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Villages volunteers honored at 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' event



Longtime volunteers, Claudia Evans Nicolai (left), Jeanne Filice and Vera Buescher (center), were the inaugural recipients of the Legacy of Service Honored Volunteer Award presented by Senior Assistant General Manager Julia Meadows (right) on Monday, April 22 at the Breakfast at Tiffany's event honoring all Villages volunteers. Enthusiasm ran high and the number of volunteers who showed up maxed out the Clubhouse banquet rooms. The themed decorations featured blue, white and teal colors with strands of faux pearls for attendees (lower left). All enjoyed a breakfast buffet catered by the Clubhouse (below). (More photos on page 3.)



Photos by Frank Langben

Leslie Osborne to speak at VMFSC meeting

Join the Villages Men's Fun Social Club luncheon on **Tuesday, May 7** and hear from our guest speaker, Leslie Osborne, co-founder and owner of Bay FC. If you are a member, place your lunch order on our webpage. If you are a non-member and want to listen to a dynamic presentation from a founder/owner of a professional soccer franchise, you can attend as a guest. The doors open at **11 a.m.**, lunch is served at 11:45 a.m., and the program starts at **12:20 p.m.** in the Fairway Room. Guests should arrive at the Clubhouse by 12:20 p.m.

Some other interesting facts about the guest speaker: Leslie Osborne was on the USWNT from 2004-2009 (59 Caps, Bronze medal at 2007 FIFA) and serves as a studio analyst for Fox's Soccer Tonight. Leslie is in the Santa Clara University Athletic Hall of Fame, where she received the Honda Sports Award as the nation's top female athlete in soccer and won a National Championship. She was a Herman Trophy Semifinalist (2004), three-time WCC player and Defender of the Year, and four-time All WCC First Team. She and her husband, Ricky Lewis, live in the Bay Area with their three daughters.



See Village Voices and Village Dancers soar together at 'Spring On To Broadway!'



Village Dancers prepare for the show. Back row, left to right Elena Johal, Bessie Arellano, Jayme Dickson, Patricia Cohen-Hadria, Lynda McKinney Front row, left to right: Kristel Moffett, Angela Cadile, Barbara Moore, Carol Barikmo.

By Barbara F. Zahner

Plan to see Village Voices soar and Village Dancers leap on **Thursday, May 2** at **7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, May 5** at **2:30 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium for "Spring On To Broadway!" Plus—see drawing winners grin and Clubhouse diners delight on the day of the show, with a 10 percent discount. A spontaneous sing-along might occur as pianist Larry Broderick plays his magic during the intermission that stars mouth-watering cookies and other desserts. Need a ride? Call the VMA at 408-239-4230.

In December 2019, the Village Voices and Village Dancers premiered their first joint effort "Wooden Soldiers." In this year's show, the two performing groups under the umbrella of the Villages Music Society will bring to the Cribari stage and floor the foot-tapping Broadway hit, "Singing (and Dancing!) in the Rain." With creative dazzle, the vocalists and dancers will use every inch of Cribari Auditorium's "stage

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PULSE

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

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

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

Letters may be submitted electronically through the Pulse Submission Form on the Resident Portal: resident.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.

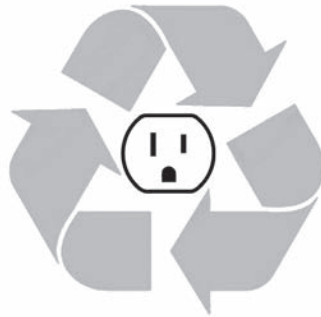
1 Pulse letter received this week.
1 Pulse letter withdrawn by author.
0 Pulse letters published this week.

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.

E-waste collection event April 27 at Cribari Center

An all-Villages e-waste event will be held **Saturday, April 27** from **9 a.m. to noon** in the Cribari East Parking Lot, sponsored by Sustainability Services in partnership with Zero Waste Silicon Valley. This no-cost drive-up recycling event is a great way for all Villagers to properly recycle unwanted electronic e-waste items. Accepted items are listed below:

Televisions	Video Game Consoles
Monitors	Arcade Machines
Computer Systems	Cell Phones
Laptops	Household Phones
Fax Machines	Digital Cameras
Copiers/Printers	Video Cameras
Scanners	Network Equipment
Projectors	Computer Components
Stereo Equipment	Flash Drives
I-pods/MP3 Players	Miscellaneous Wiring
Musical Instruments	CD Players/DVD Players
Audio Equipment	Microwave Ovens
Small Household Appliances	Retail and POS Systems



Just place items in your car or cart and drive them to the East Cribari Parking Lot (behind the hobby rooms) between 9 a.m. and noon on April 27 and a Zero Waste Silicon Valley employee will take it from there.

Questions? Please contact Mary Tatum at 408-754-1334 or email mtatum@the-villages.com. Remember, recycle right!

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—thevillagesgcc.com—and download the current and past editions to your computer.

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, reserves the right to refuse any content written by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology and/or deemed factually incorrect—in whole or in part. We request that club articles be submitted with bylines.

More BOARDS & COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT
and COMMUNITY NOTICES on pages 4, 5 & 15

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Kathleen Levin
October 22, 1933—February 9, 2024

There will be a memorial service for Mary Kathleen Levin at Vineyard Center on Saturday, May 4 at 2:30 p.m.

(Please see obituary in the Classified Advertising section)

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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.

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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: ktran@the-villages.com. For more information, please call 408-223-4657, 408-754-1341 or 408-223-4655.

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Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

POLICIES

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to *The Villager*, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick 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

Boards and Management thank Villages volunteers at 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' event



Villages General Manager Theresa Ostrander



Club Board President Leslie Lambert



Association Board President Diana Hallock



Homeowners' Board President Teddy Morse

2024 Annual Member Meetings and Elections

By Senior Assistant General Manager Julia Meadows, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

The three Villages Corporations (Club, Association and Homeowners' Corporation) are preparing for this year's elections and annual membership meetings.

Elections will be conducted in May and June with election results announced at this year's annual membership meetings to be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 4 p.m.** at The Villages Clubhouse.

Club: The Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) Corporation state that there shall be seven directors. Directors with terms expiring are Leslie Lambert, Judy Owen, Bob Krattli, and Andy Altman. The directors who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Liz Kung, Larry Versaw, and Richard Zahner.

The VGCC election will be held for four open director positions to serve on the Board of Directors, 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 who resigned.) The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of three years, and the candidate receiving the fourth largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of one year.

The Club Nominating Committee has announced Judy Owen, Andy Altman, Diana Hallock, and Michelle Breslin as its candidate nominations. In addition, per the Club Bylaws Section 6.1.2, any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination by filing with the Secretary of the Club (Bob Krattli) a notice of intent signed by at least two percent (51) of the Members in Good Standing. Self-nomination petitions must be received no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.**

Homeowners: The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Teddy Morse, and Rob Kirschbaum. The directors for which terms expire are Brooks Fuller, Morton Cordell and Glen Seidel; all three are eligible to run again.

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation will conduct a vote on The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members and an election to fill three director positions, two for terms of three years, and one for a term of one year. The two candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of three years, and the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of one year.

Any Member in Good Standing may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Board by giving written notice to the President (Teddy Morse) or Secretary (Morton Cordell) of the Corporation no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.**

Association: For The Villages Association, in addition to the vote The Villages Association Resolution, Excess of Membership Income Over Membership Expenses Refunded to Members, election will be held for three director vacancies for terms of three years each.

The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Corporation provide that there shall be seven directors. Those who will continue to serve during the ensuing year are Michael Schwerin, Patricia Reardon, John Epperheimer, and Steve Gilbert. As of the duly noticed Deadline of Nominations date of **March 26, 2024**, and as duly noticed per California Civil Code and The Villages Association Rule 2.25 Voting and Elections Rules, David Dimmick, Deb Gordon, and Patrick Barber are the candidates for this year's director election.

Watch future *Villager* and *FastLane* editions for continued updates on this year's elections.

Homeowners' Board seeking Directors

Want to make a difference in your community? The Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors (HBOD) is looking for you. Serving on the HBOD is a rewarding and interesting activity that makes you feel a vital part of the community. You get to know your neighbors and you can make a difference in their enjoyment of Villages' life.

The Villages Homeowners' Board of Directors' mission statement reads "The mission of The Villages Homeowners' Corporation is to help to enhance and protect the value of our homes, neighborhoods, and the overall Villages' experience for single-family homeowners." The bylaws of the Homeowners' Corporation provide that there will be five directors serving on the board.

There are three vacancies with three directors eligible to run again, Brooks Fuller, Morton Cordell and Glen Seidel. Because one position is to complete the term of former Director Larry Versaw who is now on the Club Board, there are two, three-year term positions and one, one-year term position open. To apply, provide written notice of intent to run to Board President Teddy Morse, theodoramorse@outlook.com, or Secretary Morton Cordell, morton@silkroadassociates.com, no later than 5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.

MANAGEMENT

The Villager Online sneak previews hit the road

On Thursday, April 18 at the Foothill Center, Assistant General Manager (AGM) of Communications and Public Safety Elizabeth Park presented a sneak preview of The Villager Online to District Advisory Committee (DAC) members.

This sneak preview was the third in a series, with more previews planned before the online publication goes live on July 1, 2024. The 90-minute presentation walked attendees through the pages of this Beta version where Park highlighted areas of interest such as Community News, Sports and From Our Readers to name only three. She spoke of its many benefits—always available, easily searchable, all color, and more accessible to visually challenged readers.

