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- Fitness Videos

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## Fire and landscape main discussion topics at All-DAC meeting



An All-DAC meeting was held Tuesday, January 16 in Foothill Center. The meeting discussion, led by Diana Hallock and Theresa Ostrander, centered on fire hazard mitigation, the District Advisory Committees (DAC) and turf and landscape changes.

Photo by Frank Langben

## Come see free VAT show this Saturday!

Remember — **Saturday, January 20 at 4 p.m.**, by popular demand the Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT) will present “Bluegrass Radio Days” again in Cribari Auditorium. This is a matinee theatre production that was first presented in August to a standing-room-only crowd, featuring the Scotch Creek Bluegrass Band, along with VAT actors reading “Stories I Ain’t Never Told Yet” by Jo Carson.

This is a *free* performance and is full of good music and lots of laughs! If you saw it in August, you are welcome to return and bring your friends who missed it. It’s an hour of fun and toe tapping!



## Congresswoman Barbara Lee to visit The Villages

The Villages Democratic Club is delighted to announce that U.S. Representative Barbara Lee has included a visit to The Villages in her chaotic schedule, and we encourage you to attend her presentation on **Wednesday, January 24, at 7 p.m.** in Foothill Center. Enjoy a glass of wine or nonalcoholic beverage and a snack while you hear why Lee is running for the U.S. Senate seat. There will, of course, be ample time for your questions.

Lee is in a race with Congressional Representatives Katie Porter and Adam Schiff for the Democratic nomination. In California’s top-two nominee format, either two of these three, or one of them and the GOP candidate will face off in November. There is a lot at stake. Join us. Register for this event at [VillagesDemClub.com](http://VillagesDemClub.com).



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





# 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.

Life in The Villages is good! I love the beautiful landscaping, the peace and quiet, the safety, and the wonderful people! But those of us who work have little access to activities. Yes, we still want to have fun! I did a recent count of non-religious, non-sports activities listed in The Villager. Of the total number of activities, 30 to be exact, 24 were weekdays during the daytime. This included all "field trip" activities, most art classes, all dance classes, etc. Even signing up is difficult, since most activities require contacting Building B during daytime hours. While Building B has been most accommodating, we are still required to call them during our work hours in order to get a form to sign up outside of regular hours.

While most residents are available during these daytime hours, nearly all residents are available during evening and weekend hours. I recommend more evening and weekend activities and an online sign-up to accommodate working folks.

And special kudos to The Villager with its many ways to submit a Pulse letter! Thank you for being super accessible!

—Marryl Kravitz

The Villager paper needs to stay. Just ask any Villager!

We can save The Villager with tasteful advertisement! Every newspaper in the world survives on advertising.

I advertise in The Villager, and I have for many years. I'll say, it works very well for me.

I know so many more in our community could benefit from localized exposure.

After all, we could hire a commission-based marketing person. Possibly from our local college.

Let's stay connected. What do you think?

—Joe Hart

I started working at daily newspapers January 11, 1966 and never had a full-time job outside of the newspaper world. So it pains me to say this: The days of printed newspapers are over. The future is digital, with newspapers published and read on tablets, phones, laptops and other electronic devices.

Newspapers like The Villager cannot survive as printed publications. The paper, ink, production costs and distribution expenses overwhelm advertising revenue. It will be very hard for those of us who grew up holding printed newspapers in our hands to say good-bye but their disappearance is inevitable.

Beyond this inevitability, digital publishing offers many advantages over print publications. Deadlines can be later, the use of color pictures is not restricted by press limitations/costs, ad rates can be tiered higher depending on the level of interactivity the advertiser wants. For people with vision problems the ability to increase the size of type for easier reading is a major advantage.

There will have to be a way to accommodate the small percentage of Villagers who do not have digital access. But the future is on the screen. Not on ground up trees placed in our tubes.

—Lou Alexander

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

### DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in The Villager office, in Cribari Center and in the Library.

Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee 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.

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## 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*.)

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES,  
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## 'Ask the CBOD' Response—January 19, 2024

The Club Board has heard from several Villagers through letters, phone calls, and in-person conversations wanting to know more about the future of *The Villager* newspaper. While we have chosen not to publish a specific response to any single inquiry, we did want to share details about what is planned. We appreciate everyone who has reached out, asked questions, and shared their input—your engagement is valuable. Keep it coming!

### CBOD Response:

Yes, it is true. *The Villager* newspaper is being evaluated with a view toward improving the product and reducing its cost. We received news late in 2023 that our longtime printer for *The Villager* was retiring. With increasing budget impacts, this prompted a fresh look at the valued newspaper's next chapter. The annual cost of *The Villager* in FY23 was \$532K or \$11.89/month in Club Dues (\$142.68 annually), plus an additional \$8K/month in delivery cost (\$96K annually). It is not getting any cheaper to produce and deliver *The Villager* weekly newspaper.

We are fully committed to ongoing and regular communication, exploring alternatives for what has been a mainstay of this community. No decisions have been finalized beyond working on a strategy and plan to deliver "the goods" to residents as a cost-effective product that will inform and delight readers.

One cosmetic change based on resident feedback is the ability to access the latest Clubhouse and Bistro menus via a QR code that is printed inside *The Villager*. With this change and other small considerations, several pages of redundant information have been removed from the newspaper. Villagers, we have heard you!

Stay tuned for the next chapter. Rest assured that this effort is in good hands, resident input is being carefully considered, and you will be kept informed as the process evolves.

## Missed your Villager?

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

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



## In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

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## Attention DAC publicity chairs:

To get the word out to your membership you may list your DAC meetings in The Villager, on Channel 26 and in Fast Lane e-mail blasts.

For two advance notices of your meeting in *The Villager*, please get your notice in at least three weeks prior to the meeting date. You may e-mail your meeting notices to Associate Editor Kory Tran at: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com) 408-754-1341.

Channel 26 and FastLane notices may be e-mailed to Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at: [kpatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com) 408-223-4681.

You may also submit your articles and electronic notices on the Resident Portal: [www.thevillagesgcc.com](http://www.thevillagesgcc.com)

## Stay in touch with essential developments on FastLane!

Because of rapid and frequent developments in our world that directly affect our community, keeping informed is essential. And now more than ever, it is important to be up on the latest developments in your community. Get those vital updates by signing up for FastLane, The Villages email newsletter. It is both quick and easy and you can do it online or over the phone. To sign up or get more information, contact Communications Coordinator Ken Patterson at 408-223-4681; [kpatterson@the-villages.com](mailto:kpatterson@the-villages.com), or on the Villages Resident Portal: [resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)

There are currently six editions of The FastLane: Wednesday (general announcements and board-recognized events), Friday (Board and Committee meeting information), Saturday (Maintenance Services), The Clubhouse & Bistro every Monday, The Pro Shop Tuesday, and Community Activities every Thursday.



## Questions for the Club Board?

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

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



## 'Ask the ABOD'

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

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





# MANAGEMENT

## GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

I want to share what's driving us toward our future at The Villages Golf and Country Club. We're undergoing significant organizational change, transitioning from decentralized dysfunction to centralized excellence. Embracing the philosophy of Right Skills, Right People, Right Seats, we are aligning with core competencies and reviving The Villages Guiding Principles.

Our mission is to lead with purpose, focusing on core services and embracing technology for a 21st-century experience. We're committed to service excellence, taking responsibility, and doing the right thing—even when no one is looking. We're committed to transparency and facing hard truths as we move forward. The next series of GM Corner messages will introduce the Villages team.

