday, January 20

Chef's Choice

Sunday, January 21

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 1/15 to 1/21

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 1/16 to Sunday 1/21

Spanish Omelet: Spanish Sauce, Cheese, Guacamole and Sour Cream with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 1/15 to Sunday 1/21—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beef Stew: Braised Chuck Stew with Onions and Vegetables **\$16.95**

Chicken Paprika: Sautéed Boneless Chicken Breast in a Paprika Sauce with Onions, Peppers and Mushrooms served over Rice **\$15.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 1/16 to Sunday 1/21—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Poached Salmon: Slow Simmered Filet of Salmon with a Bearnaise Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$27.95**

Lemon Pepper Tri-Tip: Char Broiled Tri-Tip seasoned with Lemon Pepper and served with Au Jus with Choice of Sides **\$28.50**

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

At the Bocce Courts groundbreaking event



The area in the foreground will be where the new court is to be built. Photo by Frank Langben

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.

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.



Shown left to right: Teddy Morse, Secretary of the EVF, and Noel Lanctot enjoy some refreshments.

Photo by Frank Langben



Although the weather was a bit brisk, numerous Villagers attended. Shown left to right: Rich Bainbridge, Wendy Ledamun, Betty Garcia, Aurelia Contento and Mel Waldman.

Photo by Frank Langben

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 12

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.	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
3 p.m.	Villages Amateur Theatre	A
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	World Today	PR

Saturday, January 13

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
2 p.m.	Doox of Yale	A

Sunday, January 14

7:00 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12 p.m.	Bluegrass Music Club	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ

Monday, January 15

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.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Republican Club	FC
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	Flower Ladies	PR
	Arranging Guild	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

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

Tuesday, January 16

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	MPP
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Poetry in Art	AR
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
10 a.m.	VMA Hearing Screening	MC
10:30 a.m.	Community Chapel	
	Lay Board	F
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
1 p.m.	Painting Exhibits	CR
2 p.m.	Piano Open Studio	A
4 p.m.	Villages Webmaster Guild	MC
5 p.m.	Desi Club Social	SEQ
7 p.m.	Camera Club	FC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

Wednesday, January 17

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.	Yoga	A
10 a.m.	Villages Study Groups	F
4 p.m.	Glen Arden DAC	FC
4 p.m.	Senior Academy	
	Annual Meeting	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


Thursday, January 18

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.	VMA Parkinson's Support	F
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
1 p.m.	Community Chapel	
	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Music Society Opera Lovers	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Cribari DAC	F
6 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	FC

Friday, January 19

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.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
2:30 p.m.	Villages Amateur Theatre	A
5 p.m.	Jewish Community Shabbat	FC
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

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.vmavillages.org



The Villages Medical Auxiliary

Upcoming 2024 Programs

Hearing Screening: Hearing Life will provide free screenings on **Tuesday, January 16 from 10 a.m. - Noon.** Please call the office to schedule your appointment at 408-238-4230.

Enough is Enough – Reclaiming Control of Our Lives as we Age: As we age it seems as if we lose control over our day to day lives. Chaplain Dale Poland, M. Div, BCC of Hospice of the Valley – Sutter Health will explain some common misconceptions. **Thursday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Noon** in the Sequoia Room. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well As They Age: Mwezo Kudumu, well known wellness and fitness instructor here at the Villages will offer a presentation/demonstration on how to prevent catastrophic events in your life, offer suggestions on how best to do telemedicine visits and do a personal fall risk assessment. Please come prepared wearing comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing. **Monday, January 29 from 1-2:30 p.m.** at the Foothill Center. To register please go to vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

2024 Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will resume **January 22** at 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Note date change—Judith London Ph.D. will conduct the monthly group on **Thursday, February 15** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. **(January group met earlier in the month.)** 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 including **January 18 and February 15** at 10 a.m. in the Forum Room. No need to register, all welcome.



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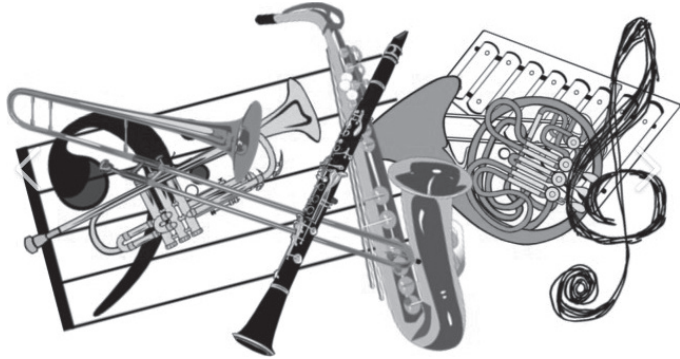
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CLUBS & EVENTS

The Villages Concert Band wants you!

The Villages Music Society's Concert Band wants you to sign up! Do you play an instrument? Do you have more of a 'groupie' nature? On the lookout for donating to a non-profit?



Band rehearsals have started up again. They are every **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. **January 16** will be a special open house night where all are welcome to come and check out the band—bring an instrument and sit in!

Do you play an instrument and want to participate with a group here

at The Villages? We would like to talk to anyone about any instrument. The band has a wonderful director—Melson Varsovia, and in addition to being a teacher and bassoonist, he is a delight to perform with. Besides traditional wind instruments, brass, and percussion we have in the past incorporated cellos, violins, stand-up bass, electric guitar, piano, etc. We are only limited by our imagination, and we even have an under-utilized marimba desperate to be heard!

Do you not play an instrument but want to help the band operations? We need people to help with publicity, ticket sales, and setup/tear down. If there is a budding writer out there to help with the Villager articles, here is an opportunity. If you enjoy narration or being an emcee—you would be welcomed with open arms! Ticket sale support happens the Saturday morning before a concert for a couple of hours at the auditorium, and then selling and taking tickets at the time of the performance. We also need help passing out programs, helping our patrons find seats, and possibly setting up refreshments.

Do you still want to support the band but neither of those options appeal to you? Monetary contributions would help with music purchases, instrument accessories, and overhead expenses. We traditionally offer fellowships to local high school musicians, and occasionally bring in collaborators to perform on their own and sit-in with the band as needed.

Send an email about your interest in joining up to ConcertBandVMS@gmail.com or call 1-408-802-1804. We hope you are ready to enlist!

Opera Lovers to present 'La Forza del Destino'

On **Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "La Forza del Destino" by Giuseppe Verdi.

This Metropolitan Opera production gives us the opportunity to hear the extraordinarily beautiful voice of Leontyne Price as Leonora. Her prayerful arias, such as "Pace, pace mio Dio," bring tears to your eyes. Leonora and Don Alvaro (Giuseppe Giacomini) are deeply in love, but Leonora's father, the Marquis of Calatrava, and brother, Don Carlo (Leo Nucci), do not regard him as worthy of Leonora. Don Carlo never believes that they are without sin and he fervently strives to keep them apart.

There are duels, deaths (this is grand opera!), and also some lighthearted moments, thanks to the fortuneteller Preziosilla (Isola Jones), but it is religion that plays a large part in this opera's plot. The frequently heard overture to this opera, conducted by James Levine, draws us into the drama we are about to witness.

We look forward to welcoming you on January 18 in Montgomery Center—no registration is needed, all Villagers are invited. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Also visit VillagesMusicSociety.org for additional information about all VMS events.

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 remember to tell them that this opera movie lasts three hours.

