



# The Villager

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## Still time to get 'Spring On To Broadway!' tickets this Sunday

Be ready to tap your toes and clap your hands as The Village Voices presents "Spring On To Broadway!" If you missed this Thursday's performance, there is still time to catch the **Sunday, May 5** show at **2:30 p.m.** Tickets are still available to buy at the Cribari doors on Sunday before the show starts.

Voices Singers, Village Dancers, and Friends of Voices Musicians will delight you with show-stopping musical hits. During intermission, savor homemade cookies and buy a winning (we hope!)

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The Voices bring life and lilt to "Spring On To Broadway!"

## Operating Financial Commentary for the Month of March 2024

### March 2024 (FY 2024) The Villages Cash & Overview:

<b>Total Combined Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$34,323,620</b>
Total Operating Cash (Combined):	\$ 4,301,480
Total Capital & Replacement Fund (Club):	\$12,084,707
Total Reserves Fund (Assoc., HOA & Estates)	\$17,937,433

### Club Operating Statement Review

For the month of March 2024

#### Total Cash

Operating Cash	\$ 2,509,706
Capital Fund	\$ 512,409
Capital Replacement	\$11,572,298

#### Operations Total Revenue

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,259,589</b>	<b>\$11,460,001</b>	<b>\$11,283,054</b>	<b>\$ 176,947</b>
Total Assessments	\$ 778,298	\$ 7,004,686	\$ 7,004,691	\$ -5
Total Other Revenue	\$ 481,291	\$ 4,455,316	\$ 4,278,363	\$ 176,953

#### Operating Total Expense

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$1,148,297</b>	<b>\$11,693,369</b>	<b>\$11,462,081</b>	<b>\$ -231,288</b>
Total Payroll & Benefits	\$ 880,268	\$ 7,501,650	\$ 7,218,966	\$ -282,684
Total Operating Expense	\$ 268,029	\$ 4,191,719	\$ 4,243,115	\$ 51,396

#### Operating Surplus/(Club Operations)

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 111,292</b>	<b>\$ -233,368</b>	<b>\$ -179,027</b>	<b>\$ -54,341</b>
Budgeted Plan Use of PY Surplus		\$ 200,000		\$200,000
<b>Adjusted Net Surplus</b>		<b>\$ -33,368</b>		<b>\$145,659</b>

• **Revenue (Less Assessments):** \$481,000, resulting in a \$-21,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$502,600, YTD \$176,900 favorable variance to a budget of \$4,455,000.

• **Golf Services, including Golf Course:** \$157,000, resulting in a \$-28,600 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$157,000, YTD \$-8,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$1,515,000.

o Golf Cart Rentals YTD \$6,400 favorable to a budget of \$63,000.

o Greens Fees YTD \$-21,900 unfavorable to a budget of \$1,141,000.

• **Community Activities:** \$10,200, resulting in an unfavorable variance to budget of \$-10,000, with a budget of \$20,000, YTD \$-26,300 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$183,900.

o Resident Activities carry a YTD \$-73,200 unfavorable to the budget of \$112,800.

• **The Villager:** \$-34,800, resulting in an unfavorable variance to budget of \$-34,700, with a budget of \$-135, YTD \$-14,400 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$-4,500.

o Advertising Sales YTD \$-3,500 unfavorable to a budget of \$144,000.

• **Public Safety:** \$1,400, resulting in a \$-1,200 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$2,700, YTD \$-12,300 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$33,900.

o Fees & Other Income YTD \$-12,300 unfavorable to a budget of \$33,900.

• **Administrative and Business Activities:** \$32,200, resulting in a \$15,000 favorable variance to a budget of \$17,000, YTD \$41,400 favorable variance to a budget of \$172,400.

o Resale Admin Fees YTD \$-5,700 unfavorable to budget.

o Other Business Activity Income \$2,200 favorable to budget.

o Interest/Late Fees YTD \$46,700 favorable to budget.

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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.

2 Pulse letters received this week.

1 Pulse letter deferred.

1 Pulse letters published this week.

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

Heartfelt thanks to Julia Meadows and all her companions who hosted an amazing Breakfast at Tiffany's celebration recognizing the contributions of the many Villages' volunteers. It was humbling and exciting to be recognized for our years volunteering here in The Villages during the past couple decades. But it was even more amazing for this event to be happening in the huge Clubhouse ballroom full of fellow volunteers who are also dedicated to the betterment of The Villages. Over the years as Election Inspectors, Claudia Nicolai, Jeanne Filice and I made it a practice to attend the monthly CBOD and ABOD meetings if possible. We definitely benefited by having Julia Meadows as our tutor and consultant as we worked together on the various elections and surveys. Without a doubt, being able to participate in volunteer "opportunities" here in The Villages has made my life much more interesting and worthwhile. It's hard to believe that The Villages has been my home for 25 years and since turning 87 recently, I'm grateful to be able to enjoy REAL retirement years here in The Villages!

— Vera Buescher

## Bulky Bin service available the week of May 13

The Bulky Bin service is returning the week of May 13. This free service allows Villages residents to properly dispose of furniture and other bulky and no longer useful household items.

Green Team Bulky Bins are scheduled to be on site from **Monday, May 13** through **Wednesday May 15**. Their arrival time on Monday is between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.—please be patient as we do not have a specific delivery time guarantee. They will be located in the Cribari East and West parking lots, the Montgomery Center parking lot and the Foothill Center parking lot.



The following items are NOT allowed in these bulky bins: No concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators, freezers, medical or hazardous waste.

Garbage is not allowed inside the bulky bins—no exceptions. Contaminated bulky bins will not be removed from The Villages until all garbage has been removed. Please comply with the above so that we can continue with this free service of bulky bins again.

For more information, please contact Mary Tatum at 408-274-1334 or mtatum@the-villages.com.

**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**,  
and **COMMUNITY NOTICES** on pages 4, 5, 7, 20, 21 & 24

## IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam notices are run free of charge.

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

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

### DEADLINES

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

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

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

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

**Delivery:** The Villager is published on Thursday and distributed to all residents Friday morning. Extra copies of the latest editions are available in The Villager office, in Cribari Center and in the Library. Call 408-223-4655 to report missed deliveries.

### POLICIES

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

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

The Villages Communications Advisory Committee develops operational plans, reviews rules and policies, and advises the General Manager and Club Board on issues pertaining to The Villager, including Pulse letters, Channels 26 and 27, FastLane and the website. Residents having relevant concerns may attend meetings or call committee members by phone: Chair Nick Yannacone at 408-219-9296, and Co-Chair Debbie Champion at 408-960-6994.

### HOURS

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

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

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# BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## ABOD President's Message—April 30, 2024

The theme for the 2024 National Volunteer Week was Celebrate Service—an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. Julia Meadows and her team inspired all of us when she transported 250 of us to Breakfast at Tiffany's for a delicious meal and delightful morning, celebrating all the Villagers who volunteer. Of particular note were the three women who were the first to receive the Villages Legacy of Service Award, Vera M. Buescher, Claudia Evans Nicolai, and Jeanne Filice. I know all three of these ladies personally and they continue to inspire all of us to volunteer, participate and be involved.

Our DAC volunteers had a busy week, attending the All-DAC Budget Review session last Wednesday and the individual meetings with Ryan Bell and Blake Kennedy last Thursday. Overall, the estimated Operating costs are expected to rise approximately ten percent (10%) and Reserve Replacement plans to rise approximately eight percent (8%) for an aggregate of nine percent (9%). While we have one Association budget, each village has its own allotment based on the projects and needs of that village. This means proposed individual villages' assessments will rise between two percent (2%) and nineteen percent (19%). The major changes in Operating costs are insurance, which will likely rise almost twenty-five percent (25%) and a restructuring of our budget process, which moved some expenses from Reserves to Operating. Other major expenses included landscape, utilities, turf reduction and fire hardening. If you look at the detailed report you'll see the landscape contract has gone down but the Landscape Extras have gone up. This is because in order to save money and increase service, irrigation, tree maintenance and major landscape planting have been taken out of the basic contract. In some cases the Villages has hired our own employees for these tasks. In other cases, we intended to put major projects out to bid to get the best price possible. The discussion of these draft budgets and allotments will be a major portion of our meeting today. A huge thank you to Ryan, Blake and Theresa for their many hours beyond their normal work day to get the best estimates to us, for double and triple checking every item and for their amazing collective expertise in all things financial.

I am also very excited about the three people who have volunteered to run for the Association Board for 2025, Patrick Barber, Dave Dimmick and Deb Gordon. I know these Villagers, have worked with them, and have every confidence in their abilities to do the work of the Association on our behalf. Ballots will be delivered in late May. Please return them promptly via US Mail or at the ballot box in the parking lot by Building A.

Finally, a shout-out to David Cook for all his work leading the Insurance Committee. He is home recovering from hip surgery but has done a herculean job in helping board members from all three Boards, ABOD, CBOD and HBOD, learn about the complexities and pitfalls of the current insurance market. I am so grateful he has agreed to continue as chair of our combined Insurance Committee.

—Diana Hallock, Villages Association President

## Club President's Message—April 30, 2024

Hello, Villagers! Spring is in full swing at The Villages and the pollen count reminds us each day of the lovely trees, plants, flowers, and grasses that surround us on this gorgeous property we call home. The sunny days, reasonable temperatures and fewer rainy days have Villagers emerging from their homes and engaging in several wonderful and enriching activities. There truly is something for everyone at The Villages, and if it doesn't exist, you can create it here!

Hooray! All four swimming pools are now open. The new third bocce court has opened while the benches and overhead covers are still being installed. The first Bocce Boot Camp session has already taken place, plus the first Bocce Bash of the season was held last week. Potential contractors have been identified for the golf course bunker project and they'll be arriving onsite to visit The Villages golf courses prior to submitting their bids to the RFP. Fingers crossed, we may start on the bunker liner replacement project as soon as this fall!

The FY25 budgets have been delivered by our General Manager and her team and are being approved this week for all three corporations. FY25 will be a year where the Club Board and Villages Team continue to upgrade and breathe new life into several existing Club amenities. You've already heard about projects for the swimming pools, the bocce courts, and the golf courses. More and more improvements are being planned for our amenity facilities, with each investment maintaining or improving the amenity experience while also supporting or increasing the value of our homes. Careful multi-year planning is key to keeping The Villages looking fresh and relevant to us, and to new buyers.

The Villages Insurance Committee has continued to find ways to save The Villages money on insurance costs. A great deal of progress has been gained, yet major community-wide decisions and activities will need another one to two years or more to accomplish. The Villages Association's CC&Rs currently require The Villages to be insured for the total replacement cost of all districts—as if every building was destroyed at the same time. Current repair/replacement costs are estimated at \$889 million. This number is expected to rise in 2025 as the next appraisal comes due. The Insurance Committee will continue to research ways to lower overall insurance costs, including reducing the level of insurance required by considering a possible Association CC&Rs spot amendment plus requesting an exemption from the federal mortgage lender insurance requirements. More to come!