As part of the demonstration, Park explained how the FastLane will transition along with The Villager Online where, come July 1, six emails will go to FastLane's opt-in subscribers with clickable headlines that bring recipients directly to The Villager Online article. To accommodate FastLane's quick update capability, The Villager Online will post closures and other important community notifications in its Urgent section. While this online publication heads to its July 1 go-live, Park and team are taking feedback and suggestions to best serve our Villages community.

The next Sneak Preview will be hosted by the Men's Fun Social Club Wednesday, May 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Open to all. Refreshments will be served. Come join us!



Elizabeth Park presents the Beta version of The Villager Online to DAC members. Photos by Frank Langben

Building C closure through May 1

Public Safety's Building C is closed during its renovation through May 1, 2024. Although closed, Public Safety personnel will continue to provide service to Villagers in Building B's conference room. Desiree Lopez continues to greet residents and conduct new resident orientations around the corner from Building C's main door. Simply follow the blue arrows and posted signs.

We appreciate your patience as The Villages Golf and Country Club staff create a more modern welcome for our residents.

For more information, please contact Interim Director Matt Hidalgo at 408-239-5246 or send an email to publicsafety@the-villages.com.

EVF on a roll with Bocce



Continuing its mission to enhance Villages amenities, the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) is happy to announce its partnership with the Villages Bocce Club to provide \$60,000 in matching funds to bolster the fundraising efforts of club members.

With the addition of a recently completed new third court and an upgrading of the original two courts, the opportunity to provide new seating, trellises, and a new kiosk and shed has presented itself. Additional items may be added if a potential upgrade of the entire Gazebo area occurs over the next few years.

"We're happy to once again begin contributing to important Villages capital improvement projects after a lull because of the pandemic," said EVF President Debbie Champion.

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



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 and include in the email the location, day and time of the sighting.
- Contact for Vector Control is Vector.sccgov.org/home. Residents can use this to report coyote/wildlife incidents directly to the county.



Estate Planning and Probate Attorneys

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

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The Villager Transition Ad Hoc Committee presents

A Villages Writers Workshop

By the Villagers and GM Staff

Wednesday, May 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Cribari Conference Room.

RSVP to comms@the-villages.com

If unable to attend this date, come to our next one!

More details to come.



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

THE DACs

Valle Vista DAC to meet May 2

The Valle Vista District Advisory Committee (DAC) will hold a DAC/resident meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m.**

Olivas DAC to meet May 6

There will be an Olivas DAC meeting at **4 p.m.** on **Monday, May 6** at Foothill Center.

Verano DAC to meet May 6

The next Verano DAC meeting is **Monday, May 6 at 4 p.m.** in Vineyard Center.

Montgomery DAC to meet May 6

The Montgomery DAC will hold a meeting on **Monday, May 6 at 10 a.m.** in Montgomery Center and also via Zoom. To log on with Zoom, the Meeting ID is 263 292 1171 and the Passcode is 419819.

Del Lago DAC to meet May 9

The next Village del Lago Residents' Town Hall is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Hermosa DAC to meet May 16

The Hermosa DAC will be meeting at Foothill Center on **Thursday, May 16** from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Cookies and coffee will be provided.

More COMMUNITY NOTICES

(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES

Helpful hints to declutter your home

Thanks to organizing paperwork for your tax returns, and using EVF's Shredding Day at The Villages, your financial records are organized. But what about everything else? Is it time to declutter your home? Below are eight tips on how to tackle the project.

1. Don't try to do it all in one day. Decluttering and downsizing needs to be done consistently. Even if all you can manage is dealing with one paper from the mountain that has built up on your kitchen counter, commit to doing that one tiny thing every single day. Whether it's 10 minutes, 30 minutes a day, or a full day on the weekend, setting aside dedicated time to declutter will help ensure your progress.

2. Start with easy wins. Gather all trash, clean the fridge and pantry because these have minimal sentimental value. Next, look for things that are out of place, like piles of books, clothes, shoes or small appliances. If you can't put them away, make room for them by decluttering where they should go.

3. Stop collecting more stuff.

4. Consider getting outside help. Professional organizers can map out a process and timeline while keeping things moving. SRS has a list of movers and organizers. Some can be hired for a la carte help.

5. Give yourself grace with a "maybe" box. If you are on the fence about a particular item, set it aside. When the box is full, put a note on it and a date when you will revisit the contents. By then, your decluttering muscles will be stronger, and you will be able to decide.

6. Ask yourself the last time you used something. If you haven't used it in the past year or so and don't expect you'll need it in the near future, it's probably safe to get rid of it.

7. Involve your family. Reach out to your family and ask them to go through any possessions they may have left behind. Ask your family if they have favorite items of yours that they would like to take. Take a picture of the item and then let it go.

8. Declutter on a regular basis. Finally, be sure that your old habits don't return. Keep up with the organization. Continue to declutter on a regular basis and be conscious of what new items you bring into your home.

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 villagessrs@sbcglobal.net. The web site is thevillagesgcc.com/srs. The purpose of SRS is to provide education and general business and financial information. All assistance is free and confidential. You should ask your professional advisor about your individual situation.

BOARD MEETINGS

Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 917 8108 3392; Passcode: 223468; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Club

The Villages Golf & Country Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting is **Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 5036 4740; Passcode: 260616; Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Homeowners

The Villages Homeowners' Corporation Board of Directors Special Meeting re: Budget, Annual Meeting, and Committee Charters is **Monday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center.

Deadline for editorial materials is the Thursday before the date of publication. Please email your copy to: ktran@the-villages.com

Submit your questions for Candidates' Night

This year's Candidates' Night is **Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.** in Cribari Auditorium. This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask Club and Association director candidates about topics important to you.

Your questions will be curated and may be used at the live event. Please send your questions to the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, Nick Yannaccone, at nyannac@gmail.com or 408-219-9296.



SRS Quick answer:

When must you start your RMD?

You must start taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from most pre-tax retirement accounts when you become a certain age. The age varies depending on the year you were born. You can figure out your RMD age with the table below:

Birth Year	First RMD
6/30/49 or earlier	70½
07/01/49 – 12/31/50	72
1951 – 1959	73
1960+	75

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Look what's coming

Date	Event/Class	In Villager	Reg. Start
5/4	2024 Club and Committee Expo		N/A
5/6	Nirvana Fitness Demo	4/5	NOW
5/9	Marin Adventure	3/15	SOLD OUT
5/14-28	Mat Pilates	4/12	4/15
5/22	"Funny Girl"	3/22	SOLD OUT
5/22-6/26	Yoga	4/19	4/22
5/25	Cirque du Soleil: Kooza	4/5	SOLD OUT
6/8	"Rose – A Mother's Story"	5/3	5/6
6/13	San Francisco Zoo	5/3	5/6
6/17	Cooking with Dayna	5/17	5/20
6/23	Choral Project	5/10	5/13
7/10	"Mrs. Doubtfire"	4/26	4/29
8/1	DeRose Winery	6/21	6/24

Enhance flexibility with Yoga

Sign up for Yoga on **Wednesdays, May 22 to June 26** (six classes) from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., taught by Mariko Dugay in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment bought independently, see below). Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, April 22. The signup deadline is Friday, May 10 or sooner if class is filled.

This class uses simple sequences to boost body and breathing awareness. It enhances flexibility and motion. Standing poses strengthen muscles, joints, and bones. They also improve balance, flexibility, and mobility. You'll do seated, prone (lying on stomach, face down) or supine (lying on back, face up) postures on a mat. The class offers easier or more advanced options. Movements are slow and mindful.

Participants should be comfortable getting up and down from the mat. The class suits both beginners and experienced practitioners. You need to bring your own yoga mat for the class.

Mariko Dugay is a Yoga Alliance-certified teacher. She finished her 200-hour training in 2017 and is close to completing her 500-hours certification. Mariko teaches Gentle Yoga, Mindful Flow, and alignment-based Hatha Yoga. She aims to unite body, mind, and soul. Her goal is to create a safe, non-judgmental space. This setting helps students leave feeling refreshed, nourished and balanced.

San Francisco Zoo trip coming

Enjoy a great day at San Francisco Zoo on **June 13!** Situated by the Pacific Ocean, this urban oasis hosts over 2,000 rare, endangered, and rescued animals from 250 species. Look for more details in the Fast Lane and The Villager the week of May 3, 2024.

Club and Committee Expo 2024

May 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cribari Center

All Residents Welcome

Featuring: Villages Arts & Crafts Association – Bluegrass Music Club – The Villages Bocce Club – Bridge Club at The Villages – The Villages Cat Club – Catholic Group – Chinese Club at The Villages – The Villages Crafters Club – Democratic Club at The Villages – Villages Dog Club – Emergency Preparedness Committee – Villages Golf Committee Six Clubs – Hiking Club – Jazzercisers – Live Stronger and Longer Fitness Club – Villages Macintosh Users Group – Music Society – P.E.O. Club – Quilters – Village Readers – Recreational Vehicle Club – Senior Academy for Education – Senior Resource Services – The Villages Study Club – Sustainable Villages Club – Tai Chi Club – and more!

Join A Club –
Find people who share interests with you!

Participate in Your Community - Learn about Club committees working for the benefit of Villagers and how you can help!

Form a Club – Discover how your social group can become a Board Recognized Organization (BRO)!



See 'Mrs. Doubtfire' on Orpheum stage!

We are going to see "Mrs. Doubtfire" at the Orpheum on **Wednesday, July 10!** Don't miss this chance to see the return of this Scottish nanny to San Francisco! The classic film that inspired the musical just celebrated its 30th anniversary. It's a heartwarming and funny story about a devoted dad who goes to great lengths for his children. Join Tony nominee Rob McClure, alongside his real-life wife, Maggie Lakis, in this heartwarming tale of family bonds both onstage and off!

