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A flamboyant show of Valentine's Day love in Del Lago

Perhaps you didn't know that a gathering of flamingos is called a flamboyance. This gathering of the plastic variety of the birds appeared as a special surprise in the front yard of a Del Lago residence just in time for St. Valentine's Day with a sign proclaiming the love of Paul Spisar for his wife Nancy. Fortunately the plastic flamingo is not on the endangered species list here at The Villages!



Senior Academy: Preview future with futurist Ray Kurzweil

By Barry Sardis

Embark on a journey into the future, via Zoom, featuring a video with the visionary Ray Kurzweil on **Monday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.** This footage from the 2023 Abundance 360 Summit, a flagship event of Singularity University, showcases Kurzweil's groundbreaking insights into technology, artificial intelligence, and futurism. As a celebrated inventor, he has consistently predicted technological advancements with uncanny accuracy.

Kurzweil's 15-minute introductory comments offer a unique perspective on the future, drawing from his legacy of transformative contributions to text-to-speech synthesis and his groundbreaking book, "The Singularity Is Near." As a recipient of prestigious honors, including the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, Lemelson-MIT Prize, and Edison Medal, Kurzweil's influence extends far beyond the tech industry.

Abundance 360, where forward-thinking leaders converge, is moderated by Peter Diamandis, co-founder of Singularity University. Diamandis, known for the X Prize Foundation, guides discussions toward impactful solutions for the future. This organization catalyzes innovation by awarding prizes for boundary-pushing achievements.

This event is sponsored by Senior Academy Technology Explorers. Register now at VillagesSA.org for this transformative experience, delving into the visionary world of Ray Kurzweil, Peter Diamandis, and Abundance 360 Summit attendees. Join us on a journey where tomorrow becomes today!



Learn about new Center for Wildlife Care

By Bob Dando

On **Tuesday, March 5**, the Villages Men's Fun Social Club will host a presentation by Holly Comer and Michael Chen on the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley.

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 the presentation and should arrive at the Clubhouse by **12:30 p.m.**

For 30 years, the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (WCSV) has been a local leader in providing sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with exceptional care rehabilitation and the opportunity for release. It also educates the public about coexisting peacefully with wildlife. The Center provides compassionate care for a variety of animals including birds, squirrels, raccoons, deer, coyotes, foxes, bats, rabbits, snakes, turtles and even the occasional mountain lion or bear cub. The mission is to rehabilitate and release these animals back to their natural habitats whenever possible.



The Wildlife Center hosts various events and programs to engage the public and raise awareness about wildlife conservation. They also encourage volunteering that can play a crucial role in the animal care and rehabilitation.

Just this January, the Wildlife Center merged with the Peninsula Humane Society. This collaboration allows both organizations to combine their expertise and resources in caring for local wildlife. This year the new Larry Ellison Conservation Center for Wildlife Care (LECCWC) will be opened in Saratoga to provide state of the art care for the sick,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

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

1 Pulse letters received this week.
1 Pulse letter deferred.

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.

BOUQUETS

The Villages Democratic Club recently conducted several events including meetings with Representatives Barbara Lee and Adam Schiff and a forum for the San Jose District 8 Council with four candidates who are to be on the primary ballot, Sukhdev Singh Bainiwal, Domingo Candelas, Surinder Kaur Dhaliwal and Tam Truong.

The events were a success thanks to the efforts of Tony Berg, Ann Berg, Sarah Clark, Bonnie Evans, Maryann Haggerty, Jennifer Holmes, Nan Holmes, Yvette Katz, Judy Rickard, Rich Robinson, John Smith, Val Smith, Arlene Versaw, Larry Versaw, and Villages staff.

Thank also to my wife, Rita for supporting me while I spent endless hours on the computer and phone for these events.

—Howie Blumstein, Villages Democratic Club

EVF's Annual Document Shredding Event is April 20

It's that time of year again! If you've been sifting through your papers and receipts for tax filing and found yourself with a pile of sensitive documents to dispose of, worry not. The Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) is here to assist.

On **Saturday morning, April 20**, between 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., a professional shredding truck will be available in the Cribari East parking lot. Instead of tossing your papers into the trash, where they might be seen by prying eyes, bring them to the EVF event. You can witness their secure shredding, leaving you confident that your sensitive information is thoroughly destroyed.

The donation for this service is \$10 per box or bag (approximately 20 pounds), payable on the spot in cash or by check only. Please make sure to exclude color paper, folders, and other heavy materials.

Additionally, if you have any flags you'd like to retire, you can drop them off. They will be disposed of during the Villages Veterans Club's annual July 4 event at Gazebo Park.

Proceeds from events like the shredding initiative contribute to the EVF's General Fund, which enhances Village amenities for residents' comfort and benefit. If you're interested in working with the EVF to improve the Villages lifestyle, visit evfsj.org and become a Sustaining Member for as little as \$5 per month. One-time donations can also be made via the website at any time.



Missed your Villager?

If you missed delivery 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—thevillagesgcc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

IN MEMORIAM

Gregory Stewart
June 30, 1947—February 17, 2024

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

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POLICIES

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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.

The Villager is published every Thursday under policies established by the

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Villages Association Solicitation of Candidates Form

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

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

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY 2024 Election of Directors

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

Member's Name

Property Address(es) within The Villages Association.

Mailing Address, If Different

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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

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

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

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

NOTICE The Villages Association

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THE VILLAGES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS RULES

ARTICLE 3: Candidates for the Board and Nomination Procedures

3.1 Qualification of Candidates.

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

3.1.1 The nominee is not a Member.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.2 Nominations.

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

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

MANAGEMENT

Upcoming Comcast/Xfinity Preventative Maintenance

Our Comcast/Xfinity representative Deisy Gomez relayed a service message for all her Villages customers:

I want to thank you all for your continued patience. I have enjoyed talking to each and every one of you. I wanted to give you an update Comcast/Xfinity the Network Team will be on site between **7 a.m.** and **4 p.m.** on **Monday, February 26** to **Friday, March 1**. We will be conducting preventative maintenance on the nodes throughout The Villages with little to no service interruption. Preventative maintenance is crucial for keeping equipment and systems running smoothly. Regular inspections and cleaning can help identify and address potential issues before they escalate, reducing the risk of unexpected breakdowns. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns: Deisy_Gomez@comcast.com

The network team is going to work hard not to cause any disruptions, and any service interruption, if it occurs, will only last a few minutes of being offline.

For outage details, visit the Resident Portal. Deisy has created Google Maps interface that shows the affected addresses on a per-day basis for the nodes they'll be working on.

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

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Getting on the Road to the 21st Century

Fireside Chat with Theresa Ostrander



Wednesday, February 28, 3-4 p.m. - Fairway Room

Topic: **Recreation Services/Capital Replacement with Theresa Ostrander (GM), Clay Curtin (AGM - Golf & Recreation Services) and Ryan Bell (AGM - Public Works)**

Audience - Club Standing and CBOD recognized clubs and organizations.

For call-in registration, please contact Andrea Garibaldo, Building A receptionist, at 408.223.4674. To register online, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vgccfireside2>

Comcast Appointments for 2024

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

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

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

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

March 6, noon to 2 p.m.

April 10, noon to 2 p.m.

May 8, noon to 2 p.m.

June 5, noon to 2 p.m.

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

Sequoia Room, Cribari Center

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Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

We have many family members, friends and clients who call The Villages their home.

We have assisted many Villagers establish their estate plans, and we look forward to the opportunity to assist many more.

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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Fairways DAC to meet March 4

The Villages Fairways DAC will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, March 4** from **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** in the Cribari Patio Room.

AC NOTICE

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

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

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Sites for free tax preparation for seniors

On Friday mornings there is an AARP/IRS sponsored site for free income tax preparation at The Villages. Fridays might not be a convenient day for you, or perhaps there might not be an open appointment on the day you can come.

Good news. There are other AARP/IRS sites in the valley. These sites vary in services available. First, understand your preparation service choices and then search for a location that can provide that service to you. Below is a description of four types of available service.

In-Person: Tax preparation is completed on-site in one visit by a tax volunteer and reviewed by a supervisor. The Federal and California returns are electronically filed, and you are given a printed copy of your returns.

One Visit Scan: You visit a preparation site, where a digital copy of your tax documents is created and stored in the IRS-provided software used to prepare your return. Volunteers then prepare and review your return remotely. You work with a volunteer online to finalize the returns, file them, and have the returns sent to you using a secure transmission. Note for this service **internet access is required.**

Two Visit Scan: You visit a preparation site, where a digital copy of your tax documents is created and stored in the IRS-provided software used to prepare your return. Volunteers then prepare and review your returns remotely. During a second visit, you work with a volunteer to finalize your return, have it electronically filed, and receive a printed copy.

Drop-off: You visit a preparation site and leave your tax documents with an IRS-certified volunteer. Your return is prepared by a tax volunteer working remotely. During a second visit, you work with a volunteer to finalize your return and file it. You leave with a printed copy of your returns and your original documents.

No Site Visit: You create digital copies of your tax documents and upload them to the IRS-provided software used to prepare your return. Tax-Aide volunteers prepare your return remotely. You work with a volunteer using an online video system (similar to Zoom) to finalize the returns, file them, and have the return sent to you using a secure transmission. Note for this service **internet access is required.**

To find these additional sites go online to aarp.org and enter Tax Aid Locations in the search box. Put in our zip code and the sites will be listed by distance from The Villages. Senior Resource Services has a handout listing the 9 closest sites. Stop by the SRS office for a copy or call 408-239-5253 and SRS can email you the handout.