Senior Academy's annual meeting open to all



Senior Academy is delighted to invite all Villagers to its Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 4 p.m.** in the Fairway Room at the Clubhouse. There we will introduce you to our new calendar of upcoming events, present our Board, provide live music, offer an awesome display of hors d'oeuvres and beverages and share with you what great presentations await you in 2024 through Senior Academy.

This is a free event open to everyone in the hopes that if you are not already a member, you will choose to become one of us. We are one of the largest organizations in The Villages with the goal of expanding your horizons through a diversified menu of one- to two-hour lectures and courses, presented by experts in their respective fields.

Pre-registration is essential. Please contact Mattie Alesi at SeniorAcademyReg@gmail.com or at 408-239-0513 or visit our website at VillagesSA.org

Villages Webmasters Guild

"The Art and Science of Websites" is the topic of the Villages Webmasters Guild meeting to be held **Tuesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.** in Montgomery Center. For more info, visit villageswebmastersguild.vgcc.club



Save the Date—Council Member Forum in Cribari

Save the Date—San Jose District 8 Council Member Forum at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 7** in Cribari Conference Room. This event is sponsored by the Democratic Club.

Arts and Crafts Watercolor Exhibit coming next week

By Michael Sunzeri



Linda Hackel

On **January 16**, Arts and Crafts will host our first exhibit of the new year in the Cribari Conference Room.

This exhibit will feature two artists who share a love of painting watercolor. They are Linda Hackel and Jane Smith. See our article about Jane in last week's *Villager*. This week, we present more about Linda Hackel who hails from Southern California. She earned her teaching credentials in San Diego and later moved to Cupertino, then here to The Villages.

A friend got Linda interested in watercolor around 2004 and she soon started teaching youngsters in the Cupertino area. Once she moved to the Villages, she joined Arts & Crafts and enrolled in several watercolor classes and workshops, including those taught by Terry Madden, Mike Baily, and Linda Logan. She especially enjoyed those taught by Linda Logan and Kay Duffy. All these artists have offered a versatile range in this medium.

Linda likes the freedom and versatility of watercolor. Along her journey she has painted landscape, animals, still life, and is accomplished in depicting trees and sky. Each facet in painting watercolor is challenging noting that too much paint is hard to correct. Several times many of us have seen one or more of her paintings in our juried show. Most of Linda's work resides in her home along with other artists' beautiful paintings that she holds dear. Many paintings Linda completed she has given away to grateful recipients for them to enjoy. We hope you get a chance to view her work from January 16 through April 8, 2024.



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Mining Your Memories – A Writing Seminar



Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman

You have been telling your stories to family and friends for years. Now is the time to write them down so your children and grandchildren can enjoy them.

Claudia Welch and Barb Gottesman will show you how in their four-week writing seminar, **Thursdays, January 18 – February 8**, from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the Cribari Center Art Room.

In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, you will learn at least eight skills about constructing one-incident stories from your childhood, of about one page each. Reading the stories aloud and receiving interesting comments will help refine each story.

Claudia has a multi-talented background writing screenplays, memoirs, advertising, speech writing

and corporate presentation development. Barb has published four books on coaching and art. Together they are self-publishing “Art in Retirement,” stories about 14 Villagers who found new life in art.

The fee for this seminar is \$35. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Audition for VAT’s ‘Man of La Mancha’

Many of you are familiar with the most popular song from the musical “Man of La Mancha.” “The Impossible Dream” is just one of the great songs from this wonderful musical. Auditions for this play will be held at Cribari Auditorium on **Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20 at 7 p.m.**, and also at Cribari **Monday, January 22 at 2 p.m.** There are parts for both singing and non-singing performers. In addition to the three lead roles (Aldonza, Don Quixote, and Sancho Panza) there are houseguests, clerics, housekeepers, soldiers, muleteers, and a barber.

Anyone who loves great music will be thrilled to be a part of this performance, which will take place the last weekend of April. If you have ever thought you like to try out for a part, now is your time!



Montgomery hosts annual holiday party

The Montgomery social committee (including Chair Marie Dillon and members Pam Watson, Carol Hoffman, Celia Schiffner, Arlene Holmboe and Susan Howe) hosted the annual Montgomery Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16 in the Fairway Room.



Some of the guests at the Montgomery Holiday Party.

As Master of Ceremonies, Richard Holmboe entertained the guests with humorous puns and riddles.

Each table was adorned with a vintage lantern surrounded by fresh winter greens. These centerpieces were made by the committee and available for purchase. Complimentary favors of embellished glass jars filled with a mix of caramel popcorn, nuts and chocolate were placed at each setting for each guest to enjoy.

Posing for pictures at the photo booth, dancing to the tunes of DJ Ed Knott and selecting festive door prizes were a few of the activities available to the 60+ guests.

A choice of several delicious seasonal dinners was followed by a decadent German chocolate cake.

Sabrina Malcolmson took fabulous photographs of the event. These photographs and more may be viewed on the bulletin board at the Montgomery Center in a creative collage, fashioned by Arlene Holmboe. Arlene also designed all the beautiful print material for the event.

Happy New Year from LSAL Fitness Club

Happy New Year 2024! Live Stronger and Longer (LSAL) classes have now resumed.



Jumpstart your fitness program with the LSAL Fitness Club. Regardless of age, health, or fitness condition, we are here to help our community face the most difficult challenge of staying fit and functional as we age. CDC, NHI,

NCOA, and most medical institutions agree that older adults are getting sick, falling, and losing their quality of life from preventable causes. Evidence-based fitness programs have proven that exercise can lower our risk of chronic health challenges. LSAL Fitness Club is here to help you minimize your health risks. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet **Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** and **Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is free. Sign up in class.

Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) notice

Villages Macintosh Users Group (VMUG) will not be holding any meetings until further notice. Our presenter has a family member in southern California with a serious health problem and will not be available for a while. The club will let everyone know if and when we will meet again.



Join us in 2024 for a new year of study groups with The Villages Study Groups Club!

Meet new friends and learn about history, dancing, food, movies, books, and more.

Find out about the club and check out our calendar of events at studygroups.vgcc.club

Dues for the year 2024 will be \$25 per person, and will be billed to your Villages house account.

Join today on the website or email the information below to **Yvette Katz ykatz256@gmail.com**

Please one membership application for each person.

* Indicates required question

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What is your expertise, special interest, do you want to lead a group?