We will depart from the Cribari East Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 5 p.m.

After the show, enjoy a delicious lunch at Max's Opera Café with a slice of Ultimate Chocolate Cake for dessert and your choice of coffee, iced tea or soda. When you register, select your entrée from these great options:

- Grilled Chicken Cobb salad (Danish blue cheese, avocado, tomatoes, mushrooms, bacon, egg, tossed in balsamic vinaigrette)
- Max's Famous Reuben (corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing, on grilled rye, served with fries)
- Roasted Vegetable Wrap (feta cheese, portobello mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, avocado, spinach, hummus, with tzatziki on the side, served with arugula salad)

Activity Level: Light (mostly seated). Due to the Bay Area weather, attire is casual and warm.

The cost per person is \$177 and includes tickets, meal, escort and round-trip transportation. The driver's gratuity is covered, but tip extra if you'd like.

Registration is in Building B beginning Monday, April 29. Registration deadline is Friday, May 17 or sooner if spots fill up.

'Rose Kennedy' presentation to return

Kathy Estevez-Bates is back by popular demand. This time she will showcase "Rose – A Mother's Story" in a larger venue. The presentation explores the life of Rose Kennedy, President John F. Kennedy's mother. It delves into key events that impacted her family and American history. More details will be in the FastLane and The Villager the week of May 3, 2024.

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 a 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.

Facility Reservations update and exciting changes ahead!

The online tool to view our facility availability is currently offline for two to three months, as we gear up for an exciting upgrade. By July 1, we'll unveil a sleek new reservation and billing system designed to make your life easier.

Need to check facility availability in the meantime? No problem! Just drop us an email to recreation@the-villages.com, call us at 408-223-4643, or swing by in person at Building B. The Villages' Recreation Services staff is here to help.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause in the meantime. We're as eager as you are for the new system, which will bring our reservations and calendar functions straight to your smartphone and web browser.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We are excited about the improvements and look forward to making our club experience even better!

Last chance to sign up for Nirvana® Fitness demo

The Villages is considering offering Nirvana® fitness classes. Instructor Barbara Bitonti will provide a free demonstration at **10 a.m., Monday, May 6** in Cribari Auditorium. Nirvana® Fitness is an exercise technique that combines the fluid movements of Yoga and Pilates with music designed to improve state of mind. This unique combination provides the ideal rhythm for breathing throughout the entire session. The result is an enhanced mind-body connection.

Movements are done standing and down on the floor. You will need to physically get down to the floor and back up unaided. The class requires the purchase of a yoga mat independently before the first class.

Barbara Bitonti is a Certified Wellness Health Coach, a Nirvana® Fitness instructor and immunologist. She has a strong background in the medical field and remains up to date on health and wellness practices. She invites you to discover the benefits of this cutting-edge exercise technique.

You must sign up for the free session in Building B during regular business hours as space is limited. **Registration ends Friday, April 26 or sooner if spaces fill up.** Walk-ins will not be allowed.

Note: The demonstration is scheduled to allow as many people as possible to get a feel for this exercise technique. The actual class will take place on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. in Cribari Conference Room if we have enough interest. Please provide any feedback about the class to Recreation Services by emailing recreation@the-villages.com or calling 408-223-4643.

Mat Pilates sold out

The next set of Mat Pilates classes, being offered 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, May 7 to 28 (three classes) in Cribari Conference Room is now sold out.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit villagesartsandcrafts.org Open Studio in the Art Room with Jane Hink and Taf Tafaroddi beginning at 10 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. All Arts & Crafts members and all media welcome!

Open Studio afternoons, 2 – 5 p.m. Mondays with Michael Sunzeri, Wednesdays with Doug Canepa, Fridays with Greg Cheung. All Villagers and all media welcome!

May 6: Monthly Membership Meeting, 1:45 p.m. in Cribari Conference Room with Mandy Book presiding. Programs Chair Michael Sunzeri presents Susan Harding who will make paintings out of photographs.

May 14: Free Art Film. Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts. 2 p.m., Cribari Conference Room with host Marion Rose.

Register for all Art Classes at barb.gottesman@gmail.com

April 30, May 2, May 7 and May 9: Fun with Pastels with Terri Ford. Two Tuesdays and two Thursdays, 1 – 3:30 p.m. \$75.

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

May 3: Open Card Crafting Day with Mandy Book. Friday, 1 – 4 p.m. \$5.

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

Stitchery Group on Mondays: Patio Room from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Roberta at 408-218-8372. Meeting location schedule at villagesartsandcrafts.org. 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 May 1: Sandy and John Petrin (530-927-7024) will lead a 4-mile hike to the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. The distance to where we will park in Morgan Hill is about 14 miles. The Coyote Creek Visitor Center at Anderson Lake will be a very short walk from our cars. We will walk north from there to the Model Plane Airport and back (about 4 mi. round trip). Hopefully, a few folks will be test-flying their planes, and we can observe that. Afterward, those interested can stop for lunch at In 'N Out Burger or Mr. Pickles in the nearby shopping center back by Hwy 101. There are other dining options, too. We will meet at Cribari Center at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure.

Rambler Lite Hike May 1: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike along the southern perimeter of Olivas and down through the lakes and gnomes. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike May 8: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike to Del Lago to walk around the five lakes. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike May 15: Gary and Terry Holmquist (408) 332-8581 will lead a hike in Alum Rock Park. It will be on the Valley Trail from the first picnic area to the end of the valley and back. Total distance is about 4 miles with an elevation gain of approximately 200 feet. Round trip driving distance is 20 miles. Meet at 8:45 at Cribari for a 9 a.m. departure. There will be an optional stop for lunch on the way home.

Rambler Lite Hike May 15: Katy Peretti (408-531-0917) will lead a hike through south and north Verano and into Highland. Meet at Vineyard at 9 a.m.

Rambler Lite Hike May 22: 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 Foothill at 9 a.m.

Rambler Hike May 29: Bob Bogdanoff (408-834-9657) will lead a hike at the newly opened Mayyan Ooyakma – Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve. The hike will be a 5.1 mile circular trail that consists of the Serpentine Spring Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet), Tule Elk Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change less than 50 feet) and the Bay Checkerspot Trail (2.5 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet). You will experience stunning views of the Santa Clara Valley. One Butterfly Pass is required for each group of hikers. If you only want to do a portion of the hike, you will need to obtain your own free Butterfly Pass at Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge.

RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on the club's website at villagesrvclub.org

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

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

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

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

August 4 - Club Barbecue at Vineyard Center

August 19, 20, 21 - Moss Landing KOA

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

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

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

December 11 - Holiday Party at clubhouse



THE CLUBHOUSE

For Information:
408-223-4687

2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose CA 95135

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

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

Soup of the Day



For the week of 4/29 to 5/5

Monday, April 29

Black Bean

Tuesday, April 30

Navy Bean and Ham

Wednesday, May 1

Chicken Fiesta

Thursday, May 2

Tomato Bisque

Friday, May 3

Corn and Shrimp Chowder

Saturday, May 4

Chef's Choice

Sunday, May 5

Chef's Choice

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, Phone: 408-223-4687, Online: clubhouserreservation.com

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

How does Curbside Grab-and-Go work?

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

Notice for our Curbside customers: Due to the increased volume of orders at dinnertime, 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 dinnertime 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.



Clubhouse – Sunday, May 12, 2024

Two Seatings – 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet Menu

Breakfast Pastries Station
Croissants, Danish, Fruit, Nut Loaves,
Assorted Donuts & Mini Muffins

Display Stations
Fruit Kabobs and Fresh Fruit Display
Domestic and Imported Cheese Display

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
Roasted Turkey and Prime Rib

Under the Chafers
Scrambled Eggs
Country Fried Potatoes
Pork Links, and Hickory Smoked Bacon
Eggs Benedict and Pancakes
Grilled Mahi Mahi with a Tropical Salsa
Chicken Marsala
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley

Desserts Display
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Fruit Tarts, Mini Macarons,
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

Weekly Specials

For the week of 4/29 to 5/5

Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 4/30 to Sunday 5/5

Joe's Scramble: Ground Beef, Spinach, Mushrooms and Onions
with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$15.95**

Lunch Specials:

Monday 4/29 to Sunday 5/5 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Trio Salad: Egg Salad, Chicken Salad, and Tuna Salad served over
Greens with Choice of Dressing **\$16.95**

Chicken Paprika: Onions, Peppers and Mushrooms in a Creamy
Paprika Sauce, served with Rice and Vegetables **\$16.95**

Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 4/30 to Sunday 5/5 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

Fettuccini Palermo: Fettuccini Pasta, Tomatoes, Basil and Prawns
in a Garlic Cream Sauce **\$27.95**

22-oz. Porterhouse Steak: 22-oz. Short Loin Cut Porterhouse
accompanied by a Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce
with Choice of Sides **\$42.95**

Clubhouse Indoor, Patio Dining and Curbside Hours of Operation

Monday

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

Tuesday to Friday

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

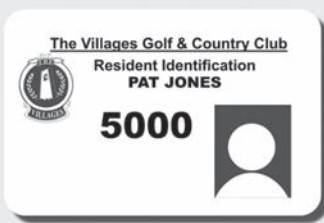
Saturday and Sunday

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

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

Online
Reservation or Curbside Order: Clubhouserreservation.com
Email: theclubhouse@the-villages.com

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 \$9.95 408.223.4687 opt 2
plus Service Charge & Tax 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 p.m. 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 now has, 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.