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

SRS Recommendation:

Get your tax refund ASAP

If you are receiving a refund on your income tax return, the safest, most accurate and fastest way to get your refund is to electronically file your return and choose direct deposit of your refund. Most people receive their refund within 21 days.

Expect an additional 60 to 90 days to receive your refund if you ask for a paper check.

Direct deposit means any tax refund is electronically deposited for free into your checking or savings account. This is the same electronic transfer system used to deposit nearly 98 percent of all Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits into millions of accounts. You trust it for your Social Security, why not trust it for your tax refund?

BOARD MEETINGS

Three Boards

• The Villages Three-Board Meeting Re: Annual Insurance Renewal is Monday, February 26 at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Association

• The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

• The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

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

Club Nominating Committee seeks candidates

The Villages Golf and Country Club Board Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates for election to the Club Board of Directors. The Club Board is responsible for the management of Club operations including, but not limited to all recreational, social, and cultural events in operation at The Villages, as well as the community centers and adjoining swimming pools, the Clubhouse/Pro Shop complex, the two golf courses and tennis courts.

The Club governing documents provide that there shall be seven directors, and an election will be held during May and June for three director positions to serve three-year terms, and one director position to serve a term of one year. (The one-year term is the final year of a three-year term of a former director due to resignation.)

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

If you are interested in being a candidate, and/or need additional information please contact any of the Club Nominating Committee Members: Vivian Brown vivianbrown1328@comcast.net; Beverly Poellot bpoellot@gmail.com and Julie Wash jwash191@yahoo.com

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Building B business hours

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

Sign up for Graton Casino Trip!

On **Tuesday, April 9**, join us for a chance to win big at the Graton Resort and Casino in Sonoma County. We will depart from the Cribari East Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 7 p.m.

Graton is the largest and most elegant casino in the region. It holds 3,000 state-of-the-art slots, over 100 tables games and a live poker room. Non-smoking play areas are available, if preferred. When not playing, you can enjoy their variety of casual and fine dining options. Fine diners can partake in restaurants like 630



Park Steakhouse, Tony's of North Beach (Italian) and the Boat-house Asian Eatery. More relaxed diners can enjoy the options of the Marketplace, which includes

pizza, a grill, a Starbucks, and so much more.

If interested, a no-cost special rewards membership is on offer where you can get \$25 free slot play. This membership entitles you to a discount at the gift shop among other perks. Additionally, on Tuesdays, people aged 50 and up earn an extra \$10 reward after earning 100 rewards points.

Participants must show valid photo IDs to sign up for a rewards membership and to claim any winnings. If you are unsure if your ID will be accepted, please contact Recreation Services at 408-223-4643. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Activity Level: Light activity (mostly seated, long bus ride).

The cost per person is \$63 and includes round trip transportation and escort. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, February 26. The deadline is Friday, March 15 or sooner if spots fill up.

Fashioning San Francisco and Irving Penn Exhibits coming soon!

Explore the history of San Francisco through fashion in two great exhibits at the De Young! One exhibit features an iconic collection of 20th and 21st-century women's clothing. It showcases designs from pillars of the fashion industry, many of which have never been shown before. The other features photographs by one of the most famous fashion photographers, Irving Penn. More information will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of March 1.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS & CRAFTS

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit villagesartsandcrafts.org

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

Monday and Tuesday afternoons: Open Studio with Pat Andrade, 2 – 5 p.m. Pat will teach people one on one who want to learn his graphic style. Bring your own materials. All Villagers welcome!

February 29: Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, 4 p.m.

Register for art classes by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

March 5 – 26: Dreaming into Writing with Parthenia Hicks. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$75.

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

March 7 – 28: Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa, Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70.

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

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

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Rambler Lite Hike March 6: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to the three Montgomery ponds and steps. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

RV CLUB CALENDAR

For more information about the Villages RV Club, visit villagesrvclub.org

March 25, 26, 27, 28 - Cava Robles RV Park, Paso Robles

April 22, 23, 24, 25 - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson

May 9 - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30

May 20, 21, 22, 23 - Cotillion Gardens, Felton

June 24, 25, 26, 27 - Skyline Wilderness Park, Napa

July 22, 23, 24, 25 - Olema Ranch Campground, near Pt. Reyes

August 4 - Club BBQ at Vineyard Center

August 19, 20, 21 - Moss Landing KOA

September 6, 7, 8, 9 - Bodega Bay RV Park

October 21, 22, 23, 24 - 49er Village, Plymouth

November 14 - Quarterly Meeting, Sequoia Room (Cribari) 3:30

December 11 - Holiday Party at Clubhouse



RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

the cost of the activity. All sales are final.

Registration is limited to residents only for the first two weeks.

Management assumes residents and guests are able to participate in our sponsored

activities independently. We reserve the right to evaluate the participant's ability to participate based on each individual's physical abilities and/or demonstrated behaviors. You may always take a caregiver with you to help with your needs.

Employees are not permitted to provide physical assistance to participants. If personal assistance or a wheelchair is needed, the participant must arrange for a caregiver with paid reservation to accompany him/her.

Employees, residents and their guests represent the Villages Golf and Country Club off site. It is expected that all participants will conduct themselves in a dignified, cooperative and congenial manner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	P
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Board	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, February 24

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi 2	CR
10 a.m.	Dancers Showcase	L
	Ticket Sales	PR
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Saturday Sing Along	SEQ
2 p.m.	Cribari DAC Volunteers	CR
4:45 p.m.	Movie Group	SEQ

Sunday, February 25

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Jewish Welcome Brunch	FC
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1:30 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC
7:00 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ

Monday, February 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
9:30 a.m.	Assoc Rules Committee	PR
9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Acrylics Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	VGC Six Clubs	VR
10:30 a.m.	VMA Grief Support	SEQ
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Cat Club	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A

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)

5:30 p.m.	Dancers Showcase	Sales L
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Hiking Club	FC

Tuesday, February 27

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Associ, 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 a.m.	High Twelve Board Lunch	VC
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness Class	A
1:30 p.m.	Club Board Meeting	FC
5 p.m.	Open Mic Dinner	CH
5 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Plant-Based Diet	MC
7 p.m.	Tennis Board	PR

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Watercolors Open Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
10:30 a.m.	USTA	TS
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
4 p.m.	History of Israel	F
5 p.m.	Jewish Mem	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	A

6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Village Dancers 3	VC

Thursday, February 29

8 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Group 2	CR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Writing, Pastels	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness Class	A
11:30 a.m.	18 Hole Women Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Meditation	MC
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Tax Preparation Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
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 Board	F
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
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



Network: Villages Public
Password: villages

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

Villages Medical Auxiliary-Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator:

408-238-4029

vmavillages.vgcc.club



Upcoming 2024 Programs

For these events, register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

Ageing Together/ Family Discussion – Byron Chan, a volunteer with the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association will help you examine what matters most to you when it comes to your health care and making our end of life wishes known with such aides, as a POLST, an advance medical directive, and an ethical will. **Friday, March 8** at 1 p.m. in the Sequoia Room.

Hearing Aid Clean and Check – Hearing Life will offer free checks of your hearing aids on **Tuesday, March 19** from 10 a.m. – Noon in Montgomery Center. Please call 408-238-4230 to register for a time.

Clear Captions – Pizza & Learn, Elli Tehrani will show how one can see on the Clear Caption's phone, captions of what your caller is saying, this at no cost to qualified users. Join her for pizza on **Monday, March 25** at 1 p.m. in the Sequoia Room.

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. Last meeting of this session is **February 26**. Please call 408-238-4029 with any questions.

Caregiver Support Group: Judith London Ph.D. conducts the monthly group where caregivers meet to share, listen and learn. **Note date change—Thursday, March 18** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: Meet with other caregivers who are caring for those with Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **March 21** at 10 a.m. in the—note room change—Sequoia Room. No need to register, all welcome.

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 2/26 to 3/3

Monday, February 26

Beef Barley

Tuesday, February 27

White Bean, Kale and Sausage

Wednesday, February 28

Chicken Tortellini

Thursday, February 29

Potato Leek

Friday, March 21

Shrimp and Corn Chowder

Saturday, March 2

Chef's Choice

Sunday, March 3

Chef's Choice

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

The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

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

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

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

We want your opinion!

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

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

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

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



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



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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 2/26 to 3/3

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 2/27 to Sunday 3/3

Florentine Omelet: Onion, Spinach, Mushrooms and Swiss Cheese with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 2/25 to Sunday 3/3—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chicken Philly Sandwich: Grilled Chicken, Onions, Peppers with Pepper Jack Cheese and Chipotle Mayo with Choice of Sides **\$16.95**

Sole Dore Amandine: Flour and Egg Wash Sole with a Beurre Blanc Sauce topped with Toasted Almonds, served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetables **\$17.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 2/27 to Sunday 3/3—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Sausage Pasta: Italian Sausage with Tossed Linguini, Peppers, Onions and Parmesan Cheese with Marinara Sauce **\$18.95**

Sirloin Salad: Sirloin Strips with Peppers, Potatoes and Portebello Mushrooms over Greens **\$22.95**

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



Whole Rotisserie Chicken

Order between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For pickup between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

New Price \$9.95 plus Service Charge & Tax

408.223.4687 opt 2 or online at clubhouserreservation.com

Click for more information

Clubhouse Special Offers

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



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

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



Now Available!

Clubhouse whole Rotisserie Chicken.

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

Orders need to be placed early for evening pickup.

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

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

\$12.95 plus Service Charge and Tax.



