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BROADWAY

Come to Village Voices' Open House this Wednesday

Come "Spring On To Broadway" with the Village Voices as we begin our new season with an Open House on **Wednesday, January 31** starting at **6:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

If you enjoy singing with a community choir and love musicals, this is a perfect fit for you. No auditions are required. For the first half hour there will be time to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Then our choral director, Catherine Ellacer and accompanist Tammy Welsh will introduce us to the music we will be singing for our two concerts on May 1 (evening) and Sunday, May 5 (matinee).

Medleys from "Oklahoma!", "Beauty and the Beast," "West Side Story," "Les Misérables," "Evita," and other well-known musical pieces will be featured.

We look forward to having you join us as we salute some of the Broadway musicals that started trends and helped evolve musical theater to what we experience today.

Please visit the Villages Music Society website at villagesmusicsociety.org to learn more about the Village Voices or email madelaine@yannaccone.com for questions you may have.

VMA to present 'Death, Coffee & Desserts' Part 3

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

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Get tickets for Klezmer concert tonight!



The San Francisco Yiddish Combo's Klezmer concert is tonight **Friday, January 26** at **7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium. Join us for an evening of fun and wonderful music. Hosted by The Villages Jewish Community, this event is \$20 per person billed to your house account. For reservations contact Celia Schiffner at 631-678-7109 or celia.schiffner@gmail.com

Klezmer music is a traditional genre with Eastern European Jewish roots. Its lively melodies, emotive performances, and improvisational nature reflect the joys, sorrows, and celebrations of Jewish life in earlier times. Characterized by unique rhythms and improvisation, Klezmer music has deep cultural and social significance, preserving Jewish traditions and serving as a form of communal celebration. Today, it continues to thrive as a vibrant and dynamic genre, with modern interpretations and influences from around the world.

The San Francisco Yiddish Combo (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. It should be a very fun, lively, and entertaining evening.

Adam Schiff to appear at Villages

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 at this event by reserving your space by visiting VillagesDemClub.com and clicking on the "Events" tab.



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 by visiting VillagesDemClub.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

Dear Readers:

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

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

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

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

0 Pulse letters received this week.
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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.

Because we don't know what's coming...

By Arlene Versaw

Now that 2023 is in the rear-view mirror and our focus turns toward the new year, it is wise to reflect on what is of the utmost importance to us in the year ahead. Top of the list for most of us are likely to be family and good health and welfare. Thus, it also makes sense to take appropriate steps to protect both, right?

Now is the time to do just that with some simple steps that take little time investment but provide the peace of mind that you've invested in what you care about most.

So...it's the best time to prepare yourself and your family members who live with you for emergencies of various sorts, because who knows what lies ahead?

It does not take long to:

- Ensure you are signed up for the free Villages Alert System or NIXLE. If you are technologically connected, by cell phone, simply text 333111 or go to the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) website at thevillagesepc.com. The sign-up link is on the home page. You can still participate if you only have a landline. Alert messages would come to that phone. To enroll, contact Public Safety at 408-239-5246.

- Put together a Go Bag or, if you already have one, take a moment to check its contents to see if anything needs to be replaced. We can help you do that on our Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) website at thevillagesepc.com.

- Develop an emergency plan by knowing your exit routes, how to open your garage door if the power is out, and where you will go if you have to leave. It is critical that you do this *before* an emergency occurs!

It may be a new year, but preparing for emergencies and protecting yourself and others is a timeless—and critical—endeavor.

THANK YOU

On December 12, I was released from the hospital and sent home after surgery from a broken ankle.

Encouraged by Carol Hoffman, my awesome neighbors of Montgomery decided to provide me with home cooked meals. Thanks to Arlene Holmboe, Susan Dyer, Celia Schiffner, Susan Howe, Pam Watson and JoePlayer, Sabrina Malcolmson, Jack and Pam McCarthy and Kirk Garrison. Multiple homemade meals from my wonderful next-door neighbors, Larry and Marie Dillon. Paul Belknap from Valle Vista was helpful beyond words with equipment from the VMA, without which, the last six weeks would have been horrible. Another thank-you to Rob Howe, who got me into my home after my discharge, which wasn't easy. Last, but most importantly, thank you to Anna Hewitt of Del Lago. Without her loving help every day I don't know how I would have made it.

I can never repay the thoughtfulness and kindness that was shown to me during my recovery. It proves once again, what a special place The Villages is, and how we are surrounded by such wonderful people. Thank you!

—David Raskin



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 Yannacone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

HOURS

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

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

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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, or on the Villages Resident Portal: resident.thevillagesgcc.com

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



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*.)

Contacting PG&E during a power outage

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

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

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

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

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

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

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 9



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Questions for the Club Board?

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



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

'Ask the ABOD'

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 or drop them in the drop-box in the parking lot of Building A.



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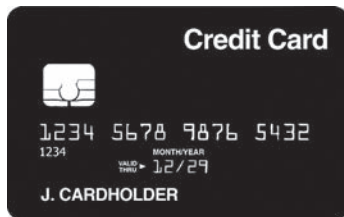
Navigating Credit Card Processing Fees

In The Villages, the burden of credit card convenience charges in Food & Beverage and Golf/Pro Shop is currently shared by all residents—Villagers, guests, non-residents, and employees. As the Club Board and General Manager’s office stepped through the last fiscal year’s budget process (FY23/24), we discovered convenience charges in FY22/23 totaled, not the approved \$32K, but \$55K, a 70 percent overrun. With this knowledge, the Club Board directed the GM office to course correct, resulting in an approved mid-year accounting adjustment to transfer convenience fees directly to the users of credit cards. This adjustment ensures that the financial burden is no longer collectively absorbed by all Villagers. We think this is fair—and we’re guessing you do too!

Starting February 1, 2024, The Villages now has a credit card processing fee. This new policy passes along a 3 percent credit card convenience fee to all credit card users—and only when using credit cards. Debit cards, checks and other forms of payment are excluded. For those who may ask why now? Why mid-year? We’ve already incurred over \$35K in convenience fees—only 6 months into FY23/24. For our mathematicians, by not taking immediate action, this out-of-budget line item is projected to grow to better than \$70K. Big numbers that we can easily balance.

Those who use The Villages online transaction service, PayLease, to pay monthly assessments/dues already understand how transaction fees work. Now the privilege of using credit cards at the Clubhouse, Bistro and our Pro Shop follows the same precedent.

—Theresa Ostrander, Villages General Manager



Report Coyote Activity

Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the following email addresses:

- Email Public Safety at: mhidalgo@the-villages.com
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home.

Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

Missed your Villager?