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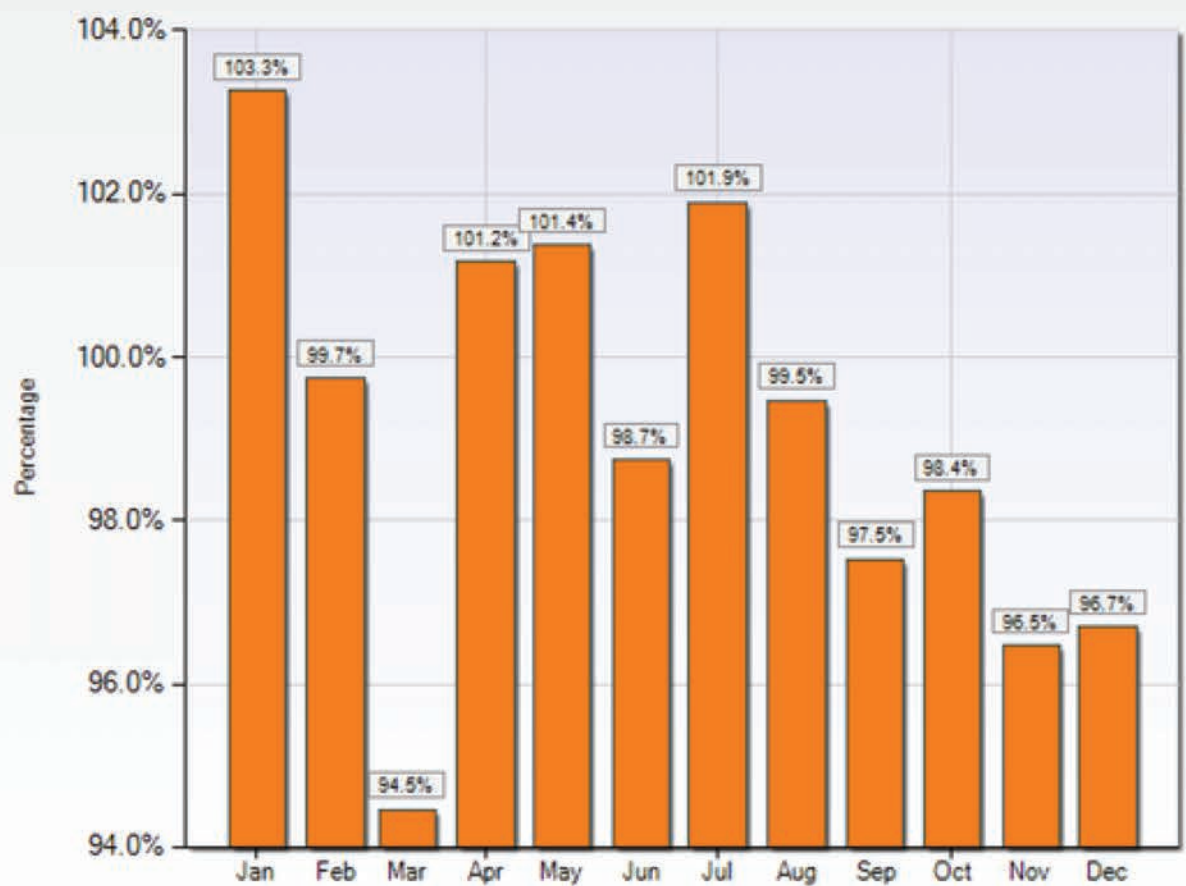
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Start new year with dance to 'Oye Cómo Va'

"Oye Cómo Va," the wildly popular Latin song written by Tito Puente in 1962 translates to "Hey, how is it going?" Tito studied composing, orchestration and piano at Juilliard and collaborated with guitarist Carlos Santana to release a new version of the song in 2007.

1-2 Cha Cha Cha. 3-4 Cha Cha Cha. Let's start the new year with a month of Latin dancing to this classic salsa song, along with Santana's rock touches on the guitar.

The style of dance for January is Latin. Songs and genres change monthly. You are sure to find your favorite as well as challenge yourself with something new.

The Just-For-Fun dance group meets **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed.

Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers. She can be reached at Bernice.Toy@gmail.com. For more information, see the Music Society website at villagesmusicsociety.org/about-us-3. The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee to participants. All monies go toward support of the club.



Join Open House for Village Voices Spring Season



The Village Voices is preparing for a new season of choral music starting with an Open House on **Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center. Our Spring concert theme will be centered around Broadway musicals, and we invite Villages residents and Voices alumni to come join us.

Under the direction of Catherine Ellacer, you will discover the benefits of singing with a group and the rewards it brings to you personally as well as to our community.

Come join us on January 31 for light refreshments, fellowship with other singers, and to get an overview of the music we will be singing. Please contact Madelaine Yannaccone, Village Voices President for more information or visit the Villages Music Society website at villagesmusicsociety.org.

See VAT's free show 'Stories I Ain't Never Told Nobody Yet' at Cribari

By popular demand, the Villages Amateur Theatre group welcomes everyone to the second performance of "Blue Grass Radio Days," featuring the Scotch Creek Blue Grass band and the Villages Amateur Theatre matinee group reading Jo Carson's "Stories I Ain't Never Told Nobody Yet." Your toes will be tapping, and you will laugh all afternoon. The show will be at Cribari Auditorium at **4 p.m. Saturday, January 20!** And best of all, it's *free!* If you saw it August, come again and bring a friend who missed it.

Cat Club—important meeting update!

Mark your calendar, the first meeting of the Cat Club is **Monday, January 22** at Vineyard Center from **2 to 4 p.m.**

Unfortunately Dr. Lee had to cancel due to a health issue. We wish her well in her recovery. Dr. Lee has agreed to speak at a later meeting. But the wonderful news is that our very own Sarah Clark has graciously agreed to be our first speaker. Sarah has a wealth of information on the care and well-being of cats and we can all look forward to hearing what she has to offer.



In future meetings you can look forward to hearing about MedVet Mobile (what to do in an emergency with your pet on weekends and holidays when you can't reach your cats vet), pet care, grooming at your doorstep, as well as local veterinarians speaking about the care and wellbeing of your cat. Suggestions are always welcome.

You can bring a food item or a toy that your cat doesn't like to be placed on the exchange table. There you will be able to exchange it with something that your cat hasn't tried. All leftover items will be given to Sarah Clark for her cat rescue.

With over 70 members already signed up, there could be a chance of overcrowding at the Vineyard Center which has a capacity of 70. You must be a member of the Cat Club to get priority admission. At 2:20 p.m., non-members will be admitted.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798 or dbloomis@sbcglobal.net

Barbara Lee to speak at Foothill Center



In about two months California primary elections will be held on Super Tuesday (March 5) to determine who will face off in November for Dianne Feinstein's former Senate seat. Three Democratic congressional representatives—Barbara Lee, Katie Porter and Adam Schiff—declared their candidacies about a year ago. Republican contender Steve Garvey recently announced his candidacy to engage in the competitive process to advance to the general election in November.

Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be joining us on **Wednesday, January 24** at 7 p.m. in Foothill Center, sponsored by The Villages Democratic Club. Join us to hear her views, what differentiates her from the other candidates, and why she is taking on this monumental endeavor. Enjoy a glass of wine or a nonalcoholic beverage and some snacks as you consider her candidacy and ask her your questions. Registration is available at VillagesDemClub.com.

RSVP for SF Yiddish Combo's Klezmer concert at Cribari

Sign up now for an evening of fun and wonderful music with the San Francisco Yiddish Combo. Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community, this event will be held **Friday January 26 at 7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium, \$20 per person billed to your house account. Reservations will be taken by Celia Schiffner. She can be reached at 631-678-7109 or celia.schiffner@gmail.com



The San Francisco Yiddish Combo (SFYC) was formed by accident when a love of Klezmer music collided with their collective backgrounds in every genre except Klezmer. Now the SFYC is embarked on a journey around the world to present their own unique blend of everything that is Klezmer, mixed with years of experience in the jazz, blues, folk, and even hip-hop world.

Made up of classically trained musicians who enjoy stretching musical boundaries, the SFYC is led by cellist Rebecca Roudman who has fronted groups all over the world bringing her virtuosic and fiery playing to stages from China to Italy and beyond. The group performs with a fresh spin on Klezmer with plenty of recognizable nods to an eclectic mix of genres.