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## Candidates' Night is May 7

This year's Candidates' Night is **Wednesday, May 7 at 7p.m.** in the Cribari Auditorium. This will be your opportunity to interact with and ask Club Board director candidates about topics important to you. You will also hear the Homeowners' Corporation Board candidates give brief statements of their qualifications. We look forward to seeing you there.

# GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

## THE DACs

### 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.

### Sonata DAC to meet May 7

The Sonata DAC will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, May 7** at **6 p.m.** at Vineyard Center.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Association

The Villages Association Board of Directors Monthly Board hybrid meeting is **Tuesday, May 28** 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, May 28** at **1:30 p.m.** in Foothill Center and on Zoom.

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

### 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.

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**More BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Operating Financial Commentary...**

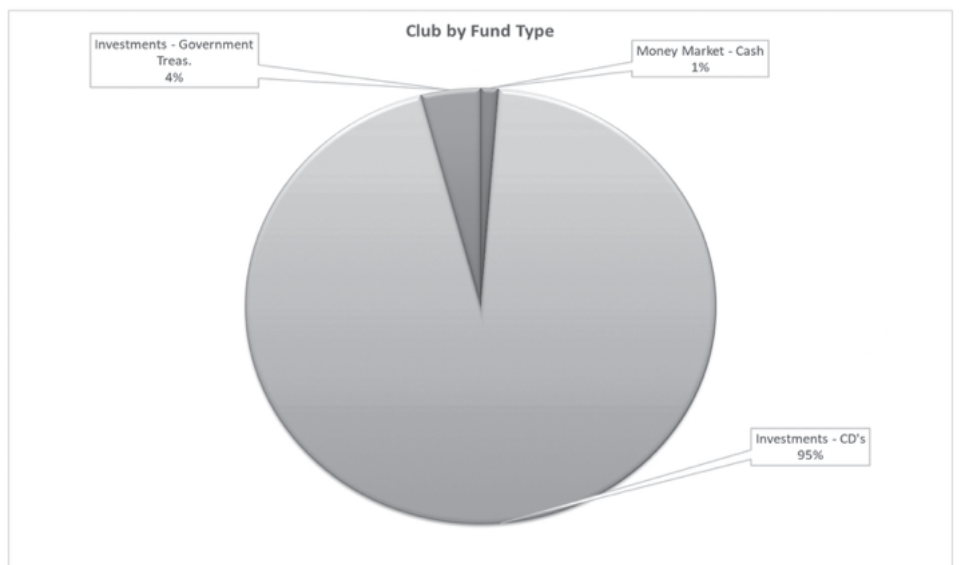
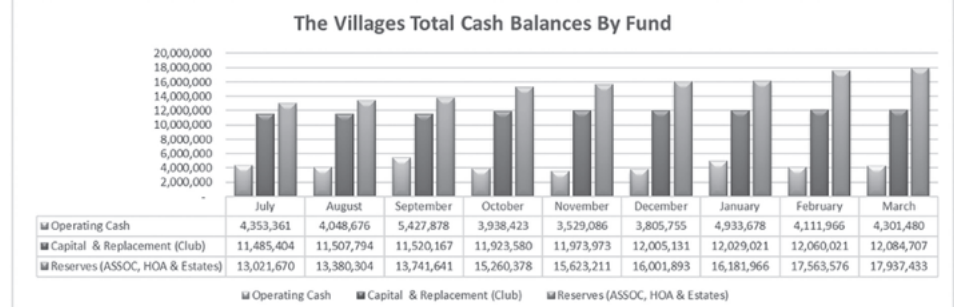
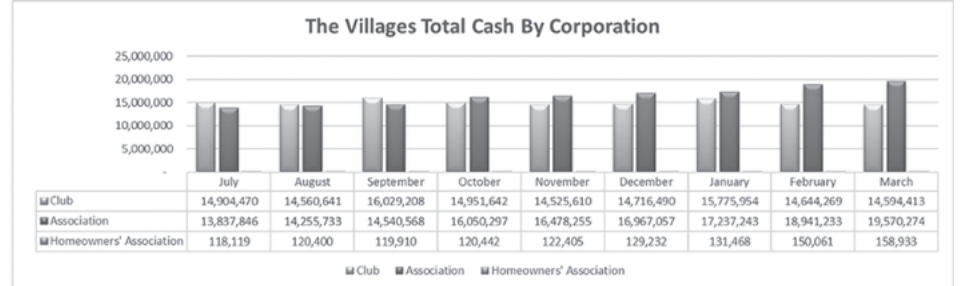
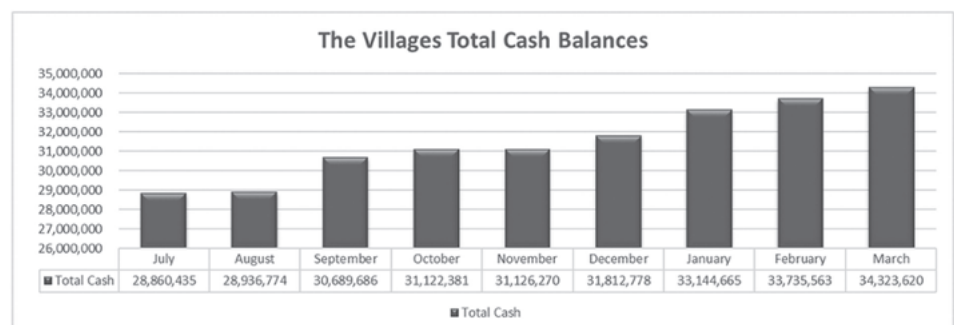
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- **Expenses:** \$1,148,000, resulting in a \$164,400 favorable variance to the budget of \$1,312,000, YTD \$-231,000 unfavorable variance to a budget of \$11,462,000.
    - Employee expenses YTD \$-282,600 unfavorable.
      - o Realignment of staff and some separation agreements.
      - o Unbudgeted increase in minimum wage as of January 1, 2024.
    - Services Expense YTD \$-265,800 unfavorable.
      - o Legal Fees YTD \$-87,700 unfavorable.
      - o Professional Fees YTD \$-87,700 unfavorable.
      - o Credit Card Processing Fees YTD \$-32,490 unfavorable.
    - Utilities YTD \$126,000 favorable to budget.
      - o Electricity YTD \$-42,800 unfavorable to budget.
        - Budgeted at an 8.0% increase as of January 1, 2024, the rate increased by 12.8%. Rates were announced before the 2024 fiscal year budget completion.
      - o Water YTD \$198,000 favorable to budget.
        - Disputed water reading was credited back, resulting in a \$212,000 favorable variance to budget.
      - o Telephone YTD \$-21,000 unfavorable to budget.
    - Board of Director Expense: YTD \$-25,700 unfavorable variance to budget.
- There are no other significant variances to report at this time.**

Departmental Statement of Activities - Expense by Category			
Expense Category	Actual	Budget	Variance
COGS	912,884	891,385	(21,499)
Payroll	7,501,650	7,218,966	(282,684)
Operating Expense:	3,302,836	3,186,378	(116,458)
Utilities Expense	1,969,862	2,095,991	126,129
Allocations	(1,993,864)	(1,930,639)	63,225
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,693,369</b>	<b>11,462,081</b>	<b>(231,288)</b>

Departmental Statement of Activities							
MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var	
\$ (49,086)	\$ (2,338)	\$ (46,748)	Administrative and General	\$ (381,490)	\$ 6,196	\$ (387,686)	
(4,633)	(2,691)	(1,942)	Facilities Maintenance	(20,598)	215	(20,813)	
8,454	3,565	4,889	Public Safety	50,780	3,382	47,398	
173,219	(18,698)	191,917	Golf Course / Pro Shop	77,037	(90,158)	167,195	
15,735	346	15,389	Community Activities	65,454	(9,293)	74,747	
(2,870)	(5,098)	2,228	Community Centers/Pools	9,827	378	9,449	
(34,863)	(135)	(34,728)	The Villager	(28,783)	(14,324)	(14,459)	
(10,413)	(3,393)	(7,020)	Clubhouse & Restaurants	(52,476)	(20,870)	(31,606)	
15,749	(3,372)	19,121	All Other	46,881	(54,552)	101,433	
<b>\$ 111,292</b>	<b>\$ (31,814)</b>	<b>\$ 143,107</b>	<b>Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations</b>	<b>\$ (233,368)</b>	<b>\$ (179,027)</b>	<b>\$ (54,341)</b>	

Departmental Statement of Activities - Revenue/Expense							
MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var	
\$ 778,298	\$ 778,299	\$ (1)	Assessments	\$ 7,004,686	\$ 7,004,691	\$ (5)	
32,244	17,050	15,194	Administrative and General	213,852	172,450	41,402	
3,403	4,941	(1,538)	Facilities Maintenance	42,205	44,469	(2,264)	
1,434	2,705	(1,271)	Public Safety	21,580	33,945	(12,365)	
157,021	185,670	(28,649)	Golf Course / Pro Shop	1,506,878	1,515,380	(8,502)	
10,297	20,330	(10,033)	Community Activities	157,527	183,900	(26,373)	
11,298	17,000	(5,702)	The Villager	175,548	175,500	48	
780	540	240	Community Centers/Pools	14,045	6,760	7,285	
258,399	247,900	10,499	Clubhouse & Restaurants	2,267,152	2,087,400	179,752	
6,416	6,491	(75)	All Other	56,530	58,559	(2,029)	
<b>\$ 1,259,589</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,926</b>	<b>\$ (21,337)</b>	<b>Total - Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 11,460,001</b>	<b>\$ 11,283,054</b>	<b>\$ 176,947</b>	
\$ (158,516)	\$ (96,574)	\$ (61,942)	Administrative and General	\$ (1,290,016)	\$ (860,928)	\$ (429,088)	
(39,533)	(39,130)	(403)	Facilities Maintenance	(346,285)	(327,736)	(18,549)	
(103,853)	(110,013)	6,160	Public Safety	(968,657)	(1,028,420)	59,763	
(84,224)	(304,790)	220,566	Golf Course / Pro Shop	(2,333,639)	(2,509,336)	175,697	
(22,752)	(48,175)	25,423	Community Activities	(345,792)	(446,912)	101,121	
(76,323)	(47,297)	(29,026)	The Villager	(475,789)	(461,282)	(14,507)	
(99,142)	(101,130)	1,988	Community Centers/Pools	(863,646)	(865,810)	2,164	
(402,377)	(384,858)	(17,519)	Clubhouse & Restaurants	(3,521,713)	(3,310,355)	(211,358)	
(161,576)	(180,773)	19,197	All Other	(1,547,833)	(1,651,301)	103,468	
<b>\$ (1,148,297)</b>	<b>\$ (1,312,740)</b>	<b>\$ 164,444</b>	<b>Total - Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (11,693,369)</b>	<b>\$ (11,462,081)</b>	<b>\$ (231,288)</b>	
<b>\$ 111,292</b>	<b>\$ (31,814)</b>	<b>\$ 143,107</b>	<b>Net Profit(Loss) - Club Operations</b>	<b>\$ (233,368)</b>	<b>\$ (179,027)</b>	<b>\$ (54,341)</b>	