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

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



PUBLIC SAFETY

Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

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

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

Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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

Notify Public Safety after the death of a spouse or household member

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

Expect Something New with Your FastLane Delivery

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

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

- Monday:** Pro Shop—*new day*
- Tuesday:** no delivery
- Wednesday:** Open (general info, including Board-approved club events, notices, etc.)
- Thursday:** Community Activities
- Friday:** Boards, committees, BrightView
- Saturday:** Public Works notices
- Sunday:** Clubhouse—*new day*

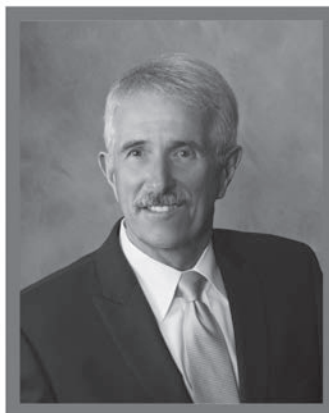
More Details: For specific questions, please reach out to Ken Patterson at kpatterson@the-villages.com. Sign up for the FastLane to keep up to speed on what’s happening at The Villages!

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

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Valle Vista DAC to meet February 1

The Valle Vista 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.

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 only on Zoom. To log on Zoom, the Meeting ID is 263 292 1171 and the Passcode is 419819.

Olivas DAC to meet February 5

Olivas DAC meets from **4 to 5 p.m.** on **Monday, February 5** at Foothill Center.

Estates DAC to meet February 5

The Estates DAC will meet at **4 p.m. Monday, February 5** in the Clubhouse Fairway Room

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.**

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Preparing to do your income tax (the right way)

No tax preparer wants to see you walk in with a grocery bag of paper, particularly when the envelopes are not even opened. Here's a list of all the information you need to collect to do your income taxes or to go to The Villages AARP tax preparation site or paid preparer.

Identification Information (If going to a new preparer)

- Last year's tax return
- Social Security cards (or SSA-1099) for each individual on the return. Yes, this is one of those times to get out your physical card.
- Photo IDs
- Checkbook—if you want to do direct deposit or direct payment
- Identity Protection PIN—**If the IRS has sent you one.**

All the income and deduction information that is sent to you in the mail that you need to collect will have a notice on the envelope: **Important Tax Information.** Open them! Save the tax document.

Income documents

- Any W-2s
 - 1099-Gs
 - SSA-1099 form
 - Other 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-R, 1099-K and 1099-MISC or 1099-NEC)
- (Note: Look for the indication it is the 1099 form. **A summary statement from your brokerage is not the IRS form.**)

- Add your information about any cash payments you may have received for business services rendered.

Payments

- Records of any federal or state estimated tax payments you made—date and amount.

Deductions

- 1098 from a Mortgage Company
- Property tax bills paid
- Summary of your medical expenses paid: Insurance premiums, payments directly to doctors or dentists, prescriptions, assisted living services, long-term care insurance.
- Summary of your charitable donations: separate listing of cash and non-cash contributions to charitable organizations (not political organizations)
- Records of expenses related to your investments and any unreimbursed business expenses related to a job.
- Dependent care provider information if it enables you to work
- 1098-T Educational Expenses / 1098-E Student loan interest

A paid tax preparer will likely send you an individualized organization booklet. If you are going to a paid tax preparer, be aware that most preparers charge by the time it takes to do your return. Good organization on your part should mean a lower charge to you.

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

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)

Highland DAC to meet February 15

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

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

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

SRS Alert:

Special page at the DMV website for seniors 70+

Need to renew your driver license this year? The DMV website has been updated and now has a special page for seniors. When it is 60 days or fewer from your birthday, go online to dmv.ca.gov/portal/senior-drivers/. Or go to the home page at dmv.ca.gov. Then click on "Driver's License and ID Cards" and then on "Renewing Over Age 70."

This section takes you through the steps to renew your license including Step 4, which is to take the eLearning no-fail self-paced exam that you take online from home. You can make an appointment at the office of your choice online. Be sure to print the page showing you have set up your renewal file; it includes a confirmation number which is used to access your file at the office.

All you will need to do at the DMV office is take a vision test and get your photo taken.

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.



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

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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 Yoga!

Sign up for Yoga on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., February 28 to April 3 (six classes). This class will be taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below).

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, January 29. The signup deadline is Friday, February 16 or sooner if class is filled.

This class will incorporate simple sequences to improve body/breathing awareness, flexibility, and range of motion. Standing poses will be incorporated into the class to help strengthen the muscles, joints and bones as well as provide an opportunity to practice balance, flexibility, and mobility. Seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures will also be done on the mat. Modifications (regressions and progressions) will be offered, and movement will be done mindfully at a slow pace, but participants should feel comfortable moving up and down from the mat. This class is appropriate for participants of various abilities - from the beginner to seasoned practitioner.

Mariko Dugay is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance. She completed her 200-hour training in 2017 and will soon finish up additional training to complete her 500-hour certification. She teaches Gentle Yoga, Mindful Flow Yoga and alignment base Hatha Yoga. Mariko seeks to inspire her students to meet where they are and unite body, mind, and soul in the present moment by creating a safe and non-judgmental space.

Last chance for 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.

Villagers give Doox of Yale standing ovation



On Saturday, January 13, the Doox of Yale performed for nearly 150 Villagers as the last performance on their tour before returning to Yale University for the next semester. Here they are seen enjoying a standing ovation after their eclectic a cappella set of rock ballads, jazz standards, folk tunes, and pop songs. Quincy (pictured in the foreground), who hails from Palo Alto, expressed what a treat it was to speak with residents after the show and that he hopes they can do a repeat performance when they are next in our area. Sounds like a plan!

Last day for 'Heart Healthy Eating' signup!

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 Pilates instructor. She also currently teaches nutrition classes at San Jose State University and has experience in nutritional assessments and counseling.



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.

'Rose Kennedy' is coming back to Villages

Back by popular demand! Writer/actress Kathy Estevez-Bates will present "Rose – A Mother's Story" about a pivotal woman in the life of President John F. Kennedy, his mother Rose Kennedy. Part presentation, part performance, Kathy will reflect on her long, eventful life full of rapturous highs and devastating lows—including some events which are branded into the American psyche. More information will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of February 2.

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

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

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

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

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 by February 1.

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

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. You can learn knitting here!



HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

Bring water, snacks, poles, and lunch, as necessary. Wear layered 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 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.

Rambler Hike February 7: Sandy & John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a 4-mile hike to the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. The distance to where we will park in Morgan Hill is about 14 miles r/t. To get there just get on US-101 S from San Felipe Rd, Farnsworth Dr and Silver Creek Valley Rd (12 min (5.9 mi). Follow US-101 south to Cochrane Rd in Morgan Hill. Take exit 367 from US-101 S and head east. Take Cochrane Rd east (left) and drive about ¼ miles then turn left onto Peet Rd and follow it until it turns to the right and becomes Eagle View Dr. Park along the curb on Eagle View Dr. but near Chinook Ct. The Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake will be a very short walk from our cars near where Eagle View Dr. makes its next turn to the right. (19245 Malaguerra Ave). We will walk northward from there to the Model Plane Airport and back (about a 4-mile round trip). Hopefully, a few folks will be test-flying their planes, and we can observe that. Afterward, those interested can stop for lunch at Mr. Pickles in the nearby shopping center back by Hwy 101. There are other dining options, too. We will meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 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 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.