Single Diners' Night

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

Shared table. Bring your favorite wine to share with no corkage! Free corkage will be applied with purchase from the Lighter Side and Dinner Entrées from the Dinner Menu.

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



Buy One Appetizer*, Get One Half-Off!

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

* Item must be of equal or lesser value.

Service charge and taxes still applied to all items.

For dine-in customers only.



5 5 5 Bistro Happy Hour

2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, All

Day on Monday

\$5 House Cocktails

\$5 House Wines

\$5 Draft Beers 16 oz.

Price subject to service charge and tax

Online Meal Ordering

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



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

Tuesday, February 27



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

5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

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

Full Bar Available

6 to 9 p.m. Open Mic

\$28.95 Plus Service charge and Tax

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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

ClubhouseManagers@the-villages.com



Bella Montagna Winery Santa Clara County

**Villages Wine Maker Dinner
Wednesday March 6**

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

*Charcuterie and Cheese Display
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

**Charcuterie and Cheese Display
Rose 2023 Santa Clara County**

Dinner 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Starter

Goat Cheese, Fuji Apples, Spiced Almonds, with Tossed Spring Baby Lettuce
Champagne Vinaigrette

Sauvignon Blanc 2023 Santa Clara County

Main

Roasted Herb Rubbed Lamb Loin with Balsamic Mint Sauce
Lemon Buttered Spring Vegetables,
Beans, Asparagus, Peas, and Carrots
Butter Milk and Leek Mashed Potatoes

Merlot 2021 Santa Clara County

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Cake
Layered with 3 Chocolate Mousse
with Marbled Chocolate Shavings

Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 Santa Clara County

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

Email or call Reservation to:

theclubhouse@the-villages.com

or **408-754-1337**

CLUBS & EVENTS

Global Village Community: *'The Healing Room'*

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



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

This next Healing Room event will be on **Thursday, February 29** from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Montgomery Center. You must pre-register for this event. You can register by texting or calling 408-827-8860 or emailing kims@kimsilvermantransformation.com. Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis. **There is no cost to attend this event.**

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

The healing room is led by intuitive healer, Kim Silverman, a Certified Quantum Energy Master and Certified Life Coach. She will combine guided meditations and educational moments that allow you to return to a more centered and balanced state of well-being. For more information about the Global Villages Community Club, visit the GVC Club website at sites.google.com/view/gvclub/home or email globalvclub@gmail.com.

Senior Academy: *'Sugar & Slavery: How our Lust for Sugar Impacts our Health and History'*

Sugar—without the sweetener, for many of us coffee, tea and chocolate would not be quite as enticing. Nor would Wonder Bread, Campbell's tomato soup, Quaker Oats oatmeal, Goldfish crackers, Eggo waffles, Ritz crackers, Shake 'N Bake chicken coating, Oscar Mayer bacon, sodas, and many more foods. Manufacturers add sugar to all of these foods.



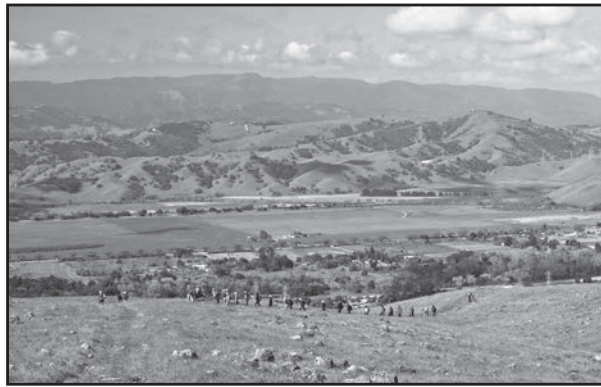
A lot of history lies behind the innocent-looking bowl of granulated white sugar on your table. Indeed, our love of sugar

ignited some of the ugliest conflicts and oppression in human history. Countries launched military campaigns and wars over sugar, planters destroyed vast forests, and most significantly, Africans were kidnapped and enslaved by the millions to harvest sugar cane in the Caribbean and Latin America. All that, just for one much-loved and ubiquitous staple of our modern diet.

Adam Tanner will return to Senior Academy on **Wednesday, March 6**, at 10 a.m., on Zoom and at Foothill to present "Sugar & Slavery: How Lust for Sugar Impacts Our Health and History"—how sugar has affected world history and how it continues to affect our health and bodies. Adam has appeared on the BBC, NPR, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and VOA and has written for Scientific American, Forbes, Time, and Consumer Reports. He is an associate and fellow at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science. Please register at VillagesSA.org. If you need assistance to register for Foothill you may call Susan Dooley at 408-528-8881.

Learn about Máyyan 'Ooyákma—newest Open Space Preserve

The Hiking Club's speaker on February 26 is Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected over 30,000 acres of open space and agricultural land across the Santa Clara Valley for the benefit of people and nature. The Open Space Authority operates a network of public open space preserves and multi-use trails that are open to the public free of charge, 365 days a year—Coyote Valley, Máyyan 'Ooyákma Coyote Ridge, Rancho Cañada del Oro and Sierra Vista Open Space Preserves, with more on the way. Andrea will focus on the Authority's newest open



space preserve—Máyyan 'Ooyákma Coyote Ridge which opened to the public in Summer 2023, and is located near The Villages, just east of the Hwy 101 and Bailey Road interchange. Máyyan 'Ooyákma consists of 1,859 acres, has 5 miles of trails with outstanding views of the Santa Clara Valley and surrounding mountain ranges. It was established to protect rare serpentine grasslands, and is critically important to the survival of the endangered Bay checkerspot butterfly population. Andrea will also talk about why the conservation and restoration of nature in the Diablo Range, Santa Cruz Mountains and Coyote Valley is so important to our own future.

The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m.** (new start time for 2024) at the Foothill Center. The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

Sign up for *'Dreaming into Writing'*

Sign up for "Dreaming into Writing," an opportunity to welcome our own individual and unique language onto the page. In this workshop, you will take away the seeds of new stories, poems or a piece of that memoir you're writing. Through creative, provocative prompts that lead you to places in your writing that you may not go on your own, we'll write, share, contemplate and grow our craft.

Whether you're new to creative writing or experienced and searching for inspiration, we'll take a deep dive into the creative process through exercises that include music and art that stimulate our writing and imagination. Reading your work aloud is voluntary.

All levels welcome. The workshop will be held **Tuesdays, March 5 – 26**, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The cost is \$75. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com

Parthenia M. Hicks, Los Gatos Poet Laureate Emerita, is the recipient of the Silicon Valley Arts Fellowship for Literature; the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Poetry Prize; the Villa Montalvo Biennial Poetry Prize, the Dragonfly Press Award, the San Jose Story Map Award and Pushcart nominations for poetry and fiction. Her most recent publications include "Cold Mountain Review" and "Red Wheelbarrow." A resident of The Villages since 2020, she currently shares her space with her Burmese and Egyptian wild cats as she works on her forthcoming manuscript, "Praying in the Women's Bathroom."



Parthenia M. Hicks

What goes into the Recycle Bins?

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Community

It seems we always need more information on recycling. When you take your recyclables to the trash bin, dump your recyclables into the bin and throw the plastic bag in the garbage bin. All recyclables need to be loose. Break down the cardboard, rinse out your glass bottles, cans and plastic bottles. If there is food on the container, toss it into the garbage. Place any plastic bags, wrap and film, styrofoam, pet waste, snack bags, wraps and film in the garbage. Save your batteries for collection days or bins. An easy reference is on FastLane; at the bottom of Public Works edition there is a button indicating "Recycling and Waste Management." Look for this icon for more information. For more information, visit the Sustainable Villages Community's website at sustainablevillagescommunity.org



Join Bluegrass Music Club's first jam!

By Alan Rich



Yes, The Villages has had a bluegrass band for some time now, but on **Sunday, March 3**, it will have its first Bluegrass Music Club "Jam." It will be held in the Vineyard Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be free. It will be performed by the members of the Scotch Creek Band! You are invited to bring your acoustic instruments, voices and ears to enjoy some bluegrass and vintage country music. Come play, sing or just listen to the music.

For a little history, bluegrass was developed in the 1940s in the Appalachian region of the United States. It derives its name from Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys. Like Jazz, bluegrass allows performers to improvise and take turns playing the lead. The Bluegrass capital of the world is Owensboro, Kentucky, but for us, we will pretend for an afternoon that it is our own Villages!

See eclectic rock painting demo at Arts and Crafts

By Michael Sunzeri

On **Monday, March 4**, Arts and Crafts invites you to a very interesting form of art—rock painting. It's fun, relaxing and mind settling. In the Cribari Conference Center at 1:45 p.m. we will welcome a demonstration by one of our newest members, Barbara Orlando. After a short Membership meeting of our current information, we will introduce Barbara and let her amaze you with her fine painting achievements netting beautiful, finished pieces. Her painted and inked river rocks of all sizes depict landscape, cartoonish, solemn, and even thoughtful lettered works of art.

A 15-year resident, and a high-profile volunteer in many clubs over all this time, Barbara notes she has always been involved in art. Who knew? Her work with ceramic glazes started back in Iowa in a business her mom had. After moving to Santa Clara while raising a family, she worked as a bookkeeper, never straying far from doing many forms of artwork. Glazing, painting, ink work and even sewing helped to keep her very busy.

You might think that painting rocks is easy. Apply a couple bright colors then draw the face of a cat or something. Barbara's work steps well above that. The vibrant colors are there, but there is more thought put into it. There is prepping, layering, detailing, and finishing, not to mention what it is she wants to depict in the first place. Did I mention that she has quite an array of brushes and pens to work with?