**March 2024 – Investment Overview – Club**

Total Combined Cash Balance:	<b>\$12,084,707</b>
Total Money Market:	\$ 146,608
Total CDs	\$11,443,000
Total Government Treasuries:	\$ 495,099

**Association Board Voting Record for April 30, 2024**

Association Voting Record for April 30, 2024											
		Board Members*								Comments	Costs
		DH	MS	PR	JW	DC	JE	SG			
1	Approval Consideration of Proposed Changes to Association Policy <u>APR 202 District Advisory Committees</u>	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the revised changes to Association Policy <u>APR 202 District Advisory Committees</u> and to publish the same in <i>The Villager</i> newspaper for the required 30-day member comment period, with the house number order added to the existing policy. The purpose of the proposed changes is to clarify the committee composition, authority, funding and accounting procedures of Social Committees, and Decorating Committees and to add the FireWise subcommittees to support the Association in gaining and sustaining The Villages FireWise certification.	\$0
2	Vote and Ballot Count - Exclusionary Encroachment into Common Area Request from the Owner at 8755 McCarty Ranch Drive	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the vote count regarding the exclusionary encroachment request submitted by the owner of 8755 McCarty Ranch Drive as read and presented by the Inspectors of Elections. The vote passed with 12 "For" votes and no "Against" votes.	\$0
3	Approval Consideration for 2024/2025 Operating Budget, Reserve Plan and Fee Schedule	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the proposed operating budget, the reserve funding plan, and schedule of fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.	\$0
4	Approval Consideration of Annual Meeting & Election Material	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, resolution, and election materials.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration to Transfer Funds for Partial Payment on Outstanding Loan for 2023 Property Insurance Premium	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		The Board approved the transfer of \$333,000 from the Association's Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund for the partial payment on the outstanding loan of \$1,003,000 used to help pay back the 2023 property insurance premium of June 2023 with balance of \$670,000 to be paid back by June 30, 2024.	\$333,000
<b>Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting</b>											<b>\$333,000</b>

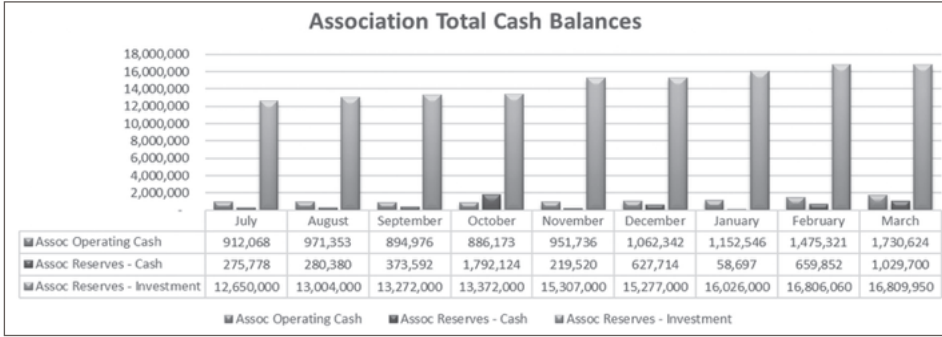
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# Association Operating Statement Review

For the month of March 2024

Association Cash Balance **\$19,570,274**



**Total Cash**

Association Operating Cash **\$ 1,730,624**  
 Association Reserves **\$17,839,650**

**Operations Total Revenue**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,137,353</b>	<b>\$10,191,637</b>	<b>\$10,178,199</b>	<b>\$ 13,438</b>
Total Assessments	\$1,125,309	\$10,127,784	\$10,127,628	\$ 156
Total Other Revenue	\$ 12,044	\$ 63,853	\$ 50,571	\$ 13,282

**Operating Total Expense**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$893,186</b>	<b>\$9,885,827</b>	<b>\$10,088,380</b>	<b>\$202,553</b>
Total Operating Expense	\$743,216	\$8,558,603	\$ 8,828,317	\$269,714
Total Intra-Co Transfer	\$149,970	\$1,327,224	\$ 1,260,063	\$-67,161

**Operating Surplus/(Deficit) (Operations)**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 244,167</b>	<b>\$ 305,810</b>	<b>\$ 89,819</b>	<b>\$215,991</b>

- **Revenue** was \$6,400 favorable to the budget of \$1,131,000, YTD \$13,000 favorable to a budget of \$10,178,000.
    - o Operating Cash Account now resides in a Federated Trust Sweep Account, earning interest at 5% \$6,300 in March.
    - There are no other significant variances to report at this time.
  - **Expenses** for the month were \$181,000 favorable to the budget of \$1,074,000.
    - o Operating Supplies & Maintenance Expenses were favorable by \$4,700, YTD favorable by \$36,000.
    - o Utility Expenses were favorable by \$206,000 YTD \$534,000 favorable.
      - Electric expenses were not budgeted for the 12.8% rate increase on January 1, 2024. YTD \$-14,000 unfavorable.
      - Water expense YTD \$567,700 favorable; water was accrued to budget for March, and a credit from prior months was applied for errors found in a few meter readings. The expense will be trued up in the April Financials after receiving the invoice.
    - o Insurance expenses remain unfavorable to the budget as reported in the prior months; March's unfavorable variance was \$-41,000, and YTD, the unfavorable variance is \$-393,000.
- The YTD net favorable operating budget variance for March 2024 is \$215,900. This favorable variance is primarily contributed to the favorable water expense of \$567,000.**  
 There are no other significant variances to report at this time.

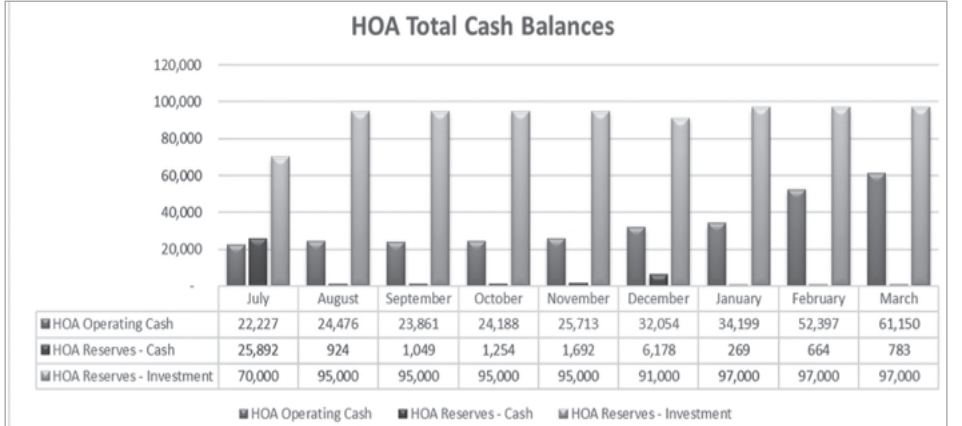
**District - Statement of Activities**

MTD	MTD Budget	Var	Department	YTD	YTD Budget	Var
\$ 39,304	\$ 8,873	\$ 30,431	Cribari District	\$ 48,537	\$ 20,622	\$ 27,915
27,453	8,780	18,673	Montgomery District	46,536	25,159	21,377
6,630	1,698	4,932	Heights District	15,108	3,845	11,263
26,281	6,654	19,627	Hermosa District	56,856	17,893	38,963
24,366	3,934	20,432	Verano District	20,472	(15,999)	36,471
20,472	5,391	15,081	Del Largo District	34,441	20,239	14,202
24,893	6,048	18,845	Highland District	10,103	6,398	3,705
10,040	2,551	7,489	Glen Arden District	6,275	8,880	(2,605)
37,844	7,321	30,523	Olivas District	41,434	(3,682)	45,116
3,534	598	2,936	Fairways District	5,299	(1,785)	7,084
9,278	1,551	7,727	Sonata District	(8,149)	(7,199)	(950)
14,072	2,750	11,322	Valle Vista District	28,897	15,448	13,449
<b>\$ 244,167</b>	<b>\$ 56,149</b>	<b>\$ 188,018</b>	<b>Net Profit(Loss) - Assoc. Operations</b>	<b>\$ 305,810</b>	<b>\$ 89,819</b>	<b>\$ 215,991</b>

# Homeowners Operating Statement Review

For the month of March 2024

Homeowners Cash Balance **\$158,933**



**Non-Estates Operating**

**Total Cash**

Non-Estates Operating Cash **\$14,926**

**Non-Estates Total Revenue**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,749</b>	<b>\$42,238</b>	<b>\$42,165</b>	<b>\$ 73</b>

**Non-Estates Operating Expense**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$4,354</b>	<b>\$40,671</b>	<b>\$43,367</b>	<b>\$ 2,696</b>

**Operating Surplus/(Deficit)**

	MTD	YTD	BUDGET YTD	Variance
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 395</b>	<b>\$ 1,567</b>	<b>\$-1,202</b>	<b>\$ 2,769</b>

- Operating Cash is now in a Federated Trust Sweep Account earning interest in March 2024 at 5% and boosting the favorable variance in revenue.
  - Legal Expenses YTD \$2,600 favorable variance to budget.
- There are no other significant variances to report.

**The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of March 2024 was \$2,700.**

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# Club Board Voting Record for April 30, 2024

April 30, 2024 Monthly Meeting

		Board Members*								
	AGENDA ITEMS	LL	JO	BK	RZ	LK	LV	AA	COMMENTS	COSTS
1	Approval Consideration of Proposed Changes to CPo 101 VGCC Policies and CPo 302 Dues, Assessments, Charges, and Fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	The Board approved the proposed changes to CPo 101 VGCC Policies and CPo 302 Dues, Assessments, Charges, and Fees. The purpose of the proposed edits is to come into compliance with current California Corporation Code 7212 for all the policies, to update to reflect organization changes references, and for CPo 302 Dues, Assessments, Charges and Fees, to absorb CPo 307 Administrative Set-up Fee.	\$0
2	Approval Consideration of Acceptance of Quarterly Review of Accounts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	The Board approved to accept the quarterly review of accounts as presented.	\$0
3	Swimming Pools Advisory Committee Appointments	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	The Board approved the appointment of Rosemary Miller, Sabrina Malcolmson, and Peter Miron-Conk to the Swimming Pools Advisory Committee as voting members.	\$0
4	Discuss and Approval Consideration to Publish for Notice Proposed Changes to VGCC Policies CPo 117 Conflict of Interest (New), CPo 203 Nominating Committee, and CPo 224 Leadership Development Committee (New), and CPo 805 Donations, Gifts and Memorials Policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	The Board approved to publish for notice proposed changes to VGCC Policies CPo 117 Conflict of Interest (New), CPo 203 Nominating Committee, and CPo 224 Leadership Development Committee (New), and CPo 805 Donations, Gifts and Memorials Policy. The purpose of the proposed changes is to come into compliance with current California Corporation Code 7212 for all the policies, to update to reflect organization changes references, to revise the Nomination Committee Charter so it includes a Director as Chair, removes the committee as "totally independent" of the Board and adds Candidates' Night as a duty of the committee, and for CPo 805 (Donations) increases the General Manager's authorization to accept donations from to \$1,000 to \$5,000.	\$0
5	Approval Consideration of 2024 Annual Meeting and Election Materials	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	The Board approved the annual meeting notice, ballot, and election materials and directed staff to amend such notice should an additional candidate or candidates come forward prior to the end of the day (5:00 p.m.) on May 1 and also directed the Inspectors of Elections to conduct another random draw to select the order of the candidates for the notice and ballot.	\$0
4	Inspectors of Election to Randomly Draw Candidate Placement on Ballot, Notice, and Election Materials	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	Inspector of Elections Janelle Marines randomly drew the order of candidate placement for the annual meeting notice and ballot as follows: Diana Hallock, Judy Owen, Michelle Brestlin, and Andy Altman.	\$0
5	Approve Proposed FY 2024/2025 Operating Budget, Capital Replacement Funding Plan, Capital Improvement Fund and Schedule of Fees and Charges	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	The Board approved the FY 2024/2025 Operating Budget, Capital Replacement Funding Plan, Capital Improvement Fund, and Schedule of Fees and Charges, and to set the monthly assessment at \$424.95.	\$0
<b>Total APPROVED Expenditures this meeting</b>										<b>\$0</b>