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

"The Air Raid Book Club" by Annie Lyons. London, 1938: The bookstore doesn't feel the same to Gertie Bingham since the death of her husband Harry. In Germany, Hitler is on the rise, and Jewish families are sending their children away from the growing turmoil. Gertie takes in a headstrong teenage girl named Hedy. When the Blitz begins and bombs whistle overhead, Gertie and Hedy decide to start an air raid book club. After all, they will need all the strength of their stories and the bonds they form to see them through to brighter days. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

"Crook Manifesto" by Colson Whitehead. It's 1971. Trash piles up on the streets, crime is at an all-time high, the city is careening towards bankruptcy, and a shooting war has broken out between the NYPD and the Black Liberation Army. Amidst this collective nervous breakdown furniture store owner and ex-fence Ray Carney tries to keep his head down and his business thriving. His days moving stolen goods around the city are over. It's strictly the straight-and-narrow for him -- until he needs Jackson 5 tickets for his daughter May. Regular and Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

"What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds" by Jennifer Ackerman. Owls captivate and intrigue us. With their forward gaze and quiet flight, they are often a symbol of wisdom, knowledge, and foresight. But what does an owl really know? And what do we really know about owls? Some 260 species of owls exist today, residing on every continent except Antarctica, but they are far more difficult to find and study than other birds because they are cryptic, camouflaged, and mostly active at night. The author reveals remarkable new scientific discoveries about their brains and behavior. Non-fiction 598.9, Owls, 2023.

"The Guest" by Emma Cline. Summer is coming to a close on the East End of Long Island, and Alex is no longer welcome. A misstep at a dinner party, and the older man she's been staying with dismisses her with a ride to the train station and a ticket back to the city. With few resources and a waterlogged phone, but gifted with an ability to navigate the desires of others, Alex stays on Long Island and drifts like a ghost through the hedged lanes, gated driveways, and sun-blasted dunes of a rarified world that is, at first, closed to her. Propelled by desperation and a mutable sense of morality, she spends the week leading up to Labor Day moving from one place to the next, a cipher leaving destruction in her wake. Fiction, 2023.

THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

Soup of the Day



For the week of 1/29 to 2/4

Monday, January 29

Cream of Broccoli

Tuesday, January 30

Chicken, Vegetable and Rice

Wednesday, January 31

Beef Vegetable Barley

Thursday, February 1

Minestrone

Friday, February 2

Seafood Chowder

Saturday, February 3

Chef's Choice

Sunday, February 4

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

Restaurant Main Dining Room: Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation.

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com, Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

First, call in your order at 408-370-8553. Call us again when you get to the Clubhouse curbside and we will bring it out to your vehicle. **A 15 percent Service Charge and Tax will be added to the price.**

Notice for our Curbside customers: Due to the increased volume of orders at dinner time, we are recommending that you call and place your order between the times of 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will take your order and coordinate a pick-up time later that evening. While this is not required, it should help alleviate any wait times during the peak dinner time hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ATTENTION CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS: New legislation prohibits "Take-out service" from providing any single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments to customers unless they are requested. This is in effect now. Our staff will ask if customers need condiments such as ketchup, etc. or plastic utensils such as forks, etc. when taking orders.

We want your opinion!

Have you seen the comment cards in the Bistro and Clubhouse? They are available in the main entrance or in your bill folder. The Food and Beverage staff use them to recognize excellence in their employees, to make adjustments to the menu, and to help patrons when things aren't perfect.

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!

Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

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



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



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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 1/29 to 2/4

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 1/30 to Sunday 2/4

Ortega Omelet: Ortega Chillis, Onion, Pepper Jack Cheese with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 1/29 to Sunday 2/4—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

California Burger: Bacon, Avocado and Pepper Jack Cheese with Choice of Sides **\$16.95**

Pastrami Sandwich: Grilled Pastrami, Caramelized Onions and Provolone Cheese on Sourdough with Choice of Side **\$14.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 1/30 to Sunday 2/4—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Calamari Steak Amandine: Sautéed Calamari Steak with a Garlic Butter Sherry Wine Sauce and toasted Almonds with Choice of Sides **\$28.50**

Grilled Chicken Papaya Salad: Marinated Chicken, Portobello Mushroom, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Papaya over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing **\$26.95**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu

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

Tuesday to Friday

Breakfast:

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu:

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

Dinner Menu:

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

Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Sunday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bistro Menu:

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

Dinner Menu:

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

Main phone line: 408-223-4687

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

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

Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com

Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

Clubhouse adds new spin to EVF's donation of a Rotisserie

Rotisserie chicken fast became one of the most popular items on the Clubhouse menu after its introduction in 2022. And now, two additional rotisserie-themed items have been added to the Clubhouse lunch menu—Rotisserie Chicken Enchiladas with a green tomatillo sauce and Chicken ala King using chunks of rotisserie chicken breast, along with vegetables in a cream sauce over rice.

Food and Beverage Director John Yu is excited to be able to offer these two items, part of a menu update in October. "The rotisserie oven has allowed us to improve the quality and taste of many of our chicken-based dinners like soups, club sandwiches and salads over the last year," said Yu. "It's a welcome addition to our kitchen."

Rotisserie chicken offers several advantages over oven-baked chicken. Since it allows excess fat to drain off, it provides a healthier, more flavorful product. Villages cooks also find that the remaining bones from the whole chicken offering make an excellent and tasty chicken broth base for a number of dishes.

Projects such as the purchase of the Clubhouse rotisserie are consistent with the Evergreen Villages Foundation's mission to enhance Village amenities for the benefit and comfort of residents. If you would like to work with the EVF and help to provide enhancements to the Villages lifestyle by contributing to the General Fund, go to its website, evfsj.org and become a Sustaining Member. You can do this for as little as \$5 per month. Or single one-time donations to the EVF via the website are welcome at any time.



Clubhouse Special Offers

No corkage will be charged Wednesdays & Thursdays—Dinner service only.



Bring your favorite bottle of wine* and your friends any and every Wednesday or Thursday at the Clubhouse. There is a one-bottle limit per two guests.

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

Now Available!

Clubhouse whole Rotisserie Chicken.



Call Curbside 408-370-8553 or on the website: www.clubhouserreservation.com

Orders need to be placed early for evening pickup.

Orders taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Orders can be picked up from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

\$12.95 plus Service Charge and Tax.

Single Diners' Night



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

Shared table. Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage!

Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.

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



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

Appetizer Special in effect 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

* Item must be of equal or lesser value.

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.

