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## Get tickets for Concert Band's 'The Great White Way!'

On **Sunday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m.**, please come join the Villages' Concert Band as it presents a Broadway-themed concert in Cribari Auditorium. This concert is dedicated to the memory of Kathi Levin who left us on February 10, 2024. Her French Horn and her husband, Earl's Bari-Saxophone, have been cornerstones of the concert band from its early inception. Kathi's presence will be with us always.

There are multiple ways to purchase the \$20 tickets:

- On the day of the performance – starting at 1:30 p.m.
- Ahead of time by going to the Auditorium lobby **Saturday March 9, from 10 a.m. to noon.**

• **New:** At any time before March 10, go to <https://forms.gle/tE7XwyoDmov6Av8v7> and provide the requested information.

Tickets include a 10% off benefit at the Villages Restaurant main dining room on that day.

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## Spring into shopping at Crafters Club Boutique

By Tere Barbella

Got the winter blahs? Well spring is almost here and we've got just the thing to lift your spirits—some exciting new items that you can pick up at the Crafters Club Boutique on **Saturday, March 23** from **10 a.m.** until **2 p.m.** at Cribari Center!

Just follow your nose to find Susie Henderson's wide array of sweet-smelling lavender products. Susie's signature product is her lavender wands made from early harvested stems and flowers threaded with delicate ribbon. She started making lavender wands over 40 years ago and has branched out to include sachets, soaps, and even ceramics. She harvests organic lavender and pairs it with a variety of hand crafted and natural materials to make her unique items. Look for her new Easter Duckie soaps and lavender sachet pillows at the march show!



Lavender creations by Susie Henderson

Every season requires an adornment for your front door—and Stephanie Torres has just the right wreath or arrangement for you! Inspired by a Fiesta wreath that she saw at a friend's party, Stephanie began fashioning wreaths for friends and family before turning her hobby into a business. She uses a variety of materials, both natural and commercial to make her creations. Her creations include patterns that are trending, her own creatively inspired designs and her specialty that she really enjoys, which is making custom orders. She will be showcasing her new spring and Easter wreaths at the March Boutique.

You don't want to miss these and other unique hand-crafted items that will be on sale at the Crafters Club Boutique March 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Cribari Center. Come by to shop, we've got coffee and cookies and lots of smiles to share!

## VMA to present 'How May I Help?' with Bonnie Grim

By Barbara Zahner

What happens behind Bonnie's closed door in the VMA office? On **Thursday, March 28, from 1 to 2 p.m.** in the Montgomery Center, VMA Service Coordinator Bonnie Grim, MS will present "How Can I Help?" She will discuss the ins and outs of her 25-hours-per-week position. Bonnie notes her job has three primary functions:

- Information and Referral for residents and families
- Advocate and counselor for individuals, families, and concerned friends of residents
- Program Developer for education and well-being of our residents

"I love working with the residents of The Villages. I love the positivity of the community and of our VMA volunteers," Bonnie said. "It is gratifying to see how we work as a team, so residents remain safely and independently in their homes, for as long as possible."

The VMA initiated service coordination for residents in 1992. Bonnie holds degrees in Sociology and Dietetics and Nutrition. Previously, Bonnie worked for Jewish Family Services, home health care agencies, and as a Geriatric/Life Care Manager.

Join Bonnie Grim to answer your questions about the assistance of our Resident Services Coordinator. In one hour, Bonnie will explain how she works with our residents, how she ensures confidentiality, and her insights into independence and interdependence in living in The Villages.

Register now for "How Can I Help?" by visiting [VMAvillages.vgcc.club](http://VMAvillages.vgcc.club) or calling 408-238-4029.

# 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.  
 0 Pulse letters not meeting Pulse Letter Requirements.  
 1 Pulse letters published this week.

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

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

We all complain about the HOA fee going up every year. The reality is with inflation and wages increase the HOA will go up every year. The money has to come from somewhere to maintain what we have here. The proposed initiation fee for new owners is a good compromise for holding down the HOA fee annual increase and still provide the same amenity we all enjoy in The Villages. I don't think the initiation fee will affect the value of the homes in The Villages because it is relatively small compared to the selling price. It will be treated as part of the transaction cost.  
 —Arthur Yu

## Welcome New Residents! New Resident Orientation Scheduled for March 13

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, March 13, at 3 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse. This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.  
 If you are unable to sign up for this orientation please keep your eyes on *The Villager* newspaper and the FastLane email blasts for information about future sessions.  
 Note: For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-223-4674 before March 8 to confirm attendance.

## Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10

**Set your clocks forward one hour ("Spring forward!")  
when you go to bed on Saturday night.**



**Attention Content Contributors:** The Villager represents the voice of its residents, maintaining the tone of the community as well as the accuracy of all articles. The Villager staff works diligently with content contributors to uphold this standard, and in doing so, will refuse any content written by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology and/or deemed factually incorrect—in whole or in part.

More **BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT**  
 and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 7, 14 & 21

## IN MEMORIAM

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

### DEADLINES

**General Copy:** All general copy, other than sports, is due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, seven days prior to publication. For editorial information call 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655 or email ktran@the-villages.com.  
**Sports:** Sports copy is acceptable after deadline only by permission of the Managing Editor, 408-223-4655.  
**Classified Ads:** Classified ads, renewals, cancellations and changes are due by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication. Holiday deadlines differ. You may fax classified ads to 408-274-2843 or e-mail to: areed@the-villages.com or ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.  
**Display Ads:** Display ad rates and placement may be arranged by calling Adrienne at 408-223-4657. Display advertising information is available on The Villages website at: www.thevillagesgcc.com.  
**Delivery:** *The Villager* is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in *The Villager* office, in Cribari Center and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

Publication of advertising in *The Villager* does not constitute endorsement. Licensed real estate professionals advertising in *The Villager* are required to name themselves as agent or broker, or list the name of the brokerage for whom they work as part of their ad. This is in compliance with Real Estate Law Section 10140.6.  
 All copy is subject to editing and must be submitted with that understanding. *The Villager* reserves the right to reject or discontinue advertising or articles that are deemed unsuitable.  
**The Villages Communications Advisory Committee** develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannaccone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

### HOURS

*The Villager* editorial and classified advertising hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *The Villager* display advertising office hours are by appointment. Call 408-223-4657 to schedule.  
*The Villager* is the official and legal communication medium for The Villages, a Senior Community. Its mission is to provide residents with timely information about activities, facilities and services at The Villages, and to promote a sense of community by documenting and celebrating those common experiences highlighting life at The Villages.

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## Proposed Changes to Club Board Policies

At the February 27, 2024, monthly board meeting, the Board approved for 30-day member notice proposed changes to VGCC Board Policy CPo 101 VGCC Policies and Policy CPo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees.

The purpose of the proposed edits to the policies is to come into compliance with current California Corporation Code 7212 for all the policies, to update to reflect organizational change references, and for CPo 302 Assessments, Charges and Fees, to absorb CPo 307 Administrative Set-up Fee.

Response to the proposed policy changes may be made by one or more of the following methods: 1) Participation in the discussion of the changes at the March 26, and April 30, 2024, board meetings, 2) via e-mail (jmeadows@the-villages.com) with comments sent to the General Manager's office at least seven days prior to the board meetings, or 3) via written comments to the General Manager's office (Business Administration Building A) delivered at least seven days prior to the aforementioned board meetings.

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Inserted text is shown with underlined text.

The proposed changes are as follows:

### TITLE: VGCC Policies      POLICY NUMBER CPo 101

**OBJECTIVE:** Provide guidelines for developing Club policies and procedures.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**POLICY:** The Club Board (Board) establishes policies and procedures that shall be used to manage and govern the Club's operations. A policy is a predetermined course of action established as a guide toward carrying out the Mission of The Villages Club Board of Directors, which is "TO PROVIDE A SAFE, ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY THAT OFFERS AN ENRICHING LIFESTYLE FOR ITS RESIDENTS." A policy lays out what the Board wants done. The procedure, which is a subset of and integral to the policy, describes how it should be done in much more detail. Policies deal with the "what" and "why". Procedures deal with the "how." Policies and procedures are required by the Board to provide clear communication among Club members, non-members living or visiting the Villages, and individuals contracted / hired / employed by residents, or the Club's Managing Agent.

A new policy and its procedure (if any) and changes to existing policy and its procedure shall be established by a majority vote of the Directors at a Club Board (Board) meeting. A motion will be recorded in the Minutes of the Board meeting that establishes why the new policy or the change in an existing policy was felt to be necessary. Such a record will assist future boards in understanding the reason for the action.

The Club Board shall provide written notice to members/residents of any proposed change to a policy or procedure (including the addition of a new policy or procedure) at least ~~30~~ 21 calendar days before the Club Board votes on the proposed change. The notice shall include the text of the proposed change, a description of the purpose and effect of the proposed change and a request for member/resident comment on the proposed change. Included in the notice ~~shall~~ may be an announcement of the date and time of the a study session at which the Club Board will consider the proposed change as well as oral and written comments from members/residents.

Delivery of the above notice may be made to the members/residents by one or more of the following methods: Personal delivery, mail, ~~eMail~~, the villages website Resident Portal, The Villager newspaper, or as recorded in our governing documents.

Response to the proposed change may be made by one or more of the following methods:

A. Participation in the discussion of the change at the Club Board of Directors study session, ~~if any~~, or the Board Meeting at which the proposed change will be considered.

B. Via e-mail with comments sent to the Club Board at least seven (7) days prior to the Club Board of Directors study session ~~if any~~, or the Board Meeting.

C. Via written comments addressed to the Club Board and delivered to Building A at least seven (7) days prior to the Club Board of Directors study session ~~if any~~, or the Board Meeting.

The Club Board of Directors may specify a date (Sunset Date) at which the policy is removed and no longer in force. The board may also remove a policy by majority vote as necessary.

A new policy statement shall be on a page having a header "Club Policy" and shall generally contain the following elements:

- **TITLE** - the title of the policy.
- **POLICY NUMBER** - a number identifying the policy. The format is CPo nnn, where CPo signifies a Club Policy and nnn is a three-digit number.
- **OBJECTIVE** - what is to be accomplished by the policy.
- **GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS** - references to any governing or legal documents which require or pertain to the policy.
- **POLICY** - the policy statement itself.
- **LIMITATIONS** - any specific limitations in or pertaining to the policy.
- **IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES** - procedures by which the policy is to

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## 'Ask the CBOD' Response—March 8, 2024

The Club Board has heard from several Villagers, via letters, phone calls, and in-person conversations—everyone wanting to know more about what the future holds for the proposed "membership initiation fee." We've decided not to publish any one letter to respond to yet will provide information about what is being planned. Thank you to everyone who has made contact, asked questions, and provided input. Keep them coming!

### CBOD Response:

The Villages was established in 1967, and within its first few years of operation, many of the key amenity features were created for the enjoyment of residents. The 18-hole golf course and the Cribari Center were both built in 1968. Additional facilities and amenities were developed by The Villages during its first decade. All the supporting infrastructure, such as plumbing, electrical, and roadways, was also installed during that same timeframe.

Today, The Villages now carries the financial burden of updating and refurbishing all the aging facilities and amenities, plus replacing much of the aged infrastructure that supports our operations. Unfortunately, The Villages never implemented a savings plan nor created a set of investments intended to be the "capital replacement fund" that would pay for these now costly updates, refurbishments, and possible replacements of Club facilities and amenities. Plus, where are the funds to create new amenities or new facilities? To be able to accomplish the massive amount of work on this rehabilitation, replacement, and new amenity or new facility list, The Villages and Club Board needs a dependable funding mechanism to make this happen.