We get to watch her process, see many beautiful, finished pieces Barbara has completed and you will be amazed at the fine craftsmanship. Invite your friends to join us and see on the live screen something you may be interested in pursuing in your own free time. We encourage your presence.



Meet friends with Lunch Buddies!

By Liz Adams

March 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.—mark it on your calendar! It's the next Lunch Buddies luncheon at the Clubhouse. It's a time to make new friends, to renew your friendships with those you met last year, to have something to look forward to, and to get out of the house.



We'll enjoy lunch (a salad, a half sandwich, ice cream for dessert, and iced tea, coffee, or lemonade to sip throughout lunch) together. And because VMA supports Lunch Buddies, we've managed to keep your costs the same; it's still only \$11 for lunch. So if this works for you, call the VMA office at 408-238-4230 to make your reservation and book a ride to and from your home if you need transportation.

Remember, make your reservation before noon on **Monday, March 11**. See you for lunch on **Wednesday, March 13!**

What's new with the Crafters Club?

By Tere Barbella

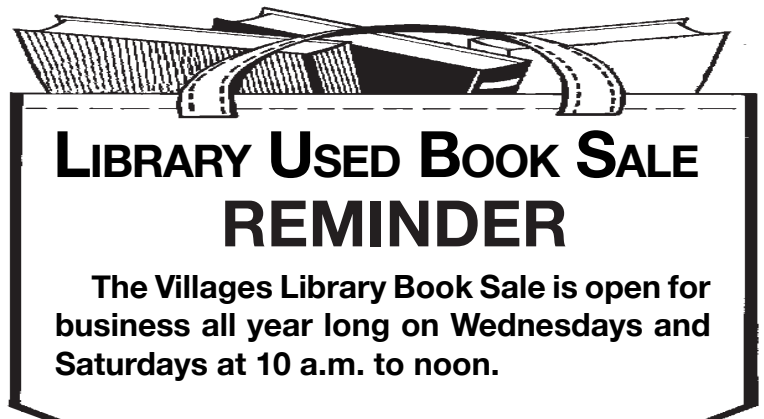
It's a new year here in The Villages and we in the Crafters Club have lots of new items, a new schedule of shows, and even some new members to thrill you with their amazing handicrafts! We are looking forward to our first show of the year on **Saturday, March 23** at Cribari center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come by and meet our newest crafters, Kristen McCarthy who makes resin jewelry, paperweights and intriguing trinkets, Suzanne Ferris and Joanne Robinson who both work in ceramics, woodworkers Kathy and Larry Lohman, and Sheila Robinson who makes decorative soaps, greeting cards and knitted and crocheted items. Of course, the veteran club members will be on hand as well selling your favorite quilts, cards, jewelry, home decorative items, mosaics, scarves and hats, handbags, ceramics, crocheted creations, and some new and exciting items like spring crafts! Be sure to stop by to discover what is new and exciting for the coming year and what your favorite crafters have been up to! We'll have the coffee and cookies waiting for you!



Crafters Club members Larry and Kathy Lohman and Kristin McCarthy.

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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



LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE REMINDER

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

"The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight" by Andrew Leland. Andrew Leland is suspended in the liminal state of the soon-to-be, midway through his life with retinitis pigmentosa, a condition that progresses from sightedness to blindness over years, even decades. Soon he will likely have no vision left. Full of apprehension but also dogged curiosity, he embarks on a sweeping exploration of the state of being. Part memoir, part historical and cultural investigation, Leland is determined not to merely survive this transition but to grow from it. Large Print, 920, Biography, 2023.

"The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, they discovered a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side. When the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community that sustain us. Fiction, 2023.

"Silver Nitrate" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Montserrat has always been overlooked. She's a talented sound editor, but she's left out of the boys' club running the film industry in '90s Mexico City. And she's all but invisible to her best friend, Tristán, though she's been in love with him since childhood. Then Tristán meets the cult horror director Abel Urueta, who wants them to break a curse by finishing his film about a Nazi occultist imbuing magic into highly volatile silver nitrate stock. Then Montserrat notices a dark presence following her, and Tristán sees the ghost of his ex-girlfriend. They may find that sorcerers and magic are not only the stuff of movies. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

"Suddenly a Murder" by Lauren Munoz. To celebrate the end of high school, Izzy Morales joins her ride-or-die Cassidy and five friends on a 1920s-themed getaway at the glamorous Ashwood Manor. There, Izzy and her friends party in vintage dresses and expensive diamonds-until Cassidy's boyfriend turns up murdered. Now every party guest is a suspect. There's the girlfriend, in love. The other girl, in despair. The old friend, forlorn. The new friend, distressed. The brooding enigma. And then, there's Izzy—the girl who brought the knife. To find the killer, everyone must undergo a grueling interrogation, all while locked in an estate where, suddenly, the greatest luxury is innocence. Mystery, 2023.



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See Bad Boys make debut at 'Going Places Showcase'

By B. Brown



Left to right: Bad Boys Bill Swintek, Jayme Dickson, Dari Tarabini, Chuck Bischoff, Bruce Martin and Tony Orlando.

Are you ready for Hollywood? We are! The newly formed men's dance group called Bad Boys, make their debut with a groovy dance-in-your-seat performance of "Hollywood Swingers" at the "Going Places Showcase" (GPS) **March 2 and 3 at 2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This alone is worth the price of the ticket!

Take an imaginary journey around the world during this exciting, travel-themed Showcase, which presents dancers, musicians and vocalists from within The Villages. Next stop: Hollywood!

This dazzling lineup of performers includes: The VMS Dancers (which are The Bad Boys, Dancing Queens, Jazzy 4 and Sunshine Dancers) Trillium, VMS Piano Open Studio, guest performers Wicked and The VMS Village Voices. Your travel experience awaits you!

Ticket Sales will take place Monday, February 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, February 24 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Monday, February 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium Lobby. Tickets are \$20 each pre-show and \$22 on show days.

Should you require help getting to the Auditorium, please call VMA to arrange a free ride at (408) 238-4230.

For more information on GPS please 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.

Learn all about pet grooming—for cats and small dogs—at Cat Club meeting



Calling all Villagers with cats (and small dogs)! Come to the Cat Club meeting this **Monday, February 26** in the Foothill Center from 2 to 3 p.m. The Villages Cat Club invites you to meet Ana Thompson, a cat and small dog in-home groomer. Ana grooms pets in the comfort of clients' homes, helping them reduce stress out of things like nail clipping and brushing their pets' teeth.

This is a **free event** but you must register. **Space is limited!** Reserve by contacting Bette Loomis at villages-catclub5@gmail.com

Dog Club—get ready to go paws out!

By Barbara Sunseri

The Dog Club's dogs are going on an outing! On **Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m.**, Villager dogs will meet at Delmonte Dog Park at 806 W. Home St. San Jose. After a nice outing, they will go with their owners to have lunch at Palermo Italian Restaurant at 791 Auzeais Ave. around 11:30 a.m. Parking is across the street from the restaurant. Everyone is invited to join (including dogs) at the restaurant. This is a "dog friendly" eating establishment! Please RSVP to barbarasunseri4u@gmail.com



Join Global Village in group meditation



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

Save the Date!

Friends of San Jose State University

Presents a luncheon with

President Cynthia Teniente-Matson

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Fairway Room, 12 to 2 p.m.

Come hear her vision for the future of San Jose State University as it moves into its 168th year!

Watch for more information in early March!



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Find out about the club and check out all that it has to offer at

studygroups.vgcc.club

General questions contact: Judy Rogers at judy.rogers488@gmail.com.

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

Website questions contact: Judy Eskinazi at yudit1@yahoo.com

Please write "website" on the subject line.



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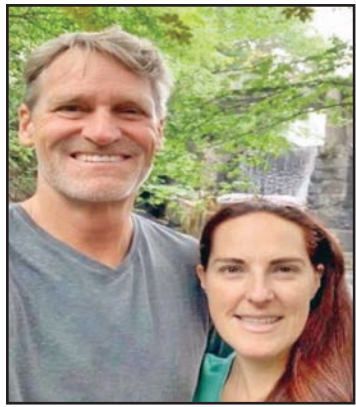
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Join Global Village at plant-based cooking event

If you're interested in, or just curious about, healthier plant-based eating, grab your partner and join fellow Villagers on **Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery Center**. We'll be hosting a live cooking demo, enjoying several tasty dishes, and having an interactive Q&A with Jan and Hillary Liband of Plant-Based Advocates.



Jan and Hillary Liband

Come learn, taste, and get your many questions answered—all in one casual and informative evening! Featured dishes and items include: pizza, easy couscous with grains, tasty greens, wholesome "cheesy" sauce, and sample ingredients for making lots of other great dishes.

Attendance will be limited to 25 people, so registration is required by Monday, February 26. Please call Pradeep Sonawala at 650-336-3310 or email globalvcclub@gmail.com. Also, a small fee will be charged to cover the costs of foods only; costs can only be determined after we know how many will come, so please register ASAP. Come learn, enjoy, and be part of this lively and informative evening!

Take Intermediate Drawing with Ciel Duke

Spring is in the air, and it's time to brush up on your drawing skills! This intermediate class will focus on a continuation of all the basics...composition, proportion, drawing techniques, value, creating realism, etc...as you experiment with a variety of mediums. Classes include working in pencil, charcoal, scratch board, and pastels. All work is done from actual subjects, not photos. Each class allows time to learn about, experiment with, and fully complete a project based on the lesson of the day.