5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour



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

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

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



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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, January 27

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.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
1 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC
4:45 p.m.	Villages Study Group Movie	SEQ

Sunday, January 28

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.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ
7 p.m.	Villages Theatre Rehearsal	A

Monday, January 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Leadership	VC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1 p.m.	VMA Health Program	FC
2 p.m.	Community Chapel Women	CR
2 p.m.	Cooking Class	MC
2 p.m.	Villages Theatre Rehearsal	A
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A

7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club	FC

Tuesday, January 30

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.	Assoc. Board Meeting	FC
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
11:30 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
1:30 p.m.	Club Board Directors	FC
2 p.m.	Senior Academy Rock	VC
2 p.m.	Villages Theatre Rehearsal	A
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Global Villages: Plant-Based	MC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Tennis Board	PR

Wednesday, January 31

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
2 p.m.	Villages Theatre Rehearsal	A
5 p.m.	EPC Communications Team	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 2	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR
7 p.m.	Village Dancers Group 3	VC

Thursday, February 1

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Assoc. Architectural Comm.	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Writing, Pastels	AR
10 a.m.	Ironmen Membership	FC
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	Live Stronger Longer	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Community Chapel Small	SEQ
1 p.m.	Villages Dog Club Board	F
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Community Meditation	PR
3 p.m.	Homeowners	
3 p.m.	Architectural Committee	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
4 p.m.	Valle Vista DAC	FC
7 p.m.	Villages Garden Club	F
7 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR
7 p.m.	Villages Theatre Rehearsal	A

Friday, February 2

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.	SRS Tax Prep Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Music Committee	SEQ
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Republican Club Board	F
10 a.m.	Bridge Club at Villages	RED
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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

Fitness Center

Daily
12:00 & 6:00

Fitness

1:00 & 7:00

Mon - Sat

15 Minute Exercise

1:15 & 7:15

Mon Wed Fri & Sun

Chair Fitness

Tue Thu Sat

Cardio Fitness

2023 Fire Safety Town Hall

Daily
2:00 & 8:00

Landscape & Functional Turf

Daily
3:45 & 9:45

Villages Scam Awareness

Daily
4:30 & 10:30

Welcome to Our Website

Daily
5:15 & 11:15



Club Events & Notices



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Upcoming 2024 Programs

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

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! Please register online at vmaillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

2024 Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. - noon in the Sequoia Room. Next session is **January 29**. 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 or call 408-784-3325.

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

EVENT LOCATIONS

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

CLUBS & EVENTS

Learn Beginning Watercolor with Ciel Duke *Bingo is coming back!*

"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 by **January 29**.

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 being 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.

Join the Villages Study Groups Club!

Are you curious about our study groups? **The Villages Study Groups Club** is open to all Villages residents. It is designed for you to make new friends, join new activities, and most importantly have a good time!

The club offers the members many varied study groups, such as current events, folk dancing, reading groups, cooking, arts and crafts, movie groups and many others. **Be our guest, come and join the fun!**

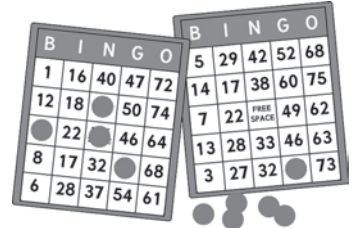
For more information about our exciting club, visit our website at studygroups.vgcc.club.

There, you will also find all the current and upcoming study groups listings. Please contact the study group facilitator for any study groups you are interested in.

For general questions, contact: Judy Rogers at judy.rogers488@gmail.com or 408 223-9020.

For study groups questions, contact: Josephine (Joey) Stern at sternjo@pacbell.net or 408-238-4890.

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



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

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

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

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.

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.

Men's Fun Social Club to host Oakmont presentation

On Tuesday, February 6, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will host a presentation by James Dial, Oakmont's Executive Director, and Vicky He, Marketing Coordinator, on senior living at Oakmont Silver Creek. Villages Men's Fun Social Club members should make lunch reservations a week in advance on the computer website referenced in the monthly Social Club newsletter. Non-member guests are invited to attend and should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:30 p.m.

Many of us know Villager friends who may have recently moved to this close-by senior facility. James and Vicky will share the atmosphere, amenities, and services at Oakmont. It is a luxury senior living community offering both assisted living and memory care. The total Oakmont Senior Living organization provides personalized care to over 8000 seniors across 80 luxury senior living communities in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.



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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 by January 28 or earlier because this workshop will fill up rapidly!

SATE: Learn about 'Clean Power with Batteries'

By Tony Berg

Join the next Senior Academy Tech Explorers (SATE) event on **Monday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Register on our website VillagesSA.org.



Battery racks sit in former turbine halls at Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility

This SATE session delves into two decades of technological progress, illustrating how lithium-ion batteries have become instrumental in powering almost everything we now take for granted, including the growing number of electric cars on today's roads. Going beyond the familiar realm of lithium-ion, the discussion explores potential replacements or additions, ushering in a new era of energy storage possibilities.

Despite the technical nature of the exploration, the session maintains a focus on the practical aspects that define a battery's utility—rechargeability, current draw, charging speed, and recyclability. Furthermore, the discussion introduces a sense of optimism, drawing parallels with historical challenges and highlighting the potential of technology to address complex issues.

As the session concludes, participants are encouraged to engage in a Q&A, on the promising solutions offered by emerging battery technologies. Join us in this and glimpse the future of energy storage unfolding and how it will impact the world we leave to our children and grandchildren.

Join Hiking Club's soup supper and white elephant gift exchange

The Hiking Club will hold its Annual Soup Supper and White Elephant Gift Exchange on Thursday, February 8, starting at 5.30 p.m. at Foothill Center. Please contact Linda Arbaugh at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net if you have a favorite soup to share. Otherwise, bring an appetizer of your choice, to serve 8-10 people. Please bring your own place setting and cup to sample different soups, and a beverage.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place after supper. White Elephant Gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items, or just plain peculiar! So, wrap one up and bring to the supper, and join in the fun! **Note:** a gift is not necessary, however, it does add to the fun! Hope to see you there.

Cat Club holds first official meeting!

By Bette Loomis



On January 22, 75 Cat Club members braved the stormy weather to attend the first Village Cat Club meeting. Sarah Clark gave an inspiring and enlightening PowerPoint presentation on the many aspects of our cats from cat language to fun facts. Sarah

will also be speaking at a future meeting.

Spotlight Magazine was there taking pictures that will appear in the March Magazine.

The exchange table with cat items was a huge success. We continue to encourage members to bring food/toys that their cat(s) don't like and pick up something new to try. All unclaimed items will continue to be given to Sarah Clark for her cat rescue program.

With over 100 Villagers already registered as members it will be necessary to move our meeting location. Next month we will be meeting at Foothill Center on the fourth Monday of the month from 2 to 3 p.m. Mark your calendars for February 26.

Please plan on attending to hear from Ana Thompson. If you need pet grooming services you will want to hear this presentation. Ana offers many pet services, including claw clipping and teeth brushing in the comfort of your home! I'm inviting the Dog Club to join us to hear this short presentation. Ana will be ready to schedule you an appointment.

Because of the size of the room, there is limited seating, so it is imperative that everybody pre-registers. Sign up by emailing villagescatclub5@gmail.com.

Please continue to sign up to join the Cat Club. Remember you must be a registered Cat Club member to attend meeting. This is a free/no dues club. Call 408-234-9798 or email villagescatclub5@gmail.com (note new email address).

Mah Jongg Card Countdown!

By Barbara Smith

8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1! Are you one of the Villagers who have not ordered their 2024 Mah Jongg Card? Do not miss out! There are only eight days left to order. The final day to order Mah Jongg Cards is **Saturday, February 4, 2024**. The price of cards remains the same. Small print cards are \$14. Large print cards are \$15.