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consent | R = Recused

\* LL = Leslie Lambert | JO = Judy Owen | BK = Bob Krattli | RZ = Richard Zahner | LK = Liz Kung | LV = Larry Versaw | AA = Andy Altman

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

## Experience the 'wild side' at the San Francisco Zoo!

On **Thursday, June 13**, join us at the San Francisco Zoo for a day of fun! Nestled against the Pacific Ocean, it houses over 2,000 exotic, endangered and rescued animals from 250+ species. You'll also see peaceful gardens with native and exotic plants. Enjoy incredible exhibits such as the African Savanna, Grizzly Gulch, Lemur Forest, Penguin Island, and Gorilla Preserve. The zoo also offers daily feedings, enrichment activities, and zookeeper chats.



We will depart from Cribari East Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. with an estimated return time of 4 p.m.

Dining choices include a grill, seafood, pasta, and sweets. The Wildlife Connection Shop features many animal-related gifts that support conservation programs. There are also more snack and gift stands throughout the zoo.

Activity Level: Variable (you control how much walking and sitting you do).

Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, May 6. The signup deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if event sells out.

The cost per person is \$72 and includes admission, escort and round-trip transportation. The driver's tip is included in the price. Additional tipping is optional. We hope you have a roaring good time!

## 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 (with Izumi Sato substituting on June 12) in Cribari Auditorium. The cost is \$68.50 per person (equipment bought independently, see below).

Register in Building B. 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. Izumi Sato, another qualified instructor, will lead the June 12 class to ensure we offer classes without interruption.

## 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.

## Choral Project season finale concert coming

Join us for the Choral Project's season finale concert, "Earthsongs: Rise"! They will show how unity in hope and love can improve the world. The concert is at Mission Santa Clara de Asis, founded in 1777. Look for more details in Villages media the week of May 10.

## RESIDENT EXCURSION PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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

*the cost of the activity. All sales are final.*

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

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

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

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

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



## See 'Rose—A Mother's Story' in Cribari Auditorium

Writer and actress Kathy Estevez-Bates is coming back with "Rose – A Mother's Story" on **Saturday, June 8** from 11 a.m. to noon. This performance highlights Rose Kennedy, JFK's mother. It delves into her life and key historical moments. The show has earned high praise at The Villages and beyond, leading to us to move this performance to a larger venue—Cribari Auditorium. If you haven't seen it yet, please join us!

Kathy excelled at San Jose State University, majoring in Theater Arts and Music, and graduating with honors. She worked in Southern California for 30 years as an actress, writer, and musician. Now, she directs the South Bay Singers in Morgan Hill. For Kathy, sharing this program is a great honor. She finds it a privilege to share Rose's story and has even written a play, "The Color of Rose" about Mrs. Kennedy.

Activity Level: Light activity (seated event). There is no cost for this event, but pre-registration is required, as it ensures we meet the minimum number of attendees. Register in Building B during business hours beginning Monday, May 6. The deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if spots fill up. Walk-ins are not allowed.

## Dance and work out with new U-Jam Fitness

Sign up for U-Jam Fitness in Cribari Auditorium on Mondays, June 3 to July 8 from 10–11 a.m. (six classes).

Taught by Dominique Martin, U-Jam Fitness is an urban dance workout that combines sweat and fun. It features world beats and smooth dance moves that will leave you wanting more! Plus, no equipment is needed.

The cost per person is \$68.50. Register in Building B beginning Monday, May 6. The signup deadline is Friday, May 24 or sooner if class is filled.

Dominique Martin began teaching U-Jam in 2010. She loves adding a bit of spunk to dance fitness for groups. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the trial classes. We're glad you enjoyed them and we're happy to bring Dominique back!

## More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Club Board President's Report...

*(Continued from page 3)*

Be on the lookout for the "I approve!" campaign! The newly drafted ByLaws for the Club will soon be ready for circulation, with conversations and discussions starting soon. The Policy Committee of the Club Board has revised the current Club Bylaws plus several Club Policies and Rules to meet the current and future needs of The Villages Golf and Country Club. These updated critical documents comply with several updates to California Corporation Code and target removing the cap on the amount of capital that can be held by the Club to affect the rejuvenation of, or replacement of, or for the buildout of new amenities. Revisions to Club Policies and Rules will continue to be reviewed during Club Board meetings over the next few months. This type of work by the Club Board is very necessary to ensure and maintain solid financial management and good governance. Stay tuned for the "I approve!" campaign!

On another note, all IT systems implementations underway are on schedule. This is a tremendous accomplishment given the amount of time and energy that's been taken up with the preparation of the FY25 budgets for the three corporations. This success is a testimony to the incredible level of focus from the entire Villages staff team. July 1 can't get here soon enough to replace several systems that are running out of steam to support business operations. We're almost there!

Finally, it has been my extreme pleasure and honor to engage with the hard-working General Manager and The Villages Executive Team over the past three years. Their knowledge and professionalism are unsurpassed and I leave the Club Board and The Villages in very good hands. Thank you, Theresa, and Team, for your support of me as President of Club Board, and for all you do for The Villages!

—Leslie Lambert, Villages Golf & Country Club President

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARTS AND CRAFTS?

All Villagers are invited to participate in Arts and Crafts Activities. Visit [villagesartsandcrafts.org](http://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](mailto: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 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$75.

**May 3:** Open Card Crafting Day with Mandy Book. Friday, 1 – 4 p.m. \$5. It's more fun to craft together.

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

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

**Long Hike: Tuesday, May 21:** Gordon Carbonetti (425-442-7743) will lead a hike to the 3,486 foot summit of Mt. Umunhum located in the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. The hike will start from the Bald Mountain parking lot (has a restroom) on Mt. Umunhum Road, which is a 25-mile and 50-minute drive from the Villages. The up-and-back hike will be 3.6 miles each way (7.2 miles total) with sun and shade, and an elevation gain of about 1,200 feet. At the summit there is a nearly 9-story concrete radar tower which is visible from most areas in the Silicon Valley, including the Villages. The de-activated tower was part of the Almaden Air Force Station, which was a surveillance base in operation from 1958 to 1980. A restroom is also available at the top. We will meet at the Cribari Bell at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. Roundtrip mileage is about 50 miles.

**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 which consists of the Serpentine Spring Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet), Tule Elk Trail (1.3 miles, elevation change less than 50 feet) and the Bay Checkerspot Trail (2.5 miles, elevation change of 1,000 feet). You will experience stunning views of the Santa Clara Valley. One Butterfly Pass is required for each group of hikers. If you only want to do a portion of the hike, you will need to obtain your own free Butterfly Pass at Máyyan 'Ooyákma – Coyote Ridge.

## RV CLUB SCHEDULE

More information and photos from recent outings are on the club's website at [villagesrvclub.org](http://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](http://thevillagesgcc.com)

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

## Soup of the Day



For the week of 5/6 to 5/12

**Monday, May 6**

Chicken & Rice

**Tuesday, May 7**

Cream of Mushroom

**Wednesday, May 8**

Lentil

**Thursday, May 9**

Roasted Red Pepper and Artichoke with Feta and Cilantro

**Friday, May 10**

Clam Chowder

**Saturday, May 11**

Chef's Choice

**Sunday, May 12**

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

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

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

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

**Notice for our Curbside customers:** Due to the increased volume of orders at 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 Macaroons, Assorted Churros, Petite Cheesecakes and Petit Fours

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

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

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

## Weekly Specials

For the week of 5/6 to 5/12

### Breakfast Special:

Tuesday 5/7 to Sunday 5/12

**California Eggs Benedict:** Two Poached Eggs, Tomato, Avocado, Bacon and Cheese on an English Muffin with Hollandaise Sauce with Choice of Breakfast Side **\$14.95**

### Lunch Specials:

Monday 5/6 to Sunday 5/12 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Sole Dore Amandine:** Flour and Egg Wash Sole with a Beurre Blanc Sauce topped with Toasted Almonds served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetables **\$16.95**

**Pastrami Sandwich:** Grilled Pastrami, Caramelized Onions and Provolone Cheese on Sourdough with Choice of Side **\$15.95**

### Dinner Specials:

Tuesday 5/7 to Sunday 5/12 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Last Seating)

**Calamari Steak Amandine:** Sautéed Calamari Steak with a Garlic Butter Sherry Wine Sauce and Toasted Almonds with Choice of Sides **\$26.95**

**Greek Chicken:** Grilled Boneless Breast with Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes, Olives and Feta Cheese with Choice of Sides **\$26.95**

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

### Monday

**Lunch:**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bistro Menu**

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

### Tuesday to Friday

**Breakfast:**

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Lunch:**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bistro Menu:**

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

**Dinner Menu:**

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

### Saturday and Sunday

**Saturday Breakfast:**

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Sunday Breakfast:**

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Lunch:**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bistro Menu:**

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

**Dinner Menu:**

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

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

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

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

### Online

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

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



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




**Whole Rotisserie Chicken**

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

**New Price \$9.95** 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.



**Due to Possible Rain & Cold Weather**  
**Cinco De Mayo Concert & Dance**  
**will be moved to the**  
**Clubhouse Ballroom**

### 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.



## Updated Lunch Menu starting Friday, May 3

**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, 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	TTF
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Music Cmte.	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
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 Event Planning	SEQ
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC

## Saturday, May 4

6:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Coffee	CH
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
10 a.m.	Dog Club Social	GP
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Club & Committee Expo	A
10 a.m.	Ukulele Sing Along	SEQ