This is an intermediate level class, suitable for people who have basic drawing skills and who want to expand their expertise in skill, subject matter, and varying art mediums. All supplies are included in the cost of the class. You need only to bring your enthusiasm!

Ciel Duke is a popular art teacher here in the Villages, with years of teaching experience. Her structured classes are casual, friendly, and fun...so don't wait to register, as they fill up quickly!

Four **Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20 and 27**, from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. All materials included. \$120. Register at barb.gottesman@gmail.com



VMA: How to Have Difficult Talks with Family

By Barbara F. Zahner

You know what you want if you are critically ill or unable to speak for yourself. Now you want to let your family know your desires, but how to start the conversation and keep it going without handwaving, denial or hiding behind false humor? Byron Chan, volunteer with the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association (bafca.org), can help you find the first words and maintain the conversation. In this VMA workshop called "Aging Together & Family Conversations" on **Friday, March 8** from 1- to 2 p.m. in the Sequoia Room, Byron will cover:



Byron Chan

- Questions to help you determine what matters most to you when it comes to your health care.
- Forms that you can use to express in writing your health care wishes including dementia care, end-of-life option, tube feeding, intubation, and other life-sustaining technologies.
- Differences between Advance Medical Directives, POLST and DNR.
- Value of an Ethical Will.

In one hour of down-to-earth conversation with you, Byron will draw upon his volunteer and familial experience. He will also answer your questions and offer practical resources.

This event is limited to 45. Register online at VMAvillages.vgcc.club or call VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim at 408-238-4029.

Save the Date: Art in the Park is April 20

The annual Art in the Park event, sponsored by the Villages Arts & Crafts Association, is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20** in Gazebo Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on all the fun.

Art in the Park has always been a very popular event where over 40 artists exhibit their handmade works of art and offer them for sale. Neighbors, friends, and families gather to enjoy the fresh spring air, music, cookie sale and arts and crafts. All Villagers and their guests are invited to attend.

If you make things, you can sell your items at Art in the Park. It's a fun way to meet your fellow artists and get to know your neighbors. Artist contracts are available now at villagesartsandcrafts.org. If you have any questions, contact Diane Finley at dianefinley1@gmail.com



Join the Pickleball Club for a '70s Dance Party!

Register now!

Saturday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m., 

dinner at 6:30 p.m. held at the Clubhouse!

Enjoy appetizers, Dinner, and Dance to the award-winning band - PHIL 'N THE BLANKS!

70'S attire optional (but fun!)

We'll have '70s theme food as well!

Registration: Seating is tables of 8, 9 at request.

- Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and veggies - \$57



- Polynesian Chicken and Rice - \$55

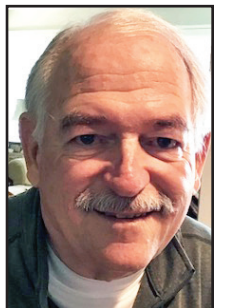
- Pasta Primavera - \$50

Register by visiting <https://rebrand.ly/zos-Pickleball>

No refunds for cancellations after February 23.

Join Watercolor Plus Mixed-Media Painting class

Doug Canepa is offering another painting class to Villagers who are interested in exploring different tools and media to enhance their basic painting skills. He will explore strategies beyond traditional watercolor painting by adding acrylics to make images pop. Textured paste, colored pencils and charcoal pencils will be used for texture. Burnishing and blending tools will be introduced as will pen and ink.



Doug Canepa

Join Doug for this interesting class, Thursdays, **March 7 through April 4, 10 a.m. – noon** in the Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

Bring your own materials and Doug will furnish burnishing tools, charcoal, colored pencils, texturing paste, charcoal pencils and ink. A wide range of subject matter will be based on student interest during the class.

Join the fun and explore the possibilities by registering by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com.

VMA Bingo to start in April!



begin at 3:30 p.m.

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. Free coffee and cookies are served!

VMA Afternoon Bingo is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month: April 3, May 8, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4 and October 2. Come join the fun!

VMA Afternoon Bingo will begin in April, not March as previously stated. The first Afternoon Bingo will be **Wednesday, April 3!** Held in Cribari Auditorium, doors open at 3, and games

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SPORTS NEWS

SHONIS



Red clad Shonis at Breakfast

By Betty Hall

It was a beautiful golf day last week. The course had been cleaned up well and there were very few soggy spots. Before we golfed, we had a fun pre-Valentines breakfast in the Clubhouse. Twenty-two Shonis got to visit for 90 minutes and catch up on more than just our golf scores.

Our golf game was a partner game—It Takes Two. A low handicap Shoni was randomly paired with a high handicap Shoni. Then on our shotgun hole, we played alternate shots after alternating drives. It was a fun game and an opportunity to play with Shonis that we might not always play with on our regular Tuesdays.

This week is our first General Membership meeting. There will be a lot of business to cover as well as introducing what the new PAR 3 USGA rating means to our membership.

Our scoreboard this week reflects the winners of our special game with combined gross score.

18-HOLE WOMEN

Honoring Past Captains

By Diana Hallock

After another week of rain and red flags, the skies cleared, the sun shone, the flag was green and the ladies took to the course, led by 10 past Captains; Kathy Apgar (2003), Barbara Nilsen (2005), Reine Fedor (2007), Vivian Brown (2010 and 2019), Jan Kiernan (2014), Bev Poellot (2015), Judy Rodriguez (2016), Cindy Fuller (2017), Vicki Krattli (2020 and 2021), Diana Hallock (2022). It was a tough day with many scores higher than usual but we were all delighted to be playing again and having fun together!

At lunch we were joined by two additional Past Captains, Shirley Roberts (2008) and Patti Hayes (2012). Cindy had done a beautiful job of decorating the room with pink and red heart arrangements plus lots of chocolates! Cindy also gave us a brief history of our 55-year-old club and a tribute to Past Captain Mary Chaboya before passing the mic to Past Captains to share a funny story or special memory.

Kathy Apgar shot the low score among the Captains at a net 76 so she received the honorary gavel and the pleasure of hosting next year's Past Captains Day. There was only one birdie, Suzanne Fazzio, on Hole 8 and only one chip-in by Patti Bell on Hole 18. Good job, ladies!

Our annual Ringer and Partnership EC competitions are starting soon. Members are encouraged to visit the Posting Room first to see all the beautiful updates done by Captain Patti Bell and also to get sign up information for Ringer and EC. Lo Rube is the EC Chair and Dianne Doughty is the Ringer chair so contact them if you have questions or to drop off the \$5/entry fee.



Back row: Vicki Krattli, Vivian Brown, Jan Kiernan, Patti Hayes, Barbara Nilsen, Reine Fedor. Front row: Shirley Roberts, Judy Rodriguez, Kathy Apgar, Cindy Fuller, Bev Poellot, Diana Hallock.

PICKLEBALL

By Anahid Gregg

For more information, visit our website at villagespickleball.vgcc.club

Last June, we featured a profile of Peter Conk, who works tirelessly to improve the homeless situation here in Santa Clara County. The Pickleball Club is proud to announce we are partnering with Peter to collect used court shoes!

There's a big need for this type of footwear (flexible and easy to fit), as the homeless live outside and are exposed to dirt and weather elements. This requires them to frequently change or seek cleaner or better footwear. It's not only for comfort, this can help to improve their quality of life and prevent foot injuries and problems. Footwear is the most requested article of clothing.

If you play two or three times per week, your court shoes should be replaced every 6-12 months. Not only do they lose tread, but also cushioning. Strenuous activity puts a load of 5-7 times your body weight on your joints. But—those shoes can still be used by other people! Instead of needlessly filling our landfills, please consider donating them to those in need instead!

We have placed a clearly identified collection box on the side of the Pickleball shed. Won't you help us to help others?



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MEN'S GOLF CLUB



IRONMEN

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

Upcoming events:

2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club St. Patrick's Tournament— The next tournament in the queue will be the 2023 Patrick's Day Tournament. This is scheduled for Saturday, the 9th of March. The four man team signups have started.

This year's Evergreen Invitational is scheduled for July 11-13. This is a MGC Major so plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! We are looking for volunteers to help in the event. If you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to Bill Morefield, the Evergreen Chairman at bill_morefield@yahoo.com

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

Remember if you record a **Hole In One, an Eagle, or if you Shoot Your Age**, please notify Donald Chaisson at dachaisson@comcast.net. We want to make sure to get you posted in the Villager and on the Men's Club website.

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

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

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024, featured lots of sunshine and the temps were mild. Twelve Ironmen played.

David Cook took **Third Place** with a net 28; Mario Silva won **Second Place** with a net 27; and Jerry Juracich narrowly won **First Place** with a net 26.

There was one **Birdie** today by Dave Hathaway on hole 3. David Cook won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 3 at 7 feet, 9 inches.

There was a two-way tie for **Low Gross** between Dave Hathaway and Mike Schwerin with 31s.

Golfer of the Day honors go to David Cook with a third place finish and closest to the flag. Way to go David.

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:

"Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing." - Mulligan's Laws by Thomas Mulligan, the Fourth Earl of Murphy

"The most difficult shot in golf is a perfect lie in the fairway, 150 yards from the pin!" - Mulligan's Laws by Thomas Mulligan, the Fourth Earl of Murphy





Men's 18-Hole Golf Club St. Patrick's Day Tournament



When: Saturday, March 9, 2024

What: Shamrock Green Ball + 1 Net BB
MGC Members *only*. No Guest or Spouses.

Format: Four-Man Teams, 2BB, Shamrock Ball + 1 Net BB of other three Players. Rules will be provided at check-in explaining how the Shamrock ball is played for the Tournament.
Optional Pot O' Gold Cash Pool - \$10 Cash – Individual two low gross and eight low net scores.