Barbara Smith is coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg cards again this year. Checks are made out to Barbara Smith. At the end of the sale, one large check is written and all the individual checks are deposited. Please include the number and size of the cards you are ordering in the "memo" place on your check. Checks can be dropped off at: Barbara Smith, 2067 Folle Blanche Dr., San Jose, CA 95135...or you can mail your order!

In late March, your Mah Jongg card(s) will be sent directly to your home from the National Mah Jongg League in New York.



Dog Trainer Lynn Brown to speak at Dog Club meeting

By Barbara Sunseri



Bring your dogs to the Villages Dog Club meeting at the Gazebo on **Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m.**! They may pick up some good pointers from our guest speaker, Lynn Brown! Lynn is the owner of LynntheDogTrainer.com and has been a dog trainer for over 20 years. She also has been involved in dog rescue, shelters and training volunteers. She will share some enrichment activities you can do with your dog. Remember: "Dogs do speak but only to those who know how to listen!"

Save the Date—Game Night

Come play with us.

Sunday, February 18,

Foothill Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sponsored by The Villages Jewish Community



Arts and Crafts to present Unique Basket Weaving

By Michael Sunzeri

Our first 2024 Arts and Crafts Membership meeting takes place in the Cribari Conference Room **Monday, February 5** starting at **1:45 p.m.** Margot Paoli, a resident of 33 years and a long-time Arts and Crafts member, will present and demonstrate her intricate basket weaving work. Colorful, detailed, and intriguing are just a few words describing her craftsmanship.



Margot and her husband left her homeland, Germany, 56 years ago, arriving in Canada where they continued their business ventures in a salon for her and the chemical field for her husband. After 12 years in Canada, some family medical issues cropped up and they moved to the U.S. to pursue better medical care. Cupertino was that destination where she continued in a salon business in Burlingame. Later, after a year off work from an accident, they sold their businesses, moved to The Villages and her pursuit of artistry with gourds and basket weaving took off with encouragement from an artist friend.

It was rewarding as Margot carved, painted, decorated, and sold gourds while attending a big Gourd Society facility which she belonged to in Watsonville. With that came a new interest in basket weaving. In one of her rooms, Margot stores bins of weaving material from all over the world, notably pricey material. Also, there are many pieces she has completed; beautiful and precise craftsmanship is more than evident.

Predating pottery and stone carving, basket weaving is and has been both functional and decorative throughout history in all cultures. Your chance to see concept, base work, method, and technique will be presented along with the examples Margot will bring and explain for us. Ed Knott will provide live screen visual projection. Don't miss this talent and maybe a surprise look at her felting.

Global Village: 'Peace on Earth' with Darlene Korb

"Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me." These aren't just beautiful words from a beautiful song, but they express a deep and powerful meaning.



On **Wednesday, February 7** at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Cribari Village Conference Room, Darlene Korb will be the presenter at the Global Village Community meeting. Join Darlene as she shares her 48-year journey within, learning from her many transformational experiences. One of the things she said she has learned, was a simple way of dealing with emotions, in the moment, that has contributed to her spiritual awakening. She would like to teach this simple process to you, so that you can join in contributing to bringing your light into the world, so that, together, we can contribute to making the planet a better place.

"Peace within is the answer to Peace on Earth. Learn how to be the Peace you want to see in the world," Darlene said. "At the very least, I can offer you a peaceful evening."

'Death, Coffee & Desserts' ...

(Continued from front page)

workshop is not for therapy, grief, or end-of-life support. Instead, expect to find a safe place for you to 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. Or call Bonnie Grim MS, Resident Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029. There is no charge to attend.



by Meaghan Anderson & Emily Baratzadeh



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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.

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

Tips on using alternatives to plastics

By Dianne Doughty, Sustainable Villages Community

Even though we know the devastation that plastic causes to our environment and know that we put in a considerable amount of plastic in our recycling bin per day, inadvertently plastic ends up in our garbage or in our streets.



Avoiding plastics completely is pretty challenging, but finding alternatives to common items we use such as plastic bottles and plastic packaging is becoming easier...but we need to make the effort.

The following information on alternatives to plastics was taken from an online article "Eartheasy," although there are many articles on plastics.

Glass: Rather than using plastic bottles, switch to glass bottles. These bottles or containers can be repurposed to store leftovers or other things.

Platinum silicon: This is made primarily of sand and is flexible and durable. Because it is heat tolerant, you can bake and cook with this product. This is used primarily as a replacement for plastic wrap and plastic bags.

Natural fiber cloth: natural cloth can replace plastic bags. Sustainable clothing made from organic cotton, wool, hemp or bamboo won't shed plastic fibers when washed.

Bamboo: This fast-growing renewable resource can replace plastic in items like tableware and drinking straws.

Cardboard: As long as the cardboard is not coated in plastic, it is fully compostable. Many companies are now packaging their products in plain cardboard.

Keep in mind, that anything that is bought has an environmental footprint. Even though things made from glass, metal, etc., last longer, it still takes energy to make and transport. To make sense in using non-plastic items, you need to use them over and over again...Recycle, repurpose, regift etc. Do this for our children, our grandchildren and our world.

For more information visit sustainablevillages.vgcc.club

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See Sunshine Dancers perform at 'Going Places Showcase'

By B. Brown



Front row (left to right): Amy Fang, Lillian Qin, Guangwei Che, Lin Zhang and Bonnie Liu. Back row (left to right): Jenny Lee, Sheree Yang, Ling Yu, Jane Chen, Shirley Deng and Lilian Ju.

Taiwan, Hong Kong and China. These are a few of the countries that members of The Sunshine Dancers (SD) come from. The SD perform cultural dances at various events throughout The Villages.

You may have seen their recent performance at the Hiking Club party. Don't worry if you missed them because they have an upcoming show! You will be mesmerized and inspired as you watch the SD move with precision and grace.

The Sunshine Dancers will be part of the upcoming "Going Places Showcase," produced by the Village Music Society (VMS) Dancers. This fantastic showcase takes place Saturday and Sunday, **March 2 and 3** in the Cribari Auditorium at **2:30 p.m.** each day.

The SD rehearse Wednesdays in the Vineyard Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Ling Yu at LingByTheSea@gmail.com for more information on the Sunshine Dancers.

The "Going Places Showcase" will feature fabulous dancers, musicians and vocalists. The performing groups include The VMS Dancers, Trillium, VMS Piano Open Studio, Wicked, and the VMS Village Voices. Please check our weekly article for featured artists. Ticket sales begin in February.

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

For more information on VMS and its member groups, see VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy, President of the Village Dancers is the producer of this show.

Fall in love with dance this February

By B. Brown

"Crazy Little Thing Called Love" by Queen is the perfect way to Rock-N-Roll into February. The British rock band Queen was formed in London in 1970 by Freddie Mercury. Jimmie Hendrix and Aretha Franklin were just two of the band's many influential artists.

Come join the Village Dancers as we dance easy rock steps during the month of February. No partner needed. Songs and genres change monthly. You are sure to find your favorite as well as challenge yourself with something new. You may just feel warm and fuzzy afterward!

The Just-For-Fun dance group meets **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium.