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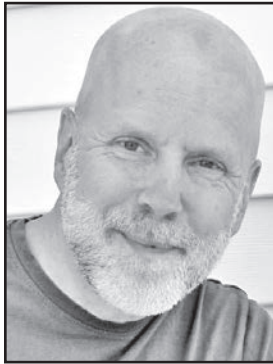
VMA to present ‘Enough is Enough: Reclaiming Control of Our Lives’

“I don’t want to be in charge. Yet, I still want to be in control.”

“If only I could learn to be content, to accept what is.”

“I finally said, ‘Enough is enough! Let me have some say. I’m not a child!’”

Sound familiar? Probably, you’ve seethed, muttered, shrugged, and scowled a Mona Lisa smile when life appears out of your control. VMA Presenter Dale Poland BCC, chaplain at Hospice of the Valley says, “As we age, it can seem that little by little, we lose control over our day-to-day lives. This sense of loss “is often related to physical, emotional, social and spiritual changes that we face.” Poland adds there are common myths or misconceptions about aging in our society. For instance, aging only leads to loss and decline and that age-related losses are inevitable and irreversible. In 90 minutes of interactive and informative presentation, Poland will:



Dale Poland

- Put the myths of aging into perspective with recent research.
- Explore real challenges, such as, stress, loss, grief, anxiety, and depression.
- Suggest practical and positive ways to take back control, a sense of agency, in our lives.

Feeling like life is out of control? Questioning if you own the power to change anything? Figuratively, are you always the passenger, and rarely the driver? Come master a new course at “Enough is Enough: Reclaiming Control of Our Lives.” This event will be held **Thursday, January 25** in the Sequoia Room from **10:30 a.m. to noon**.

There is limited seating. Register now by visiting vmavillages.vgcc.club and following the prompts, or by calling VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029.

VMA: ‘Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well as They Age’

Sign up now for “Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well as They Age”, to be presented on **Monday January 29**, at Foothill Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or by calling Bonnie Grim, Resident Service Coordinator at 408.238-4029.



Caption: Fall Guy—Balance expert Mwezo Kudzu throws himself into his fall-prevention presentations.

Whenever Mwezo Kudumu teaches in The Villages, laughter flows, learning occurs, and community connects. A skilled and well-known wellness and fitness instructor, Mwezo will offer an interactive presentation on “Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well as They Age.” Mwezo will focus on:

- Importance of your balance and how to maintain it
- Your Risk Assessment for Falls
- Reviewing regularly your medication with your health-care professional
- Value of annual vision and hearing check-ups

- Clearing your home of clutter
- Honesty with your family and friends about your balance

Mwezo draws upon a rich background in Tai Chi, Qigong, Acupressure Massage Therapy, Meditation and Relaxation Practice. You will receive both handouts and answers to your questions.

Mwezo recommends you wear loose fitting clothing, comfortable shoes, and are ready to learn with zest, laughter, and restored balance.

Done with your VMA borrowed equipment?

VMA is running a little low on loaned scooters and wheelchairs, many of which were recently purchased. If you are no longer using any of the VMA items on loan, please call the office at 408/238-4230. We will be happy to send a driver to pick it up and return it to the storage shed!

An easy way to help fight climate change

By Bill DeVincenzi, Sustainable Villages Community



One can easily make an impact every day in fighting global warming while planting trees. How? The Climate Action Now app gives us the ability to make planet saving actions from our phone in seconds and earn trees in the process. A few years ago, Brett Walters (Climate Action Now Founder and CEO) wanted to develop an app that was easy, impactful and rewarding, and he did just that. With a few touches, you can email, call or tweet your elected officials, petition business leader, learn about climate change and more. Each action earns points toward the company planting trees on users’ behalf.

This is a free app that we can easily use to fight global warming. In a matter of minutes, you can complete calls to U.S. senators, email or text state senators and more. This is a simple and effective way to move our planet toward a healthier future for our children, grandchildren and all life.

Visit our website at Sustainable Villages Website for more information at sustainablevillagesclub.org

New year—New Mah Jongg cards

By Barbara Smith

Thank you to all the Mah Jongg players who ordered cards last year. As you may know, Mah Jongg large cards increased to \$15 last year and standard cards increased to \$14. I had good success playing with last year’s card. Meril and I play about 15 games a week. In 2023, I won about 75 percent of the games, while Meril lost far more than he won. Obviously, Meril is absolutely ready to order his 2024 Mah Jongg card. How about you?



The cost for the small print Mah Jongg card is \$14 again this year and the large card is \$15. Please make checks out to Barbara Smith and write any special information in the “memo” space on the check. Mah Jongg cards are mailed from the national office in New York City the end of March.

Mail your check to Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Drive, San Jose, CA 95135.

You may also put your order in the tube below our mailbox. Last day to order your card is **Saturday, February 3, 2024**.

Please note that our phone number in the Villages Phone Book has changed. Barbara’s current number is 408-624-6995. Meril’s number is 408-973-3302.

Thank you for your many years of participating in this “mind stretching” game.



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SPORTS NEWS

18-HOLE WOMEN



Left to right: Camille Giuliodibari, low putts winner, with Michelle Chung, January Captain's trophy winner.

By Loanne Rube

Happy New Year! Each January promises a new beginning. For the ladies of the 18 hole Women's Golf Club, the lineup of tournaments, play days, guest days and Captain's trophy jump starts each year in January. Break those icicles off your golf clubs. Chairing her first meeting, banging that gavel and keeping us all in line is Captain Patti Bell. Co-captain Helen Varenkamp will be planning the 2024 invitational. Patti took time today to thank the 18 hole golf gals for their contributions to the Evergreen Nurses Foundation. Our club adopted in outreach some 28 families for the holidays bringing cheer, presents, good will, and love to the tune of \$9000 in support. *You* are the incredible ladies of the tee! Full hearts and a generous spirit of intention are on full display in our community because of you. Your cheerful giving was very much appreciated by these families from LeyVa Middle School.

Brrr...it was cold this morning. I'm not giving up my long underwear just yet. After 3-4 holes we were showered with the gifts of bright sunshine, high five camaraderie and friendly competition. Today was the January edition of Captain's Trophy Thursday. Most of the field struggled in wet but calm conditions. A very pleasant morning to begin the year. There was only one player with a net sub- 70 round. Michelle Chung is taking the trophy home for January. Well done, Michelle! Likewise, there was only one player with under 30 putts. Camille Giuliodibari's late afternoon practice on the putting green has paid off. She won a sleeve of golf balls and the admiration of her golfing peers. Camille, do you care to share your winning techniques? Tweet, tweet goes the birdie for Helen Varenkamp on #10, the only birdie in the field. Chips-ins were won by Susan Anderson #1, Nancy Keane #10, and Cindy Fuller #13. Jane Hong, a new member, was introduced by Michelle Chung at luncheon. Other new members from December are Bongsuk Kim and Edith Thompson. When you see these newcomers on the course... introduce yourself and scare up a round with them. Suzie Q, an NCGA rules official, gave examples of rule 9...what happens if you cause your ball to move accidentally. When are you charged with a penalty stroke? The answer depends on if you are on the putting green or not. How handy is it to have a rules official as a member of our club? Thanks, Suzie Q!

The calendar is being finalized for 2024. Patti will send out email blasts regularly with upcoming events. Kerry Besmehn and Cindy Fuller are your play day chairs. Geri Wilk and Loanne Rube are organizing the Partnership Eclectic tournament which runs all season long from April to November. Get ready! You need a partner and \$10 per team to register in March. Play begins in early April, so make like an easter bunny and hop on it. There is also a mixer tournament with our "sisters from another mister" in the 9 hole ladies group on February 22. There is lots going on. Pick up a 2024 Handbook, if you didn't get one earlier, in the posting room. The handbook includes the calendar and roster for our club. Make a plan this year to switch up your foursomes, play with someone new, make new golfing friends and enjoy the fun of the 18 hole women's golf group. January is the month of new beginnings. Come join us!