Cinco De Mayo (Sunday, May 5)

The Bistro Patio will be closed for in-house Cinco De Mayo concert and buffet
Reservations Only.



The Villages Golf & Country Club

Dear Customer – **Effective March 7, 2024**, a 3% service charge will be applied to all credit card purchases.* This surcharge helps The Villages manage costs associated with credit card transactions more responsibly and fairly.

You may avoid this extra fee by paying with check or using your house account.

* Only debit cards with the Visa or Mastercard symbol can be accepted.



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**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
1 p.m.	Bocce Club	MC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
4 p.m.	Korean Club Games/Dance	VC
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Saturday, April 27

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	E-Waste Collection Event	
	Cribari East Parking Lot	
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9 a.m.	Tennis Scholarship Tourn	TS
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ
4 p.m.	Hermosa Village Social	FC
4:45 p.m.	Study Groups Movie	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	Tennis Club	VC

Sunday, April 28

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Community Chapel Choir	SEQ
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1:30 p.m.	Table Tennis Social	MC
3 p.m.	Tennis Men 7.0 55+ USTA	TS
5 p.m.	Fairweather Friends	VC
6:30 p.m.	Dragon Boat Dance Rehrsl	CR

Monday, April 29

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	PR
1:30 p.m.	Homeowners Board	FC

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)

2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Hiking Club	VC

Tuesday, April 30

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Association Board	FC
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.	LSAL Fitness	A
1:30 p.m.	Club Board of Directors	FC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
5:30 p.m.	Free Art Make and Take	AR
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Plant-Based Diet	MC
7 p.m.	Concert Band Rehearsal	A
7 p.m.	Village Dancers 3	VC

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Village Writers Workshop	CR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
1:30 p.m.	Villages Tennis League	TS
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
4 p.m.	Village Voices Tickets	L
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	FC
6 p.m.	Village Voices Rehearsal	A
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR

Thursday, May 2

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Assoc. Arch. Control	MC
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Comm. Advisory Cmte.	F
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's 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.	Homeowners Arch. Control	MC
4 p.m.	Valle Vista DAC	FC
5 p.m.	Italian Club Board	PR
5 p.m.	Tai Chi Club	VC
6 p.m.	Village Voices Concert	A

Friday, May 3

6:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Coffee	CH
8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	CR
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	MMP
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Music Committee	SEQ
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Republican Club Board	F
11:30 a.m.	Men 9-H Golf Club Lunch	CH
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Cinco de Mayo Bocce Bash	GP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
6 p.m.	Line Dance	FC
6 p.m.	Tennis Club Planning Mtg	SEQ
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

Villages Medical Auxiliary • Since 1976

Office: 408-238-4230

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

Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



Register online at: vmavillages.vgcc.club or call: 408-238-4029

May Programs

Death Coffee and Desserts + Doula – End of life doula, Judith Holmes will lead a discussion on end-of-life preferences and how to offer clear direction to your loved ones on **Tuesday, May 7** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sequoia room. Attendance is limited to 15, please register online or call the office.

Hearing Life will be offering hearing screenings on **Tuesday, May 21** from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call 408-238-4230 to schedule your time.

High Cholesterol Lab Results - Dietary Recommendations & Myth – Amy Wang, RN, FNP, PA-C, founder of Ready 2 Nurse will explain the functions of cholesterol, if all animal fats are the same and what foods lower cholesterol on **Thursday, May 23** at 1 p.m. at Foothill Center. Register online or call the office.

Support Groups

Grief Support Group: Chaplain Dale Poland, M.Div, BCC - from Hospice of the Valley-Sutter Health meets with those facing any loss in their lives. There will be a two-week break. Group reconvenes **Monday, May 13** at 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 on **Thursday, May 16** at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Patio Room and via Zoom. Please contact Judy for all meeting specifics at judithlondon@sbcglobal.net or call 408-784-3325.

Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group: This monthly group is for all people interested in Parkinson's. Meetings take place the third Thursday of every month. The next one is **May 16 at 10 a.m.** in the **Forum Room**. No need to register, all welcome.



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



Club Events & Notices



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resident.thevillagesgcc.com

CLUBS & EVENTS

Democratic Club discusses alternative to Electoral College

By Arlene Versaw



The Electoral College has been a topic of controversy for decades. Many Americans believe our President should be elected by popular vote; others contend our Founders were correct when they conceived of the concept of the electoral college. On Thursday, April 18, the Democratic Club held a presentation at Foothill Center on the Electoral College and the current effort by some Americans to shift to an alternative.

Villages resident and political expert Rich Robinson spoke to attendees about the National Popular Vote Compact, an agreement introduced in 2006 between a group of states and the District of Columbia to award all of their electoral votes to the candidate that wins the overall popular vote. The idea aims to ensure that the candidate who receives the most votes nationwide is elected president. To date, 17 states and the District of Columbia, representing 209 electoral votes have signed on and more are considering legislation to join the effort.

Robinson has served in all levels of government and has worked in national presidential campaigns including those of Joe Biden and Barack Obama and was Northern California Director for Bill Clinton for President. He's also been a delegate to the 1984 and 2004 National Democratic Conventions.

Walking/Chair Dancing class may help with knee care



The Live Stronger and Longer Fitness Club would like to help you with knee care. Our Walking/Chair Dancing class provides a holistic approach to help strengthen knee muscles, improve joint range of motion and stability, and may help alleviate pain and promote bone health.

Join LSAL Fitness Club and participate in our holistic strategy. 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.

Aaja nachle! Get ready for Bollywood!

By B. Brown



“Aaja nachle (Let’s dance)” as Bollywood comes to The Villages! “Kala Chashma” means black sunglasses in Hindi and we will be dancing simple Indian style steps to this song. So, bring your favorite sunglasses to be part of this playful and Bollywood inspired dance on Mondays in May.

The song “Kala Chashma” from the Hindi-language movie, “Baar Baar Dekho (Look again and again)” is a global hit after TikTok made it viral. It is a popular wedding reception dance as well. The original song was released in 1991, and in 2016 the song was recreated for the romantic, sci-fi film starring Katrina Kaif and Sidharth Malhotra.

Dance, socialize and exercise with us every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. No partner needed. Each month brings a new dance style and theme.

Please note: No class Memorial Day, May 27

Bernice Toy is the Club President and choreographer of The VMS Village Dancers. She can be reached at vms.dancers@gmail.com. Please see the Music Society website at villagemusic-society.org/about-us-3

The Village Dancers charge an annual \$20 membership fee to participants. All monies go toward support of the club.

Chat over coffee about end-of-life desires

By Barbara F. Zahner, VMA Health Education Programs

Judith Holmes, a certified End-of-Life Doula, will ease into difficult conversations with you on Tuesday, May 7 in the Sequoia Room at 10:30 a.m. about end-of-life preferences and how you



Judith Holmes

can make them clear to your family. As a With Grace Hospice volunteer, Judy’s calm, warm, and patient style invites easy sharing and a sense of safety. Committed to her mission as an End-of-Life doula, Judy said, “Respecting and following a family member’s wishes is critical in ensuring the care and treatment provided are dignified and in accordance with the dying person’s wishes. In following those wishes, [the family members] validate and honor the life of their loved one.” An experienced facilitator in many settings including with foster, adoptive, and at-risk families, Judy specialized in working with children who experienced trauma. In her second career, Judy feels called to work with those who are dying and their families.

While sipping coffee and savoring delicious desserts, you can: speak freely about your end-of-life preferences, share your stories, learn how to weave your desires and stories into clear direction for your loved ones, and breathe deeply knowing you faced your fears, voiced your values, and can live confidently.

This presentation is not a grief or end-of-life support group. Instead, it is place for you to be part of conversation over coffee and desserts, about how to tell your family your wishes for your end-of-life care.

To prepare the correct number of fresh desserts, reservations are needed. Seating is limited to 15. Register online at vmavillages.vgcc.club or call 408-238-4029.

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 Questions? Call Deb Gordon at 408-483-3610

Hiking Club: 'Easy Tips for Longevity'



Jane Ruona

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

The program will follow a short business meeting and a break for socializing with snacks and beverages. This is a rescheduled meeting that was postponed due to illness earlier in the year. The Hiking Club meeting will be held on **Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at Vineyard Center.** Note that this location is not the usual meeting location. The meeting is free and all Villagers are welcome to attend.

Global Village: Myths & Misconceptions that keep us from making healthier food choices

By Pradeep Sonawala

Global Village Community invites you to a cooking demo on **Tuesday, April 30** in Montgomery Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please register by emailing globalvclub@gmail.com or texting 650-336-3310

The club has been trying to counter many myths such as protein is not available in sufficient quantity in a Plant-Based Diet. Get ready because Ranna is coming back and she's bringing her amazing ideas and clever hacks to make eating plant-based proteins more fun than before.

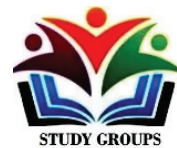
Last month we were all a bit concerned about the availability of ingredients needed for making Quinoa Salad, Dosa, Patra and different chutneys. Well, guess what? Ranna was all ears and she's got some fantastic solutions. She is going to show us three awesome recipes that can be whipped up with just a few ingredients that we all have in our pantries.

And she is going to spice things up by showing us different variations of Curry and Daal, Saag, and breads to keep our taste buds on their toes. So get ready for a mouthwatering adventure with Ranna and her plant-based incredible recipes!