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



Villager band, Trillium, to perform at 'Going Places Showcase'

By B. Brown

Who doesn't love a sing-along? Especially when it is being led by an amusing musical trio here in The Villages called Trillium. Named after the tri-petaled flower that blooms on our hillsides, Trillium has three members, Kellen Perry, Connie Hendrickson and Dan Kato, that sing with an emphasis on vocal harmony.



Left to right: Kellen Perry, Connie Hendrickson, Dan Kato
Photo by B. Brown

Trillium will soon grace the stage to perform two melodic and beautifully layered songs, as well as lead a sing-a-long to "Country Roads Take Me Home."

Both Kellen and Dan play the guitar while Connie jams on the tambourine. They have been harmonizing and strumming together for about five years. Trillium is part of the upcoming "Going Places Showcase" (GPS) that takes place **Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3**. Both shows are at 2:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. GPS will include members from the VMS Village Voices, VMS Piano Open Studio, VMS Dancers, Wicked, and Trillium. Stay tuned each week as we spotlight another performance group.

For more information on the show please email B. Brown at Tahiti_blue@yahoo.com. Ticket sales begin in February. For more information on Villages Music Society and its member groups, visit VillagesMusicSociety.org. Bernice Toy is the President of the Village Dancers and is the producer of this show.

RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

'If Only I Had Known'

By Pastor Bill Hayden

In Elementary School, I recall my teacher instructing us before taking tests that if we "think long...we think wrong." For the most part that statement rings true because when you are confident that something is true you don't hesitate to speak about it or write the answer on a test.

There are circumstances in life when you make decisions under duress, based upon limited information and facts, that you regret. When you are unsure about the facts you may second guess yourself or ask other people their opinions.

Sometimes when you are out shopping and have an appetite for a particular meal for dinner, you will seek the best place based on reviews from Yelp. Other times, you will go to a place that was recommended by friends whom you trust. What you don't know is...the day you decide to go, the chef who prepared your dinner was not the same person who prepared your friend's meal. You and your mate then wonder why your friends raved about the dinner that you didn't enjoy and wouldn't recommend to others.

Well, we are living in a time that was foretold, concerning the conditions of the world before Christ's return. People seem to be so surprised that men are calling their evil deeds good. The few who long for justice are aghast that lawlessness has become the new cancer... eating away individual and moral integrity. It is not surprising to those who are informed about the last days.

I'm sure that you have witnessed the lack of accountability and integrity from all levels of leadership in society. How shall the people follow the blind who have no moral compass and relationship with a sovereign God to lead us righteously?

These are Jesus' words - Matthew 24:38-44 NKJV 38 *For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

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.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES



Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., February 12 at Vineyard Center**. We are meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Any questions, contact Everett Jacobson at 408-629-7210 or Ron Speer at 408-223-2025.

EPISCOPAL

'Companions on the Way'

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

This very week, the Episcopal Church remembers and celebrates the ministries of St. Paul (on Thursday) and his companions Timothy and Titus (Friday). Most of us have some awareness of Paul's ministry, including his dramatic conversion from antagonistic Pharisee to faithful follower of Jesus. And also courageous evangelist and missionary, whose copious pastoral letters and prayers both comfort and inspire—and occasionally irritate—the faithful to this day.

Perhaps because of Paul's singularly heroic stature, many of us are less familiar with his deep relationships with spiritual followers Timothy and Titus. Paul may have been gifted with singular courage, but he was not a solo operator. He gathered and supported communities of love and mutual accountability, and mentored younger pastors and church planters in order to expand the ministry. Most often mentioned in his letters (and sometimes personally addressed in his letters) are Timothy and Titus, both of whom were of Greek (Gentile) families. Timothy helped Paul to establish the communities of Jesus-followers on Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea, while Titus labored together with Paul to establish multiple communities on the Island of Crete. Together, this team labored to make sense of the Gospel within the remarkable diversity of the Mediterranean.

In contemporary terms, we might say that Paul chose to mentor people outside of his own ethnic identity, in order to grow a more robust community of disciples. We can think of Paul and his friends as champions of diversity, equity and inclusion... first-century style!

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord'

By Irene Groot

Forty days after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented Him to the Lord, thus fulfilling the Law of Moses. Despite Jesus' divinity, his parents nonetheless strictly observed all that the Law of Moses required including the prescribed rituals. Every year, Catholics commemorate this event as the Feast of the Presentation on **February 2**. It is one of the most ancient feasts in the church and marks the end of the Christmas liturgical cycle.

Historically, the temple ritual began with the purification of the mother via a customary bath meant to restore the vitality lost to mothers through the rigors of recent childbearing. Until recent times, the commemoration of both Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation was called the "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary." Of late, the day has been retitled, "Feast of the Presentation" since it primarily commemorates the events surrounding the presentation of Jesus in the temple.

According to the Mosaic law, "Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate all the first-born to me, the first issue of every womb... whether man or beast is mine.'" (Ex 13:1-2) The parents then sealed the consecration with a ritual sacrifice. The parents were responsible for obtaining the sacrificial victim, either a one-year-old lamb, or if the parents were poor, a pair of pigeons or turtledoves. Mary and Joseph's sacrificial offering was two doves which they brought to a priest to sacrifice.

Luke's account describes the unexpected arrival of two elderly prophets named Simeon and Anna who appeared on the scene under the influence of the Holy Spirit. To everyone's surprise, Simeon lifted up the infant Jesus and testified to His being the Messiah, then warned Mary, "A sword will pierce your own soul." Anna affirmed Simeon's revelation that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

Luke 2:22-38 is the sole account of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple we have. Luke's close friendship with Mary may have led her to share with him her memories of that remarkable day. The fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary offers an opportunity to further reflect on this beautiful Scripture passage. The Feast of the Presentation is celebrated next Friday, February 2 at both the 9 a.m. Cribari Mass and the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi.

SPORTS NEWS

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

By Vicki Krattli



Captain's trophy winners, Josephine Chan and Suzy Kim

It started out a little precariously this week with the weatherman predicting rain showers but our group is very hearty and almost all of those who signed up played. The rain stayed away for the most part and it proved to be financially profitable to many. The board has increased the prize money this year with the winners getting \$8 instead of \$6. Those benefitting this week were Sheryl Driskell, Carol Zaccheo, Aejung Kim

and Sylvia Rozewicz. Congratulations to our winners and those finishing in the money.

It was a crazy day for chip ins as well, with four ladies sharing the money and one of our ladies chipping in twice. Renee Woolard chipped in on hole 10, Joy Rem on hole 2, Gloria Lowry on hole 13 and Barbara Weisend on holes 1 and 7. Great job, all.

We welcomed one new member as a dual member, Bev Poellot. Look for her on the tee sheet and sign up to play with Bev. She is delightful.



New member Bev Poellot

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Another week and more rain. Unlike 1923, January 19 had enough "intermittent rain" to allow the Pinseekers to squeeze in their nine-hole play and escape more than a minor drizzle, except, our final foursome left the eighth hole and walked into a pelting rain on hole nine. Everyone survived, but they reached the Pro Shop glad to find a drier spot.