One option to generate this funding has been proposed by the Club Board. The Club Board has proposed a "membership initiation fee" to be collected from new owners each time a home or villa is purchased. By collecting the capital funds from new buyers, it enlists new owners in helping to pay for their fair share of the facilities and amenities that The Villages now has in hand, that current or former residents have already paid for, plus to assist in funding the required rehabilitation, replacement, or new amenity or facility development work to come. New Villages owners would alleviate the financial burden from current Villages owners to build up the required "capital replacement" funds.

Additionally, the monthly dues and assessments currently paid by Villagers to the Club fall short of adequately covering current monthly operating expenses, in addition to repair and maintenance activities. The current funds are allocated towards the essential day-to-day operations, routine upkeep, and immediate repair needs; however, they do not stretch to cover the long-term capital improvements, new builds, nor significant refurbishments that are now critical due to the aged facilities, amenities, and infrastructure.

To complicate matters, the current version of the Club Bylaws contain severely restrictive caps on how much capital can be held by the Club to effect capital updates, refurbishments, replacements, or new amenities/facilities, and how much capital fund replacement dollars can be collected from members. Today, the cap on how much capital funding can be held at any one time is around \$1.2M, and the monthly capital collection cannot exceed \$40 per home or villa. With these severe limits, very limited capital replacement work is currently planned and executed by the Club Board. The Club Bylaws must be revised to permit higher levels of capital funding to be held by the Club, and to be able to collect higher levels of capital funds via monthly Club assessments.

Once the Club Bylaws are revised and approved by Villagers to facilitate higher levels of holding and collecting capital funds, the Club Board's next step would be to determine how to assess and collect the needed capital funds. The "membership initiation fee" has been proposed as this mechanism via an update to Club Policy CPo 302: Dues, Assessments, Fees, and Charges. This proposal is pending a comprehensive legal review and legal opinion from our law firm. This proposed measure is a placeholder and is subject to change based on forthcoming legal guidance and a final decision by the Club Board of Directors.

## Missed your Villager?

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

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



# MANAGEMENT

## Comcast Appointments for 2024 Coyote reminder and tips

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

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

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

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

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

## Golf Cart Registration Reminder

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

## Vehicle Bar Code Reminder

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

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

Coyotes may try to escort walkers out of an area to protect their pups or food sources when encountered on a trail or street. Humans may perceive this behavior as stalking, which is usually not the case. They may also view your pet as prey. To allow coyotes to be wild while keeping yourself and pets safe, please follow these pointers:

- Never feed coyotes—it is illegal to feed coyotes in most places. Feeding endangers your family and neighbors because it lures coyotes into neighborhoods.
- Keep unattended cats and dogs indoors or in completely enclosed runs, especially at night, and do not assume that a fence will keep a coyote out of your backyard.
- Accompany your leashed pet outside. Make sure you turn on lights if it is dark to check your backyard for unexpected wildlife.
- **Keep dogs on short leashes while walking outside; the Division of Wildlife recommends a leash no longer than 6 feet.**
- Keep noisemakers on hand to scare away coyotes that may enter your yard. Some examples of noise makers are whistles, horns or metal cans with small rocks or coins that rattle.
- Never run away or turn your back on a coyote.
- Do not allow a coyote to get between you and your pet or child—keep children close to you.
- Yell, clap hands, blow a whistle or rattle a can and try to make yourself look larger if you have a close encounter with a coyote.
- An empty soda can with pennies sealed with duct tape makes a very good noise maker when shaken.

**Reminder to all small pet owners:** A recent rise in coyote aggression has been seen with small dogs, most unleashed. **Please always leash your pets. Keep leashes short.** Coyotes will try to get between you and your pet if the leash is extended far enough. Coyotes are known to attack leashed dogs when the owner gets distracted. Please stay cautious and aware of your surroundings when cleaning up after your pet, talking to a neighbor, checking the mail, etc. Coyotes are opportunists and may make their attacks when you are not paying attention.

Carry a noise maker and always be alert. Use caution when walking past wooded areas, hiding spots between homes, and the golf course. They are widespread in The Villages and can truly be anywhere.

There is no way to completely eliminate coyotes from The Villages, so always use caution when walking, especially with pets. Also, coyotes tend to be most active around sunrise and sunset. Pick different times for walks.

Please report all coyote sightings to Public Safety and Vector Control at the email addresses listed in the article below.

## Report Coyote Activity

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

- Public Safety at [mhidalgo@the-villages.com](mailto:mhidalgo@the-villages.com) and include in email the location day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is [Vector.sccgov.org/home](http://Vector.sccgov.org/home). Residents can use this to report coyote / wildlife incidents directly to the county.

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

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 7, 14 & 21

## Something new for your FastLane delivery and submissions

Now FastLane will show up in your inbox at 8 p.m.—and that's every edition! Release of the Pro Shop edition is now on Mondays and the Clubhouse edition comes to you on Sundays, with no FastLane e-delivery on Tuesdays.

**The following FastLane editions are now released at 8 p.m. on the following days:**

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

**FastLane new contact person:** Please submit all your FastLane materials to Mariam Ibrahim at [mibrahim@the-villages.com](mailto:mibrahim@the-villages.com). Sign up for the FastLane to keep up to speed on what's happening at The Villages!

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




## 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

### Glen Arden DAC to meet March 18

Glen Arden will hold a DAC meeting on Monday, March 18 at 4 p.m. at Montgomery Center. Note the different location and date.

## AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of April are due to the Architectural Committee on or before March 22, 2024. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **March 22, 2024.**

## More COMMUNITY NOTICES

### (SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

### Record retention handout available

On Saturday, April 20 a shredding truck will be in the Cribari Center east parking lot from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Organizing for tax preparation is the ideal time to sort your record files. Which financial records should you keep a while longer and which have served their purpose as reference or proof of a transaction?

SRS has a handout titled **“Record Retention: What personal documents should you keep and for how long?”** This handout classifies things by length of time: What to keep for one year, four years, seven years, while still active, and keep forever.

The federal income tax statute of limitations for making changes to your tax return by either you or the IRS is three years after filing. However, if the IRS determines your gross income was under reported by more than 25 percent, the IRS then has six years to change your return. For your state income tax returns, the California Franchise Tax Board adds one more year to these two limitations, i.e., four or seven years. Consequently, many professionals recommend saving your tax data and a copy of your tax returns for seven years. You may decide four years is adequate.

Purchase records of assets, such as your home or financial investments, should be kept until the asset is sold to document the cost and consequent gain. If you receive an asset as a gift, the giver should include a copy of the giver's federal gift tax return (form 709) or a copy of the purchase records for you to keep until the asset is sold. If you inherit an asset, you should receive IRS form 8971 or a worksheet listing your tax basis in inherited assets.

Because of the risk of identity theft, shred any records that contain your Social Security number or bank or credit account numbers. Place your documents in cardboard boxes, paper bags or plastic bags and take them to the shredding truck on April 20. The cost is \$10 for each 20 pounds. The minimum fee is \$10 and you need to pay by cash or check.

The shredding event is sponsored by the Villages Evergreen Foundation (EVF).

Stop by the SRS office for the document retention handout and get ready for Shred Day at The Villages. If you call SRS at 408-239-5253, we 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@sbccglobal.net](mailto:villagesrs@sbccglobal.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 Alert:

### March 15 tax prep location

Because of a scheduling conflict, The Villages free income tax preparation on **March 15** will be at **Vineyard Center** rather than Foothill Center. If you go to the wrong location, just come back down the hill to Vineyard. You will find the smiling Villagers waiting for you.

### 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.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, March 26 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, March 26 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.** at Montgomery Center.

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

## Think you know EPC?

## Think again!

### By Arlene Versaw

There's a new vibe in the Emergency Preparedness Committee—new leadership, a new tone and a new level of energy and commitment.

If you've lived in The Villages for any length of time, you likely are aware of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and its mission to help residents keep safe. You probably know that it is a well-run organization in place to provide you with the info you need to respond to emergencies. And you know that you really should take the minimal steps necessary to ensure that you are ready, such as signing up for the Villages Alert System, packing a Go-Bag and having a plan for how you will handle things in case of earthquake, fire or other emergencies.

**But here's what you likely *don't* know about the New and Improved EPC:**

- Teams are going door-to-door in an outreach program to personalize EPC's work.
- The updated website is comprehensive, interactive, a chock full of the information you need to prepare your household. Check out [thevillagesepc.com](http://thevillagesepc.com).
- Volunteers are provided with free training, such as CPR and AED.
- Dedicated special response teams include an enhanced

Communications team with all new equipment and Medical/Emotional Support teams, to name a few.

The last Emergency Preparedness Fair was so successful, another is planned for 2024! Stay tuned for details!

EPC is more than a once-a-year drill. Your neighbors and friends who volunteer to be part of this group are committed to preparing you for an emergency. Consider joining this dedicated, re-energized group. The time commitment is minimal—the reward is great knowing that you are contributing to your community in such an important way. Contact Andrea Butler at [andreabutler@me.com](mailto:andreabutler@me.com).



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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

## Try new U-Jam Fitness!



Instructor Dominique Martin

Sign up for U-Jam Fitness, a new class being offered on three **Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22** from 10 to 11 a.m. in Cribari Auditorium.

The cost for this class is \$35 (Equipment bought independently, see below). Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, March 11. The deadline is Friday, March 29 or sooner if the class fills up.

Taught by Dominique Martin, U-Jam Fitness is an urban dance workout that makes you sweat while having a dance party. The class's world beats,

and smooth dance moves will leave you wanting more! No equipment needed.

Dominique Martin has had the pleasure of teaching U-Jam since 2010. From small group classes to large events, she enjoys bringing dance fitness with a splash of spunk to all participants! We are trying this new fitness class for a three-class session, let us know what you think!

## Sign up for new Yoga class!

Sign up for Yoga on **Wednesdays, April 10 to May 15** (six classes) from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment purchased independently as needed, see below).

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, March 11. The signup deadline is Friday, March 29 or sooner if class is filled.

This class combines simple sequences to improve body/breathing awareness, flexibility, and range of motion. Standing poses will help strengthen muscles, joints and bones and provide an opportunity to practice balance, flexibility, and mobility. You will also do seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures on the mat. The class offers changes (easier and more advanced). Movement will be done mindfully at a slow pace.

Participants should feel comfortable moving up and down from the mat. This class is appropriate for beginners to seasoned practitioners. A yoga mat must be purchased independently before the first class.

Mariko Dugay is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance and will soon complete her 500-hour certification. She teaches Gentle Yoga, Mindful Flow Yoga and alignment base Hatha Yoga.

## Marin Adventure coming soon

Join us for a trip to some highlights of Marin County led by our longtime tour guide, Craig Smith. Explore a coastal town, one-of-a-kind engineering marvels and spectacular views. From bus, to boat, to your own two feet, we will explore all we can on this adventure! More information will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of March 15.

## Take a trip to see Fashioning San Francisco and Irving Penn Exhibits

Explore the history of San Francisco through fashion with two amazing exhibits at de Young Museum! On **Wednesday, April 17**, join us for one of the most iconic collections of 20th- and 21st-century women's clothing in the United States. The first major presentation of de Young's costume collection in over 35 years, plus local loans of high fashion and haute couture. It showcases designs from pillars of the fashion industry such as Christina Dior, Alexander McQueen, Comme des Garcons and more. Many items have never been shown before!

Also, you can try on some amazing looks from the collection using the Snapchat Augmented Reality Mirrors. Step right up for this virtual experience and get a good look at your fabulous self in a Yves Saint Laurent piece or Valentino gown!