Study Groups Club learns art of making Baklava

By Marty Schlager



On April 18, ten would-be pastry chefs, members of the Villages Study Groups Club, met at the house of head pastry chef Filitsa (Fili) Visvikis to learn how to make Baklava. This was a hands-on demonstration. The ingredients included layers of filo dough, melted butter, nuts and syrup. The prior prepared pastry was sampled and portions were offered for taking home. No one refused.

Thank you, Fila, for a most enjoyable and tasty experience.

Visit our website at studygroupsclub.vgcc.club for future cooking experiences.

Add Mixed Media to your Watercolor

By Barbara Gottesman

"How dare you add a mountain in acrylic to your watercolor landscape? How dare you underline a tree shadow in charcoal? How dare you add marks by an ink pen to show the texture of tree bark?"

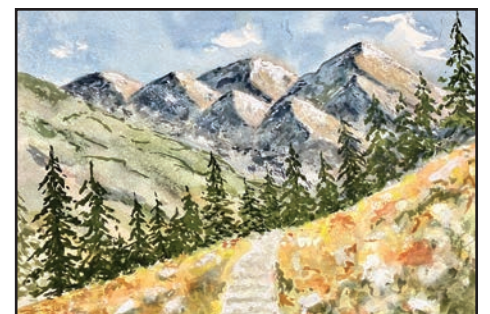
Doug dares! In Doug Canepa's new class in Watercolor Plus Mixed Media, he will teach traditional watercolor and also simple techniques that will enhance students' ability to produce their own artwork. Adding mixed media to watercolor may help students develop their own style beyond basic watercolor.

In this class Doug will explore strategies beyond traditional watercolor painting by adding acrylics to make images pop. Textured paste, colored pencils and charcoal pencils will be used for texture. Burnishing and blending tools will be introduced as will pen and ink. Individual critiques will help students progress along their chosen path.

Join Doug for this daring class on **Wednesdays, May 1 to 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Cribari Center Art Room. The fee for this five-session class is \$70.

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

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



Incontinent supplies available — don't wait!

The VMA currently has a great deal of donated incontinent supplies. Please feel free to stop by the VMA office in Cribari Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to pick up what you need. This is just one of the many complementary services the VMA regularly offers.

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‘Spirituality of Indian Classical Dance’ — correction

By Pradeep Sonawala



The Global Village Community Club invites all to the Conference Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 1** to listen to Radhika Rajpal, who will talk about her deep connection to spirituality through her Indian Classical dance career of 40-plus years. She will give a glimpse of the various classical styles of dance practiced in India today as well as how they portray stories of gods and goddesses that express every kind of human experience, making it timeless. (Correction:

Last week’s article incorrectly described the presentation as a “dance performance.”) There is no fee, but seating is limited. **RSVP** by texting 650-336-3310 or emailing globalvcclub@gmail.com to secure your seats.

Radhika is an exponent of the Bharat Natyam and Odissi forms of Indian classical dances. She and her husband Subhash are active members of the GVC Club. At present, Radhika lives a retired life while continuing her quest for inner growth.

She has performed extensively in the U.S. and India besides teaching at various community centers in the Bay Area. Her approach to dance is that of a Yogini. Her style, her communicative expressions and technique of dance reflect her devotion to the Supreme, making it a meditative experience for all.

Study Groups Club hosts first membership meeting



By Judy Rogers and Howie Blumstein

The Villages Study Groups Club (TVSGC) held its first membership meeting Sunday, April 14 at Foothill Center. About 45 Villagers—members and interested residents—attended this successful event to learn more about this new club. The club, founded about six months ago, has quickly grown from 25 members to over 100.

President Marty Schlager welcomed everyone and made introductory statements about the club. This was followed by a brief review, member vote and approval of revisions to the club’s by-laws by Howie Blumstein.

Joey Stern, Study Groups Director, introduced leaders of existing study groups to briefly inform attendees about their study group. One new group, “Eat Your Heart Out,” recently founded by Pi Silverstein, drew a lot of interest from attendees. Judy Eskinazi, Publicity Director and Webmaster, assisted by Vice President Israel Littman, concluded the meeting highlighting the club’s website.

Attendees had the opportunity to sign up for study groups they were interested in joining. Another study group that received a lot of attention was “Local Day Trips.” There are currently 15 study groups to choose from, with more being added.

To learn more about TVSGC, go to our website at studygroups.vgcc.club to see groups you may be interested in joining, club events and the membership application.

Save date for Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Villages Veterans Club will be sponsoring the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Wednesday, June 12** at the Barbecue/Gazebo area at 12 p.m. The ceremony is to retire American flags that are faded, frayed or torn. You may drop off your flag(s) to the box located at 3131 Lake Garda Drive any time before June 11. You may also bring your flag(s) to the Barbecue/Gazebo area by 11:30 a.m. on June 12 and stay for the ceremony. All American flags of any cloth (cotton, nylon, polyester or similar) are eligible for retirement. The Flag Ceremony is open to all Villagers. The Villages Veterans Club looks forward to having you at the ceremony.



It’s more fun to craft together!

On **Friday, May 3, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**, Mandy Book will host an Open Card Crafting Day for anyone who has attended her previous classes or has some experience with card crafting. This class will not include specific instruction for a card, but will be an opportunity to use tools you may not have available at home. Mandy will be available to assist with ideas and card-making help. She’ll provide a variety of card stock, die cuts, stencils, and stamps to make cards suitable for Mother’s Day, a birthday or a thank you. Think flowers!

Crafters should bring a cutting tool and adhesive, plus any favorite tools.

A maximum of 15 participants will be accepted. Register by emailing barb.gottesman@gmail.com.



Susan Harding to demo at Arts and Crafts Membership meeting

By Michael Sunzeri



On **Monday, May 6**, Arts and Crafts invites you to an intriguing demonstration at 1:45 p.m. in the Cribari Conference Room. Our guest artist is Susan Harding. Her artwork can be described as moody or even “cool” to the viewer’s eye. Susan will show how she transforms her photos into a gracious look by dissecting her own images then replacing that vacant area with charcoal. Susan’s subject matter can be portrait or human interest. A little background follows about her journey, part of which includes a recent milestone showing of her work at San Jose State University.

As a predominantly lens-based artist, Susan’s love affair with photography began with a fascination for documenting life. Working to communicate the essence of life experience, she creates lifestyle portraits that highlight the personality of her subjects. Portraits of old rusted trucks that have been “put out to pasture” are treated with the same care as her human subjects. The theme of uncovering beauty in the mundane while celebrating life’s essence with authenticity is the common thread woven into all of her work.

Valuing transdisciplinary art and the various possibilities and outcomes that intersection inspires, Susan experiments with different mediums. She is currently combining her passion for the raw, expressive nature of charcoal with the cultivated structure of printed photographs. She enhances the narrative of her images by tearing or cutting photographs and creating collages that interlace fragments of the print with meticulously rendered photorealistic charcoal drawings.

Most of Susan’s work is shown in black and white, inviting a certain intrigue to look deeper, but a bit of her work crosses over to color adding a flair. Take the time to join us May 6 and enjoy Susan’s delightful demo and presentation.



Hey! Look what’s coming from the VAT!



The VAT is excited to announce a Matinee Theatre performance on **Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22** at 3:30 p.m. in the Cribari Auditorium.

You will be wildly entertained by two skits. One is a classic George Burns and Gracie Allen radio show originally from the 1950s. George gets into trouble with the police and only Gracie can find a way to save him. And save him, she does, but in a hilarious fashion. Complete with 1950s music, this is something you don’t want to miss.

In addition, the VAT troupe will present a skit called “Our Villages”, originally written by Nancy Paule. This skit takes a good-natured poke at life here in The Villages and includes some really fun songs. You’ll recognize the tunes, but the words only apply to what happens inside our gates.

The music will be provided by none other than the Maestro himself, Larry Broderick.

Finally, and maybe best of all, the show is completely *free*. Yes, I said *free*!

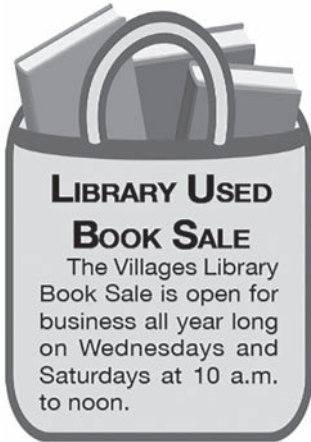
Where else can you find an hour’s worth of laughs and music that doesn’t cost you a thing? Only at Matinee Theatre on June 21 and 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Cribari Auditorium. Don’t miss it!

FROM THE VILLAGES LIBRARY

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

“The Women” by Kristin Hannah. Frances “Frankie” McGrath was raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents. She has always prided herself on doing the right thing. And in 1965, the world is changing. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows. As green and inexperienced as the men, Frankie is overwhelmed by the destruction. Each day is a gamble of life and death; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. She becomes one of the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost. But the real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, angry protesters, and a country that wants to forget Vietnam. Mystery, 2024.

“Stay Sane in an Insane World: How to Control the Controllables and Thrive” by Greg Harden and Steve Hamilton. Greg Harden changes lives. This is why hundreds of world-class athletes, doctors, lawyers, teachers, business leaders, college students, and professionals have come to him for advice and direction. Harden teaches his students how to practice, train, and rehearse to give 100 percent, 100 percent of the time, and challenges them by asking: If you don't believe in yourself, why should I believe in you? Now, in his first book, Greg Harden is reaching out to help anyone who wants to live their best life by offering powerful and practical advice. Non-fiction. 153.5 Motivation-Will, 2023.