An abundance of vacant tee times led to only 14 Pinseekers hitting from the first tee. Hopefully, when winter finally passes, we will fill our twenty slots. Once again, this day was filled with tie scores. In first place, tied at Net par 36, Don Lee and Choo Kim; Leighton Horio and Dick Henderson tied for second at Net 38; Martin Hoek snared the third spot with a Net 39; three Pinseekers finished in the fourth spot, Frank Garcia, Chris Corpus, and John Mueller tied at Net 40.

Don't forget to book your tee times for Wednesday before our Friday play date. Vacant spots can result in bookings by nonmembers resulting in no play for late registering Pinseekers. Hoping to see you all on the fairways, soon.

TENNIS TALK



Villages Tennis League members at the potluck party.



Tennis Club members watching the Villages Tennis League finals.

By Roy Pennington and Betty Olsen

The Villages Tennis Club is once again offering an organized tennis league for all members. The Villages Tennis League (VTL) spring session will commence in mid-March and continue for about 10 weeks.

Play will be mixed doubles, and matches will primarily be on weekdays during the early afternoons. A few matches will be scheduled on weekends to provide an avenue for those employed to have an opportunity to play. Teams will consist of players of varying skill levels, but matches will be organized such that play will be between players of similar abilities; thus, competitive.

So it is time to find that racquet buried in the back of your closet, lace up the sneakers, and join other Tennis Club members and friends on the courts. Don't miss out.

Registration is simple and will remain open until late February. Teams will consist of enough players that you will not be asked to play every match. A sub list will also be available for those that are undecided about their playing availability. To register or to obtain additional information contact one of the committee members: Peggy Seidel, Jim Murphy, or Roy Pennington.

On **Wednesday, January 17**, President Ruth Liu held a transition Tennis Club Board meeting with outgoing and incoming board members to kick off our 2024 year. Ruth served delicious pizza since we met at 5 p.m. Thanks, Ruth.

We need the following volunteers to help with our 2024 calendar of events: Scheduler board member (Akiko and Matt are moving), chairman for the Bocce Bash/BBQ in June, chairman for Mixer in July, plus volunteers to help with committees. Get involved.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Loanne Rube



We are so unbelievably blessed to be just missing the rainstorms moving through San Jose with no disruption of our Thursday golf outings with the 18 Hole Women's Group. Scores are still a bit rough after the holiday layoff, but the course is coming into good shape at the perfect time to welcome spring. The course is wet but we are not getting rained on. The game today was even holed scores only. A lone birdie was achieved by Monica Saneholtz on #8, We had a plethora of 9 chip-ins. The sweeps pot was shared as follows: Monica Saneholtz #8, Jay Lee #17, Judy Owen #8, Miyo Shigemoro #5, Barbara Weisend #18, Betty Sharps #13, Marky Olsen #12, Inge McQuiddy #13, Emily Lee #3. The results of our scoring of even holes only are as follows: Flight one: Camille Giuldibari low gross of 44, Lyn Strong low net of 36. In the second flight winners were: Jane Hong low gross of 47, Jay Lee low net of 35. Rising to the top of flight 3 were Patti Bell low gross of 53, and Carol Zaccheo low net of 37. Rounding out the play day were the winners from the 2 tees Laura Swenson with low gross of 51 and Barbara Weisend with low net of 35. See all the results in the scoreboard section of this newspaper.

Our lunches now offer five selections of yummy soups, salad and sandwiches. Lunches were perfectly served by Elizabeth. A lovely day with delightful friends and a splendid lunch to brighten our Thursday. Lively discussion ensued at our meal. When is a putt not counted as a putt? Our board of directors will enlighten us all in determining how we count putts during play days and tournaments. Stay tuned at this site for the insight. Have a great week! On Deck is Captain's trophy on February 1, and Past Captain's Luncheon on February 8.

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MEN'S GOLF CLUB



IRONMEN

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

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club Frostbite Tournament was regrettably canceled for the second year in a row. Someone needs to schedule better weather on tournament days!

Upcoming events:

President's Day Tournament is Saturday, February 12, 2024. Two-Man Teams Chapman/Pinehurst. Tournament open to all Men's Club 18- hole members. Signups are January 27 – February 8! 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.

Golf Thoughts:

- My doctor told me to take my iron every day and live on greens.
- The best golf partners are the ones that are just a bit worse than you.
- Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated.

Also, remember to visit our website at villagesgolfers.com for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024, was partly cloudy with mild temperatures. Another great day for some golf. Fourteen Ironmen played.

Victor Hong and Sang Nam tied for **Third Place** with net 28s; Bob Lapidus won **Second Place** with a net 26; and Walter Lucas won First Place with a net 25.

There were two **Birdies**: one by Doug Herring on hole 9; and one by Mike Schwerin on hole 7.

Mario Silva won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 1 at 11 feet, 7 inches.

There was a three-way tie for **Low Gross** between Dave Hathaway, Victor Hong, and Sang Nam each with 31s.

There was a two-way tie for **Golfer of the Day** between Victor Hong and Sang Nam, both with low gross and third place. Way to go guys!

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: "Golf is the loneliest sport. You're completely alone with every conceivable opportunity to defeat yourself. Golf brings out your assets and liabilities as a person. The longer you play, the more certain you are that a man's performance is the outward manifestation of who, in his heart, he really thinks he is." - Hale Irwin, graduate of the University of Colorado, and winner of three US Open Championships



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

Exciting News—Double the impact with matching funds for our Bocce Club!

By Tom Hunt

We are thrilled to share some incredible news that will amplify the impact of your generosity! The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) board has agreed to match all donations raised by the community up to \$60,000, which means your support will go twice as far in helping us achieve our fundraising goals.

Why does matching funds matter?

1. Amplifying Impacting: Matching funds create a powerful multiplier effect, doubling each donation received. Your contributions will have an even greater influence on the success of our Bocce Club.

2. Encourage Community Participation: Knowing that every donation is matched encourages more members of our community to contribute. It's an opportunity for everyone to play a part in strengthening our Bocce Club.

How can you participate?

1. Make a Donation: Your financial support during this Matching Funds campaign will go twice as far. Whether a large or small contribution, every dollar counts.

2. Spread the Word: Help us maximize the impact by encouraging your friends and neighbors to donate and support the Bocce Club.

The Evergreen Villages Foundation is accepting donations from our residents for the Bocce project. EVF is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization which means donations may qualify as charitable contributions (please check with your tax planner/adviser first). You can make out a check to the Evergreen Villages Foundation and deliver it to Marie Colaizzi, Bocce Board Vice President, who will track and forward all donations to the EVF treasurer. You can drop off a check in her mailbox at 7395 Via Cantares.

Stay tuned to the for updates on the construction progress, our 2024 event calendar and most importantly get involved with the Bocce Club, we are having a ball!

By Betty Hall



As January slips right by, at least we're still getting to golf. Not like last year where we were dealing with atmospheric river rainstorms one after another and lots of golf cancellations. On January 16 we had five minutes of raindrops and then we golfed. We drew numbered

golf balls to find out what hole we started on and with whom we were partnered. It's a fun way to golf and partner with different Shonis.

We had enough for sweeps but no Putting for Pesos and no birdies this week. But there's always next week.