But wait, there's more! Fashion fans will also enjoy an exhibit of Vogue's longest-standing contributor, Irving Penn's revolutionary fashion photography in the postwar era. He is widely recognized as one of the 20th century's greatest photographers. Using neutral backgrounds, he emphasized models' personalities through their gestures and expressions. The exhibition includes about 175 photographs spanning Penn's nearly 70-year career.

Activity Level: Light to Moderate Activity (benches may or may not be available).

We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 3 p.m.

The cost is \$80 per person and includes admission, escort, and round-trip transportation; \$46 for Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco (FAMSF) Members.

Admission for the Fashioning San Francisco exhibit, Irving Penn exhibit, Snapchat Augmented Reality Mirrors, and general collections is included in the price. An optional self-guided audio tour for both exhibits is available for an extra \$6. Lunch options include the museum café and outdoor food stands in the area. Gratuity for driver is included in price, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Register in Building B during business hours. Registration deadline is Friday, March 22 or sooner if spots fill up.

## 'Building Your Immunity!' — date correction

Join Natsuko Tsuji on **Wednesday, April 3 (note date correction) from 10 to 11:15 a.m.** in the Sequoia Room for "Building Your Immunity!" Are you getting sick more frequently? Would you like to strengthen your immune system? This class will cover what the immune system is, which nutrients play a role in supporting it, the differences between prebiotics and probiotics, and three ways to boost your defense system through diet. You will also learn cooking and menu planning tips. At the end of the class, Natsuko will share her favorite immunity-boosting recipes.

The cost is \$41 per person. Register in Building B during business hours. Registration deadline is Friday, March 22 or sooner if spots fill up.

Natsuko Tsuji, MS, RDN is a registered dietitian nutritionist and holds a master's degree in Nutritional Science. You may know her as our current Pilates instructor.

## Join us April 9 at Graton Casino and Resort

On **Tuesday, April 9**, join us for a chance to win big at the Graton Casino and Resort 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. Activity Level: Light activity (mostly seated, long bus ride).

Graton is the largest, most elegant casino in the region. It holds 3,000 state-of-the-art slots, over 100 table games and a live poker room. Non-smoking areas are also available. When not playing, you can enjoy a 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 Boathouse Asian Eatery. More relaxed dining options can be found at the Marketplace, including pizza, a grill, Starbucks, and more.

If interested, a no-cost special rewards membership is an 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.

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

## 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.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES  
**Proposed Changes to Club Board Policies...**

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be implemented. Not all policies will require separate Implementation Procedures. If the Implementation Procedure is reasonably short, it can be included on the page with the other policy elements. If it is not, it should be included on one or more pages with the header "Club Procedure" and given a PROCEDURE NUMBER of the form CPn nnn, where CPn signifies a Club Procedure and nnn is the same three-digit number as the associated policy.

Beginning 01/01/2012, all future new policies or revisions to existing policies will combine the CPn with the CPO except in those cases where multiple procedures are necessary under a policy

**TITLE: Assessments, Dues, Assessments, Charges and Fees**  
**POLICY NUMBER CPO 302**

**OBJECTIVE:** Set forth policy and procedural guidelines for collection of member assessments, charges, and fees.

**GOVERNING DOCUMENTS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** VGGC Amended Bylaws of June 200623 Sections 8.2.2 through 8.2.5

California Civil Code, Corporation Code, Association and Homeowners Corporation Bylaws and CC&Rs:

**POLICY:** The Club Board shall assessments against collect Dues, Capital Replacement Funds, Membership Initiation Fees, and Miscellaneous Service Fees from the members sufficient to perform the Club Board's obligations. Assessments levied by the Association and Homeowners' Boards from their respective members shall be collected by the Club Board as Managing Agent.

Delinquent assessment payments are subject to the Club, Association and Homeowners' Boards' Collection and Delinquency Policies and the non-judicial foreclosure provisions of California Civil Code §5730.

The Club Board may set fees and charges for use of facilities and services and for disciplinary actions. Fees and charges to members are collected by the Club. **The Club Board is authorized to establish fees and charges for the use of facilities, services, and for disciplinary actions, in accordance with Club Policy and the approved fee schedule. Although the Board determines these fees, their collection is delegated to the Club's designee, specifically managed through the General Manager's office.**

The Club Board sets fees and charges for facility use, services, and disciplinary actions as per Club Policy and the approved fee schedule. Fee collection is assigned to the Club Board's designee and managed through the General Manager's office.

**PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:** This document sets forth guidelines to be followed by Management regarding the charges for use of facilities and services, collection procedures, and related disciplinary actions.

1. Fees and Charges in General. The Club Board of Directors establishes fees and charges for membership, operation, use of facilities, activities, and services and disciplinary actions. Such charges are payable when due and during intervals as the Villages Club Management shall designate. It is the intent of the Club Board not to charge fees for the use of Villages facilities for all resident events as defined by the Community Activities Office and approved by the Club Board, except in the case of groups which are the sole users of a Villages asset, including but not limited to the golf course, the stables, and the RV lot. "The Club Board intends not to impose fees for all resident events using Club amenities, subject to Board approval, except when groups exclusively use specific Club Assets such as the golf course, stables, or RV lot." The annual Schedule of Fees and Charges will be posted on The Villages website. Hardcopy can be obtained from the office in Building B.

1. The Club Board of Directors sets fees and charges for membership, operation, facilities use, activities, services, and disciplinary actions. Fees and charges are payable when due and/or at intervals set by The Villages management. To provide value to members, foster community, and promote inclusivity, the Club Board intends to waive fees and charges for all-resident events using Club amenities, subject to Club Board approval, except for requested special services or exclusive use of specific Club amenities including but not limited to the golf course, horse stables, RV lot or garden plots. The annual Schedule of Fees and Charges will be posted on The Villages website and a hardcopy is available upon request.

2. Membership Initiation Fee. The Club shall collect a fee from the new owner when a house or villa is purchased/sold, to a new owner transferred.

2-3. Golf Funding. Golf operations funding requirements shall be met by setting golfing operations revenue and per unit assessment funding targets each year. Resident greens fees in effect on the date of the special Member Club Tournaments, defined by the Club Board, shall be the authorized greens fee charged for resident and guest participants for tournaments held in that calendar year.

3-4. Exclusive-use Groups amenities, such as Stables and RV Lot. The estimate of net operating expenses and reserves, repairs, and enhancements for the coming fiscal year, including prior year budget variances, shall be paid by the individual users, members of the group.

4-5. Obligation to Pay Charges. Each charge is an obligation of the member/resident at the time it is incurred or billed. A member/owner is responsible for payment of any charges incurred by an occupant of the member's villa/home or guest of an occupant of the member's villa/home.

6. Due Date/Delinquency Date for Payment of Charges. A charge billed to a member/resident is due and payable on the date specified by Club Management. A payment is delinquent if not received 30 days after it becomes due.

5-7. Delinquent assessment payments are subject to the Club, Association and Homeowners' Boards' Collection and Delinquency Policies and the non-judicial foreclosure provisions of California Civil Code §5730.

6-8. Late Charges/Interest. A charge, or any portion thereof, that is delinquent shall incur a late charge set annually by the Club Board. Beginning 30 days after the charge becomes due, the entire unpaid balance shall bear interest at a rate set annually by the Club Board. The late charge and interest rate are contained in the annual Schedule of Fees and Charges, posted on The Villages website and available as hardcopy upon request. Schedule of Fees and Charges which can be found on the Villages website, or a copy obtained from Building A or B.

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**ARTS & CRAFTS CALENDAR**

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

**Monday and Fridays:** Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink 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!

**March 12:** Free Art Film: Andy Goldsworthy: Rivers and Tides. 2 pm, Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose. See his work in front of Cantor at Stanford and in front of the De Young.

**April 1:** Monthly Membership Meeting: Monday, 1:45 pm. Free Art Demonstration: Cheryl Peterson, Mosaics. President Mandy Book. Program Chair: Michael Sunzeri.

**Register for all Art Classes at [barb.gottesman@gmail.com](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com)**

**April 3-24:** Intermediate Watercolor with Ciel Duke. Wednesdays, 10:30 am – 1 p.m. \$120. All materials furnished.

**May 1-29:** Watercolor Plus Mixed Media with Doug Canepa, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$70.

**Ceramics Room** has open studio days for approved members. For Open Studio hours and classes, go to [villagesceramics.com](http://villagesceramics.com)

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



**HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE**

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

**Rambler Hike Wednesday, March 13:** Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a hike to Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. There is a \$5/car parking fee via an automated machine at the entrance. Drive about a mile to the Visitor Center where there is plenty of parking. It is a mostly level, paved path along Bayview Trail and curves around Red Hill and back near the park entrance for about 3.6 miles. Along the way there is an optional detour to the top of Red Hill (200 ft+/- elev. gain). This vantage point provides some excellent views of SF Bay and adds about 0.5 to 1.6 miles to the hike depending on which connector path one chooses. Also, there is a small museum (depicting the lifestyle of the indigenous peoples that lived in the area), picnic tables, bathrooms, etc., at park headquarters at the base of Red Hill. Dress in layers, bring water and a snack. Optional lunch after just outside the park at a nearby shopping center for those interested. R/T mileage approx. 50 miles. We meet at Cribari Center at 9 a.m. and depart at 9:15 a.m.

**Rambler Lite Hike March 13:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Glen Arden and Highlands. We'll walk around Glen Arden then along Caledonia to Buckhaven and back to Foothill. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

**Rambler Lite Hike March 20:** Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through Cribari starting at the west side. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.



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# THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:  
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

All Clubhouse & Bistro menus can be found at [thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com)

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

### The following details will be in effect at the Clubhouse:

- Restaurant Main Dining Room:** Reservations are strongly suggested by emailing, calling or making an online reservation. Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com), Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: [clubhouserreservation.com](http://clubhouserreservation.com)
- **Patio Dining** reservations for the patio are for 6 or more persons.
- **The Bistro alcove** can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people.
- **The kitchen will still close at 8 p.m.**, last seating at the Bistro, Patio, curbside takeout and Restaurant main dining room is 7:30 p.m.
- **Bistro Bar closes at 9 p.m. Last call is at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dress code for the main dining room will be enforced. During summer months, dress shorts and dress sandals will be allowed.
- Credit cards and house charges will be accepted.
- Cash will not be accepted for payment but can be left as a tip.

### How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

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

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

### We want your opinion!

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

Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you think!  
Please deposit comments directly to the locked comment card box at the Clubhouse foyer.