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Doug Moore douglas.moore865@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com

Upcoming events:

Frost Bite Open is tomorrow Saturday, January 13, 2024. Play well and stay warm gents!

Eagle Shooter(s) for December!

Scott Stevens eagled #3? Yes he absolutely did on the 23rd of December. He striped his ball straight down the middle of the fairway and had to sink his second shot for the Eagle 2. (This is nuts... I'm normally on #3 in 3 or 4, but I digress, this is not about me.) No matter what, if you ever Eagle #3, you are pretty freakin' awesome! You're amazing, Champ! Hope you do this many more times in the New Year!

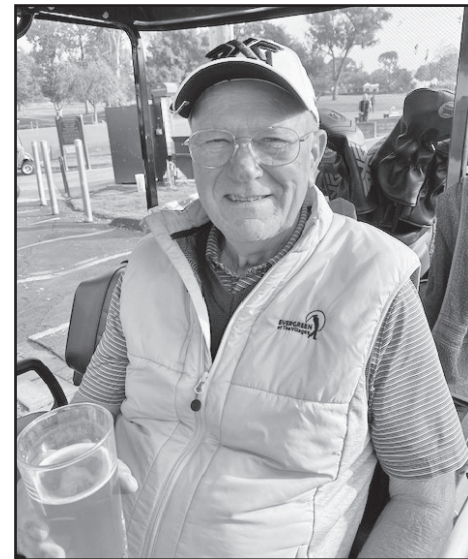


Scott Stevens

Age Shooters for December! No Angel, Miranda, Dimmick or Valenti this month...just pure Nedney.

Tom Nedney shot less than his age (78). He shot a 38-36 for a 74 with 4 birdies, including a 2 inch putt on #8 for almost an eagle. Between his 4 birdies and Nick Corsellos 2 birdies, the birdie juice was flowing (duh). This is Tom's second time since 2018. After shooting a scorching round like that Tom, you deserved a cold beverage or possibly two!

Remember if you record a Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age, please notify **Donald Chaisson** at dachaisson@comcast.net.



Tom Nedney

We want to make sure to get you posted in The Villager and on the Men's Club website.

Executive Committee Meeting: Curious as to what transpires at The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee meetings? You are cordially invited to sit in, participate and make a difference. If you have a point of view, an opinion or a concern that needs to be presented, we would love to hear from you. We meet the first Tuesday of the month (except in July) at 8:30 a.m. in the Montgomery Center. The next meeting will be **February 6, 2024**. MGC Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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.

TENNIS TALK

By Betty Olsen

Now that we have turned the page (still using a paper calendar) and 2024 looms with blank pages, I am printing the Tennis Club's 2024 Calendar of Events for you to put these dates NOW in your 2024 calendar.

Prescott/VMA Tournament/lunch
Open House/Jump Start
Rossmoor, April, TBA
Scholarship Tournament
Scholarship Dinner
Golf Tournament/dinner
Bocce Bash/BBQ/General Mtg
Mixer Tournament/dinner
Men/Women Doubles Tournament

Mixed Doubles Tournament

Awards Banquet
Rossmoor Tournament/lunch
Holly Jolly Party/General Mtg

Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 26 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Rossmoor, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 27, 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday, May 19, 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
 Sunday, June 9, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, July 19, 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
 Saturday, September 7, 8:30-1:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 8, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Saturday, September 28, 8:30 - 1:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 29, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 29, 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Sunday, December 8, 5 p.m.



SHONIS



Women's Short Nine Golf Group (Shonis) 2024 Board.

Last Tuesday, January 2, was the Shonis' first day back after the holidays and it was nice to be back. No rain, some sun, slightly breezy and the Par 3 was in great shape.

Before we talk about our golf in 2024, there's some more to share from 2023. We installed our new board at our December Holiday Luncheon. Some rolled over for another year, some are new positions. Pictured here is the Women's Short Nine Golf Group (Shonis) 2024 board: (left to right)

Captain Betty Hall, Co-Captain Joyce Baptiste, new board position membership Fran Schumaker, Treasurer Peggy White, Co-Captain Marty Blinde, the "installer" (and a past captain) Meg Rogers, Secretary Teddy Morse and our new handicapper Jan Trusso.

Also at this luncheon, the Club Champion for 2023 was presented with her trophy. Pictured here is our Club Champion, Betty Hall receiving her trophy from our Co-Captain Marty Blinde. Betty also aced most birdies in 2023. "Helped my scores."

Now, for 2024. January 2 was this month's Captain's Trophy day. This month's low net winner was Jonna Robinson with a low net of 23. The low gross winner with a 38 was Betty Hall. The Shonis have a tradition that if any newcomer (a Shoni not yet with 20 games so no valid handicap) ties or beats the Captain's Trophy winner, they receive a newcomers trophy for the month. It hadn't happened for a while but last Tuesday, Judy Rogers tied the low net and Gloria Lowry beat the low gross with her 38. Gloria also got our first birdie of 2024, helping her low gross. Congratulations to all the winning golfers.



Club Champion Betty Hall with Co-Captain Marty Blinde.

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.

We are pleased to announce a new member; Larry Dorsey has joined Ironmen.

Thursday, January 4, 2024, was sunny and warm, another great day for some golf.

Dave Hathaway and Bob Lapidus tied for **Third Place** with net 29s; Walter Lucas won **Second Place** with a net 27; and there was a three-way tie for **First Place** between Jerry Juracich, Mario Silva, and Bill Travis each with net 25s.

There were four **Birdies** today: one each by Doug Herring on hole 5 and Mario Silva on hole 1; and two by Dave Hathaway on holes 5 & 9.

Dave Hathaway won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 8 at 15 feet, 3 inches.

Dave Hathaway won **Low Gross** with a 31.

Golfer of the Day honors went to Dave Hathaway with low gross, a third place finish, two birdies, and closest to the flag. Way to go, Dave!

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 I play my best golf, I feel as if I'm in a fog, standing back watching the earth in orbit with my golf club in my hands." - Mickey Wright, winner of 82 LPGA tour events including thirteen major championships

"Golf is a game where guts and blind devotion gets you absolutely nothing but an ulcer." - Tommy Bolt, winner of 15 tournaments on the PGA tour



SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE

Monday, January 1:

1. Carol Reid – Bash Singh
2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Wednesday, January 3:

1. Hank Koransky
– Mary LeGrand
2. Alan Waltho
– Maureen Waltho
3. Ed Logg – Guest

Friday, January 5:

1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
2. George Welch – Guest
3. Selma Chastaine
– Bash Singh



18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, January 4

Captains Trophy winner:

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| Michelle Chung Net | 69 |
| Low Putts: | |
| Camille Giuliobarari | 29 |

Flight One

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| Low Gross: | |
| Helen Varenkamp | 90 |
| Low Net: | |
| 1. Lyn Strong | 72 |
| 2. Camille Giuliobarari | 73 |

Flight Two

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|----------------|----|
| Low Gross: | |
| Michelle Chung | 94 |
| Low Net: | |
| 1. Marky Olsen | 73 |
| 2. Judy Owen | 74 |