Join me on the last Wednesday of each month at Fireside Chats in the Clubhouse for open discussions. These meetings, along with our regularly scheduled forums (Executive Round Table), provide platforms to share the evolution of The Villages, setting new standards, and collectively raising the bar. Together, we will reshape a community that excels and sets a new pace.

**Note: Fireside Chats held last Wednesday of each month, except June (6/19), November (11/20) and December (TBD).**

—Theresa Ostrander Villages General Manager



## 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.

### Call 911 for medical emergencies

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

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

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



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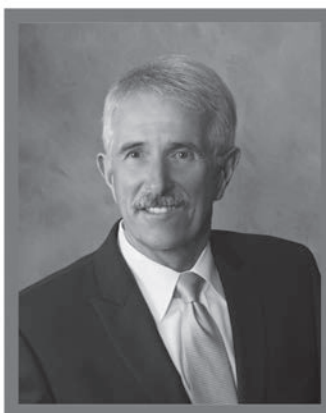
We have many family members, friends, and clients who call The Villages their home. We can accommodate COVID-19 concerns with telephonic or video consultations and social distanced or no-contact document execution.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### Postage price increase

The USPS new rates take effect **January 21, 2024**. The new rates include an increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 66 cents to 68 cents. The price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 53 cents.

A 1 oz. letter to a foreign destination will increase to \$1.55. There will be no increase to the additional ounce which remains at 24 cents. There are also increases to Special Services, Priority Mail and all flat rate packaging.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Visit our Villages Contract Station in Cribari Center for further information.

### 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.

<b>February 7, noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
<b>March 6, noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
<b>April 10, noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
<b>May 8, noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center
<b>June 5, noon to 2 p.m.</b>	Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

### 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.

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# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### *Cribari DAC to meet January 22*

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

### *Montgomery DAC to meet on February 5*

The Montgomery DAC will meet on **Monday, February 5 at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Montgomery Center *and* on Zoom. To log on Zoom, the Meeting ID is 263 292 1171 and the Passcode is 419819.

### *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.

### *Hermosa DAC to meet February 15*

The next Hermosa DAC will be at Foothill Center on **Thursday, February 15**. There will be a potluck social (BYOB) at **5 p.m.** and the meeting will start at **6 p.m.**

### *Valle Vista DAC to meet February 1*

The Valle Vista District Advisory Committee (DAC) will hold a DAC/residents meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, February 1 at 4 p.m.**

The meeting will include reviewing Valle Vista as a beta site for lawn replacement, preliminary budget inputs, and fire safe upgrades. Light refreshments will be served.

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 [villagersrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villagersrs@sbcglobal.net). The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional advisor about your individual situation.*

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## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

• 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

### Homeowners

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

**Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication.  
Please email your copy to: [ktran@the-villages.com](mailto:ktran@the-villages.com)**

## 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.**

### SRS Alert:

### *IRS issuing surprise refunds*

Are you one of the lucky ones? Approximately 4.7 million taxpayers are in line for an unexpected break from the IRS: Relief from some tax penalties incurred for the 2020 and 2021 tax years.

The surprise tax relief stems in large part from a pandemic-induced backlog of tax returns. As 2020 and 2021 returns piled up, an overwhelmed IRS stopped sending out automated reminders to taxpayers to pay overdue tax bills starting in February 2022. But even though the reminders stopped, the failure-to-pay penalties continued to accrue. Now that the IRS has mostly caught up on its backlog, it has decided to cut some slack to taxpayers who were caught up in the "unusual situation" of not receiving overdue reminders for, in some cases, more than a year.

The relief and refund payments will be automatic; You don't have to do anything to get your refund. The IRS says most of the refunds are being issued through the end of January 2024. SRS has already been contacted by a Villager wondering why the IRS was sending him money. He didn't remember whether or not he paid a penalty a year or two ago. Our suggestion: relax; rejoice; cash the check!



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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 Mat Pilates!

Mat Pilates will be offered 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on **Tuesdays, February 20 to March 26** (six classes) in Cribari Conference Room.

The cost per student is \$68.50 (yoga mat purchased independently as needed, more details below).

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 22. The deadline is Friday, February 9 or sooner if the class fills up.

Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training your arms and legs. It is a mind and body practice with benefits that include improved posture, better coordination and balance, improved coordination and focus, increased body awareness, stress management and injury prevention. Participants should be comfortable with performing exercises on a mat on the floor and should be able to get up from the floor without assistance. A yoga mat is required for this class and must be purchased independently.

Natsuko Tsuji, certified Yoga and Pilates instructor will be your instructor for most of the classes. She is a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor with nearly 10 years of experience teaching Yoga and over seven years teaching Pilates.

## 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!

## Learn Intro to Line Dancing with Nanci

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a six-week introductory line dance class. These fun line dances to traditional and more popular music will introduce you to basic moves and footwork.

Sign up for this class taking place **Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., February 20 to March 26** (six dates) in Cribari Auditorium. Please note: there is no class on February 13 in between sessions.

The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for this six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 22. The deadline is Friday, February 9 or sooner if the class fills up.

Nanci has been dancing for over 30 years and has been teaching country line dance for the last 20 years. She teaches throughout the Bay Area including some of the largest country nightclub and winery venues.



## Learn Beginner-Plus Line Dancing

Nanci Pritchard will be teaching a six-week Beginners-Plus line dance class. These fun line dances will increase your skills with more advanced moves to faster music. Don't be shy, give it a try!

Sign up for this class taking place **Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., February 20 to March 26** (six dates) in Cribari Auditorium. Please note: there is no class on February 13 in between sessions.

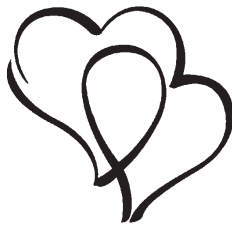
The total cost is \$25.50 per resident for this six-week class. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 22. The deadline is Friday, February 9 or sooner if the class fills up.

## 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. **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.



## Holiday Card Contest Winner

We are thrilled to announce that Kellen Perry is the winner of the Holiday Card Contest! She credits her roommate Jim Croce with assisting her in coming up with her entry, hopefully they can enjoy the prize together. The actual sentiment inside the card is:

*"At the holidays and all year through, wishing good things and happiness, too— 'cause neighbors don't come any nicer than you!"*

We received some great entries, but Kellen's was the closest, "From our house to yours Wishing you a Merry Christmas." Thank you to all who submitted an entry, reading them put us in the holiday spirit.



## 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.

## ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. More details at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**February 8: Paint Night** with Nicole Alexander. Thursday, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments and all acrylic painting supplies furnished. \$45. Register at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) by February 1.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members. For Open Studio hours new classes, go to [villagesceramics.com](http://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](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org). You can learn knitting here!



## HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

**Rambler/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](http://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.

## Valentine's Season at The Villages

### Valentine's Fun

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

### Proclaim Your Love

Put in a classified ad in The Villager newspaper by **February 5** to celebrate your Valentine! \$13 for the first 10 words. \$1.30 for each extra word.

Contact Adrienne at [areed@the-villages.com](mailto:areed@the-villages.com) or 408-223-4657 for assistance.

### Get Heart Healthy

**Friday, Feb 9 at 10 a.m.**

Nutritionist Natsuko Tsuji will teach you how to keep your ticker ticking! See article in The Villager or the Activities edition of the FastLane for more information.

### Treat Them Special

**Wednesday, February 14** for Dinner Service  
Enjoy select Valentines Dinner Specials with your sweetheart or great friends! See information in The Villager newspaper or the Clubhouse edition of the FastLane for more information.