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



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



Or see all menus on the Resident Portal:  
**[thevillagesgcc.com](http://thevillagesgcc.com)**

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 3/11 to 3/17

### Monday, March 11

Split Pea

### Tuesday, March 12

Creamy Tomato

### Wednesday, March 13

Chicken and Rice

### Thursday, March 14

Minestrone

### Friday, March 15

Manhattan Clam Chowder

### Saturday, March 16

Chef's Choice

### Sunday, March 17

Chef's Choice

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 3/11 to 3/17

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 3/12 to Sunday 3/17

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

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 3/11 to Sunday 3/17—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Beef Fajitas:** Beef Strips with Onions and Peppers served with Rice and Beans **\$16.95**

**Santa Fe Melt:** Turkey Breast, Ortega Peppers, Bacon and Pepper Jack Cheese on Sourdough Bread with Choice of Side **\$15.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 3/12 to Sunday 3/17—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Fettucine with Salmon and Asparagus:** In a Garlic Cream Sauce **\$27.50**

**Grilled Chicken Papaya Salad:** Marinated Chicken, Protobello Mushroom, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Papaya over Greens with Sesame Ginger Dressing **\$26.50**

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

### Monday

#### Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Bistro Menu

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

### Tuesday to Friday

#### Breakfast:

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Bistro Menu:

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

#### Dinner Menu:

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

### Saturday and Sunday

#### Saturday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### Sunday Breakfast:

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Lunch:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Bistro Menu:

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

#### Dinner Menu:

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

**Main phone line: 408-223-4687**

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

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

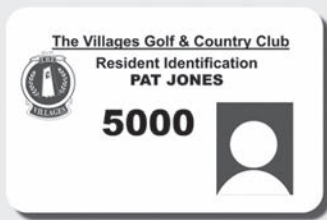
### Online

Reservation or Curbside Order: [Clubhouserreservation.com](http://Clubhouserreservation.com)

Email: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)



Please remember to bring your Villages ID Card with you whenever ordering services at the Clubhouse or Curbside Services. This will help us serve you faster and eliminate inaccurate charges. Thank you.




**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.

### 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.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day

**Join Us at the Bistro**  
**Saturday March 16 & Sunday March 17**  
**11 a.m. to Close**

**\$4 specials**  
**Guinness Draught**  
**Irish Whiskey Specials**



**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Lunch Portion \$21.95**

**Dinner Portion \$25.95**



**Leprechaun Dessert Specials \$4**

**Also Available for Curbside Pick Up**

## HAPPY Easter



**Clubhouse – Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Two Seatings – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

### Easter Brunch Buffet Menu

#### Breakfast Pastries Station

Croissants, Danish, Fruit, Nut Loaves, Scones  
Assorted Donuts, Mini Muffins & Mini Beignets

#### Display Stations

Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display  
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display  
Easter Egg Candies

#### Salad Stations

-Baby Spring Mix, Baby Arugula, Romaine Leaves and Baby Spinach  
-Assorted Cherry Tomatoes, Assorted Radishes, Cucumbers, Sprouts  
Beets, Red Onions, Herbed Croutons, Strawberries, Artichoke Hearts,  
Mandarin Orange Segments, Chopped Walnuts,  
Feta Goat Cheese, Shaved Romano Cheese and Tri Color Peppers

#### Seafood Display

-Smoked Salmon with Capers, Cream Cheese, Bermuda Onions,  
Egg Whites and Mini Bagels.  
Bay Shrimp Gazpacho Shooters, Peel and Eat Prawns

#### Carving Stations Featuring

Bone-In Virginia Ham and Prime Rib

#### Under the Chafers

Scrambled Eggs  
Country Fried Potatoes  
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon  
Eggs Benedict and Cheese Blintz  
Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce  
Rosemary and Thyme Braised Leg of Lamb  
Wild and Herb Rice Pilaf  
Vegetable Medley

#### Desserts Display

Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macarons, Eclairs,  
Assorted Churros, Petite Cheesecakes and Petit Fours

#### Beverages

Orange, Cranberry and Apple Juice, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea  
Includes One Glass of Champagne or Mimosa

\$67.95 plus service charge and tax per person  
Children 5-12 - \$24.95 plus service charge and tax per person  
Children 4 and under free

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – call 408-754-1339 or**  
**e-mail: [theclubhouse@the-villages.com](mailto:theclubhouse@the-villages.com)**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	SRS Tax Prep Service	FC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	VMA Funeral Planning	SEQ
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, March 9

9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tai Chi	CR
10 a.m.	Concert Band Tkt Sales	L
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
11 a.m.	Rose - A Mothers Story	FC

## Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Sunday Choir Rehearsal	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
2 p.m.	Chinese Club Cooking	MC
2:30 p.m.	Concert Band Performance	A
3 p.m.	EPC Orientation	VC
5 p.m.	Korean Club	FC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ
7 p.m.	Spring Show Rehearsal	A

## Monday, March 11

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	EPC Dir. & Sector Chiefs	FC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis Practices	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Jewish Community Board	MC

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)

9:45 a.m.	Search the Scriptures	VC
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Spring Show Rehearsal	A
5:30 p.m.	Hiking Club	FC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
6 p.m.	EPC Orientation	VC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED

## Tuesday, March 12

8 a.m.	Tai Chi 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi 2	CR
9 a.m.	Evergreen Invit. Cmte.	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Intro to Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Mat Pilates	CR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Club	PR
11:30 a.m.	9-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
1 p.m.	Bocce Board	PR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Free Art Film	CR
2 p.m.	Crafters Club	VC
2 p.m.	Spring Show Rehearsal	A
3:30 p.m.	Village Voices Board	PR
5 p.m.	VMS Board Meeting	PR
6 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ

## Wednesday, March 13

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
9:15 a.m.	VMA Board	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Spring Show Rehearsal	A
3 p.m.	New Resident Orientation	CH
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
4 p.m.	History of Israel	F

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

## Thursday, March 14

8 a.m.	Tai Chi 1	CR
8:45 a.m.	Tai Chi 2	CR
9 a.m.	Homeowner's Board	MC
9 a.m.	Pool Advisory Cmte.	PR
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Comms Advisory Cmte.	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Ladies Golf Lunch	CH
1 p.m.	Bible Small Group	SEQ
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	MC
4 p.m.	Pickleball Club	PR
7 p.m.	Spring Show Rehearsal	A
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

## Friday, March 15

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	VC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis Practices	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10:30 a.m.	Tennis Club USTA	TS
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7:15 p.m.	Jewish Shabbat	FC



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

**Fire Safety Town Hall (2023)**  
Daily  
12:00 & 6:00

**The Villages Landscape & Functional Turf (2023)**  
Daily  
1:45 & 7:45

**Aerial Views of The Villages (2015)**  
Daily  
2:30, 5:30, 8:30 & 11:30

**Avoiding Senior Scams (2014)**  
Daily  
3:00 & 9:00

**Welcome to Our Website (2021)**  
Daily  
5:15 & 11:15



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### Upcoming 2024 Programs

For these events, register online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call 408-238-4029.

**Ageing Together/ Family Discussion** – Examine what matters most to you when it comes to your health care and making our end of life wishes known. **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.

**How Can I Help?** Bonnie Grim, Service Coordinator for the VMA will offer an in-depth look at how she helps link villagers and their families to community resources and social service providers on **Thursday, March 28** at 1 in the Sequoia Room.

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# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Lunch Buddies event is this Wednesday!



Come join Lunch Buddies on **Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m.** With all this wet weather, lunch with friends will make the day something to look forward to—to cheer someone who's needing a boost, and perhaps, to get that boost yourself.

Call VMA at 408-238-4230 by **Monday, March 11** at noon to make your reservation and, if you'd need it,

to be sure someone can pick you up. We look forward to seeing you all on March 13.

## Open game night with your hiking friends

Have fun! Greet old friends! Meet new friends! Play some games and enjoy some delicious snacks and desserts! Please join The Hiking Club on **Monday, March 11**, for our funtastic Game Night at Foothill Center beginning at 7 p.m. Members and Guests are asked to bring their favorite board or card game(s) to play with their tablemates.



Apple pie with ice cream will be served, along with tea and coffee, and if you wish, bring an "adult" beverage of your choice. To help the environment, please bring your own cup or glass from home. No RSVP needed. Any questions, please direct to Linda Arbaugh at linda.e.arbaugh@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

## Senior Academy: 'Trash Punx —Going Beyond'

What are punx, you ask? In short, punx is the plural of punk—



Vanessa Rogier from Trash Punx

people who often reject mainstream culture and capitalism in favor of community-based activism and self-sufficiency. Which provides some insight into Trash

Punx—a San Jose nonprofit organization dedicated to cleaning up the world—one piece of trash at a time. Yes, Trash Punx has already removed more than 78 tons of trash from our waterways and collected tons of electronic waste, but it is its collaboration with Sabore's Well, a local organization dedicated to improving life in Africa, that is the basis for our program.

Vanessa Rogier from Trash Punx will share the story of this inaugural clean-up project, its achievements, failures and the lessons learned that transcend borders. Growing up across the globe, Vanessa experienced life in remote natural environments which served to fuel her passion for protecting the Earth. Join us for this enlightening experience showcasing the transformative power of global collaboration.

This presentation will be offered in Foothill Center at **2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12**. Please register for it at [villagessa.org](http://villagessa.org) or by calling Diane Taylor at 408-912-5594. If you leave a message, be prepared to provide your first and last name, email address and the name and date of the event. **This event is free to all.**

## Movie Study Group holds stimulating film discussion and dinner



The Villages Study Groups Club's "Movie Study Group" held its monthly meeting on Friday, February 24.

There were over 40 in attendance, including several new members and one prospective member. The discussion centered on the movie "Where The Crawdads Sing" and was led by Barbara Ber-



man. Her stimulating

questions brought forth a lively response from the attendees. On the fourth Saturday of each month, a member of "The Movie Study Group" volunteers to both select the movie and lead the discussion for the following month.

In addition to the movie group, The Villages Study Groups Club has many other groups that are available to our members. For further information on these great groups check our website at [studygroups.vgcc.club](http://studygroups.vgcc.club).

## Walking/Chair Dancing can benefit respiratory health



According to the American Lung Association, "regular exercise makes your lungs and heart stronger." The LSAL Fitness Club's Walking/Chair Dancing class teaches exercises that can help you strengthen respiratory muscles and improve lung capacity. Join us today. The class is open to everyone, so bring friends and join us. We meet Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Cribari Auditorium. The first class is free. Sign up in class.

## Opera Lovers to present 'Otello'

On **Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.** in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers will present "Otello" by Giuseppe Verdi.

Legendary Italian director Franco Zeffirelli and renowned tenor Placido Domingo unite their mighty talents for this gorgeous production of composer Giuseppe Verdi's classic opera based on Shakespeare's timeless, tragic masterpiece "Othello."

Victorious general Otello (Domingo) returns in triumph to his adopted city of Venice after vanquishing its foes at sea. However, not everyone is poised to give him a hero's welcome. Even as his beautiful wife Desdemona (Katia Ricciarelli) lavishes him with affection, Iago (Justino Diaz), a disgruntled ensign, plots his downfall. And, when Iago uses Otello's own madly jealous nature against him, he drives an irreparable wedge between husband and wife—with devastating consequences.

Filmed in Heraklion, Crete, the setting is unbeatable, and Placido Domingo, in one of his signature roles, is at his glorious best vocally. The drama is heavy but the music soars.

All Villagers are welcome to attend; no registration is required. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Also visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for information about VMS events.

If you need a ride to and from this event, please contact The Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 as soon as possible to schedule your transportation. Please tell them that this opera lasts 2 hours 10 minutes.

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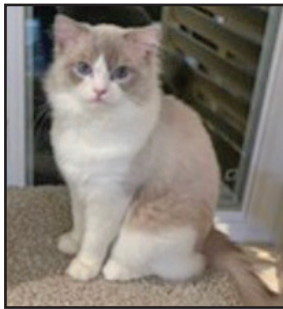
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## Learn about veterinarian network at Cat Club meeting

By Bette Loomis



You're invited to come and learn about MedVet Silicon Valley at the Cat Club meeting on **Monday, March 25, from 2 to 3 p.m.** in the Foothill Center. MedVet is the leading, veterinarian-owned network and family of specialists, emergency and urgent care. Think of MedVet as an extension of your family veterinarian, even when their practice is closed, MedVet is open at all hours. Come hear from a MedVet team on the fourth Monday in March. There is limited seating. Secure your seat by emailing [villagescatclub5@gmail.com](mailto:villagescatclub5@gmail.com)



## Crimson Charmers Red Hat Club tours MLK library

By Betty Olsen



On Monday, February 26, the Villages Red Hat club carpoled to the Martin Luther King library for a tour of the library. This San Jose library is genuinely unique in that it is co-owned by San Jose State University. The library is celebrating its 20th anniversary, one of the first joint libraries in the nation.