Signup: February 24 through March 7 – Sign up with the Pro Shop either as a team, or individually, and the Pro Shop will pair you with other players to form a team.

Handicaps: 100% of March 7 Handicap

Flights: Flighted, depending on the number of players

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

Tee Times: 8 a.m. Shotgun.

Scorecard: Turn in signed and attested scorecards to the Pro Shop.
The Pro Shop will post the scores.

Cost: \$49 – This includes green fees and sweeps
Coffee and Donuts from 6:45 to 8 a.m.



BOCCE NEWS

Bocce Boot Camp: A fun opportunity to learn the game of bocce



By Tom Hunt

With construction on the new Bocce pavilion underway, we are preparing for a new season of fun and excitement, by inviting all beginners and non-member Villagers to participate in Bocce Boot Camp—your ticket to mastering the art of bocce ball while enjoying the camaraderie of friends and neighbors.

What is Bocce BootCamp? Bocce Boot Camp is a 3-hour training program designed to introduce participants to the social and competitive game of bocce. Led by experienced instructors, each session provides hands-on instruction, and plenty of opportunities for laughter and fun.

What should one expect? During Bocce Boot Camp, participants will:

1. Learn the Basics: Never played bocce before? No problem! Our instructors will guide you through the fundamentals, teaching you everything you need to know to get started. From proper throwing technique to strategic gameplay, you'll gain the skills and confidence to excel on the bocce court.

2. Enjoy a Supportive Environment: Bocce Boot Camp is all about having fun and building connections. Our welcoming atmosphere encourages players of all backgrounds to come together and enjoy the thrill of competition in a supportive and inclusive environment.

How do people join? Bocce Boot Camp dates for the event will be set just as soon as we have access to the courts, and registration will be easy using YourCourts, so invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun! Once you've completed this training, you'll be able to jump right in and join a team for our Spring Mixer!

For the latest updates on Bocce Club activities we encourage you to stay informed by visiting the bocce website, villagesbocce.vgcc.club. We're looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

Our Valentine's golf day was picture perfect. The course had dried out a bit and although there was still some debris from our recent storms, the maintenance people were hard at work cleaning up before the next atmospheric river.

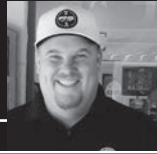
We played a fun two-best ball format from the two tees and from the laughter on the patio during lunch everyone had a good time. Joyce Mukuno was closest to the pin on 11 at 7 3/4 inches. Awesome shot Joyce. On the front nine Lolivic Shaw had a great shot to 17 feet 3 inches to a difficult pin over the bunker. Our only chip in was Renee Woolard on 14. There were four birdies Joyce and Vivian Brown on #11, Sally Nichols on #6 and Bev Poellot on #2. Kudos to you all.

Our winners today on the front nine was the team of Betty Garcia, Linda Lamanno, Lolivic Shaw and Charlotte Waugh with a wonderful net 59, followed by the team of Gisele Barber, Jan Ehrhardt, Vicki Krattli and Sally Nichols with a net 62.

The back nine had three teams with a net 61, winning in a scorecard play off was the team of Nancy Carson, Pamela Leonard, Beverly Murphy and Linda Piersol followed by the team of Kathy Apgar, Judy Frey, Kathy Warren and Renee Woolard.

A big Thank You to Pam Short for planning a fun Valentine's Tournament.

FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

Upcoming Golf Schedule

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

New Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 10. At that time the Monday shotgun will shift to 1 p.m., the Driving Range will be open until 3 p.m. on Mondays, and the last tee time Tuesday-Sunday will move to 5 p.m. for the month of March. Due to a later sunrise initially the first tee time on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will move to shortly after 7 a.m.

Spring Aerification

Monday, March 18 – Back Nine *closed* all day for greens aerification – Montgomery and Vineyard Chipping Greens *closed* all day for aerification – Front-9 Open for a 12pm Shotgun – Putting Green Open

Tuesday, March 19 – All golf facilities *closed* all day for completion of aerification including the 18-Hole Course, the Par-3 Course, all practice greens, Putting Green - the Driving Range and the Pro Shop are *closed* all day

Wednesday, March 20 – Par-3 Course *closed* all day for greens aerification

Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps – Starting Sunday, March 17 and one Sunday per month henceforth, we will be hosting a Sunday Mixed Couples Sweeps game. Four-somes can consist of two couples, or any mix of residents who want to participate. All players must have a valid USGA Handicap Index in order to participate. Registration is simple – just tell us when you check in on Sunday that your group wants to play in the Sweeps game and you are in. You will take a standard scorecard and complete it with each player's gross scores on each hole, and turn the scorecard in when you are finished. The entry fee is \$5 per person for the Sweeps prizes. The format will always be 2 Net Best Balls. We will pay out the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams each Sunday. We hope you will enjoy this fun and casual addition to the golf events at The Villages!! Let us know if you have any questions. **Sunday Sweeps Dates:** March 17, April 14, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 29, October 27, November 10, December 15

Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf – Starting Wednesday, April 3, we will be hosting the Wednesday Nine & Wine Social Golf events. These will be open to anyone who wants to play. Golf will be a 4 p.m. shotgun and will be informal and casual. Enjoy the opportunity to play golf with your friends and partake in the camaraderie and some drinks after golf. These events promise to be great fun for all! If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Wagle at marylwagle@gmail.com or 408-829-4021. **Nine & Dine Dates:** April 3, June 5, August 28, October 30

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

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.

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

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

USGA Golf Rules You Should Know—When playing Hole #9 and Hole #18 it is very important that you understand how to proceed if your ball enters the stream in front of the green which is marked and defined as a Yellow Penalty Area.

Rule 17 – Page 146 in Your Rules of Golf Book—Yellow Penalty Area Options. You may play from within the Penalty Area if you so choose with no penalty stroke. Or you may **Take Relief for a Ball in Penalty Area defined as such...**

If a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke:**

(1) Stroke-and-Distance Relief. The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).

(2) Back-on-the-Line Relief. The player may drop the original ball or another ball (see Rule 14.3) outside the penalty area, keeping the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped (with no limit as to how far back the ball may be dropped).

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From The Pro...

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You may never drop your ball on the green side of the stream!

Winter Weather & 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

Tips from the Pro—I got Rhythm...who could ask for anything more?

Whenever we ask a golfer what their good shots "feel" like, they all say the same thing..."it felt easy and effortless." Everyone thinks this is tempo related, but I do not think this boils down to tempo. Tempo is an individual characteristic... think of Nick Price or Lanny Watkins versus Freddie Couples or Ernie Els...definitely different tempos. But what all good players do is swing in synch with good rhythm; they match their arm speed and body speed. Tempo is much less important than rhythm and synchronization. So the feeling of "easy and effortless" that everyone expresses after a good shot is more a result of the individual swinging with good rhythm, balance and keeping their arms and body in synch. It's very simple...if your arms and body are out of synch, you need to either speed up or slow down to synchronize. I suggest using a training tool like an Orange Whip or you can use a Driver with a donut weight on it...swing back and through for 10-12 swings without stopping and let the club-weight take over and your inherent feedback will allow you to adjust; and you will naturally start synchronizing your arms and body to feel balance and rhythm. **Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com**

TENNIS TALK

By Joy Rem

Our first tennis tournament for our 2024 season is one of our most special, **The Prescott Tournament**. It will be held on **Saturday, March 16** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The special tournament celebrates Phil Prescott and the amazing contributions he made to our tennis club. In 1997, he was able to raise over \$30,000 from Villagers and then he matched this amount dollar for dollar for a grand total of \$60,000 to build courts 5 and 6. As a member of the Tennis Club, you are invited to carry on the tradition of honoring Phil and supporting our wonderful **Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA)**. Phil was also a long supporter of the VMA. Your \$15 tournament fee is a tax-deductible donation to VMA.

Please join us in this fun round robin tournament. There will be yummy food, prizes, and fun tennis. All levels are encouraged to join as it will be a fun tournament without any pressure. This is a way of seeing old friends and making new friends. Spectators are also welcome to join in the fun, but hope you will sign up to play.

You will be able to sign up on Your Courts or by contacting Joy Rem at jkr1787@gmail.com or 818-620-7642.

The Village Women's 65 7.0 USTA team played its first home match on Wednesday, February 14. We fought hard, but came up a little short. We first split sets, won 1 and lost 1, and the third match on the courts split sets and played a 10 point third set tie-break which alas we lost. Next home match is Wednesday, February 28.



PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

On Friday, February 16, thirteen Pinseekers gathered at the first tee, taking advantage of a brief break in the series of atmospheric rivers causing several cancellations in our regular play schedule. While the skies were mostly cloudy and the winds were stronger than normal, the day was surprisingly comfortable for golf.

Once again, Martin Hoek captured the top position with a two under par Net 34. Mike Falarski and Frank Garcia tied for second, each scoring a Net 37. Sliding into the number three slot were Jack Bindon, Chris Corpus, and John Mueller, carding Net 39. Grabbing the fourth slot, at Net 40, was Leighton Horio.

Last Friday, February 9, eight of our members braved the soggy fairways and intermittent rains. No Sweeps prizes or Championship points were awarded, however, Jim Keane, recorded just 15 putts in the nine holes played. Well done, Jim.