## Sunday, May 5

6:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Club Coffee	CH
7 a.m.	Hospitality Sunday	RED/SEQ
7:30 a.m.	Catholic Choir	CR
8 a.m.	MGC Member/Member Golf	FC
8:15 a.m.	Catholic Mass	A
9 a.m.	Episcopal Church Service	MC
9 a.m.	Valley Paddle Battle	PC
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
10 a.m.	Community Chapel	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
1 p.m.	Olivas Cinco De Mayo	GP
2 p.m.	Voices Spring Concert	A
6:30 p.m.	Dragon Boat Dance Rehrsl	VC
7 p.m.	Chinese Club KTV	SEQ

## Monday, May 6

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF

10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Montgomery DAC	MC
10 a.m.	Nirvana Fitness Demo	A
10:30 a.m.	Fitness Center Cmte.	F
1 p.m.	Arts & Crafts Assoc.	CR
1 p.m.	Stitchery	SEQ
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	18-H Women's Golf Board	PR
4 p.m.	Olivas DAC	FC
4 p.m.	Verano DAC	VC
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 1	A
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Desi Karaoke	CR
7 p.m.	Chess Study Group	SEQ

## Tuesday, May 7

8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf Exec. Cmte.	MC
8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
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
10:03 a.m.	VMA Health Programs	SEQ
11 a.m.	9-H Women's Golf Board	VC
11 a.m.	Men's Fun Social Club	CH
11:30 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
2 p.m.	Veteran's Club	FC
4 p.m.	Catholic Council	MC
6 p.m.	Sonata DAC	VC
6 p.m.	Desi Social Hour	SEQ
7 p.m.	Amat./Radio Astronomy	FC
7 p.m.	Candidates Night	A

## Wednesday, May 8

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise	A
9 a.m.	Chinese Morning Exercise	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
9:15 a.m.	VMA Board	MC
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Yoga	A
11 a.m.	Folk Dance	CR

2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	VMA Afternoon Bingo	A
3:30 p.m.	EVF Board	PR
5:30 p.m.	Village Dancers 2	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC
6:30 p.m.	Village Voices Party	FC
7 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge	RED
7 p.m.	Wellness & Spirituality	CR

## Thursday, May 9

8:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	P
9 a.m.	Game Day	RED
9 a.m.	Pools Advisory Cmte.	VR
9 a.m.	Table Tennis	TTF
10 a.m.	Art Class	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance	CR
10 a.m.	LSAL Fitness	A
11:30 a.m.	18-H Women's Golf Lunch	CH
1:30 p.m.	Ukulele Club	VC
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Community Chapel Choir	CR
3 p.m.	Villages Golf Committee	MC
3:30 p.m.	RV Club Open Forum	SEQ
5:30 p.m.	MGC THU Team Dinner	CH
6 p.m.	Del Lago DAC	FC
6 p.m.	The Villages Folksters	VC
7:30 p.m.	Chinese Club Leadership	MC

## Friday, May 10

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	TTF
10 a.m.	Art&Craft Member Studio	AR
10 a.m.	Line Dance Club	A
10 a.m.	Quilters	PR
10 a.m.	Veterans Choral Rehrsl	SEQ
12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club	RED
2 p.m.	Open Studio	AR
3 p.m.	Bocce Bash	FP
3 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble	CR
4:30 p.m.	Dink and Drink	PC
6 p.m.	Dragon Boat Dance Rehrsl	VC
6:30 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominoes	MC



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



Network: Villages Public  
Password: villages

More information online at the Villages Resident Portal:  
[resident.thevillagesgcc.com](http://resident.thevillagesgcc.com)

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Service Coordinator: 408-238-4029



Register online at: [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call: 408-238-4029

### May Programs

**Death Coffee and Desserts + Doula - Tuesday, May 7** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sequoia room. See article on page 14 to register for this event.

**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 - Thursday, May 23** at 1 p.m. at Foothill Center. See article in Clubs section and register for event.

### 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](mailto: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.

### EVENT LOCATIONS

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



# CLUBS & EVENTS

## Villages Study Groups Club welcomes newcomers to the fun

By Judy Rogers and Howie Blumstein

The Villages Study Groups Club (TVSGC) held its first membership meeting **Sunday, April 14**. Started six months ago, the membership has grown from 25 to over 100. The meeting was a chance for residents to learn more about this growing club and how its myriad of study groups serve The Villages community such as the “Eat Your Heart Out” study group that introduces an array of restaurants that are “hidden gems” to liven up your culinary delight. Another popular group is the “Local Day Trips” group, which plans interesting getaways that we recommend you don’t miss!



Come join us! To learn more about our groups, upcoming events and the quick membership application process, go to our website [studygroups.vgcc.club](http://studygroups.vgcc.club).

## 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](mailto:barb.gottesman@gmail.com).

## Learn how to use Wordpress to build your club website with Webmasters Guild

The Villages Webmasters Guild is holding its next meeting on **Monday, May 13** at **7 p.m.** in Montgomery Center. We welcome Villagers interested in creating and maintaining websites. The mission of the Villages Webmasters Guild is to create a pool of webmaster talent available to support Villages clubs and each other, and to provide shared Wordpress website services to lower the cost and complexity of club websites. Currently, we are hosting websites for 17 clubs, which reduces their cost significantly over paying for individual services.

On the 13th, we will be demonstrating how to create new pages and posts in the WordPress environment, as well as editing those pages. If you have a Wordpress website (your own or your club's), you are welcome to bring your laptop with you and follow along. Online documentation will be available to Club members. Membership in the Guild is open to all Villagers, but Website technical support from the Webmasters Guild is limited, and only provided to club webmasters as explained in the Engagement Letter between your club and the Guild.



Future meetings will focus on additional tasks, such as:

- using Envira Gallery – the online Picture Gallery and Albums
- Working with the Membership Database and Group Emails (setting up an interface to MailChimp, including custom fields)
- Website Appearance and standards
- Using Google Forms for event signups
- Usage measurements, site maintenance, and troubleshooting
- Measuring and Improving Website Performance

Advanced registration is requested—visit <https://rebrand.ly/WebmastersGuild> to sign up!

## Macintosh Users Group to meet May 15



The Macintosh Users Group will have a Zoom meeting at **3 p.m. Wednesday, May 15**. We will be meeting by Zoom until July. Contact Larry Roben, club treasurer, if you wish to be given the link to join our meetings. Give Larry your address, phone number and email address. His phone number is 408-218-0851 and email is [larryroben21@gmail.com](mailto:larryroben21@gmail.com).

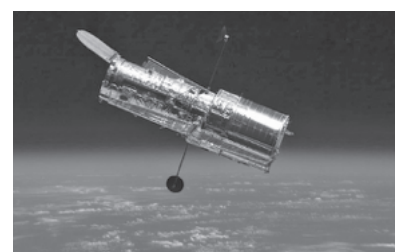
## Learn training tips at Villages Dog Club meeting

By Barbara Sunseri

This **Saturday, May 4**, Lynn Brown, CPDT Dog Trainer, will be at the Gazebo at 10 a.m. to share some training tips to improve your dog's obedience, behavior, aggression and give some enrichment ideas. This is a great morning “outing” for you and your dog to share together. Bring a friend!



## Discuss Hubble Telescope with Astronomy Club



Join the Villages Astronomy Club, at **7 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 7** at Foothill Center. The topic will be the Hubble Space Telescope with lively discussions of Edwin Hubble's contribution to cosmology.

## 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.



Cell: (408) 829-4347



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**Cribari Mexican Fiesta**  
**Saturday, May 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.**  
**Dinner and Dance in Cribari Auditorium**

Make your own taco salad or nachos  
 Food, water, plates/utensils are provided  
 BYOB (bring your own beverage)  
 Music by Ed Knott

RSVP required, email [cribaridac@gmail.com](mailto:cribaridac@gmail.com)  
 \$5 for Cribari Residents,  
 \$10 for guests or non-Cribari Villagers  
 Questions? Call Deb Gordon at 408-483-3610

## 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.



## Free Art Film: ‘Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts’

On **Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Cribari Conference Room, the Villages Arts and Crafts Association will present “Dale Chihuly: Short Cuts.”



Glass artist, extraordinary!

What emerges from Chihuly Short Cuts is a portrait of an artist with an unbound creative capacity tirelessly pushing the boundaries of what glass as a medium can express and creating works of art that transcend the imagination.

You may have seen his show at the De Young several years ago, or seen the ceiling in the lobby of the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, or the wonderful hanging fixtures at the Museum of Art in San Jose.

Come and enjoy! An art related door prize will be awarded at the completion of the film. Free admission for all villagers and their guests.

## 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.

## Opera Lovers to show ‘The Flying Dutchman’

On **Thursday, May 16** at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery Center, The Villages Music Society’s Opera Lovers will present “Der fliegende Holländer.”



The magic of this fantastic opera lies in its ability to satisfy Wagner fans as well as those who prefer Verdi or Puccini. It is clear that “The Flying Dutchman,” Wagner’s first masterpiece, is haunting. The music is rocked by the sound of waves as soon as the curtain rises, a sound that grows irresistibly. The legend told in this opera is based on the Flying Dutchman’s fate, condemned to roam the seas. Every seven years he is cast ashore to seek redemption and only the love of a faithful woman, willing to sacrifice her life for him, can release him from his curse.

This production was filmed at a castle in Finland and stars Hildegard Behrens as the tragic Senta, Franz Grundheber as the Dutchman, and Matti Salminen as the Norwegian Sea captain.

The opera is sung in German, with English subtitles, and runs two hours 20 minutes. No registration is required and all Villagers are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293. Visit [VillagesMusicSociety.org](http://VillagesMusicSociety.org) for information about other VMS events.

We look forward to welcoming you on May 16, after which we will take our customary summer break from June to August. Opera Lovers will resume on September 19, when we will watch Donizetti’s “L’Elisir d’Amore.”

If you need a ride to and from this event, please contact The Villages Medical Auxiliary at (408) 238-4230 as soon as possible to arrange your transportation.



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## Senior Academy: ‘American Journalism in Crisis: A Personal Journey’

The U.S. media, and newspapers in particular, has been experiencing a profound crisis for decades. In a personal tale reflecting on his many years as a foreign- and U.S.-based correspondent, Adam Tanner will reflect on how this crisis evolved and its implication for what the demise of traditional media may have for American democracy. His story of the compelling impact of this critical threat is Senior Academy’s free Zoom presentation on **Wednesday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.** (Note unusual presentation timing.) There is no cost to attend. Register for this engaging event at VillagesSA.org.



Adam Tanner

Adam Tanner’s career as a writer, author, and foreign correspondent has uniquely prepared him to discuss this important and intriguing topic. He has investigated the worldwide market on personal data, writes on privacy and technology for Consumer Reports and has been an associate and fellow at the Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science for more than 10 years. He regularly lectures at universities, on cruises and in public forums worldwide.

## VMA: Myths & Facts About Managing High Cholesterol

By Barbara Zahner, VMA Health Education

**Myth:** All cholesterol is bad.

**Fact:** Your body needs some cholesterol for good health. However you can have too much.

**Myth:** High Cholesterol foods must be strictly avoided.

**Fact:** Saturated fats are the bigger problem. Learn the truth about the much-maligned cholesterol—rich, low-saturated egg.