## 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.





# 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](http://thevillagesgcc.com)

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 1/23 to 1/28

**Monday, January 22**

Butternut Squash

**Tuesday, January 23**

Split Pea

**Wednesday, January 24**

Napa Cabbage Potstickers

**Thursday, January 25**

Cream of Mushroom

**Friday, January 26**

Manhattan Clam Chowder

**Saturday, January 27**

Chef's Choice

**Sunday, January 28**

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](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://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](http://thevillagesgcc.com)**

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 1/22 to 1/28

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 1/23 to Sunday 1/28

**California Benedict:** Poached Egg, Tomato, Avocado, Bacon and Hollandaise Sauce on English Muffin with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$15.95**

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 1/22 to Sunday 1/28—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Jumbo Cheese Ravioli:** In a Marinara Sauce **\$14.95**

**Turkey Melt:** Turkey Breast, Ortega Peppers and Pepper Jack Cheese on Sourdough Bread with Choice of Sides **\$14.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 1/23 to Sunday 1/28—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Grilled Alaska Halibut:** With Honey Lemon Butter Sauce with Choice of Sides **\$32.95**

**Fettucine with Salmon and Asparagus:** In a Garlic Cream Sauce **\$27.95**

## Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

### Monday

**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

### Tuesday to Friday

**Breakfast:**  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu:**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)  
**Dinner Menu:**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

### Saturday and Sunday

**Saturday Breakfast:**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Sunday Breakfast:**  
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Lunch:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Bistro Menu:**  
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)  
**Dinner Menu:**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (last seating)

**Main phone line: 408-223-4687**  
Reservation: Press #1, Curbside Order and Pick-up: Press #2  
Manager on duty: Press #4, Events and Catering: Press #5

**Online**  
Reservation or Curbside Order: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com)  
Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)



**San Jose City Councilmember Domingo Candelas invites you to a Safety Officer Pancake Social**



**Friday, January 26**  
**9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**  
**at the Clubhouse**



Join us for breakfast with some of your first responders and officers from the San Jose Police Department and the San Jose Fire Department.

RSVP 408-535-4908 or [bit.ly/PancakeSocial](https://bit.ly/PancakeSocial)

Complimentary pancakes and coffee for the first 150 guests!

### 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](http://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.

## Retire on Your Terms



Let's debunk the reverse mortgage misconceptions.

MYTH:

With a reverse mortgage, the bank owns the home.

FACT:

The homeowner keeps the title to the home in their name. As with any mortgage, you must meet your loan obligations, keeping current with property taxes, insurance, and maintenance.

Contact Karen White, your local Reverse Mortgage Specialist. NMLS # 745701

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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
7 p.m.	Villages Theatre Auditions	A

4 p.m.	Estates DAC	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
6:30 p.m.	Cribari DAC	CR
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	EPC Emotional Support	PR

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

## Saturday, January 20

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Music Society Ticket Sales	L
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Villages Theatre Matinee	A
4:45 p.m.	Music Society Ticket Sales	L
7 p.m.	Villages Theatre Auditions	A

## Tuesday, January 23

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
11 a.m.	High Twelve Board	MC
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Rock	VC
4 p.m.	EVF Flights & Bites	CH
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A

## Thursday, January 25

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
9:30 a.m.	Hiking Club Board	F
10 a.m.	Writing, Pastels	A
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
10:30 a.m.	VMA Health Programs	SEQ
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Community Chapel Small	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Villages Theatre Matinee	A
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	EVF Flights & Bites	CH
4 p.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Mtg	PR
7 p.m.	Music Society: Footnotes	A

## Sunday, January 21

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Services	MC
9 a.m.	Community of Well-Being	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR

## Wednesday, January 24

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.	EPC Medical Team	F
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
3 p.m.	New Resident Orientation	CH
4 p.m.	History of Israel	F
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6 p.m.	Democratic Club:	
	Rep. Barbara Lee	FC

## Friday, January 26

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.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Advisory	AR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6 p.m.	Jewish Community Music	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Monday, January 22

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Assoc. Rules Committee	PR
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Montgomery DAC	MC
10 a.m.	Villages Golf Com. Six Club	VR
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Villages Theatre Auditions	A
2 p.m.	Cat Club Meeting/Social	VC

### EVENT LOCATIONS

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

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### Upcoming 2024 Programs

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**Things Every Older Adult Needs to Do to Live Well As They Age:** Mwezo Kudumu 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.

**Death, Coffee and Desserts** – With Grace Hospice is again providing us an opportunity to share your insights and express your feelings regarding death. This is not a support group rather an interactive workshop. **Tuesday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room. Please note: attendance is limited to 15!

### 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. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

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



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

### Fitness Center

Daily  
12:00 & 6:00

### Fitness

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Mon – Sat  
15 Minute Exercise

### 1:15 & 7:15

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### 2023 Fire Safety Town Hall

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### Landscape & Functional Turf

Daily  
3:45 & 9:45

### Villages Scam Awareness

Daily  
4:30 & 10:30

### Welcome to Our Website

Daily  
5:15 & 11:15



### Club Events & Notices



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[resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)



# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Sign up for Global Village's Sunday retreat *Adam Schiff to appear at Foothill*

By Dinesh Chandra

The Global Village Community Club invites you to a Retreat on **January 21 (Sunday)** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Vineyard Center. This is a potluck event and registration is required. Send an email to Dinesh at [globalvcclub@gmail.com](mailto:globalvcclub@gmail.com) right away as the retreat is this coming Sunday.

In a world dominated by digitized social media, the pursuit of health and joy can be challenging, leading to a global epidemic of loneliness. The remedy lies in meaningful connections, as a profound heart-to-heart bond even with one person. Imagine being part of a community fostering such connections with numerous others. How do we develop these deep connections?

The first step is to show up. Join us in the Morning, at Lunch, and/or at Hi-Tea sessions. If you resonate with the question for genuine connections and wish to share or learn from others, we invite you to be a part of this transformative gathering.

**Purpose:** To share ideas/practices for leading a healthy and joyful life.

**Agenda:**

**Session 1 (10 a.m. to noon, PT):** Sharing stories, both in person in San Jose and via a Zoom call for remote participants.

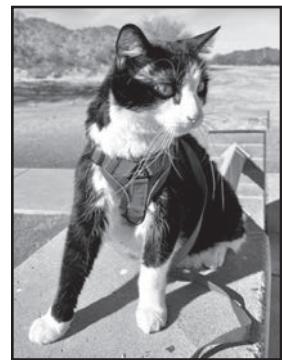
**Session 2 (noon to 2 p.m.):** Potluck Lunch; Bring your favorite Plant-Based Whole Food (PBWF) dish to share.

**Session 3 (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.):** Sing, Frolic, and Fun (Hi-tea and healthy snacks).

Please RSVP for Session 1, 2, 3, or all. Session 1 accommodates both in-person and Zoom participation.

## First Cat Club meeting is this Monday

Next **Monday, January 22** will be the first meeting of the Cat Club at Vineyard Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sarah Clark will be our first guest speaker and "Spotlight" magazine will be taking pictures. It's important that you show up on time. The first 70 members will be allowed entrance.



The response has been incredible. 73 people have already signed up and I know there are more cat friendly people out there! We will discuss changing the location of future meeting to accommodate more people as the need arises.

Please bring a food or toy that your cat doesn't like to be placed on an 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.

Again, you must be a cat club registered member to get priority admission. If you haven't already signed up, please contact Bette Loomis at 408-234-9798 or [dbloomis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbloomis@sbcglobal.net) (**will need your name(s), address, cell number and email address**). This is a **free** club! No dues.