By now, Pinseekers members have been notified that our President, Lee Thompson, has resigned his office. He and Pam have placed their home on the "For Sale" listings and are preparing to move to Arizona. For me, and for all of us, we accept this news with missed emotion. Lee has been an active part of our club, and we will all miss his presence and leadership. The greater community of the Villages will also miss him as he has served as an officer for the Ironmen, a member of the Six Clubs Council, and, most notably, the Bingo Caller for the Bi-monthly VMA Bingo and Dinner. We do wish much happiness and joy to Lee and Pam as they embark on this new journey.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

VMA needs you!

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



The Villages Medical Auxiliary

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

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

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.

Contacting PG&E during an 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.

In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge. Notices include name of deceased, date of birth and date of passing. Brief notices of memorial gatherings may be included with the notice, providing event is held in a Villages' facility. Obituary notices may be placed in the Classified Advertising section for a fee. For more information, please call Kory Tran at 408-754-1341 or email: ktran@the-villages.com, or Scott Hinrichs at 408-223-4655 or email: shinrichs@the-villages.com.

Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

SCOREBOARD

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Wednesday, February 14
 Maribeth Berlie 171
 Tony Rivera 216
 Sylvia Rozewicz 235

Friday, February 16
 Kit Hultquist 169
 Audrey Osuna 248
 Maribeth Berlie 274
 Lyn Strong 275

18-HOLE WOMEN BRIDGE

Past Captains Sweeps Thursday, February 15

Past Captains Winner:
 Kathy Apgar - net 76

Flight One
 Low Gross:
 Helen Varenkamp 88
 Low Net:
 1. Millie-Anne Schwerin 72
 2. Janis LeCompte 74

Flight Two
 Low Gross: Jay Lee 100
 Low Net:
 1. Suzanne Fazzio 75
 2. Janice Mahoney 76

Flight Three
 Low Gross:
 Inge McQuiddy 103
 Low Net:
 1. Sue Park 70
 2. Carol Zaccheo 75
 3. Patti Bell 78

2 Tee Flight
 Low Gross:
 Laura Swenson 97
 Low Net:
 1. Barbara Weisend 75
 2. Kathy Apgar 76
 3. Alice Glazer 76

Monday, February 12:

1. Mary LeGrand - Jonna Robinson
2. Hank Koransky - Art Lind
3. Louann Partridge - Guest

Wednesday, February 14:
 1. Jonna Robinson - Guest
 2. Hank Koransky - Art Lind
 3. Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho

Friday, February 16:
 1. Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson
 2. Jan Kiernan - Sumi Minami
 3. Louann Partridge - George Welch

SHONIS

It Takes Two Tuesday, February 13

1. Meg Rogers and Judy Rogers 41
2. Tied - Manoli Kelly and Fran Schumaker, and Donna Erickson and Julianna Wahlgren 42

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.

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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!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘Called to Listen’

By Louise Connors

How often have we heard the words, “Listen to me!” in our lives? In the Gospel of Mark Ch.9:2-20, Jesus leads three apostles up a high mountain. Peter, James, and John hear God say, “This is my beloved son. Listen to him.”

Like the apostles, we climb our own mountains, some taller, some steeper, some smaller. We share similar preparations for the climb, don’t you think? Learning, teaching, walking miles and miles, acquiring techniques, building endurance, physical and mental stamina, dealing with disappointment and rejection these are all in place when the opportunity comes, and you are selected. Just those three were selected. Were

they filled with anticipation, excitement, pride, validation, belonging, gratefulness? And they hadn’t even begun to see what Jesus had planned for them at the summit.

As a dancer, I also experienced those preparations and emotions at the end of an audition the director called my number as a member of the cast. I

felt I had been given the world. I had climbed this mountain and like the Apostles descending the mountain I knew the work before me and was prepared and ready, ready to share my passion and joy in my love of the dance. God calls us to live our lives to the fullest potential. Just continue to be who you are. That’s all He wants. And when He asks you to listen, will you?

Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Sandersfeld Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 5111 San Felipe Rd.

Fridays in Lent

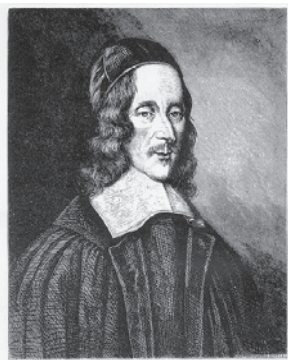
6 p.m. Supper
6:50 p.m. Stations



EPISCOPAL

George Herbert

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



His life may have been short (1593-1633) but his impact has been long and profound. This week the Episcopal Church remembers the life of George Herbert, poet and priest in the Church of England. And—may I say—a personal muse? Herbert came late to ordained ministry after already distinguishing himself as a prolific writer, orator, and musician. In fact, more than 90 of Herbert’s poems have been set for singing

over the centuries. Some 40 were adapted for the Methodist hymnal published by the Wesley brothers, among them “Teach me my God and King”, which found its place—in one version or another—in 223 hymnals. Another poem, “Let all the world in every corner sing”, was published in 103 hymnals. His work has been translated for musical settings in French, Spanish, Catalan and German.

And yet, despite his literary and musical influence, Herbert’s greatest joy was in the life of a rural parish priest. His one extended prose publication, commonly known as “The Country Parson” published in 1652, was a manual of spiritual advice for pastors. He taught that God was always revealing himself in the everyday, and that “things of ordinary use” (such as ploughs, leaven, or dances) could be made to “serve for lights even of Heavenly Truths.” Indeed, George Herbert taught as he lived, and sang as he preached: “Teach me, my God and King/In all things Thee to see/And what I do in anything/To do it as for Thee.”

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

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Search the Scriptures is meeting at **10 a.m., February 26 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.



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COMMUNITY CHAPEL

‘We All Do It!’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

Everything on earth has its cycle of life, from civilizations, governments, manufacturers and all living things. Every now and then, someone in our community will experience some form of loss which brings them to the shores of grief. We all are hit with the waves of grieving over the loss of a loved one or a pet who was like a member of the family.

The effects of grief can be devastating and debilitating and may sometimes cause a person to withdraw from their loved ones. Feelings of personal guilt can also occur, especially if you think that the outcome would have been different if you had taken a different path.

Depression can cause you to isolate yourself from the outside world and all the things you used to enjoy, leaving you feeling empty, lonely and sad. A person can become so overwhelmed to the extent that they lose their appetite and the will to survive.

Despite the effects of grief there can be “Good Grief.” I know when making that statement it makes no sense. How can grief be thought of as good when your heart is broken? Well, we will grieve here on earth because we are attached to earthly things and other human beings. However, grief can have a positive effect in bringing about growth, maturity and independence, as a person grows through the stages of mourning. In “Good Grief” we embrace the assurance of seeing our loved ones again because of our mutual commitment to Christ which allows us to live with eternity in view.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV

Condensed: *We grieve in hope, knowing that we will be reunited with those who died trusting in Christ. Jesus died, rose from the grave and will return with those who died believing in Him. We, who remain alive, will be caught up together in the air and taken to Heaven forever.*

The “Good Grief” is about waiting to be reunited! There isn’t a day or week that passes when you don’t think about a loved one that you have lost. We offer a 13-week biblical based course in Grief Share.

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 or villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Cribari

5500-5576—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

5001-5076—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

Del Lago

3316-3366 and 3401-3431—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

3101-3134 and 3201-3243—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

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

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, in progress.

Estates

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

Plum tree stump removal at various locations, in planning.

Fairways

4001-4024—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Glen Arden

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

Roof repairs throughout the district, in planning.

Gutter cleaning throughout the district, 2/26-3/1.

Heights

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

Hermosa

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

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflaminate plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

Highland

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

Montgomery

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

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

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Olivas

8646-8650 and 8665-8712—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

Trash enclosure light installations in progress throughout the district.

8754—Slab leak repairs in progress.

Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 2/26.

Valle Vista

9048-9066—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

9037-9047 and 9067-9072—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 2/26-3/1.

Verano

7200-7251 and 7300-7313—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.

Association

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

Irrigation repairs throughout the Villages, ongoing.

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

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

Annual Crape Myrtle tree pruning in progress throughout the districts.

Landscape drainage repairs in progress in various districts.

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control in progress (Site Pro 0.42% proflaminate plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759.

Club Centers

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

Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control in progress (Site Pro 0.42% proflaminate plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759.

Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.

Chardonay lake—Circulator pump out of service for repairs.

Montgomery Pool and Spa—Replastering project, 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.

Maintenance Project Notice:

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

Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

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

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

Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

Center for Wildlife Care...

(Continued from front page)

injured, and orphaned native wildlife. The Center, costing approximately \$50 million dollars, will serve San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

Holly and Michael from the Wildlife Center will tell us about some of the work the organization has done and their plans for the future. We encourage you to attend this presentation covering the very interesting care of local wildlife rehabilitation care.

Check out VMA's extensive list of equipment for loan

Planning a major procedure in the near future? Had an "unplanned" fall recently? If you are in need of any kind of support equipment for a speedy recovery or daily support for your condition, the Villages Medical Auxiliary (VMA) most likely has the right equipment for you! Check out the extensive catalog of equipment the VMA offers to residents free of charge. Visit our website at VMAvillages.vgcc.club and click on the "Medical Equipment For You" tab. Navigate through the catalog using its up and down arrows. There's a plethora of items at your disposal.


Once you've identified a piece of equipment you can use, simply call the VMA desk from 9 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (408-238-4230) and either request the specific item be delivered to your home or make an appointment with a volunteer to meet at the VMA Shed in the RV park behind Montgomery to personally select the item you need/want!

If you no longer need the equipment, just reverse the process! A volunteer will pick it up from your home or meet you at the shed to return it for another use.