There are floors for students to study and special floors for the general public. At the top of the eighth floor, there is a spectacular view of downtown San Jose to enjoy from the floor to ceiling windows. The library has a wonderful art collection placed all through the library as a treasure hunt.

In addition to the many, many books, there are so many additional resources: job training, job placement, help for reading, languages, computers as well as programs for high school graduation. There is a large teen room for teens to congregate and explore 3D printers, a recording studio, art and craft exposure and all is free to San Jose residents. All you need is a San Jose library card.

## Get down and funky and learn a new routine!

By Bernice Toy



VMS Dancers at a just-for-fun session.

Come dance with us! Join the VMS (Villages Music Society) Dancers **every Monday at 5:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. Each month we pick a new song and learn a new choreography. For March, we will get down and funky to "Lil Boo Thang" by Paul Russell. Once you hear the song, you will not be able to stand still. So come and join the fun!

I am the Club President and choreographer for The VMS Dancers and can be reached at [VMS.Dancers@gmail.com](mailto:VMS.Dancers@gmail.com). For more information, see the Villages Music Society website at [villages-musicsociety.org/about-us-3](http://villages-musicsociety.org/about-us-3). The Club charges an annual \$20 membership fee. All monies go toward the support of the club.

## See what your phone caller is saying

By Barbara Zahner

"Sorry, could you repeat that number?" Try as you might, you miss numbers, dates, moments, and messages in your phone calls. Elli Tehrani, a specialist for ClearCaptions, wants to treat you to pizza and let you know about a free service for those who qualify: real-time captioning as you speak on the telephone. With this feature on your cell and home phone, you can:

- Stay connected and read (and re-read) the words of your loved ones.
- Have clearer phone conversations catching every word.
- Maintain your independence and not need help with phone calls.

In short: in real time, you will see what you say and what your caller says. You will also have an emergency weather alert system from FEMA.

Join "VMA Presents: Lunch & Learn" hosted by Elli Tehrani from ClearCaptions on **Monday, March 25** in the Sequoia Room from 1 to 2 p.m.

ClearCaptions is free for customers who are qualified through Title IV of the Americans for Disability Act. These laws were created so people with hearing loss disabilities can access their phone calls. Telephone companies and internet providers contribute to the fund to help service providers, such as ClearCaptions make this service available to you.

Ready to learn more and enjoy pizza? Join Elli Tehrani on March 25. Reserve your spot now online by visiting [VMAvillages.vgcc.club](http://VMAvillages.vgcc.club) or calling 408-238-4029.



### Montgomery Ladies Luncheon Saturday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Clubhouse Fairway Room

\$35 per person. One guest welcome per Montgomery resident

#### Choice of:

Chicken Crepe, Wild Rice, Asparagus with Red Bell Pepper Garnish  
Spinach, Mushroom and Cheese Crepe, Wild Rice,  
Asparagus with Red Bell Pepper Garnish  
Vegetable Quiche with Fruit Cup

All entrees include Butter Lettuce with Mandarin Oranges  
& Almonds Salad and Creme Brulee  
Complimentary Mimosa

Life Coach Kim Silverman will give a presentation on  
"Transforming Your Mindset: Practical Tips for Positive Change"  
Kim will guide us through four crucial steps to shift from negative  
self-talk to a more positive and balanced way of thinking.

**RSVP with entrée choice by March 19** to Celia Schiffner at  
[montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryvillagefun@gmail.com)

Include names of all attendees, house number for payment, and phone number.

**No refunds after March 15.**

## Recycling your aluminum cans benefits Villagers

By Maxine Amundson, Sustainable Villages Community



Aluminum cans have been collected in the Villages for over 20 years. The VMA (Villages Medical Auxiliary) took over this valuable sustainable practice from the High 12 organization in 2021. High 12 began the process and has provided the containers in all trash enclosure areas. Twelve volunteers collect from the 182 trash containers monthly and deposits them in a large dumpster located in the Corporation Yard. They

encourage homeowners to save their cans and deposit them in the closest trash enclosure as well. The dumpster is emptied about every three months yielding plus or minus 2.5 tons of aluminum cans per year that are recycled. Through these efforts approximately \$10,000 annually is generated to support our community.

An enormous Thank You to VMA Aluminum Recycle Manager Dennis Balanesi and his steadfast, unwavering volunteers, Don Barrett, Toni Thunen, Paul Kloetzel, Ernest and Graciela Gonzales, Judy Bushey, Emil Pisarri, Anka Hoek, Janelle Marines, Jonna Robinson and Geri Wilk. For more information, visit our club website at [sustainablevillagescommunity.org](http://sustainablevillagescommunity.org)



## Senior Academy's second quarter just around the corner

By Arlene Versaw

We do hope that you have enjoyed the various programs we've presented so far this year. As we slip into the next quarter of 2024, it's time to release the Senior Academy calendar for April, May and June. As always, our presentations are diverse and designed to entertain, educate and inform.

So, without "further ado," here's what's in store for the next three months:

**April 10** brings you wildlife photographer Joan Sparks with her introduction to brown bears in Alaska and the "warlords of the sky"—the impressive raptors—owls, hawks, falcons, eagles and vultures. Villager John Trudeau will return on **April 19** with a repeat of his popular 2023 discussion of Patagonia that was so well-attended we had to close attendance and could not accommodate all who wanted to come.

In May, we'll bring you a discussion of Artificial Intelligence (**May 12**) by a San Jose University associate professor of computer science who will touch on ethical considerations, its relationship to healthcare for seniors and cognitive assistance, for example. We'll also present an Evolution of Silicon Valley (**May 29**), a look at the Valley of the Heart's Delight and how the community's sense of place evolved in the transition from rural, agricultural lands to a major technological center.

Next, June is all about foreign places: A brief history of exploration in Antarctica - Follow the explorers, sealers and whalers this remote region is discovered (**June 6**) and experience an inside look at the culturally rich Buenos Aires (**June 18**).

And, of course, each month, Technology Explorers will present intriguing topics from the worlds of science and technology (**April 1, May 5 and June 3**).

So, watch this space for details and guidance on how to register, and plan on joining us for an hour or two in the days ahead. Welcome Spring!



## Calling All Artists!



Are you an artist? Are you a crafter? Do you make things? Join us to show and sell your items at Art in the Park. It's a fun art sale at Gazebo Park where artists set up on the picnic tables as hundreds of Villagers and their friends and families come out to shop. Sponsored by the Villages Arts & Crafts Association, Art in the Park is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20** at Gazebo Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Event contracts are available online at [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://villagesartsandcrafts.org) For more information, contact Diane Finley at [dianefinley1@gmail.com](mailto:dianefinley1@gmail.com)

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!

**Lunch is \$30. Sandwich selections are:**

- Avocado/Turkey on a Croissant
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- Albacore Tuna on a French Roll

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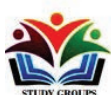
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Join today! Find out about the club and check out our calendar of events at [studygroups.vgcc.club](http://studygroups.vgcc.club)



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

**“Dead Fall: A Thriller” (Scot Harvath #22) by Brad Thor.** With all attention focused on the frontlines, they have pushed deeper into the interior to wage a campaign of unspeakable barbarity. As they move from village to village, committing horrific war crimes, they meet little resistance as all able-bodied men are off fighting the war. Simultaneously, a team of Russian mercenaries has been dispatched by the Kremlin to loot truckloads of art and priceless cultural treasures hidden away in a host of churches, museums, and private homes. When multiple American aid workers are killed, America’s top spy is sent in to settle the score. But in a country almost the size of Texas, will Harvath be able to find the men in question and, more importantly, will he be able to stop them before they can kill again? Mystery, 2023.

**“Somebody’s Fool” by Richard Russo.** Ten years after the death of the magnetic Donald “Sully” Sullivan, the town of North Bath is going through a major transition as it is annexed by its much wealthier neighbor, Schuyler Springs. Meanwhile, the towns’ newly consolidated police department falls into the hands of Charice Bond, after the resignation of Doug Raymer, the former North Bath police chief and Charice’s ex-lover. When a decomposing body turns up in the abandoned hotel situated between the two towns, Charice and Raymer are drawn together again and forced to address their complicated attraction to one another. Amidst the turmoil, the town’s residents speculate on the identity of the unidentified body, and wonder who among their number could have disappeared unnoticed. Large Print, Fiction, 2023.

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### Proposed Changes to Club Board Policies...

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7-9. Collection Expenses. Any costs and fees incurred to process and collect delinquent amounts, including, without limitation, late and interest charges, charges for preparation of delinquency notices or referral for collection, postage and copies, and attorney’s fees and costs, shall become an additional charge against the member/resident and shall be subject to collection action pursuant to this policy.

8-10. Application of Payments. Payments shall be applied first to the principal owed, then to interest and collection charges.

9-11. Initial Delinquency Notice. Once a charge, or any portion thereof, has become delinquent, the member/resident shall receive an initial delinquency notice stating all amounts past due and any known collection charges imposed as of the date of the initial notice. The initial notice may be in the form of a letter, monthly statement, past due notice, or any other form of written notice from the Club or its designated agent.

10-12. Not a Member in Good Standing. A member who is delinquent in the payment of any amount due the Club, as evidenced by an initial delinquency notice, shall be automatically deemed to be “Not a Member in Good Standing”, upon which the member/resident and all occupants of the member/resident’s villa/home shall lose the following membership privileges: point-of-sale charges to their home account, use of the golf courses, assignment of vehicle bar-codes, attendance at Club-sponsored trips, events and activities, recreational vehicle storage assignment, stables assignment, voting, and other privileges that may be designated by the Club Board. The member privileges shall not be restored to “Member in Good Standing” status until all delinquent amounts and associated interest and collection charges have been paid in full.

13. Collection Process. If a member/resident account remains unpaid for 30 days after it is due the Club Board or its designated agent may, at its sole discretion any time, thereafter, initiate collection by bringing an action in Small Claims Court or Superior Court, or by referral of the account to collection agency.

30 Days Delinquent: If an account remains unpaid for 30 days after its due date, the Club Board or its designated agent may initiate collection actions, including referral to a collection agency.

60 Days Delinquent: A second late notice is sent.

90 Days Delinquent: Accounts are forwarded to the Club’s Collection agency for a Demand Letter.

120 Days Delinquent: Accounts are reviewed again; the collection agency is requested to prepare a Final Demand Letter and Notice of Lien.

Post-120 Days: After a 21-day waiting period, if the account remains unsettled, the process escalates to Pre-Posting of Foreclosure, followed by the Posting of Foreclosure for Sale, both requiring Board action.

12-14. Dishonored Checks. A charge per check shall be imposed if the Club or its agent receives a check/electronic payment dishonored by the bank for any reason. The amount of the charge is contained in the annual Schedule of Fees and Charges. The Club may also seek damages in accordance with California Civil Code §1719.

13-15. Payment Agreements. The Club Board assigns the General Manager the responsibility of being its designated agent in the administration of any payment agreements to satisfy the settlement of delinquent assessment and fees owed. The designee, acting for the Club Board, may enter into a written payment agreement with the member for periodic partial payments on the balance of the assessment account, in amounts and on a payment, schedule agreed to by the designee. The agreement shall include payment of accruing assessments, and late charges shall not accrue so long as the member is complying with the terms of the Agreement. The Club has no obligation to enter into such an agreement, and any agreement entered with the member shall be reasonable and for the sole purpose of assuring the best interests of the Club are served. The payment agreement shall be in writing and a provision shall be included, which states that failure to meet any term of the agreement shall give the Club Board the right to immediately continue the collection process without further notice to the member.