Join us **Thursday, May 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.** in Foothill Center as Amy Wang RN, FNP, PA-C, founder of Ready2Nurse, topples the myths and presents the latest facts on cholesterol.

A popular Health Educator in The Villages, Amy will present a fact-filled, interactive presentation on: essential functions of cholesterol for your health, results of the Leiden Nether Study, the real facts of about animal fats, foods to avoid to maintain healthy cholesterol, and essential foods to lower your cholesterol. Perhaps you will discover you can eat your cake and enjoy it—guilt-free!

Register today online at [vmavillages.vgcc.club](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club). Click on “events” and follow the prompts. Or you can call 408-238-4029.



Amy Wang, RN

## Enjoy fun evening with friends on Game Night!



On **Tuesday, May 21** from 7 to 9 p.m. at Foothill Center, bring your friends and your favorite games! Think canasta, bridge, mahjong, Mexican train, poker or board games.

Enjoy a fun evening and we ask each table to bring a desert to share.

Contact Sandi Rosenblum at 408-440-4940 for reservations and additional details. We welcome all Villagers to join us. Space is limited; reservations get priority.

This event sponsored by the Villages Jewish Community.



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**“Absolution” by Alice McDermott.** In Saigon in 1963, two young American wives form a wary alliance. Tricia is a starry-eyed newlywed, married to a rising oil engineer “on loan” to US Navy Intelligence. Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three, on a mission to relieve the “wretchedness” she sees all around her. Charlene sweeps her into a cabal of well-dressed do-gooder American wives. Armed with baskets filled with candy and toys, they descend on hospitals, orphanages, and a leper colony on the coast, determined to relieve suffering, no matter the cost. Sixty years later, Charlene’s daughter reaches out to Tricia. As they relive their Saigon experience, they come to terms with how their lives have been stunted by Charlene’s pursuit of “inconsequential good.” Fiction, 2023



**“Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution” by Cat Bohannon.** Eve is not only a sweeping revision of human history, it’s an urgent and necessary corrective for a world that has focused primarily on the male body for far too long. Picking up where Sapiens left off, Eve will completely change what you think you know about evolution and why Homo sapiens has become such a successful and dominant species. Large Print, Non-Fiction 599.93, Human Evolution, 2024.

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## 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](mailto:vms.dancers@gmail.com). Please see the Music Society website at [villagesmusic-society.org/about-us-3](http://villagesmusic-society.org/about-us-3)

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

## Composting helps reduce waste, condition land

By Dianne Doughty

The definition of compost is a mixture that consists largely of decayed organic matter and is used for fertilizing and conditioning land.

There are various methods of getting organic matter to become compostable materials. Here in The Villages, several gardeners use large bins that revolve the material for a long period of time to turn organic material such as leaves, plants, grasses, etc. into compost.

Other people here in The Villages use the help of worms that digest the compostable material to get compost.

A few years ago, someone recommended an energy-efficient, electric composter which I use and love. This composter actually has high enough heat to compost my cat’s waste.

Near my sink I have a receptacle in which I put my coffee grinds, fruit and vegetable peelings, eggshells, etc.—most of my organic food waste. Once a week, I go to my backyard which has my electric composter. I first empty the previous week’s organic waste which is now wonderful compost and put it on my garden bed. I then return to the composter and place that week’s food scraps into the composter to do its job. I’ve done this over a year now and the soil in my garden is very fertile from the weekly doses of organic compost.

For more information, visit [sustainablevillages.vgcc.club](http://sustainablevillages.vgcc.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 this **Tuesday, May 7** in the Sequoia Room at 10:30 a.m. about end-of-life preferences and how you can make them clear to your family. 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 a 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](http://vmavillages.vgcc.club) or call 408-238-4029.





# RELIGION

## Villages Religious Services

### Weekly:

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

### Regularly Scheduled:

Friday	9 a.m. <b>Catholic Mass</b>	Cribari
	First three Fridays of each month	
	Contact: Louise Connors	408-221-6485
Friday	7:15 p.m. <b>Jewish Shabbat</b>	Foothill
	Next date: May 17	
	Contact: Marilyn Goldsmith	732-672-8601

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

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### ‘God Chooses Us to Love Others and to Remain in His Love’

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

When we make the effort to care for another person, no matter his/her ethnicity or our relationship with that person, we experience self-less love that is akin to the love that God has for us. The Scripture readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter reveal that God’s love for all peoples helps us to see that God has chosen us to love others and that God empowers us with the Holy Spirit to love others and thereby remain united with him and be full of God’s joy.

In the First Reading (Acts 10,25-26,34-35,44-48), St. Luke reveals the unbounded nature of God’s love for all peoples. God shows no favoritism. Whoever believes in God and acts uprightly is accepted, revered by God, so much so that the Spirit abides in that person. This shows that being accepted by God is not dependent on one’s nationality or one’s observance of special customs. It’s how one loves that counts!

In the Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10), St. John explains love’s origin (“love is of God”), **how it is revealed** (“God sent his only Son”), and **what it consists of** (“Not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins”). True love is God’s self-giving love for us, experienced in God’s sending Jesus to us.

In the Gospel (John 15:9-17), St. John encourages all to remain in God’s love and to be generous in our love for others. God loves us and wants us to remain in his love by keeping his commandment to love one another. When we do that, we not only experience abundant joy, we also become God’s “friends,” which enables us to continue loving others just as Jesus did.

So, let us consciously choose to love others in all places—no matter their race, culture or creed—and thereby demonstrate that *God has chosen us* to be Christ to others and remain united in his love.

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL

### ‘Healing in Forgiveness’

By Pastor Bill Hayden

From the moment Adam and Eve sinned against God’s will, to the first death and after that, we struggle to manage our brokenness. Not one person hasn’t crossed the line with another human being, no matter how much love they have for each other. The brokenness of the human spirit runs rampant throughout every socioeconomic group worldwide.

Relationships are most challenging when we fail to recognize our brokenness and seek help, especially when becoming healthy requires forgiveness. As much as we want perfection in ourselves and others, we are all vulnerable and fall short in areas that may be critical in supporting another person’s trust.

To bring healing for our brokenness would require the perfect remedy to be accessible to everyone simultaneously. Since the problem began with one man’s sin against God, it would require one man to rectify the origin of our brokenness. It would be that sinless and pure person to become the scapegoat to take upon himself all of humanity’s brokenness. Only The One who knew no sin, was willing to become sin for us, allowing God’s wrath to pour upon him... God’s only Son!

When the sinless one was covered with all the sins of the world, God didn’t call for an army of angels to save him. He chose to give up His Son rather than give up on us. What kind of love is it to give up your one and only Son to save those who were your rebellious enemies? Indeed, a love not of this world!

Regardless of what you’ve done, it’s not too late for your healing! Irrespective of how far you’ve fallen, it’s not too late! It doesn’t matter how big of a mistake; accept His forgiveness, let it go, and be free!

What makes a Christian a disciple of Christ is not perfection but forgiveness. “*Christ had no sin, but God made Him to be sin so that in Christ we become right with God.*” {2 Corinthians 5:21}

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 [villagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillagescommunitychapel.vgcc.club)

## EPISCOPAL

### ‘Teaching Once, Praying Twice’

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

What favorite hymns form your theology and shape your prayers? It’s been said that those who sing pray twice, and every Sunday school teacher knows that songs teach faith in “sticky” ways. So in a week when the Episcopal Church remembers Elisabeth Cruciger—the first female hymn writer of the Protestant Reformation—let us also give thanks for the ministry of singers and musicians.

Elisabeth, a friend of Martin Luther, had entered monastic life as a young woman. But she became convinced of the teachings of the Protestant Reformation and left the convent for Wittenberg. She would eventually marry Caspar Cruciger, who was a professor of theology. Elisabeth embarked on an active ministry as a hymn writer. According to one account, she once dreamed she was standing in the pulpit of the Wittenberg church preaching. Upon telling this to her pastor husband, he replied that whenever the church sang one of her hymns, she was indeed preaching, just as much as if she had spoken the words from the pulpit.

Elisabeth’s hymn “Lord Christ, God’s Only Dear Son” was translated into English by Miles Coverdale, and became one of the most popular Anglican hymns of the 16th Century. The lyrics reveal her profound Trinitarian theology: “O Father, here before you with God the Holy Ghost, And Jesus we adore you, O pride of angel host: Before you mortals lowly cry: “Holy, holy, holy, O blessed Trinity!”

## 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.**

# SPORTS NEWS

## SHONIS

By Betty Hall

Happy Cinco de Mayo this weekend. Hope everyone enjoys their weekend with chips and salsa and a margarita. And don't forget the Club Expo over at the Cribari Center on Saturday.

Last week, the Shonis enjoyed a regular golf day. I have to chuckle at our unstable weather. We wake up to Tuesday after a nice warm weekend and what do we have—Tuesday weather, cold and breezy. But it's Tuesday so it's golf day.

18 Shonis and one qualifier enjoyed the golf. After golf, we had our April General Membership meeting at Montgomery. The co-captains gave out first birdie pins as well as Captain's Trophy pins. It was the first week of our Eclectic tournament so the general rules were reviewed. And we enjoyed some delicious homemade treats from Judy Rogers and Julianna Wahlgren. Yum.

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



By Reine Fedor

Oooh, those new paths are soooo smooth! They are nice and easy to drive over and around the hills. It made such a pleasant beginning to the golf today. Thanks for the improvement.

All the preparations for the Handicap Tournament are in place for the May 2 qualifying round. If you have any questions concerning the Tournament, please ask Vicki Krattli and she will be able to answer or will help you find the answer.

All our tournaments are fun events designed for fellowship and lots of hope for the best game you ever played! And sometimes it really happens! Last week Sue Park had her personal best. She broke 100 with a 97! Congratulations, Sue.

Birdies for today were made by Helen Varenkamp on #2, Priscilla Piper on #9, Janet Gonzales on #6, Barbara Nilsen #9 and Inge McQuiddy also on #9. Number 9 seems to be a winning green today!

Chip-ins today were earned by Gisele Barber on #15, Barbara Weisend on #16, Miyo Shigemoto on \$14, Camille Giulioldibari on #7, Diana Hallock on #14, Suzanne Fazzio on #9 and Sue Park on #4.

Miyo's chip-in was made from 66 yards away! Well done!

## TENNIS TALK

By Wendy Ferguson

It was a beautiful day on Saturday when Villagers journeyed to Rossmoor in Walnut Creek for the annual away match between the two teams. And the good guys and gals *won!* However, the results were very close, and it came down to the last hard-fought match. It was a good thing the players didn't know that! The Villages won 11 sets to 10. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch that day, an added bonus.