These services are free of charge and support VMA's mission to assist residents to live independent, active and healthy lives as long as possible in The Villages!

Notify Public Safety after passing 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.

Your Words of Wisdom 

It always seems impossible until it is done.

Slice of Humor 

My wife says I'm cheap...
...but I'm not buying it.



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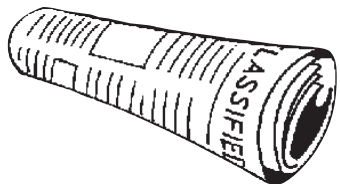
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Appliances

Appliance Repair Maintenance
 Trained, Licensed
 Insured Repair Specialist
 All Major Brand Appliances
 Richard: 408-439-9645
 armrepair@gmail.com
 www.armrepair.com

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Appliances (continued)

E&J Appliance Repair Servicing all major kitchen appliances, including Laundry
 Ricky
 408-431-0545
 408-753-6273

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Carpet Cleaning

CARPET CLEANING

SUP-R-KLEEN Carpet Cleaning

Tile & Grout
 Furniture
 Wood Floors
 Carpet Stretching
 Licensed - Insured
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Draperies

The Drapery Lady Custom Draperies, Blinds, Shades & Shutters.
 Over 25 Years Experience
 408-981-1874

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Heating & A/C

Master Maintenance Air Conditioning / Heating / Water Heaters
 Installations, Repairs
 Preventative Maintenance
 Phone 408-242-3082
 Lic.#767008
 Villagers References
 Villages Resident

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Housecleaning

Lucy's House Cleaning Professional Work
 Very Trustworthy
 30 years of experience
 (Villagers' references available)
 Licensed, Free Estimates
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CASH PAID Gold/Costume Jewelry, Sterling, Diamonds, Coins, Stamps

Tom 1-408-607-7142

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Landscape

LANDSCAPE

Rick's Lawn Care & Property Maintenance

Gardening
 Yard clean ups
JUNK REMOVAL

Rick
408-439-9706

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PAINTING

Piazza Painting
408-674-6333

Interior / Exterior
 Lic#877626
 Popcorn Removal
 Free Estimates
 Color Consultation

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Bill Morefield Painting

408-838-1852
 Villages Resident
 Licensed since 1984
 ALL SERVICES
 Lic. 490191

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WINTER SPECIALS

FAITH PAINTING
 www.faithpainting.com
 faith_painting@yahoo.com
 408-281-7500

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**FREE ESTIMATES!
 FREE COLOR CONSULTATION!
 COMPETITIVE PRICE MATCHING!**

RESIDENTIAL PAINTING SPECIALIST
 EXTERIOR - INTERIOR PAINTING
 DRYWALL/TEXTURE REPAIRS
 HANDYMAN SERVICES
 CABINETS - FINE FINISHES

30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
 INSURED & BONDED
 LIC. NO. 651686
 GREAT REFERENCES!

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We Fix PC's / Macs & Networks
 On-Site 7 days,
 8 AM to 10 PM
 BBB A+, 2350 Clients,
 Same day
 408-866-5121
 In business since 1988
 Computereperts.com

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 Packing & Unpacking Services
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 Cell. 408-717-2200
 CAL-T-191326

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 408-717-2327
 Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly
 Free Estimates
 Licensed, insured

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 408-369-8595
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 Steam Cleaning

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3S Gardening-Landscaping Lawn, Tree Maintenance
 Plants, Flowers.
 Joseph
 408-209-8206

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**Painting
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PAINTING

**Detail-Pro Painting Co.
Wallpaper Removal**

License#857694
Bonded, Insured
35 Years Experience
408-509-9400

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**JAMES PAINTING
Villages Resident**
Lic.No.500613,C33
408-210-0859

jamespainting7@comcast.net
Villages References

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**Personal
Assistance**

**Errands, Deliveries,
Rides**

(with or without assistance)
Companionship, Shopping
Assistance, Pharmacy,
Groceries, Doctor
Appointments, Malls
Home, Office, and
Garage Organizing
Villages References

THAIS

(408)396-9912

marquezt634@gmail.com

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Plumbing

**ALVCO & SONS
PLUMBING**

(Now operated by sons)
One Year Guarantee
Serving the Villages
for 20+ years

Call for a
FREE ESTIMATE
#B585720,C-36
408-767-1298

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**Plumbing
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PLUMBING

**Venture Plumbing—
The very best for your
home plumbing**

Venture Plumbing Company is
offering 20% off any plumbing
service for 55+ seniors at the
Villages in San Jose, we look
forward to providing quality
plumbing services
to your community.

Senior discount offer cannot
be combined with any other
special offers

Venture Plumbing
Lic. #934775
Call us today!
1-866-483-6887

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A.L. Plumbing
**Honest, reliable &
friendly service.**
Bonded & Insured
We also unclog drains.
Lic#1038274
408-724-1531
10% senior
discounts on labor

Remodeling

**Revamp your Home with
Posey Design and
Construction**

Proudly serving the
Village for 20+ years
Offering painting, remodeling,
design services and more
Contact us for a free estimate
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Repair/Handyperson

**Home Trouble?
Call Louie the Handyman**
Repairs, Painting,
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picture and mirror hanging.
408-802-6128

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Senior In-Home Care

**SENIOR
IN-HOME CARE**

**Caregivers
CARE ON CALL**

Licensed, Bonded, Insured.
Caregivers are employees,
Not independent contractors.
Trained and supervised.
Hourly, Live-in
Free Assessment
References Available.
408-857-1872

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**SENIOR
IN-HOME CARE**

**OUTSTANDING AND
EXCELLENT
Vista Verde Home Services**

Bonded, Licensed, Insured
Hourly, Live-in, Transport
Great References
Free Assessment
(408) 509-1257

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**Certified Nurse Assistant /
Caregiver**

20 years experience
Live-in/Hourly
Villages References
Jocelyn: 408-781-4336

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**Caregivers 24/7
Excellent Services**
Experienced, Reliable,
Trustworthy
Affordable Rate
References Available
Serving Villagers for 15 years
408-896-7405
408-896-7404
408-896-7403

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**18 years working in Villages
Certified private
care assistant/caregiver**
Excellent Referrals
Live In/Hourly
Mila: 408-660-6459

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**Senior In-Home
Care (continued)**

EssentialCare
Quality, Affordable
In-home Care
Licensed, bonded, insured.
Honest, reliable, certified.
Hourly/Live-in
A+ ratings
CALIC# 434700088
Free consult.
408-368-6918

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Shoe Repair

Andy's Shoe Repair
2850 Quimby Road
Suite 100
408-270-0850

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Tile/Tiling

Tile & Grout King Inc
**Tile Installation +
Grout Restoration**
Dependable + Skilled
Lic#895985
Bonded, Insured
Info@TileAndGroutKing.com
408-930-TILE (8453)
1902 Lafayette St. Suite C
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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FOR SALE

ESTATE SALE
8758 McCarthy Ranch Drive
Village Olivas

Fri. 2/23
10am - 2pm
Sat. 02/24
10am - 2pm

Bedroom, Dining, Office,
Sofas, Coffee Tables,
Exquisite Home Decor,
Lamps, Fine China,
Glassware,
TV, Grandfather Clock,
Household Items,
Patio Furniture,
Garden, Tools, Plants,
Ladies Clothing,
and much more.

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**CARS, RVs,
GOLF CARTS**

**2010 E-Z-GO RXV 48v AC
Drive Golf Cart.**
Includes Sunbrella Enclosure.
\$3,500/obo.
Call Diana: 971-645-7796

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WANTED

Wanted:
**Sports Cards &
Collectibles** - Baseball,
Football, Basketball, Hockey,
Soccer, Hot Wheels,
Action Figures, Barbie,
Comic Books, Toys & Video
Games...etc.
Cash for small &
large collections.
Call or Text -
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WANTED
**Volunteer proofreader for
The Villager**
One or two days a month.
For details, call Scott
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Suzanne Rodda
408-659-0001

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COMING SOON

VILLAGE HERMOSA

Home is being prepared for market.

FOR SALE - RODDA REALTY TEAM



COMING SOON

VILLAGE VERANO

Home is being prepared for market.

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VILLAGE DEL LAGO \$899,888

2 Bd + Den | 2 Ba | 1679 sf
Gorgeous end unit with picturesque foothill and pond views. Light, bright & open floor plan. Must See!!

FOR SALE - RODDA REALTY TEAM



VILLAGE DEL LAGO \$925,000

2 Bd + Den | 2 Ba | 1679 sf
Meticulously updated with modern finishes end unit. Picturesque foothill and pond views. Must See!!

FOR SALE - RODDA REALTY TEAM



VILLAGE OLIVAS \$1,249,989

2 Bd + Den | 2.5 Ba | 2205 sf
Stunning single story home with no steps. Custom built patio for outdoor living! An Entertainers Delight!

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VILLAGE HERMOSA \$938,000

2 Bd + Den | 2 Ba | 1803 sf
Gorgeous end unit on a quaint street with just three neighboring homes. Must See!!

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VILLAGE CRIBARI \$500,000

2 Bd | 2 Ba | 1223sf
Beautiful remodel! Sliding door leading to fabulous large patio with gate. No stairs access! Must See!

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VILLAGE CRIBARI \$475,000

SOLD!!!
Please give a warm welcome to our new Villagers!

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VILLAGE CRIBARI \$512,000

SOLD OVER LIST!!!
Please give a warm welcome to our new Villagers!

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#1 REALTOR IN VILLAGES SALES & RENTALS - YOUR LOCAL REALTOR & RESIDENT



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