Next month we are scheduled to hear from Aussie Mobile Pet Care: Grooming at your Doorstep!

## 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 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.

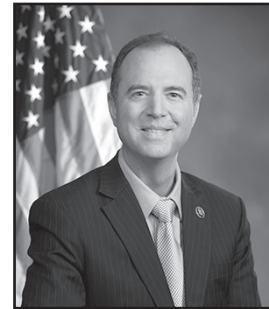
Again, the course is being offered on Tuesdays, January 23 and January 30 at 2 p.m. by Zoom. You may view it on your own device or with others on a large screen in Vineyard Center. **When registering please choose your viewing preference.** You may register for it at [villagessa.org](http://villagessa.org) 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.

## Join Global Village in group meditation

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

The Villages Democratic Club invites you to join U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, who is in a race for Dianne Feinstein's former Senate seat on **Sunday, January 28, at 2:15 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room. Reservations are mandatory because seating is limited and we expect Schiff to be a significant draw. Join us for a glass of wine and snacks by reserving your space by emailing [VillagesDemClub.com](mailto:VillagesDemClub.com).



Adam Schiff has served in Congress since 2001. A graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, he was a member of the California State Senate from 1996 to 2000. In Congress, he chaired the House Intelligence Committee from 2019 to 2023 and served as the impeachment manager of the first Trump impeachment trial.

Next month, the four candidates vying for the San Jose District 8 Councilmember seat will participate in a Candidates' Forum at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 7** in the Cribari Conference Room. Participants in alphabetical order are: **Sukhdev Singh Baniwal** (former City Airport Commissioner), **Domingo Candelas** (Incumbent), **Surinder Kaur Dhaliwal** (area resident) and **Tam Truong** (San Jose police sergeant).

Refreshments will be provided at all three events, however, registration is necessary at [VillagesDemClub.com](http://VillagesDemClub.com)

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## Learn Beginning Watercolor with Ciel Duke

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



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

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

The sessions are in the Art Room, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on **Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28**. The fee is \$120. All materials (watercolor set with brush, palette, foam brush, and paper) are included. Participants who already work in watercolor are welcome to bring their own supplies, such as a favorite brush.

Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) by January 29.

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## Hiking Club: 'Easy Tips to Increase your Longevity'

Have you ever wondered why vaccines must be given by injection instead of pills to increase your immunity? Jane Ruona, a R.N. Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Villager and member of the Hiking Club, will discuss and share ideas on how to live healthier and longer. She will cover new research on the brain, diet, sleep, prevention of sepsis, stroke, cardiovascular problems, immunizations, mobility and fall prevention. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.



Jane Ruona

The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, January 29 at 7 p.m.** (new start time for 2024) at the Foothill Center. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

## Global Village to host 'Food Myths & Misconceptions' workshop

Jan Liband, a distinguished speaker, and the Global Village Community Club invite you to "Myths & Misconceptions that Keep Us from Making Healthier Food Choices," a presentation at Montgomery Center on **Tuesday, January 30** from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All members and residents are welcome. There is no fee to attend.



There's growing interest in healthier, disease-free living through plant-based diets such as the Mediterranean diet, the National Institute of Health's DASH diet, and the EAT-Lancet diet. However, a challenge for most people in shifting to healthier eating is be-

ing stuck in lifelong habits and attitudes based on common myths and misconceptions about nutrition. "Don't I need meat and dairy as part of a balanced diet?" "If I eat less meat and dairy, won't I be deficient in key nutrients such as protein, calcium and iron?" "Will making changes later in life really have that much of an impact?"

At this lively "no judgement" talk, we'll explore prevalent food myths and misconceptions and provide clarity on key issues. We'll also explore some of the psychological, physiological and cultural factors that keep us eating foods that are proven to cause chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, cancer, hypertension, diabetes and Alzheimer's. Bring your spouses and friends to learn about:

- The biggest food myths keeping us stuck in old habits
- Why we aren't wired to make the healthiest choices
- Ways to overcome food myths and start a healthier lifestyle

Mr. Jan Liband is a long-time vegan and fact-based environmentalist, public speaker, athlete, and Silicon Valley executive. In the 1980s, he learned how our industrial food systems were neither sustainable nor healthy. As a result, he made big changes in his personal life and committed himself to researching and advocating solutions for these critical global issues. Mr. Liband also holds a degree in Psychology from U.C. Santa Cruz.

## VMA to present 'Enough is Enough: Reclaiming Control of Our Lives'

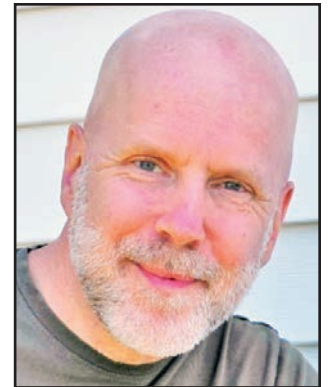
"I don't want to be in charge. Yet, I still want to be in control."

"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:

- 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.



Dale Poland

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](http://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](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or by calling Bonnie Grim, Resident Service Coordinator at 408.238-4029.



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 healthcare 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.

## Create your own greeting cards

Learn to make a birthday card and two different folded Valentine cards with Mandy Book on **Friday, February 2** in the Cribari Center Art Room from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.! You'll learn two techniques—paper piecing and creative fold cards. The cost for this workshop is \$10, which includes instruction and materials for three different cards, appropriate for beginner to intermediate paper crafters. This fun class will also give you an opportunity to play with different tools to enhance your cards.

Each crafter should bring scissors or a paper cutter, a glue stick or other adhesive, and a pen. A bone folder and scoring tool will also be helpful if you have them. All other materials will be provided.

Register by emailing [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com) by January 28 or earlier because this workshop will fill up rapidly!







Valle Vista residents gather for their annual New Year's brunch on Sunday, January 7.

## Walking/Chair Dancing may help reduce health risks

Common age-related symptoms experienced by older adults include shrinking and curvature of the spine. While it is natural to lose height as we age, if it happens too fast, it can be a sign of a health problem being accelerated due to poor posture, lack of exercise, and other morbidities. Research has shown that exercise may help slow the shrinkage rate and the onset of chronic health problems.

LSAL Fitness Club is here to help you lower your risk of developing age-related health and fitness challenges. 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.



## Sign up for concert by SF Yiddish Combo

Join us 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](mailto: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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## 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!

## 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.

**“My Friend Anne Frank” by Hannah Pick-Goslar.** When 5-year-old Hannah Pick-Goslar and her family fled Nazi Germany to live in Amsterdam, she soon struck up a friendship with a precocious, outspoken and fun-loving girl named Anne Frank. The girls became inseparable, enjoying carefree childhood games and sleepovers in their neighborhood of Rivierenbuurt. Then, one day in 1942, as the Nazi occupation intensified, Anne and the Frank family vanished. Hannah’s family was also captured and taken to Westerbork transit camp, before being transported to Bergen-Belsen. Amid horrific conditions and surrounded by death, Hannah heard astonishing news about her dear friend and risked her life to help her. 920, Biography, 2023.

**“Zero Days” by Ruth Ware.** Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband, Gabe, are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect—her. Suddenly on the run and quickly running out of options, Jack must decide who she can trust as she circles closer to the real killer. Mystery, 2023.