Flight Three

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|-----------------|-----|
| Low Gross: | |
| Maziebelle Rice | 107 |
| Low Net: | |
| 1. Aejung Kim | 77 |
| 2. Patti Bell | 78 |

Two Tees Flight

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|--------------------|-----|
| Low Gross: | |
| Gail Tuft | 102 |
| Low Net: | |
| 1. Barbara Weisend | 70 |
| 2. Debbie Moore | 74 |
| 3. Alice Glazer | 74 |

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 3

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|---------------|-----|
| Remy Pessah | 202 |
| Kit Hultquist | 262 |
| Gjo Barrett | 278 |

Friday, January 5

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|----------------|-----|
| Eva Medeiros | 177 |
| Carol Souza | 216 |
| Aloma Lazetera | 253 |
| Dennis Webb | 268 |

SHONIS

Tuesday, January 2

All Nets

Flight One:

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| 1. Gloria Lowry | 24 |
| 2. Tied – Joyce Baptiste
and Betty Hall | 27 |

Flight Two:

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|---------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Tied – Jonna Robinson
and Judy Rogers | 23 |
| 2. Peggy White | 26 |

Flight Three:

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| 1. Tahera Khalil | 26 |
| 2. Tied – Donna Erickson,
MaryAnn Haggerty,
Sabrina Malcolmson
Schinae Ogihara | 27 |



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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Holiday Golf Schedule

Saturday, January 13 – Men’s Club 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – 1 p.m. Open Shotgun

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Holiday Schedule – Open Play Tee Times 7:30 a.m.

Three New USGA/NCGA World Handicap System Updates Effective January 2024

1. The first change is regarding short golf courses. Any 9-Hole course measuring 750 yards or more will be eligible for an official Course Rating & Slope Rating. So our Par-3 Course qualifies and will be assigned an official Course Rating and Slope Rating and will be part of the player handicap matrix going forward. This means that anyone who plays the Par-3 Course will have to officially post their score and that score will be included in their handicap allocation.

2. The second change is that 9-Hole Scores will now count as an official score and will immediately be used as part of your handicap calculation. There will be no more combining of 9-hole scores to form an 18-hole score for handicap purposes, the 9-hole score will stand alone as an official score.

3. The last change is for incomplete rounds - Anyone who plays 10-17 holes and does not finish a complete 18-hole round will be required to post their hole-by-hole scores for each hole played and the un-played holes will be assigned a Score Differential automatically to formulate an 18-hole score for posting and handicap purposes.

Please look at the below snapshot and for more detailed information use the below link to access the USGA’s article regarding these changes: [usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2023/11/revisions-coming-to-world-handicap-system-in-2024.html](https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2023/11/revisions-coming-to-world-handicap-system-in-2024.html)

Winter Weather and Daily Golf Course Conditions—Remember that at this time of year, weather becomes a daily factor and the resultant golf course conditions can affect play. Some things to be aware of are potential frost delays if it’s cold, potential cart paths only status if conditions are wet and rainy, and in extreme weather or wind conditions course closure if a storm creates an unsafe atmosphere to play in (rare but not impossible). Please call the Maintenance Hotline at 408.223.4663 each day for an update on golf course conditions. And remember that the flag at the driving range will indicate the golf course status for the day: **Green Flag = Open for Play / Yellow Flag = Frost Delay / Red Flag = Carts on Paths Only / Black Flag = Golf & Practice Facilities Closed**

Taylor Made Fitting Day—Friday, February 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Be the first to try the new Taylor Made Qi10 drivers and woods! Launching in February 2024, the new Qi10 features the carbon face technology as well as the speed slot and movable wight ports to control left to right or right to left ball flights.

The Qi10 will be available in 3 models to fit every golfer:

- Qi10 Low Spin for the lower handicap player looking to reduce spin
- Qi10 for the golfer looking for mid spin and launch and deadly accuracy
- Qi10 Max for the golfer looking for high spin with maximum stability extreme forgiveness

Already being used by PGA Tour stars like Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods...To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

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. Used by a multitude of tour players including Viktor Hovland, Tony Finau, Corey Connors, Tyrrell Hatton, and Louis Oosthuizen. Available to DEMO in multiple lofts and shaft options, including their new 35-gram ultra-light shaft to help you swing with more speed and gain more distance. Stop by the Pro Shop now and be the first to demo the PING G430!

Merchandise Spotlight—Wilson sporting goods has long been recognized as the #1 supplier of sporting equipment at the highest level for many major sports such as basketball, tennis, baseball, football, and volleyball. And historically Wilson used to be the golf club of choice for some of golf’s all-time greats such as the King Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and Billy Casper. Now Wilson is becoming a major player in the modern game of golf. With Wilson’s high-end woods, irons, wedges, putters and golf balls they have become a viable option for those looking for premium quality golf equipment at a very competitive price. Current Professional Tour players on the PGA Tour, LIV Tour and Champions Tour are now using Wilson equipment with great success. US Open champion Gary Woodland, multiple major winners

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From The Pro...

(Continued from previous column)

Padraig Harrington and Berhard Langer, and PGA Tour stars Kevin Kisner and Kevin Streelman are all using Wilson golf clubs and balls with great success.

The Villages Pro Shop is now stocking Wilson Golf products for your enjoyment...come out and try the Wilson Dynapower woods - with AI variable face technology, Wilson Duo Golf Balls – the lowest compression ball in the World, Wilson Triad golf balls – the #1 3-piece ball on the market, and the Wilson Staff Model four-piece golf ball -quickly gaining traction in the premium four-piece golf ball marketplace. Check out this YouTube video review of the Wilson Dynapower Driver: <https://youtu.be/z2xhJQB39jQ?si=YcJ24futzOZGaSs>

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 over-seeding 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!

Villages Golf Committee (VGC)—The January VGC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m. at Montgomery Center. All Villages Residents are welcome to attend.

Tips from the Pro—Aim for Success

When you set up, be sure you are properly aligned...Not just for your feet but also knees, hips, shoulders and club face. Most right-handed golfers aim right but this doesn’t always mean the ball will go right as their swing will compensate for poor alignment. Check your alignment every practice session for the rest of your life! The best way to do so is to lay down a club (or alignment stick) pointed to the target and another club parallel to the first club at your feet (see image). Make sure your feet, hips and shoulders are all square to the shafts. This is called a “stacked” position when your feet, hips and shoulders are all parallel left of the target line. Copy this image and you will straighten out your ball flight...let us know how it works. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Happy New Year from the Pinseekers. It was a cold and windy day for our first outing of 2024, but the sun was shining brightly, and it was an enjoyable day to play golf.

Twelve members hit from the first tee and the fun began. Finishing “in the money” were:

Don Lee, first place with a net 35; playing tough and finishing in second, with a net 36 (par) was Leighton Horio; Will Ector and Chuck Benjamin tied for third place, each with a net 37; rounding out the victory stand was another tie, Jim Keene, John Mueller, and Martin Hoek each posted a two over par net 38. Congratulations to all for a great round of golf.

I continue to talk about golf being fun. My personal view on our pastime is that “I may not be very good at golf, but I want to play, not very well, for as long as I am able.” Who knows, I may improve.



RELIGION

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'More than Mustard' (Gospel John 1:35-42)

By Barbara F. Zahner

"What are you looking for?" asked the woman zipping by me at Lucky.

"Stone ground mustard."

Pointing, she answered, "Aisle 2."

I trusted her direction. I found my desired jar of Dijon.