Meanwhile, back at home, the Villages Tennis League (VTL) is winding down. Roy Pennington writes that VTL is a mixed doubles tennis league that combines competitive, social, and sometimes humorous tennis all in one package. Due to the league structure, at times spouses can be on different teams which ordinarily presents no issues. But when they are on the same court and opposite sides of the net their relationship can be a little strained. Just ask Andrea and Vince Alvarez. While both are very good players and enjoy the game and its social activities, all of us (except for Andrea) recognize that Vince may be a little better. Such is not the case with their culinary skills. Vince will be the first to say that Andrea is an outstanding chef, and Vince is quick to praise Andrea and every dish she prepares. As a result, Vince has discovered that losing at tennis may be better than repeatedly facing leftovers for dinner. Vince says that after all these years he has been so lucky, and it really has been a win for him.

Did you see that the Tennis Club Scholarship landed in Sal Pizarro's column in the Mercury News? I hope you had a chance to read it. And I also hope you had a chance to meet some of the former winners who were honored at the Scholarship Tournament last Saturday morning. That evening, four of this year's winners talked about their hopes and aspirations. One winner asked if it was OK if he wore a suit that night. Why you ask? Well, after a brief appearance, they all dashed off to Prom. Three of the four 2024 winners are shown here.

Kiana Nguyễn is going to De Anza to study Engineering. Kate Duong, majoring in Biochem/Molecular Biology will attend UC Davis and Kabir Rakish is on to, you guessed it, Cornell for computer science.



Scholarship winners Kiana Nguyễn, Kate Duong and Kabir Rakish.

## WOMEN'S 9-HOLE

By Vicki Krattli

We had a little glimpse of summer this past week but woke up Tuesday morning to the return of blustery winds and cooler temperatures. It did not deter our ladies from enjoying some golf. Scott had us all on the back nine as the course cart paths were being sealed after some much needed cart repairs were done. Hopefully we will have a smoother ride on the new paths and our carts will need less maintenance.

Wendy Ledamun sent out an email about an upcoming exchange with Stanford on May 23. I highly recommend signing up as it is a great golf course and playing on the course of Tiger woods and Rose Zheng will be very memorable. If this one fills up mark your calendars for September 19 when another opportunity comes along. Check your email for instructions on how to sign up.

Until next time I wish you all health, happiness and many birdies.



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## PICKLEBALL

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

By Terry Holmquist

As we continue pointing out nothing happens by magic, this week we feature Steve Williams who in 2014 became the club's first "court manager."

In 2013 Steve's daughter Dr. Leilani enticed him to try pickleball. He was reluctant to play since it was a younger crowd but after 15 minutes he was hooked and bought his first paddle at that event.

Steve started hearing rumblings of pickleball in The Villages, and how could he resist checking it out? "Checking it out" by definition means getting recruited.

With Steve as a member, a committee was formed to discuss the feasibility of working with the Tennis Club to allow pickleball play on the tennis courts. The team worked well together to make things happen, but unfortunately that entailed much work on the pickleball side to make the tennis courts work as pickleball courts. Steve tirelessly led the charge, with help from others, to reconfigure the courts for pickleball play. This entailed: 1. Buying tape and finding the best deal since a lot was need. 2. Laying down tape to mark the pickleball parameters every time it was used for pickleball. 3. Lots of measuring and bending over. 4. Removing the tape after play. In April 2016 Steve became the second president while still presiding as court manager. With cooperation from the Tennis Club, permanent blue dots mitigate all the necessary measuring needed to lay down the tape.

As a way of introducing pickleball to The Villages, Steve helped organized the first clinic with other members and acted as one of the instructors during the clinic. He wisely passed off instruction to Mike Walias (more in a future article). Can you guess how Steve managed that feat? (See photo.)

According to Don Jackson, Steve became the main guy to measure and then stake out those alternate *potential* sites before we eventually got approval of our current site.

During construction of the new courts Steve was diligent in keeping on top of things so if he noticed any issues he could bring it up to the Club Board Pickleball committee members.

As president, Steve's goal was "to grow the club and take action to get the ball rolling to bring dedicated pickleball courts to the Villages." I'd say he accomplished the goal!



Steve Williams and Mike Walias

## 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 25, 2024 was partly cloudy with mild temps. A nice day for some golf. Eleven Ironmen played.

Dave Hathaway and Victor Hong tied for **Third Place** with net 27s. Sang Nam took **Second Place** with a net 26. Jim White won **First Place** with a four under par net 23.

There were five **Birdies**: Dave Hathaway on hole 9, Sang Nam on hole 8, Mike Schwerin on holes 2 and 7, and Jim White on hole 2.

Sang Nam won **Closest to the Flag** on hole 3 at 5 feet, 11 inches.

Sang Nam won **Low Gross** with a 29.

**Golfer of the Day** honors go to Sang Nam with low gross, a second place finish, a birdie, and closest to the flag. Way to go Sang.

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](http://ironmen.vgcc.club)

#### Deep Thoughts:

"Victory is everything. You can spend the money, but you can never spend the memories."

- Ken Venturi, winner of the US Open

"My game is so bad I gotta hire three caddies—one to walk the left rough, one for the right, and one for the middle. And the one in the middle doesn't have much to do." - Dave Hill, professional golfer; winner of 13 PGA tournaments

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB



By Kurt Pagnini, [kmpagnini@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bill_morefield@yahoo.com). **Remember, there are still a number of positions that remain to be filled and we would sincerely appreciate your help.**

#### Swing Thoughts... from the Pros

**1. Justin Thomas: Cover The Ball** - Thomas says he wants to feel like his chest is "covering" the ball, outpacing his club on the downswing. When he doesn't, he says he has a tendency to get stuck inside and hit blocks and hooks:

**2. Paul Casey: Posture and Width** - When things get off in Paul Casey's game, he usually knows why. It has to do with bad posture, and a lack of width in the backswing.

**3. Patrick Cantlay: Smooth Transition** - For Patrick Cantlay, his key is something golfers of all skill levels should focus on: a smooth transition from backswing to downswing.

**MGC E-mails:** 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](http://villagesgolfers.com) for the latest Men's Golf Club information.

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## PINSEEKERS

By Jim White

Another day made to play golf—April 26. Fun in the sun, but we certainly were greeted by heavy winds. Once again, only nine Pinseekers, so no sweeps play

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, due to a Pro Shop misunderstanding, we will still start at 12:06 p.m. and, if sufficient players sign up on Chelsea, the last tee time will be 12:43. 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.

Two important reminders:

- On May 17 we will have our Annual Meeting followed by lunch starting at 11:15 a.m. (Refer to the email from Jack Bindon sent last week.)

- I have been assured that the calendar situation will be corrected before May 24. I will follow up with the Pro Shop to verify.

- We do not play on May 17 due to an outside event on the Championship Course.

Get out and play with friends. A golf swing is like a garden gate. Lacking us it can get a bit rusty.

## Remember someone with a memorial gift to VMA

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

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# FROM THE PRO



By Scott Steele, PGA Head Golf Professional

### May Golf Schedule

**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

**Taylor Made 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 - New 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

**Summer Rules**—From this pint forward, we will be playing Summer Rules...please play the ball down at all times from tee to green. Let us know if you have any questions.

### Tips from the Pro— Dance with the partner you came with...

Does the ball you play match your style of golf? As we all know there are literally thousands of types of golf balls out there to choose from. So how do you know what ball is best for you? Aside from color or brand, look at the playing characteristics of the ball relative to the game you play. For instance, if you like to hit your chip shots low, land them short and roll it to the hole, then you should choose a ball that spins less. But if you like to hit your chip shots high and soft, landing closer to the hole, then you should choose a ball the spins more. If you hit the ball low, and are looking for a higher trajectory, you should hit a ball that spins more...conversely if you hit it too high and are looking to bring your trajectory down a little, you should hit a ball that spins less. If you want to reduce your slice, try a ball that spins less...but if you want to be able to work the ball more in both directions, chose a ball that spins more. If you like to ram your 5-foot putts into the back of the cup, then use a ball that spins less...but if you like to die your ball into the hole, than try a ball that spins more. Balls that spin less usually have 2 layers and are a bit less expensive... some examples are: Wilson DUO, Callaway Super Soft, Srixon Soft Feel, Titleist Tru-Feel, Taylor made Distance, Taylor Made Kalea. Balls that spin more usually have 3-5 layers and are typically a bit more expensive...some examples are: Titleist ProV1, Callaway Chrome Tour or Chrome Soft, Srixon Z-Star Diamond, Taylor Made TP5. For instance, I always used the Titleist ProV1, but now I use the Srixon Z-Star Diamond because I have a narrow downswing, so I spin the ball a lot (sometimes too much) and so I like a high-performance ball that spins less, and the Srixon is great for me. So try some different types of balls until you find the one that matches *your* game perfectly. To sign up for a lesson with me, email [ssteele@the-villages.com](mailto:ssteele@the-villages.com)

## 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.**

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

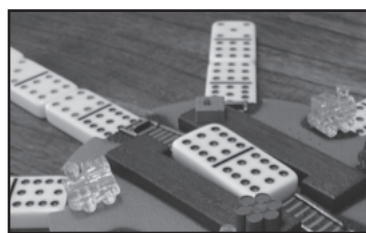
Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Let us know if you have any questions.



# SCOREBOARD

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



### Wednesday, April 24

Maribeth Berlie	183
Suzanne Fazzio	270
Aloma Lazetera	308

### Friday, April 26

Audrey Osuna	203
Kitty Heston	287
Bev Waller-Wharton	232

## SHONIS

### Tuesday, April 23

All Nets

#### Flight One:

1. Tied – Manoli Kelly and Pauline Robertson 25
2. Marty Blinde
3. Teddy Morse 27

#### Flight Two:

1. Judy Rogers 26
2. Tied – Nancy Chesterton and Meg Rogers 29
3. Jonna Robinson 30

#### Flight Three:

1. Schinae Ogihara 23
2. Tied – Fran Schumaker and Peggy White 27
3. Donna Erickson 31

## BRIDGE

### Monday, April 22:

1. Bash Singh - Bonnie Taylor
2. Selma Chastaine - Sylvia Rozewicz
3. Jonna Robinson - Roy Tsai

## 18-HOLE WOMEN



### Cha Cha Cha

Thursday, April 25

#### Flight One – Low Nets

1. Susan Anderson, Sue Park, Inge McQuiddy, Pat Sear 117
2. Suk Pau, Jane Hong, Michelle Chung, Jini Kang 118
3. Monica Saneholtz, Ann Bassford, Helen Varenkamo, Gisele Barber 119

#### Flight Two – Low Nets

1. Carol Zaccheo, Janis Kiernan, Barbara Nilsen 115
2. Judy Owen, Jean Shimada, Judy Rodriguez 116
3. Alice Glazer, Jean Beattie, Barbara Weisend 116

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# LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Landscape Maintenance

Weekly Landscaping Maintenance, hand, and mechanical weed control.

#### Cribari

5077-5089, 5154-5029 and 5234-5249—In progress.  
5250-5319 and 5384-5399—5/6-5/10

#### Estates

8876-8897—In progress.

#### Hermosa

8005-8032, 8100-8121 and around lower Chardonay Lake area—5/6-5/10.