**“Tom Lake” by Ann Patchett.** In the spring of 2020, Lara’s three daughters return to the family’s orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

**“The Collector” by Daniel Silva.** On the morning after the Venice Preservation Society’s annual black-tie gala, art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon enters his favorite coffee bar on the island of Murano to find General Cesare Ferrari, the commander of the Art Squad, eagerly awaiting his arrival. The Carabinieri have discovered a murdered South African shipping tycoon and the world’s most valuable painting is missing. The missing masterpiece is the lynchpin of a conspiracy that if successful, could plunge the world into a conflict of apocalyptic proportions. To foil the plot, Gabriel must carry out a daring heist of his own, with millions of lives hanging in the balance. Regular and Large Print, Mystery, 2023.

## Village Voices to begin new season



The Village Voices is beginning an exciting new year with our Open House on **Wednesday, January 31** in Foothill Center starting at 6:30 p.m. We will welcome current and alumni Voices members as well as any Villager interested in singing with our choral group. No auditions are required. For the first half hour there will be time to socialize, enjoy refreshments. Then our choral director, Catherine Ellacer and accompanist Tammy Welsh will introduce us to the music we will be singing for our “Spring On To Broadway” concerts. Medleys from “Oklahoma!”, “Beauty and the Beast,” “West Side Story,” “Les Misérables,” “Evita,” and other well-known musicals will be featured. Our Spring concert dates are Wednesday, May 1 evening dress rehearsal, Thursday, May 2 evening performance and Sunday, May 5 matinee performance.

We look forward to having you join us as we salute Broadway musicals that started trends or introduced innovation, and helped evolve musical theater to what we experience today. Any questions, please contact Madelaine Yannaccone via e-mail at [madelaine@yannaccone.com](mailto:madelaine@yannaccone.com) or call (408) 219-4680.

## Now is the time to order Mah Jongg cards

By Barbara Smith

Thank you for all your help and support as we compile the 2024 order for Mah Jongg cards. We will wrap up this year’s order up on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**, but do not wait until the last minute. Large cards are \$15 each and standard cards are \$14 each. Make checks out to Barbara Smith and mail them to 2067 Folle Blanche Drive, San Jose, CA 95135 or put your check in the round tube under our mailbox.

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

It is important to keep our brains active as we get older. The problem solving involved in Mah Jongg is beneficial to our brains by keeping them active...So let’s plan to be active players in 2024 and get back to playing the game we all enjoy...Mah Jongg!



## VMA to presents ‘Death, Coffee & Desserts’ Part 3



Dr. Kiem Le

Woody Allen once said, “I’m not afraid of death; I just don’t want to be there when it happens.” J.K. Rowling once wrote, “To the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure.” Mitch Albom, in his book, wrote “Death ends a life, not a relationship.”

Three different perspectives on death—avoidance, adventure, and relational. What’s yours? Squeamish? Resigned? Afraid? Angry? Hopeful? All of the above?

With Grace Hospice invites you to share your fears, hopes, perplexities, and ponderings about death on **Tuesday, February 6** at “Death, Coffee, & Desserts” from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Sequoia Room. In this third session of this popular workshop, Chaplain Kiem Le will lead an interactive, free-flowing discussion on death and dying. To sweeten the conversation, With Grace Hospice will provide abundant pastries and desserts. The session is a stand-alone gathering. You do not need to have participated in the earlier sessions. This workshop is not for therapy, grief, or end-of-life support. Instead, expect to find a safe place for you sort through complex, and often illuminating, emotions.

To allow time for sharing and to respect each other’s story, **attendance is limited to 15 participants.** To register online for “Death, Coffee, and Desserts” visit [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club). Or call Bonnie Grim MS, Resident Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029. No charge.

## Happy New Year from the Crafters Club

By Diane Goodrich, Crafters Club Boutique Secretary

Happy New Year, and a big thank you for your continued support at our Crafters Club Boutique events throughout the years.

We know you have many choices on where you shop, so we really do appreciate your patronage. This year, we are planning three Boutique events: **March 23, September 14** and **November 30.**

All events will take place in the Cribari Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Publications will be in the Villager leading up to each event, with “vendor stories” and updates. Thank you again for your support; we look forward to seeing you in March.



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# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

### Weekly:

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

### Regularly Scheduled:

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

**Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!**

## EPISCOPAL

### 'Follow Me'

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



What does it mean to be "called" by God? As someone who has been through a formal church process of discerning and affirming a call to ordained ministry, I can bear witness that every clergy person hears their call in very particular ways. We might even say that we are called by name. Which is exactly the way the Bible describes it, in every case. Consider Abraham, Moses, Mary and the disciples of Jesus.

In the first chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus called Philip by name, and then Nathanael by description ("Here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit"). Even though God's call is always personal and sounds different to each of us, the outcome is the same. We don't stay the same. We change and we move. We follow the lead of God, who is human like us—in Jesus Christ—and who is also utterly transcendent. Which means that God's call will almost certainly take us to places and positions we might not have imagined. But if the call of the first disciples has anything to teach us, God does not call us to go alone, and does not leave us alone.

How are you called? I know there are members of your community who learn and teach, make music, offer companionship and care, and so many holy ministries that make life bearable and beautiful. Maybe you followed a call without even recognizing it, but I assure you: God rejoices in your "follow-ship."

The Episcopal service is on Sundays at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center. All are invited and welcome to join us.

## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

Friday night Shabbat Services will be held at 7:15 p.m. on 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.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### 'Listening and Responding as God's Servants'

By Robert A. Dolci, M.Div., M.A

What are we looking for in our lives? When St. John states in his Gospel (1:35-42) that Jesus' first words are "What are you looking for?" he is indicating the theme that carries on throughout his Gospel. The disciples Andrew and Peter respond to Jesus' challenge to "come and see" who he is by listening and "staying with" him—indicating their initial commitment to Jesus. Their response also included reaching out to others by sharing their experience of Jesus.

In the first reading, Samuel (3:3-10,19) at first does not realize who is calling him. Assuming that it is Eli—to whom he is assigned to serve—Samuel listens attentively and responds. Eventually, Samuel realizes that God is the one calling him. He becomes inspired by God's revealing himself to him. He listened to God and became a great leader and prophet of his people. And, throughout his life God continued to be present to him, inspiring him to be a revered prophet.

In a similar way, we are called by and inseparably united to God through our Baptism. St. Paul (1 Cor. 6:13-15,17-20) communicates this to the Corinthians by saying that our bodies are sacred temples of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, we are called to listen to and allow the Spirit dwelling in us to move us to respond obediently/lovingly to others through acts of loving kindness and sincere respect to all with whom we come into contact. In this way, we will demonstrate that we are listening to Jesus' call and responding to his invitation to "come and see" who he is and how he will inspire us throughout our journey of faith.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### 'Don't Minimize Your Blessings'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Too many times I have been guilty of minimizing small things. "I have done that and been there before... so, I don't give it much thought or energy." To my surprise, after having some health issues, I welcomed the ability to experience those small and familiar things... once taken for granted. I am sure that I am not alone in taking things for granted. Every now and then I get a big dose of reality that awakens me to appreciate the small things that I have failed to appreciate.

When you and I are physically fit, the challenges in competing are fun and exciting, whether we win or lose. Our attitude is, wait until the next time, it will be my turn to win. Seldom do we think that it could be our last game or competition. We might be at the top of our game and within a day that could all change. When that day comes and circumstances change, we usually don't have a plan B. It's like being a champion athlete who ignores the somewhat gentle signs (your timing is off, reoccurring stiffness, longer recovery from energy, and the list goes on).

What are your plans when you can't do the things that you have taken for granted over the years? Will you become a bitter person or a better person, when you reflect on the past joys of participation that you were able to share in?

If we dwell on what we are not able to do, it can have an overall effect on us mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. I know people who have withdrawn from others because of their disabilities due to aging. Believe me, that is not the time to fold your arms and close yourself off from others. If there is ever a day when we need to walk with open arms to embrace those who understand and love us, it's now, as we age and develop disabilities.