14-16. Dispute of Charges. A member/resident may dispute the amount stated in the initial notice of delinquency by submitting to the Club Board a written explanation of the reasons for disputing the amount. A telephone call will not reserve any rights. If the Club Board receives the owner’s written statement within 15 days of the postmark of the initial notice of delinquency, the Club Board shall respond in writing to the member/resident. The member/resident is required to provide the following information regarding any dispute:

- The member/resident’s name, mailing address, and account number.
- The exact dollar amount claimed to be in dispute or in error.
- For each charge or payment in dispute, an explanation of the reasons for the member/resident believes there is an error, with sufficient detail such as dates, names, and check numbers, so that the dispute may be investigated. If the member/resident does know how the error was made, that statement may be made.
- Copies of checks, letters or other documents referred to or claimed should accompany the written explanation.

15-Address of the Club and Club Board of Directors. Members/residents should respond in writing or make payments to the address directed by the designated agent. If no address is given, correspondence should be mailed to the Club at the following address:

Board of Directors  
The Villages Golf and Country Club  
c/o General Manager  
5000 Cribari Lane  
San Jose, CA 95135

Unless another address is given by the Club or its designated agent, the address noted above may be used for overnight payments.

16-17. Sufficiency of Notice. Except for notice that under California law must be sent by certified mail, notice is sufficient if either hand delivered to member/resident address or mailed first class, postage prepaid, to the member/resident at the address on file with the Club at the time of notice.

# RELIGION

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

### ‘Light in the World’

By Patricia Galli

At times we might wonder in the confusion of economics, politics and the more difficult personal challenges that come our way, where is the Light? The opposite of Light in John’s Gospel (John 9:1-41) is not darkness but rather blindness. There is much debate in the story of the man born blind about where the blindness came from and how could the man be relieved of this burden. Blindness in our lives allows the confusion of the circumstances to cover the truth, the light.

Each of us has access to the light within ourselves. This is what we hear in this story. “I am the Light of the World.” Jesus reminds us that going to the truth of who we are, to the goodness that keeps us connected to the source of all goodness will bring us to the light.

It is not always easy and at times we must pause and ask for help along the way. In the middle of the pandemic asking for light seemed to be the best way to cope with all the unknowns and uncertainties. The same is true when facing personal challenges such as surgery or chronic illness. The Light of Christ is the beacon that will bring us from blindness to sight.

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

We are currently studying the Book of Jeremiah. Have you ever wondered about this astounding Old Testament Book? Come join us!



We meet every second and fourth Monday of each month. Our next meeting is at **10 a.m., March 11 at Vineyard Center.**

## VILLAGES JEWISH COMMUNITY

### March Upcoming Events



<b>11</b>	Board Meeting	Montgomery 10 a.m.
<b>16</b>	Shabbat Services	Foothill 7:15 p.m.
<b>24</b>	Purim Celebration	Foothill 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Janbuff13@yahoo.com

### What is Purim?

By Barbara Tommaney

The holiday of Purim is a joyous one that celebrates the preservation of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian empire during the 3rd Century BCE. The story of Purim has all the ingredients of a modern day melodrama. There is a villain, Haman, who wants to kill all the Jews in Persia in a single day. A misguided King Ahashuerus who has his Queen Vashti executed for failing to follow his orders. And finally the brave heroine of the story, Esther, who wins a beauty contest to become the next Queen. But she concealed her religious identity leaving the King unaware that she was Jewish.

When Queen Esther heard about Hanna’s evil plan, she stood up before the King, told him she was Jewish and begged him to spare her and her people. Because King Ahashuerus loved her, he did all she asked.

On Purim we celebrate Esther’s bravery with gusto. Many people wear costumes and when the story of Purim is read, Haman is booed and we cheer for Esther. It is traditional to serve the most famous Purim delicacy, the hamantaschen, a three-cornered pastry, shaped like Haman’s hat, filled with fruit, chocolate, or poppy seed.

## MUSLIM COMMUNITY

### Muslims in The Villages mark Ramadan by month-long fasting

By Hasan Z. Rahim

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan—when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk (no food or drink, not even water) to learn patience, humility, kindness, generosity and gratitude for God’s blessings— begins March 11 this year and ends April 9. The Evergreen Islamic Center (EIC), at 2486 Ruby Avenue, about 6 miles from The Villages, is the mosque that Muslims in the Evergreen Area attend to pray and reflect on their lives to serve God and their fellow Americans of all faiths.

The physical demands of thirst and hunger, even during long and hot summer days, pale next to the spiritual demands of Ramadan, which is to renew and reaffirm our relationship with God and with His human and non-human Creation.

The Quran tells Muslims to fast so that we may acquire a heightened sense of God-consciousness. God-consciousness implies a combination of compassion, grace, love, moderation, patience and self-restraint. By refraining from sin which alienates us from God and remembering God’s blessings with gratitude and humility, we strive to connect with the transcendent.

Ramadan is the month when we speak less and listen more. We make an effort to fast from social media, unworthy concerns, worldly thoughts and material attachments. We try to emerge from Ramadan as the best versions of ourselves and resolve to continue with our best versions for the rest of the year until the next Ramadan. It is difficult, given our human frailties, but that’s what we hope and pray for.

Ramadan is when Muslims are most charitable with their money and time. We remember the thousands of homeless and others suffering from loneliness and mental illnesses in the affluent Silicon Valley who need our help. An Islamic tradition holds that a person is not a believer whose stomach is full while his neighbor goes hungry. There are many in this prosperous valley for whom hunger is a daily reality. We have monthly food distributions at EIC to bring some measure of peace and comfort to their lives.

“So, where are you going?” asks a verse in the Quran, the Islamic Book of Divine Guidance. Where, indeed, am I going with my life? Is it aligned with God’s expectations of me, or am I going astray from a combination of ego, ingratitude, impatience, schadenfreude, greed and other failings? The blessed month of Ramadan reminds us of our duties to God and all human and sentient beings sharing planet Earth with us.

Every Sunday during Ramadan, EIC will host the Iftar—breaking of the fast at sunset—for the local community of all faiths. Anyone from The Villages who wants to experience the Iftar (dinner is served following the Iftar) may contact me at 408-613-5978 or email hasanzr@msn.com.

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘God of Infinity’

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

Reputedly meek in his manner—and a remarkably poor administrator—the fourth century Bishop of Nyssa (contemporary East-Central Turkey), Gregory was nevertheless one of the most noteworthy theologians of the early church. He argued for the infinity of God based on the unlimited goodness of God. Therefore—as God’s goodness is essential to his nature—God must also be limitless.

An important consequence of Gregory’s belief in the infinity of God was his belief that God would be ultimately incomprehensible to the limited minds of created beings. This gave rise to a particular understanding of humanity. Due to God’s infinitude, a created being could never reach a complete understanding of God, and thus for humanity (in both life and afterlife) there could

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## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘Oh Say, Can You See?’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

When I ask you, “Oh, say, can you see?” I’m not asking you to join me in singing the “Star Spangled Banner.” I’m asking if you are witnessing the change in our moral integrity as a nation.

It is considered a character assassination when a person says anything about another individual that isn’t true. No one should be able to walk into a business, take something they want, and walk away without paying. It may seem as if some people live without restraints, as we stand by helplessly, allowing others to do as they please. In the past, we held people to a higher standard by respecting others and their property.

Freedom is a blessing until that freedom is misused by those who take it for granted and vio-

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# SPORTS NEWS

## PICKLEBALL

### 'Profiles in Courage'—The beginnings of Villages Pickleball



By Terry Holmquist

Nothing happens by magic, and the existence of the Pickleball Club and the dedicated courts entailed a lot of hard work by many people. This is going to be a series of articles profiling those that helped make it happen and continue to keep things going.

We start with Nancy Keane who moved to Olivas in December of 2013 and started working on getting pickleball in The Villages. At that time most of us had never heard of pickleball, including the outgoing and incoming presidents of the Tennis Club.

Nancy started playing in 1983 because her neighbor in Saratoga had a court and invited all the neighbors to play. Nancy spent her summers in Tennessee where pickleball was very popular. So when she moved to The Villages she wanted to continue playing. Nancy noticed that tennis courts 5 and 6 were often empty and wondered if there was any chance they could be used for pickleball.

Now the work began. We all know what it takes to pass a bill in congress, this was no easier. First one has to demonstrate what is pickleball, its value and what is needed. Nancy arranged for the ambassadors of pickleball to have a demonstration and a few lessons. This took getting permission from the Activities office. Much to everyone's surprise, 75 people showed up with great interest.

Everyone was getting excited, but we still needed a place to play, so negotiations began with the Tennis Club. Luckily, a couple of tennis players had also been exposed to pickleball so they were willing to be advocates for the cause. The Tennis Club agreed to using courts 1-3, twice a week in the afternoon for 1.5 hours. Pickleball and tennis courts are not equal dimensions. Therefore the first pickleball players had to put down tape and remove it after every pickleball session.

The first club board was established on April 1, 2015 with Nancy Keane as president, Garry Gray as vice-president, Betty Olsen as treasurer, Anahid Gregg as secretary, Steve Williams as court manager and Mark Gregg as court scheduler. The club started with 20 members and now has grown to 518 members.

As Nancy said, "I planted the seeds and others watered them." We all are reaping the joy of Nancy's perseverance. When you see a lady with a slight Tennessee twang and you are having fun on the courts remember to say "Thanks."

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## WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

It was a fun week for golf as our ladies celebrated a wonderful tournament celebrating both the Swingers and the members of the 18-hole ladies. Mary Wagle put together a fun event and by all accounts everyone enjoyed playing from the number one tees. We all look forward to the next event together.

On Tuesday, we had an enjoyable day of golf in sunshine, something that has been hard to find in our winter months. The course was drying out and the debris was mostly gone.

The chip-in money is going to find its way to two lucky ladies, Barb Weisend, on 14 and Marie LeBlanc, on 17. Only one birdie was recorded by Janis LeCompte on 13.

The winners today flight one of the front nine were Carol Zaccheo, Sue Park, Kathy Kyne, and Sheryl Driskell and flight two included Emmy Brown, Sylvia Rozewicz, Charlotte Waugh and Sherry Benz. The flight one winners of the back nine included Renee Woolard, Vicki Krattli, Jan Kiernan, and Valerie Dimmick, and flight two included Barbara Weisend, Laurie Gallegos, Suzy Kim, and Song Cho. Barbara Weisend was the low net of the day with a nice 30 and is our back nine Captain's Trophy Winner while Emmy Brown's 31 gave her the front nine Captain's Trophy.

Keep the good play going, ladies. The weather is looking a little like the rain is returning as we welcome March in. Make sure you stay warm and dry and remember spring is just around the corner.



**Emmy Brown, Captain's Trophy front nine winner.**

## TENNIS TALK

By Marty Funcell



The Villages Tennis Club uses the "Coman Tiebreak Procedure" for Set and Match tiebreaks.

In 1985 the Coman Tiebreak was designated an "experimental tiebreak" by the USTA, and in the early 2000s it was adopted for national league play. In 2004 the name was changed from the Balboa to the Coman Tiebreak in memory of Coman, a recently-deceased player who was a strong proponent of the tiebreak.