#### Heights

8480-8505—5/6-5/10.

#### Highland

7600-7660, 7711-7715 and 7880-7889—In progress  
7574-7598, 7661-7701, and Findhorn Ct.—5/6-5/10.

#### Montgomery

6001-6068 and 6127-6136—In progress.  
6079-6126 and 6137-6183—5/6-5/10.

#### Valle Vista

Parks and Banks—In progress.

Seasonal Landscape Maintenance Turf Aeration and organic compost top dressing

Cribari, Estates, Fairways and Bldgs. A-C – in progress.

Olive Tree Spraying – Cribari, Fairway Drive, Parkway Drive and Association 5/6-5/10.

Treatment for voles, moles, gophers and squirrels

(Rozol Vole Bait, Talpirid, Gopher Coetter Type 2 Bait, Rodent Bait Diphacinone .005% and .01%)

Cribari, Fairways and Del Lago scheduled for 5/6.

Sprinkler System Testing

Del Lago, Verano, and Olivas—In progress.

Sprinkler systems—Watering Mondays and Thursdays

Upper Gardens—Poison Hemlock weed control around the outside areas—In progress.

Irrigation backflow repairs by Salcidos Backflow Services at various districts scheduled for 5/4.

Estates—Irrigation backflow repairs by Salcidos Backflow Services scheduled for 5/4.

Domestic backflow repairs at various club properties, including golf course restroom—In progress.

### Association Maintenance

#### Glen Arden

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

7710, 7712, 7723, 7725 and 7727 - Roof replacement - in progress.

#### Olivas

McCarty Ranch and Lomas Azules – Build storage doors inside trash enclosures – in progress.

#### Club Maintenance

Clubhouse - Automatic Door Project—In progress.

Remove existing swing doors, install temp doors, take existing doors in for refinishing – in progress.

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.

**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.**

### More BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Operating Financial Commentary...

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#### Estates Operating

Total Cash				
Estates Operating Cash	\$46,224			
Estates Reserves	\$97,783			
Estates Total Revenue				
	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>BUDGET YTD</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Total Revenue	\$16,978	\$151,486	\$151,317	\$ 169
Estates Operating Expense				
	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>BUDGET YTD</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Total Operating Expense	\$ 8,620	\$132,551	\$149,059	\$16,508
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)				
	<i>MTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>BUDGET YTD</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Net Surplus	\$ 8,358	\$ 18,934	\$ 2,258	\$16,676

There are no other significant variances to report.

The YTD net favorable operating budget variance as of February 2024 was \$16,600.

### 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.



### Report Irrigation Issues

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

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

### 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.

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

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

### Club Rules Committee to meet May 8

There will be a Club Rules Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, May 8 at 10 a.m.** in the Voyage Room.

### AC NOTICE

Association applications for Owner Alteration Requests for the month of June are due to the Architectural Committee on or before May 24, 2024. Call Elissa at the Corporation Yard office to obtain an application. **The meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 9 a.m. at Montgomery Center.**

Association AC Landscape meeting deadline date is **May 24, 2024.**



# **(SRS) SENIOR RESOURCE SERVICES**

## *Free ‘Introduction to Medicare’ online seminar*

Are you or a friend turning age 65 soon? HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) offers a free online seminar from 11 a.m. to noon on **Thursday, May 16, Thursday, June 20, or Thursday, July 18.**

HICAP’s Introduction to Medicare presentation is a comprehensive introduction for Santa Clara County residents entering the world of Medicare. HICAP counselors do not sell, endorse, or are affiliated with any insurance companies. Its goal is to inform and educate the community so you can make an informed decision on your Medicare choices.

To register go to [mysourcewise.com](https://mysourcewise.com). Click on “Events,” scroll down to “Introduction to Medicare,” click on the seminar and then on “Click here to register.”

If you have questions after the seminar, you are welcome to have a free counseling session with HICAP counselor Douglas Campbell. Doug’s preference for contact is an email to [dcampbell@mysourcewise.com](mailto:dcampbell@mysourcewise.com). You can include your Medicare questions in the email. Doug will email or phone you back if the answer is short or arrange a telephone or video counseling session if the subjects are more complex. If you prefer to leave a phone message rather than email, his direct number is 408-610-8059.

HICAP is organized under the County’s organization called Sourcewise, which provides services for seniors and low-income residents. The HICAP volunteers are overseen by paid County employees.

Call Senior Resource Services (SRS) at 408-239-5253 if you have questions.

*Note: The Senior Resource Services (SRS) office hours for drop-in assistance are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. The SRS office is in the Cribari Center across from the Post Office. You may also leave a message at 408-239-5253 or e-mail SRS at [villagesrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villagesrs@sbcglobal.net). The website is [thevillagesgcc.com/srs](https://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.*

***SRS reminder:***

## *‘What to Do’ handout available*

The SRS handout “What to do when your spouse, partner or parent dies” was updated in January 2024. The handout lists two groups: Group A—Urgent, which need to be done quickly after death, and Group B—Less Urgent, which can be done several months later.

Please stop by the SRS office if you would like a copy or give SRS a call at 408-239-5253 and we can email it to you.

## *Welcome New Residents! New Resident Orientation Scheduled for Wednesday, May 15*

There will be a New Resident Orientation on **Wednesday, May 15, at 3 p.m.** in The Villages Clubhouse.

This event is for new residents who have recently moved in and provides new residents with valuable information regarding community amenities, governance, rules, architectural control requirements, clubs and organizations, and other important information. For reservations please call 408-223-4674.

If you are unable to sign up for this orientation please keep your eyes on *The Villager* newspaper and the FastLane email blasts for information about future sessions.

Note: For clubs and organizations wishing to attend, space is limited—please call 408-223-4674 before May 10 to confirm attendance.

## *‘Spring On To Broadway’...*

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drawing ticket. Gather ‘round pianist Larry Broderick and continue the musical magic while singing along before the show resumes. Invite your family for a musical treat. Then treat one another before or after “Spring On To Broadway!” at the Clubhouse. Make reservations and show your show ticket for a 10 percent discount. What a delicious encore! Need a ride? Call VMA at 408-238-4230.

Attending final lighting and logistics for the Spring show, Village Voices President Madelaine Yannaccone said, “Truly, it ‘takes a village’ of singers, dancers, musicians, and volunteers to bring the audience the utmost entertaining experience in ‘Spring On To Broadway!’”

Get into the swing and “Spring On To Broadway!” Tickets available at Cribari, Sunday, May 5 before 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 408-219-4680

### **Homeowners’ Corporation Board Voting Record for April 29, 2024**

Homeowners’ Corporation April 29, 2024 Special Meeting Voting Record								
	Agenda Items	TM	RK	MC	BF	GS	Comments	Costs
1	Vote on Changes to ACC Charter and Appointment of Chair	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved changes to the ACC Charter to include that at its yearly organizational meeting, the Board will appoint one of its members to serve as chair of the ACC. This position is as a non-voting member and is responsible for coordination of ACC meetings and communication between management staff and the Board. The Board appointed Morton Cordell as ACC Chair.	\$0
2	Rules to Consider: Mailboxes, External Lighting Visible from the Street, and Dumpsters in the Street and/or Driveways	C	C	C	C	C	After thoughtful discussion, by consensus, the Board requested that the ACC continue to review the rules and come back with recommendations at a future meeting.	\$0
3	Vote on Changes to Estates DAC Charter and Appointment of Chair	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved changes to the Estates DAC Charter to include that at its yearly organizational meeting, the Board will appoint one of its members (not a resident of the Estates) to serve as chair of the DAC. This position is as a non-voting member and is responsible for coordination of DAC meetings and communication between the Estates DAC, its residents, management, and the Board. In addition, DAC meetings will be open to all Estates residents, publicized by the DAC in advance and include scheduled time for resident comment, and the DAC chair will be responsible for working with the secretary to see that meeting minutes are posted on the Estates website and distributed to the Board. Teddy Morse is the current Chair.	\$0
4	Approve DAC Members	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved Wayne Bodamer as a Regular (voting) Member through December 2025, and Margaret Fang and Donna Ostheimer as Associate (non-voting) Members. Additional current committee members are Jana King and Nnette Gallaway.	\$0
5	Report on Results of April 19, 2024, DAC Meeting, and Vote on Contracting to Have the Irrigation System Mapped	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	President Teddy Morse reported on the April 19 Estates DAC Meeting, noting residents’ preferences for turf and landscaping, and that the DAC voted to recommend mapping of the irrigation system and the FY 24/25 Reserves Funding Plan as proposed. The Board approved to have the Estates Irrigation System Mapped.	\$0
6	Consideration to Approve FY2024/2025 Operating and Reserves Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Homeowners’ Corporation Operating Budget in the amount of \$70,252, and the Estates District Operating Budget in the amount of \$190,357 to be assessed against the Owners at the rate of \$38.52 per month and \$211.51 per month, respectively; approved the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Estates District Replacement Reserve Plan in the amount of \$21,000 to be assessed against the Estates homeowners at the rate of \$23.33 per month per homeowner, and approved the schedule of fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 as presented.	\$0
7	Discussion of Next Steps Pertaining to Verano Property Survey	C	C	C	C	C	By consensus, the Board approved to draft letter to Verano residents on the Verano Property Survey.	\$0
8	Discussion of Participation in the Association’s Fire Safety Resolution	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	It was decided to have CalFire representative to come look at the single-family homes.	\$0

A = Absent | AB = Abstained | N = No Vote (does not vote in favor) | Y = Yes Vote (votes in favor) | N/A = Not Applicable | C = Consensus | R = Recused

\*TM = Teddy Morse | RK = Rob Kirschbaum | BF = Brooks Fuller | MC = Morton Cordell | GS = Glen Seidel



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

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

**Q7: Do I Need A Home Inspection?**

It is extremely beneficial to have Home Inspections and although in some circumstances the buyers will order and pay for an inspection, it is in the seller's best interest to be 'pro-active' and have the home inspections ready and available for any potential buyer to view.

It can also be a good way to bring to your attention any issues that would be of value to have fixed before going on market, which could increase the value of your home. You also get to choose your own inspector instead of relying on the buyer's choice.

Here in the Villages, there are two or three general inspections to order. 1. The Home Inspection, 2. A Termite or Pest Inspection and 3. A roof inspection (If you have a single family home or a single level or upper level condominium). Your realtor can advise you and help you obtain these inspections.

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# 2024 Annual Member Meetings and Elections — Update

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.

**Candidates Night: Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.** at Cribari Auditorium (Will be recorded to run on Channel 27 beginning May 10).

**Ballots:** Ballots to be distributed **Friday, May 10.**

**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 that 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 Diana Hallock, Judy Owen, Michelle Breslin, and Andy Altman, as its candidate nominations. As of the publishing deadline, for this week's *Villager*, no other candidates have come forward with a self-nomination petition. (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.

As of the publishing deadline for this week's *Villager*, Morton Cordell, Larry McNary and Glen Seidel are qualified candidates. (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.



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