Each day I'm abundantly grateful for all that I have experienced and will experience with the time that I have been given. May we be reminded each day in **Psalms 118:24 NKJV** "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Celebrate with us at the Villages Community Chapel in Cribari Auditorium, every Sunday at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word of Life, enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies with friends. The chapel is a place for *needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and new friends to embrace*. You can view our worship services on YouTube at Villages Community Chapel San Jose, CA.



# SPORTS NEWS

## PICKLEBALL

### 'I wish I could win more games!'

By Joyce Kludt

"What can I do to improve my chances of winning in Pickleball?" We often hear this lament on our PB courts. Below are some reasons you may be losing games more than winning.



10. You may be making too many sharp angle shots rather than high percentage shots down the middle of the court.

9. You hit the ball too fast for good placement...and don't give yourself enough leeway for error.

8. You don't keep the ball at your opponent's feet as much as possible.

7. Maybe you don't play up to the No Volley Zone (Kitchen Line).

6. Do you get upset with your excellent partner who has successfully jumped in front of you to win the point? (Although, poaching too often is not encouraged!)

5. Do you take away your partner's easy forehand shots with your weaker backhand shots?

4. When your opponent hits a difficult fast shot at you, do you try and hit a low percentage sharp angled shot for a winner rather than a defensive shot?

3. Do you ever help your opponents by keeping their out balls in play?

2. Do you frequently miss your return of serve?

1. Number one reason you will lose more Pickleball games than you win: Frequently miss your serve. Remember, the best players in the world lob their serves. They don't hit hard low serves. If your serve goes out, you don't have the opportunity to score a point.

Wishing all our PB buddies a week of awesome pickleballing and other sources of joy!

## TENNIS TALK



The Tennis Club celebrates Mimi Steinhauer's birthday.



Tennis Club members gather to learn about Indian cuisine.

By Betty Olsen

On Sunday, January 7, about 24 Tennis Club members and friends gathered at a local Indian restaurant named 8 Elements to have lunch and also celebrate Mimi Steinhauer's birthday. The restaurant recently changed the lunch menu to buffet, so Jay Desai, ever the social gatherer, suggested we meet there for lunch and learn all about Indian cuisine from the buffet.

Most of the tennis players were gathered from Jay's Sunday morning tennis and from Monday, Thursday, Friday drop-in afternoon tennis. It was fun giving the food a try. I will recommend the hot tea, since Nancy Domingo and I were the only ones to order the tea.

Roy Pennington emailed me his week to ask about USTA Villages teams so that he can start planning the VTL league this spring which should start in March. As usual Roy is looking for committed captains, so please call Roy and volunteer. Hopefully we will see Roy soon on the courts after his foot surgery.

The Villages Women's 65 7.0 team is registered and play begins the week of February 5 and will finish April 12 with playoffs to follow.

## WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

Happy New Year, Ladies. Many ladies dusted off their golf clubs and played last week enjoying the game, the friendships and our unpredictable California weather despite the day being without sweeps.

On January 9, many more ladies came out in competitive mode. Suzy Kim, front 9, and Josephine Kim, back 9, won Captain's Trophy starting off 2024 in great form. Pam Short and Vicki Krattli shared the chip-in pot and it looks like Vicki had the lone birdie on hole 15.

Remember in the winter months we are allowed to lift our ball, clean it and replace the ball within 6 inches of its original position. Always

mark your ball with a tee or ball marker before lifting it to insure you are only moving it 6 inches.

We are welcoming several new members this month. Say hello to Sue Park, Marilee Puppo, Laurie Gallegos, Nancy Dawn, Wonja Cha and Laura Rodriguez if you see them playing.

Lastly, remember you have a hard-working board as is evident in the picture below as they work during the first 2024 board meeting.



New members Sue Park, Marilee Puppo, Laurie Gallegos, Nancy Dawn, Wonja Cha and Laura Rodriguez.



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# MEN'S GOLF CLUB



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

**Upcoming events:**  
**President's Day Tournament is Saturday, February 10, 2024.** See flyer in this week's Villager.  
**2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Evergreen Tournament**—The first meeting for The Evergreen will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Center. This is open to all members interested in the Evergreen. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please come to the meeting to support the Evergreen committee and make this a great event.

**2024 Executive Committee Members have been elected:**  
 General Committee Chairman – Doug Moore  
 Vice Chairman – Mike Tuft  
 Secretary – Lisi Bettencourt  
 Handicap/Membership Chairman – George Welch  
 Tournament Co Chairmans – Tom Morse & Clayton Kinard  
 Evergreen Co-Chairman – Bill Morefield  
 Evergreen Co-Chairman – Mary Wagle  
 Home & Home Chairman – Mik Tuft  
 Publicity – Kurt Pagnini

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. 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.

**Golf Thoughts:**  
 "If you are caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron." - Unknown

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

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

# 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.

After rain earlier in the week, Thursday, January 4, 2024, was sunny and warm. Another great day for some golf. Twelve Ironmen played.

**Third Place** was a two-way tie between Doug Herring and Jerry Juracich each with a net 28; **Second Place** was a two-way tie between Walter Lucas and Mario Silva each with a net 26; and Victor Hong won **First Place** with a net 25.

There were five **Birdies**: one each by David Hathaway on hole 4; Sang Nam on hole 9; Mario Silva on hole 7; and two by Victor Hong on holes 1 and 4.

Walter Lucas won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 9 at 2 feet, 11 inches.

Victor Hong won **Low Gross** with a 28. **Golfer of the Day** honors went to Victor Hong with low gross, first place and two birdies. Way to go Victor!

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:**  
 "A ball you can see in the rough fifty yards away is not yours." - Author unknown

"Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe." - Author unknown

# PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Something to remember, from Jack Nicklaus: "A perfectly straight shot with a big club is a fluke."

January 12 was another enjoyable day for Pinseekers golf. We, somehow, managed to squeeze our weekly nine holes on the long course between the intermittent rains that have been falling for the last couple of weeks.


While the scores were not as grand as our first round of the New Year, one player, Chuck Benjamin, managed a Net 35, one under par to secure the top spot this week. Congratulations, Chuck, for starting the year with a two round, 18 hole, combined par, net 72. In second place, a three-person tie: Mike Falarski, Frank Garcia and Jim White each came in with a Net 39; third place, another tie, with Dick Henderson and Jim Keene both posting Net 40; crowding onto the podium, yet another tie, Chris Corpus, Jerry Juracich, and Leighton Horio each scored Net 41

While Pinseeker attendance is improving, we still have a number of unclaimed tee times each week. Our allotment is five time slots allowing for 20 players. Each week we are forfeiting slots to other Villagers as we are not having enough members come out and play.

In closing, a quote from the venerable Ben Hogan: "A shot that goes in the cup is pure luck, but a shot to within two feet of the flag is skill." Have fun out there, people, we have a wonderful community with a terrific golf course.



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## Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Presidents Day Tournament

**When:** Saturday, February 10, 2024

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

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

**Sign-up:** January 27 through February 8. Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the pro shop will pair you with another player to form a team.

**Handicaps:** 100 percent of February 8 Handicap.


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

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

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

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

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



# BOCCE NEWS



By Jana King, Bocce Club President

We were so excited to see so many people at our Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 5. Thank you for your support! Later this month (weather permitting), excavation will begin on the bocce court updates. This will be a very busy time for the board, as we finalize all the accessories necessary with the courts. We are evaluating, kiosks, sheds, scoreboards, benches, etc. and will publish information as soon as the details are finalized. If you have some ideas relative to things you'd like to see at the courts, let someone on the board know!