In today's Gospel from St. John the Evangelist, two disciples of John the Baptist heard a directive from Jesus's cousin, "Behold the Lamb of God." To us, the phrase echoes words heard in Mass. To these seekers, the phrase pointed to the Messiah. John reveals one disciple is named Andrew. The other is unnamed.

How about imagining yourself as the unknown disciple? What are you doing when John the Baptist points to Jesus? How are you dressed? Where are you standing—bewildered in the midst of Lucky? What motivates you to follow this stranger? What is your response when the stranger asks, "What are you looking for?"

Probably something more significant than stone ground mustard! Most of us wrestle with how to find purpose, meaning, connection, and legacy. What is our vocation now? Ignatius of Loyola taught that the greatest desire of the human heart is the desire for God. Writer Mark Thibodeaux SJ describes St. Ignatius as a Praydreamer, someone who flowed with his daydreams to discover God's will in his life," that is, to name and live his calling. This week, attend your Praydreaming. What gives you Joy? Interior Freedom? Purpose? Meaning? Connection? God desires you to be happy, to name, claim, and live what you are looking for. It is more than mustard. Trust—it is the whole, glorious feast!



SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., January 22 at Vineyard Center.** We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'It's Very Different'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

"It's just another year and a different day... nothing has changed and life goes on as usual," says the scoffers in Noah's day.

Soon there will be no signs of the celebration of Christmas and entering a New year which is okay! Nevertheless, this year feels very different in my spirit than years gone before. It's not because I'm getting older... I don't think that could be a factor. If I could describe it, "My feet feel a little lighter and I'm witnessing things in a different light that appear to be normal but are not." Yet, there is an urgency to stay very prayerful and really listen to the cry of the people and intercede on their behalf.

I know that God seeks to lead His people from the familiar to walk with Him by faith. Throughout the bible God called individuals to live and walk with Him in faith, not knowing, but in trusting.

Gloria and I came to the Villages 18 years ago knowing only one couple in this little city tucked away in South San Jose. We met a lot of people who lived here for many years that have transitioned into the next life. The older men and women were like parents who shared their life stories with us, as we sat and listened intently. They opened the door of their hearts to us and we learned to love them, as if we were family.

When we think about our lives and take inventory, at times we feel free to share the failures as well as the successes. It is such a blessing to have transparent people in your life and allow broken people to see God's grace that you have acquired through faith in Jesus Christ. Each week, God has granted us the privilege to share our heart, life, faith and love with people who are just as imperfect as ourselves.

Lord, we know that you are with us and will lead us to people who seek to be loved, accepted and forgiven before your return.

Isaiah 55:6 ESV "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon him while He is near.

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.

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

Sunday	8:15 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	Contact: Kathy Schlosser	408-677-4770
Sunday	9 a.m. Episcopal Service	Montgomery
	Contact: Leslie Bailey	408-270-9022
Sunday	10 a.m. Community Chapel	Cribari
	Contact: Del Herfurth	408-440-4649

Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. Catholic Mass	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7:15 p.m. Jewish Shabbat	Foothill
	Next date: TBA	
	Contact: Marilyn Goldsmith	732-672-8601

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

EPISCOPAL

'But what do you say?'

By The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith,

Dean of Trinity Cathedral

The traditions and tales of our forebears have important things to teach us, as do our Sacred Scriptures. In fact, Anglican and Episcopal churches rest on what's called the "three legged stool" of scripture, tradition and reason. We believe that all three—in appropriate balance—teach us about the God we worship.

But that's not all. *You* have something to teach us all about God! Your own experiences of the holy—inside and out of church—are some of the many ways that God makes His presence known in the world. Consider the confession of the Apostle Peter, which many of us remember this week in church. He was neither a trained theologian—nor pastor nor evangelist—when Jesus asked him "but who do you say that I am?" Peter's own experience enabled him to answer with confidence "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:14) And on this truth, the church was built. Imagine if Peter had not spoken up!

Which leads me to wonder... what do you know about God that can only be spoken by you (and needs to be spoken by you)? What will you say about God-with-us, when you are asked? It may not be the exact same words as Peter's, but it will be a holy truth that is uniquely yours. I invite you to spend some time considering what you have to say about God. Because your faithful words are a confession no less important than the Apostle Peter's.

Please join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center. All are invited and welcome to come.

VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:15 p.m. on January 19, 2024, at Foothill Center. We will have Barbara Biran from Congregation Beth David to lead our services, followed by a discussion led by Dr. Karen Philbrick, Executive Director of Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose State University. The title of her talk is "The Intersection Between Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions." Karen also talked to us last year. She is an outstanding speaker. 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 408-693-9498.

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.
Olive Tree fruit clean up in progress throughout the district.
Cribari West Perimeter Fence—Oleander hedge trimming and sidewalk clearing in progress.
Cribari Place—Irrigation repairs in progress.
5503-5507—Roof repairs in progress.

Del Lago

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

Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.
8876-8897—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

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 1/15.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Glen Arden

7698-7752, 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.

Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

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 1/15.

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

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

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 1/15.

Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

Highland

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7574-7598, 7661-7701 and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/15-1/19.

6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Waiting for permits prior to scheduling repairs.

Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

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 1/15.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district scheduled for 1/15-1/27.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Valle Vista

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

9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/5-2/9.

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.

Club Centers

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

Foothill and Cribari Pool and Spa—Remodeling project in progress.

Clubhouse—Grease trap replacement and street repairs in progress.

Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

Clubhouse—Shed roof installation, scheduled for 1/15-1/16.

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.

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.

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

Hermosa	December 27 through January 13
Olivas	January 15 through January 27
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:

408-223-4670

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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jamespainting7@comcast.net
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Call or Text -
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OBITUARY

Albert Campa

August 4, 1931 — January 5, 2024



It is with a heavy heart that we notify Villages residents of the passing of Albert Campa on January 5, 2024 at his home on Blauer Lane. He was 92.

Al was born in 1931 in Superior, Arizona. He served in the US Air Force in the Arial Photography area for four years, then graduated with a degree in Chemistry from Arizona State University and went on to join Lockheed Missiles & Space in Palo Alto as a Research Chemist. He married Ernestine Rios, from Phoenix in 1960 and together they raised their four children Diana Campa, David Campa, Cecilia (Campa) Hirko and Albert Campa in San Jose.

Al had 8 grandchildren. As empty-nesters, they moved to Santa Cruz where they enjoyed the beach and traveling. They were married for 50 years before Ernestine passed in 2010.

Al loved to eat (Asian food was his favorite), golf (sorta) and read history and biographies. He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of world history. He enjoyed his friends at The Villages which included his special companion Marilyn Daniels.

Al lit up a room with his optimism, funny stories and enthusiasm for life. He was one-of-a-kind and will be deeply missed.

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.