Not all plastics are recyclable

By Dianne Doughty



Plastics are made from raw materials such as natural gas, oil or plants that are refined into ethane and propane, then with “cracking,” are turned into ethylene and propylene. Differing combinations of these materials create different polymers.

In 1988, the plastic industry started using numbers inside the chasing symbol to indicate the type of plastic used. Unfortunately, many plastics are not easily recyclable. Each number indicates various combinations of these polymers.

- The #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastics are relatively easy to recycle.
- #3 (PVC) plastic plumbing pipe is a type that can be recycled into pipes, fencing and non-food bottles, but many recycling facilities do not recycle these.
- #4 (LDPE) include bread bags and bubble wrap, which often get tangled in the sorting machinery at a recycling facility. The #2 and #4 can be recycled into a Trex material used for decking and furniture.
- #5 (PP) include yogurt containers and prescription pill bottles, which are less economical to recycle for various reasons.
- #6 (PS) aka Styrofoam. Because it breaks up easily, it is hard to sort and recycle and this plastic is likely to end up in our oceans.
- #7 contains a wide variety of different types of plastic resins sometimes mixed into one material, which makes it almost impossible to recycle these types of plastic.

The good news is that recycling companies are finding more businesses and organizations using various plastics to be made into usable materials. The bad news is many of the plastics are still filling our landfill or oceans. For this reason, please avoid buying plastic if possible. Do this for our children, grandchildren and our planet.

For more information, visit the Sustainable Community's website at sustainablevillagescommunity.org.



In Memoriam and Obituary Notices

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

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

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

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<p>HDPE high density polyethylene <i>It's flexible and often translucent.</i></p>
<p>PVC polyvinyl chloride <i>It's tough and chemical resistant.</i></p>
<p>LDPE low density polyethylene <i>It's flexible and tough.</i></p>
<p>PP polypropylene <i>It's chemical and heat resistant.</i></p>
<p>PS polystyrene <i>It's brittle and see-through OR soft opaque foam.</i></p>
<p>OTHER other plastics</p>

Deliziosa cucina italiana!



The evening of April 20 the Italian Club Cooking Class featured food prepared by Gizelle Barber and her volunteer 'Sous Chefs' Diana Hallock and Peggy James (above). A full house of about 80 people attended the demonstration held in Foothill Center. The menu included Panzanella Salad, Italian Wedding Soup, Pasta Fazool accompanied by wine and Italian cookies—the consensus: It was awesome!



Photos by Mary Miller

Village Voices and Dancers...

(Continued from front page)

front.” Bernice Toy, Director of the Village Dancers said working together “gives the audience a full sensory experience with the sound of the piano and the singers and the sight of the dancers.” Madelaine Yannaccone, President of the Village Voices remarked, “The Village Dancers add style and pizzazz to a musical show that sings with energy and joy!”

Remember “Spring On To Broadway!” is May 2 and May 5, Cribari Auditorium. Tickets are available May 1 in Cribari Lobby from 5-6 p.m., online at tinyurl.com/voices-5-2024 or by calling 408-317-3656 or any Voices member. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the performances.

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SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS TALK



A photo from the Tennis Club's 2005 "Ladies of the Court" calendar. Left to right: Sally Schauer, Phyllis Mueller, Peggy Marlow, Wendy Ferguson, Jean Gillette, Anna Hewitt and Jill MacMitchell.

By Wendy Ferguson

Put these dates on your calendar:

- Scholarship Events on April 27.
- VTL end-of-season celebration on May 1.
- Silver Creek boys play our men on May 6.

By now you know that we raise money for the scholarships by sponsoring the tournament and dinner, and from donations from folks like you and kind merchants in our area. But did you know that the very first fundraiser was the Ladies of the Court calendar for 2005? One page looked like this (see picture). We had a lot of fun as the photo shows. And the fun has continued for 20 years.

News flash: Four very deserving SCHS scholars and intrepid tennis players are recipients of the Villages Tennis Club Scholarships. You can meet them at the Scholarship Dinner next Saturday night. Be sure to read their essays on the Tennis Club web site. Let me tell you a bit about their achievements. First, all of them have a 4.0 GPA; well, one has a 3.95.

Kate is majoring in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology at UC Davis. She played tennis for three years and was co-captain as a senior. She said that her tennis career was the most memorable and enjoyable experience of her high school years.

Kabir is studying Computer Science at Cornell. He played all four years, and his best friends were members of the tennis team.

Kiana is majoring in Engineering at De Anza. As co-captain her senior year, tennis taught her to learn and grow from mistakes and she helped foster team cooperation.

Vasanth is studying Biology at UCLA. He has played tennis for nine years. During the season, he set up a more efficient communication system for the team through Google Calendar. Let's hope these fine young people continue a life-long pursuit of tennis as so many of us have in The Villages.

VTL standings are in, and as of this writing, Team Benz is in first place, followed by teams Olsen, Murphy, and Pennington. And it's not all about winning—just ask the participants.

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PICKLEBALL



A Division King
Alex Shtarker



B Division Queen
Jan Ehrhardt



C Division King
Gil Cepeda

By Anahid Gregg

Want more info? Visit villagespickleball.vgcc.club

The Pickleball Club held its first internal mixer of the year last weekend, a King/Queen of the Hill event! Forty-four members hit the courts in three different groups. Players advanced to a new court based on their win/loss record. The player in each division with the most wins was crowned the King or Queen.

After having to cancel due to rain the prior week, we had a beautiful, sunny day—although it was hot on the courts. The play was pretty hot as well, with fierce games. But—since it is Pickleball—there were also a lot of laughter, trash talking, and supportive comments from both sides. We had a lot of yummy food as well, with the tables ably manned by Valerie Simler and Anita Currer.

All our royalty was undefeated!

In the "A" division, we crowned King Alex Shtarker

In the "B" division, we had our Queen – Jan Ehrhardt

In the "C" division, we had a second King – Gil Cepeda

Thank you to Sherry and Michelle, our tournament/social directors for putting together another fun event! Full results are on our website.

SHONIS

By Betty Hall

What gorgeous weather we experienced for the Ladies Long 9 (Swingers)/Shonis Mixer last Tuesday. Twenty Shonis went out to the Championship course and joined 44 Swingers in golfing both the front and back nine. We had been looking forward to this event all year and it didn't disappoint. It was great fun trying out our skills on a much different course than our usual Par 3.

Seven of the Shonis earned some money by ending up on winning teams. On the front 9, in second place was Peggy White and Schinae Ogihara. In third place was Marty Blinde and in fourth place was Robin Fish. While on the back 9, Julianna Wahlgren was on the first place team. One of our newest Shonis, Amy Lo was on the third place team and Barb Karayn was on the fourth place team.

Congratulations to all the winners and especially our Shonis.

After golf, a fun luncheon and socialization occurred up at Vineyard.

Nice to get to visit with the Long 9 ladies since we usually only see them in passing on Tuesday morning.

Thank you, Sheryl Driskell, Pam Short and Gisele Barber for getting this event all organized.

Earlier on April 2, we had our Captain's Trophy day and two of our newer Shonis captured the net trophy to share with a net each of 20. Featured here are Judy Rogers and MaryAnn Haggerty.

Congratulations to you both.



Captain's Trophy winner
Judy Rogers



Captain's Trophy winner
MaryAnn Haggerty

MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini, kmpagnini@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

2024 Men's Club Member/Member Golf Tournament— Two-man, match play and horserace tournament. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 3, 4, and 5. 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. **Sign up at the Pro Shop in person, no phone tee time reservations!**

2024 Evergreen Invitational: This year's Evergreen Invitational is scheduled for July 11-13. This is a MGC Major, so plan accordingly to be there for the fun and festivities! Also, should you know a club member who may be interested in helping out, please direct them to Bill Morefield, The Evergreen Chairman at bill_morefield@yahoo.com. **Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.**

Golf Thoughts:

My golf game is so bad I had to have my ball retriever re-gripped.

A good golf partner is one who's always a little bit worse than you are.

Brand new golf balls are attracted to water, and the power of the attraction is in direct proportion to how much the balls cost.

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

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 **May 7, 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.

IRONMEN

By Bill Travis and Jerry Juracich

The Ironmen are in morning play, gathering every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start, sweeps, birdie pool, and closest to the pin.

Thursday, April 18, 2024 was sunny and warm, another beautiful day for golf. We had a new member, Joe Alarcon, join the Ironmen. Welcome, Joe.

Fourteen Ironmen played. **Third Place** went to Doug Herring with a net 28; **Second Place** was a two-way tie between Victor Hong and Mario Silva each with net 26s; and Bob Pritchard won **First Place** with a four under net 23!

There were two **Birdies** today, one by Larry Dorsey on hole 2, and the other by Sang Nam on hole 4.

Bob Pritchard won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 2 at 7 feet, 1 inch. Victor Hong won **Low Gross** with a 29.

Golfer of the Day honors were shared by Victor Hong with a low gross and a second place finish and Bob Pritchard with a first place finish and closest to the flag. Way to go, Victor and Bob!

A reminder: If every Ironman at every game would take the time to fill in all divots and green damage noticed during each week's game, we would be making a big contribution toward maintaining our own course!

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. You can also visit our website at ironmen.vgcc.club

Deep Thoughts:

"When you fall in love with golf, you seldom fall easy. It's obsession at first sight." - Thomas Boswell, American sportswriter

"If you find that you do not mind playing golf in the rain, in the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble." - Author Unknown



WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli



Front nine winners.

April 16 was a great day for women's golf at The Villages as 68 players from the 9-hole Swingers and the Shonis teamed up to play a fun day of golf and friendship. The weather was warm and sunny and the luncheon afterward was at Foothill Center. It is so nice to have the women from our different golf groups play together and enjoy the facilities at The Villages. A special thank you to the chairs of this event, Sheryl Driskell and Pam Short.