The Coman tiebreak allows all players to serve on the same side of the net as they did throughout the entire set. Therefore, a player doesn't suddenly find him/herself serving in a condition that they were not accustomed to during the critical set or match tie-break.

Also, unlike the "Regular" tiebreak procedure, where players switch sides every 6 points, the Coman tiebreak procedure switches sides every 4 points and facilitates a fairer match since each team plays a more equal number of games on each end of the court.

### Coman Set Tiebreak

1. First to win 7 points with at least a 2-point margin wins **game** and **set**
2. The player whose turn it is to serve, shall serve the first point from the **deuce** court.
3. After the first point, the players change sides and then players change sides after every four points (5,9,13,17, etc...)
4. Each team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points starting from the **add** court after the first point.

### To begin serving the next set after the set tiebreak

The tiebreak game is the "service game" of the team that served the first point which means:

- a. The opposing team serves the first point of the next **set**.
- b. After the last point of the tiebreaker, the teams switch sides to start the next **set**

### Coman Match Tiebreak

The **match** tiebreak procedure is similar to the **set** tiebreak except:

1. First to win 10 points with at least a 2-point margin.

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Last Tuesday was a nice break in the weather and 22 Shonis enjoyed the chance to golf. It was our monthly birthday game and our only birthday Shoni golfing, Sabrina Malcolmson, grabbed her flight's sweeps. Happy birthday, Sabrina.

We also welcomed two qualifiers last Tuesday, enjoying the sunshine and Par 3 golf. One of these qualifiers, Robin Fish, took home our roll over birdie pot. She showed her putting skills on hole 2 and hole 4, dropping those putts easily. Good job, Robin. But that won't help your qualifying handicap.



# MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini kurt.pagnini@gmail.com, villagesgolfers.com  
 Upcoming events:



Hey guys, this is tomorrow! **2024 Men's 18 Hole Golf Club St. Patrick's Tournament**—Saturday, March 9 with an 8 a.m. Shotgun. The format is 2BB, Shamrock Ball + 1 Net BB of the other three Players. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

**2024 Spring Open** - Stableford, 2BB, 4-Man Teams, Flighted 4/13 Shotgun 8 a.m.

**2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament**—Two-man, match play and horserace tournament. May 3, 4, and 5 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Flights consist of six 2-man teams – format - four-ball match play - 1 net best ball. Each team will play 9 hole matches with the other five teams. Registration starts Saturday, March 2. **Sign up at the Pro Shop in person, no phone tee time reservations!**

The **2024 Men's Golf Club Handbooks ("Green Books")** are available online through the Men's Club Site at villagesgolfers.com. Hard copies are provided to new members only in order to conserve resources.

**Golf Thoughts:**

"Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore,' shoot six, and write down five."

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots – but you have to play the ball where it lies."

"I don't exaggerate. I just remember big."

**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. MGC Members are always welcome to attend.

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

## Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament Two-Man, Match Play And Horserace

May 3, 4, and 5 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



Flights consist of Six 2-Man Teams – Format - 4-Ball Match Play - 1 Net Best Ball. Each team will play 9-hole matches with the other five teams in your flight.

- Friday, Day 1 - 2 nine-hole matches and Team Virgilio's putting contest after matches
- Saturday, Day 2 - 2 nine-hole matches
- Sunday morning, Day 3 – 1 nine-hole match on to determine the Flight Champion
- Sunday morning, Day 3 – HorseRace – Following nine-hole match  
 - All Flight Champions will compete in the Championship Horserace.

**Added Bonus:** If your Flight Champion finishes in the top position, everyone in that flight will be paid! On Sunday, after the Horserace, a Catered Taco Bar Lunch at Foothill Center to celebrate all the winners and Virgilio's Door Prize drawings. Included in entry fee: Coffee and Donuts served each day, Snacks and Beverages in between matches, Taco Bar Lunch and Awards at Foothill Center on Sunday after the Horserace.

**Entry Fee:** \$90 per player plus green fees (3rd day is 9-hole rate)

**Prizes:** - Match Play - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each flight  
 - Championship Horserace Day 3: "One for all, All for One !!"  
 - Pays - Win/Place/Show

**Registration:** Starts Saturday, March 2. Sign up at the Pro Shop *in person*, no phone tee time reservations. **Registration ends** Tuesday, April 30. Field limited to first 48 teams, so get your partner *now!*

# IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

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

Thursday, February 29, 2024, was cool, windy, and with an occasional drizzle of rain. Seven Ironmen played.

Sadly, Thursday was the last day of Ironmen play for Lee Thompson who will be moving from The Villages. Lee will be greatly missed and, at the end of the round, we sent him off with a little soiree in the Bistro with some snacks, drinks, and the usual harassment. All the best to Lee and his family on their new adventure.

There was a three-way tie for **Third Place** between Dave Cook, Walter Lucas, and Jim White, each with a net 30; Bill Travis won **Second Place** with a net 29; Jerry Juracich and Victor Hong won **First Place** each with a net 28.

There were three **Birdies**: by Dave Cook on hole 2; Bill Travis on hole 8; and Victor Hong on hole 5.

Victor Hong won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 5 at 1 foot, 10 inches.

Victor Hong won **Low Gross** with a 31.

**Golfer of the Day** honors go to Victor Hong with a first place finish, a birdie, closest to the pin, and low gross. Way to go Victor.

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

**Deep Thoughts:**

"His nerve, his memory, and I can't remember the third thing."  
 - Lee Trevino on the three things an aging golfer loses.

"I love Merion... and I don't even know her last name." - Lee Trevino on the Merion Gold Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania where he won the US Open.

# PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

For the fourth time since Christmas the Pinseekers weekly competition was cancelled due to inclement weather. Looking at our recent results this may be the easiest way for the rest of us to keep Martin Hoek from first place on our weekly score sheet. Not trying to push you down, Martin, you have been on a great run and the rest of us need to work on our game and catch up.



Looking at the weather forecast for the remaining weeks of March, we have a good chance of Friday golf for the next four weeks. All we can do is wait to see if it is true.

As we have no news from the past week, it seems like a suitable time to remind the golfers and want-to-be golfers in our community that the Pinseekers offer an opportunity to play on a weekly basis without blocking out an entire morning or afternoon, depending on the time of year. We are always open to welcome new members. Just ask in the Pro Shop or contact one of our officers, Martin Hoek, Vice President, Jack Bindon, Treasurer, or Jim White, Secretary. Any of us are happy to help you get on the course.

Now, let's wish for clear skies and not too much wind for the next few Thursdays to allow us to go out and knock that little white ball down the fairway and into the hole.

# SCOREBOARD

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	<b>Friday, March 1</b>	
Shirley Bellavance 197	Joan Maxwell 210	
Aloma Lazetera 288	Kit Hultquist 216	
Sylvia Rozewicz 319	Shirley Bellavance 261	
Dennis Webb 335	Joanne Bennett 286	



## SHONIS

### Tuesday, February 27

All Nets

#### Flight One:

1. Pauline Robertson 22
2. Joyce Baptiste 25
3. Tied Meg Rogers and Manoli Kelly 26

#### Flight Two:

1. Judy Rogers 19
2. Nancy Chesterton 23
3. Jonna Robinson 24

#### Flight Three:

1. Sabrina Malcolmson 17
2. Leslie Ingham 22
3. Tahera Khalil 26

## BRIDGE

### Monday, February 26:

1. Louann Partridge – Guest
2. Jane Michaels – Guest
3. Hank Koransky  
- Jonna Robinson

### Wednesday, February 28:

1. Ed Logg - Guest
2. Claude Ashen  
- Jonna Robinson
3. Bonnie Taylor  
- Maureen Waltho

### Friday, March 1:

1. Hank Koransky - Guest
2. Ed Logg  
- Jonna Robinson
3. Selma Chastaine  
- George Welch

## WOMEN'S 9 HOLE

### Tuesday, February 27

#### Captain's Trophy Winners

Front-9:  
Emmy Brown – Net 31  
Back-9:  
Renee Woolard – Net 32

#### Sweeps Winners

##### Front Nine

##### Flight 1 Net

1. Zaccheo, Carol 33
2. Park, Sue 35
3. Kyne, Kathleen 36
4. Driskell, Sheryl 36

##### Flight Two

1. Brown, Emmy 31
2. Rozewicz, Sylvia 36
3. Waugh, Charlotte 37
4. Benz, Sherry 37

##### Back Nine

##### Flight One Net

1. Woolard, Renee 32
2. Coleman, Sachiko 38
3. Barber, Gisele 38
4. LeBlanc, Marie 39

##### Flight Two

1. Gallegos, Laurie 34
2. Kim, Suzy 37
3. Cho, Song 37
4. Chaisson, Diane 38

## 18-HOLE WOMEN

### Thursday, February 29

#### Captain's Trophy:

three way tie - net 69  
Patti Bell, Diana Hallock,  
and Nancy Keane

**Low Putts:** tie with 29 Putts  
Suzanne Fazzio and Jay Lee

#### Flight One

- Low Gross: Lyn Strong 89  
Low Net:  
1. Michelle Chung 71  
2. Janis LeCompte 72

#### Flight Two

- Low Gross: Suzanne Fazzio 102  
Low Net:  
1. Betty Sharps 75  
2. Jay Lee 75

#### Flight Three

- Low Gross: Nancy Keane 98  
Low Net:  
1. Patti Bell 69  
2. Diana Hallock 69

#### 2 Tees Flight

- Low Gross: Gail Tuft 91  
Low Net: Janis Kiernan 72

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



Nancy Keane, Patti Bell, James Rogers, Diana Hallock, Suzanne Fazzio and Jay Lee.

By Diana Hallock

It was a wild and windy day, but 58 ladies had a great time. Birdies were shot by Emily Li on hole 6, Pam Schramm on hole 11, and Lyn Strong on hole 14 but Donna was the big winner with two birdies on holes 6 and 9.

It was Captain's Trophy for February which had been delayed due to rain. Suzanne Fazzio and Jay Lee got Low Putts with only 29 putts! Captain's Trophy was shared by three ladies that shot a net 69— Nancy Keane, Patti Bell and Diana Hallock.

Last week was our General Meeting. Captain Patti Bell reviewed the

budget, the plans for the year, our tournaments and events plus an update and vote on the bylaws. We also had a review of the latest VGC projects from Janis LeCompte.

The highlight was the reveal of our Invitational Theme, "Those Lazy, Crazy, Hazy Dayz of Summer." Donna Quartaro rewrote the lyrics with an emphasis on birdies, great golf and beer! Registration forms will be emailed next week or available in the posting room.

Finally our charity of the year is Hospice of the Valley. The charity tournament is next week, March 14, so bring your checkbook, your foursome and your great golf game to support this worthy cause. Donation envelopes are available in the Posting Room.

## BOCCE NEWS

### Bocce Unveiled: Surprising Fun Facts about the Game!

By Tom Hunt

Embark on a delightful journey into the world of Bocce with our latest exploration of fun facts! Originating from ancient Rome yet thriving in our modern communities, Bocce is not just a game, but a beloved tradition filled with fascinating tidbits that add depth and excitement to each match. From its humble beginnings to its global appeal, join us as we uncover intriguing facts that will spark your curiosity and deepen your appreciation for this timeless pastime.

- Bocce in its current form was played as early as 264 B.C. in Rome. No one really knows how old bocce is, but stone balls dating back to 9000 B.C. have been found in Turkey.

- Bocce is the third most popular sport in the world, after soccer and golf.
- 25 million people in the U.S. alone play bocce.

- Notable bocce players have included the Roman Emperor Augustus, the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates and the astronomer Galileo.