In addition to the work on the courts, we are coming up with a new calendar, and several amazing social events. Keep up to date by visiting the bocce website at [villagesbocce.vgcc.club](http://villagesbocce.vgcc.club). First up is our **Palentine's Dinner, February 10**. It will be held at Cribari Auditorium and will feature the band, Identity Problem. We are limited to 120 people so be sure to sign up now by contacting Marie at 408-666-2576.

We are looking to a great 2024 of Bocce, if you're not yet a member, please download the membership form on the bocce website, and return it to Jeanne-Anne Whitacre at [jawhitacre@live.com](mailto:jawhitacre@live.com). There is a \$15 annual membership for the Bocce Club.



## 18-HOLE WOMEN



An uncanny likeness of Mendenhall Glacier—the slope up to the green on number 11 for the 18 Hole Women's club on January 11.

By Loanne Rube

Baby, It's cold outside! Thirty-three stalwart women braved the crisp, cold morning to meet together and chase the little white ball. Judy Owen swore she had ice crystals on her golf ball in her first fairway. I wonder if that qualifies as "casual water"? In any event, a clear, sunshine filled morning with friends and a great lunch afterward was enjoyed by all. The only stinging criticism might have been the brutal pin placement on hole #11. Nearly everyone enjoyed several attempts to climb the mountaintop perch. More than a few times, the ball was returned to the bottom of the hill. Wanted: a very firm putt up the hill to avoid the ball rolling back to the lower surface. Perhaps your eventual strategy was to really hit it hard, risk blowing your putt past the hole, and chancing a brisk downhill slider of a putt. Yikes! Helen Varenkamp had five attempts herself! We're wondering, Scott...what did we do to get on the vexing end of your ire? Aye, perhaps you slept poorly, fell out of bed, didn't have any coffee, brrr...you're cold, it's dark. We all hope to angle into your sweeter side next week. Just kidding, Scott. Our attitude is one of gratitude. Thank you for your help and for a great day.

Winners for "I'm in the money" chip-ins were: Emily Li #13, Monica Saneholtz #18, Diana Flanagan #2, and Kerry Besmehn #15. Birdie, birdie time for Monica Saneholtz #11, Helen Varenkamp #9, Judy Owens #7, Michelle Chang #6, Inge McQuiddy #6, and Kerry Besmehn #7. Kerry had that awesome chip-in and a birdie, but she also suffered an 11 on hole #16. That's the way we can roll them here at The Villages in winter. Plenty of up and down scores resulted. See a complete listing of winners in the scoreboard section of this newspaper.

The game was "Odd numbered holes only" for sweeps. Winning the first flight with a low gross 42 was Monica Saneholtz and a low net 36 by Suzie Q Conklin. Flight Two rewarded Jane Hong with low gross of 46 and Michelle Chung with low net of 35. Third flight winners were Suzanne Fazzio's low gross of 51, and Emily Li's low net of 36. Sweeps were not awarded on #2 tees flight because only three players completed the game. There were 13 withdraws from the #2 flight and 9 withdraws from flights 1,2,3. Here's hoping for more finishers next week.

Nancy Keane shared a borrowed joke that left us in stitches. Suzie Q reviewed the differences between options afforded on yellow penalty areas and red penalty areas. Patti Bell thinks a practical, visual simulation on course might clarify these rules. Suzie Q also reminded us that the privilege of winter rules includes the responsibility to *mark* the ball position before lifting, cleaning and placing within 6 inches of your original ball position, no closer to the hole. Help out with our culture of care for *your* course by raking the traps, repairing pitch marks on the green and using divot mix to repair the toupees in the fairways and rough. Take care of your course, so it will provide you with many days of enjoyment. See you next week!

## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### Holiday Golf Schedule

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

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

**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!**

**Cobra Dark Speed**—Now available in the Pro Shop – the new Cobra Darkspeed and Darkspeed Max drivers. Demos available in men's stiff, regular and light flex and women's light weight. A refined clubhead shape blends aerodynamic speed with forgiving high-launch for an elevated look at address that inspires maximum confidence on the tee. Adjustable back and heel weight positioning allows you to fine-tune draw bias in our most forgiving driver head. Position the weight in the back for extreme forgiveness or in the heel for unparalleled accuracy. Positioning the maximum amount of weight in the back of the clubhead allows for towering ball flights so players can maximize launch off the tee. A 10 percent larger PWRShell L-cup face creates more robust distance, while an A.I. designed H.O.T. Face delivers more efficient speed and spin across the clubface. Used by PGA Tour stars Rickie Fowler, Lexi Thompson, Gary Woodland and Justin Suh!

**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 weight 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.

**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**

### 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)

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

### Tips from the Pro—Where's your head at?

The position of the head in the golf swing is an often overlooked detail. Here are three commonalities among great players...

(Continued on next column)



# SCOREBOARD

## From The Pro...

(Continued from previous column)

1. All great players keep their head very still and centered during the swing
2. Great ball strikers are able to pivot into their left side without allowing their head to move in front of the ball
3. Great players keep their head and eyes relatively level during the swing with minimal vertical motion

So if you are not striking the ball well, it could be because your head is in the wrong place, literally.

So try these 3 things: keep your head still, keep your head level, and keep your head behind the ball.

Let us know if your ball striking improves. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)**

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Thankfully, last Tuesday, the rain waited until after lunch. Hurray! It was a cool (all right—it was cold!) golf day for the 15 Shonis who got up and got out there. Congratulations to Judy Rogers who completed her 20th game the previous week.

Putting for Pesos only had 1 putting winner today—Barbara Orlando. Way to go, Barb—\$1 in your sweeps envelope.

Lots of chances but only Marty Blinde managed a birdie. Nice chip in on 2.

## Be safe, be seen—VMA Safety Vests

Now that it's dark at an early hour, it's extremely important that you wear bright, reflective clothing to ensure oncoming drivers can clearly see you.

The Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) has yellow/green reflective vests available, which are free to Villagers. The safety vests are stored at the VMA office in Cribari Center. Pick up your complementary vest at the VMA office during business hours 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

One size fits all, one per household. Go get a vest!

Reminder: Articles are due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, one week before publication



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## SHONIS

Tuesday, January 9

All Nets

**Flight One:**

1. Joyce Baptiste 26
2. Tied – Betty Hall and Pauline Robertson 27
3. Marty Blinde

**Flight Two:**

1. Judy Rogers 25
2. Peggy White 28
3. Tied – Barbara Orlando and Jonna Robinson 29

**Flight Three:**

1. Donna Erickson 20
2. Sabrina Malcolmson 22
3. Fran Schumaker 24

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 10

- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Eva Medeiros    | 214 |
| Kit Hultquist   | 215 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz | 218 |
| Joanne Cooke    | 311 |

Friday, January 12

- |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Shirley Bellavance | 217 |
| Sylvia Rozewicz    | 228 |
| Audrey Osuna       | 238 |

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

Thursday, January 11

Odd Holes only

**Flight One:**

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|------------------|----|
| Low Gross:       |    |
| Monica Saneholtz | 42 |
| Low Net:         |    |
| Susie-Q Conklin  | 36 |

**Flight Two:**

- |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Low Gross:        |    |
| Jane Hong         | 46 |
| Low Net:          |    |
| 1. Michelle Chung | 35 |
| 2. Kerry Besmehn  | 38 |