“The Only One Left” by Riley Sager. Now reduced to a schoolyard chant, the Hope family murders shocked the Maine coast one bloody night in 1929. While most people assume 17-year-old Lenora was responsible, the police were never able to prove it. Other than her denial after the killings, she has never spoken publicly about that night, nor has she set foot outside Hope’s End, the cliffside mansion where the massacre occurred. It’s now 1983, and home-health aide Kit McDeere arrives at a decaying Hope’s End to care for Lenora after her previous nurse fled in the middle of the night. In her 70s and confined to a wheelchair, Lenora was rendered mute by a series of strokes and can only communicate with Kit by tapping out sentences on an old typewriter. One night, Lenora uses it to make a tantalizing offer—I want to tell you everything. As Kit helps Lenora write about the events leading to the Hope family massacre, it becomes clear there’s more to the tale than people know. But when new details about her predecessor’s departure come to light, Kit starts to suspect Lenora might not be telling the complete truth—and that the seemingly harmless woman in her care could be far more dangerous than she first thought. *Mystery, 2023.*

“Lady Tan’s Circle of Women” by Lisa See. According to Confucius, “an educated woman is a worthless woman,” but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient. From a young age, Yunxian learns about women’s illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship and a mutual purpose—despite the prohibition that a doctor should never touch blood while a midwife comes in frequent contact with it—and they vow to be forever friends, sharing in each other’s joys and struggles. No mud, no lotus, they tell themselves: from adversity beauty can bloom. But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife—embroider bound-foot slippers, pluck instruments, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the walls of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights. How might a woman like Yunxian break free of these traditions, go on to treat women and girls from every level of society, and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? How might the power of friendship support or complicate these efforts? *Fiction, 2023.*

“Symphony of Secrets” by Brendan Slocumb. A professor uncovers a shocking secret about the most famous American composer of all time—that his music was stolen from a young Black composer named Josephine Reed. Determined to uncover the truth and right history’s wrongs, Bern Hendricks will stop at nothing to finally give Josephine the recognition she deserves. *Large Print, Mystery, 2023.*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Steve Norden

Steve’s wife, Carol, and the VGCC Team invite you to attend Steve’s Celebration of Life. As a 28-year resident and almost 30-year team member, Steve fulfilled his dual roles—generously assisting neighbors in need and dutifully keeping our community safe around the clock. If Steve has touched you in some way, we look forward to seeing you. Carol will be joined by Steve’s immediate family and close friends.

When: **Friday, January 19**

Where: **The Clubhouse**

Time: **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The two-hour Celebration of Life is an informal drop-in event.

Senior Academy...

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socially conscious folk-rooted songwriting to mainstream popularity. This course will feature many rare film and audio clips of the artists mentioned above as well as other giants of the folk era in music in this survey of a hugely influential and social movement.

Richie Unterberger is the author of many books on 1960s music, a university instructor, and a frequent lecturer on rock history at events around the country.

Again, the course is being offered on Tuesdays, January 23 and January 30 at 2 p.m. by Zoom. You may view it on your own device or with others on a large screen in Vineyard Center. **When registering please choose your viewing preference.** You may register for it at villagesa.org or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-912-5594. If you leave a message, be prepared to provide your first and last name, email address, the name and date of the event and your house number.

The charge for this course is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Jazz Concert...

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community music programs back in 2010. Rising from the ashes of the Foothill College Music program, who long hosted student and community big bands, FootNotes jazz continues to meet and perform as an independent group for the past 13 years. Many of the members have spent the 15 previous years studying under John Gove in the Foothill college bands. The players come from a variety of professions, but share a love for big band jazz, and are pleased to present the music of talented Bay Area composers as well as works spanning such composers such as Vince Mendoza and Tom Kubis to Duke Ellington and Sammy Nestico. Check them out at footnotesjazz.com.

If you are unable to drive, do not let that stop you from attending. Please contact the Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 to schedule transportation to our concert.

For more information about The Villages Music Society, Inc. check out villagesmusicsociety.org.



How to place an obituary notice

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



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Status	Street Address	Total Sq.Ft.	Beds	Bths	List Price	DOM	Sale \$	\$/Per. SqFt	Close Date
Active	8759 Mccarty Ranch Drive	2,205	2	2 1	\$1,249,989	12		\$567	
Active	2058 Folle Blanche Drive	1,969	3	3 0	\$1,200,000	3		\$609	
Active	7781 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$988,000	48		\$548	
Active	8441 Sauvignon Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$949,000	59		\$604	
Active	8099 Cabernet Court	1,803	2	2 0	\$938,000	97		\$520	
Active	7783 Beltane Drive	1,804	2	2 0	\$865,000	49		\$479	
Active	7690 Galloway Drive	1,509	2	2 0	\$829,900	94		\$550	
Active	6301 Blauer Lane	1,340	2	2 0	\$765,000			\$571	
Active	8411 Chenin Blanc Lane	1,571	2	2 0	\$765,000	42		\$487	
Active	7720 Kilmarnok Drive	1,490	2	2 0	\$759,990	105		\$510	
Active	8371 Riesling Way	1,370	2	2 0	\$698,888	101		\$510	
Active	6359 Whaley Drive	1,197	2	2 0	\$690,000	17		\$576	
Active	6060 Montgomery Bend	1,127	2	1 0	\$665,000	13		\$590	
Active	8451 Traminer Court	1,571	2	2 0	\$649,900	240		\$414	
Active	5141 Cribari Place	1,240	2	2 0	\$599,000			\$483	
Active	5364 Cribari Crst	1,223	2	2 0	\$515,000	59		\$421	
Active	5556 Cribari Circle	947	1	1 0	\$499,000	92		\$527	
Active	5322 Cribari Glen	1,223	2	2 0	\$495,000	125		\$405	
Active	5505 Cribari Bend	1,240	2	2 0	\$480,000	119		\$387	
Contingent	8519 Montgomery Lane	1,803	2	2 0	\$845,000	62		\$469	3/29/2024
Contingent	5337 Cribari Glen	947	1	1 0	\$459,950	83		\$486	1/22/2024
Pending	8804 Grape Wagon Circle	1,675	2	2 1	\$975,000	4		\$582	1/5/2024
Sold	5151 Cribari Place	947	1	1 0	\$479,000	17	\$443,625	\$468	12/12/2023
Sold	5060 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$465,000	121	\$449,000	\$367	12/8/2023
Sold	5085 Cribari Bluffs	1,223	2	2 0	\$493,000	73	\$475,000	\$388	12/22/2023
Sold	5331 Cribari Glen	1,240	2	2 0	\$485,000	98	\$478,000	\$385	12/1/2023
Sold	5494 Cribari Bend	1,223	2	2 0	\$490,000	61	\$480,000	\$392	12/8/2023
Sold	5051 Cribari Vale	1,240	2	2 0	\$498,000	75	\$512,000	\$413	12/27/2023
Sold	5230 Cribari Lane	1,223	2	2 0	\$589,000	21	\$567,000	\$464	12/12/2023
Sold	6338 Whaley Drive	1,102	2	2 0	\$649,950	44	\$600,000	\$544	12/1/2023
Sold	6058 Montgomery Bend	1,520	2	2 0	\$799,999	18	\$760,000	\$500	12/6/2023
Sold	6148 Montgomery Place	1,520	2	2 0	\$825,000	3	\$850,000	\$559	12/20/2023
Sold	7576 Portree Drive	1,751	2	2 1	\$999,000	13	\$990,000	\$565	12/27/2023
Sold	8822 Wine Valley Circle	2,096	2	2 0	\$1,330,000	25	\$1,300,000	\$620	12/12/2023

	AVERAGES	TOTAL SQ. FT.	LIST PRICE	DOM	SALE \$	\$/PER SQ.FT.
	NUMBER OF SALES	AVERAGES	AVERAGES	AVERAGES	AVERAGES	AVERAGES
Active	19 ↓ from 21	1,484	\$768,509	72 ↑		\$514 ↑
Cont/Pend	3 ↓ from 11	1,475	\$759,983	50 ↓		\$512 ↑
Sold	12 ↑ from 8	1,359	\$675,246	47 ↑	\$658,719	\$499 ↓

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