- Ronald Reagan was introduced to Bocce during his time as Governor of California, and actually installed a Bocce Court at his ranch in Santa Barbara, "Rancho del Cielo" where I played Bocce for the very first time!

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



### Daylight Savings Golf Course Pedestrian Walking Hours

Please remember that the golf course is strictly for golfers only during all golfing hours; and pedestrians and pets are not allowed on the golf course during times of golf play.

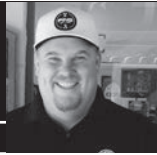
Here are the allowable times for pedestrians during DST months starting March 10:

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| Monday    | – Before 1 p.m. and after 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday   | – Before 8:45 a.m. and after dusk   |
| Wednesday | – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk      |
| Thursday  | – Before 8:20 a.m. and after dusk   |
| Friday    | – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk      |
| Saturday  | – Before 6:42 a.m. and after dusk   |
| Sunday    | – Before 7 a.m. and after dusk      |

Please be safe! Thank you for your cooperation.



## FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### March Golf Schedule

**Saturday, March 9** – Men's Club 8 a.m. shotgun – 1 p.m. open play shotgun

**Sunday, March 10** – Daylight Savings Time kicks off

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

**Daylight Savings** Starting Sunday, March 10, with Daylight Saving Time:

- Monday shotguns will now begin at 1 p.m.
- Driving Range extended hours until 3 p.m. Mondays.
- March tee times will run until 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.
- Early birds, note that first tee times on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will start just after 7 a.m.

**Ping Fitting Day**—Friday, March 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come and get professionally fitted for you new Ping G430 clubs! Try their new Alta Light 35-gram shaft—ultra light to help increase your swing speed and distance! To sign up for a fitting from a Ping professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop front counter.

### Spring Aerification Schedule

- Monday, March 18: Back Nine and Montgomery & Vineyard Chipping Greens closed all day. Front-9 open for a noon Shotgun. Putting Green remains open.
- Tuesday, March 19: ALL Golf facilities closed for aerification completion.
- Wednesday, March 20: Par-3 Course closed for the day.

Tips from the Pro— Stuck in the wet rough? Here's how to get out

There are two shots that give most golfers trouble when it's wet out. Here are some tips to help you handle them like a pro. **How to hit out of wet rough:** Deep grass can be tough to get out of in dry conditions, but when it gets wet it can be even more challenging. If you find your ball buried in some soggy rough your number one goal should be to get it back in the short stuff. Fairway woods can easily get caught up in long grass when it's wet, so your best bet is to hit down on the ball and blast it out with an iron or a hybrid. Grip the club tightly, play the ball back in your stance, and feel like you're picking the club up more on the backswing... be sure to dig it out as a thin shot will go nowhere, so stay down.

**How to chip in wet conditions:** When you hit a chip shot in wet weather, it's easy to take a little too much turf and chunk it. To avoid this common problem, play the ball back in your stance a little more than usual and make sure to keep your hands and wrists out of the backswing. Also open up the clubface a little to expose the bounce on the sole and don't be afraid to release your body through impact. Also know that the ball will not roll out as it does in dry conditions, so you'll have to hit your chip firmer or play to a further landing spot. Let us know if these tips help. **To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)**

**Driving Range Balls and Baskets** — We've noticed a shortage of driving range balls and baskets. Please do not take these items home to ensure availability for all. For a quick warm-up, try our 25-ball baskets instead of the standard 50 to avoid leftovers. Your cooperation keeps our golf operations smooth for everyone. Questions? We're here to help! Thank you for your understanding and support!

## Episcopal

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always be progress towards the unreachable knowledge of God. St. Gregory charted a threefold path of spiritual growth—initial darkness of ignorance, then spiritual illumination, and finally a mystic contemplation of the God—that had influenced millennia of spiritual theologians. His view of humanity was at once profoundly humble and infinitely hopeful, which may account for why he was also one of the first Christians to argue against the institution of slavery.

This week the Episcopal Church remembers an early church leader whose own imperfect gifts nevertheless allowed him to be a powerful advocate for the perfection of God, toward whose infinite nature we are all capable of striving. Which is to say that we are never limited by our limited nature... thanks be to God!

## Community Chapel

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late the rights of others without thinking of the consequences or accountability. Allowing people to do and say whatever enters their hearts is terrifying, which jeopardizes the freedoms of all of us. Failure of those in authority to act and keep boundaries may create a lawless society and cause the downfall of a nation.

When you observe people worldwide, there is a central theme: People want love, acceptance, appreciation, and forgiveness when they repent. Regardless of age, religion, sex, ethnicity, culture, education or lack thereof, the desire is the same... to live in peace. If you know these things, the power of wisdom is within your grasp to reciprocate each other's needs with integrity. You can have a life-changing impact on a person forever by the grace you extend to them.

With our relationship with Christ, knowing we are getting closer to His return is encouraging. Therefore, we will continue to prepare ourselves to live with him eternally as we share His love and forgiveness with all people.

**1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV 3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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

## Concert Band...

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Some of the music the band will be performing includes: The James Christensen all-encompassing arrangement of Broadway Journey: 25 Years of Golden Classics. An arrangement from Warren Barker of Gershwin—featuring the artist's most sentimental favorites. Rodgers and Hammerstein's incomparable selections from Carousel. The jazz standard from Roberg and Hammerstein—Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise. "The Symphonic Duke," a captivating set arranged by Tommy Newsom. Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" to capture your early Americana spirit. And maybe more...

Come cheer on the band's special guest conductor for one of the performed pieces!

Do you know the band awards multiple fellowships to local students as part of each concert? To help make that happen there will be tickets sold for a gift basket drawing (or two)! We hope you will help support the students and band with your purchase!

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

For more information about The Villages Music Society, Inc. check out [villagesmusicsociety.org](http://villagesmusicsociety.org)

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**You will enter a novice...you will leave a golfer!**



# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5209, and 5234-5249—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
5250-5319 and 5384-5399—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

### Del Lago

3301-3315—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/8-4/12.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

### Estates

8809-8875—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
8876 and 8897—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
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 3/18.

### Fairways

4001-4024—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%), in progress.  
Gutter cleaning throughout the district, 3/11-3/13.

### Glen Arden

7698-7752 and 7753-7787 (odd)—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/18-3/22.  
Roof replacement throughout the district, in planning.  
Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/11.

### Heights

8480-8505—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
Gutter cleaning throughout the district, in progress.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.  
Common Areas—Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels (Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%), scheduled for 3/18.

### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and lower Chardonay Lake area—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
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 3/18.

### Highland

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
7574-7598, 7661-7701, and Findhorn Ct.—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
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 3/11.

### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
6079-6126 and 6137-6183—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 3/11-3/15.  
6043-6045 (Fire Incident)—Waiting for permits prior to schedule repairs.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

### Olivas

8740-8752, 8769-8807 and Foothill Center—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 3/18.

### Sonata

2000-2024 and 2032-2064—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.

### Valle Vista

Parks and Banks—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control in progress.  
9001-9014 and 9034-9036—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 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 3/11.

### Verano

7001-7060 and 7395-7404—Landscape maintenance, hand and mechanical weed control, 4/1-4/5.  
Gutter cleaning throughout the district, 3/11-3/23.

### 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 various districts, in progress.  
Turf pre-emergent herbicide—crabgrass and broadleaf control (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, throughout the districts, in progress.

### 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 (Site Pro 0.42% proflam plus fertilizer) EPA REG No.53883-29759759, in progress.  
Upper and lower gardens—Electric perimeter fence weed clearing, in progress.  
Cribari Center—Sound and lighting replacement, in planning.  
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.**

## Rain Gutter Cleaning Schedule

Cleaning of rain gutters throughout The Villages is in progress.

<b>Heights</b>	March 4 through March 9
<b>Fairways</b>	March 11 through March 13
<b>Verano</b>	March 11 through March 23
<b>Highland</b>	March 25 through April 6

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

## 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.

### On-Site Document Shredding Event

Sponsored by Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF)

**Saturday, April 20**

9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

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## 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](mailto:workorder@the-villages.com)

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmeadows@the-villages.com).

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### 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](mailto:vivianbrown1328@comcast.net); Beverly Poellot [bpoellot@gmail.com](mailto:bpoellot@gmail.com) and Julie Wash [jwash191@yahoo.com](mailto:jwash191@yahoo.com)

## 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.

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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**Let's Talk Real Estate**

Whether you're planning to sell your house or buy a new one, the whole process can be quite daunting. Real estate transactions are notoriously complicated, from inspections and disclosures to the contracts themselves, so its normal to have many questions during the selling / buying journey.

Over the next few months, we'll be addressing many of the most common real estate questions to help you better understand all the potential options.

**Q&A with Lucinda (aka Lucy)**

**Q3: What should the list price of my home be?**

A good first step in deciding your home's list price is to get a comparative market analysis (CMA) from a real estate agent.

Your agent will find comparable homes in your neighborhood that have the same or similar square footage, number of bedrooms and number of bathrooms etcetera.

They will see what these home recently sold for, are currently in contract for, or are listed for and use this as a starting point for your own list price.

The next step is to compare the condition of your property to the others, i.e. if the interior is all original or if upgrades have been made. Thirdly they will look at the location to value any differences.

A great agent will be an expert in their local neighborhood, so they will be able to price your home to sell without you having to pay for an appraisal, which is always another option.

**Q4: Why is an assessed value different from a market value?**

A homes assessed value and market value are each determined by different factors.

Buyers and sellers affect the market value of a home, while professional appraisers calculate the assessed value.

In a seller's market your home's market value may be higher than it's assessed value. That's because buyers are willing to pay more than the home is technically valued at, because of low inventory.

In a buyer's market you'll be facing a lot of competition from other sellers, so buyers may put in an offer lower than the assessed value. Of course, you don't have to accept the offer.



*If you have a question, which may help you and others - please call, text or email directly to me and if we publish it, you will receive a very Special Thank -You!*

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# Stars make 'Going Places Showcase' the go-to destination

By B. Brown

It may have been raining but the stars shone brightly last weekend at "Going Places Showcase"—the music, dance and song showcase!

It was a smash hit and a sell-out. We printed more tickets just to meet the demand! "Clever, amazing, perfect, best show I've ever seen" and "two thumbs up" were just a few of the glowing comments received.

Thank you to all who came out to experience a spectacular kaleidoscope of talent, support your fellow Villagers and enjoy two hours of pure and imaginative entertainment.

And if you weren't in attendance, here is a snippet of what you missed: "A Foggy Day in London Town," "Country Roads," "Moulin Rouge," "Blue Hawaii," "Georgia On My Mind," "California Dreamin'," "New York New York," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "America" and "Hollywood Swinging!" Lawrence Welk's show has nothing on us.

A colossal "Thank you" to The Villages Music Society, Trillium, Piano Open Studio, Village Voices, Village Dancers, the AV crew, volunteers, MCs, donors, Fred Alkakos for feeding us, and Bernice Toy who produced this breathtaking display of performing arts.

Tremendous work was done by all and all tremendously enjoyed.

## VMA Upcoming Programs...

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### Support Groups

**Grief Support Group:** Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health. The group will have a two-week break and resume **Monday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. - noon** in the Sequoia Room. 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 21** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at [judithlondon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judithlondon@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-784-3325.

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



Guest performers, "Wicked," wow crowd with a Moulin Rouge number.



At left: Trillium members Kathryn Nymoen, Kellen Perry and Dan Kato. At center: Angela Cadile and Carol Barikmo warm up for the show. At right: The Village Music Society's Dancing Queens get in formation.



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