Tournament Chairs Sheryl Driskell and Pam Short.



Back nine winners.

PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Another day made to play golf, April 19, the warmest and driest Friday in 2024 gave the Pinseekers an opportunity to enjoy a casual nine holes of golf on the back nine of our Championship Course. With pleasant weather and near perfect fairways we finished our mini round in just under two hours.

As we again did not meet the minimum number of golfers required for our sweeps scoring, we played non-competition, social golf and enjoyed our fellow Pinseekers with whom we were paired.

A reminder for all you Pinseekers, we will not play on Friday, May 3, stepping aside for a three-day VGCC Men's Golf Club tournament. When we return to action on May 10, we will be playing in the morning with our first group teeing off at 8:03 a.m. and the fifth group starting at 8:39. Please make your Chelsea reservation as early as possible to get your desired tee time and help us to ensure a continued availability of our slots for 20 golfers. If you haven't made your reservations by Wednesday before our Friday play time our remaining tee times will become available to non-Pinseekers Villagers and their guests. Also, if you have signed up for one of the later times and we do not fill all our slots, the Pro Shop may move you to a vacant Pinseeker group earlier in our allotted times.

Staying with last week's theme of "thoughts on golf," here are some thoughts from a happy hacker. I read an article a few weeks ago where someone asked, "Why do so many old people play golf?" From my thoughts, golf is a "lifelong sport," it not only keeps us active in the outdoors, but it also allows us to spend time with friends and make new friends with at least one common interest. It is a sport that people can play "well into their later years." Most of us can continue to play even after serious medical conditions such as a heart attack or a stroke. Heck, I'm almost 77 years old and I'm slightly on the younger side of mid-range for the Pinseekers. While some of my shots may spark a bit of internal frustration, that quickly passes as I remember I'm still having fun and playing with friends.

If you are not a Pinseeker, ask at the Pro Shop how you can contact us, and we'll get you started.

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Modified Golf Course

Walking Availability – May

Please observe the modified golf course walking schedule on the following days in May:

Monday, May 13 – Before 8:30 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
Women’s Team Play Tournament at 8:30 a.m. – Open Play shotgun at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27 – Before 7 a.m. and after Dusk
Memorial Day Holiday golf schedule

Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Let us know if you have any questions.



BOCCÉ NEWS



Roll into fun—Bocce courts open for play!

By Tom Hunt

We’re thrilled to announce that the long-awaited moment has arrived: The Bocce Courts, with the new third court, are open for play! After much planning and construction, along with lots of rain, residents can now come out and play!

There will be quite a bit of activity on the courts, as we have Bocce Boot Camp, the Spring Mixer, as well as Advanced beginner training so be sure to go to YourCourts to reserve a court. While the courts will be open, there is still construction occurring as they finish with arbors, benches, scoreboards, as well as landscaping! I think you’ll all agree the updated facility is great!

The opening of the Bocce Courts represents more than just a recreational opportunity; it’s a testament to our community’s commitment to providing inclusive spaces for residents to come together and enjoy leisure activities. It’s the perfect opportunity to gather with friends and neighbors, soak in the springtime sunshine, and revel in the joy of Bocce.

For the latest updates on dates for these exciting events and other Bocce Club activities we encourage you to stay informed by visiting the bocce website, villagesbocce.vgcc.club. We’re looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

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FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

April-May Golf Schedule

Monday, April 29 – Course closed all day – range open 12 to 3 p.m. only - Outside Tournament
Friday-Sunday, May 3-5 – Men’s Club Member/Member 8 a.m. Shotgun each day – 1:30 p.m. Open Shotgun

Monday, May 13 – Women’s Team Play 8:30 a.m. Shotgun – Open Shotgun 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17 – Open Shotgun 8 a.m. – Golf Moose Outing 12:30 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed*

Saturday, May 18 – 18-Hole Women’s Saturday Tournament 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21 – PWGA Tournament 11:30 a.m. – Open Play Tee Times approximately 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26 – Sunday Sweeps

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Holiday – Open Play Tee Times 7 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28 – Senior Home & Away – 1 p.m. Shotgun – 18-Hole Course *closed*

Friday, May 31 – Twilight Mixer – 4:30 p.m. Shotgun – Signup starts May 17

TaylorMade Fitting Day—Friday, May 24 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come out and try the new Taylor Made Qi10 drivers and woods! To sign up for a fitting from a Taylor Made professional club fitter, call the Pro Shop at (408) 274-3220 extension 1.

Sunday Sweeps - Fun Golf Play Events for Your Enjoyment

The next Sunday Sweeps is May 26. To remind you, one Sunday per month, we will be hosting a Sunday Sweeps game. Foursomes can consist of two couples, or any foursome mix of residents who want to participate. All players must have a valid USGA Handicap Index in order to participate. Registration is simple – just tell us when you check in on Sunday that your group wants to play in the Sweeps game and you are in. You will take a standard scorecard and complete it with each player’s gross scores on each hole, and turn the scorecard in when you are finished. The entry fee is \$5 per person for the Sweeps prizes. The format will always be 2 Net Best Balls. We will pay out 1/3 of the field each Sunday Sweeps. We hope you will enjoy this fun and casual addition to the golf events at The Villages! Let us know if you have any questions.

Future Sunday Sweeps Dates: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Dec. 15

Fairway Top Dressing—Our spring fairway top dressing program is under way. This is the process of topping off each fairway with ½ inch of sand to create a better flow of water, air and nutrients into the turf ultimately providing healthier and better turf conditions. We will continue to play **Winter Rules throughout the process until the sand is fully settled.**

Tips from the Pro—Eyes Wide Shut

Do you use your eyes when you putt? If not, you need to start. Using our eyes before you stroke the putt is essential to gauging distance, which is the most important aspect of putting from outside 10 feet. When we shoot a basketball we look at the rim, when we throw a baseball we look at the mitt, when we roll a bowling ball we look at the pins. So how do you use your eyes when you putt? Here are some tips on how your eyes can help you putt better...read your putt by standing up tall behind your ball to gauge the distance to the hole using your binocular vision; circle the hole before you putt so your eyes can see all angles and get a different view of the slopes on the green; look at the hole when making your practice strokes...allowing your eyes and hands to work together to judge how hard to hit the putt (hand-eye coordination); and lastly try practicing looking at the hole while you putt. Try these tips and let us know if your distance control improves by using your eyes. Let us know if these tips help. To sign up for a lesson with me, email ssteele@the-villages.com

Junior Camps are back!

Back by popular demand we will be hosting Junior Camps this summer. So that you can plan ahead, here are the dates and times for this summer’s junior camps.



June 24-27 Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 15-18 Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

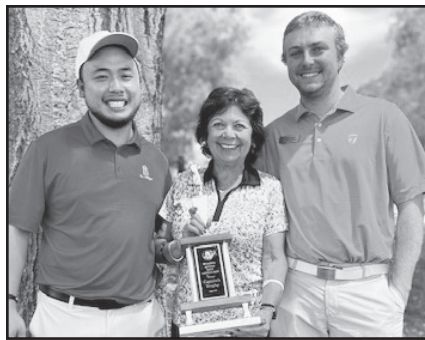
July 29-August 1 Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$380 per Junior per camp. Junior Camps will be limited to 12 juniors per session, first come first served.

Registration is open. Call the Pro Shop at 408-274-3220 extension #1 to sign up.

18-HOLE WOMEN

By Reine Fedor



Golf pros Owen and James with Captain's Trophy winner Pam Schramm.

It was "Beat the Pro" day for the 18 Hole women and a great day for playing golf. Our pros, James and Owen, were impressive. They finished with a score of 69. Helen Varenkamp said watching James' tee shot was like watching a jet plane take off!

There were 14 teams who, using their handicaps, were able to beat the Pros! So, a fun day for everyone. Congratulations to all of you.

Be sure to take a look at the impressive and informative bulletin board in the Posting room. It's very colorful and full of information of upcoming events and happy pictures. Maybe your photo is up there!

Birdies were made by Michelle Chung on #9, Susan Anderson on #16, Vicki Krattli on #7, Annie Bassford on #7 and Jan Kiernan on #15.

Chip Ins made by Vicki Krattli on #7, Auralie Citrigno #8, Linda Lutschan #18, Susie Daughtrey #17 and Geri Wilk on #12 and 8.



Pam Schramm's teammates, Bev Poellot, Geri Wilk, and Betty Sharps, accepting the Captain's Trophy in Pam's absence.

SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S 9 HOLE / SHONIS



Swinger/Shoni Mixer
April 16, 2024

Front Nine

- JoAnn Bundgard, Leslie Bailey, Gloria Lowry, Pat Sear
- Pam McCarthy, Peggy White, Susan Anderson, Schinae Ogihara
- Nancy Carson, Delma Juarez, Sue Park, Marty Blinde
- Anka Hoek, Barbara Weisend, Alice Glazer, Robin Fish

Back Nine

- Mary Stowers, Tamsen Burke, Laura Swenson, Julianna Wahlgren
- Kay Gray, Diana Flanigan, Judy Steinberg, Kathleen Holt
- Cathy Struck, Janis Kiernan, Josephine Chan, Amy Lo
- Andrea Alvarez, Joy Rem, Betty Garcia, Barbara Karayn

18-HOLE WOMEN

Beat the Pro Tournament

April 18, 2024
Pros James Rodgers and Owen Lin shot a commendable 69 from the #5 tees!