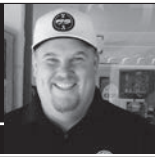
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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

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

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

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

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time starts

Saturday, March 16 – 18-Hole Women's Tournament 8:30 a.m.-9:42 a.m. tee times

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!**

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

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!

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

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 and 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

Roped-off areas on golf course—Please remember to avoid driving on the roped off

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From The Pro...

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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— Soft turf is a slippery slope

We've all heard it, we've all done it...there are many terms for it: "I hit fat", "I hit it heavy", "I laid the sod over it", "I chunked it", "I hit behind it" and they all mean the same thing; hitting the ground before the ball taking a large piece of turf and the ball goes nowhere. It is very easy to do, especially when the rain hits and the turf gets very soft underfoot. Did anyone see the Masters in 2019 or 2018?? In the 2019 Masters Francisco Molinari hit it fat on Hole #12 and his ball landed in the lake, and that was the beginning of the end as Tiger Woods took the title. In the 2018 Masters Jordan Spieth hit it fat on the same hole #12 and his ball landed in the water and then he took his drop in the drop zone and did the same thing with his wedge... ended up making a 7 on the Par-3 which opened the door for Patrick Reed to seize the title. The point here is that everyone does it.

So here are some tips to help you to not hit your irons & hybrids fat when the turf is wet:

- Play the ball 1-2 inches further back in your stance than normal.
- Keep your head still.
- Focus on the *front* of the ball
- Keep your wrists "calm" on the backswing...a shallow angle of attack is better than a steep angle of attack.
- Be sure you get into your left side on the downswing... hanging back on your right foot is a guaranteed fat shot
- Use "Winter Rules" to your advantage...take your 6 inches and perch the ball on a good lie that you have confidence in. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

PICKLEBALL

By Anahid Gregg

Want more info on Pickleball? Visit villagespickleball.vgcc.club for all the news!

It's a new year, and there are lots of plans for making it an exciting one! They say membership has its privileges, and that's certainly true here. Anyone in The Villages can use the courts—but they must register with the club first! Members can participate in our upcoming activities. March is when the fun begins—well other than playing! All information is in our Club calendar on our website.

We are having a big party at the Clubhouse with the incredible band Phil 'N the Blanks. Plan on a wonderful evening, with lots of fun and dancing.

We return to our monthly "Dink & Drinks" in April, starting on April 12, continuing the second Friday of the month through September, and culminating on October 13. We promise another great celebration to close out the season.

Our tournament season will start with a meeting with Rossmoor here at the Villages in April, and we'll be heading there in fall. Pickleball now joins Tennis and Bocce in competing with our friends to the North! We have our first club tournament in April, a mixer, stay tuned for the more details. We know Sherry will organize an exciting event.

Early June, we'll have our Mixed Doubles tournament, which is always a fun event. Our finale is the Club Championship, which is held in September. Add in our Club picnic and a potential Bocce tournament against the Bocce club, and Pickleball is a fun and happening group to be with!



SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

Tuesday, January 16

Front Nine

Flight One Net

1. Kim, Aejung 34
2. Weisend, Barbara 35
3. Strong, Lyn 38
4. Rem, Joy 39

Flight Two

1. Rozewicz, Sylvia 34
2. Hoek, Anka 35
3. Glazer, Alice 35
4. Ehrhardt, Jan 37

Back Nine

Flight One Net

1. Driskell, Sheryl 35
2. Rice, Mazie Belle 36
3. Mukuno, Joyce 37
4. Li, Emily 39

Flight Two

1. Zaccheo, Carol 38
2. Jackson, Cynthia 40
3. Kyne, Kathleen 41
4. Gray, Kay 41

18-HOLE WOMEN

Even Holes Only

Flight One

- Low Gross:
Camille Giuliodibari 44
- Low Net:
1. Lyn Strong 36
2. Susan Anderson 38

Flight Two

- Low Gross: Jane Hong 47
- Low Net:
1. Jay Lee 35
2. Nancy Keane 37
3. Judy Owen 37

Flight Three

- Low Gross: Patti Bell 53
- Low Net:
1. Carol Zaccheo 37
2. Kathleen Kyne 38
3. Inge McQuiddy 39

2 Tees Flight

- Low Gross:
Laura Swenson 51
- Low Net:
1. Barbara Weisend 35
2. Kay Gray 37
3. Judy Rodriguez 37

BRIDGE



Monday, January 15:

1. Sumi Minami
- Maureen Waltho
2. Hank Koransky
- Mary LeGrand
3. Bosh Singh
- Bonnie Taylor

Wednesday, January 17:

1. Alan Waltho
- Maureen Waltho
2. Mary LeGrand
- Jonna Robinson
3. Art Lind - Guest

Friday, January 19:

1. Hank Koransky
- George Welch
2. Ed Logg
- Jonna Robinson
3. Mary LeGrand - Guest

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, January 17

- Sylvia Rozewicz 201
Kit Hultquist 231
Eva Medeiros 300

Friday, January 19

- Shirley Bellavance 176
Remy Pessah 333
Bev Waller Wharton 346

SHONIS

Tuesday, January 26

All Nets

Flight One:

1. Betty Hall 23
2. Tied - Marty Blinde and Teddy Morse 25
3. Joyce Baptiste 26

Flight Two:

1. Tied - Fran Schumaker and Leslie Ingham 19
2. Tied - Sabrina Malcolmson and Deborah Strauss 22

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LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari
5364-5383 and 5433-5488—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5090-5153 and 5210-5233—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/29-2/2.

Cribari West Perimeter Fence—Oleander hedge trimming and sidewalk clearing in progress.

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

E1 Lake—Jet circulator pumps off, service for replacements in planning.

Estates
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 in progress.

7754-7786 (even) and 7791-7867—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/29-2/2.

Heights
8464-8479 and 8506-8509—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8448-8463 and 8510-8519—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/29-2/2.

8501—Sewer lateral repairs in progress.

Hermosa
8065-8088, 8096-8099, 8122-8125, 8334-8349, 8388-8399 and Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8350-8387 and 8400-8446—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/29-2/2.

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

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

Montgomery
6246-6336—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

6184-6245, 6337-6361 and Montgomery Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 1/29-2/2.

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

Gutter cleaning throughout the district scheduled to start 1/29.

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.

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

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

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 stucco 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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Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

Olivas	January 15 through January 27
Montgomery	January 29 through February 10
Del Lago	February 12 through February 24
Glen Arden	February 26 through March 2
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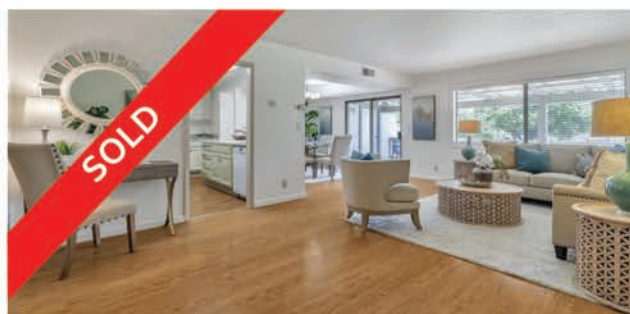
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