**Flight Three:**

- |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Low Gross:        |    |
| Suzanne Fazzio    | 51 |
| Low Net:          |    |
| 1. Emily Li       | 36 |
| 2. Miyo Shigemoto | 39 |

## BRIDGE

Monday, January 8:

1. Mary LeGrand - Art Lind
2. Hank Koransky - Jonna Robinson
3. Claude Ashen - Jane Michaels

Wednesday, January 10:

1. Ed Logg - Guest
2. Claude Ashen - Jonna Robinson
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami

Friday, January 12:

1. Hank Koransky - Louann Partridge
2. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
3. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami



## WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

Tuesday, January 9

**Front Nine**

**Flight One: Net**

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Sunzeri, Susan | 35 |
| 2. Tuft, Gail     | 35 |
| 3. Mukuno, Joyce  | 37 |
| 4. Woolard, Renee | 37 |

**Flight Two:**

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. Kim, Suzy        | 34 |
| 2. Jackson, Cynthia | 35 |
| 3. Short, Pam       | 37 |
| 4. Flanigan, Diane  | 40 |

**Back Nine**

**Flight One:**

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|-------------------|----|
| 1. Krattli, Vicki | 35 |
| 2. Shaw, Lolivic  | 35 |
| 3. Swenson, Laura | 35 |
| 4. Moore, Debbie  | 35 |

**Flight Two:**

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|--------------------|----|
| 1. Chan, Josephine | 34 |
| 2. Glazer, Alice   | 34 |
| 3. Garcia, Betty   | 38 |
| 4. Lamanno, Linda  | 39 |



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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.  
 Olive Tree fruit clean up in progress throughout the district.  
 Cribari West Perimeter Fence—Oleander hedge trimming and sidewalk clearing in progress.  
 5503-5507—Roof repairs in progress.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/12-2/16.  
 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 1/22.  
 E1 Lake—Jet circulator pumps off, service for replacements in progress.

### Estates

8876-8897—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/4-3/8.

### Fairways

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

### Glen Arden

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

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.  
 8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.  
 Turf herbicide—broadleaf (Turflon Ester EPA #62719-566), spot weed herbicide spray throughout the district in progress.  
 8383—Mainline irrigation repairs in progress.  
 Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

### Highland

7574-7598, 7661 -7701 and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 7500-7573—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

### Montgomery

6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
 6246-6366—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.  
 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 1/22.  
 6043-6045 (Fire Incident) – Awaiting 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.  
 8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.  
 Gutter cleaning in progress throughout the district.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—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 1/22.  
**Valle Vista**  
 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

Building A-D—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/22-1/26.  
 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 in progress.

**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.**

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## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

<b>Olivas</b>	January 15 through January 27
<b>Montgomery</b>	January 29 through February 10
<b>Del Lago</b>	February 12 through February 24
<b>Glen Arden</b>	February 26 through March 2
<b>Heights</b>	March 4 through March 9
<b>Fairways</b>	March 11 through March 13
<b>Verano</b>	March 11 through March 23
<b>Highland</b>	March 25 through April 6

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

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## Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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Ray in front of St. Peter's Basilica.



Arlyn mails Christmas cards from the Vatican.

Raymond and Arlyn Tedesco were in Rome for 10 days during the Christmas holiday. Rome is the capital of Italy and the ancient capital of the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire as well as the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. Among their meanderings in this top tourist destination, they toured the Vatican.



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#### Happy 2024!

I hope that your Holiday Celebrations were as joyful as mine. At the beginning of December, I decided to take a look at the holiday events in San Jose. My staging partner and I went to the Women's Auxiliary League Holiday Home Showcase. 12 homeowners of old and historic homes on 13th street, decorated for the holidays and opened their homes for this fundraiser event. What a delight to see these restored homes from the early 1900s decorated for the holidays. If you are interested in architecture, design and décor, I recommend his event

The rest of the Holiday season was filled with friends, family and fun. I hope that yours was too.

#### Real Estate in December is busier than you might think.

I had a buyer find her home and a seller sell their home in December. The buyer had to come up a bit over asking price and the sale went over asking as well. There are hungry buyers in the market in December. My November/December buyer sold her home up the peninsula for more than asking and purchased in the Villages to be close to friends. Welcome to the Villages, Jan!

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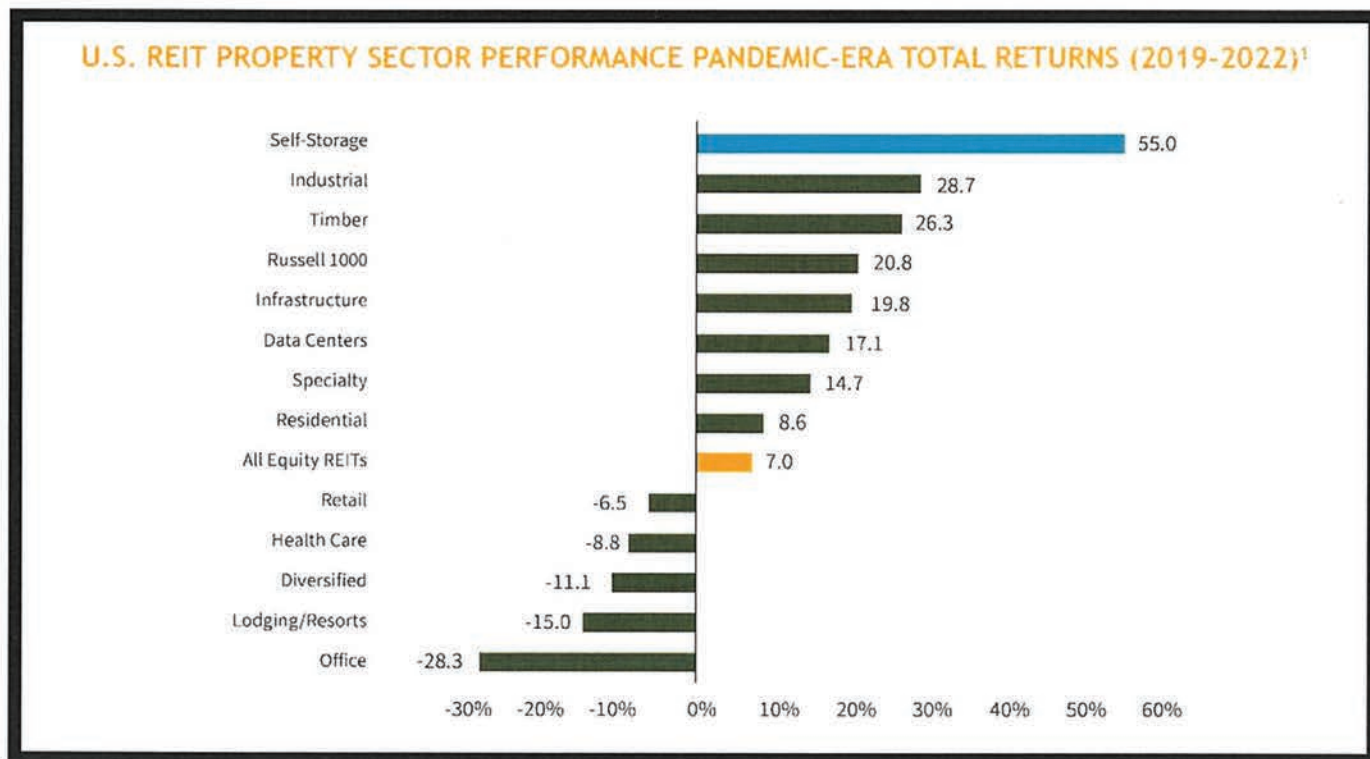
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