Flight 1 Teams - Low Net

- Michelle Chung + Jane Hong 62
- 2nd Low Net:
Betty Sharps + Priscilla Piper 64
- Monica Saneholtz + Helen Varenkamp 66
- Judy Owen + Janet Gonzales 66
- Ann Bassford + Cindy Fuller 66

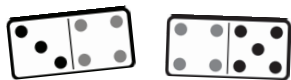
Flight 2 Teams - Low Net

- Marky Olsen + Sheryl Driskell 65
- Judy Frey + Joyce Mukuno 65
- Sue Daughtrey + Linda Lutschan 66
- Judy Rodriguez + Gail Tuft 67
- Jean Shimada + Sumi Minami 67

Other Teams that Beat The Pros

- Vicki Drattli + Susan Anderson Alice Glazer + Barbara Weisend Edie Herbst + Inge McQuiddy Marion Whittaker + Jean Beattie 67 67 68 68

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



Wednesday, April 17

- Sandy Gardiner 208
Shirley Bellavance 210
Maribeth Berlie 285
Sylvia Rozewicz 299

Friday, April 19

- Kitty Heston 194
Tony Rivera 268
Denis Webb 280

BRIDGE

Monday, April 15:

- Tied: Sumi Minami - Maureen Waltho; Jan Kiernan - Art Lind
- Tied: Louann Partridge - Guest; Mary LeGrand - Lorrie Scott

Wednesday, April 17:

- Ed Logg - Guest
- Alan Waltho - Maureen Waltho
- Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

Friday, April 19:

- Louann Partridge - George Welch
- Mary LeGrand - Guest
- Ed Logg - Jonna Robinson



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RELIGION

Villages Religious Services

Weekly:

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

Regularly Scheduled:

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

Everyone is welcome! Please call for more information!

COMMUNITY CHAPEL



‘Commitment to Love’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

The word “commitment” is a scary word for many people, which is why, “commitment” is a pledge, promise, obligation, dedication, or allegiance. In short, the resounding response to the word “commitment” requires sacrifice.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have received marching orders from the highest authority to advocate for promoting love to others. **John 15:12 NLT:** “*This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.*” Jesus is not advising or suggesting that His disciples are to love one another. He is not making an optional request when He asks us to love one another. He speaks with ultimate and absolute authority when He says, “This is my commandment.”

There is a difference between suggesting and commanding that we do as He desires. Jesus Christ has made it unmistakably clear that if we want to identify with Him and make His life a model for our own, we must be ready and willing to accept suffering, pain, and even death for the sake of others.

This is what it means to belong to Jesus Christ. This is what discipleship means. It means adopting a style of life in which we care about others so much that we are willing to sacrifice on their behalf and give of ourselves on their behalf.

Today, fewer individuals are willing to be faithful disciples of Christ because real love is costly. Jesus declares to His disciples that true love is not passive but active. To truly love someone comes with a **cost** attached to the relationship. You and I can’t love someone while being selfish at the same time. Love crushes selfishness with sacrifice! It is no longer having it your way!

When we ask God to give us more love for Him, He challenges us to love others whether they respond or not. After all, He loves us; still, some refuse to respond to His gift of Eternal Life.

I was called upon by a friend to visit a friend entering the final season of his life. The doctors had reached their limitations in caring for his afflictions. My friend thought I could offer some comfort and assurance for his transition, but he was not open to hearing his options. I can only pray that he finds peace with God and reconciliation with others.

John 15:14 NLT: “*There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*”

“Love requires commitment... not convenience.” WLH

Please 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 and enjoy 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 [villagescommunitychape.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychape.vgcc.club)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

‘I Am the Vine’

By Jean Gillette

In the gospel of John 15:1–8, Jesus identifies himself as the vine, the believers as the branches, and the Father as the vine grower. My rose garden requires attention to grow and bloom to produce an abundance of beautiful flowers. This attention and removal of blooms that have finished growing gives the plants energy to produce the new blooms. It is my love and care of the roses that allows them to thrive. We need to let go of what is finished so that we can bloom. God tends to us and allows us to grow. We need attention and love to help us grow and flourish in the Lord. It is important to take time to rest, pray, reflect, and meditate on God’s Word which is Truth.

Plants need deep roots to thrive and grow and we must deepen our spiritual roots to thrive and grow spiritually. We need to be deeply rooted in God’s Word to keep us steady when trials of life come our way. Rooted in faith, not giving in to doubt and fear is the basis of our rootedness in God and His great love. We grow in knowing God through His Word and prayer. We grow in acceptance and understanding of His love and our spiritual roots deepen. Just as roses need sun to live, so too do we need The Son to live. Just as the plants need water so too do we need the Living Water, The Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit we won’t produce fruit. Briefly, we can, “Remain in me as I remain in you,” as Jesus tells us.

EPISCOPAL



‘Mark Your Words’

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

In his First Letter, Peter refers to “my son Mark,” demonstrating close relationship between the two followers of Jesus (1 Peter 5:13). The Church of Alexandria in Egypt claimed the evangelist Mark as its first bishop and most illustrious martyr, and the great Church of St. Mark in Venice commemorates the disciple who first turned back while on a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas, to proclaiming in his Gospel Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God, and finally bearing witness to that faith as companion to the apostles Peter and Paul. And the same Gospel that bears Mark’s name concludes with a portrait of two women running from the empty tomb of Jesus in fear.

All of which reminds me that none of us begin or end our Christian journey in perfection (although the Spirit of Christ will surely perfect us along the way). Mark’s Gospel account is distinctive in its brevity and sense of urgency, with a very human Jesus’ mission being revealed through his deeds more than through his teaching. It includes no genealogy, birth story, Beatitudes, Lord’s Prayer or resurrection appearances. Although Mark pays much attention to the Galilean ministry and the Passion. In deed as much as words, the humble and rather sparse prose of Mark has inspired countless generations of Christians to follow in the brisk and purposeful footsteps of Christ.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.

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., May 13 at Vineyard Center.**

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Landscape Maintenance

Weekly Landscaping Maintenance, hand, and mechanical weed control.

Cribari

5001-5076- in progress.
5077-5089, 5154-5209 and 5234-5249 - 4/29-5/3.

Del Lago

3101-3134 and 3201-3243 – in progress.

Estates

8809-8875 - 4/29-5/3.

Highland

7500-7573 – in progress.
7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889 – 4/29-5/3.

Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136 – 4/29-5/3.

Olivas

8600-8645, 8651-8664 and Vineyard Center – in progress.

Valle Vista

9048-9066 – in progress.
Parks and Banks – 4/29-5/3.

Seasonal Landscape Maintenance Turf Aeration and organic compost top dressing

Olivas, Estates, Glen Arden and Valle Vista – in progress.

Sprinkler System Testing

Verano, Hermosa, Olivas – In progress.
Sprinkler systems - Watering Mondays and Thursdays
Upper Gardens – Poison Hemlock weed control around the outside areas – in progress.

Association Maintenance

Glen Arden

7714, 7716, 7717, 7719, 7721 and 7723 - Roof replacement – in progress.

7710, 7712, 7723, 7725 and 7727 scheduled to start 4/29.

EPC Shed installation, 4/29-4/30.

Hermosa

8372 – Deck coating project in progress.

Cribari

EPC Shed installations, 4/29-4/30.

Verano

EPC Shed installations, 4/29-4/30.

Highland

EPC Shed installations, 4/29-4/30.

Valle Vista

EPC Shed installation, 4/29-4/30.

Club Maintenance

Building C remodel – in progress.
Clubhouse - Automatic Door Project - in progress.
Remove existing swing doors, install temp doors, take existing doors in for refinishing – 4/29.
Install telescoping door, relocate light at sliding door – 5/6.
Install sliding door, remove temporary swing doors, install refinished swing doors connect arms for ADA operator – 5/7.
Paint/patching – 5/7-5/10.

Annual Ant Spray

Perimeter of buildings to be treated.
Cribari scheduled for 4/26.
Sonata, Del Lago and Fairways scheduled for 4/29.
Foothill Center, Vineyard Center, Montgomery Center, Cribari Center, Clubhouse, Public Safety Plaza and Business Offices scheduled for 4/30.
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.

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.



Maintenance Emergencies and/or Advice

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

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



Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

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.

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OBITUARY

Mary Kathleen Levin
October 22, 1933 – February 9, 2024



Long-time Villages resident Mary Kathleen Levin died February 9, 2024 at the age of 90 in San Jose, CA. Mrs. Levin graduated from high school in White Salmon, Washington in 1951, later getting a bachelor's degree from Washington State, and a master's degree from Santa Clara University.

Mrs. Levin was a teacher at San Jose schools, and after retirement participated in The Villages Handbell choir for many years, as well as participating in the band, playing French horn, and in the chorus. She was a lifelong lover of music, and she performed until her final year of life.

Mrs. Levin was born on October 22, 1933 in White Salmon, Washington. She leaves her husband, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter and a great-grandson as well as a stepson and a stepdaughter, four step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two stepsons.

A memorial service in her honor will be held at The Villages Vineyard Center in San Jose on May 4, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Contributions may be made in her honor to the Villages Music Society.

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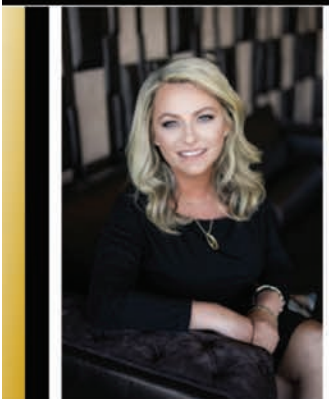


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